



From the CEO

July Community Update

Hi everyone,

As we enter the second half of the year, and beginning of the new financial year, we're excited about working towards a range of programs and projects that we have planned for our community.

I'm pleased to have met Mohamed, our new Leonora District High School principal, and welcome him to Leonora. We look forward to continuing to work closely with the school on ensuring positive outcomes for our youth.

It's been great to see everyone engaging in Leonora's NAIDOC week activities, and thank you to all who've been involved in organising the week's events.

Summary of the Ordinary Council Meeting

Council met on Tuesday 16th July with the following matters considered:

- Monthly Financial Statements. These documents contain comprehensive information on the Shire's current financial position.
- Accounts for Payment. This includes all spending by the Shire for the month.
- Amendment to a resolution. In a resolution adopted by Council in June I referenced the incorrect Minister to write to. This would normally have been a simple administrative matter; however, the relevant State department wanted the resolution changed.
- Appointment of acting CEO. I'm taking a week off in early August and am very pleased to announce that the Manager Business Services, Ms Kiara Lord, will be acting in my place. Kiara has been a loyal employee of the Shire and I'm very pleased with our current policy of developing staff from within the organisation wherever possible. Kiara is a success story in the Shire and very capable.
- Council went behind closed doors to consider the Tender for the Pool Heating. It was resolved not to accept any of the tenders and for Staff to enter direct discussions with suppliers to ensure we get a product that is suitable for our needs. The project is still progressing and remains a high priority.



Leinster

The recent news from BHP was unwelcome but not unexpected. The Shire President, Peter Craig and I met with BHP last week to discuss their plans going forward. It is the Shire's understanding that the town of Leinster will not be closing, however the workforce will be heavily reduced. The final number of residents is unknown at this stage. Some operations will continue to operate at minimum levels.

The full implications of BHP's decision are not known at this stage as the flow on effects for contractors, businesses, and other mining operators are likely to be significant. The Shire is in regular contact with BHP and will continue to work towards the best possible outcome for our communities.

CCTV

You may have noticed some CCTV towers in town, which are aimed at increasing public safety around Leonora. In addition, they will have Number Plate Recognition (NPR) capability. NPR cameras are now common at the entrances to most towns, and the data is supplied to the Police to allow tracking of vehicles of interest, but more importantly to assist when people go missing. As the project is completed Police will have access to live footage from all seven cameras. The cameras have been deployed in consultation with Police to maximise the benefit to the community, and do not have the ability to detect speed.

Basketball

Leonora recently hosted a basketball tournament that attracted participants from around the State. The tournament was a great exhibition of the talent that exists within our region, with a very high standard. Unfortunately, our Blazers team lost to Binar in the finals, however it really was Blazers versus the rest of the state!!

Well done to Rene, Shelley and the team for arranging this competition. The level of effort required to put on such an amazing event cannot be understated, nor can the benefits to our community.

Outback Way

Cr Ross Norrie and I attended the Outback Way forum at the beginning of the month. This is such an amazing project, and the benefits to Leonora cannot be understated. The current projections are that the road will be sealed by 2034; that being said, we will see increased traffic as the remaining sections are sealed, and the Shire is busy planning to take advantage



of being the Gateway to the Outback Way. If you are interested in more information, then please come and see me or one of your friendly team at the Shire.

Australasian Mining History Conference

I am very pleased to advise that Leonora is hosting the Australian Mining History Conference in September. Wendy at the Hoover House Museum is the brains behind bringing it to Leo and she will be able to assist with any queries you may have regarding this event.

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to either one of our Councillors or me.

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Document links:

Council meeting documents

www.leonora.wa.gov.au/council-meetings