

Katanning Shire Matters

February 2022

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Congratulations to all our Australia Day Award winners, wonderful to see our hardworking volunteers acknowledged for their dedication to our community.

Last week we enjoyed a visit from the Governor of Western Australia, the Honourable Kim Beasley AC and his wife Ms Susie Annus. They have been very impressed with our town and community, enjoying hospitality and tours from many organisations over the past two days.



As we head into challenging COVID times yet again, I implore people to follow the directions of the State Government and to remember that businesses and organisations have no option but to comply, so get onboard and be kind to those that give you a reminder.

Shire President, Liz Guidera



SHIRE NOTICES

Australia Day in Katanning 2022

The Katanning community came together for a barbeque breakfast on Wednesday 26 January 2022 served by volunteers from the Lions Club of Katanning, Apex Club of Katanning, Rotary Club of Katanning and Islamic Association of Katanning. The formal proceedings of the morning were presented by Shire President, Liz Guidera.

The Shire of Katanning is proud to support the Australia Day Council WA Community Citizen of the Year Awards which recognise outstanding contribution and community service in the past year in areas such as; education, health, fund-raising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sport, arts, the environment, social inclusion or any other area that contributes to the advancement and wellbeing of a community.

The award winners of each category for Katanning were:

- Citizen of the Year: Alep Mydie
- Senior Citizen of the Year: Colin Browne
- Young Citizen of the Year: Jayde Wolfe
- Active Citizenship: Friends of Piesse Park

Following the Citizen of the Year Awards, the Shire of Katanning presented the Katanning Community Long Service Award which recognises a local person who has provided volunteer service(s) to the Katanning

community over a long period of time. This year the award was presented to Pat McLeod for her outstanding service to the community over 40 plus years.

In addition to the Australia Day Awards, the Shire of Katanning presented a Bravery Award to Trevor Parminster on behalf of the Royal Life Saving Society WA. The Royal Life Saving WA Bravery Awards are awarded annually to recognise and acknowledge the efforts and actions of everyday people within the Western Australian community who have performed a rescue and/or resuscitation, applying their knowledge to save another's life. In February 2021, Trevor Parminster and fellow Bravery Award recipient, Glenn Schepis, both responded to a single vehicle crash near Wickpin. Their heroic actions were admirable and their nomination came from the WA Police and the family of those involved in the crash.

The Shire of Katanning Rates Incentive Prize winners were presented at the breakfast and the guest speaker for the event was Katanning local, Peter Kerin, who spoke of the changes that Katanning has had over the years.

Strengthening Telecommunications Against Natural Disasters – STAND Project

DFES and WALGA have facilitated through part of a wider funding Federal grant program to improve telecommunications availability during an emergency if the situation

arises that services including Telstra and Optus have failed.

The NBN Emergency Wi-Fi service has been installed at the Katanning Leisure Centre being one of the Evacuation Centres that could be occupied during an emergency to provide shelter and support to community members.

During an emergency if the site is required to provide community relief, and services have been impacted the STAND will be activated to meet the needs of the community supplying phone and internet access to those within the vicinity of the centre.



Mask Mandate and Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements for Gyms and Indoor Sporting Centres

As per the WA government's announcement, from 6.00pm Thursday 27 January 2022, masks are required in all indoor public settings in the Great Southern and Wheatbelt regions. This rule also applies to anyone who has been in the Great Southern region or Wheatbelt region since Thursday, 20 January and has since travelled to another region.

Masks must be worn in all indoor public settings, including in vulnerable settings like aged care facilities and hospitals, with

exemptions for people with disabilities, people doing vigorous exercise and children in primary school or younger.

From Monday 31 January 2022, proof of vaccination for people aged 16 years and over is required state-wide for an increased range of venues which includes gyms and indoor sporting centres. Community Indoor Sport are considered exempt from the proof of vaccination mandate.

On entry, patrons over 16 years of age are required to:

- Sign in digitally via the SafeWA or ServiceWA app or on our manual sign-in sheet.
- Show proof of your COVID-19 vaccination or approved medical exemption.
- Show photo ID
- Wear a mask unless doing vigorous exercise

Thank you to our members and users for doing the right thing, following State Government advice and being patient and respectful to staff during these unprecedented times.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 24 February 2022 Katanning Public Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers in the Shire of Katanning Administration and Civic Centre, located at 52 Austral Terrace, Katanning, commencing at 6:00pm. The agenda will be on the website prior:

www.katanning.wa.gov.au

KATANNING HIGHLIGHTS



AUSTRALIA DAY IN KATANNING

Photos from left to right: Australia Day Awards with Trevor Parminster, Colin Browne, Friends of Piesse Park, Pat McLeod, Jayde Wolfe, Shire President Liz Guidera and Peter Rundle MLA; Award winner Alep Mydie; Guest Speaker Peter Kerin.



KATANNING Harmony Festival

Voices in Harmony presented by Act Belong Commit

FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2022
FRIDAY FOOD NIGHT
5-8PM • TOWN SQUARE

SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2022
STREET FESTIVAL
12-6PM • AUSTRAL TERRACE

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