



# Shire of Katanning

*heart of the great southern*

November 2009

## ELECTIONS

At the Local Government elections held on 17 October 2009 the following Councillors were elected for a four year term:

Greg Crofts  
Richard Kowald  
David Potter  
Alep Mydie  
David Rees

1160 ballot papers were lodged, representing a return rate of 54.28%.

At a Special Council meeting held on 21 October 2009 Cr Richard Kowald was elected Shire President and Cr Alan McFarland as Deputy Shire President.

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the 2009 Citizen of the Year Awards. Categories are for an individual 25 years or over; individual under 25 years; and community group or event. The awards are to recognise people or groups who have made a significant contribution to the community, with the emphasis being on volunteer work rather than paid employment. Nomination forms can be collected from the Shire Office or downloaded from the internet [www.ausdaywa.com.au](http://www.ausdaywa.com.au) (*select Awards and then Premier's Active Citizenship*). Nominations should be sent to the Shire of Katanning in a sealed envelope labelled 'Confidential – Citizen of the Year Awards'. **The nomination period closes on Friday 27 November 2009.**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

The annual general meeting of electors of the Shire of Katanning will be held on Wednesday 2 December at 7.00pm in the Committee Meeting Room at the Shire Administration Office, Austral Terrace, Katanning.

The purpose of the meeting and order of business is:

- Receipt of Annual Report for 2008/09
- General Business

A copy of the Annual Report can be obtained by contacting the Shire Administration Office.

Attendees wishing to raise specific issues are encouraged to contact the CEO prior to the meeting so that appropriate information can be made available on the meeting night.

## CONSTRUCTION OF EXECUTIVE STAFF RESIDENCE

At the Ordinary Council meeting held on 23 September 2009, Council resolved to construct an executive staff residence using Royalties to Regions funding on one of the ten freehold blocks owned by Council in Curlew Street. Tenders were subsequently advertised however none came within the budget allocation for the project. At the Ordinary Council meeting held on 28 October 2009, Council considered the issue again and resolved to reject all tenders and instruct the CEO to investigate alternative options to build, buy or rent suitable housing.

Council acknowledges that there is some opposition to any consideration of housing construction or sale of the blocks on Curlew Street. Council has a responsibility however to make the best use of the assets at its disposal; the blocks covering an area of approximately 19ha are worth approximately \$1.5m. It should be noted that the proposal to construct a single residence on Lot 7 will, if it goes ahead, result in the clearing of a building site only, not the wholesale clearing of the entire block. The environmental impact will be minimal and EPA guidelines allow for a clearing exemption to construct a house. The land is owned freehold by the Shire and is not subject to any legal restriction regarding future sale or development. At no time in the past has Council made any decision to retain these blocks as a bush reserve.

## GRAVEL SUPPLIES NEEDED

The Shire is investigating the availability of gravel for our future resheeting and construction needs. We are working towards establishing strategically located, viable pits. Should you be interested in entering into a paid agreement to grant access to existing pits or allowing Council to undertake preliminary investigation/sampling of possible sites on your property, please contact Warwick Kindt, Manager of Engineering Services on 9821 9928.

## POSITION VACANCIES

The Shire currently has a number of vacant positions. Details are available from the Shire Administration Office (98219 999) or the Shire's website [www.katanning.wa.gov.au](http://www.katanning.wa.gov.au).

### Recreation Officer Trainee

Further information - contact Deputy CEO Carl Beck

### Administration Officer

Further information - contact Manager of Corporate Services Andrew Holden

### Labourer/Mixed Duties (casual) &

### Labourer/Gardener (casual)

Further Information - contact Manager of Engineering Services Warwick Kindt

## RATES FINAL NOTICES

Payment of the first instalment of rates or payment in full was due by 10 September 2009.

Final Notices were sent out on 27 October to those ratepayers who failed to pay by either option before the due date. If you have received a final notice, the full amount must be paid by 3 November.

Unless an alternative arrangement acceptable to the Shire is made by 3 November, outstanding debtors will be placed in the hands of our Debt Collector. This may lead to both a negative impact on your credit rating and the incurring of legal charges.

For any queries, please contact Rates Officer, Josie Speight on 9821 9926.

## PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

**1 NOVEMBER 2009 - 14 FEBRUARY 2009.**

Lighting fires during this period is strictly prohibited.

## FIREBREAKS & RESIDENTIAL LOT CLEARING

Residents are reminded that all vacant land and special rural land within the townsite must comply with the Shire of Katanning Fire Notice by 1 November 2009. Failure to do so will incur a \$250 fine.

Special Rural Land - 2.5 metre firebreaks inside and along all external boundaries is required.

Vacant Land - all flammable material to be removed and mowed grass must be no higher than 75mm.

## FRUIT FLY PROGRAM

30 November 2009 - 29 January 2010

Fruit fly baiting will be carried out 30 November – 31 December 2009. Sterile fruit flies will then be released 4 January - 29 January 2010. Residents are reminded to ensure gates are unlocked and dogs are restrained. If you have not previously registered for baiting and wish to do so please contact the Shire on 98219 999.

## COMING EVENTS

### Katanning RC at the Rec

Saturday 14 November from 10.00am

Radio controlled racing cars will be in action at the Katanning Leisure Centre. See fast and powerful models competing from the WA Radio Control Model Car Club from all over WA.

If you would like to participate entry details are available from Katanning Toyworld. Registrations close 7 November 2009 – entry is free. For more information contact Anna Boschman on 98214 310.

## BMX & SK8 COMP (12-18 yr olds)

Katanning will be hosting the next BMX & Sk8 competition on 15 November.

Local BMX'ers and Sk8'ers will have the opportunity to meet "Freestyle Now" and then put their skills to the test in the competition.

When: Sunday 15 November 2009.

Where: Sk8 Park, Clive Street.

Time: 10am-2pm

Cost: Free

To register your interest in the competition please contact Juaini Taylor: 98219 999 or youth2@katanning.wa.gov.au

## FASHION PARADE

A five day youth sewing arts workshop was held during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the school holidays. Nine girls attended the course and designed and sewed their own dresses, with minimal assistance from the arts workers. Nine dresses were completed and will be showcased in November.

When: Sunday 29 November 2009

Where: Pioneer Room, Katanning Leisure Centre.

Time: 11am-12pm

Cost: FREE

The sewing workshop and fashion parade has been sponsored by the Office for Children & Youth.

## UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- Body Image workshop
- Photography workshop

Don't check your email often? Maybe you would like to receive text messages of upcoming youth programs. Your number will be kept confidential and will only be used to notify you of Shire of Katanning youth activities.

To subscribe simply text your details to: 0419 046 048. This is a FREE service!

Do you have any ideas for future youth activities?? If so contact Juaini on 98219999 or email youth2@katanning.wa.gov.au.

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