

SHIRE OF KATANNING NEWSLETTER



**PRESIDENT
KRISTY D'APRILE**



SHIRE MATTERS:

Welcome to 2026! The year has certainly had a busy start for the Shire. I was honoured to be part of the Australia Day Breakfast held at Katanning Lions Park. This wonderful event was made possible through a strong collaboration between the Rotary Club, Apex Club, Lions Club, the Islamic Association of Katanning, and the Shire of Katanning. A special highlight of the morning was hearing from our guest speaker, Alep Mydie, whose inspirational message reminded us that Australia is a nation built on diversity and holds different meanings for different people. As Alep shared, for many it is a day of pride – celebrating our communities, achievements and shared values – and inclusivity means ensuring everyone feels a sense of belonging through listening, respect and understanding.

I would also like to extend my sincere congratulations to this year's Australia Day Award recipients – Youth Citizen of the Year Jayde Wolfe; Citizen of the Year Serena Sandwell; Senior Citizen of the Year Kenny Quartermaine; and Group of the Year, the Katanning Tennis Club. Each of these recipients exemplifies the values of service, commitment and community spirit that make Katanning such a special place to live. Thank you for the positive impact you continue to have on our town.

At the start of the year, I was honoured to join the Shire Presidents of Kojonup and Gnowangerup to view the Once Known exhibition from the Herbert Mayer Carrolup Artwork Collection at the John Curtin Gallery. Hosted by Phoebe Milne, a Noongar PhD candidate from Curtin University, the exhibition features works of deep cultural and historical significance to Katanning and our wider region. This visit marked the introduction of Phoebe's thesis project, which she will be undertaking in partnership with our communities. I was deeply inspired by the insight shared into the artworks and their stories, and I look forward to the continued exploration of our shared history as we strengthen our pathway towards reconciliation.

I love the start of a new year as an opportunity to reset and refocus on what lies ahead. During January and February, the Shire commenced a series of strategic workshops to prepare for what will be a very busy year. With increased commercial activity and growth on the horizon, we are focused on being informed, proactive and well-prepared – ensuring we can respond effectively to both the opportunities and challenges this period of change will bring to our community.

In late 2025, Council adopted a refreshed Corporate Business Plan, following considerable reflection on what matters most to the Katanning community. This plan sets clear priorities for the next four years. Some of the key capital activities planned for 2025/26 include:

- Development of industrial and residential land
- Review of Local Planning Scheme No. 5 to facilitate construction and development within the Shire
- Development of a Sport and Recreation Plan to prioritise upgrades and new service opportunities, including a 24-hour gym
- Delivery of airport runway upgrades to secure services for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and other airport users
- Development of a Katanning Economic Development Plan to identify constraints and accelerate future growth
- Development of a Water Wise Master Plan to guide the future of Prosser Park

Finally, I would like to give a huge shout-out to our Volunteer Emergency Services – our local Bush Fire Brigades, the Katanning Town Fire Brigade, and the St John Ambulance crew. With a busy summer fire season and increased festive road activity, their ongoing commitment to keeping our community safe is both recognised and very much appreciated. Thank you for everything you do

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN KATANNING:

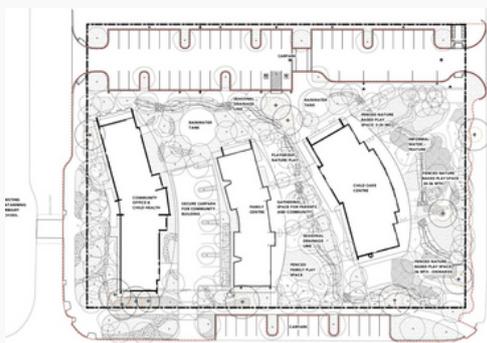
- 2026 Australia Day Breakfast & awards morning
- Harmony Week
- Coffee with the Council first Saturday of each month at the Dome Cafe
- Katanning Childhood Hub Project

KATANNING EARLY CHILDHOOD HUB



PROJECT UPDATE:

The project is progressing well, with a busy period ahead over the coming weeks including roof sheeting, painting, grouting, window installation and the installation of rainwater tanks. The initial landscaping design has been reviewed, and officers are working closely with the contractor to finalise a more cost-effective solution. This will involve Council supplying and delivering rock material to the site, which will be used to form a dry creek bed to assist with on-site stormwater management. The project remains on track for completion by 30 September 2026.



KATANNING EARLY CHILDHOOD HUB



KATANNING'S AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST & AWARDS MORNING



PETER RUNDLE, KATRINA KOWLAD, SERENA SANDWELL & KRISTY D'APRILE

CITIZEN AWARD WINNERS:

Citizen of the year; Serena Sandwell

Citizen of the year (YOUTH); Jayde Wolfe

Senior Citizen of the year; Kenny Quartermaine

Active Citizenship (GROUP); Katanning Tennis Club

The 2026 Katanning Australia Day Breakfast and Awards Ceremony was a wonderful celebration of community spirit, proudly presented by Shire President, Cr Kristy D'Aprile and hosted by the Lions Club, Shire of Katanning, Apex Club, Rotary Club, and the Islamic Association of Katanning. The event brought together residents from across the community to reflect on the meaning of Australia Day and to recognise the people and groups who make Katanning such a special place.

Congratulations were extended to the 2025 award recipients: Citizen of the Year, Serena Sandwell; Community Citizen of the Year (Youth), Jayde Wolfe; Senior Citizen of the Year, Kenny Quartermaine; and Active Citizenship (Group), Katanning Tennis Club. Each recipient was acknowledged for their outstanding contribution, dedication, and positive impact on the Katanning community. The ceremony also proudly welcomed 12 of Australia's newest citizens, who officially completed their citizenship ceremony on the day.

Sincere thanks were given to the Girl Guides and Scouts for respectfully leading the flag-raising ceremony, adding a meaningful and memorable moment to the morning.

The event was further enriched by a beautiful Australia Day address from guest speaker Alep Mydie, whose words resonated strongly with all in attendance. Overall, the ceremony was a heartfelt celebration of unity, service, and community pride in Katanning.



12 of Australia's newest citizens- Congratulations all!

INFRASTRUCTURE

REFUSE SITE OPENING HOURS:

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SITE IS EFTPOS ONLY - NO CASH
WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY
11:00 TO 12:45PM
1:30PM TO 5.00PM
MONDAY, TUESDAY AND ALL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - CLOSED

DEPOT OPENING HOURS:

MONDAY-FRIDAY- 7.00AM- 4.00PM
SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND ALL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - CLOSED



**GENERAL MANAGER OPERATIONS
GRAHAM BARNES**

KATANNING SHIRE WORKS AND SERVICES KEY ACTIVITIES FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS:

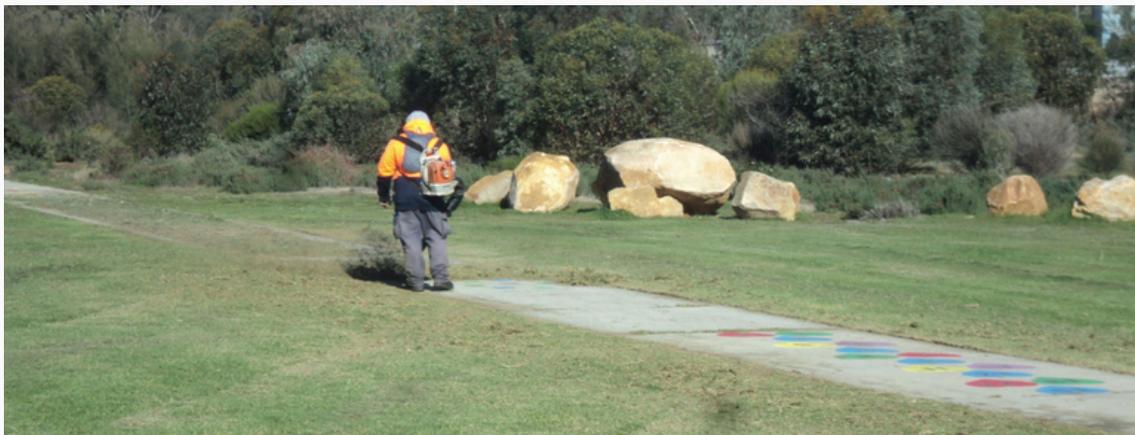
Completion of verge drop-off and shoulder repairs on Trimmer Road; pothole patching works along Warren Road, Katanning-Dumbleyung Road, Trimmer Road, Oxley Road and other town roads; tree safety works on Warren Road; repairs to the Lake Coyrecup floodway; and ongoing verge maintenance along Fairfield and Punchmirup Roads.

A huge shout-out to the works crew, who are doing an outstanding job delivering these improvements efficiently and to a high standard.

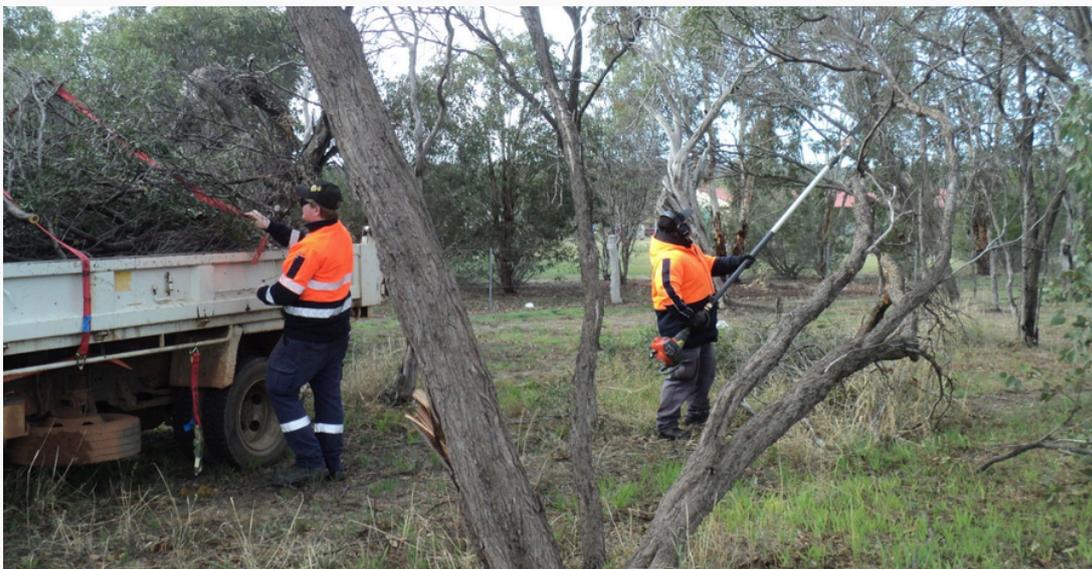


INFRASTRUCTURE

KATANNING SHIRE PARKS AND GARDENS KEY ACTIVITIES FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS:



Ongoing fire mitigation works across Shire reserves, including slashing and brushcutting; verge management activities; vegetation clearing around standpipes; routine maintenance of the Piesse Park lake and garden areas; verti-mowing, recycled top dressing and fertilising at Quartermaine Oval and the KLC Top Oval; and reticulation system repairs. A big shout-out to the Parks and Gardens crew for their continued hard work and commitment to keeping Shire spaces safe, functional and looking their best.



KATANNING LEISURE CENTRE



**MANAGER RECREATION SERVICES
KIRSTY FLUGGE**

**WHAT IS HAPPENING IN
THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY
AT THE KLC:**

JUNIOR BASKETBALL EVERY
TUESDAY EVENING

FITNESS CLASSES

SENIORS GYM EVERY TUESDAY &
THURSDAY 1.30PM-2.30PM

MIXED SOCIAL BASKETBALL
COMMENCING THURSDAY 26TH
GOING UNTIL THURSDAY 26TH OF
MARCH

SENIORS QUIZ- WEDNESDAY 4TH

SENIORS PINGO- WEDNESDAY 11TH

SENIORS AUTUMN CLUB-
WEDNESDAY 18TH

MAIN STADIUM FLOORS HAVE BEEN RESEALED

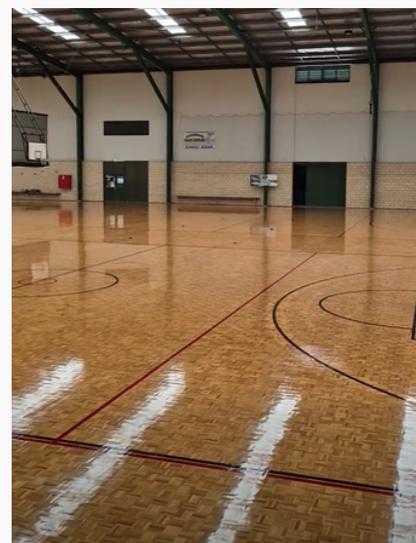
The KLC are pleased to announce that the courts at the Katanning Leisure Centre have recently been resealed and are now ready for use ahead of the 2026 year. These works will improve the safety, durability and overall playing quality of the courts, ensuring they are well prepared to support a full year of community sport, recreation and events. The Shire of Katanning looks forward to seeing the courts well utilised by clubs, schools and the wider community throughout 2026.

GYM MEMBER ACCESS HOURS

MONDAY- THURSDAY; 5.30AM- 8.30PM
FRIDAY; 5.30AM- 7PM
SATURDAY; 9AM-1PM
SUNDAY & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS; CLOSED

NON-GYM MEMBER ACCESS HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY; 8.30AM-8.30PM
FRIDAY; 8.30AM-7PM
SATURDAY; 9AM-1PM
SUNDAY & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS; CLOSED



KATANNING LEISURE CENTRE

KLC's New Fitness Timetable – Commenced Monday 2nd of February 2026:

Amped Up

A 45-minute high-intensity circuit class featuring a rotating sequence of exercises, each performed for a set time before moving to the next. Designed to keep participants motivated and challenged while building strength, endurance, and overall fitness.

HIIT Circuit

A fast-paced 30-minute circuit workout combining dynamic high-intensity exercises to improve cardiovascular fitness, strength, and endurance.

Tone & Sculpt

A 45-minute low-impact strength and conditioning class focused on full-body toning. Controlled movements using light hand weights and resistance bands help improve muscle definition and overall strength.

Youth Tone & Sculpt

A 30-minute low-impact strength and conditioning class designed for younger participants, focusing on full-body toning through controlled movements with light hand weights and resistance bands.

SHREDX

A 30-minute high-energy, cardio-based circuit workout designed to maximise calorie burn while boosting endurance and overall fitness.



Please scan the QR code to check it out & book in!

WEEKLY FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE
FEB 2ND - FEB 27TH

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
6.00AM - 6.45AM	HIIT CIRCUIT 6.15AM 30MINS	SHREDX 30 MINS	HIIT CIRCUIT 6.15AM 30MINS	AMPED UP CIRCUIT	
8.00AM - 9.00AM		SENIORS EXERCISE 9.00AM			
9.30AM - 10.15AM	AMPED UP CIRCUIT CRECHE AVAILABLE				TONE & SCULPT CRECHE AVAILABLE
1.30PM - 2.30PM		SENIORS GYM		SENIORS GYM	
4.00PM - 4.30PM			YOUTH TONE & SCULPT		
6.30PM - 6.15PM	TONE & SCULPT				
6.15PM - 7.00PM		AMPED UP CIRCUIT			

SCAN ME TO BOOK

BOOKINGS PREFERRED

Shire of Katanning
Heart of the Great Southern

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Heart of the Great Southern

GOLD MEMBERS - FREE
NON MEMBERS - \$6
DONALD HOUR CLASS
\$11.50/HR - 60 MIN CLASS
\$6.00 - YOUTH CLASSES
\$4.00 - SENIORS CLASSES

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KATANNING LEISURE & RECREATION CENTRE K.L.C.

CEMETERY RELOCATION OF ASHES & PLAQUES

JANUARY 2026

The Shire of Katanning commenced moving plaques from the old niche walls to the newly constructed niches at the Katanning Cemetery. In mid-November loved ones joined in the process of relocating the plaques and other items of loved ones into the new niches. The existing shade structure will also be upgraded in the coming months as part of the overall cemetery improvement project. This work will also involve a new entrance piece to the cemetery.



The Mens Shed has been engaged to relocate plaques to the new niche wall, a tricky and time-consuming task that was commenced, with their assistance, this week. We are donating \$25 to the Mens Shed for each plaque relocated and there are about 100 to be relocated.

Our thanks to Peter Jolly, Rob Godfrey, Rob Poett and Ray Chapman.



KATANNING LIBRARY & ART GALLERY

WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY AND GALLERY?

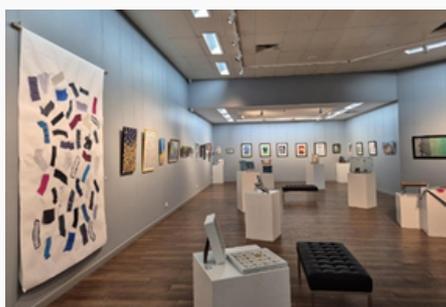
January has been a busy and creative start to the year at Katanning Library & Gallery! Our school holiday craft sessions were a hit, with children enjoying hands-on activities with iron bead creations, and back-to-school crafts. Thank you to everyone who joined us – it was wonderful to see the space buzzing with creativity and connection.

We welcomed many new titles across adult fiction, young adult, junior fiction, and non-fiction, so there was plenty of fresh reading waiting on the shelves. Our community puzzle continues to bring people together, and we've loved seeing visitors stop by to add a few pieces during their visit.

We also completed a library stocktake, thanks to a huge team effort from staff – a big thank you to everyone involved for keeping our collection organised and up to date.

In the Gallery, the Together Exhibition showcased a total of 92 artworks by 57 local community members, celebrating creativity, connection, and local talent. Thank you to everyone who contributed and visited.

TOGETHER EXHIBITION



HARMONY BLAIR, CORRY WHY & EMILY KENNEDY

OPENING HOURS:

MONDAY-TUESDAY-THURSDAY-FRIDAY: 10 AM TO 5 PM

WEDNESDAYS: 1 PM TO 5 PM

SATURDAYS: 10 AM TO 1 PM

JANUARY NEW ARRIVALS:



COORDINATOR LIBRARY & GALLERY
CORRY WHY

KATANNING LIBRARY & ART GALLERY

COMING UP

Storytime returns on 13 February, inviting little learners and their carers to join us for stories, songs, and fun activities to spark imagination and a love of reading. It's the perfect way to start the year with some interactive learning and family-friendly fun.

Our Library Seed Exchange is thriving, with plenty of seeds being shared, borrowed, and planted across the community. It's wonderful to see locals getting involved, growing their own produce, and helping the collection continue to grow by returning seeds. Pop in and see what's available – you might find your next garden project!

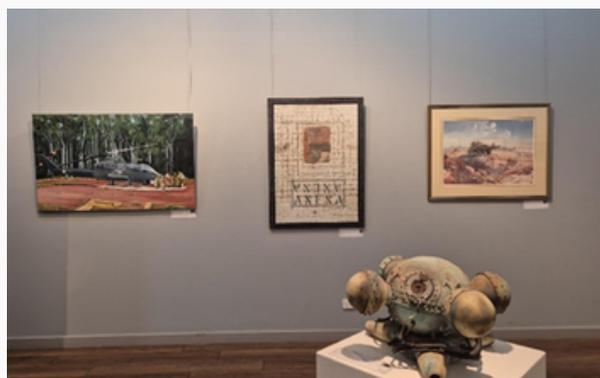
We'll also be showcasing more new arrivals each month, featuring fresh titles across adult, young adult, and junior collections. Whether you're after fiction, non-fiction, or something for the kids, there's plenty of inspiration waiting on the shelves. Don't forget that your Katanning Library membership gives you free access to a great range of online resources, including eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines available anytime, anywhere. Visit our website or ask staff to help you get started.



SEED EXCHANGE COLLECTION

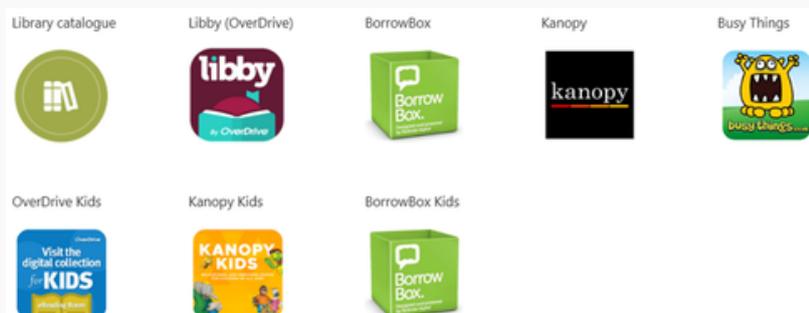
In the Gallery, don't miss The Shire Collection Exhibition, running from 2 February to 28 February. This exhibition highlights artworks from the Shire's permanent collection, offering visitors a chance to explore local history, creativity, and community stories through art.

SHIRE COLLECTION EXHIBITION



ONLINE RESOURCES

Available for all Library users (to access- Your card number & Pin)





**Katanning Public Library & Gallery
Programs & Activities**

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 February Stitches & Stories 1pm to 3pm	3	4 The Shire Collection Exhibition Opens	5	6 Toy Library 11am to 12pm	7
2	9 Stitches & Stories 1pm to 3pm	10	11	12	13 Storytime 10:30am to 11:30am	14 Toy Library 10:30am to 12pm
3	16 Stitches & Stories 1pm to 3pm	17	18	19	20 Storytime 10:30am to 11:30am Toy Library 11am to 12pm	21
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5	2 March Public Holiday Library Closed	3 Book Club Morning Session: 10:30am to 12:30pm Evening Session: 4:30pm to 6:30pm	4 Homeschool Hub 1pm to 5pm	5 Lego Club 3:30pm to 5pm	6 Storytime 10:30am to 11:30am Toy Library 11am to 12pm	7
6	9 Harmony Story Boxes Exhibition Opens Stitches & Stories 1pm to 3pm	10	11 Homeschool Hub 1pm to 5pm	12 Lego Club 3:30pm to 5pm	13 Storytime 10:30am to 11:30am Toy Library 11am to 12pm	14 Toy Library 10:30am to 12pm
7	16 Stitches & Stories 1pm to 3pm	17 Board Games 4:30pm to 6:30pm	18 Homeschool Hub 1pm to 5pm	19 Lego Club 3:30pm to 5pm	20 Storytime 10:30am to 11:30am Toy Library 11am to 12pm	21 Harmony Story Boxes Exhibition Closes
8	23 Stitches & Stories 1pm to 3pm	24	25 Homeschool Hub 1pm to 5pm	26 Lego Club 3:30pm to 5pm	27 Storytime 10:30am to 11:30am Toy Library 11am to 12pm	28 Gallery Exhibition Opens Toy Library 10:30am to 12pm
9	30 Stitches & Stories 1pm to 3pm	31	1 April Homeschool Hub 1pm to 5pm	2 Lego Club 3:30pm to 5pm	3 Public Holiday Library Closed	4 Library Closed

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Childrens Programs

Adults Programs

Art Gallery

Toy Library

Information

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Toy Library - Rebekka

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Read Write Now - Kerry Palmer

Please leave name and phone number for enquiries.

Genealogy - Irene Doyle

Please leave name and phone number for enquiries.

KATANNING HARMONY WEEK 2026

Get ready to celebrate Harmony Week in Katanning with a week full of culture, connection and community!

Katanning Harmony Night will light up the town on Friday 20 March from 3.30–8.30pm at the Katanning All Ages Playground. Enjoy a vibrant evening featuring a children’s zone, youth zone, colourful cultural flag parade, delicious food vans, market stalls, live entertainment, and a live band to wrap up the night.



The celebrations continue all week with Harmony-themed activities, including cultural boxes at the Katanning Library and Gallery, and cultural movie screenings at the Town Hall on Friday 13, Sunday 15, Monday 16 and Thursday 19 of March.

Come along, bring the family, and celebrate the cultures that make Katanning such a welcoming and diverse community!



2026 KATANNING HARMONY NIGHT PROGRAM

FAMILY ZONE 3.30PM- 8.30PM:

- BOUNCY CASTLE
- FACE PAINTING
- BUBBLES
- ANIMAL PETTING FARM
- STORY TIME (4PM, 4.45PM, 5.15PM)
- JAMIE THE CLOWN

YOUTH ZONE 3.30PM- 8.30PM:

- FREE STYLE COACHING (BMX, SCOOTER & SKATEBOARD)
- DJ GINO
- SILENT DISCO MARQUEE
- LARGE GAMES
- SUMO SUITS
- BASKETBALL FREE THROW COMP
- CHILL ZONE

MAIN STAGE:

- 5.00PM KPS SCHOOL CHOIR
- 5.30PM- FLAG PARADE
- 6.00PM- WELCOMING
- 6.20PM- TONGAN SINGERS
- 6.30PM- BOOT SCOOTING
- 6.40PM- 8.30PM- BAND



Shire of
Katanning
Heart of the Great Southern



**NOW
OPEN**

2025-26 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM ROUND 2 NOW OPEN

The Shire of Katanning's Community Grant Program is open to community groups and not-for-profit organisations in Katanning.

Collaborative community wide projects are encouraged.

Application forms and Guidelines can be downloaded via the Shire's website by scanning the below QR code or visiting:
katanning.wa.gov.au/community-grants.aspx



APPLY NOW

**OPENS 1 FEBRUARY 2026
CLOSES 31 MARCH 2026**

For more information please contact our Community Development Officer on 9821 9999 or for assistance in reviewing your application prior to submission, please email admin@katanning.wa.gov.au