



Chatter

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Recent News

Trees Surrounding Muchea Cricket Nets and Netball Courts to Remain

Following a process of consultation, it has been decided that the Shire will not be proceeding with the removal of several trees surrounding the Muchea Cricket Practice Nets and Netball Courts (as per the issued Clearing Permit).

Shire Technical Services staff have as an alternative, proposed a maintenance plan for periodic pruning of the tree limbs to prevent overhanging branches to the courts and nets. Additionally, the Shire will store an industrial vacuum cleaner at the Muchea Oval for use by the Clubs in maintaining the courts and nets free from tree nuts and leaves.

Muchea Industrial Park Prospectus Launch

The Shire of Chittering with funding from the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund has launched the Muchea Industrial Park Investment Prospectus.

The launch was held at Nesci Winery Estate in Lower Chittering where the Hon Christian Porter, Federal Member for Pearce, officially presented the Prospectus. The Muchea Industrial Park has been identified as one of the largest Greenfield industrial sites in Western Australia comprising, 1167ha.

Shire President Gordon Houston said "The Muchea Investment Park Investment Prospectus presents the site as having enviable access, large land availability and affordability compared to other industrial sites."

The large industrial site is traversed by Great Northern Highway and the new North Link Tonkin Highway Freeway extension at Muchea, providing key access for heavy vehicles. A heavy vehicle breakdown assembly area is provided at the end of the NorthLink and Great Northern Highway intersection.

Further major highway upgrades of approximately \$300 million are also scheduled including the Bindoon Bypass, which will result in triple road trains of up to 53m accessing the Muchea Industrial Park in the future. An Economic Land Demand analysis undertaken by Lucid Economics indicates the land will be driven by the on-going requirements of the freight and logistic sectors as well as the advanced manufacturing and processing industry.

Harvis Property Group is investing \$48 million developing industrial land known as "Northern Gateway" and BP Australia are proposing a \$15 million truck stop at the site which is currently under consideration by the Wheatbelt Joint Development Assessment Panel and is due to be built by mid-2019.

The site presently hosts key tenants including Ingham's Chicken Farms, Muchea Livestock Sale Facility, Australian Modular Systems and Road Trains Australia.

The area generally was strategically identified by industry and government in 1996 and formalised in a structure plan by the Western Australian Planning Commission in 2011.



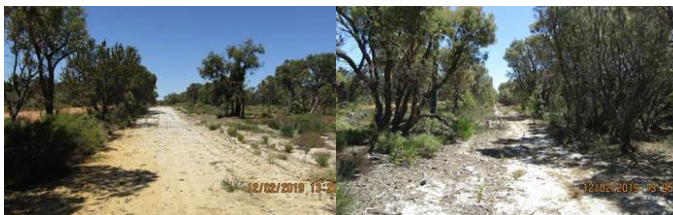
(Left to right) Deputy Shire President Cr Peter Osborn, Cr George Tilbury, Shire President Cr Gordon Houston, Hon Christian Porter MP, Cr Carmel Ross and Acting Chief Executive Officer Neil Hartley officially launch the Muchea Industrial Park Investment Prospectus.

Bush Fire Safety

Firebreak Inspections Continue

Shire Rangers are continuing to check firebreaks until 31 May 2019 and are currently checking farming land within the Shire.

Below is an example of an acceptable and unacceptable firebreak.



Acceptable (left image)

As you can see, the break is nice and wide, clear of dead grass leaves, no trees or branches inside breaks.

Not Acceptable (right image)

The minimum requirements of a 3 metre width and 4 metre high clearance are not being met.

BURNING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED FROM 1 DECEMBER 2018 TIL 31 MARCH 2019

FIREBREAKS SHOULD NOW BE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED UNTIL 31 MAY 2019

Local Roadworks Update

- Davis Road Project complete.
- Mackenzie Street Reconstruction will commence in March.
- Chittering Road Reconstruction is underway.
- Wells Glover Road Reseal will commence in March.
- North Road Stage 1 of reconstruction and widening completed, to be revisited in April.
- Wandena Road Widening complete, gravel sheeting to commence in March.
- Forrest Hills Parade Reconstruction to commence in March.
- Snake Spring Road Reconstruction of flood way and installation of culverts underway
- Hereford Way Reseal complete.
- Murray Grey Circle Reseal is now 75% complete.
- Santa Gertrudis Drive Reseal is now 50% complete.
- Ayrshire Loop Reseal is now 50% complete.
- Muchea East Road Reconstruction underway, clearing and tree pruning complete, shoulder widening underway, cement stabilising to start late February. Seal to be completed early March.
- Mooliabeenee Road Black Spot project, intersection upgrade in design stages.
- Chittering Road Black Spot project, safety barriers in design stage.
- Muchea East Road/Wandena Road Earthworks complete, project 90% completed, seal to be completed early March.
- Wandena Road Black Spot project to install safety barriers will commence in March.
- Archibald Street Footpath design complete and construction to begin in March.
- Blizzard Road Bridge Project 80% complete.

Business in Focus



Experience warm hospitality and great value in a central location in the Perth CBD. With 170 well-appointed rooms and suites, the Ambassador Hotel is ideal for business, group, solo and couple travellers for weekend city getaways and holidays.

Thank you to Ambassador Hotel Perth for their ongoing sponsorship of the Shire's Race in Your Rates Incentive Prizes.

Public Comment Items

Proposed Fencing Local Law 2018

At its Council meeting held on 21 March 2018 the Shire of Chittering resolved to give local and state-wide public notice to initiate the Shire of Chittering Fencing Local Law 2018.

- The purpose of the proposed Fencing Local Law is to provide a 'sufficient fence' for the purposes of the Dividing Fences Act 1961 and to prescribe the materials to be used and safety measures to be undertaken in relation to certain types of fencing.
- The effect is that fencing in the Shire will need to comply with the definition of a 'sufficient fence' as stipulated in the proposed Fencing Local Law and its other provisions.

A copy of the proposed local law may be inspected on the Shire website at www.chittering.wa.gov.au/have-your-say.aspx or at the Shire's Administration Centre, between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Submissions about the proposed local law may be submitted via post to the Shire of Chittering, PO Box 70, Bindoon WA 6502 or via email to chatter@chittering.wa.gov.au by 4pm on Monday, 1 April 2019.

Upcoming Events

- International Women's Day Lunch**
Chittering Landcare // Fri 8 Mar // 12pm – 3pm
- Tracey Barnett & Tanya Ransom Live**
Bindoon Town Hall // Sat 9 Mar // 7.30pm
- Chittering Cockies Workshop**
Chittering Landcare // Tue 12 Mar // 5.30pm – 8.00pm
- Agenda Forum**
Council Chambers, Bindoon // Tue 12 Mar // 6.00pm
- Annual General Meeting of Electors**
Muchea Hall // Wed 13 Mar // 7.00pm
- Bindoon Open Mic Night**
Bindoon Town Hall // Sat 16 Mar // 7.00pm
- Ordinary Council Meeting**
Council Chambers, Bindoon // Wed 20 Mar // 7.00pm
- Bindoon Farmers Market**
Clune Park, Bindoon // Sun 24 Mar // 8.30am – 12.30pm
- Peter Rabbit Movie Night**
Lower Chittering Hall // Sat 30 Mar // 6pm – 9pm
- Chittering Wildlife Carers Quiz Night**
Bindoon Mediterranean Restaurant & Café
Sat 30 Mar // 6pm – 9pm



Paul Walker & Karen Pfeiffer Live in Concert
Bindoon Town Hall // Sat 13 Apr // 7.30pm

Rhyme Time
Bindoon Library // Every Wednesday // 10.30am
*school term only

Advertise in Upcoming Events!

Are you organising a local event in **April - May 2019?**
Submit your event details via email to: fosupport@chittering.wa.gov.au
by 4pm on Tuesday 26 March to be included in the April edition of our Chatter Newsletter