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# DAILY NEWS

JUNE 2022

## CITIZENSHIP

## CEREMONY 24 MAY 2022

The Shire hosted a Citizenship Ceremony prior to commencing the May Council Meeting. The Ceremony was held in the Council Chambers and was followed by an afternoon tea in the Committee Room. Sharon Tesico received her Citizenship from Shire President Councillor Keith Carter. She was joined by her family who were in attendance to witness this important event and share with Sharon on this occasion. Councillors and staff were also in attendance.



Philip, Jhazmin and Venice Tesico were all in attendance to witness Sharon become a new Australian Citizen at the ceremony on Tuesday 24 May.

Shire President Keith Carter with Sharon Tesico after presenting her with her Citizenship.



Sharon and Philip Tesico.





## CEO Chit Chat



CEO Jean Knight

The 2022-2023 budget process is well underway. The Capital Expenditure workshop was held with Council last month to prioritise projects.

Thank you to those that submitted projects for Council's consideration. Just a reminder that not all projects can be funded in the one financial year, so ones that were agreed to by Council and not put into the next budget have been included in future plans.

The last of the capital road projects have been completed for the 2021-2022 financial year.

The remainder of the year we will be focusing on road maintenance and preparing for the new works.

Tenders have been called for the proposed new Multi-Purpose Early Childhood Learning Centre.

Tenders close on 21 Jun 2022. A decision whether to proceed or not will be made by Council once all tenders have been assessed.

We are urgently seeking Casual Cleaners for the Shire. If you know of anyone interested, please refer to our website for the employment information or contact me at the Shire.

## Update on roadworks within the Shire

### Roberts Rd

The Shire are about 2 weeks from completion of the Roberts Road Drainage and Roadworks upgrade. This work has been undertaken by the Shire with the assistance of some contractors. The upgrade will make an enormous difference to vehicles accessing this area and enable the harvesting of water into the catchment dam.



### Dalwallinu-Kalannie Rd

The seal is complete on the Dalwallinu-Kalannie Road.



### Kalannie Township

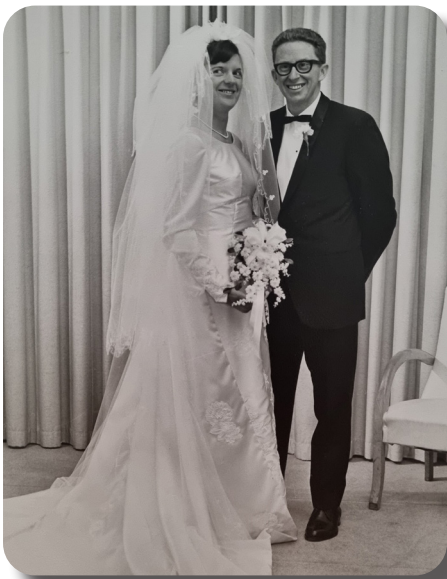
The Shire hope to commence asphalt works shortly on the main street in Kalannie. They hope to have completion of these works by the end of July 2022.



## The Reflections continue....

We resume our selection of interviews with long standing members of our community. This month our reflection focuses on Irene and the late Malcolm Mills. Remember, if you think you know of some-one we should chat with and who may share their story with us please contact Deb at the Shire.

You can email suggestions to [ea@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au](mailto:ea@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au) or call on 9661 0500 and have a chat with Deb about your suggestions. All suggestions are welcomed.



Irene and Malcolm Mills

Irene Mills (AM)(OSs.J) was born in King Edward Hospital in Subiaco in 1943. Her parents were living in Leederville when she was born. Irene grew up with two sisters (Irene being the middle child). Her father was in the Army and they farmed at Ardeth, (between Bruce Rock and Corrigin) after the war then at Many Peaks (38klm north east of Albany). Her father was allocated land after his service along with twelve families who all moved to the Many Peaks area to establish new farms in the area. The families all lived in tents for the first two years.

Malcolm Mills was born at Brookton in 1934 where his family were farmers at nearby Aldersyde (between Brookton and Corrigin). Malcolm was one of six children with two brothers and three sisters. His family

relocated from Aldersyde to Beacon before moving to take up land to farm in Pithara in 1938.

Irene's early schooling was done by correspondence before attending Bruce Rock for 12 months. The family then moved to Many Peaks in 1952. The school wasn't constructed until 1954 so she again did correspondence for a couple of years. Irene eventually left school aged fourteen. Irene recalled once the school was built there wasn't a proper bus so the children rode in the back of a truck to school sitting on hay bales. If they were lucky the truck was washed first, but if not they had to sit on cow poo to get home from school. They would walk two miles to catch the bus and then it was a further ten mile trip to school. In 1958 Irene recalls thirty six children attending the school.

Malcolm attended Pithara School before moving to Northam School where he had private board. He finished his education at Wesley College as a boarder for the last two years. When in Pithara he was able to ride his bike to school until he moved away to become a boarder.

Once Irene finished her education she worked on the farm with her father and older sister. She did all aspects of farm work including driving tractors. When she was about seventeen Irene left the family farm to help friends of her fathers with their small children at Pithara. These friends were in fact Mr and

Mrs Mills (*Malcolm's parents*).

Malcolm also went straight to the farm after school and with the exception of National Service he remained working the farm until his death.

Malcolm and Irene married when she was twenty four and they were devoted to each other and their community until Malcolm passed away seven years ago. They worked their farm together and although they never had children of their own there was always families around. The township of Pithara was thriving and busy and there was a dance or ball in the Town Hall frequently.

Irene recounted taking part in many activities in Pithara in those days. She played hockey, badminton, tennis, golf and was part of the Junior Farmers Club where she became involved in public speaking.

The ABC ran a competition on Public Speaking and Irene was a State runner-up. After they married she continued her sport. She also remained involved in the Junior Farmers and in later years was an Adult Advisor to Junior Farmers and school children.

Irene was involved in the local shows. She not only entered into competitions, in later years she judged the cooking at the Moora and Dalwallinu shows. She also recalls entering competitions at the Royal Perth Show and

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winning the Purple Ribbon for the most points in cookery two years in a row in 1989 and 1990.

Malcolm along with farming fulltime was captain of the Bowls team for many years. He was also Chairman of the Pithara Co-op and involved in Landcare and Agriculture and politics. He was a Shire Councillor from 1987 to 2003.

Irene is something of an unsung hero in the district. Many would not be aware of the many accolades Irene has received for her services to the community and in particular to country health services.

In 1996 she was awarded an Order of Australia AM for services to health in rural communities. For more than twenty seven years she was also a volunteer ambulance driver and later ambulance officer, as well as local Secretary and Treasurer of St John Ambulance. She was made a Life Member of St John Ambulance Association and in 1998 was awarded an Officer Serving Sister Medal (OSs.J).

In 2001 she was named West Australian Volunteer of the Year by the National Health and Medical Research Council. Irene chaired the Dalwallinu District Hospital board for more than ten years.

She has been a member of twenty or more different committees and

has convened and chaired meetings here in WA and also in Canberra. In 2004 she wrote and presented a paper on "Aged Care in Small Rural Communities" at the International Federation on Aging convention in Singapore. She also wrote and presented a paper entitled "Recruitment and Retention of General Practitioners to Rural Areas" at the National Conference of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners which was subsequently published in the Australian Journal of Rural Health.

Locally she was involved initially as secretary, and later as Chairperson of the Dalwallinu Community Resource Centre, was on the steering committee instrumental in the establishment of the Dalwallinu Tele-Centre, Chairperson of the Western District Health Advisory Council, Member of the Wheatbelt Heath MOU group and many more committees to support and enhance life in rural communities.

When asked about what she misses now that isn't around anymore Irene stated it was the lack of fellowship in the Community that is sadly missing today. She would like to see more activities and facilities available for the elderly especially support services.

One thing she says young people wouldn't understand today is the support and provision of care the elderly used to get and she wishes there was more of it today. Irene also feels that life today is "too instant" and young people are not used to waiting for anything.

Her passion today is continuing to contribute to ensuring rural areas such as Dalwallinu maintain a presence. She is concerned about rural areas struggling to attract and retain professionals to their areas. She will continue to fight to ensure that there is equitable services in rural areas to the same degree as urban areas.

In Irene's own words "I have continuously strived for improvements to standards, sustainability, facilities and opportunities for rural communities..... The communities that survive will be those with good leadership and preparedness to work collaboratively with others and who look positively towards the future embracing new technologies."

This is only part of Irene's community journey, additional though not mentioned here, is the 15 years she spent representing rural health and rural women's issues concurrently at a National level in Canberra.

An amazing community minded woman who has dedicated her life to her husband and to enhancing the health of her community. We thank Irene for sharing both her and Malcolm's story with us.



A selection of awards and medals of appreciation and recognition Irene has been awarded over the years.



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## **Dalwallinu Cemetery Upgrade**



Council recently undertook an upgrade of the entry to the Dalwallinu Cemetery.

The works undertaken by the outside crew have enhanced the entry way and provided a nicer focal point for those who are visiting the cemetery to pay respects to their departed.

The crew worked hard and their efforts have definitely improved the look of entrance.

Great work by the team.





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You are invited to attend a

## **Community Meeting**

**Purpose: Future of the Dalwallinu Town Hall**



**Where: Council Chambers - Shire Administration Building**

**When: Tuesday 19 July 2022**

**Time: 6.00pm**

**We hope you will join us as your input is appreciated.**



## Dalwallinu Library on Wheels

Every fortnight, the Dalwallinu library hits the road to deliver library books to people who are unable to attend the library in person.

The service operates every second Tuesday and goes to the hospital, Acacia House, Pioneer House and private homes in Dalwallinu for a collection of avid readers who have eclectic tastes ranging from thrillers, romance and family sagas to history, biographies and stories about animals.

The books are available in formats from large print to audio books and normal print. It keeps us on our toes trying to find new materials for people who consume books in the way other people consume food and is the highlight of Jo's week when she succeeds.

In an endeavour to make the library on wheels more patron centred we have applied for a grant for a cellular enabled iPad. This is so that patrons can access the library portals to select their own materials for delivery on the next library on wheels day.

This will also facilitate a "click and collect" for people who are able to select materials to be issued and collected at a later time by a family member or support person.

New patrons to the service are most welcome, so if you or someone you know would like to join the library on wheels contact the library on 96611805 or [ecdo@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au](mailto:ecdo@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au)



## Dalwallinu 24 hour Gym

The Shire of Dalwallinu has a very well equipped gymnasium. Fees are reasonable and the gymnasium is accessible 24 hours a day.

If you would like to get fit, or just maintain your health, contact the Shire now on 9661 0500 to discuss your options for joining this facility.

You need to be a member of the gym to utilise the equipment. Membership is available at the Shire Administration building. Inductions take place on Mondays and Thursdays.

Contact Megan Pipe or Lauren Willis for more information about enrolment.





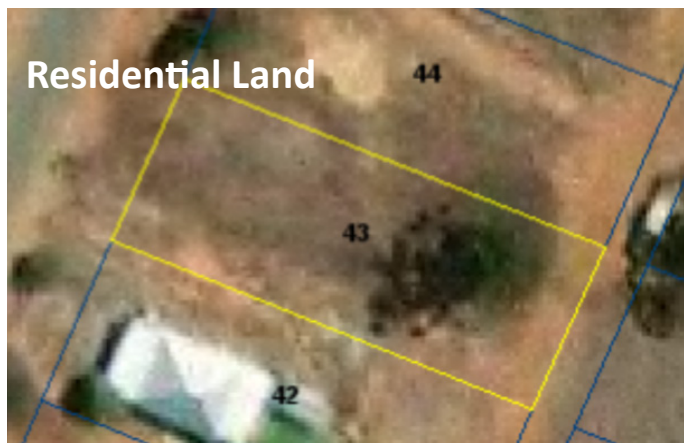
## Public Notices - Land for Sale

**2 Residential Lots; 2 Industrial Lots and 3 Commercial Lots available now**  
Further information specifying the conditions of sale is available from the Shire Office on  
08 9661 0500 or email [ceo@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au).



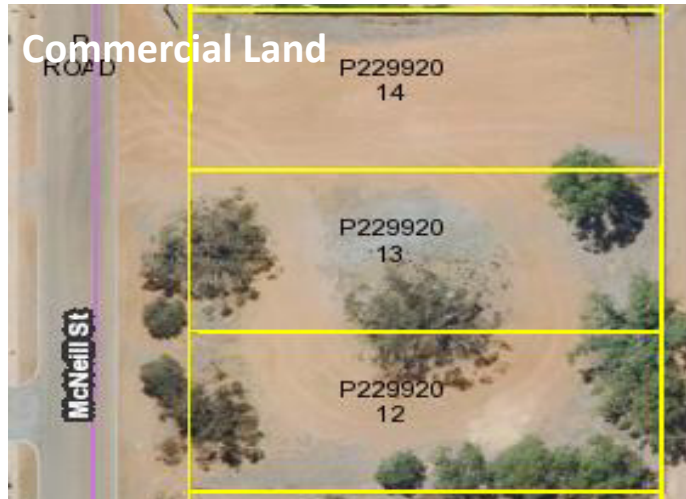
### Residential Land

Address: Lot 572 Sawyer Avenue, Dalwallinu  
Size: 893m<sup>2</sup> Price: \$76,000 (inc GST)  
(No deep sewerage available)



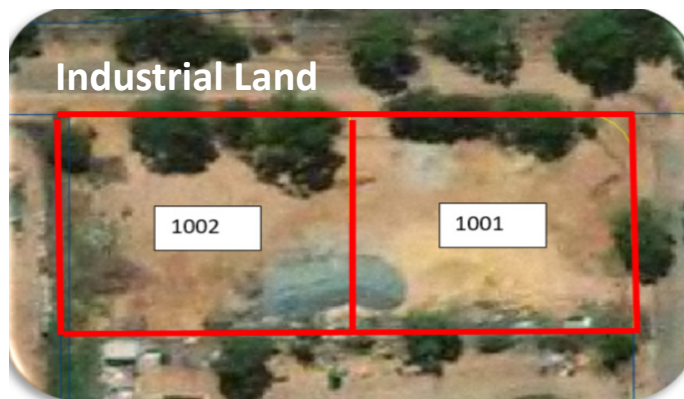
### Residential Land

Address: Lot 43 (38) McConnell Street, Pithara  
Size: 1,012m<sup>2</sup> Price: Accepting Offers  
(No deep sewerage available)



### Commercial Land

Address: Lots 12, 13 & 14 McNeill Street, Dalwallinu  
Size: 1,012m<sup>2</sup> Price: \$132,000 each (inclusive GST)  
(Deep sewerage available)



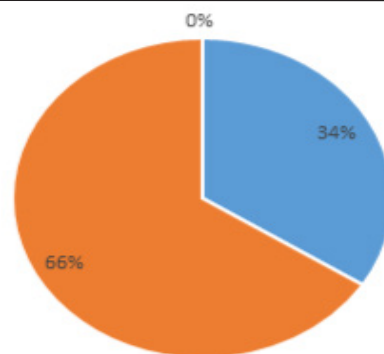
### Industrial Land

Address: Lot 1002 Roberts Road, Dalwallinu  
Size: 2,599m<sup>2</sup> Price: \$165,000 (inc GST)  
No offer necessarily accepted.

## Capital Projects

### 2021-2022 Capital Projects

■ Commenced	34%
■ Completed	66%
■ Not Commenced	0%





## Report It - Public now have the ability to upload photos

The Shire recently amended their website to include the ability to upload photos when using the **Report It** function. This allows staff to view the incident being reported quickly and make decisions based on evidence provided, rather than having to visit the site for an assessment prior to issuing Works Orders. Please log on to the website and follow the links to the page and upload your photo at the end.



## Better Beginnings - Monday 9.30-10am

Better Beginnings is a State Library of WA initiative that supports parents and caregivers in reading to their children so that they build the early literacy skills they need to become good readers and succeed at school.



Dalwallinu Public Library is proud to be a part of the programme and holds a weekly Better Beginnings session for children aged 2-5 and their caregivers.

Sessions consist of a 30 minute session including a story and activity. If you are a parent or caregiver to a child aged 2-5 you are welcome to attend this free weekly programme.

Dalwallinu Public Library hosts Better Beginnings on Monday mornings from 9.30-10am. Booking are essential. Caregivers are required to stay with their children for the session and Covid-19 restrictions, including facemasks and signing in is required for all attendees over 12 years of age.





## Dalwallinu Discovery Centre

**Film Making Workshop has been rescheduled to Tuesday 12 to Thursday 14 July 2022**

The film workshop that was to be held during the April school holidays has been rescheduled to the July school holidays.

It will be run over three days from Tuesday 12th July to Thursday 14th July at the DDC. (*Day 3 is optional*)

The workshop is for children aged 8-15 and is free. Lunch and morning tea are included.

Bookings are essential. To reserve your place call Jo on 96611805 or email [ecdo@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au](mailto:ecdo@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au)



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The WA Premiers readers awards are currently open and are a great way to get your kids involved in reading for pleasure. Contact Jo on 96611805 or email [ecdo@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au](mailto:ecdo@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au) for more information.

Dalwallinu Public Library is participating in the annual Scribblers Festival, a not-for-profit literature and arts festival that promotes the power of books and creativity as tools to help kids and teens better understand the world they live in. There are a range of activities and competitions held throughout the year, culminating in a 5 day event in September.

Currently we have free writing journals for school age children available for collection from the library and we are running the Golden Feather Hide and Seek for junior library members with some great prizes.

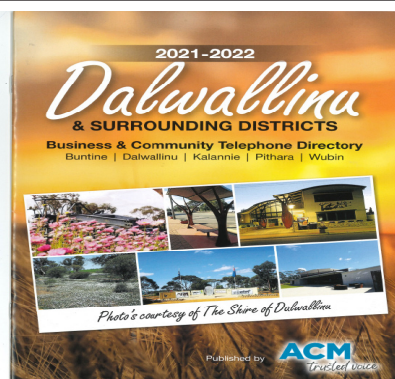
The annual Golden Pen writing award is also open with the theme Everyday Magic. There are three age categories and terrific prizes on offer. The closing date for entries is 17 July. Contact Jo at the library for more information about Scribblers and how to enter.

We have applied for grant funding to purchase a cellular enabled iPad to make the library home delivery service more patron centred. Currently the service offers home delivery of items selected by staff based on patrons' reading history.

The iPad will allow patrons to use Dalwallinu Library and State Library portals to select their own materials for a click and collect or home delivery service. If you or a family member is interested in the library home delivery service



## 2021 - 2022 Dalwallinu & Surrounding Districts Directory



The Dalwallinu Directory is produced by Australian Community Media.

If your information is incorrect in the directory please contact Angela Fleay Sales Representative Australian Community Media to remove or update them.

Mobile: 0455 227 592



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## Shire of Dalwallinu Recycling Calendar 2022/2023

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### Recycle Days

Dalwallinu & Pithara  
Wubin, Buntine &  
Kalannie  
Christmas Day



### WHAT CAN GO INTO YOUR RECYCLE BIN

- **Glass** - All glass and ceramics, whole and broken
- **Plastic** - All plastic containers and plastic wraps (empty with lids off)
- **Paper** - All paper, junk mail and glossy magazines
- **Cardboard** - All cardboard products
- **Aluminium & Steel** - All metals, steel & aluminium excluding aerosol cans
- **Liquid Paperboard** - Milk, juice and laundry detergent cartons.

There will be no changes to the service over the Christmas Period.

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**Next Ordinary Meeting of Council - 3:30pm Tuesday 28 June 2022**

**Council Chambers, 58 Johnston Street, Dalwallinu**  
Members of the Public welcome



## Your Elected Members

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We are updating our SMS Alert Register. If you wish to be on our SMS alert register please send an email to [shire@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au) with your name, mobile number and township.



**If you  
See it  
Report It !**

To report Damage to the Shire please call **9661 0500**.  
To report vandalism please contact the Police **131 444**.



Did you know that you can come along to any Ordinary Council Meeting to ask questions of the Shire and Councillors? Ordinary Council Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except January) commencing at 3.30pm in the Council Chambers, Shire Admin Centre, Johnston Street, Dalwallinu.

**Check out our website: [www.dalwallinu.wa.gov.au](http://www.dalwallinu.wa.gov.au)**

### EMAILS WANTED!!

The Shire of Dalwallinu would like to share this and other relevant information with the community via an email database. If you are interested in receiving this information by email please send your contact details to [ea@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au](mailto:ea@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au)

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