

Shire Staff Celebrate 90 Years of Service

Kevin Ashby (50 Years)

Robert (Bert) Wayne (20 Years) & Christie Andrews (20 Years)

The Shire recently celebrated with three staff an amazing combined service of 90 years. Kevin commenced working at the Shire on 7 February 1972 as a Sanitary worker. He then moved onto Refuse collector before taking his current position of General Hand - Town Crew.

Kevin Ashby is devoted to his beloved wife Shirley who supports him on weekends with their many hours of voluntary work to ensure that the gardens of the township are always amazing. A man of very few words Kevin devotes himself to ensuring that the town gardens and the cemetery are a pleasure to enjoy for all.

Always by his side on weekends is his wife Shirley who was also recognised for her voluntary work with a small gift presented to her by Jean Knight on behalf of the Shire.

Fifty years tenure is a rare occasion and not one we are likely to see again. Kevin is an inspiration to all with his dedication that goes above and beyond to ensure that his gardens are always blooming.

In recognition of his achievement the rose garden at the front of the Shire offices has been named the Kevin Ashby Gardens. Shire President Keith Carter unveiled the plaque in front of staff and visitors and a very emotional Kevin and Shirley. Robert (Bert) Wayne commenced working at the Shire in September 2001.

Bert was employed as a General Hand and has been part of the Maintenance/Construction crew and the Town Crew. He is a quiet worker who always did what was needed.

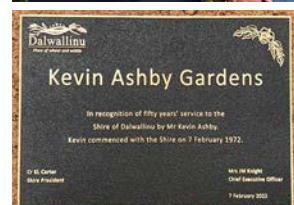
Unfortunately due to recent ill health Bert has taken 'early retirement'. This will allow him to go and enjoy life as a retiree.

Christie Andrews started at the Shire three months after Bert in December 2001. She began her career as a Clerical Trainee, moved onto Customer Service, Payroll/Creditors, Rates/Debtors and is now the Senior Finance Officer.

To say she is well known in town would be an understatement as she is related to almost everyone.



Kevin Ashby, Christie Andrews
and Robert (Bert) Wayne.



The Plaque dedicated to Kevin
at the front of the Shire Offices.

Kevin and Shirley Ashby.



The Shire congratulates Kevin, Christie and Bert on their amazing achievement and combined service to the Shire. Well done.

CEO Chit Chat



CEO Jean Knight

As the borders drop and Covid-19 becomes a part of our day to day life, I encourage everyone to stay safe and adhere to government directions. The Shire has developed a Covid-19 Plan for our operations should these need to come into effect. Information is provided to the community through the Shire of Dalwallinu Facebook page and we have links to Government websites on the Shire of Dalwallinu website (www.dalwallinu.wa.gov.au).

Council have recently indicated their support to construct a new Multi Purpose Early Learning

Centre in McNeill Street, Dalwallinu, subject to the tenders received at the closure of the tender period. The proposal is to increase the places from 19 to 27 and collocate the Dalwallinu Toy Library and Dalwallinu Playgroup in the one building. Planning has been underway for some months in consultation with all key stakeholders. The Shire have been lucky to receive additional funding from the Federal Government of which \$1.4M has been allocated to this project. This still leaves a shortfall of over \$700K which the Shire will now try and seek other ways to fund this shortfall.

Tenders are currently being called for Flood Recovery Works on the Shire's road network which was damaged by heavy rainfall in March 2021. The Shire has received funding through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (known as DRFAWA). It is proposed the works will commence in May/June 2022.

Council has recently supported a request for a Pavilion to be constructed adjacent to the Dalwallinu Hockey Oval. Request for Quotes are currently being sought for this proposal. Subject to the quotes received, we propose to apply for funding in July 2022 from the Department of Sport and Recreation for one third of the cost, the Dalwallinu

Football and Hockey Club for one third and the Shire to fund the remaining third. If we are successful with the funding application, the building should be in place for the 2023 hockey season.

The Annual Corella Cull was held on the weekend of 12-13 February 2022. Approximately 300 birds were culled over the weekend in Dalwallinu and Wubin townsites.

As mentioned on the front page, we recently held a function to recognise the services of Kevin Ashby, Robert Waye and Christie Andrews. It is nearly unheard of these days where an employee has remained with an employer for that amount of time. Kevin's service was recognised with the unveiling of a plaque in the Shire Admin front garden. A big congratulations and thank you to all three employees.

We welcome to the Shire Ally Bryant, who will take on the role of Manager Corporate Services when Hanna Jolly commences Maternity Leave and Corey Kirkness - General Hand.

Just another reminder that we are seeking budget requests from the community for the 2022-2023 Annual Budget. Please send requests to mcs@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au. All requests will be taken to Council for their consideration.



Residents and Ratepayers within the Shire of Dalwallinu are invited to notify the Shire of any items they would like considered in the Shire's 2022 - 2023 Annual budget.

If you have any questions about an item that you would like to be included in the budget considerations, please contact Hanna Jolly, Manager Corporate Services.

The deadline for items to be considered is 30 April 2022. Requests can be emailed to mcs@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au or posted to PO Box 141, Dalwallinu WA 6609.

The Reflections Continue....

We continue our selection of interviews with long standing members of our community. This month our reflection focuses on Rod and Liz Donnes. Remember, if you think you know of someone we should chat with and who may share their story with us please contact Deb at the Shire. You can email ea@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au with your suggestions and your contact details. All suggestions are welcomed. Our aim is to capture the history from our residents while they can still share it.



Rod & Liz Donnes

Rod and Liz Donnes couldn't have started life any further apart. Liz was born in Gordonvale, North Queensland which is north of Innisfail approximately 300 kilometres north of Townsville.

Liz grew up with three sisters and three brothers. Her mother was a housewife who worked in the home and raised the children. Her father was a traffic officer and train driver in control of the sugar trains.

Liz attended primary school in Mundoo located 5 kilometres from Innisfail. It was 2 kilometres to walk to school and on rainy days she would walk barefoot to protect her shoes. When she commenced High School in Innisfail she had to take the bus to high school.

On the other side of the country Rod was born in Dalwallinu Hospital. He grew up with four brothers. His father was a farmer at Xantippe. Rod attended Dalwallinu Primary School and Dalwallinu High where he was Head Boy in 1966. He had to take the bus to school every single day of his school life.

When Liz left school she began office work for a Cane Harvester producer. Eventually she commenced a career in nursing which spanned over 50 years, either in medical or administration. Rod left school and commenced working on the family farm where he stayed for the next four years.

His career took a different turn when he was called up to serve in Vietnam. He undertook his basic training at Pukapunyal Training base located in central Victoria. Rod became a Royal Australian Engineer, and after leaving the Army he worked at a variety of jobs including, a sugar mill in Innisfail, where at one time there were five mills all running at the same time.

He later became a shearer for twenty years whilst at the same time running the CSBP depot for twenty-eight years. He also did a bit of fertiliser spreading.

It was whilst Rod was in the army that he was sent to Tully just south of Innisfail. Tully's claim to fame is that it is the wettest place in

Australia. They measure their rainfall in metres not millimetres.

The army engineers were constructing Tropical Trials units for testing tanks.

Liz was also working in Tully at the local hospital and the two met at a dance held at the golf club. They dated for a period of time, took a break and then ended up together again.

Eventually they married in 1973 and returned home to Dalwallinu. Their only son Mark now lives in Broome and they have four grandchildren and now have two great-grandchildren.

Liz recalled leaving the lush green cane fields of northern Queensland to travel to her new home in Western Australia. The couple drove over from Queensland and arrived in Dalwallinu or Xantippe to no power, no water and a million or so flies. She sat down and cried. There was no green in sight just dried bare paddocks.

Rod reminisced on how the Nullarbor was still dirt in those days. He said that after driving sometimes for miles (*not yet kilometres*) when you finally met a car you would be so excited people would hang out the car windows waving madly at each other.

The couple soon involved themselves in the many different community activities that Dalwallinu offered. Liz commenced

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working at the Dalwallinu hospital but also played lawn bowls, softball and netball socially. Rod played footy until he was married, but joined the rifle club, Apex club, was involved with the Tourism Committee and loved travelling to Leeman to do some fishing. Rod continues to be involved with the RSL and Anzac Day and both Rod and Liz are involved with the Senior Citizens of Dalwallinu.

When I asked the couple what it is they miss from years gone by in Dalwallinu, they responded with 'friends, diminished services (*Liz recalls the hospital having an operating theatre where babies could be delivered*) and far less shops, (*Rod recalls having three fulltime banks in town*).

Rod stated it was sad to see the population dwindling.

Whilst the town may have increased, the farm populations have decreased drastically.

When asked about what they would like to see brought new to the area their wish was for more water, even a lake. A couple of things that Liz feels young ones today wouldn't understand or remember are Memorial Baths (*local swimming pools*) and a Duchess (*a ladies dressing table*).

Rod and Liz have a passion for travel and Rod enjoys the odd bit of prospecting. They have travelled around Australia and the world and visited such exciting places as Canada, New Zealand, England, Vietnam, Bali and had a safari in Zimbabwe.

Rod also attended a study tour with the Australian Fertiliser Association looking at different

methods of fertilisation.

We would like to thank Rod and Liz for sharing their story with everyone. We are sure this couple have more stories to tell if you were to ask them.



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 consisting of a story and activity. If you are a parent or caregiver to a child aged 2-5 you are most welcome to attend this free weekly programme.

Dalwallinu Public Library hosts Better Beginnings on Monday mornings from 9.30-10am. No booking is necessary. 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.



Wednesday 20 April 2022

and

Thursday 21 April 2022

The Shire will be hosting a free Film Making Workshop at the DDC from 10am to 3pm each day for ages 9-15.

Participants get to write a script and film it and get to take their own film home.

Get in quick and register your interest with Jo Jones on 9661 1805

Library News

The library has a great range of new resources thanks to Council's annual new stock budget allocation. There is something for everyone with a range of adult fiction and non-fiction, and children's' books and games. Come in and check them out.

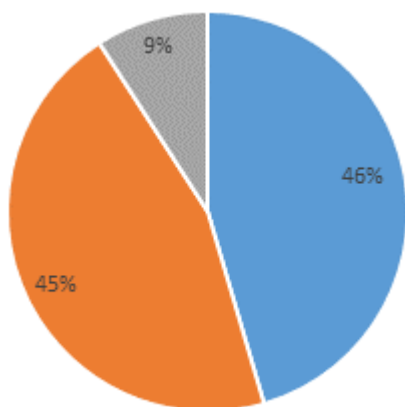
As we have mentioned previously, the State Library is heavily focussed on e-resources and a significant portion of all local libraries' funding goes into SLWA e-platforms and resources.

In the spirit of "if you can't beat them, join them" Dalwallinu Public library has also purchased a kindle so we can offer e-books and audio books. The kindle will be available to borrow on your library membership. Ask for more information when you visit the library.



Capital Projects

2021-2022 Capital Projects



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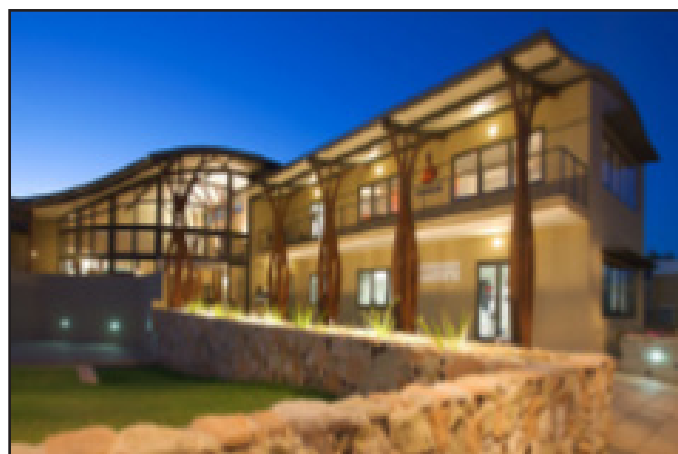
Dalwallinu Discovery Centre

The first Wildflower Country meeting for the year was held in Three Springs on 24 February 2022. The Shires of Irwin and Yalgoo are keen to re-join WFC and will be very welcome, especially throughout wildflower season when we have many visitors who are travelling the whole region in search of flowers.

Pindar in the shire of Yalgoo is especially popular for wreath flowers and it will be great to have some leverage from their tourism providers in return for the information and assistance we provide to tourists heading their way every season.


The long awaited Wildflower Country regional map and trails masterplans are getting closer. We have the finalised map and are just waiting for a decision to be made regarding size. Not long now!

A reminder that we are looking for community and sporting groups who would like to volunteer to open the DDC on weekends during wildflower season. Please contact Jo on 96611805 or drop in to the DDC to discuss what is involved, remuneration for your group and any other queries. It is an easy and fun way to raise funds for your group and to showcase our beautiful shire to visitors.





Mask Rules

Mask wearing is required for adults and children in Year 3 and above at all indoor public settings and at major stadiums.



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Gymnasium Prices

12 Month Annual Membership Paid Upfront (includes 10% discount)	\$702.00
6 Month Membership Paid Upfront	\$380.00
3 Month Membership Paid Upfront	\$195.00
12, 6 or 3 Month Membership Paid Monthly	\$ 65.00
12, 6 or 3 Month Membership Paid Fortnightly	\$ 30.00
Casual Weekly Membership Paid Upfront (Non Resident)	\$25.00
Access Fob One off fee	\$10.00
Replacement Access Fob Non – refundable	\$10.00
Visa/MasterCard 2.35%	\$ 0.44
Bank Dishonour Fee	\$21.90
Re Debit Fee	\$ 2.75



Amendment to Septic Tank Pump Outs & Sullage Collection Fees & Charges

The Shire of Dalwallinu advises that Council have approved an amendment to the Septic Tank Pump Outs & Sullage Collection Fees & Charges as follows:

		<u>Amended Fees & Charges</u> <u>2021-2022</u>
Septic Tank Pump Out		
Initial Charge		235.00
Septic Tank Pump out	Per tank	215.00
Sullage Waste Removal		
Initial Charge		235.00
Sullage Waste Removal Charge	Per 500 litres	38.00
Portable Toilet Pump Out		
Initial Charge		55.00

These amended fees will be effective from 1 March 2022.

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Level 2 public health measures

Effective 12.01am Thursday 3 March

Masks:



Mask-wearing required for adults and children in Years 3 and above at all indoor public settings and at major stadiums

Proof of vaccination:



Proof of vaccination requirements remain in place for a range of venues, businesses and events

Gatherings:



Home gatherings: 10 person limit

Weddings and funerals: 150 person limit and 2 square metre rule applies. No more than 10 people inside if held at a private residence



Public outdoor events: 500 person limit with the 2 square metre rule and mask-wearing

Private outdoor events held in a public space: 50 person limit

Venues & businesses:



2 square metre rule and 150 person capacity limit for fitness venues, museums and galleries, places of worship. Venues such as beauty salons and hairdressers remain limited to 2 square metre rule



Seated service only and 4 square metre rule for Crown Complex casino gaming floor



2 square metre rule and 150 person capacity limit with seated service only for nightclubs and hospitality venues

Community sport:



Indoors: no spectators except for parents or guardians, subject to venue requirements

Outdoors: no spectators except for parents or guardians

Entertainment venues and major stadiums:



50% capacity limit for entertainment venues such as theatres and cinemas, and for major stadiums

Health & care facilities:



Hospitals: no visitors, except for spouses, parents/carers, birth partners or for compassionate reasons

Aged and disability care: restricted to 2 visitors per resident per day

Higher education:



2 square metre rule and 150 person capacity limit for higher education facilities including TAFE, pathway colleges and English language schools

More information can be found at www.wa.gov.au

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Kalannie Community Meeting

to be held at

Kalannie Sports Club

Tuesday 22 March 2022

at 6.30pm

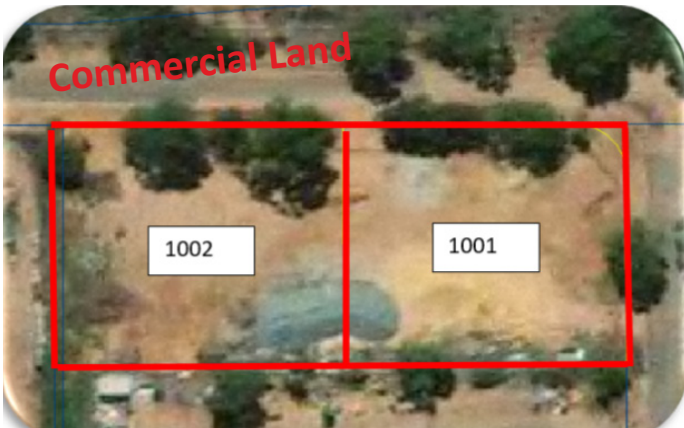
Councillors and Senior Staff will be in attendance



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Public Notices

Land for Sale 2 Residential & 5 Commercial Lots available



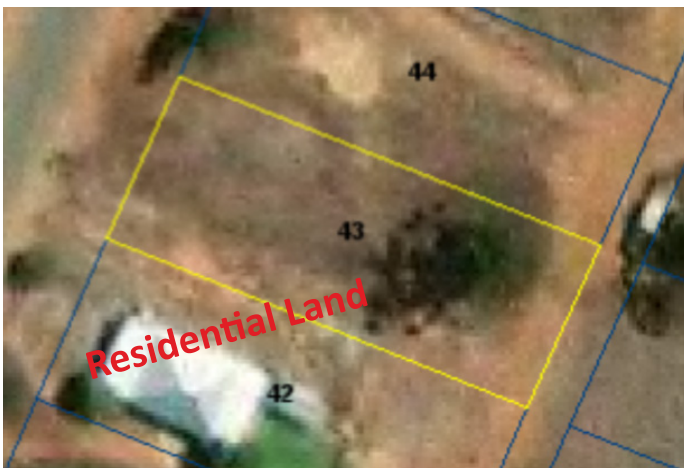
Address: Lot 1001 Deacon Street, Dalwallinu
Size: 2,600m² Price: \$165,000 (inc GST)
No offer necessarily accepted.

Further information specifying the conditions of sale is available from the Shire Office on 08 9661 0500 or email ceo@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au.

Address: Lot 1002 Roberts Road, Dalwallinu
Size: 2,599m² Price: \$165,000 (inc GST)
No offer necessarily accepted.



Address: Lot 572 Sawyer Avenue, Dalwallinu
Size: 893m² Price: **Accepting Offers**
(No deep sewerage available)



Address: Lot 43 (38) McConnell Street, Pithara
Size: 1,012m² Price: **Accepting Offers**
(No deep sewerage available)

General Hand

Total Package up to \$73,742 (dependent on experience)

An opportunity has arisen for a **General Hand**, to join our a supportive council team in delivering services to the community.

The position is offered on a full time casual basis which may lead to permanent employment. Housing is available at a subsidised rental (if required).

For an application package or any other information regarding the positions please contact Marc Bennett, Manager Works and Services on 9661 0500.

Applications including current resume should be sent to Mrs Jean Knight, Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Dalwallinu, PO Box 141, Dalwallinu, WA 6609 or by email to ceo@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au marked 'Private & Confidential' by 4pm, Monday 14 March 2022.

Jean Knight
Chief Executive Officer



Address: Lots 12, 13 & 14 McNeill Street, Dalwallinu
Size: 1,012m² Price: \$132,000 each (inclusive GST)
(Deep sewerage available)

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EMERGENCY WARNING

An out of control fire is approaching fast and you need to take immediate action to survive. If you haven't prepared your home it is too late.

You must seek shelter or leave now if it is safe to do so.



WATCH AND ACT

A fire is approaching and there is a possible threat to lives or homes. Put your plan into action. If your plan is to leave, make sure you leave early. If your plan is to stay, check all your equipment is ready.

Only stay and defend if you are mentally and physically prepared.



ADVICE

A fire has started but there is no immediate danger. Stay alert and watch for signs of a fire.

Be aware and keep up to date.

Where can I get information during an emergency?

 emergency.wa.gov.au  13 DFES (13 33 37)

 @dfeswa  @dfes_wa  Local ABC Radio



DFES
Department of Fire &
Emergency Services

P 9661 0500

F 9661 1097

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Shire of Dalwallinu

Proposed Local Law

The Shire of Dalwallinu Council has resolved to make a local law, the title, purpose and effect of which are outlined below:

- Title:** Shire of Dalwallinu Waste Local Law 2022
- Purpose:** The purpose of the draft local law is to provide for the regulation, control and management of activities and issues relating to waste collection, recycling, organics, reuse and disposal within the district of the Shire of Dalwallinu.
- Effect:** The effect of the draft local law is to control activities and manage influences of waste collection, recycling, organics, reuse and disposal within the district of the Shire of Dalwallinu.

A copy of the proposed local law may be inspected or obtained from the Shire's Administration Office or the Shire's website. Submissions about the proposed local law are invited

Submissions are to be lodged in writing to the Chief Executive Officer and provide contact details and the reasons for the submission. Submissions will be received until the close of business, Thursday 14 April 2022.

Jean Knight

Chief Executive Officer

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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 with your name, mobile number and township.



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.

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

**If you
See it
Report It !**



You can receive the Shire newsletter and other relevant information by email.

To register for this service please email your details to ea@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au.



You can also like us on facebook.
www.facebook.com/Shire-of-Dalwallinu

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council - 3:30pm Tuesday 22 March 2022

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



Your Elected Members

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Check out our website: 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

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