



Shire President Update



This is second edition of the monthly Shire President Report to provide a brief outline and summary of key activities undertaken by the Shire of Dumbleyung.

Increased GP Visits to Dumbleyung

The Shire of Dumbleyung is excited to announce that agreement has been reached between St Luke's Family Practice and the Shire for GP visits to Dumbleyung to be doubled to two visits per month. The visits are earmarked to commence from 1st April 2025 on the first and third

Tuesday of each month. Dr Prakash will become our new regular visiting GP taking over from Dr Patterson. A patient handover process will be undertaken as part of these new arrangements. The Dumbleyung Hospital has again kindly agreed to be the host site for these GP patient consultation visits.

Dumbleyung Swimming Pool Redevelopment

Minor project design modifications have been completed to better integrate the pool precinct drainage design into the pool redevelopment design for tender purposes. The Shire awaits the receipt of a Federal Government Grant Agreement to formalise access to the recently announced \$1.6M funding through the Growing Regions Program. It is a condition of funding that a grant recipient cannot commence a project (i.e. go to tender and award a contract) until a formal Grant Agreement is signed.

Stubbs Park Pavilion (Evacuation Centre) Redevelopment

Planning work continues with a number of specialist subconsultants appointed and mobilised to site to undertake studies to inform a final pre-tender detailed design for the Stubbs Park Pavilion Redevelopment Project. Once a final detailed design is completed and endorsed by the Project Working Group (& Shire Council), the project will be released for tender.

Kukerin Skatepark & Pump Track

The Shire of Dumbleyung has been successful in securing State Government approval to transfer land earmarked for the Kukerin Skatepark and Pump Track project to Shire of Dumbleyung control. This land reversioning process also included adjacent land currently being occupied by the Bouncy Pillow. Now that this land is under Shire of Dumbleyung control, work will recommence to seek a Quantity Surveyors (QS) estimate based on the previously approved Concept Design. Shire officer engagement has also commenced with Lotterywest as a potential grant funding contributor towards a final project. Other sources of project funding will also need to be identified.

Anzac Day Event

Our Shire Economic Development Officer Krissy Pearce, myself and Jill Clarke have been planning the upcoming Anzac Day service which will also include the launch of the new Dumbleyung Historical Book commemorating those local people who served their country in past wars. The official Service will commence at 11.30am at the Dumbleyung Anzac Memorial site on Absolon St with a complementary light lunch to follow at the District Club in Bennett St.

Stubbs Park & Nenke Park

BGL Solutions continue to provide support to the Shire of Dumbleyung in relation to oval reinstatement works at both Stubbs Park and Nenke Park. Once temperatures cool off in early April, Rye Grass will be planted to improve the health and appearance of both ovals for the forthcoming Winter sports season. Due to significant water limitations in Dumbleyung, scheme water is now being used to supplement required water quantity needs for oval irrigation purposes. The condition of both ovals will be continually monitored both during the coming months and leading into next Summer. In the meantime, the Shire is undertaking desilting activities at the main Town AA Dam in Dumbleyung. Dumbleyung Earthmoving are delivering these works with State Government grant funding support, through DWER.



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Director of Infrastructure

Our Shire Director of Infrastructure, Les Morgan will be leaving us at or prior to 30th June 2025. Les has been instrumental in the creation of an Australian first 50 Years Road Strategy which has transformed how the Shire goes about delivering road construction and maintenance tasks, including road prioritisation, levels of service, plant utilisation, labour resourcing and minimum levels of performance. The Shire also now has a better handle on the short and long terms costs of keeping its entire road network in a fit for purpose condition.

4WDL Strategic Plan

The Shire of Dumbleyung along with five other neighbouring LGAs form part of a 4WDL group of Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (VROC). At its most recent meeting held on 25th March 2025, 4WDL approved its new 2025-2028 Strategic Plan which has a Vision 'To improve community wellbeing and enhance liveable communities, focusing on growing local economies and residential populations.' Each member LGA has been given lead responsibility to focus on six strategic priorities as identified. The Shire of Dumbleyung is responsible for Key Worker Housing of which significant investigative and business case work has already progressed on this activity.

Joint Local Emergency Management Committee

The Shires of Dumbleyung, Lake Grace and Kent have agreed to join forces under the one Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC). This alignment makes sense particularly given all three LGAs currently share a Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM) position. The first meeting of the combined LEMC will be held on Thursday 27th March 2025 hosted at the Shire of Dumbleyung. There will be four LEMC meetings held each year, with meetings rotated between the three LGAs. The three LGAs have also been successful in securing a State Government grant to undertake a full review of their Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) with a Community Workshop to inform LEMA inputs confirmed for 6-7.30pm on Thursday 27th March 2025 at Stubbs Park Pavilion Dumbleyung.

OAG Road Maintenance Audit

The Shire of Dumbleyung was selected by the Office of Auditor General (OAG) to participate in a performance audit focusing on the maintenance (and construction) of local government roads. There were three other regional LGAs selected in the audit process including the City of Greater Geraldton, Shire of Derby / West Kimberley and the Shire of Manjimup. The audit included a visit by OAG auditors to Dumbleyung and a review of the Shire's road network including the recent Council adoption of the Shire of Dumbleyung 50 Year Roads Strategy. Further audit review findings are pending.

AusGold Ltd

AusGold Ltd are an emerging miner looking to (re)develop the Badgebup site into a major gold mining and production operation. AusGold are located centrally between the three Shires of Katanning, Kent and Dumbleyung and are currently finalising a Bankable Feasibility Study to confirm the projects economic and financial potential prior to making a Final Investment Decision. The three LGAs recently met to consider key outcomes required by the Shires as part of a future mining operation. It is envisaged that a joint letter will be sent by the three LGAs confirming this joint position for AusGold consideration.



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Risk Management Workshop

Shire Councillors and senior staff participated in a joint Risk Management Workshop on Thursday 20th March 2025 facilitated by Stantons. This session provided a wonderful opportunity for participants to gain increased knowledge and understanding of the importance of Risk Management and included consideration of key strategic risks faced by the Shire including potential risk mitigation measures. A final Shire of Dumbleyung Risk Management Plan will be established that identifies these key strategic risks to ensure that these matters are kept on the agenda for consideration at all future Shire of Dumbleyung Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meetings.

Lake Dumbleyung Walk & Bike Trail Masterplan

Quick reminder that community feedback on the draft Lake Dumbleyung Walk & Bike Trail Masterplan closes 4pm on Friday 28th March 2025. The Shire has already received a number of submissions in response to the draft masterplan and is keen to receive as many more as possible. Once the submission timeline closes, the Shire will consolidate all responses for informal consideration by Councillors following the April Council Meeting.

National Local Government Awards 2025

The Shire of Dumbleyung is nominated in two categories for the 2025 National Awards for Local Government. One is under Productivity through Infrastructure for its 50 Year Road Strategy and the other is under Environmental Sustainability for the trial Desalination Project. To find out more about these nominations please visit the following online platform link and logon at the National Awards website at [National Awards for Local Government](#). This is a popularity contest and process, so the more votes wins. Voting closes on Monday 28th April 2025.

Adjusted Council Meeting Times

Please note that the start times for all remaining Council Meetings in 2025 has moved to 4.30pm, with a pre-meeting Agenda Forum commencing at 3.30pm to provide Councillors with an opportunity to informally consider and ask questions of particular agenda items prior to the actual meeting.