



Shire President Update



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

Dumbleyung Swimming Pool Redevelopment Project

To coincide with our recent 18 Sep 2025 Council Meeting, Councillors and Executive staff met with the two key contractors that have tendered for the Dumbleyung Swimming Pool Redevelopment Project. The purpose of this meeting was for both tenderers to present their proposal and to enable an open Q&A process to follow. This provided a very valuable opportunity for the Shire to collate additional information in relation to both proposals including each contractors project delivery intent and methodology. A formal Council agenda item recommending a preferred tenderer selection will now be prepared by the Shire Executive for consideration at the next 16 Oct 2025 Council meeting.

Local Government Elections

Local Government elections will be held in the Shire of Dumbleyung for the first time in over 20 years. At the close of nominations, five nominations were received for four available Councillor positions. The WA Electoral Commission is conducting the election process on behalf of the Shire of Dumbleyung. This year's local government election will be held by postal vote. If you are an eligible voter, please look out in the mail for your voting pack. This information also includes the submitted profile for each of the nominees. The voting process is also explained. The actual vote count will be held in the Dumbleyung Council Chambers following the closure of voting at 6pm on Saturday 18 October 2025. I wish all nominees the very best.

Shire Water

Recent rains have delivered some much needed replenishment of water to all our key Shire dams. At this stage, we should have enough water stored to get through the approaching summer period for both community and economic (including road building) use. Shire staff will instigate an ongoing monitoring process to ensure that this important resource is carefully managed and deployed. As part of this process, the Shire has reached agreement with Bunge to access some of their onsite dam water storage to assist with forthcoming Shire roadwork activities. Shire staff will actively fill the Dumbleyung Emergency storage tank whilst undertaking roadworks in the area.

2025 WALGA Local Government Convention

The Shire CEO and I both recently attended the annual 2025 WALGA Local Government Convention held at the Perth Conference & Exhibition Centre on 23/24 Sep 2025. This is an important event that brings together LGAs from right across Western Australia to discuss issues of common relevance and importance to the local government sector. Our local voluntary regional organisation of Councils (4WDL) also met for an annual networking and dinner event. Whilst in Perth, we both attended a CEDA organized forum titled Addressing the Housing Crisis, Western Australia. The Minister for Housing Hon John Carey MLA presented at this event and provided an outline of existing and new State Government funded programs targeting intervention activities aiming to increasing housing supply options across the State. At the LG Convention, I also met with the Department of Housing to pitch our 4WDL business case for increased State Government funding assistance to offset the market failure issues restricting private access to external finance in enable new housing investment.

Cuppa with a Councillor – October Event

Just a friendly reminder that the next Cuppa with a Councillor event will take place at the Dumbleyung CRC from 9-10am on Thurs 16 Oct 2025. I will be joined by two key Shire Executive Directors, (new) Director of Infrastructure Craif Elefsen and Director of Corporate Services Danika Watkins. Craig and Danika are great operators and wonderful people. This represents an opportunity for interested people to come and meet Craig and Danika and have a general discussion around various Shire related matters.



CBH Dumbleyung Terminal Expansion

The Shire has commenced a public advertising process seeking feedback on a CBH Development Application proposal to establish expanded grain storage capacity at the Dumbleyung terminal. With the 2025 harvest fast approaching, CBH has also sought and received Shire approval to install temporary storage facilities on site to accommodate anticipated demand. This Shire approval is conditional on CBH seeking and receiving formal Shire Council endorsement for the temporary development to become permanent fixtures, which is subject to the aforementioned advertising process.

Dumbleyung Sewer Maintenance Works

The Shire has undertaken significant maintenance works to the Dumbleyung sewer system with the replacement of a number of sewer pit lids across the townsite. These lids provide an access point to allow monitoring, periodic inspections and maintenance functions to be performed at designated sections throughout the system. Most of these replacement works have been completed with a few additional pit lids ordered to complete the task.

Dumbleyung Landcare Funding Update

The Shire of Dumbleyung participated in a joint bid, led by Katanning Landcare Inc, to seek Federal Government grant funding to support the ongoing operations of Landcare groups in neighbouring communities. The purpose of the application was to secure funds to allow for dedicated human resources to be appointed (employed) to support Landcare functions and potential project funding submissions. Unfortunately Katanning Landcare has recently been advised by the Federal Government that this grant funding submission was unsuccessful.

Shire Plant Purchases

Aligned to the Shire of Dumbleyung adopted FY26 budget, procurement activities have been completed to purchase a new WesTrac supplied Front End Loader and a Mack Anthem provided truck with a Haulmore supplied side tipper. The next anticipated major plant purchase for the Shire of Dumbleyung is a new Water Tanker. This procurement activity is pending the execution of a Grant Agreement with the State Government to unlock \$100K in grant funds towards a circa \$150K plant purchase.

