



Shire President Update



This is the 8th edition of the monthly Shire President Report to provide a brief outline and summary of recent activities undertaken by the Shire of Dumbleyung.

2025 Local Government Election Results

The recently completed 2025 local government elections saw the Shire of Dumbleyung go to the polls for the first time in 20 years! At the close of nominations, five eligible nominations were received for four available positions. Following the election process, David (Bushy) Head, Ben Stangoni, Marilyn Haselby and Freyja Melling were all successfully voted onto the Dumbleyung Shire Council. These people will be joined on Council by existing Councillors, Cr Emily Edwards, Cr Catherine Watkins and myself. Congratulations to our new Councillors. I

would like to acknowledge retiring Councillors Grant Lukins, Bevan Doney and Kevin Powell for the enormous contributions each of them has made to Council.

Dumbleyung Swimming Pool Redevelopment Project

In a major landmark decision, Council resolved at Thursday's meeting to accept a \$5.5M alternate tender submitted by Wet Deck Pools for the redevelopment of the Dumbleyung Swimming Pool. For further information, please refer to the following link [Shire of Dumbleyung | POOL](#). Discussions have already commenced with Wet Deck Pools on final changes required to the Concept Design. A final agreed Concept Design then leads into Detailed Design project planning. The Shire will also initiate negotiations with Wet Deck Pools on the commercial elements for the project to enable a final construction contract to be executed (signed) between the parties. Construction timeframes will become clearer once these project planning and contractual arrangements have been finalised.



Dumbleyung Family Day Care Services

All dwelling modifications to the Shire owned Tunney St residence have now been completed to make the venue compliant to operate as a much needed Family Day Care service site. The Shire has now called for interested applicants to run this standalone self-operated service. To entice a suitable candidate, the Shire is offering rent free use of the residence as both a home and a day care service. This is conditional on the resident operator being qualified and providing a full time service. Applications close at 5pm on Friday 14th November 2025. If you know of anyone that might be interested in taking on this important role, please reach out to them. We're hopeful that a service provider can be found in readiness for the start of the 2026 school year.

Strategic Community Plan Update

On Thursday's Council meeting we also considered progress on implementation of the 2022-2032 Strategic Community Plan. These updates are formally considered quarterly by Council and are available to the public in our published agenda and minutes. Being a 10 year plan, each area of strategic activity has its own development agenda with significant work undertaken and/or earmarked to deliver a really positive shift in the economic and social wellbeing of our current and future community. Given the size of some of these project activities, most will require higher level Federal and/or State Government involvement for the provision of capital grant funding to support delivery. The Shire continues to work closely and cooperatively with its (mainly) key State Government partners to progress each initiative. We are trying to balance everyday operational activities with positive economic growth initiatives.



Dumbleyung Community Pre-Season Bushfire Day

A successful inaugural Dumbleyung Community Pre-Season Bushfire Day was held at Stubbs Park on Saturday 4 October 2025. This was a Shire initiated event designed to bring together the community, local brigades, emergency services and industry agencies to raise awareness on bushfire preparedness, fundraise and recruit new volunteers, network and connect, all in a relaxed and family friendly environment. Despite the weather, people that attended enjoyed the day with positive feedback provided. My thanks goes to everyone that organised and participated in the day.

Shire of Dumbleyung Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting

A Shire of Dumbleyung Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) Meeting was held in Moulyinning on Wednesday 15 October 2025. The agenda had a focus on changes to the State Government Hazard Management Plan and the updated minimum training requirements for volunteer firefighters. 1 April 2026 has been set for local brigade members who haven't yet completed the minimum training requirements, to have these completed by this deadline. Discussion also entailed on plans to establish a new Fire Shed in Kukerin resulting from a successful \$528K grant application secured by the Shire of Dumbleyung through the State Government (DFES). Discussion also ensued on the approaching bushfire season and the need to ensure that local residents and landowners had appropriate bushfire breaks in place on their properties.

Anglo American Drilling Exploration Campaign

Anglo American has met with the Shire officers informing of their intent to undertake a three week drilling exploration campaign at Tarin Rock land area sites located east of Kukerin within the Shire of Dumbleyung boundary. Anglo will appoint specific drilling contractors to undertake this drilling task. The contractors are expected to stay at the Kukerin Caravan Park for the duration of their visit commencing in November 2025. Anglo is exploring for base metals (nickel, copper) and the drilling operation comprises seven drill holes on cleared farm land with the approval of landowners. Drilled samples will then be returned to Perth for analysis. If displaying the characteristics of a mineralised system, further drilling may be planned for 2026.

Shire of Dumbleyung Citizen of The Year Award

Nominations have now opened for the Shire of Dumbleyung Citizen of the Year Award. If you know someone who makes our community a better place or a local community group that does amazing things, nominate them for the 2026 Shire of Dumbleyung Citizen or Community Group of the Year Award. Nominations will close at 4pm on Monday 1 December 2025. The winners will be announced at the Shire of Dumbleyung 2026 Australia Day Event which will be held in Kukerin on Monday 26 January 2026.

Shire CEO Recruitment

Council attention is being turned to the recruitment of a new CEO for the Shire of Dumbleyung. With the incumbent CEO's 5 year contract tenure coming to an end late June 2026, effort must commence now to set up an appropriate recruitment function to try and secure a replacement CEO by this departure date. As in the past, Council is opting to use external professional advisory firms to support us in this important recruitment task. At last week's meeting, Councillors considered and shortlisted two potential recruitment companies for further interview consideration. These interviews will take place to coincide with the next 20 November 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.