

FEBRUARY 2025

2025 Australia Day BBQ

Breakfast & Citizenship Ceremony

This year on Australia Day the Shire welcomed four (4) new Australian citizens. Family and friends were on hand to witness them take the Pledge of Allegiance to Australia.

The ceremony was held after the annual Australia Day BBQ breakfast hosted by the Shire. Numbers were slightly down on last year's attendance but the atmosphere was just as welcoming to our newest citizens.

Following the ceremony several

of the new Australians made very moving speeches to the crowd.

In attendance were several of the Shire Councillors as well as Mr Graham Sanderson a Freeman of the Shire of Dalwallinu. He was accompanied by his wife Joy.

CEO Jean Knight cooked the BBQ assisted by Cr Shannon Dawson and Kiwi (Greg Whitehead), with many other Council staff members pitching in to help with the setup for the day.

Thanks also to Sarah Dawson for her assistance.

Special mention to Kim Johnson who had the pool and grounds looking amazing and did a fantastic job of making the whole area very festive and welcoming.

There were no Australia Day Citizens Awards presented as no-one was nominated in any category this year.



Carlo Prado, Caila Fernandez, Alain Lim, Shire President Cr Keith Carter & Mrs Duyen Dyer



Carl Prado addressing the crowd

2025 Student Immersion Program - Hosts Needed

In 2023 the Shire entered into a joint program with Rural Health West to host Curtin Medical Students within the Shire for 3 nights annually.

This has involved introducing the students to the community of Dalwallinu and giving them an insight into rural living with the aim of encouraging them to consider spending some time in the country practising medicine once they are qualified. This program has been running throughout Western

Australia for almost twenty years with many different Shires being involved. This program has proven effective in "opening the eyes and ears" of our newest medical professionals and giving them the knowledge that rural does not necessarily mean isolated.

We have some stories from previous hosts inside this edition as well as reactions from some of the students. We are seeking placements for the last two

students and if you have a spare bed from Tuesday 12 March to Friday 14 March we urge you to consider "hosting" either 1 or 2 students in your home.

Please contact Deb Whitehead on 0409 931 407 if you are interested and to discuss what is involved.



Place of wheat and wattle....

CEO Chit Chat

Happy New Year!

Congratulations to our four (4) new Australian Citizens and thank you to those that attended the Annual Australia Day breakfast.

Numbers were down but that was expected given the day falling in the middle of a long weekend along with the extended power outage which didn't encourage locals to stay in town.

The release of both the residential and industrial lots is imminent. Brad King from Nutrien Harcourts is the agent that has been appointed. If you have any queries, please contact him.

Our works program is back in full swing with several road projects commencing this month.

Congratulations to our Manager Works & Services for completing the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network ahead of schedule and on budget. We have two (2) more years of this funding remaining.

The emergency accommodation unit that will be placed at the rear of 68 Annetts Rd is under construction with completion due by March 2025.

Planning for the additional two (2) homes on the same lot has commenced with TR Homes with these expected to be completed by August 2025.

We have finalised our plans for the Community Celebration Day which is being held on Saturday 15 March 2025.

Please spread the word as it would be great to have as many of the Shire of Dalwallinu community in attendance as possible. Free food, entertainment and activities. What more could you ask for?

Just a reminder to the community to follow the Shire of Dalwallinu Facebook page. We do advertise on our website and in the TL and Kapers, however the easiest way to follow any news from the Shire is to follow our page.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, Jean Knight

Remember we now have a weather widget on our website. Follow this link to view it.
<https://www.dalwallinu.wa.gov.au/>

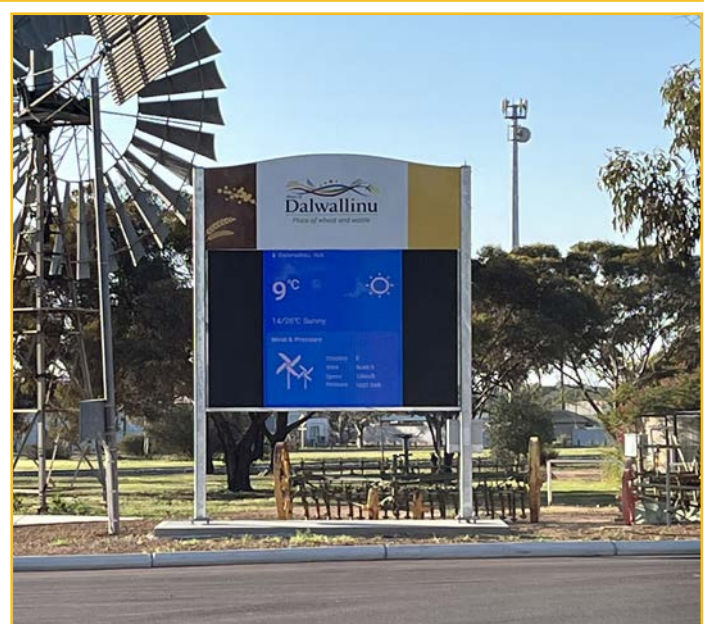


FIRE DANGER RATINGS

MODERATE	PLAN AND PREPARE
HIGH	BE READY TO ACT
EXTREME	TAKE ACTION NOW
CATASTROPHIC	LEAVE BUSHFIRE RISK AREAS

For your current local fire danger rating and more information, visit emergency.wa.gov.au

A grid of promotional graphics for the Community Celebration Day on Saturday, 15 March 2025. The graphics feature the text 'SAVE THE DATE' and 'COMMUNITY CELEBRATION DAY' in various colors and orientations, along with the Shire of Dalwallinu logo and the slogan 'GET READY!'.



Place of wheat and wattle....



A Word from the Shire President

Happy New Year to everybody. One month of 2025 has gone already.

Australia Day

Good to see the community come out to celebrate another great Australia Day breakfast. Thank you very much to Jean and Deb for their catering skills and cooking by Jean, Shannon and Kiwi on Sunday morning.

Citizenship Ceremony

Once again we were able to welcome new citizens to our country with four new Australians pledging allegiance. This helps to make Australia Day even more memorable and it is a ceremony that not a lot of country shire councils get the pleasure to officiate. It was great to see former Councillor and Freeman of the Shire Mr Graham Sanderson and his wife Joy in attendance.

Dalwallinu Townsite

One thing I noticed coming into Dalwallinu on Sunday morning was how good the town gardens and lawns look. Also at the Recreation Centre the lawns and barbecue area is looking great. Well done to the staff and special note to

Kevin who I noticed watering the Main Street at 7.15am on Sunday morning. Not easy when it is so hot.

Harvest and roads

Harvest is completed for another season and generally it has seen good yields. The quality downgrades due to rain and small grain was unfortunate. Even though we dreaded the sprouting and falling numbers CBH are to be commended for being proactive and having grade stacks available to accept the crop.

The production achieved from such a late start and short growing season are a credit to our farming practices and attention to detail.

Along with these tonnages comes some road damage and the maintenance grading is continuing but with such dry hot conditions only so much can be achieved. Remember to please be patient.

Power Outage

The prolonged power outage which commenced early on the Saturday before Australia Day and continued until the Tuesday after, was very



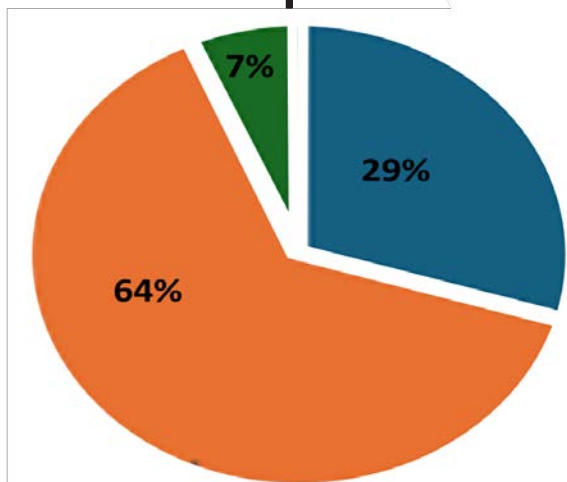
Cr Keith Carter, SHIRE PRESIDENT

inconvenient with many families away. Many generators were running for days. It was particularly hard with the heat we experienced over the weekend.

A big thank you to Jean and Marc for opening up the Recreation Centre for people who don't have access to a generator. It can be so important to be able to cool off and also to charge phones and other essential devices.

There will be a few more questions asked about Western Power ongoing maintenance, or the lack thereof.

Capital Projects 2024 - 2025



Commenced 29%



Completed 64%



Not Commenced 7%

Place of wheat and wattle....

2024 Christmas Street Party

The 2024 Street Party was another very successful night, particularly for the children of Dalwallinu who are always the biggest winners. Santa made an appearance and distributed many gifts to the children. Events such as this, never happen without lots of planning and hard work in the preparation and without many volunteers. Thank you to everyone involved who make this event so memorable every year.



Place of wheat and wattle....

Public Notices



Notice of Annual General Meeting of Electors and Availability of the 2023-2024 Annual Report

Electors of the Shire of Dalwallinu are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of Electors to be held on **Tuesday, 4 February 2025** at the **Shire of Dalwallinu Council Chambers, 58 Johnston Street, Dalwallinu** commencing at **6.00pm**.

An Elector is entitled, but not required, to vote on matters raised at the meeting.

The order of business will be:

1. Attendance and Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meeting (6 February 2024)
3. Reports
 - (i) Shire President's Report
 - (ii) Chief Executive Officer's Report
 - (iii) 2023-2024 Financial Report
 - (iv) Auditors Report
4. General Business

Copies of the Annual Report including the Financial Statements are available on the Shire's website (www.dalwallinu.wa.gov.au); or by contacting Administration on (08) 9661 0500 to have a copy emailed or mailed to you.

Proposed motions must be provided in writing to the Shire Administration by **12noon on Monday, 27 January 2025.**

Jean Knight
Chief Executive Officer

Place of wheat and wattle....

Shire Works



*Leahy Street
Southern Side*



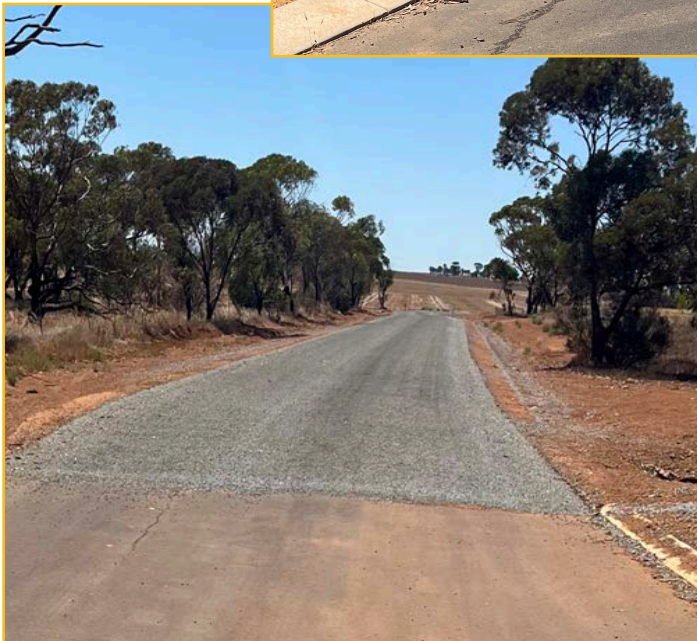
*Leahy Street
Northern side*



Owens Avenue Footpath

*Continuation of Seal on
Annetts Road*

*Extension of
Industrial Subdivison*



Place of wheat and wattle....

Student Immersion Program - The Host's Perspective

Gary & Kerry Butcher

March 2024 was our second year hosting student doctors from Curtin University. The students arrive on Tuesday afternoon and are picked up by their host families.

As a host family you provide accommodation, evening meals and a packed lunch for the following day's activities. You drop off and collect the students at the discovery centre each day. A schedule is provided for the students activities.

What did we gain as a host family?

The primary reason for this week in the country is to give them the opportunity to taste the country lifestyle, talk to those who live here, ask questions about our work, recreation, and town.

Hopefully, by the end of their three days in our district we will

Irene Mills AM

I think the key messages to send is, having students stay we are offering them an introduction to rural life along with rewarding professional opportunities.

The opportunities go two ways with exchange of experiences, rural, verses urban.

As a host family, it is always interesting and rewarding to have another family's sons or daughters about to start the next stage of their life.

We can share with them the positives of living and working in a rural area.

I have had students for the last two years now, and I think I learn as much from them as they do from me. Having the energy and

have planted a small seed that one day may grow to be a new health professional that considers working in the rural regions.

Our 16 year old granddaughter Elizabeth Davis taught our two docklings (Abhilash and Param) how to pack their own lunch's. In return they gave insights to Elizabeth into the transition from high school to university. Win win.

My favourite story is from another couple of students doctors hosted by another family who told "We piled into the ute and drove into the middle of the farm where our host switched the lights off and we stared into space. We saw the stars and heard the silence "

Another student said "I never knew how much volunteers do in a country community it seems you know everyone in your community

enthusiasm of students embarking on their life chosen journey is always a delight.

A far more rewarding reason is, hopefully some of these students will ultimately choose to 'go rural' once qualified, learning from the great experience they had while in Dalwallinu.

Charles & Gwen Hyde

We hosted two students in 2023 and found them very easy to accommodate.

They were very friendly and fitted into the family life very well.

Cr Di Cream & Jeff Cream

We have had students stay in 2023 and 2024.

Both girls were easy going and fitted into the family life very

and have great pride in your older generations."

After a tour of our hospital one student said "you really do look after your elderly and your community". It was the first time any of the students had a back-room tour of a hospital.

I can't recommend enough the great experience we have as a host family of student doctors. Give it a try, you won't regret it.



Abhilash and Param conversing with Elizabeth.

well and our daily routine.

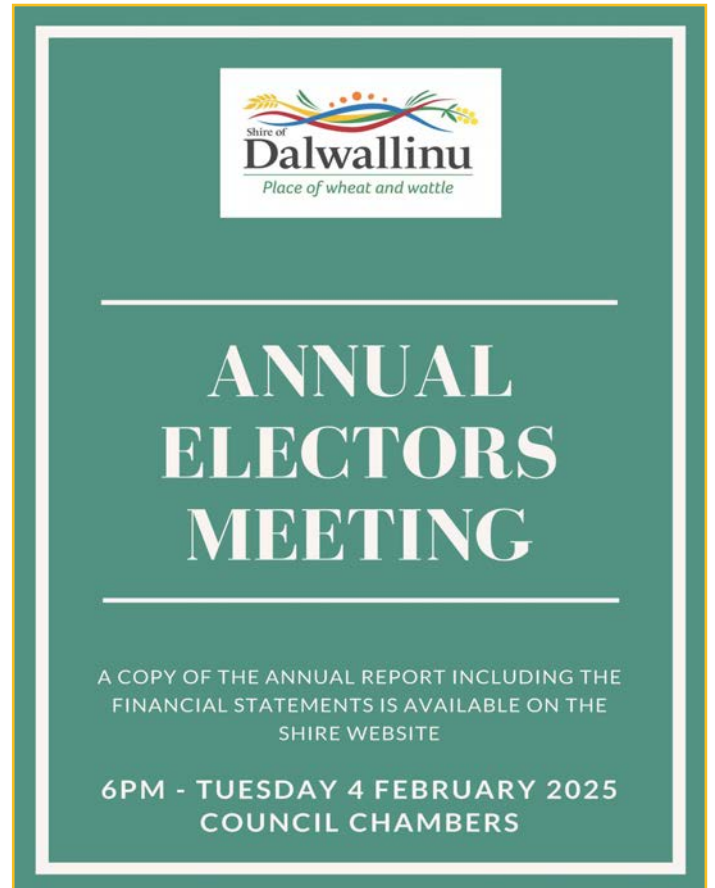
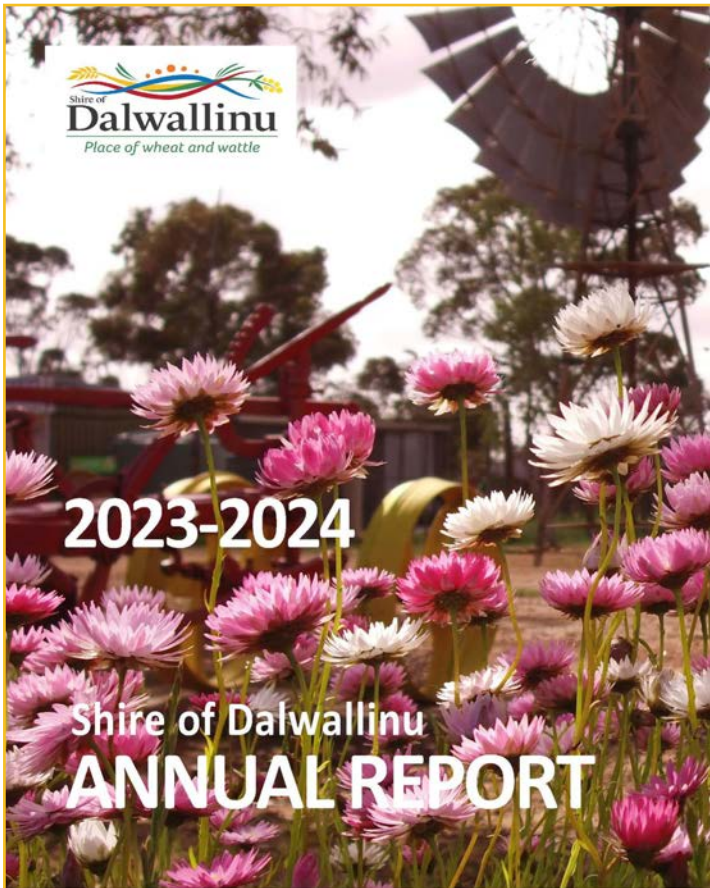
They both were very impressed with the experiences they had while in Dalwallinu.

Both students spoke positively about looking into maybe practising medicine in the country after their Dally experience.



Place of wheat and wattle....

Public Notices



Department of Transport Licensing Hours

Monday to Friday

from 8.30am to 4.00pm



The Shire of Dalwallinu offer licensing facilities on behalf of the Department of Transport. The licensing hours are set by the Department of Transport.

Please ensure you attend the offices early and allow adequate time for processing of your paperwork as the Department of Transport Licensing computers close at 4pm.

Shire staff do not have access after that time to Licensing computers.

If you wish to contact the Department of Licensing their number is **13 11 56** and their website is <https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/licensing.asp>

Containers for Change New Location

The Containers for Change collection point is at the Dalwallinu Recreation Centre (near old tennis courts).

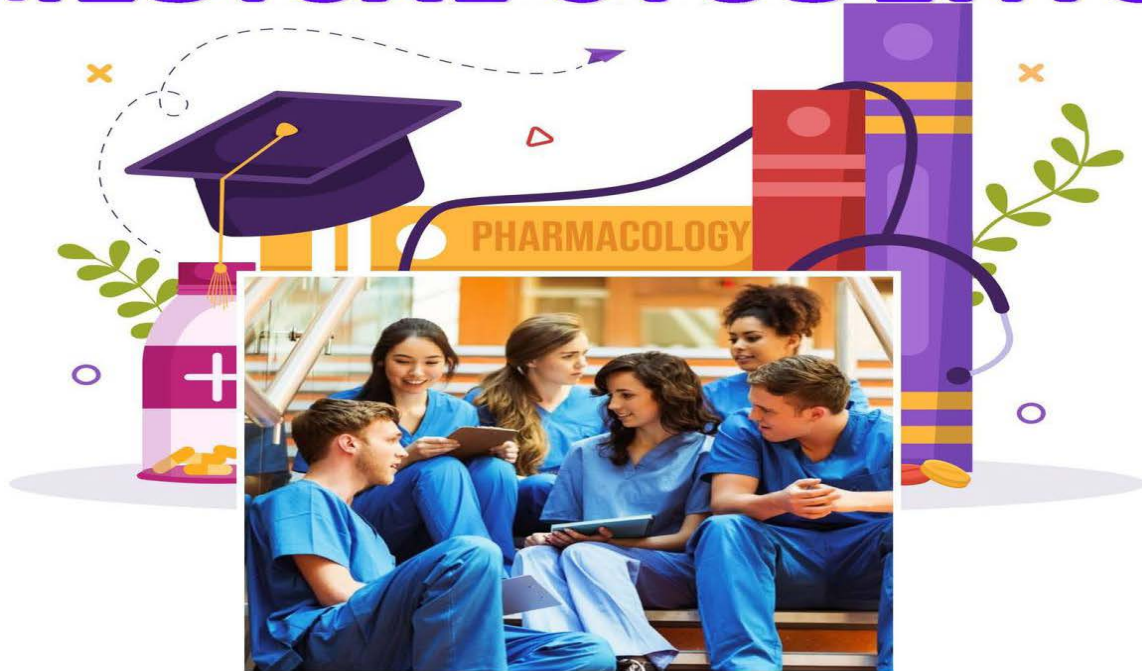


Place of wheat and wattle....



Host Families Urgently Needed

MEDICAL STUDENTS



We are urgently seeking host families for 3 nights only.

Tuesday 11 March to Friday 14 March 2025

We seek to secure host families to enable the valuable collaboration with Rural Health West, Curtin University and the Shire to continue.

The previous two years have been exceptional in highlighting to medical students what is available in the rural regions.

Your participation could result in a student choosing to work in the rural sector rather than remain in the urban areas of Perth.

If you have space for one or two students for 3 nights please call Deb on 0409 931 407 to find out more information.

Since 2023 the Shire of Dalwallinu have entered into a joint program with Rural Health West to host Curtin Medical Students within the Shire for a 3 day visit. This is an initiative that has been operating throughout Western Australia for many years.

Do you have a spare bed for 3 nights in March? It is Tuesday to Thursday nights so if you have children at boarding school and a spare bed then this may be something you could consider. It will be a rewarding experience for all involved as former hosts can attest to.

Curtin prefers that the students are placed in pairs but if you only have one bed spare, it is fine to take just one student. Please consider becoming a "host" family. Call Deb on 0409 931 407 to discuss this matter. We are urgently needing placement for the last 2 students.

Place of wheat and wattle....

Public Notices



COMMUNITY Celebration Day

SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2025
DALWALLINU RECREATION CENTRE
FROM 4PM TO LATE



RFT 2425-07 Upgrades to Dalwallinu Aquatic Centre

The Shire of Dalwallinu is inviting proposals from suitably qualified contractors to undertake upgrades at the Dalwallinu Aquatic Centre (removal and replacement of 25m pool liner and associated PVC pipework).

All requests for tender documentation can be directed to Jean Knight via email ceo@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au.

All tenders must be received prior to the tender deadline, contained in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with the tender number and tender name and lodged in the tender box situated in the office of Shire of Dalwallinu, 58 Johnston Street, Dalwallinu WA 6609, by post to PO Box 141 Dalwallinu 6609 or emailed to tenders@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au.

Tenders close at 2pm, Friday 7 February 2025.

Jean Knight
Chief Executive Officer

Place of wheat and wattle....

Dalwallinu Aquatic Centre - Dive In Movie Night

Only two weeks until the BIG EVENT! - RUNT!!!

The Shire of Dalwallinu with sponsorship from the RLSSWA Watch Around Water Campaign will be presenting a premiere event - Dive in Movie. Bring the whole family and get along to this great night. Tickets are \$6.00 and there is a buy one, get one free for 42 tickets. Bring your lilo and your floaties and enjoy RUNT, our first movie of the year on the BIG screen. Tickets are selling fast so don't miss your opportunity to secure a free ticket.

The poster features a vibrant blue background with water splashes and bubbles. At the top, the text 'Dive-in' is written in a white, cursive font with a red outline. Below it, the word 'MOVIE' is in large, bold, red letters with a yellow and white outline. Underneath 'MOVIE', the word 'Night' is written in a white, cursive font with a red outline. In the center, a group of people, including a young girl, a man, and a woman, are smiling. In the foreground, a large, fluffy dog named Runt is looking towards the viewer. At the bottom left, the word 'RUNT' is written in large, orange letters with a black outline. At the bottom right, there is a graphic that says 'BUY 1 GET FREE 1' in white and red text.

**WATCH
AROUND
WATER**



ROYAL LIFE SAVING
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Shire of
Dalwallinu
Place of wheat and wattle

Place of wheat and wattle....

Reminder - Next Rates Instalment - 4 March 2025

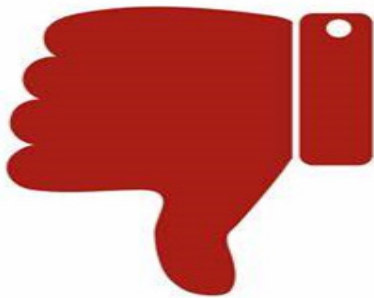


The fourth and final Rates Instalment for 2024/2025 is due for payment in full by 4 March 2025. Make a note of this date.

If you have any queries regarding your rates or if you are having issues with payment please contact the Shire's Rates Officer Christie Andrews on 9661 0500 or email her at rates@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au before the due date.



Thumbs Down



To the Tagger in Town who thinks it OK to deface Shire property with Tags. These are criminal acts.



Tagging!!!

**It's not OK.
If you see it
Report it**

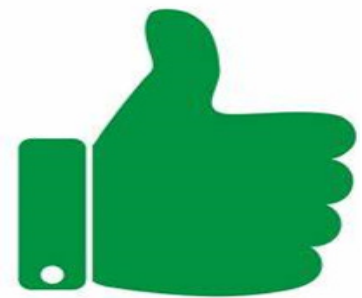


Vandalism costs Shires throughout Australia millions of dollars each year.

Every cent spent repairing infrastructure that has been vandalised is money not able to be spent improving our current services.

If you see something, please report it to the Shire. Call 9661 0500 or email shire@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au.

Thumbs Up



To the Lions Club and Shire staff who happily give of themselves to ensure that the children of Dalwallinu get to enjoy a fantastic Christmas Street party every year.

Well done to Jean and the Shire team, and Kathy and the Lions Club Members.

Volunteer Bushfire Registrations

With fire season upon us, to ensure we comply with WHS and Shire processes, please ensure that you are a Registered Volunteer with the Shire of Dalwallinu and have undertaken the Shire induction. The registration process is in two parts. The PART A online registration takes up to 10 minutes and the PART B Shire induction takes about 5 minutes.

We urge you to find 15 minutes of your time and complete these registrations to ensure you are compliant when attending fires. The registration also provides you with PPE. Registration is an important part of the Volunteer process. Please contact Hanna Jolly at the Shire for further information on (08) 9661 0500 or email her at mcs@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au.



Place of wheat and wattle....



SMS Register for Emergency Purposes – Townsites



Do you reside in Buntine, Dalwallinu, Kalannie, Pithara or Wubin? Would you like your mobile number to be added to SMS register for emergency messaging purposes?

SMS services could be used for purposes such as evacuation of the area, extreme weather warnings, road closures etc. This register does not include harvest ban information.

To register – please contact Shire Administration 08 9661 0500 or sfo@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au with your name, address and mobile number.

This is **NOT** the same register used for Harvest Bans.

All Emergency Alerts & Warnings
Visit Emergency WA
<https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au>



Be Wise  Sterilise

Do you need help to sterilise your pets?

RSPCA WA will pay up to 75% of the cost to sterilise your dog or cat

rspcawa.org.au/bewise

T&Cs apply



BUSHFIRE ADVICE





For current warnings visit emergency.wa.gov.au




Red plate. One mate.

Red P-plate Passenger Restrictions and Exemptions






Restrictions

- 1 Ordinary Passenger
- Red P-plate drivers may carry only one ordinary passenger.
- This passenger can be of any age or driver's licence status.



Exemptions

- Experienced Driver**
 - A driver who has held a full C-class licence for at least four years (beyond P period).
 - If an experienced driver is present, then additional ordinary passengers are permitted.
- Immediate Family Members**
 - Additional passengers are permitted if they are immediate family members (see transport.wa.gov.au/redplateonemate for definition).
 - One ordinary passenger is also permitted.
- Employment Requirements**
 - Additional passengers are permitted if required to be carried for the Red P-plate driver's employment (paid or unpaid).
 - Driver must carry and produce, on request, a letter signed by their employer, confirming requirements.



Download an employer exemption letter template: [Q Red plate one mate](#)

Place of wheat and wattle....

2024 - 2025 Recycle Calendar

July 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

October 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

November 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

January 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

April 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

May 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Recycle Days	
	Wubin, Buntine & Kalannie
	Dalwallinu & Pithara
	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 changes to the general waste service in Buntine, Wubin and Kalannie over the Christmas Period.

Place of wheat and wattle....



2025 COUNCIL MEETINGS



Shire of Dalwallinu Ordinary Council Meetings will be held on the following dates and times unless otherwise advised.

Please note the 22 April 2025 OCM in Kalannie will commence at 4.00pm.

DATE	DAY	TIME	PLACE
25 February 2025	Tuesday	3.30pm	Council Chambers
25 March 2025	Tuesday	3.30pm	Council Chambers
22 April 2025	Tuesday	4.00pm	Kalannie Sport & Recreation Club
27 May 2025	Tuesday	3.30pm	Council Chambers
24 June 2025	Tuesday	3.30pm	Council Chambers
22 July 2025	Tuesday	3.30pm	Council Chambers
26 August 2025	Tuesday	3.30pm	Council Chambers
30 September 2025	Tuesday	3.30pm	Council Chambers
28 October 2025	Tuesday	3.30pm	Council Chambers
25 November 2025	Tuesday	3.30pm	Council Chambers
16 December 2025	Tuesday	3.30pm	Council Chambers

Chief Executive Officer
Jean Knight

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council - 3:30pm Tuesday 25 February 2025

Shire of Dalwallinu Council Chambers, 58 Johnston Street, Dalwallinu WA 6609

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

The public are invited to attend any Ordinary Council Meeting to ask questions of the Shire & Councillors. Ordinary Council Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except January) commencing at 3.30pm until advertised otherwise.

ELECTED MEMBERS OF COUNCIL



Deputy Shire President
Cr Steven Carter
0428 663 017
crscarter@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au



Cr Jemma Counsel
0428 642 085
crjcounsel@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au

Shire President

Cr Keith Carter
0428 643 051
crkcarter@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au



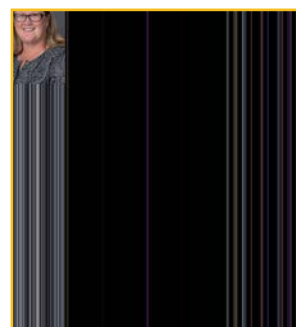
Cr Diane Cream
0417 908 317
crdcream@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au



Cr Jimwell Cruz
0455 451 173
crjcruz@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au



Cr Shannon Dawson
0429 922 592
crsdawson@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au



Cr Melissa Harms
0437 663 035
crmharms@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au

YOUR EMAILS WANTED

The Shire of Dalwallinu like to regularly share relevant information with the community. Follow us on facebook (Shire of Dalwallinu), visit our website (www.dalwallinu.wa.gov.au) or phone us 08 9661 0500 if you require any assistance.

If you wish to receive this newsletter electronically use the Contact Us tab on our website or email ea@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au