

8th October 2004

## Items of Interest

### 1. Regional Cooperation and Structural Reform Forum

As a result of a resolution from the last WALGA Annual Conference a forum has been organised to discuss regional cooperation and structural reform. The Hon Jeff Kennett, Former Premier of Victoria is one of the key note speakers, along with Professor Brian Dollery who has expertise in regional cooperation and amalgamation models. The Forum will be held on Monday 1st November at the Burswood Convention Centre. If Councillors would like to attend registrations are required by Monday 18th October.

### 2. Annual Roads Forum

WALGA and Main Roads are once again hosting the Annual

Roads Forum. It will be held on Friday 19th November and will include topics such as Road Funding, Freight Network Strategy, Bridge Programming, Heavy Haulage and Land Clearing. Registration for this Forum is required to be in by Friday 22nd October.

### 3. Annual Fire Control Officer's Meeting

A date has been set for this year's Annual Fire Control Officer's Meeting. It will be held at the Narrogin Club on Tuesday 26th October commencing at 7.30pm. A meal and refreshments will be provided at the beginning of the evening followed by the meeting proceedings.

### 4. Technical Officer

The Shire has been successful in securing the services of Andy Dela Cruz to fill the position of Technical Officer. For those who remember, Andy worked with the Shire and then the Town of Narrogin from late in 1997 to 2000. He has since worked with the Shires of Busselton and Capel. Andy will commence duties on the 1st December.

### 5. Landcare Achiever Award

This is the last chance to nominate a worthy person for the Landcare Achiever Award. It has been tradition for the award to be presented at the Agricultural Show. As this date is fast approaching it would be appreciated if you could give it some thought. Please let Bill Warren or the Shire Office know if you think of someone who is worthy of recognition.

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Special points of interest:

- Council Meeting, 21st Oct at 9.30 am.
- Annual Fire Officer's Meeting, 26th Oct at 7.30 pm.
- Regional Cooperation and Structural Reform Forum, 1st Nov.
- Annual Roads Forum, 19th Nov.

## Works Unit News

### 6. Current Roadworks

In the last couple of weeks the Works Unit has completed the gravel sheeting project on Highbury East Road. Approximately 3 kilometres has been done, commencing at the railway line and working in an

easterly direction. Also work has just started on the seal widening of Whinbin Rock Road. Again this will commence at the railway line and it is anticipated that 1 kilometre will be completed.

### 7. Highbury West Road

Commencing shortly will be the seal widening of Highbury West Road. It is hoped to widen all of the remaining narrow seal this year. This will only leave some reseals to be done and then this road is fully upgraded.