

4th March 2005

Items of Interest

1. Central Zone Bowls Day

There has been a late change to the date of the Central Zone Bowls Day to be held in Wickepin. It will now be held on Friday 18th March and will no longer coincide with the Wagin Woolorama.

If any Councillor is interested in attending please let the CEO know.

2. 2005 Local Government Elections

The bi-annual local government elections will be held on Saturday, 7th May 2005. Due to some changes in the regulations and the timing of Easter this year, there is a very short period of time for the receipt of nominations.

Anyone interested in nominat-

ing for Council will have between the 24th March and 4.00 pm on the 31st March to submit a nomination. The Easter public holidays will take two working days from this period.

The terms of three Councillors will conclude this year, being Crs Wiese, White and Borthwick.

As there are no longer Ward Boundaries, those who nominate will be representing the whole Shire.

3. Fire Briefing

A briefing meeting on fire matters was held on Thursday 24th February and involved Fire Control Officers, the Weather Committee, FESA Staff and interested property owners.

The important issues that arose from that meeting included the need for a separate phone number to ring for Ban information, splitting the Shire on Ban days was okay to be trialed and the purchase of an additional mobile standpipe was seen as a priority.

The meeting was very positive and the timing was important as fresh ideas came forward from people recently involved in fire situations.

4. Crime Prevention Committee

The Shire has agreed to participate in a local Crime Prevention Committee, which will need a councillor representative to go with the CEO. An information session is to be held on Tuesday 5th April for anyone interested.

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Special points of interest:

? Council Meeting, 17th Mar at 9.30am.

? Central Zone Bowls Day 18th Mar.

? Crime Prevention Strategy Workshop 5th Apr.

Works Unit News

5. Current Roadworks

Pavement stabilisation works have been completed on the Wickepin Harrismith and Yiliminning Roads. The seal over these sections was finished on the 1st March.

Gravel carting is now in progress on Wagin Wickepin and Nomans Lake Siding Roads.

6. Heavy Vehicle Accreditation

The Shire has just been audited under the Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme. This is

our second audit and all procedures appear to be in accordance with the requirements.

7. Mulching Head

The new mulching head has arrived and is currently being fitted to the wheeled excavator.