

# Shire News

Shire of Chapman Valley

July 2009

## Parkfalls traffic island improvements

Council has agreed to utilise \$25,000 of 08/09 Royalties for Regions funds to carry out improvements to traffic islands within Parkfalls Estate. The revised funding decision was made to support the aims of the recently formed Parkfalls Progress Association's draft streetscape plan, which will see Parkfalls residents assume responsibility of traffic island maintenance and upkeep as per an agreement between the Shire and the Parkfalls Association.

## New plant replacement program adopted

Council has adopted a new plant replacement program, which will include an appropriate allowance to be made within the 09/10 budget for associated plant purchases and disposals.

## Utilising space

The Yuna Farm Improvement Group (YFIG) will now have access to the Council owned Depot building and yard in Yuna on an as required basis. Council agreed to provide YFIG with access to the space following a request from the community group for additional storage room.

## Cooking with Tony recommences

Community cooking lessons hosted by local chef, Tony Fry will recommence on the 5th of August at 5.30pm at Nukara Farm. Cost is \$10 per person.

## Work continues at Nanson

Cruiseship visitors to the Nanson Museum got an experience they'll remember when they arrived on a recent bus tour to the historic grounds and needed to use the toilets. The Shire had recently commenced upgrades on the toilets, which resulted in the roof coming off for the weekend. Luckily it wasn't raining and the visitors had a good sense of humour and saw the experience as somewhat unique.

Work has progressed on an Arbor within the historic grounds, which will provide a space for visitors to be entertained or rest, while new steps are currently being built to provide access to the Museum's railway carriage. The steps will enable visitors to safely enter the carriage while also providing the Historical Society with the opportunity to utilise the space to promote our Railway history through a local railway display.

Plans are also underway to renovate the roof of the old CEO building within the Historic grounds.

## Caring for Country funding boost

The Shire has recently been awarded \$100,000 from the Commonwealth Government's "Caring for Country" funding scheme. This funding will be utilised to improve the environmental health of Chapman Valley by enabling financial support to fence remnant native vegetation, plant native plants or perennial pastures in strategic locations, and the construction of surface water structures to control water erosion. The Shire would like to encourage local farmers to contact our Natural Resource Manager, Jim Gales on 9920 5011 to register your interest.

## Community Blog provides opportunity for locals to voice opinions

The Shire is yet to receive any comments from members of our community on our online community blogs. These blogs were designed to provide an opportunity for locals to communicate with the Shire on various topics of interest. We are currently running two blogs online, one on structural reform and the other on the development of our cultural plan.

If you are a resident, part of a local sporting or community group, your input into our Cultural Plan is very important. If you do not know what the Cultural Plan is about and what it can offer you, then this is your opportunity to get those questions answered.

These blogs provide a great opportunity to ask questions and seek feedback from the Shire and your local Council representatives.

We check these blogs regularly and will provide regular feedback to your posts. Posts to the blogs are open for everyone to read, you may find that other people also have the same thoughts or questions as you do.

Log on today to [www.chapmanvalley.wa.gov.au/blog](http://www.chapmanvalley.wa.gov.au/blog)



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## Attention local Businesses

The Shire has recently completed two information bays at Coronation and is seeking expressions of interest from local businesses wishing to advertise within one of these bays dedicated to Chapman Valley.

The cost to promote your business within the Information Bay is \$150 for two years. This fee covers the installation of your sign and maintenance. For further information please contact the Shire office.

An opportunity also exists for local businesses to promote themselves within our new tourist map. This map is an important promotional tool for Chapman Valley which will be available to tourists within MidWest Visitor Centres and from the Shire Office. Interested businesses are invited to contact the Shire office for further information.

## Council Minutes

A reminder to all readers that a full copy of current and past Council Minutes are available for viewing and downloading online at [www.chapmanvalley.wa.gov.au](http://www.chapmanvalley.wa.gov.au)



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