

SHIRE OF HALLS CREEK

Community Newsletter
September 2022 Edition



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A message from the CEO



Phillip Cassell, Chief Executive Officer

Hello to our community.

My first six months as CEO has now passed and it has been a very busy time. Our 2022/23 balanced budget is approved and available on our web site for viewing with significant increases in sport & recreation areas, rural road works and council services.

Most community residents will have noticed an increase in rubbish collections and street sweeping to ensure our township is always tidy. The street bins are being repaired and a streetscape project is soon to begin. I will need community members to be a part of the streetscape project so keep your eyes on the webpage for details of how you can contribute to a refreshed Halls Creek.

Council also advertises our current employment needs on the webpage so please take time to look. In most cases we are willing to train staff to fine tune their skills to our needs. Have faith in yourself and come talk to us about how our future together can look.

If you would like input into how council moves into the future, please talk to your councillors or email your thoughts to us – I promise I will listen to you!

Best Regards

**Phillip Cassell
Chief Executive Officer
Halls Creek Shire Council**

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Opportunities

Aquatic Attendant (Casual)

The Aquatic Attendant will primarily be operating within the sporting precinct delivering high quality of Aquatic Supervision, Drowning Prevention, Risk Management and Centre Operations under direction of the Recreation Centre Manager.

Café Supervisor (Casual)

The local Halls Creek café is seeking a Café Supervisor to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Shire Café. This position is a casual role with the potential to transfer to fulltime for the right person. Must be able to work Saturdays and Sundays, and preferably we would like to hire a local community member.

Executive Manager Infrastructure Services

This position strategically plans, manages and controls the Infrastructure Services Department, delivering Shire works construction and maintenance projects and programs in accordance with funding and legislative requirements and Shire policy, procedures and practice.

Customer Service Officer - Multi (Casual)

The Customer Service Officer is a multi-functional role to support the relevant manager (Post Office Manager or Travel and Tourism Manager) or Senior Administration Officer in the delivery of quality services to the people of Halls Creek, the surrounding communities and to visitors. The services include postal (including flight ground handling), licensing, libraries, reception and travel and tourism services.

Post Office Manager

There is an opportunity for a motivated and customer focussed person to manage the day to day operation of the Post Office and to ensure that a quality postal service is provided to the people of Halls Creek and our surrounding communities. The Post Office Manager will lead a team to deliver high levels of customer service and undertake the various financial and administrative tasks that are required to run an efficient quality post office services.

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Important Dates & Notices

WA Public Holidays

03.01.22 New Year Day
26.01.22 Australia Day
07.03.22 Labour Day
25.04.22 Anzac Day Holiday
06.06.22 WA Day
26.09.22 Queen's Birthday
26.12.22 Christmas Day
28.12.22 Boxing Day Holiday

Easter Dates

15.04.22 Good Friday
18.04.22 Easter Monday

Schedule of Council Meeting Dates for 2022

15 September 2022	Yiyili Community*	11.00am
20 October 2022	Council Chamber, Halls Creek	4.30pm
17 November 2022	Council Chamber, Halls Creek	4.30pm
15 December 2022	Council Chamber, Halls Creek	4.30pm
<i>No meeting held in January 2023</i>		
16 February 2023	Council Chamber, Halls Creek	4.30pm

Changes in Executive Management

Phillip Cassell

Acting Director of Corporate Services
Acting Director of Community Development
and Youth

Jackie Parker
Executive Director

Victor Popsecu
Acting Director of Assets and Infrastructure

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Important Dates & Notices

The Halls Creek Information Centre is now open for the 2022 season.



Opening Hours:
Monday to Friday
8.30 am to 4.00 pm

Saturdays
8.30 am to 12.00 pm (midday)



**SHIRE OF HALLS CREEK
AQUATIC & RECREATION CENTRE
MEMBERSHIP FEES & CHARGES 2021-2022**

DESCRIPTION	FEE (Inc GST)
Gym	
1 Month Pass	\$56.00
3 Month Pass	\$130.00
6 Month Pass	\$222.00
12 Month Pass	\$371.00
Swipe Card (in addition to above fees)	\$22.00

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Upcoming Events



A vibrant poster for a pool opening event. The background is a light blue sky with a large palm tree on the left. The text 'POOL OPENING' is written in large, white, stylized letters. Below it, the date 'SATURDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2022' is displayed. To the right of the date, the time '11.30 am - 6.00 pm' is listed. A table of activities is provided, including an opening ceremony, fun swim, band, BBQ, and home time. At the bottom, there is a pink flamingo inflatable ring and two ice cream cones. The Shire of Halls Creek logo is in the top right corner.

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POOL OPENING

SATURDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2022

11.30 am
- 6.00 pm

11.30 am	Opening Ceremony
12.00 pm	Fun Swim
1.00 pm	Band
5.45 pm	BBQ
6.00 pm	Home Time

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Important Dates & Notices



Make a Change.

Helping to build better relationships
with a whole of family approach

What changes do you want to see...

in yourself....?

in your family....?

in your community....?



Make a Change program, providing support to those who are affected by family and domestic violence situations.

Group and individual sessions delivered in Halls Creek
by Christabel Chamarette.

Future sessions
14 - 17 September

19 - 22 October

16 - 19 November

Contact Sr Alma Cabassi on 0419 044 136 or email cabassi.alma@gmail.com

You can also self-refer at

olabuddoogethu.org.au/about-us/the-programs/



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Shire Updates

New crew to join Shire of Halls Creek Team

The Shire of Halls Creek has created the new Recreation Crew to join its ranks in helping to provide a greener Halls Creek. The Recreation Crew consists of a two person team and they will be solely focused on the upkeep and beautification of the sporting precinct and its surrounds.

Our two local team members have much experience in landscaping, reticulation and even civil construction projects and are working hard to bring the sporting precinct up to a high standard.

The sporting precinct area encompasses the town oval and its surrounds, the Halls Creek Aquatic and Recreation Centre, Civic Hall and the outdoor basketball courts. Below is a picture of Rec Crew, Ty Langley making repairs at the Aquatic Centre grounds in preparation of the pools big reopening.



While most of their focus is around the sporting grounds of Halls Creek, their hard work doesn't stop there. Responding to a wide variety of internal requests throughout the shire, they are showing just how handy they can be. One such request was the planting of many new trees around the town as part of the greening and beautification of Halls Creek.

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Shire Updates

Balgo Pilot Environmental Health Project gets underway

1 July 2022 to 30 June 2022

Goals

1. Establish healthy living in healthy homes project in Balgo
2. Improve quality of health through promoting healthy living practices

Specific Objectives

1. Employ and train 4 well respected influential women
2. Ensure 80% of health hardware is maintained in good condition.
3. Establish women's programs and clubs aimed at promoting and maintaining health homes.



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Shire Updates

Balgo Pilot Environmental Health Project gets underway

A Pilot environmental health project in Balgo got underway in the last 3 weeks with the training of 7 women in basic environmental health and health promotion. The initial training was conducted by the Aboriginal Environmental Health Program Officer, Edel Queen and the Environmental Health Officer Eloise Fawcett over a period of 2 Weeks. They will continue training and monitoring the women throughout the project period.



The project aims to improve the quality of health in the Community through promoting healthy living practices within homes and the community. The Shire commenced the project by conducting a 2 week training course in basic environmental health for 7 residents of Balgo. Four (4) of them have since been engaged to provide health education and health promotion activities for other residents in the community throughout the year.

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Shire Updates

Balgo Pilot Environmental Health Project gets underway

This project is based on the 20th Century Chinese concept of the 'Barefoot Doctor', albeit with emphasis on healthy living practices, environmental health and disease prevention.



The Balgo pilot project is a low-cost strategy to ensure that sound environmental health practices in the home and community are universally understood, accepted and practiced by the community. The objective is to ensure environmental health promotion and other activities are available to households in remote communities on a daily basis, rather than through visiting practitioners, who at best can visit communities every so often and can hardly reach all households.

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Shire Updates

Balgo Pilot Environmental Health Project gets underway



Training..

Explaining to women the important role they are going to play in the community to improve health.

Expected outcomes from the project include;

- **An increase in the proportion of functional health hardware in community homes**
- **Improved living conditions in homes through healthy living practices and behaviour**
- **Hygienic homes free of pest and vector infestations**
- **Reduced impact of overcrowding on health**
- **Improved family nutrition**
- **Improved compliance in taking medication for people with chronic illnesses, and**
- **Early treatment seeking behaviour for common infections such as Trachoma, scabies, gastro-enteritis etc.**

This project, together with another similar one being carried out in the Pilbara, will be evaluated with the assistance of the Department of Health in June 2023.

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Shire Updates Halls Creek Gym Revamp



The much anticipated renewal of the Halls Creek Gym will be upon us soon. The current gym was constructed in 2006 and now it is time to lay it to rest. The shire will be moving the location of the gym to a larger area to accommodate for the \$100,000 worth of all new and exciting equipment that is making its way here.

The new gym space will offer more cardio, free weight, and machine assisted exercises to all its members both old and new.

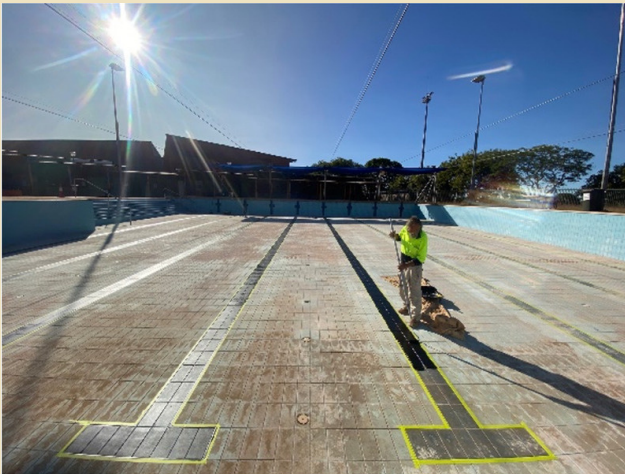
Along with the equipment, the renewal will provide gym goers with an in house sound system and monthly friendly competitions.

Whether you're training for your next competition, to hit those goals, or for rehabilitation purposes, the Shire is wanting to provide a more inclusive setting to be able to cater for people of all fitness levels.

The new gym will still be located at the Halls Creek Aquatic and Recreation Centre and we anticipate it to be open and ready to go by December.

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Shire Updates Aquatic Maintenance



The Halls Creek Aquatic Centre underwent minor maintenance over the winter months. The works that were carried out were necessary to the operations of the Centre, to ensure longevity of the Asset. Local painters and tilers were contracted to carry out the works.

A major service was also carried out on the pool plant equipment to ensure the operations of the plant equipment meets working standards for general operations.

The need for such works to be carried out was a priority to the operations of the Aquatic Centre. Without the works being done, the Aquatic Centre wouldn't have opened due to safety standards not being met.

Relevance to Strategic Plan

The Aquatic maintenance project was timeline for completion by end of August. Pool to be filled first week of September and the major service to be carried out on the 2nd week of September. For the pool opening 10/09/2022.

This follows the strategic plan as the community asset plays a vital role within creating a safe place for inclusion and extensive health benefits.

Benefits to Community

The community of Halls Creek have been affected by the pool being closed in many different ways. From inclusion and safe activities to community health. Other parties such as service providers have been affected due to the lack of recreation facilities and services that occupy Halls Creek.

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Funding

The funds for the project were requested through council. The Aquatic Centre requested \$113,000 to be borrowed from the Aquatic Reserve, which saw the works carried out.



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