



WUNDOWIE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING 16TH November 2023

Australia Day 2024:

- Band:
- Sausage Sizzle:
- Activities:
- Location:
- Date:
- Time:
- Setup:

Wundowie Hall Hire:

The WPA is now responsible for hiring the Wundowie Hall. Rates align with the Shire of Northam's schedule and requirements for hall approvals.

Sporting Activities School Holidays

Tee-Ball:

There is an upcoming event scheduled for January 27th, 2024, called "Have A Go Day". The Tee-Ball Association of WA will be present at the event, and a cost-free sausage sizzle will be served. Family members are welcome to bring their own drinks if they would like to participate or just watch the event..

Starting: 4.30pm

Advertising: To be scheduled for the weeks after Xmas

Tennis:

Northam Shire in conjunction with the WPA will be arranging a tennis clinic in the new year. Further details to follow along with advertisement. WPA We currently have a Memorandum of Agreement with the Northam Shire to manage the tennis courts. Dave Galloway and Lisa Biglin have keys to access the courts. The current process is that anyone who wants to use the courts needs to call us, and we will open the courts for them. After playing, they are required to lock the courts. If someone else wishes to use the courts at the same time, they need to call us prior to using them.

Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission:

I have submitted an application to the Australian Charities Commission to register our organization as a not-for-profit entity. This will enable us to reduce costs such as subscriptions. However, in their email response dated November 15th, they mentioned that the assessment of applications is taking at least 12 weeks.

Wundowie Museum:

During a meeting with the CEO and the President of the Shire, I asked if we could apply for Community Funding to ensure the project's completion. I have submitted a request for a Community Grant to the Shire of Northam. However, the CEO has advised that there are some issues that need to be resolved.

1. *At the Special Council Meeting on 22 July 2022 (Item 13.2), Council considered as part of the 2023/24 budget deliberations a request to contribute \$60,000 in funding towards the Wundowie Museum. The motion to contribute this funding was lost. The motion that was carried is "That Council invite the Wundowie Progress Association to submit a detailed business plan for the proposed Wundowie Museum." As far as can be ascertained, the Shire is yet to receive the detailed business plan for the Museum. If there is a detailed business plan available, I would welcome a copy so there can be further discussion about this project with Council*

After reviewing the information provided, I promptly submitted a request for a Community Grant. However, I need to include the following details in my request:

- *What evidence is there of the need for the project and how many people might be expected to participate?*
- *Are any approvals needed for the project and if so, who will seek the approvals (i.e. does it require a licence or a lease, development or building approval)?*
- *Who will maintain the facility into the future?*
- *Who will manage the operations of the facility i.e. committee, volunteers, Shire?*

- *Operational aspects such as – what are proposed to be the opening hours, is there any cost for entry, will there be volunteers on site to provide visitor information?*

- *How will the facility availability be marketed and to who?*

Department of Mines, Industry Regulation & Safety Consumer Protection

Submission of required financial statements:

I apologize for not submitting the required report within the given 14-day deadline due to my work commitments. However, I have already submitted the financial reports and am currently waiting for a response from the department. Neither Dave nor I were aware of this requirement, as the contact details on their system were outdated before we joined the committee. We have rectified this issue and set a calendar reminder to ensure timely completion of any future requirements.

*Consumer Protection has attempted to contact WUNDOWIE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (IARN - A1003524L) via the email address on our Register, however it appears that the information the Department has recorded is not up to date. **The Association has not lodged an annual information statement** with Consumer Protection. Please be advised that it is a requirement to lodge an information statement every year, within six months after the end of its financial year.*

An information statement confirms the Association is still operating and is complying with the requirements under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA). Failure to act on this advice may result in Consumer Protection taking the view that the Association is no longer operating and commence action to deregister the Association.

*If the Association is still operating, please take **immediate** steps to lodge, at minimum, the previous three **outstanding information statements** with Consumer Protection within 14 days.*

Financials:

Wundowie Iron Festival 2023:

Income:

Vendors:	\$ 3,690.00
Art:	\$ 250.00
Sponsorship:	\$14,100.00
Northam Shire	\$20,000.00
Total:	\$38,040.00

Expenditure:

Advertising:	\$ 2,925.12
Prize Monies:	\$ 2,130.00
Miscellaneous:	\$ 565.78
Hire Equipment:	\$29,683.90

Fire Rating Sign:

On November 9th, 2023, a fire rating sign was installed, thanks to the Northam Shire Community Grant and Dave, Rob, Des, and Ken for installation.



Containers For Change – RV Park:

Community working together

Thank you to the Wundowie Men's Shed for creating and installing a Containers for Change collection point at the Wundowie RV Park. Any funds collected from the collection point will go towards improving the RV Park.

Wundowie Progress Association



Reticulation of RV Park:

The Northam Shire began installing reticulation on November 15th to provide safe water to the RV Park's lawned area, which had previously been disconnected due to health risks associated with reclaimed water. These works should be completed over the next few weeks.

WPA Logo:

The current Wundowie Progress logo is difficult to use on letterheads, digital signs, etc. We are seeking ideas for a new logo.

Wundowie Progress Number Plates:

Over the next few weeks, I will draft a post inviting expressions of interest for the purchase of at least 20 WUN number plates to reactivate them through the Department of Transportation.

Wundowie Iron Festival 2023:

The event's organizers thank the sponsors for their invaluable support, which enabled the event to be held and offered free of charge. Sponsors were:

- Shire of Northam
- BGC Asphalt and Quarries
- Bradken
- Komcat Electro
- Wundowie Springs - Des & Lisa Biglin – Bakers LPO
- Bendigo Bank Mundaring
- Connect Real-estate WA – Naomi Thomas
- The Nationals WA – Hon Mia Davies
- The Labor Party – Darren West MLC

Thankyou to the WPA volunteers who helped with set up and packing up.

The event I believe was one of the most successful events held yet.



Signed: L. Biglin - Secretary