

A new direction for Ranger services

2016 has seen an organisational restructure of the Shire Ranger Services. Ranger Services are now part of the Shire Engineering Department and based at the Shire Depot on Welch St. A new ranger, Mick Hall, has been welcomed to the team and a number of changes to ranger services are now being implemented.

In addition, new community education and awareness strategies will be put in place over coming months to address some ongoing local concerns and help to improve the safety of our community.

More Accessible Ranger Services

The most notable change for the community is the trial of a seven day ranger service. Starting this weekend, March 26, a Ranger will be on duty seven days a week from 6am to 3pm. Rangers can be contacted via mobile phone on 0428 518 413.



If you telephone the ranger outside working hours, please leave a message or send an SMS and a ranger will attend to the call during the next shift.

The aim of this trial is to gauge the demand for weekend ranger services and determine whether additional working hours will improve outcomes for local residents.

Ranger Services will be targeting...

Parking on Footpaths

A major focus for rangers in Exmouth is improving community safety. Parking on footpaths is a big concern as it forces pedestrians and cyclists, including children,



onto the road and into potential conflict with cars. Rangers will be targeting vehicles parked on the footpath in coming weeks, so please, consider

the safety of others and don't block the footpath.

Uncontrolled dogs

A pet peeve for many Exmouth residents and the Shire, is the number of dogs roaming unattended and being walked without a leash.

While the majority of dog owners are doing the right thing, there are still a number of people who continue to put public safety at risk by failing to keep their dog in a properly enclosed yard or on a leash.

As a result, ranger services will now implementing a zero tolerance approach to wandering dogs in an attempt to change the behaviours of offending dog owners.

All dogs found wandering without an owner will be impounded. Ranger Services will then contact the owner to advise that their dog has been impounded and that they will need to pay impounding fees before it is released.

So please, avoid the emotional and financial stress that comes with a wandering dog and make sure it is in a well fenced yard, put your pet on a lead when you go for a walk or run and use the designated dog exercise areas.

Trained and ready

The Engineering Department undertook dog handling training on the 8th and 9th March which will allow for better management of dogs being uncontrolled in a public place and to provide a continuously improving Ranger Services. Engineering staff members will also be given leads to assist in securing roaming dogs until a Ranger can collect it.

A fresh lick of paint

Engineering Services have repainted many of the parking bays and restricted parking areas around the town centre in preparation for the tourist season.

The No Parking areas have been replaced with No Stopping to provided for greater safety in these areas.

This means that a person must not stop a vehicle within



the area marked as No Stopping, not even to drop someone off or pick someone up.

These restrictions are in place to provide for a safer environment for everyone and on the spot fines of \$80 apply.

Want to know more?

If you would like to discuss anything Ranger Services related, the content of this newsletter or to report an offence, please feel free to contact the Rangers on 9949 1699 or visit the Shire Depot on Welch St.

Newsletter delivery information

This newsletter is distributed to all PO Boxes in Exmouth, and is available for pick-up at the post office, shire offices and the Public Library. This newsletter and other information (for example grant information, upcoming events etc) can also be emailed electronically and via Exmouth Info. Send an email to cdo@exmouth.wa.gov.au to register your interest and let your friends know about this opportunity.

Illegal camping

There are plenty of camping options for people wanting to enjoy Exmouth's World Heritage listed Ningaloo Coast and the Cape Range National Park.



As well as a number of caravan parks, we also have coastal campsites in the Cape Range National Park and at the region's spectacular pastoral stations. Not much compares to waking up on the Ningaloo Reef. Unfortunately, some people insist on camping illegally, without proper toilets, waste or rubbish disposal systems. It leaves a mess that has to be cleaned up and causes damage to our natural environment.

If you see anyone camping illegally, please inform our rangers so we can direct people to the correct camping sites.

Don't delay, call now!

It is important to have timely information when dealing with issues within the community. Please call the ranger service as soon as you can to report a concern. The sooner we know about a situation the quicker we can respond.