

# SHIRE OF EXMOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICES NEWSLETTER

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## HON MINISTER MICK MURRAY MLA VISITS EXMOUTH



The Honourable Mick Murray MLA, Minister for Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering; Sport and Recreation, visited Exmouth during December and met with representatives of the Shire of Exmouth and community members to announce that \$750,000 will be contributed through the Western Australian Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) for the \$4.2 million redevelopment of Exmouth's Paltridge Memorial Swimming Pool.

Afterwards, Minister Mick Murray turned the first "sod" of dirt marking the beginning of the construction of the new sports change room that will accommodate Exmouth's surge in female sports participation rates. Besides funding from the Shire of Exmouth, \$142,500 was provided via CSRFF. The project is being undertaken by local contractor C.J. Lord Building & Renovations (WA) Pty Ltd and is due for completion by June 2021.

In attendance at the two events were the Shire of Exmouth's Deputy Shire President Ben Dixon, Councillor Gary Mounsey and CEO Cameron Woods. Also in attendance were WA Labour Candidate for North West Central Cherie Sibosado, local builder Clayton Lord, and WA Women's Football League player Summer Mollross.



## EXMAS 2020

During December, the festive spirit has been in full swing in Exmouth, with residents decorating their homes and businesses, Christmas Carols hosted by the Exmouth Christian Fellowship, and Santa visiting the Ningaloo Centre.

The Shire of Exmouth, with sponsorship from Horizon Power, was delighted to host the 2020 EXMAS Lights Competition. Fourteen homes and four businesses entered the competition. Winners were announced via social media on 21 December. Thank you to our panel of judges and congratulations to all who entered!

The winners and finalists are:

**Best Themed Business Display:** Exmouth Tackle and Camping

**Best Themed Shop Window:** Exmouth Pharmacy

**Best Homes Awards:** 1st Place, 3 Gndaroo Rd;

2nd Place, 1 Ningaloo St; 3rd Place, 26 Christie St;

4th Place, 1 Cameron St; 5th Place, 17 Kestrel Pl.

**The People's Choice Best Home Award:** Chad and Kristy Ferrari of 3 Gndaroo Road.

**Merry EXMAS and congratulations to all.**

## EXMOUTH RECREATION PRECINCT UPGRADES SANTOS YOUTH PRECINCT

Santos has committed funding for the development of a youth precinct in Exmouth. This funding will allow the Shire of Exmouth to install nature play and outdoor fitness equipment, improve the 3 on 3 basketball facility, upgrade the cricket nets, complete the skate park bowl, and enhance the surrounding area into a vibrant community space and family zone.

## EXMOUTH BIKE PARK

The tender for the construction of the Exmouth Bike Park will be finalised early in 2021. The Bike Park forms part of the Shire of Exmouth Trails Masterplan and will be a welcomed addition to the Exmouth Recreation Precinct. Funding partners will be announced early next year.

**BHP**



# AVAILABLE GRANTS



- BHP Community Grants Program: please contact: [wacommunitygrants@bhp.com](mailto:wacommunitygrants@bhp.com)
- Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/funding>
- Lotterywest : [www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au/grants/](http://www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au/grants/)
- Santos Community Sponsorship: <https://www.santos.com/sustainability/community/sponsorships/>
- Woodside Social Investment: <https://www.woodside.com.au/sustainability/part-of-the-community/social-investment>

## STEPHEN MICHAEL FOUNDATION

The Shire of Exmouth recently entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Stephen Michael Foundation to support the delivery of after-hours sports and recreation engagement activities and also a high-performance athlete program supporting the development and pathways of junior athletes.

## 2021 VIRTUAL ROTTNEST CHANNEL SWIM

The 2021 Virtual Rottnest Channel Swim is on again on Saturday, 20 February 2021 at the pool. On the day, the gates will open from 6.30am with a swimmers' briefing at 6.45am. (Lanes will be allocated on the board and lap tally sheets will be distributed) Swimming will start 7am sharp. Standard gate entry prices apply to non-season pass holders.



Don't forget: sun protection, sun shelter and plenty of hydrating fluids (No Alcohol).

Spectators are welcome and there is a spare lane for public swimming plus the children's pools will be operating. Register using this link

<https://endurancecui.active.com/new/events/70297252/select-race?>

**Registrations CLOSE Thursday, 28th January 2021 at 5pm. (Be aware: no late entries accepted).** If you have any other questions, please phone

the Pool Manager, Josh Koontz, at the pool on 9949 1042.

## EXMOUTH SPORTS TALENT DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

In early December, the Exmouth Sports Talent Development Network met over breakfast to hear from Paul Mugambwa (Stephen Michael Foundation CEO) and Liam Anthony (Stephen Michael Foundation Program Manager) to discuss issues faced by regional athletes in order to compete at the same level as their metro counterparts. The Shire of Exmouth and the Network are seeking to improve programs and reduce the gap in the level of performance opportunities of our regional athletes. If you are a member of the Exmouth community wishing to become involved in this network, please contact Shire of Exmouth Manager Community, Sport and Recreation, Rod McGrath, via email: [rmcgrath@exmouth.wa.gov.au](mailto:rmcgrath@exmouth.wa.gov.au)

## LOCAL WILL ROCHE TO COMPETE AT NATIONAL CLAY TARGET TITLES



Due to Exmouth Branch W16 Sporting Shooters Association of Australia member Will Roche's success by finishing in the top three at the WA State Titles held in Perth during September 2020, he secured a place in the National Clay Target Titles to be held in Wagga Wagga NSW from 20 to 27 March 2021. Will's love of the sport started when his late step-grandfather, Ray McDonald, gifted Will his shotguns. Will would like to thank all the people who have supported him to get this far in his sporting career, especially Glenn Passmore and his coach Vince Lizzi, and is looking forward to representing WA and Exmouth at these titles. A mammoth effort to get him to the national titles is underway by Will's family, as it will take two days and six return flights for Will and a chaperone to attend the six days of competition shooting. If your business would like to sponsor Will or assist in fundraising to cover some of the costs for him to compete at the Nationals, please contact Raquel Roche via email at: [raquel.roche@bigpond.com](mailto:raquel.roche@bigpond.com)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- Social Squash: Tuesdays and Thursdays, games start from 6.30pm.
- Playgroup resumes in February 2021
- Senior Citizens and Pensioners Club Craft resumes in February 2021.
- Basketball: Games resume February 2021.
- Aqua Aerobics: Mondays and Wednesdays 1.30pm-2.30pm at Paltridge Memorial Pool

### JANUARY 2021 EVENTS

#### FREE MOVIE AT THE LIBRARY

- **MOVIE: JASPER JONES (M)**

Thursday 14 January

Time: 1pm

- **MOVIE: TBC**

Thursday 28 January

Time: 1pm

#### AUSTRALIA DAY - 26 JANUARY 2021

- **AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST AT THE POOL**  
FREE ENTRY 9AM - 12 NOON  
FREE BREAKFAST & FREE FAMILY FUN
- **AUSTRALIA DAY AT THE YACHT CLUB**  
TIME: 6PM TILL LATE

WATER  
SAFETY TIP!

ALCOHOL AND WATER DON'T MIX!  
DON'T LET YOUR MATES  
DRINK AND DROWN!