

Community News



SHIRE OF IRWIN
DONGARA-PORT DENISON
A BRILLIANT BLEND

Shire President Update

Every four years, the Shire and the community have the opportunity to review and refresh our Strategic Community Plan (SCP), to ensure it continues to reflect our shared vision and priorities for the future.

The views of the Irwin community are at the heart of this process and your feedback helps shape Council's decision-making, guide future projects and services, and set the direction for the Shire over the next decade and beyond.

To make it easy for everyone to get involved, we will be hosting two Community Drop-in Sessions on Thursday, 20 August at the Irwin Recreation Centre, from 10.00am to 1.00pm and 5.00pm to 8.00pm.

For those unable to attend in person, an online survey will also be available from 17 August to 6 September.

I would really encourage everyone to take the opportunity to share your ideas and help shape the future of our Shire.

I'm also pleased to share that, following a successful test by the Port Denison Volunteer Sea Rescue, the Port Denison Boat Ramp and new floating jetty were recently opened.



This marks an important milestone for our community and it has been great to see so many people out enjoying the new facilities. The new floating jetty has been designed to rise and fall with the tide, providing safer, more reliable access throughout the year. It also includes a longer access ramp, improving accessibility across varying

tide levels, as well as steel pylon cages that meet current Australian safety standards. The cages will be fitted with rubber fenders in the not too distant future.

I once again acknowledge that this project has not been without its challenges, including unforeseen structural issues and storm damage, and I sincerely thank our community for your patience and understanding throughout the construction process.

My thanks also go to everyone involved in delivering this important project, particularly the WA Government through the Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme and the Small Grants Program, and the Port Denison Volunteer Sea Rescue for their ongoing support.



Finally, I would like to advise residents that 2026/27 rate notices can be expected later this month following Council's adoption of the annual budget.

Each year, Council carefully prepares a budget that balances the needs of our growing community while delivering value for ratepayers. Rates account for a significant portion of the Shire's operating revenue and fund many of the essential services we rely on every day.

These include maintaining our roads, footpaths, parks, foreshores and public infrastructure, providing waste collection and transfer station services, supporting local businesses and community organisations, and delivering libraries, recreation facilities, youth services, community events and a wide range of programs that contribute to the liveability of our Shire.

Thank you for your continued support.

CR Isabelle Scott

August 2026

Irwin Rec Centre News

Gym Classes Are Back at the Irwin Recreation Centre!

The Irwin Recreation Centre is excited to welcome Shannon Geikie as our new Gym Instructor, bringing fresh energy and a range of instructor-led fitness classes to help our community achieve their health and wellbeing goals.

Members can choose from three new group fitness classes:

- **Fit2Live** – A full-body workout designed to improve overall fitness.
- **CoreFit** – Focused on building core strength, stability and balance.
- **Circuit** – A varied, high-energy session combining strength and cardio exercises.



FIND YOUR CLASS

CIRCUIT		COREFIT		FIT2LIVE	
A varied full-body workout		Build stability and core		Strength and cardio for 50+	
A versatile full-body workout combining cardio, weights and functional movements. Expect a changing mix of HIIT, circuit and bootcamp-style training for all fitness levels.		Controlled exercises that build core strength, balance, and flexibility while supporting better posture and movement.		A welcoming weights and cardio class designed for people aged 50 and over.	
TIME	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
6:30–7:15am				CIRCUIT	
7:30–8:15am	CIRCUIT	COREFIT	CIRCUIT		CIRCUIT
8:30–9:30am	FIT2LIVE		FIT2LIVE		FIT2LIVE
9:30–10:15am					COREFIT
5:30–6:15pm		CIRCUIT		COREFIT	

With both morning and evening classes available, there's something to suit a range of fitness levels, schedules and goals.

All classes are free for existing gym members, making it the perfect opportunity to try something new, stay motivated and enjoy exercising in a supportive group environment.

Bookings are essential.

For more information or to reserve your place, contact Shannon Geikie at sgeikie@irwin.wa.gov.au or call the Irwin Recreation Centre on 9955 9200.

Council Meetings

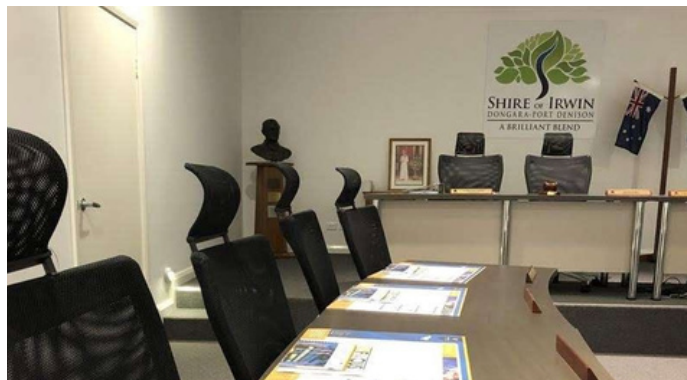
Did you know that Ordinary Council Meetings are open to the public?

The Shire of Irwin holds Ordinary Council Meetings each month from February to November, providing an opportunity for community members to observe Council's decision-making and stay informed about local projects, services and initiatives.

Meetings are held at 5.00pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers, 11–13 Waldeck Street, Dongara. Members of the public are welcome to attend and have the opportunity to ask questions.

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 25 August.

For the full meeting schedule, as well as Council agendas, minutes and other meeting information, visit our website.



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