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Kulin Shire Council and Staff have worked through on-going challenges regarding the operation of Camp Kulin over the Summer of 2019/2020. During the Summer School Holidays we operated a scaled back version of 2 camps, as opposed to the originally proposed 7 camps. These camps were successfully delivered via existing Camp Kulin staff as well as a range of casual staff and volunteers. Camp Kulin staff have also continued to deliver School Leadership Camps for a range of schools within the region during Fourth Term of 2019 as well as First Term of 2020.

As many people are aware Camp Kulin Manager, Tanya Dupagne, remains on extended personal leave for an indefinite period of time as she undergoes intensive medical treatment. The Shire of Kulin continues to wish Tanya all the best with her treatment and ongoing recovery.

The permanent Camp Kulin staff are a small team who are supplemented with casual and volunteer staff during peak camp seasons. At this point in time the Camp Kulin team do not have sufficient resources to adequately deliver the Camp Kulin Program.

Council and Shire staff have continued to work through various challenges regarding resourcing and the ongoing sustainability of Camp Kulin, but we've come to the decision that Camp Kulin will have to go into recess as of Friday 13th March 2020. This decision was not taken lightly and involved consultation with a range of stakeholders. Whilst Camp Kulin is in recess, staff and Council will endeavour to work through the various challenges to determine a suitable resourcing and sustainable operational delivery model for the future.

Kulin Shire Council trusts that this provides a comprehensive update of the operational status of Camp Kulin, until further information comes to light and an appropriate decision is made. We thank everyone in advance for their patience as the Kulin Shire Council, Shire staff and Camp Kulin staff work through this challenging situation.

Should anyone have any other specific enquiries regarding Camp Kulin and Kulin Shire Council please contact Garrick Yandle – Shire of Kulin CEO – ceo@kulin.wa.gov.au.

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