

# SHIRE SNIPPETS

*News and updates from the Shire of Morawa*

## A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL



### Road Safety

With harvest drawing to a close, I want to thank the community for taking on board the Shire's request to reduce vehicle speeds to help the roads withstand the extra movements linked to this extraordinary season.

Moving into the festive season I once again encourage everyone to think safety first when travelling on our roads. Unfortunately, trends suggest that a road fatality is 1.5 times more likely to occur in regional WA than in metropolitan WA, and worryingly WA has the highest road fatality rate of any state in Australia.

### End of Year Message

As Shire President I take great pride in the Morawa community and how our community spirit has remained strong throughout a very difficult year. We will need to maintain this spirit and continue to support each other as the rebuild continues. As borders reopen and COVID remains prevalent throughout the world, I foresee more challenging times lay ahead next year but I am confident the resilience and determination of the Morawa community will ensure we can overcome any challenges that come our way.

I wish everyone all the best for a happy and safe festive season. And I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Councillors, the CEO, and all staff for their efforts this year.

## Christmas & New Year Opening Hours

### Morawa Swimming Pool

24 December 2021	6:30am to 1:30pm
25 December 2021	Closed
26 December 2021	Closed
27 December 2021	12 noon to 7:00pm
01 January 2022	Closed
03 January 2022	12 noon to 7:00pm

### Shire Administration Office

24 December 2021	8:30am to 12 noon
25 December 21 to 4 January 22	Closed
05 January 2022	9:00am to 4:30pm

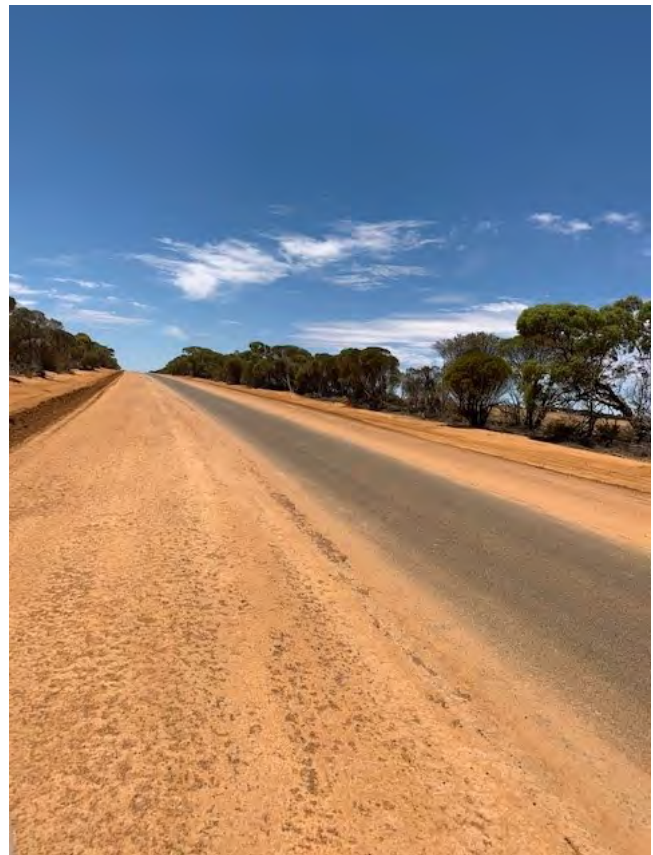
### Morawa Refuse Site/Transfer Station

25 December 2021	Closed
26 December 2021	Open
27 December 2021	Open
01 January 2021	Closed
No changes to rubbish bin collections.	

# Shire Project Updates

## Caravan Park Ablutions Upgrade

Paving around the ablation block has commenced. Painting of the building has been completed.



## Morawa-Yalgoo Rd Update

Water Blinding has commenced on Morawa-Yalgoo Road. With sealing works likely to happen late January/early February.



### **Old Road Board Building**

The major restoration works at the Old Road Board Building are nearing completion. The old wooden floors have been refreshed with a sand and reseal. New lighting and a universal bathroom have been installed.

The Cyclone Recovery Hub is scheduled to start utilising part of this facility from early January 2022.



### **Golf and Bowling Club**

The Shire's work renovating the Golf and Bowling club is now complete with new flooring in the function areas, new air-conditioning, a fresh lick of paint and a new stainless-steel kitchen, breathing new life into the building.

The club committee themselves have ordered new ovens for the kitchen and are looking forward to the refreshed space being activated in the new year.



## Council News

### COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS DECEMBER 2021

#### **Shire of Morawa Position on Proposed Local Government Reforms**

Council put forward their position on the proposed reforms to the Local Government Act 1995 released by the Minister for Local Government.

#### **Cyclone Seroja – Temporary Workers Accommodation**

Council resolved to support the Cyclone Seroja Temporary Worker Accommodation solution proposed by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements

#### **Application for Exploration Licence, No.70/5976 & No.70/5977**

Subject to outlined conditions, Council resolved to raise no objection in principle to the application received.

#### **Cash Reserves Management Policy**

Council resolved to adopt Council Policy FIN10 – Cash Reserves Management Policy.

#### **Morawa Country Women’s Association – Service Charges**

Council supported the request from the Morawa branch of the Country Women’s Association (CWA) to waive the 21/22 sewerage charge on 24 Dreghorn Street.

#### **CEO Annual Performance Review**

Council noted the outcomes of the CEO Performance Review and adopted updated key result areas for the coming year.

#### **Tender to Purchase a New Prime Mover**

Council resolved to award the Tender to purchase a new Prime Mover.

#### **Acceptance of Annual Report 2020-2021**

Council accepted the Annual Report for 2020-2021 financial year and will convene a general meeting of electors at 5pm on 10 February 2022.

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#### NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

## 10 February 2022

View full details of Council Meetings at: [www.morawa.wa.gov.au/council-meetings](http://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/council-meetings)

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#### **CORELLA CULLING ACTIVITIES**

The Shire of Morawa will commence Corella Culling activities using licenced firearms commencing from 18 December 2021 until 31 January 2022.

Shooting will be undertaken to try and reduce the damage being caused the Corellas. Shooting is planned to commence at the Morawa Swimming Pool, Oval and other Shire facilities and reserves, during times where no community members are present.

Please do not approach Shire staff conducting shooting activities.

#### **DOCTOR UPDATE**

The Medical Centre is closed until 10 Jan 22.

For family reasons and further medical training, Dr Ade is reducing his practice attendance in Morawa to 3 days a week, Mon-Wed. He is recruiting another doctor, who is scheduled to start in February 2022, to work at the practice Mon-Fri.

Until this time, Dr Ade will be offering telehealth services and extended hours, pending the arrival of the other doctor.

## Community News

### Australia Day Events

For Australia Day this year, the Shire will be hosting the event at the Main Town Square. Come down from 8:30am for a free breakfast, music, and kids' games.

The Citizenship Awards will be presented consisting of Youth, Senior and Community Citizen of the Year as well as the Community Event/Group Award. If you are in town, come and share in the morning and celebrating the efforts of the award winners.

A family friendly evening movie is also scheduled to be held at the Morawa Town Hall at 5pm.

### Morawa Youth Centre

The holidays are upon us and while this is a time that many people go away, there will still be some action happening at the Youth Centre if you're in town.

Thanks to the Youth Affairs Council of WA and the Geraldton Sporting Aboriginal Corporation we have some cool new workshops these holidays. Come and try out Indoor Soccer, or Wheelchair Basketball down at the Recreation Centre.

Or get some new hair stylin' tips on our self care with hair day. We will also be having a Mindful Day where you can learn some ideas for self care, relaxing, and staying stress free so you're off to a good start when the school year begins.

A reminder that the youth centre is for 8 years + and that a new Annual Membership Form is required for all young people who plan to attend the youth centre in 2022.

You can pick up copies of the form and the flyer from the Shire Office. Workshops begin on Monday 17 January 2022.

## Employment Opportunities

### Casual Cleaner Position

Applications are invited from individuals interested in casual cleaning positions at the Shire of Morawa.

This position has varied hours which are dependent of the usage of Council facilities.

### Bushfire Risk Planning Coordinator

The Local Governments of Morawa and Perenjori have agreed to participate in the WA Government Bushfire Risk Management Planning program and are seeking a Bushfire Risk Planning Coordinator to develop their Bushfire Risk Management plans and assist with its initial implementation to manage risk to the community.

### Casual Administration Officer

The Shire of Morawa is seeking expressions of interest for an Administration Officer. Available for immediate start, this position will be responsible for responding to customer service enquiries and providing administrative assistance.

### Plant Operator/General Hand

This 6 to 12 month contract position will be part of our works team and be required to operate plant and assist with the completions of Shire projects.

### More Information

For more information on these positions, visit the Shire's website at: [www.morawa.wa.gov.au/employment](http://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/employment)



# 2022 JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

## MORAWA YOUTH CENTRE



enjoy!

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
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**Wheelchair Basketball**  
 Rec Centre  
 11:30 am - 1 pm



**Mindful Day**  
 Youth Centre  
 10 am - 12 pm



**Do your own thing day**



**Craft day**  
 Youth Centre  
 10 am - 2 pm



**Movie Day**  
 Youth Centre  
 10 am - 2 pm



**Self care with hair**  
 Youth Centre  
 10 am - 1 pm




**Indoor Soccer**  
 Rec Centre  
 10 am - 12 pm



**Australia Day Breakfast**  
 Town Centre  
 8:30 am



**Craft day**  
 Youth Centre  
 10 am - 2 pm



**Movie Day**  
 Youth Centre  
 10 am - 2 pm



17-21  
 JAN

24-28  
 JAN

