

SHIRE SNIPPETS

News and updates from the Shire of Morawa

A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL

Budget

I'm pleased to announce the adoption of the 2021/2022 Shire of Morawa budget. The Shire operates on a modest budget and as Council has approved a 3% rate in the dollar increase this year. This increase will cover the shortfall expected from Cyclone Seroja repair works being undertaken, the Shire's \$100,000 cyclone insurance excess and a 15% increase in insurance premiums.

In addition, the budget commits the Shire to the continued operation of the Greater Sports Ground, Recreation Centre, Swimming Pool, Youth Centre and new Community Gym, as well as the maintenance of high-quality local roads and a number of planned capital works projects. With the support of the Federal Government, this year we will also see renewal works being undertaken at the Golf/Bowling Club and the Old Road Board Building. The upgrade of these Shire-owned facilities will mean they can be better activated to service our community.

Fire Safety

I am conscious that Cyclone Seroja has left us with considerable vegetation debris. This additional fuel load poses an increased fire risk this fire season. I encourage you to clear your property of any flammable materials and where applicable install and maintain appropriate firebreaks. Don't forget that fire reduction works must be completed by 15 September 2021 or you risk a fine.

Now is also a good time to check your fire fighting equipment, and to consider if you require any additional PPE sets for seasonal workers - available at the Drapery Store and free for volunteer fire fighters.

I encourage everyone to take advantage of the workshops being delivered shortly by the Community Emergency Services Manager on preparing for the fire season. Keep an eye out for more information on these workshops which will be released soon.

Telecommunications

The Federal Government is reviewing regional telecommunications and is seeking our views and experiences using telecommunication services in regional, rural and remote communities. Have a read of the Issues Paper and make a submission at

www.rtirc.gov.au. Submissions close 30 September 2021.



Council News

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS - AUGUST 2021

ADOPTED: SHIRE OF MORAWA 2021-2022 ANNUAL BUDGET (SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING)

RESOLVED: AMENDED 2021/2022 OPENING HOURS OF THE SWIMMING POOL - TUES TO SUN 12PM-7PM

APPROVED: TROJAN HAULAGE HEAVY VEHICLE ROAD ACCESS VEHICLE (RAV) PERMIT

ADOPTED: MODIFIED LOCAL PLANNING STRATEGY AND LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO. 3

The annual budget includes the operation of Shire facilities, maintenance works and capital works projects.

Difficulties in recruiting a temporary pool manager have led to a change to more manageable opening times.

Trojan Haulage were approved to use Fallon Road, Munckton Road and Koolanooka Springs Road under RAV Permit Conditions until 30 June 2022.

The WA College of Agriculture boarding facilities have been amended on the scheme map to Public Purpose Education.

Nominations for Council close soon!

Community members who wish to stand for the Shire of Morawa Council must nominate by Thursday 9 September. To nominate you must be 18 years of age or older, an elector of the district and have completed the online mandatory induction course available at the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries website. For more information on how to nominate visit www.morawa.wa.gov.au/shire/your-council/local-government-elections.aspx.

View the full Council Meeting minutes at <https://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/shire/documents/council-minutes.aspx>

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
THUR 16 SEPTEMBER

Road News



Grading works

Road grading continues in the Shire. Maintenance grading is currently underway in the Pintharutha west area and down towards Gutha Road east shortly. The construction grader has been operating on Nanekine Road. Work is also being completed on Heitman Road, west of Canna.

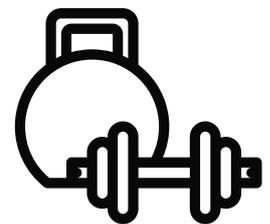
Community News

Search continues for a new CDO

The Shire bids farewell to Annie Brooks who has returned to the Town of Victoria Park after her 8 weeks in the CDO role at the Shire of Morawa. The Shire thanks the Town of Victoria Park for their assistance. If you are interested in the CDO role, or wish to share the role, more information can be found at www.morawa.wa.gov.au/employment/ or candidate information packs are available from Geraldine at Lo-Go appointments wa@logoapp.com.au or call 9380 4505.

Community Gym - open for all your fitness goals!

The new Community Gym on Mullewa-Wubin Road is open 24/7. Fully equipped with treadmills, stationary bikes, weights and weight machines to meet all your gym needs. Visit the Shire of Morawa Office during business hours to purchase your membership.



Recognise a local hero!

Do you know someone who makes our community an even better place? Nominations for the Community Citizen of the Year Awards are open and can be made online www.citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate until 31 October 2021.

Hard copies of the nomination form are available from the Shire of Morawa office.

There are four categories:

- Community Citizen of the Year (over 16 years)
- Senior Community Citizen of the Year (over 65 years)
- Young Community Citizen of the Year (under 25 years)
- Active Citizenship Award (community group or event)

Let's recognise our local role models who inspire us with their achievements and challenge us to make our own contribution to making Morawa a great place.

Cyclone Recovery Update



New Community Recovery Officer

Deb Maley has commenced as the new DFES Community Recovery Officer for Morawa. Deb's role includes coordinating the activities and services at the Welfare Hub at Morawa CRC, assisting community members to navigate options available to them and liaising with State Government agencies to provide insight into Morawa's local recovery needs. Deb can be reached on 0459 966 311.

New Morawa Local Recovery Coordination Group

The Morawa Local Recovery Coordination Group has been established and held its first meeting on Wednesday 18 August 2021. The group aims to represent the views of the various stakeholder groups in the community, create a two-way dialogue and assist with the direction and planning of recovery initiatives. The group will be regularly updating the community via the Shire's website and Facebook page, the Shire Snippets and Morawa Scene, letter box drops and noticeboards.

Clearing of Road Verges has commenced

Main Roads has begun the clean up of road verges and reserves in the Shire of Morawa. Both roads that are the responsibility of Main Roads and local Shire roads are being cleaned. The Shire is very appreciative of Main Roads support.

Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund

Further payments are available through the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund. Owner occupiers who suffered damage to their homes greater than \$100,000 can receive an additional \$15,000 or for other owners \$5,000. Visit www.appealswa.org.au for more information and to apply.

Current support options

Information on immediate support options, financial assistance and grant programs to assist with cyclone recovery are updated regularly on the DFES website. Visit the website at <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/emergencywa/recovery.html>

If you would like to speak to someone in person about your options, you can visit the Welfare Hub at the Morawa CRC.