

SHIRE SNIPPETS

News and updates from the Shire of Morawa

A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL



Art Awards & Exhibition

The Shire of Morawa's 8th Biennial Art Awards and Exhibition was a fabulous success. The opening night on 5 August 2022 was attended by 125 people with a nearly 350 people visiting to peruse the display throughout the exhibition week. Congratulations to all the entrants. The quality of art on display was exceptional. Thanks is warmly extended to all the sponsors, particularly Karara Mining Ltd and QUBE Logistics, the State Government and Tourism WA, Tony Tropiano and Loretta Egan for their wonderful workshops, suppliers, volunteers and more who contributed to the success of this signature event.

Special congratulations to all of our Award winners;

Shire of Morawa Acquisitive Award
ELMARI STEYN

Works on Canvas
JOANNE DUFFY

Works on Paper
ELMARI STEYN

Indigenous Art
LORETTA EGAN

Mid West Indigenous Art
NICOLE DICKERSON

3-Dimensional Art
STEVE DAVIDSON

Photography
NELE SCHMIDT

Young Artist (5-12 yrs)
GABE MCKENNA

Young Artist (13-18 yrs)
PETA HUMPHRIES & AIMEE MCGLEW

Peoples Choice
KATHLEEN GEDLING



A Message from the President

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Budget

Council adopted the Shire of Morawa's Annual Budget on Monday 15 August 2022. This document once again represents a significant body of work, especially given significant cost escalations and project delays across the country.

A letter from the President has accompanied all Rates Notices, and the CEO covers off on the economic conditions impacting the Shire in his budget introduction.

The Shire is looking to deliver an exciting capital works schedule in 2022-2023 with significant road works and asset renewal outcomes. The full budget is available on the Shire website.

Medical Services

I would like to acknowledge the work and dedication of Dr Adebola Adeiye. As a community, we are very fortunate to have local access to quality medical care.

A quick browse of the Rural Health West website demonstrates that there are close to 100 GP vacancies around the State in August 2022. Dr Adebola has provided fantastic service to Morawa for the last 6 years and we are thankful that he has remained loyal to Morawa when faced with conflicting priorities in both his personal and professional life.

Bookings are available Monday to Wednesday every week and can be made over the phone on 08 9971 1103 or through their website:

www.morawamedicalcentre.com

Grants

The Shire has been the grateful recipient of a number of (non-road) grants over the last 12 months. I wanted to take this opportunity in the new financial year to highlight some of the success stories and commend the great work by the Shire employees.

- WA State Government Regional Event Scheme support for the Art Show
- Australia Day events
- Volunteer Week event
- Drug Aware YCulture – Art on Wheels
- Club Development Plan
- Arts and Culture Plan
- Public Use Computers at the Library
- Dual Use Footpath Development
- Airport Apron Sealing

The CEO has recently informed Council that we have been successful with grants for a Airport Vermin Fence and a Bike Month Event to occur in 2022-23.

We look forward to continued success in this area as grant funding continues to be one of the Shire's key sources of income outside of Rates revenue.



Council News

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 15 AUGUST 2022

Adoption of the 2022-2023 Budget

Council adopted the 2022-2023 annual budget, in accordance with Section 6.2(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 and associated Financial Management Regulation 1997. Providing a balanced budget offering over \$3m of capital expenditure and a modest increase to operational expenditure given current inflation levels. Rates in the dollar increased by 4%, and a 1.5% discount is applicable for those who make full payment by the due date of 30 September 2022.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 18 AUGUST 2022

Adoption of Strategic Community Plan 2022 – 2032

Council adopted the Strategic Community Plan 2022 – 2032 and directed the CEO to give Local Public Notice of the adoption of the new Strategic Community Plan.

Adoption of Workforce Plan 2022 – 2032

Council adopted the Shire of Morawa Workforce Plan 2022 – 2032.

Adoption of Council Policy ELM08 Council Forums

Council accepted the changes to Council Policy ELM 08 and Adopt the revised Council Policy ELM08 Council Forums and directed the CEO to advertise the adoption of the new Council Policy ELM 08 to provide transparency and guidance to the public as to what meetings they can attend and how those meetings will function.

Voting Delegates for Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) Annual General Meeting

Council resolves to Elect the Shire President, Councillor Karen Chappel and the Deputy Shire President, Councillor Ken Stokes as Voting Delegate for the Shire of Morawa and empowers the CEO to choose a proxy from another attending Councillor should the elected representatives fall ill or be unable to attend. If no other Councillors attend, then the Council is satisfied with only one voting delegate in the case of an unexpected absence.

Final Adoption – Shire of Morawa Local Heritage Survey

Council adopted the Shire of Morawa Local Heritage Survey 2022 and Heritage List 2022 and the Winfield Street Heritage Area and Development Guidelines 2022.

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

15 September 2022 at 1:30pm

View full details of Council Meetings at: www.morawa.wa.gov.au/council-meetings

Shire Project Updates

Roads to Recovery Project for Canna North-East Road

Gravel re-sheeting is expected to be completed by the end of August.

Cemetery Carpark Upgrade

The Cemetery Carpark and entrance road upgrade project has now progressed to Concept Design.

Regional Roads Submission

Vegetation clearing and gravel preparation has commenced for future re-sheeting projects at White Road and Gutha West Road.

Caravan Park Chalet Upgrades

Gutha chalet bathroom upgrade is now completed. Upgrades to Morawa chalet will now commence at the conclusion of the wildflower season. These upgrade works were required to alleviate mould, lifting tiles, and other areas of concern.



Drainage Remedial Works

Works were completed to address standing water issues at the corner of Winfield Street and White Avenue.



Footpaths

All footpath and kerbing has now been completed as part of the Western Australian Bicycle Network Grants Program.

Water Refill Station

The installation of a water refill station at the town square has been completed.



Employment Opportunities

Customer and Corporate Support Officer

The Shire of Morawa has commenced recruitment for an experienced Customer and Corporate Support Officer. Applicants with local government, transport services, and general finance administration experience will be highly regarded. This position is being offered on a permanent basis.

The position of Customer and Corporate Officer will be primarily based on the Shire's front counter but may also be deployed into the Finance, Governance, Community Support, or other administrative teams.

This position will be ideal for someone with a can-do attitude, strong attention to detail, and the ability to juggle multiple tasks. An application package containing the position description for the role can be obtained from the Shire of Morawa website www.morawa.wa.gov.au

Applications close at 4pm on Friday, 02 September 2022.



Plant Operator

The Shire of Morawa has commenced recruitment for an experienced Plant Operator. Applicants with Truck, Grader and road maintenance/construction experience will be highly regarded. This position is being offered on permanent basis to assist the Shire with their Capital Works, Road Construction and Maintenance Program.

The position of Plant Operator will primarily work with the road maintenance and construction teams but will be required to assist with other areas of Shire operations as directed by the Executive Manager of Works and Assets.

On offer is an attractive hourly rate, other benefits including a nine (9) day fortnight, super co-contribution up to 5% and an inclusive work environment with a focus on safety.

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Community News

Opportunity for Leadership Development in our Region

The Leading Australian Resilient Communities (LARC) is a National Leadership Network driving positive local change. The LARC program is about supporting Australia's regional communities to meet challenges and collectively drive the positive changes they want to see.

Set over eight months, participants will gather regularly to expand their understanding of regional development, the role of place-based leadership, and develop skills in strategic foresight, adaptive leadership and building resilient local systems. As well as compelling, immediate benefits for regional leaders, LARC builds a foundation for solid practices and strategies that will enable regions to best plan for the future and build healthy, sustainable communities with long-term input into national wellbeing.

Morawa falls under the Midwest Coastal region. Participants in the Future Forums and the Leadership Programs will be drawn from the local community and can be volunteers or employees of state or local government, not-for-profit organisations and businesses, elected members, community leaders or business owners. The program is fully funded and there is no fee to participate.

For further information or to register your interest, visit www.leadershipwa.org.au/programs/leading-australian-resilient-communities/

Community Events Calendar

Fed up with missing out on events?

The Shire has recently upgraded its website to allow community members to view the events calendar, submit and include an event on the calendar, and most importantly subscribe to be notified of events.

The more subscribers and events utilising the online calendar the less chance anyone will miss out on an exciting event ever again.

Visit the website to subscribe:

<https://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/events/>

Change to Fire Danger Rating System

From 1 September 2022, Western Australia will implement a new Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) to better inform communities across the State about bushfire risks. The AFDRS will be rolled out across all States and Territories to replace the previous fire danger rating system, which was developed in the 1960s. The new system is backed by improvements in science that delivers more localised and accurate information for communities.

The AFDRS will have four rating levels - *Moderate, High, Extreme and Catastrophic* - that replace the previous six.

There will be community actions advised at each level so the public understands what they need to do to protect themselves, their family and their homes, and also 'no rating' days for when conditions present minimal risk.

More information on the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System is available at <https://mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/FireDangerRatings>

SHIRE OF MORAWA CYCLONE SEROJA RECOVERY UPDATE
 AS AT 31 JULY 2022 DOCUMENT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE




SHIRE PROFILE

-  107 properties damaged
-  \$385,000 distributed across 30 applications for the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund
-  10 businesses recipients of the Premier's Small Business Grant
-  42 households recipients of the Premier's Residential Grant
-  189 households provided with emergency financial relief from the Department of Communities

ASSISTANCE IN NUMBERS

Recovery Assistance up to 31 JULY 2022 <small>Jointly funded through the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements</small>	Morawa	Mid West Region
	Cumulative Totals	
Recovery and Resilience Grant Applications	20	398
Cultural and Heritage Asset Clean-up and Repair Grants Applications	2	45
Small Business Recovery Grant Applications	3	80
Primary Producers Recovery Grant Applications	5	94
Uninsured Clean-up Expressions of Interest	3	22
Welfare and Outreach Assistance up to 30 JUNE 2022		
Department of Communities (DoC) Emergency Financial Assistance	205	7140
DoC Individualised Support of Community Members	209	1551
DoC Outreach to Community Members	15	4104

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

-  **Morawa Recovery Hub**
Every Tues & Thurs 10am to 3pm*
* opening days are changing in August
- Morawa Centacare Catchups**
Tuesdays, 10.30am to 1.30pm

RECOVERY HUB STATS
 (COMBINED SHIRE OF MINGENEW, PERENJORI, MORAWA)

-  In July 2022 the Morawa, Mingenew and Perenjori recovery team* had more than **153** interactions with community members:
 - 19** in person hub visits
 - 18** outreach visits by hub personnel
 - 116** people provided help via phone or email.
- Help was sought primarily for grant applications, welfare assistance, insurance assistance and legal aid referrals.
- 7** people made contact with recovery support for the first time in July.

*DFES recovery hub personnel only.

RECOVERY KEY MESSAGES

State Recovery continues to support the Shire of Morawa through specialist recovery staff from the Department of Communities, Department of Fire and Emergency Services and Australian Red Cross. The staff are based at the Morawa hub two days a week to help Shire residents with their recovery queries, issues or grant applications.

Recently all Shire residents received a letter from the Cyclone Seroja State Recovery Controller outlining all the support available to them, resulting in an increase in phone enquiries.



ARE YOU A LOCAL HIDDEN Gem??



Shire of Morawa has partnered with 'Storytowns' to create podcasts for our shire. We are looking to connect with locals with a wealth of knowledge about our shire and stories about our history and community that the 'Storytowns' team would be interested in!

Storytowns showcases regional and rural towns, the folk that live there and local hidden gems via location-based podcasts. Storytowns really **need your help** to nail down a few solid stories and places for travellers to visit. If you can fill out this survey for the team, that would be a great help to promote your town. The survey form is available in the Shire office and the below link.



<https://forms.gle/nmNsYL8reHG1NRSB9>

STORYTOWNS



**Taste of India
and Cultural Exchange**

September 9th 2022
Friday
6.30 PM onwards

Morawa Golf & Bowling Club

CASH ONLY

Curry Night

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The poster features a large green leaf with a bowl of orange curry on top. Below the leaf, the event title is written in yellow. The date and day are in orange and white, and the time is in green. A location pin icon is next to the venue name. On the right, 'Curry Night' is written vertically in a stylized font, and 'CASH ONLY' is in a green circle. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a diverse group of people, a bowl of curry, a plate of fried dumplings, a bowl of rice and meat, and a bowl of cookies. A logo for 'UNITED IN DIVERSITY' is in the bottom right corner.

Shire of Morawa presents

A CIRCUS SENSATION

Heart-stopping, Jaw-dropping Circus



"Charismatic, funny & skills to boot!"
 A real FEEL-GOOD performance!"
 - PERTH HAPPENINGS

Thursday, 22 September 2022, 6:30 pm
 Morawa Town Hall

Tickets available from the Shire Office
 Child over 4 years, \$2 • Adults \$5



Department of
 Local Government, Sport
 and Cultural Industries