

SHIRE SNIPPETS

News and updates from the Shire of Morawa

A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL



Midwest NAIDOC Celebration

The Shire of Morawa took part in NAIDOC Day celebrations on Wednesday, 20 July 2022. This year's encouraging message of 'Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!' was certainly heard and put into action.

There was an exceptional attendance with an outpouring display of culture, support, pride, and community cohesion. Thanks and appreciation to MEEDAC and the NAIDOC Working Group for their efforts coordinating the day.

Thanks is also extended to all the sponsors, guest speakers – especially Mr NAIDOC 2022, suppliers, volunteers and more who contributed to the success of the event.



2018 Winner Loretta Egan with Cr Karen Chappel

Art Awards & Exhibition

Entries have now closed for the 8th Biennial Art Awards & Exhibition. We have received a wonderful response in submissions both locally and from across the state. It is shaping up to be a true show stopping event.

Opening Night tickets for Friday, 5 August 2022, are available for purchase online through the Shire of Morawa website, and from the Shire Office.

Good luck to all the entrants!



A Message from the President

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Reforms

On 3 July 2022, an announcement was made introducing the most significant package of reforms for WA local government since the Local Government Act 1995 was passed more than 25 years ago.

The reforms are based on 6 themes:

- Earlier intervention, effective regulation and stronger penalties
- Reducing red tape, increasing consistency and simplicity
- Greater transparency and accountability
- Stronger local democracy and community engagement
- Clear roles and responsibilities
- Improved financial management and reporting.

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries has developed a series of fact sheets to guide local governments and community members through the reform package, available on the departments website.

Plans Out for Consultation

A big thank you to all who attended the draft community plan information session on Sunday, 17 July 2022.

The Draft of the Strategic Community Plan has been finalised and is now ready for community consultation.

The Draft Plans for Arts & Culture and Tourism are also open for community consultation.

Comments will be open until 9am, Thursday, 11 August 2022.

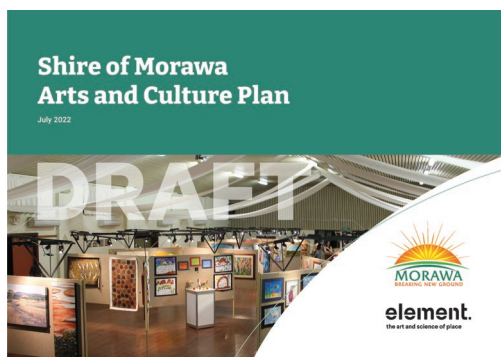
Copies of the plans are available on the Shire website or in hard copy from the Shire office.

All comments big or small should be sent through to ea@morawa.wa.gov.au to inform the final make up of the plans.

Thanks to the CEO

Council would like to thank CEO, Scott Wildgoose for his efforts invested into the Morawa community over the past few months.

His dedication has ensured that recent community plans are updated and are more relevant to our evolving community. The work he and his staff continue to do behind the scenes to contribute to this community is highly commendable.



Council News

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 21 JULY 2022

Council Position of State Government Draft Child Safe Awareness Policy

Council acknowledged the thorough consultation involved in the development of a draft policy by the Department of Communities and that the Shire of Morawa agrees fundamentally to the policy and its driving principals. The CEO was directed to provide feedback on the draft to the Department of Communities in preparation for finalisation of the report.

Review of Council Delegation Register and Authorisation Register

The Council adopted the July 2022 review of the Delegation Register, with the addition of four new delegations;

- a) Restricted Access Vehicles (RAV) on Shire Roads
- b) Responding to Exploration Licence Application Referrals
- c) Long Service Leave
- d) Control of Environmental Health Matters

The Council also adopted the July 2022 review of the Authorisation Register, without amendment.

Acceptance of Draft Arts and Culture, and Tourism Plans for Public Comment Period

The Council accepted the Draft Shire of Morawa Arts and Culture Plan and Draft Shire of Morawa Tourism Plan for the purpose of public comment and directed the CEO to distribute the draft plan and seek public comment for no less than 14 days.

Response to request from Morawa Historical Society

The Council endorsed the CEO to work with the Morawa District Historical Society to install prefabricated metallic animal cut outs in the area near the windmills at the southern entrance to town.

Minutes of WALGA State Council Meeting held 6 July 2022

That Council receive the Minutes of the WALGA State Council Meeting held 6 July 2022.

Ministerial Committee

That Council receive the final documents of the Local Government Reforms: Full Reform.

Leasing of Industrial Business Unit Office Space

That pursuant to Section 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995 and the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Council resolves:

1. To endorse the CEO leasing out the front office at the Morawa Business Unit (Unit 1A) under delegated authority, subject to the proposed lease:
 - a) Being for 36 months or less
 - b) Not interfering with the other uses of the site
 - c) Not resulting in any damage or pollution at the site
 - d) Using a per month rental charge of \$255 +GST per month
 - e) The tenant being responsible for all utility costs
 - f) a bond amounting to 3 months' full rent be paid to the Shire of Morawa prior to occupation.
2. Allow the CEO to grant a 50% discount for the first three month's rent at the front office of the Morawa Business Units (Unit 1A) for all leases of 12 months or longer

Midwest Regional Group Waste Collection Quotation

Council endorsed the CEO withdrawing Morawa from the Midwest Regional Group Waste Collection Contract and rejecting the submission received.

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
18 August 2022 at 5:30pm

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



DRAFT ART & CULTURE PLAN AND DRAFT TOURISM PLAN

Community consultation has opened for the Draft Art & Culture and Draft Tourism Plan. The Shire of Morawa welcomes everyone to review the draft plans and submit comments by completing the form on the Shire of Morawa website at

<https://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/> or email ea@morawa.wa.gov.au

Submissions will close at 9am on Thursday, 11 August 2022.



Shire Project Updates

Roads to Recovery Project for Canna North-East Road

Gravel re-sheeting is 50% complete on Canna North-East Road.

Recreation Centre Roof

The Shire has developed a procurement plan for the replacement of the recreation centre roof. The tender document preparation has commenced, and we are hoping to have the project underway during the summer months.

Caravan Park Chalet Upgrades

Pintharuka and Merkanooka chalets have had bathroom upgrades completed, with Gutha under construction. Upgrades to Morawa chalet will commence in August. These upgrade works were required to alleviate mould, lifting tiles, and other areas of concern.



Footpaths

Dreghorn Street from White Avenue to Davis Street has received new kerbing and a new concrete footpath have been laid. The new footpaths along Dreghorn and Granville Street are part of the Western Australian Bicycle Network Grants Program.



Bowling Green

Cyclone related resurfacing works on the Bowling Green have now been completed. It is fantastic to see bowlers back utilising the surface and newly renovated club facilities.



Shire Staff Update

Rahul Ramabhadran

Rahul has joined the Shire of Morawa as our new Community Development Officer. He has worked as a primary school teacher, social worker and community development officer in India for nine years. In 2013 Rahul received an award for being the best teacher in an Indian government primary school section. In 2019, he moved to Perth and recently graduated with a Masters in Community development from Murdoch University.

He is excited to become part of the Morawa community and is already working hard planning programs for the Morawa Youth Centre.

For fun, Rahul enjoys playing badminton, arts and crafts as well as travelling and exploring new places.



Drisyaa Das (Dee Dee) Sindhu

Drisyaa will be working casually as an administration officer at the Shire office and has said she is happy for people to call her Dee Dee if Drisyaa proves too difficult to pronounce. She has finished her bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science in India and worked as a software engineer in India for two years. Three months ago, she moved to Australia, then early this month to Morawa.

Australian culture and language are new to Drisyaa, and she looks forward to leaning more about it during her time in Morawa

She loves dancing and modelling. She is also an avid blogger on Instagram, with a following of around 3000. She particularly loves posting while travelling with her partner Rahul.



Employment Opportunities

Pool Manager

The Shire has commenced the recruitment for a permanent replacement for the role of Pool Manager at the Morawa Swimming Pool. The Pool Manager is responsible for all aspects of facility, surrounds, and pool maintenance, as well as customer service and safety at the venue. The ideal candidate for the role will be someone with strong knowledge and experience of swimming pool environments, who possess an outgoing and positive attitude to create an enjoyable and fun environment for visitors.

Applications close on the 12 August 2022.

If you are interested in this role more information and application process can be found at the Shire's website under employment opportunities

www.morawa.wa.gov.au

Community News

Wildflowers

As you are well aware wildflower season is just around the corner with flowers already starting to bloom.

There have been a few sightings already with locations being clearly marked with coloured ribbon.

Orchids and Fringe Lillies are getting ready to bloom along the Widima Trail, as well as pops of White and Yellow Pom Poms around town. Spider Orchids, Pink Candy Orchids, Blue Fairy Orchids and Donkey Orchids have been spotted around the Shire of Morawa, particularly along the Canna Dam Orchid Walk Trail

The Morawa visitors centre is now open if you require more information.

The Morawa Historical Museum is also open if you would like to learn about Morawa's fascinating history or view one of the largest collection of Windmills.

Both are always on the lookout for volunteers if your interested in volunteering your time.



Photography Tour & Workshop with Tony Tropino

An exciting opportunity to learn the basics of capturing a good photo as well as local knowledge on the best places to photograph our beautiful native wildflowers.

Tony is a well-known rural photographer who is excited to share his passion for photography.

We still have available spaces on Sunday 7th August 2022 for both sessions

1:00pm- 7:00pm- stopping at locations including Koolanooka Hills and Bilya Rock, finishing the day with a sunset session at Coalseam and dinner at 8pm at the Morawa Town Hall.

8:30pm- 10:00pm- this is a astrophotography session, with dinner beforehand at 8pm at the Morawa Town Hall.

For more information see the Shire's Facebook page [Facebook.com/shireofmorawa](https://www.facebook.com/shireofmorawa) or contact Emily Loc at emily.loc@bigpond.com

Booking are essential





Morawa Youth Centre

Term 3
NOW OPEN

2022

| | Monday | Wednesday | Friday |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Week 2 | Sports 25 July 2022 | Arts 27 July 2022 | Closed 29 July 2022 |
| Week 3 | Sports 01 Aug 2022 | Arts 03 Aug 2022 | Open 05 Aug 2022 |
| Week 4 | Games 08 Aug 2022 | Crafts 10 Aug 2022 | Open 12 Aug 2022 |
| Week 5 | Sports 15 Aug 2022 | Arts 17 Aug 2022 | Open 19 Aug 2022 |
| Week 6 | Games 22 Aug 2022 | Crafts 24 Aug 2022 | Closed 26 Aug 2022 |
| Week 7 | Sports 29 Aug 2022 | Arts 31 Aug 2022 | Open 02 Sept 2022 |
| Week 8 | Games 05 Sept 2022 | Crafts 07 Sept 2022 | Open 09 Sept 2022 |
| Week 9 | Sports 12 Sept 2022 | Arts 14 Sept 2022 | Open 16 Sept 2022 |
| Week 10 | Games 19 Sept 2022 | Crafts 21 Sept 2022 | Open 23 Sept 2022 |

MONDAY
3:00pm - 06:00pm
8+ YEAR OLDS

WEDNESDAY
2:30pm - 5:30pm
8+ YEAR OLDS

FRIDAY
3:00pm - 6:00pm
8+ YEAR OLDS



- PLEASE USE THE BACK GATE AS THE ENTRANCE TO THE YOUTH CENTRE
- ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN IN AND SIGN OUT UPON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM THE YOUTH CENTRE
- IF THE YOUTH CENTER CANNOT OPEN ON ANY DAY FOR ANY PARTICULAR REASON, IT WILL BE OPEN ON THE PRECEDING WORKING DAY.

Contact Rahul:
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2022
8TH BIENNIAL

*Art Awards &
Exhibition*

Opening Night

INCLUDING AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Commencing 7.00pm
Friday, 5th August 2022
Morawa Town Hall,
Prater Street, Morawa

Tickets \$60

Including exhibition entry, premium wine and beer, soft drinks, gourmet three course meal (cocktail style) and entertainment from Perth Duo GC Acoustics (pictured).

Tickets In Person:
Shire of Morawa
Administration Building,
Winfield St, Moraw

Phone: Shire of Morawa, 9971 1204
Online via www.morawa.wa.gov.au



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