

SHIRE SNIPPETS

News and updates from the Shire of Morawa

A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL



Art Awards and Exhibition

The 2022 8th Biannual Art Awards and Exhibition will be held on Friday 5th August 2022. This is a wonderful event for Morawa and showcases some of the best artists from around the state. The show is a child free event so please make sure to organise babysitters as there will be no childcare options at the event. I would also like to thank Karara Mining Ltd CEO Changjiang Zhu for their generous contribution towards the Morawa Art Show. Please remember that entries close on July 8th 2022.

Reconciliation Week

It is with great pleasure that as part of my WALGA Presidency I was able to lead a reconciliation breakfast on the 27 May 2022, with Morawa and many other towns participating virtually.

The Shire participated in the Virtual Breakfast at the Town Hall, we were pleased to have attendees from both Morawa District High School, Morawa Agricultural College, Mr NAIDOC 2022 Cohen Taylor, Desert Blue and members of the community

This year's theme is "Be Brave. Make Change" and with Morawa again hosting the regional NAIDOC celebration in July this year, I am reminded of the headway we have made as a community, and I look forward to further progress being made to celebrate the differences that make Morawa unique.

Mr NAIDOC 2022

We are very proud of Morawa local Constable Cohen Taylor for being awarded the first Mr NAIDOC Perth 2022. Cohen has become an outstanding member of our community; he should be very proud of this wonderful honour. Cohen will be involved in our NAIDOC celebrations set to take place on Wednesday 20 July 2022.

Dr Carmen Lawrence

The Shire of Morawa would like to congratulate Dr Carmen Lawrence's appointment as an officer of the Order of Australia (AO) during the 2022 Queen's Birthday Honours for her distinguished service to the people and Parliaments of Australia and WA, to conservation and to arts administration. Dr Lawrence spent her childhood in Gutha and was educated at the Marian Convent in Morawa and is another fine example of Morawa locals going on to achieve great things.

Migrant Workers Program

Aligned to the vision for Morawa to be a welcoming and inclusive community, the Shire has partnered with United in Diversity increase the districts cultural diversity. United in diversity will look to work with the Shire, community, and a “Inclusion and Diversity Working Group” to develop systems and connections for people from a variety of cultural backgrounds to feel welcomed and included

As part of this initiative a pilot regional migrant employment program is being established to bring 4-6 culturally diverse migrants into our community to live and work for an initial period of 6 to 12 months, with the goal of the program to help these people create real connections and want to put roots down in Morawa and encourage their friends and family to make the transition to regional communities, especially Morawa.

This model differs from other similar schemes as it focusses only the growth, development, and cultural understanding of both the host employers and communities as well as the migrants. We are hoping that by taking part in this program and opening our doors to different cultures it will help Morawa achieve its strategic goals in the future.

Local Government Extraordinary Election.

I would like to congratulate our newest Shire Councillor Cr Mark Coaker who was elected unopposed on 2nd June 2022. Cr Coaker lives in Meranooka with his wife Sara and children Billy, Lincoln and Lacey. He is passionate about Morawa and is actively involved in the Football Club, St John Ambulance, RSLWA and the Morawa DHS P & C.

Thank A Volunteer Event

I would like to thank everyone that attended the “Thank A Volunteer” Event held at the newly renovated Golf and Bowling Club on Friday the 24th June. The evening was to Thank our Local Volunteers and the hard work that they do with in our community. Many of our local volunteer community groups, particularly the Emergency Services are always looking for new volunteers. Please make sure you reach out and make your interest known.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 20 MAY 2022**May 2022 Budget Review**

That Council:

1. Adopt the May 2022 budget review considering the actual financials for the period 1 January to 31 March 2022 as presented in the Report
2. Amends the Budget accordingly.

Fees and Charges for 2022/2023

That Council:

1. Resolves to adopt the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the financial year 2022-2023 and impose from 1 July 2022.
2. Direct the CEO to give Local Public Notice of the 2022-2023 Schedule of Fees and Charges for a period of 14 days and implement accordingly.

North Midlands Regional Club Development Plan

That Council:

1. Approve the circulation of the draft plan for public comment.
2. Authorise the Shire President to endorse the plan on behalf of Council, providing no major changes are required, following the closure of the public comment period.

General Practitioner Services

With respect to the Medical Services Agreement for the provision of General Practitioner Services, That Council:

1. Resolves to enter into a renewal of the Medical Services Agreement (Attachment 1) for a term of three (3) years between the Shire of Morawa and Dr Adebola Adeiye.

2. Authorises the CEO to make final adjustments to the Medical Services Agreement and the Lease of Commercial Premises (Attachment 2) between the Shire of Morawa and Dr Adebola Adeiye.
3. Resolves pursuant to section 9.49a of the Local Government Act 1995 the common seal be affixed to the Medical Services Agreement and the Lease of Commercial Premises between the Shire of Morawa and Dr Adebola Adeiye.
4. Further to s6.4 of the Medical Services Agreement, authorise an updated inventory of fixtures, fittings and equipment be undertaken by the Shire and Dr Adebola Adeiye within 3 weeks of the sealing of the Medical Services Agreement and Lease.

Date of Next Ordinary Council Meeting

Council will change the next ordinary meeting of council from Thursday, 16 June 2022 to Wednesday, 15 June 2022, due to Cr Chappel attending an Australian Local Government Association Conference (ALGA) in Canberra on the 17 June 2022

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**15 June 2022 at 5:30pm**

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

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 15 JUNE 2022

Commencement of Stage 2 Strategic Community Plan Consultation

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the community engagement and work undertaken on the Strategic Community Plan major review so far
2. Direct the CEO to commence Stage 2 Strategic Community Plan consultation based on the revised Vision with accompanying Aspirations and Strategic Focus Areas as depicted in the attached "Plan on a Page".

WALGA Advocacy position on arrangements for the management of volunteer bushfire brigades.

That Council

1. Request the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) to form a position to advocate for:
 - 1.1.1 Modernisation of Western Australian emergency services legislation, including alignment of the WA Bush Fires Act 1954 with the rest of Australia by removing the legislative requirement for WA Local Governments to manage Bush Fire Brigades;
 - 1.1.2 Option 4 of its "Arrangements for Management of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades: Proposed Advocacy Position" paper, being, "Transfer Responsibility for the management of all Bush Fire Brigades to the State Government, consistent with the arrangements in other States and Territories

1.1.3 Provision of a legislated State Government department or agency to manage Rural Fire Services to enhance the capability for rural fire management and bushfire risk management at a State, regional and local level, fully implementing recommendation 15 of the "Reframing Rural Fire Management" Report of the Special Inquiry Into the January 2016 Waroona Fire (Ferguson Report)

1.1.4 The establishment of a Rural Fire Service must be done with full engagement with volunteer bushfire brigades, local governments, WALGA, and other State agencies to inform best practice.

2. Direct the CEO to respond to the question's posed in WALGA's advocacy position paper highlighting Council's position on the matter as per resolution 1.

Minutes of WALGA State Council Meeting held 04 May 2022

That Council

1. That Council receive the Minutes of the WALGA State Council Meeting held 4 May 2022.

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**21 July 2022 at 5:30pm**

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Shire Project Updates

Roads Update

- Works on Koolanooka South Road have been completed.
- Clearing of bush has commenced on the West Gutha Road and formation is being carried out.
- Sealing of the Morawa Yalgoo Road has been completed and patching on this road has also been carried out.
- Mulching of shrub is being carried out on Valentine Road .



Manning Street Footpath

Concreting of the footpath on Manning Street is to be completed near the end of May.

Shire Staff Update

Executive Manager of Works & Assets

The Shire of Morawa welcomed Paul Devcic in the role of Executive Manager of Works and Assets (EMWA) and we look forward to working with him.

Paul Devcic

I joined the Shire in mid-April in the Executive Manager Works Assets role.

I'm an Engineer with qualifications in Civil and Coastal Engineering, Project Management and WHS.

I've spent the past 12 years in various roles within Local Government, the most recent of which was Coordinating the Engineering department with the City of Greater Geraldton.

I was excited to join the team and have enjoyed getting to know my colleagues on an individual level, as well as immersing myself in country living.

Initially, I will be looking to strengthen organisational culture, with a focus on collaboration and recognition. I encourage open communication and will use that to identify efficiencies and areas where I can offer support the team.

I believe in professional development and will do what I can to ensure my team is given every opportunity to learn new skills to assist with their next career move.

In my short time here, I've been fortunate enough to commence working on a number of exciting future projects which are already in the planning phase. These initiatives will contribute to a more efficient, safer road and drainage network within the Shire.

I look forward to working closely with everyone over the coming years.

Robert Terms

Robert has joined the Shire as our new Caravan Park Caretaker and Head Cleaner.

After retiring from the police force and a role in Governance and Community Development, Robert and his wife Antionette were ready for a bit of a change. We are looking forward to working with Robert and Antionette for the upcoming Wildflower season.

Caitlin Tonkin

Caitlin will be working with the Shire as an Executive Support Officer. Caitlin will be working remotely for now, but we hope to welcome her to the community soon.

Community Development Officer

The Shire and Youth Centre farewelled Christine in early May. We have secured a new Community Development Officer, details to come.

Community News

The community is invited to participate in a consultation on the Shire of Morawa's updated Strategic Community Plan on a page Draft. To complete the survey please visit the Shire of Morawa Website-

<https://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/community/about-your-community/strategic-community-plan>.

We have developed 7 key areas to help us achieve our Vision.

We appreciate your input and look forward to working on our vision together.

The Plan on a Page



Create a sense of place for visitors

- Factor the visitor experience into planning and design decisions
- Develop and Implement a Tourism Plan
- Embrace a commitment to excellent service
- Ensure the townscape and its services are accessible to all

Activate a vibrant small business sector

- Facilitate and support small business
- Encourage variety and competition
- Maintain strong support systems and services

Take pride in an aesthetically appealing townscape

- Develop and implement a townscape greening plan
- Enhance the appearance of homes, gardens, businesses, public buildings, and open spaces
- Utilise public art
- Celebrate our wins

Embrace cultural and social diversity

- Develop and implement an Arts and Culture plan
- Champion inclusion and engagement
- Invest in socialisation and belonging
- Promote positive aging in place across the community

Cement strong foundations for growth and prosperity

- Safe and suitable road and other transport networks
- Ready to go commercial and industrial facilities
- Enhance partnerships and alliances

Occupy a Safe and Healthy living space

- Build safer neighbourhoods
- Occupy fit for purpose housing
- Increase active living
- Enhance health service provisions

Future focussed in all we do

- Ensure the shire and its assets are well resourced and sustainable
- Embrace recycling and renewable energy
- Foster passion and belief in younger residents

2022 Morawa Art Awards & Exhibition

Calling all Artists

The 8th biennial Art Awards and Exhibition will next take place from Friday 5th August to Sunday 14th August and will be held at the Morawa Town Hall.

Entries are now open

The Shire of Morawa is pleased to announce the opening of entries for the 2022 Art Awards and Exhibition, inviting submissions for original and new work (post 2018) across a range of mediums from local and Western Australian artists.

The Awards will be judged and announced at the Award Presentation Evening and Exhibition Opening Night which will be held on Friday 5th August 2022 and will be a ticketed event. **Please note that entries close Friday 8th July 2022.**

The exhibition will be professionally curated and hopes to attract over 300 entries.

Entry Forms can be downloaded from the Morawa Shire Website at:

www.morawa.wa.gov.au/art-awards

Further enquiries, contact Emily Sutherland Left of Centre Concepts and Events - emily.loc@bigpond.com

2022 8TH BIENNIAL

Art Awards & Exhibition

THE MORAWA ART
AWARDS AND EXHIBITION
IS A BIENNIAL EVENT
ESTABLISHED IN 2006.

THE ART AWARDS BRINGS
TOGETHER OUR REGIONAL
AND STATE ART COMMUNITY
IN SUPPORT OF SHOWING
VISUAL ARTS LOCALLY.

\$20,000

IN PRIZES.

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY
8TH JULY 2022

EXHIBITION OPENING
NIGHT FRIDAY,
5TH AUGUST 2022



2018 SOM ACQUISITIVE WINNER
LORETTA EGAN / EVERLASTINGS ORIGINAL

CATEGORIES

ACQUISITIVE AWARD	PRIZE
Shire of Morawa Acquisitive Award	\$7500

NON-ACQUISITIVE AWARDS	PRIZE
Mid West Indigenous Art Award	\$3,500
Works on Canvas	\$1,750
Works on Paper	\$1,750
3 Dimensional Piece	\$1,750
Indigenous Award	\$1,750
Photography Award – Theme 'joy'	\$900

YOUTH CATEGORIES	PRIZE
Youth Art Award (Local Artists) 13-18yr olds	\$500
Young Art Award (Local Artists) 5-12yr olds	\$100

AWARDS VOTED	PRIZE
People's Choice Award	\$500

ENQUIRIES

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FUNDING AND GRANTS HUB

Regional Development Australia Mid West Gascoyne and Wheatbelt have partnered with GrantGuru to provide a funding and grants hub with free access to over 1,000 grants for local government, business and community.

Whether you're a local business, community group, sporting club, not for profit organisation or local government, you can easily search a comprehensive list of grant and funding opportunities.

Grants open, close and are updated regularly so register to receive email updates, save and shortlist grants, track opening and closing dates, and stay informed.

Go to rdawa.grantguru.com.au

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**SHIRE OF MORAWA****TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BURTON ROAD**

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Morawa proposes to close Burton Road to public access for the period from Monday, 19 September 2022 to Friday, 13 January 2023.

This temporary road closure has been requested by Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd (CBH) to facilitate improved access and safety to the Morawa Bin during the 2022/2023 Harvest Period.

Burton Road will be closed from the turn off on the Wubin-Mullewa Road to the intersection of Lodge and Powell Street. Access to the road will be permitted only for vehicles directly involved in accessing the CBH Morawa Bin and site as well as emergency and utility vehicles, if required during this period.



Objections to this proposed road closure are to be submitted to the Shire of Morawa CEO via email to ea@morawa.wa.gov.au prior to Friday, 22 July 2022.

Scott Wildgoose
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
28 June 2022

YOUTH CENTRE ACTIVITIES FOR THE JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

KELSEY'S MOVING CUTSTALL

Kelsey will be doing free basic hair cuts and discussing general hair care for youth center attendees as part of our School Holiday Program.

Wednesday 6th July 2022

9:00am - 1pm

At the Youth Centre,

Kelsey is a fully qualified hair dresser who completed her Apprenticeship at Hot Locs Geraldton where she works Part Time.

Kelsey's Moving Cutstall will be available from 1- 3pm on Wednesday 6th July 2022 to provide simple Ladies (\$35), Men's (\$25) and kids (\$20) Haircuts as well as braiding(\$5).



Please call Kelsey on 0474032464 if you would like to book an appointment.





RON THE BIKE MAN BIKE BUILDING WORKSHOP

12 JULY 2022

Ron is an experienced bike builder and has been running bike building programs since 2017 in Geraldton. He is currently collaborating with the Geraldton Aboriginal Sporting Corporation running workshops on how to modify, build and repair bikes.

Ron will be holding a work shop at the Morawa Youth Centre during the school holidays for youth centre attendees.

Tuesday 12 July 2022
10am-4pm
At the Youth Centre.





GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!
3-10 JULY 2022

MIDWEST NAIDOC 2022

**Info Stalls
Guest Speakers
Food Sampling
Kids Activities**

Morawa | Wednesday | 20 July | 10am - 2pm



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cdo@morawa.wa.gov.au



MORAWA VOLUNTEER BUSHFIRE BRIGADE

CADETS 2022

Information

A new Cadet Program is being started during the coming terms Term 3—term 4

As this is a new unit and just starting up in the town of Morawa there will be no cost to students attending this year. There will be a maximum number of 20 students and should there be more demand we will have a waiting list for students to join. Membership is open for male & females 15 years and over. Meetings will be on every Tuesday commencing the 19th of July at the Ag. College Sports Hall starting at 4.30pm until 6pm

Students will learn a wide range of skills which will prepare them for emergency situations and connect them with Emergency Services units in our community and the Mid West. The course offers leadership and hands on skills, teamwork, networking and the opportunity to learn communication strategies in a safe and fun way. All of the local network groups will be assisting with hands on training including the Police, FESA, St. John's, Marine search and rescue and Conservation and wildlife groups.

Costs and Fundraising - Nil cost this year to students attending

Uniforms & PPC/E - for this year students need to wear either blue work trousers or blue jeans, closed in foot wear and either a HiVis shirt or a shirt without logos or branding on it.

Camps (the fun stuff!) - we plan to take our Cadets on a camp. When we do go away for a camp, we will need several Cadet leaders to attend to help manage the Cadets. If we are unable to get enough of our Brigade members to attend, we may request a few parents to come along to help.

For further information contact:

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If your son or daughter would like to attend please contact Leanne Grant-Williams to secure a place