

SHIRE SNIPPETS

News and updates from the Shire of Morawa

A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL



Notice from Dr Ade

After seven (7) successful years serving as Morawa and Perenjori's General Practitioner, Dr Adebola Adeiye has given notice that he intends to cease operating his practice and transition back to Perth permanently to spend more time with his family. Dr Adeiye provided notice on the 21 November 2022 that his last full working day will be Tuesday 31 January 2023.

The Shires of Morawa and Perenjori wish to acknowledge Dr Adeiye for his exemplary service to the community and thank him for his tireless efforts over the last seven (7) years.

The Shire has commenced the process of advertising for Dr Ade's replacement, however, with high vacancy rates for rural GP positions throughout WA, this process may take some time. We ask the community for patience during this period of transition.

John Pullbrook

On 11 November 2022 the community came together to farewell Mr John 'Skip' Adrian Pulbrook, OAM.

Health & Safety Reminder

Following the sad news of another farming death in WA this month, we implore all to perform their activities with safety at front of mind. Particularly with the onset of summer weather and the risk fire poses to us all – remember to have your PPE handy.

Road Network Conditions

Due to unexpected prolonged wet weather over winter and two years of increased harvest traffic, deteriorating road conditions are being experienced. The Shire is undertaking remedial works as quickly as possible.

To assist, we ask everyone to drive to conditions and slow down. Main roads recommends trucks on unsealed roads to travel at 40kmph and while we know not everyone does this, the difference in road damage from travelling under 80kmph and over 80kmph is significant.



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Shooting Stars at MDHS

The Shooting Stars program has been officially opened at Morawa District High School. This wonderful initiative from Glass Jar Australia, empowers our Aboriginal girls and women to make informed choices about their education and employment journey, helping them 'shoot for the stars'.

Based in host schools across Western and South Australia, Shooting Stars combines advocacy and support, engagement activities, motivators, and health and wellbeing sessions to strengthen participants' confidence, cultural identity, and positive attitudes, while promoting their health and wellbeing. The program is in its 8th year of operation, flourishing and expanding.

Congratulations to Morawa District High School for implementing a wonderful, supportive program.



Council News

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 17 NOVEMBER 2022

Adoption of Ordinary Meeting of Council and Audit Committee Meeting Dates for 2023

Council resolved to set the Ordinary Council Meeting and Audit Committee meeting dates as follows:

Event	Date	Time
Ordinary Council Meeting	Thursday 16 February 2023	5.30pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	Thursday 16 March 2023	5.30pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	Thursday 20 April 2023	5.30pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	Thursday 18 May 2023	5.30pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	Thursday 15 June 2023	5.30pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	Thursday 20 July 2023	5.30pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	Thursday 17 August 2023	5.30pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	Thursday 14 September 2023	1.30pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	Thursday 19 October 2023	5.30pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	Thursday 16 November 2023	5.30pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	Thursday 21 December 2023	5.30pm
Audit Committee Meeting	Thursday 2 March 2023	6.00pm
Audit Committee Meeting	Thursday 13 July 2023	6.00pm
Audit Committee Meeting	Thursday 12 October 2023	6.00pm

Agenda Settlement will occur at 5.30pm on the Thursday before each months Ordinary Council Meeting as set out above. The location for all the above-mentioned events is the Shire of Morawa Council Chambers, 26 Winfield Street, Morawa.

WALGA Best Practice Governance Review Consultation

Council resolved that Option 5 (status quo) was the preferred option and directed the CEO to provide Shire's endorsed position as a submission to the WALGA - Best Practice Governance Review Steering Committee prior to 23 December 2022.

1st Quarter Budget Review – 1 July to 30 September 2022

Council adopted the 1st quarter budget review for the period of 1 July to 30 September 2022 and amended the budget accordingly.

Chief Executive Officer Annual Performance Review - Confidential Report

Council noted the CEO performance as meets expectations and set his performance criteria for 2023.

Morawa Waste Collection Contract Quotation Assessment

Council endorsed the CEO to enter into an initial 3 year contract with Avon Waste for the continuation of waste collection services and review kerbside waste recycling options. It is noted that the new contract will represent an increase to waste collection charges from next financial year, and the waste collection day changing to Thursdays in the coming months.

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

15 December 2022 at 5.30pm

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

Shire Project Updates

Roadworks

The road construction team have completed re-sheeting works on White Road and currently mobilising to Letterbox Road.

Airport

Airport vegetation clearing works to commence on Monday 28 November 2022

Maintenance Grading

Maintenance works with the Shire's two maintenance graders is continuing in the Canna and Gutha areas.

Caravan Park

Upgrades to the ensuite in the 'Morawa' chalet have been completed.

Wildflower Park

Community consultation regarding the renewal and reimagining of wildflower park has commenced. Any notes or thoughts on this public open space (behind Everlastings Guest House) please email cdo@morawa.wa.gov.au to contribute to the plans.



Staff Update



Lisa Smith

Lisa joins the Corporate and Community Services team as a Finance Officer.

Recently relocated from Kununurra – where she was employed in Local Government @ SWEK (Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley) as Co-Ordinator of Assets (Built Structures), undertaking this role for the last 2 years.

Lisa loves adventure and travelling, having travelled for 2 years with her family which is what brought them to WA from QLD in the beginning, arriving in Kununurra in 2019. They fell in love with the scenery and community at large. Lisa looks forward to getting to know and becoming involved in the Morawa community.

Ann Wanjiku

Ann joins the Corporate and Community Services team as a Customer and Corporate Support Officer.

Ann was born and raised in Kenya where she completed her bachelor's degree in Purchasing and Supplies Management. Ann migrated to Australia in March 2019 for further studies, graduating from Edith Cowan University with a Master of Business Administration in 2021.

Ann first visited Morawa under the United in Diversity program, which helps migrants connect with regional Western Australia.

Ann loves her family and friends, going on adventures and engaging in community activities. She's looking forward to touring Morawa and its environment, and becoming involved in the Morawa community.



Community News

Animal awareness

As the weather warms up, it's inevitable that we are likely to see an increase in animal activity, particularly with snakes. Where possible, stay a safe distance and do not engage. If looking to relocate a snake that can't escape naturally or poses an immediate threat, contact the Shire Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4pm.

Corella Culling

The Shire of Morawa will commence Corella Culling activities using licenced firearms commencing from 28 November 2022 until 31 January 2023.

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.

Swimming Pool – Notice of Early Closes

The Shire of Morawa advises the Morawa Swimming Pool will be closing early for Christmas events on the below dates;

Friday, 9 December – closing at 5.30pm

Shire Office - Christmas and New Year Office Closure

A reminder the Shire Offices will be closed from 4pm on Friday, 23 December 2022 until 8.30am on Wednesday, 4 January 2023 for the 2022-2023 Christmas and New Year period.

LARC – Leadership Training Opportunity

Leading Australian Resilient Communities (LARC) is a national collaboration of leaders committed to the future of Australia's regions, supported by the Australian Government's Building Resilient Regional Leaders Initiative (Pilot) Grant. LARC is running free 'Future Forum' workshops in Mingenew on 14 February 2023 and Yuna on 15 February 2023.

If you have a passion for the mid-west region then this will be an invaluable program to get involved in, the Shire will consider organising a bus to the Mingenew forum should enough community interest eventuate.

Registration for the Future Forums close 2 weeks prior for each event.

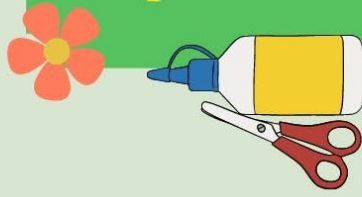
Registrations and a brochure can be completed online by visiting

www.leadershipwa.org.au/programs/leading-australian-resilient-communities/

come Join Us!
**Summer
Holidays**

2023

Write your own lyrics
Compose a catchy melody
Use our musical instruments
Record your song at our
studio and post it on
social media



JAN
Tues 17th
Craft &
movie

JAN
Wed 18th
Cinema &
excursion



JAN
Tues 24th
Pilates



JAN
Wed 25th
Pizza
making



JAN
Thur 19th
Regional
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JAN
Thur 26th
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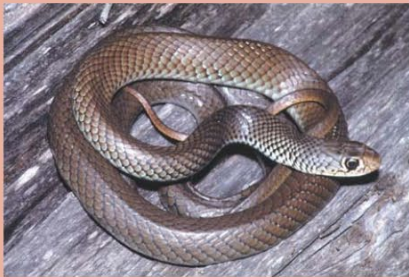
Contact **Rahul**

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Common Types of Midwest Snakes

Black Whip Snake



Western Brown (Gwardar)



**DO NOT
ATTEMPT TO
CATCH,
HANDLE OR
KILL SNAKES!**

King Brown (Mulga)



Snake behaviour and how to avoid them:

- Snakes are more active during the Spring and Summer months
- Make your property less attractive – remove any debris or woodpiles, cut back long grass and shrubbery, remove leaf litter and block any holes.
- Bird aviaries and chook pens can be attractive to snakes. Keep your enclosure secure, clean and free of rodents. Keep your pets safe too!
- If someone or a pet does get bitten by a snake, it is not necessary to catch or kill the snake first. Perform first aid and go straight to the hospital or vet.
- Most snakes are shy and will try to keep out of your way. Always wear strong boots and thick clothing in the bush to protect yourself from snake bites.



FIRST AID FACT SHEET

Snake Bite

Snake bites are not common in Australia, but all should be treated as life threatening. Snakes force venom out under pressure through fangs in the upper jaw. The spread of snake venom depends on its absorption through the lymphatic system.

Caused by

- + Fangs puncturing the skin.

Signs & symptoms

- + Visible in an hour or more after the person has been bitten.
- + In children signs and symptoms may appear within minutes.
- + Puncture marks or scratches, may bleed.
- + Nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.
- + Headache, drowsiness, giddiness or faintness.
- + Double or blurred vision, drooping eyelids.
- + Voice changes, trouble speaking or swallowing.
- + Pain or tightness in the throat, chest or abdomen.
- + Breathing difficulties, respiratory weakness or arrest.

What to do

1. Follow DRSABCD St John Action Plan.
2. Lay the casualty down, rest and reassure.
3. If the bite is on a limb, apply a broad pressure bandage over the bite site as soon as possible.
4. Then apply a further elasticised or firm bandage - start at fingers or toes and move up the limb as far as can be reached. Apply tightly but without stopping blood flow.
5. Splint the limb including the joints on either side of the bite.
6. Ensure the casualty does not move.
7. Urgent medical aid. Call **Triple Zero (000)** for an ambulance.
8. Write down the time that the casualty was bitten and when the bandage was applied.

DO NOT

- + Wash the venom off the skin (it may aid in identification).
- + Cut the bitten area and try to suck venom out of the wound.
- + Use a tourniquet.
- + Try and catch the snake.



In a medical emergency
call **Triple Zero (000)**

Book a St John first aid course today | (08) 9334 1233 | stjohnambulance.com.au

Information provided is as per Australian Resuscitation Council Guidelines. These first aid protocols are for the Australian market only. All care has been taken in preparing this information but St John takes no responsibility for its use. This information is not a substitute for practical first aid training with St John.

Fire Danger Ratings and Bushfire Warnings

- **When a bushfire starts, things can change in a matter of minutes so it's important to stay up to date through official information sources.**

During a bushfire, emergency services will provide you with as much information as possible, but no system is foolproof. If you believe you are in danger, act immediately to stay safe and do not wait for a warning.

If you see smoke or flames call Triple Zero (000) and put your bushfire plan into action immediately.

Bushfire warning levels change to reflect the increasing risk to your life or property, and the decreasing amount of time you have until the fire arrives.

The warning levels for bushfires are:

Advice	Watch and Act	Emergency Warning	All Clear
			
A fire has started but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes. Be aware and keep up to date.	There is a possible threat to lives or homes. You need to leave or get ready to defend – do not wait and see.	There is a threat to lives or homes. You are in danger and need to take immediate action to survive.	The danger has passed and the fire is under control. Take care and remain vigilant in case the situation changes.

Where to find ratings and warnings:

- Emergency WA [emergency.wa.gov.au](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)
- DFES Emergency Information Line 13 DFES (13 3337)
- ABC Radio or 6PR - Your local radio frequency
- DFES Facebook [facebook.com/dfeswa](https://www.facebook.com/dfeswa)
- DFES Twitter twitter.com/dfes_wa



Make a plan

Dangerous bushfires can start at any time and can quickly turn into a life-threatening situation for you and your loved ones. Your safety will depend on how prepared you are and the decisions you make.

Create a bushfire plan in under 15 minutes at [mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au](https://www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au)

For more information visit [dfes.wa.gov.au/prepare](https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/prepare)

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