

# SHIRE SNIPPETS

*News and updates from the Shire of Morawa*

## A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL



### Congratulations to Morawa Graduates

The Morawa District High School Year 12 students Dylan, Adrianna, Alec, Joshua and Noah were celebrated at the recent Year 12 Graduation Assembly. The Shire CEO was in attendance and noted that once again the calibre and diversity of achievements at the High School continued to impress.

The Shire also congratulates the Class of 2022 from the Morawa WA College of Agriculture.

Through the turbulent disruptions over the last 3 years, students of both education institutions have demonstrated great strengths in adapting to challenges and perseverance through adversity.

We wish them well for their next chapter in life.

I would like to send a special thank you to our dedicated teachers – particularly with World Teachers Day occurring on 28 October 2022. We are very fortunate to have such depth and quality across our educators.

Congratulations 2022 Graduates!

### Harvest Approaching

As Harvest season approaches, I again encourage everyone to plan ahead, drive safely to road conditions, be alert and slow down where possible to protect yourself and our road networks. Remember that making it home safe must be our number 1 priority.

### Swimming Pool Season Opened

With the weather beginning to warm up, the Morawa Community Swimming Pool is open and already starting to see strong attendance figures. This year we welcome a new pool manager and the opening hours have altered slightly, with longer opening on weekends and the re-introduction of early morning swimming Wednesday to Friday. Be sure to check page 7 for the updated hours, or head to the Shire website for further details - [www.morawa.wa.gov.au/community/facilities/swimming-pool.aspx](http://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/community/facilities/swimming-pool.aspx)

Pool passes are available to purchase from the pool canteen or the Shire office. A reminder to all patrons to be pool safe, sun safe, have fun and enjoy our fabulous amenity!



# Council News

## COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 20 OCTOBER 2022

### **Adoption of Strategic Resource Plan 2022-2037**

Council adopted the Shire of Morawa Strategic Resource Plan 2022-2037 incorporating asset management and long term financial planning.

### **Request from Main Roads Western Australia to assess the suitability of Nanekine Road, Indar Road and Heitman Road to modify the Restricted Access Vehicle Network (RAV) rating**

Council has requested the CEO to work with Main Roads (MRWA) to conduct a route assessment and road safety audit on all requested roads (Nanekine, Indar, and Heitman) in relation to their RAV 7 suitability.

At this stage pre-formal MRWA assessment Council::

- Support Nanekine Road from Mullewa-Wubin Road SLK 3.61 to Thomas Road SLK 21.83 being classified as a conditional “Type A” Low Volume RAV 7.1 road.
- Does not support Indar Road from Nanekine Road SLK 0.00 to Gutha West Road SLK 14.87 to be classed as conditional “Type A” Low Volume RAV 7.1 road due to current safety concerns associated with the condition and geometry of the road.
- Does not support Heitman Road from Wilton Road/Nanekine Road SLK 0.00 to Sts Road SLK 7.84 to be classed as a conditional “Type A” Low Volume RAV 7.1 road due to current safety concerns around geometry, intersections, and sight lines.

The findings of the MRWA assessment will be reported back to Council. It is worth noting that Council have also requested that work commence on a 10 year road upgrade plan to try and better understand key freight routes that need to be on the RAV 7 network and the road engineering concerns that need to be overcome to safely transition the road network.

### **Proposed Future Footpath Network – 2 Year Plan**

Council supported the administration submitting a grant application to complete footpath works on Granville Street and Broad Avenue/Gill Street over the next two financial years. Council also directed the CEO to redevelop the 10 year footpath plan to allow the Shire to continue to apply for footpath upgrade and development grants over the coming years.

### **Minutes of WALGA State Council Meeting held 9 September 2022 and WALGA Annual General Meeting held 3 October 2022**

Council received and noted both sets of WALGA minutes

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NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**17 November 2022 at 5.30pm**

View full details of Council Meetings at: [www.morawa.wa.gov.au/council-meetings](http://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/council-meetings)

## Shire News

### Dog and Cat Registrations are due before 1 November 2022

For more information, visit our website: [www.morawa.wa.gov.au](http://www.morawa.wa.gov.au)

All dogs over 3 months of age must be registered, wear a registration tag and a disc showing the owners name and address. All dogs must be microchipped.

Dog registration fees	1 year	3 years	Lifetime
Unsterilised	\$50	\$120	\$250
Sterilised	\$20	\$42.50	\$100

All cats must be sterilized and microchipped before registration.

Cat Registration Fees	1 Year	3 Years	Lifetime
Sterilised and Microchipped	\$20	\$42.50	\$100

Proof of sterilisation is required at the time of registration. Applicants (pet owners) must be over 18 years of age. Reduced registration rates (50%) are available for Pensioner Concession Card Holders

### Prohibited Burning

Please be aware that we have now entered the prohibited burning period:  
15 October 2022- 28 February 2022.

For more information, please visit the Shire of Morawa website:

[www.morawa.wa.gov.au/services/community-safety-ranger-services/fire-services.aspx](http://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/services/community-safety-ranger-services/fire-services.aspx)

If you are unsure of the fire danger rating, an up-to-date rating can be found on the Shire of Morawa website home page: [www.morawa.wa.gov.au](http://www.morawa.wa.gov.au)



# Shire Project Updates

## Gutha-West Road

The Gutha-West Road roads to recovery project has been completed pending final trim post harvest. The road construction team are now mobilising across to White Road for the final roads to recovery funded project for this year.

## 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](mailto:cdo@morawa.wa.gov.au) to contribute to the plans.

## Maintenance Grading

Currently the Shire's two maintenance graders are now located in the Canna and Gutha areas for the period of maintenance operations.



## Staff Update



### Stephen Malcom

Stephen joins the Works & Operations crew at the Shire Depot as a Townsite General Hand/Plant Operator.

Stephen has moved to town with his Partner and 4 children.

He enjoys agriculture, gardening, fishing, camping and peaceful living.

If you bump into them, be sure to say g'day and welcome to Stephen and his family.

### Kate Smith

Kate has joined the team from New South Wales where she was managing the aquatics centre for the Sutherland Shire.

She has over 20 years experience working in aquatics and has been a swimming instructor for over 25 years.

Kate is excited to meet the community and is open to suggestions of interesting places to visit within the area!

Make sure you come by, say hello and have fun at the pool.



## Community News

### Community Gym Consultation Survey

The Morawa Community Gym two year trial is reaching its end date in February 2023. As such the Shire is looking to review various aspects of the trial and gym usage to make a decision around the future of the facility.

Therefore, we ask any interested community members, and particularly those that have used the Morawa Community Gym during the trial period to complete the survey *before 4 November 2022*.

Please click on the link on the homepage of the Shire's website or visit - [www.morawa.wa.gov.au/community/facilities/community-gym.aspx](http://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/community/facilities/community-gym.aspx)

### Swimming Pool Opening Hours

The Shire of Morawa advises the Morawa Swimming Pool opening hours for the 2022-2023 season are;

	Morning	Afternoon
<b>Monday</b>	Closed	
<b>Tuesday</b>		2pm - 7pm
<b>Wednesday - Friday</b>	6am - 8am	2pm - 7pm
<b>Saturday and Sunday</b>	10am - 7pm	

### 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 Geraldton on 29 November 2022, Mingenev 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 Mingenev 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/](http://www.leadershipwa.org.au/programs/leading-australian-resilient-communities/)



# Morawa Youth Centre

Term 4

**NOW OPEN**

2022



	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Sports</b> 10 Oct 2022	<b>Arts</b> 12 Oct 2022	<b>Closed</b> 14 Oct 2022
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Sports</b> 17 Oct 2022	<b>Arts</b> 19 Oct 2022	<b>Open</b> 21 Oct 2022
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Games</b> 24 Oct 2022	<b>Crafts</b> 26 Oct 2022	<b>Open</b> 28 Oct 2022
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Sports</b> 31 Oct 2022	<b>Arts</b> 02 Nov 2022	<b>Open</b> 04 Nov 2022
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Games</b> 07 Nov 2022	<b>Crafts</b> 09 Nov 2022	<b>Closed</b> 11 Nov 2022
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Sports</b> 14 Nov 2022	<b>Arts</b> 16 Nov 2022	<b>Open</b> 18 Nov 2022
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Games</b> 21 Nov 2022	<b>Crafts</b> 23 Nov 2022	<b>Open</b> 25 Nov 2022
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Sports</b> 28 Nov 2022	<b>Arts</b> 30 Nov 2022	<b>Open</b> 02 Dec 2022
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Games</b> 05 Dec 2022	<b>Crafts</b> 07 Dec 2022	<b>Open</b> 09 Dec 2022
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Games</b> 12 Dec 2022	<b>Crafts</b> 14 Dec 2022	<b>Closed</b> School Holidays

**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:  
cdo@morawa.wa.gov.au  
0408 946 727



## Fire Break Notice Section 33 Bush Fire Act 1954

### PERMITS ARE REQUIRED

*Prohibited Burning Period*

**15th October to 28th February**

*Restricted Burning Periods*

**1st October to 14th October and**

**1st March to 15th March**

**FIRST AND FINAL** notice is hereby served to all residents and ratepayers of the Shire of Morawa

*Failure to install and maintain firebreaks in accordance with this notice may result in a \$5,000 fine*

### Bush Fire Brigade Fire Control Officers

Permit Issuing Officers \*

#### Morawa Town Volunteer Fire Service (UHF 11)

Keven Beattie FCO\* 0428 288 574

#### Canna/Gutha (UHF 11)

Wayne Kowald FCO\* 0429 615 271

Garry Collins FCO\* 0428 722 027

Jeremy Wasley FCO 0488 728 001

#### Morawa West (UHF 11)

Darren Yewers (Capt.) 9971 6013 0427 981 364

#### Koolanooka (UHF 11)

Glen Tapscott (Capt.) 9971 4018 0427 715 048

#### Pintharuka (UHF 11)

Laurie North 9971 7020 0427 717 020

Shire Office 9971 1204

#### Community Emergency Services Manager

Rick Ryan CESM \* 9956 6018 0438 277 582

#### ***Tree plantations of more than 3 hectares but less than 10 hectares***

Construct a 10m wide mineral earth firebreak with a vertical clearance of 4m high, clear of all inflammable material immediately surrounding the plantation (adjacent areas of the same property subject to provisions as for rural land).

#### ***Plantations larger than 10 hectares***

Comply with the Code of Practice for Timber Plantations in the Western Australia Guideline for Plantation Fire Protection.

A copy is available from the Shire of Morawa upon request.

### PERMITS AND PENALTIES

#### Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Richard Sasse\* 9972 3018 0427 723 018

#### Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer,s

Keven Beattie\* 0428 288 574

Wayne Kowald\* 0429 615 271

#### Community Emergency Services Manager

Rick Ryan\* 9956 6018 0438 277 582

#### PENALTIES

Failure to maintain a firebreak as per Firebreak Order	\$250
Offence relating to lighting a fire in the open air	\$250
Setting fire to bush during Prohibited Burning Period	\$250
Failure of occupier to extinguish a bushfire	\$250
Refusal to state name and abode or stating a false name and abode	\$100
Failure to produce Permit to Burn	\$100

Fire Control Officers are not obliged to issue permits. Permits cannot be issued over the phone and should a Fire Control Officer refuse to issue a permit, it is a breach of the Bush Fires Act 1954 to request a permit from another Fire Control Officer.



# Morawa Seniors Week 2022

**Morawa Golf and Bowling Club  
08 November 2022 - Tuesday**

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|----------|----------------------------|
| 09.30 am | Morning tea                |
| 10.15 am | M.D.H.S. Kids performances |
| 11.00 am | Quiz                       |
| 12.00 pm | Lunch                      |
| 01.00 pm | Tech training and survey   |
| 01.30 pm | Bingo(Social gaming)       |
| 02.30 pm | Bowling                    |
| 03.00 pm | Presentation               |
| 03.15 pm | Health checkup             |

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# MORAWA SENIORS WEEK 2022

## **Morawa Golf and Bowling Club** **08 November 2022 - Tuesday**

**09.30 am to 03.30 pm**

We are excited to invite you to join our Seniors Week activities at the Morawa Golf and Bowling Club.

We want to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of seniors and encourage their ongoing activity in our community.

**Bookings Essential!**

Please RSVP your attendance by 3rd November to Morawa CRC on 9971 1390



**This FREE event is for Morawa  
seniors age 65+**

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