

SHIRE SNIPPETS

News and updates from the Shire of Morawa

A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL



Eclipse Stargazing Event

The Morawa Total Solar Eclipse Stargazing Event was a great success with more than 35 people attending. A free shuttle bus service was provided to transport registered attendees to Gutha Hall.

The Shire CEO welcomed everyone to the event. Matt Woods from Astro Tourism WA and Prof. Bob Baer from Southern Illinois University (USA) lead this informative event. The green laser pointer tour and the web telescope viewing amazed the audience with a great view of the Milky Way. In addition, we were also able to see the beautiful constellation referred to as the “Emu in the Sky”.

A big thank you to Tourism WA, CSIRO, ICRAR, Scitech and Curtin University for their collaboration with this event.



Paint and Sip Ladies event

This ladies-only event series has been a fantastic addition to the Morawa social calendar.

So far, three workshops have been held with a different craft or theme. We have received wonderful feedback from both participants and the artists. There are three more workshop to be held: 26 May, 2 June and 30 June. Registrations are essential and the events books out quick. Further details are available on the attached flyer.

Thanks to FRR, Nutrien AG solution for making this possible also special thank to all our local artists for the kind support.



Council News

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS - 20 April 2023

Shire of Morawa Corporate Business Plan 2023-2033

Council adopted the Shire of Morawa Corporate Business Plan 2023-2033

Early Childhood Education and Care in Morawa

Council resolved to:

1. Direct the CEO to further develop the ECEC centre concept utilising a collaborative approach to scope the facility, develop a cost estimate, construct the business case, and identify funding opportunities to present back to Council before December 2023.
2. Support the CEO undertaking a market analysis/expression of interest of potential ECEC service providers and allowing Council and other key stakeholders to meet with organisations with capabilities in this field.
3. Support the CEO and Shire President engaging the Hon Dr Anne Aly MP, Minister Punch, and Minister Winton in terms of their relevant State and Federal Government portfolios to seek support for this initiative and potential funding towards service development costs. This request for support would also extend to other State and Federal ministerial representatives who represent the region regardless of their portfolios of interest.
4. Acknowledge the continued importance of the current family day care service and offer support for its continuation during ECEC development discussions.

Tree Farm Development Application

Council resolved to grant Development Approval for the establishment of a 'Tree Farm' on Lots 125 & 6122 Neates Road, Merkanooka (known as the Bellaranga – Ancroft Environmental Planting Project) subject to numerous conditions.

Date Change for June 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting

Council resolved Council accept the change of date for the June 2023 Ordinary Meeting, from Thursday, 15 June 2023 to Thursday, 22 June 2023 and directed the CEO to provide Local Public Notice for the date change.

March 2023 Minutes of WALGA State Council Meeting

Council received the Minutes of the WALGA State Council Meeting held 1 March 2023.

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

18 May 2023 at 5.30pm

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

Shire Updates and News

Project Updates



Left: Nanekine Road RRG Project Works

Right: Morawa-Yalgoo Project Works



Standpipes

The Shire replaced existing standpipes with solar powered standpipe control system at the Townsite, Koolanooka and Morawa-Three Springs Road locations. Each Unit is controlled by RFID swipe cards, and will consist of a motorised valve, water meter and 4G router which can record all usage to the cloud based system. RFID swipe cards will be available from the Shire Administration building, with Pre-Paid and/or Post-Paid accounts available. Users will be able to monitor their usage from a mobile app. With the PayPal add-on, users can add credit to their accounts directly to manage their use.



Above: Standpipe

LED Solar Street Lights

The Shire of Morawa has appointed contractors to undertake works associated with the decommissioning and removal of existing decorative mains-fed streetlights along Winfield Street, and installation of nine(9) decorative LED solar streetlights. The transition from traditional mains-fed lighting to off-grid solar lighting provides a highly efficient, sustainable light source, whilst still retaining the uniquely Morawa charm.



Above: Old streetlight

For further information on this projects, please contact the Shire on 9971 1204 or admin@morawa.wa.gov.au

Shire Updates and News

Community News

Youth Centre School Holiday Program

During School Holiday Program, days of fun and friendship were had at the youth centre. We had clay modelling, basketball clinic at Morawa Rec Centre by Cohen Taylor, Yoga and Meditation by Shay, Skateboard clinic by Infinity Skate WA, a yummy pizza making workshop by Nele and a Mothers Day special mosaic art workshop by Theresa. A big warm thank you to all our volunteers and participants for making the school holidays so much fun!



Upcoming events:

- **Paint And Sip Workshop** - Ladies only events on Friday 26 May (6pm), 2 June and 30 June 2023. These events provide a social and creative outlet at the Morawa CRC building.

For further information on events see the flyer attached to the Snippets and the Shire's website and Facebook page.

Employment Opportunities

If you want to make a valuable contribution to the Morawa community whilst utilising and developing your skills in a supportive environment, then one of the below roles with the Shire might interest you.

HR/WHS Administrator

The Shire is recruiting a HR/WHS Administrator to assist in the Human Resources and Workplace Health and Safety spaces. This position will perform administration, payroll, HR, and inductions tasks, ensure that the Shire is meeting its WHS obligations as an organisation, and that all relevant records are maintained in accordance with legislation and Council policies.

Opportunities in the Works Team

Expressions of interest are being taken for General Hand/Plant Operator/Building Maintenance/Gardener roles in the Shire works team with a couple of employment opportunities available for an immediate start..

For further information regarding the above or prospective vacancies, please email ea@morawa.wa.gov.au or visit www.morawa.wa.gov.au/employment/

Ladies Only

Paint & Sip

FREE EVENT

No one is here to criticize your artwork
come along for some fun.....



Please contact
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more details

03 **SOLD OUT** 2023

10 **SOLD OUT** MAR 2023

31 **SOLD OUT** MAR 2023

26 MAY 2023

02 JUN 2023

30 JUN 2023

No walk-ins

Where: Morawa CRC building

When: Fridays

Time: 6PM to 8PM

Drinks & Nibbles provided





Recovery and Resilience Grants Program

Applications close 30 June 2023

If you have been thinking about applying for a Recovery or Resilience Grant, the application closing date is fast approaching.

About the grants

There are two types of reimbursement grants available for a homeowner whose insured residential property was damaged by the cyclone. An eligible applicant can apply for one or both types of reimbursement grants to the maximum of \$20,000.

The **Recovery Grant** can help with eligible clean-up and repair works, and the **Resilience Grant** can help you build back better against future cyclones by undertaking four specific building activities.

Some important things to note about your application:

- ✔ Cyclone Seroja ***building insurance** claim evidence is required for the initial application
- ✘ Sourced quotes are not required in the initial application
- ✘ For Resilience building works you don't need to spend money upfront

**If you are unsure of the full details of your insurance claim or policy, please don't let this delay your submission. You can always type "TBA" into the relevant field on the application form and someone from our grants team will contact you for this information.*

For more information about the grants, or support with the application process:

- 🏠 Go to dfes.wa.gov.au/recoveryandresiliencegrants
- ☎ Call the Grants Team on 1800 490 678; or
- 🏠 Visit your nearest Hub to speak with a Community Recovery Officer

Applications received after the closing date of 30 June 2023 will not be eligible.

The last day for completion of eligible building works is 30 June 2024.