

SHIRE SNIPPETS

News and updates from the Shire of Morawa

A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL



Electric Vehicle Charging Station

We are now live! Our two brand new EV Chargers are now installed and ready to use and don't they look flash! The chargers are located in the Jubilee Park carpark and are free to use by the public. When tourists stop to charge, they'll have time to explore our town and all it has to offer. More information about the chargers can be found on the [PlugShare app](#).

This project was supported by the Charge Up Workplace Grant Program and will help keep the Midwest connected and sustainable.

Local Government Election Results

Congratulations are extended to our soon-to-be new Councillors who were elected unopposed at the close of nominations – Grant Chadwick and Diana North.

Heartfelt thanks to our outgoing Councillors – Cr Jane Coaker, Cr Yvette Harris and Cr Shirley Katona. We appreciate your wonderful service to the Morawa Community.



Council News

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – 10 August 2023

WAEC Proposed Amended Boundaries Position Paper

That with respect to the WAEC Electoral Distribution Commissioners proposed changes to WA electoral boundaries, Council resolve that:

1. The Proposed changes do not represent the best interest of the Shire or country WA.
2. If the proposed changes are to go ahead, then the State Government must invest in more regional electoral offices and Ministerial outreach to regional WA.
3. Holistically the State's electoral methodology needs to be reviewed with a terms of reference to focus on equality of representation and services based on more than just population, to account for the value proposition of regional WA
4. Direct the CEO to provide the Shire's endorsed position as a submission to the WAEC Electoral Distribution Commissioners prior to 21 August 2023.

Adoption of the Shire of Morawa Caravan Park Masterplan 2023

Council adopted the Shire of Morawa Caravan Park Masterplan 2023.

Adoption of the Shire of Morawa Solomon Terrace Community Precinct Masterplan 2023

Council adopted the Shire of Morawa Solomon Terrace Community Precinct Masterplan 2023 and resolved to acknowledge Element Advisory Pty Ltd for their community engagement, document drafting and support with this plan. Council also directed the CEO to submit components of the Solomon Terrace Community Precinct Masterplan for funding under Phase 4 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Part A.

Adoption of the 10 Year Footpath Plan

Council adopted the redeveloped footpath plan with an alteration that increases the priority of Prater St such that the whole of the North side of the Street from Waddilove Rd to Dreghorn St has a footpath by the end of the 2026/2027 financial year, with the completion of Stokes Rd and Neagle St being staggered over three financial years, so they are complete by the 2029/2030 financial year. With the remainder of the plan as per attachment 2 and noting that the delivery of the plan is aligned to the Shire successfully obtaining co-funding for all new footpath construction.

Request from Main Roads Western Australia to assess the suitability of Winfield Street to modify the Restricted Access Vehicle Network (RAV) rating

That with respect to the request from Main Roads Western Australia (Heavy Vehicle Section) to assess the suitability of Winfield Street to modify the Restricted Access Vehicle Network (RAV) rating, Council:

1. Does not object to Winfield Street from White Avenue SLK 0.50 to End of the Road SLK 0.63 being added to the Tandem Drive Network 4.
2. Does not object to Winfield Street from White Avenue SLK 0.50 to End of the Road SLK 0.63 being approved for a Restricted Local Access Permit.
3. Directs the CEO to ensure appropriate safety assessments are conducted by Main Roads WA before access permits are granted but encourages Main Roads WA to work with key local businesses and their suppliers to ensure appropriate access routes are provided.

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

19 October 2023 at 1.30pm

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Signage Application for Lot 2 - 30 Winfield Street, Morawa

Council resolved to approve the application for two (2) new business signs upon Lot 2 No.30 Winfield Street, Morawa subject to the following conditions;

1. Development/land use shall be in accordance with the attached plan(s) and subject to any modifications required as a consequence of any condition(s) of this approval. The endorsed plans shall not be modified or altered without the prior written approval of the local government.
2. This development approval is valid for a period of 12 months from the date of determination, after which if the development has not occurred a new application must be submitted.
3. Illuminated sign panels are not permitted
4. The use of second-hand materials is not permitted.

Adoption of the 2023-2024 Budget

Council resolved to adopt the 2023-2024 Budget, with specific considerations noted. The Budget can be viewed at <https://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/documents/12199/20232024-annual-budget>

The details of the considerations are noted in the minutes and can be viewed at

<https://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/documents/12191/10-august-2023-ordinary-council-meeting-minutes>

AUDIT & RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS – 10 August 2023

2022-2023 Regulation 17 Actions Update

The Audit Committee received the Reg 17 review update for August 2023 and accepts the actions taken so far.

2022-2023 Interim Audit

The Audit Committee notes the Interim Audit Letter and the Management Comments and directed the CEO to perform a system access review before December 2023 to ensure all system access remains relevant, and effective taking a risk based approach ensuring operational outputs are still achievable on a daily basis.

Financial Management Review 2022 – Status Report Update

The Audit Committee received the Financial Management Review 2022 status report update and directed the CEO to present a further update on the Financial Management Review findings and actions taken at the next Committee meeting with the aim of resolving all outstanding actions by December 2023.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Shire of Morawa Election Results

The two candidate nominations received were elected unopposed.

Grant Chadwick and Diana North

A Ceremony will be held on 23 October 2023 from 5.00pm in the Council Chambers to swear in the candidates. Immediately following, a Special Council Meeting will be held to elect the Shire President, Deputy President and Committee Members. With one (1) remaining Councillor vacancy, an Extraordinary Election will be held. More information will be available soon.

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Shire Updates and News

Project Updates



Caravan Park All Access Ablution Block

Our new Caravan Park Ablution Block is open and ready for use. There are 2 all access cubicles, one also has a baby change table installed.



Wildflower Park

Construction is complete on the park and shade sails installed.



Shire Employee Update

Tanika Plewright - Corporate & Customer Support Officer

"I am extremely excited to be a part of this community and look forward to meeting everyone. I moved here from Perth and am loving it! I previously worked FIFO as a Site Supervisor. My hobbies include camping, gaming, hiking, anything to do with animals and adventures to unique locations. I moved here with my wonderful partner of 9 years, Gary, who is a mechanic, and my two dogs Phoenix and Regina. I am excited to learn more about the town and its history and people."



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:

For further information, download an application package and position description from www.morawa.wa.gov.au/employment/ or submit your resume to ea@morawa.wa.gov.au

Finance Officer

The Shire is seeking a suitably qualified and/or experienced Finance Officer. Senior Finance Officers are also encouraged to apply.

This fulltime role is a fantastic opportunity to support the Shire's Finance functions, working within the Corporate & Community Services team. The role will see you providing accounting services, including monthly general ledger and bank reconciliations, preparation of monthly financial reports, assisting in the preparation of annual budgets and maintenance of the Shire's asset register.

Applicants with current or previous local government finance experience will be highly regarded. The ability to multitask is essential, and a positive demeanour will go a long way towards ensuring success in this role.

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. Salary dependent on experience, however

Applicants must hold a current C drivers licence, a 'can do' attitude and willingness to Break New Ground and implement new ideas. This position is being offered on a fulltime basis.

Plant Operator

The Shire of Morawa has commenced recruitment for an experienced Plant Operator. Applicants with Truck, Grader and road maintenance/construction experience will be highly regarded. This position is being offered on fulltime basis to assist the Shire with their Capital Works, Road Construction and Maintenance Program.

The position of Plant Operator will primarily work with the road maintenance and construction teams but will be required to assist with other areas of Shire operations as directed by the Executive Manager of Works and Assets.

On offer is an attractive hourly rate, other benefits including a nine (9) day fortnight, super co-contribution up to 5% and an inclusive work environment with a focus on safety.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Art & Culture Centre Feasibility Project



The Shire of Morawa is undertaking a Feasibility Study into the establishment of a permanent Art and Cultural Space (Arts Space) in Morawa.

The Shire is considering the Old Shire Chambers as the preferred location for this Arts Space and is seeking input from the Morawa Community on this. To have your say on this space, please complete a community survey, these are available at:

www.morawa.wa.gov.au
 Shire of Morawa, 26 Winfield St, Morawa

or for more information on the project or to request a meeting contact:

Theresa Pryer, Arts Officer
 0407 199 671

MORAWA YOUTH CENTRE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Monday 25 September	3x3 Basketball Tournament Sausage Sizzle (Lunch) 10.00 am to 12.00pm	Morawa Recreation Centre
Tuesday 26 September	Junk Sculpture Workshop 1 11.00 am to 1 pm	Morawa Youth Centre
Thursday 28 September	8 Ball Pool Competition Prices to Win 2.30 pm to 5.30pm	Morawa Youth Centre
Friday 29 September	* Trip to Geraldton Museum, Movie and Lunch 8.30 am to 5.30pm	From-Morawa Youth Centre
Saturday 30 September	Stand up comedy Workshop 2.30 pm to 5.30pm	Morawa Town Hall
Sunday 01 October	Junk Sculpture Workshop 2 Free Lunch 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm	Morawa Youth Centre
Monday 02 October	Junk Sculpture Workshop 3 Free Lunch 10.00 am to 4 pm	Morawa Youth Centre
Tuesday 03 October	Junk Sculpture Workshop 4 Free Lunch 10.00 am to 4 pm	Morawa Youth Centre
Wednesday 04 October	Slime Workshop 10.30 am to 12.30 pm	Morawa Youth Centre
Wednesday 05 October	Colour Run Obstacle Course Sausage Sizzle (Lunch) 10.00 am to 12.00 pm	Morawa District High School Under High School Under Cover Area
Friday 06 October	Laser Tag & Mario Kart Sausage Sizzle (Lunch) 10.00 am to 12.00 pm	Morawa District High School Under High School Under Cover Area



* Bookings Essential
Please contact Rahul for more information

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