

# SHIRE SNIPPETS

*News and updates from the Shire of Morawa*

## A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL



### Australia Day Events

On Australia Day, the community showed up in numbers to participate in both the morning awards ceremony in the Town Square and the Family Fun Day at the Morawa Swimming Pool. These events provided an opportunity to get together to Reflect, Respect, and Celebrate.

Thank you to the Dancing Brologas Music and Malcolm Walagie for their live music entertainment.

It's fabulous to see well-supported events happening in our community. A warm thank you to all the volunteers and coordinators for their efforts.

### Medical Services Provider Transition

The Shire and Community acknowledged the contribution of Dr Adebola Adeyiye as part of the Australia Day Morning Ceremony.

We wish Dr Adeyiye a prosperous and happy future and thank him for his invaluable contribution assisting with the recruitment of his replacement.

We now welcome Dr Christopher Bovell. Dr Bovell who commenced providing some services on 20 February 2023, with the aim of being at full operational capability by 20 March 2023. Keep an eye on social media, the websites and notice boards for more information.

### Harmony Week

This Harmony Week, we celebrate it in a distinct way by liaising with United in Diversity, Songfest INC, Voicemail choir group and Morawa District Highschool, We are having a multicultural night at Morawa Golf and Bowling club on the 24 march 2023.

During this harmony week, we proudly celebrate our diverse stories, beliefs and traditions,



Above: Dr Adeyiye and Shire President Cr Chappel  
Below: Dr Bovell



# Council News-Summary of Council Meetings Jan & Feb

## COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 25 JANUARY 2023 – Special Council Meeting

### **Total Fire Ban Impacts**

Council resolved to acknowledge the impact that the increasing number of total fire ban declarations is having on the Shire's Road Work operations. They directed the Shire CEO and Northern Country Zone representative to submit a paper and resolution to the next Northern Country Zone meeting stating that the Northern Country Zone request the WA Local Government Association to advocate to the State Government for a review of exemption conditions relevant to Road Work activities in relation to section 22C of the Bushfires Act 1954 and Bush Fires Regulations 1954 – Reg. 24Y to 24ZG. Ensuring country Local Governments are involved during the review process. The Northern Country Zone has subsequently supported this position.

### **Design and Construction of the Morawa Recreation Centre Roof Replacement (RFT-01-2223)**

Due to a lack of tender submissions, Council resolved to direct the CEO to submit an altered Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 Work Schedule, such that:

- a. The budget for the Town Hall Storage and Landscaping increase to \$325,000
- b. The budget for the Cemetery Entrance increase to \$300,854
- c. The Recreation Centre Roof Replacement be removed from the work schedule
- d. A new project for Disability Accessible Caravan Park Ablution Facility be added with a budget of \$172,000

All funded projects must be finished by 30 June 2023.

### **Confidential Report –Provision of Medical Services**

Council agreed to enter into a Contractual arrangement with Dr Christopher Bovell for him to supply general practitioner services to the district.

### **Confidential Report - Supply and Deliver New Motor Grader Including Trade-In (RFT-10-2223)**

Council resolved to award the RFQ to AFGRI Equipment for the purchase price of \$450,000 (excluding GST and trade-in) and accept the trade-in price of \$120,000 for the Shire's old grader (excluding GST).

## COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 20 February 2023

### **Draft Community Lease for the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia Morawa Branch**

Council resolved to adopts the draft Community Lease for the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia Morawa Branch (attachment1) and authorises use of the Common Seal and authorised the CEO to submit the draft lease for approval with the minister for lands.

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NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**16 March 2023 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 Updates and Community News



Left: Nanekine Road RRG Project Works



Right: Townsite Drainage Works

## Youth Centre Summer Holiday Program

During our Summer Holiday Program, days of fun and friendship were had at the Youth Centre. We had an exciting excursion to the Greenough Wildlife Park and Geraldton, yummy pizza making afternoon, two days of an amazing music workshop by Regional Sounds and a yoga class by local superstar, Constable Cohen Taylor. The family movie night at the Town Hall was also a great success. A big, warm thank you to all our volunteers and participants for making the school holidays so much fun!

## Upcoming events:

- **Morawa Community Connection Expo** on Saturday, 18 March 2023 (3:30pm) at the Morawa Town Hall.
- **Fair Game** on Sunday, 19 March 2023 (10am) at the Morawa Recreation Centre
- **Harmony Week** on Friday, 24 March 2023 (6pm) at Golf and bowling club
- **Eclipse Stargazing event** on Saturday, 15 April 2023 (6:30 pm) at Gutha Hall.
- **Paint And Sip Workshop** are ladies only events and provide social and creative outlet at Morawa CRC building.

For further information see the flyer attached to the snippets and the Shire's website and Facebook pages.



Above: Regional Sounds Workshop



Above: Cohen Tyler's yoga class



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## Auspire Community Awards

### WINNERS

Community Citizenship Award for the Group/Event: MOTOWN Community Shed.



The Senior Citizen of the Year : PETER SWEENEY. Peter Sweeney is the President of the Community Shed.



The Citizen of the Year: LEONIE ASPIN. Leonie is an avid wildflower hunter and her knowledge of our native flora is profound.



## Shire News

The Shire of Morawa is sadly farewelling our Executive Manager Works & Assets, Mr Paul Devcic. Paul has spearheaded an enormous number of projects over his last 10 months in office. His knowledge and leadership will be missed. We wish him well on his next adventure, closer to his family.



## Employment Opportunities

The Shire of Morawa provides exciting opportunities where you can learn and develop new skills in a supportive environment, while making a valuable contribution to the community. We are an equal opportunity employer and committed to creating an equitable and diverse workplace. We actively encourage people with disability, people from culturally diverse backgrounds and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to apply for following positions.

### **Executive Manager Works and Assets**

Reporting to the CEO, this senior employee position will be responsible for the planning and facilitation of all the operations of the works and assets divisions.

Offered under a performance-based 3 year contract with option to extend, the remuneration package is worth between \$170,000 - \$200,000 inclusive of superannuation, housing, use of vehicle, and a cash component of approx. \$105,000 - \$125,000.

The application package can be obtained from: [www.morawa.wa.gov.au](http://www.morawa.wa.gov.au) Further information about the position is available by contacting Lydia Highfield on 0400 142 110.

Applications should be sent to [highfieldlydia@gmail.com](mailto:highfieldlydia@gmail.com) or mailed to Lydia Highfield, PO Box 296, Beechboro WA 6063. Submissions close on Friday, 14 April 2023 at 4pm.

### **HR/WHS Administrator**

The Shire is seeking expressions of interest for a HR/WHS Administrator to assist in the Human Resources and Workplace Health and Safety spaces. This position will ensure that council employees are accurately remunerated for their work, that the Shire is meeting its risk management and WHS obligations as an organisation and community, and ensure all records are maintained in accordance with legislation and Council policies.

For further information regarding the above or prospective vacancies, please email [ea@morawa.wa.gov.au](mailto:ea@morawa.wa.gov.au) or visit [www.morawa.wa.gov.au/employment/](http://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/employment/)





# STARGAZE IN MORAWA

A world-class dark sky tourism destination.

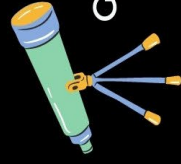
**Saturday, 15 April 2023**

Discover more at [astrotourismwa.com.au](http://astrotourismwa.com.au)



Gutha Hall

216 Evaside Road Gutha  
Morawa, WA 6623



Get your free ticket from  
**Eventbrite**

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/547162225947/>

6:30pm - Welcome

6:45pm - Eclipse Discovery Tour Presentation

- Learn about the Total Solar Eclipse
- Discover why Western Australia is a world-class dark sky tourism destination
- Find out all about WA's amazing space science projects

7:30pm - Spectacular green laser pointer tour of Southern Hemisphere constellations

7:45pm - Viewing through telescopes. See the Milky Way, Southern Cross, the Magellanic Clouds, Star Clusters and more.

9:00pm - Event End

**What to bring:** BYO chairs, torches, warm clothes, fly net and insect repellent.

There will be telescopes available for visitors to view through. You're welcome to bring your own binoculars and/or telescope too.



FESTIVAL OF COLOURS



# Morawa Community Connections Expo

**Free Community Event**

Saturday 18th March 2023  
Morawa Town Oval – Evans Street  
3.30pm-7pm

- \* Mental Health & Volunteer Forum
- \* Festival of Colours
- \* Family Games & Activities
- \* Face Painting
- \* Bucking Bull
- \* Bouncy Castle
- \* Food & Coffee Vans/Stalls
- \* Indian Curries/Takeaway
- \* Music/DJ
- \* Big Softy Ice Cream Van



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Ladies Only

# Paint & sip

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

FREE EVENT



Please contact



Rahul

on 0 408 946 727 for  
more details

**03** **SEP** **2023**

**10** **MAR** **2023**

**31** **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



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MORAWA REGIONAL  
COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Regional Resource Centre  
Regional Resource

# FAIRGAME

recycling sports equipment inspiring healthy communities.

## VISITS MORAWA



## SUNDAY 19 MARCH

### 10AM - 12PM

## MORAWA REC CENTRE



## SPORT, GAMES AND PRIZES TO BE WON!

## HEALTHY FOOD ALSO PROVIDED!



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10 MAR 2023

Theresa Pryer  
Mosaic Art



Where: Morawa CRC building

When: Friday

Time: 6PM to 8PM

Drinks & Nibbles provided

Second of six paint & sip workshops

No walk-ins

Please RSVP your attendance by

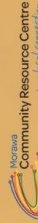
2PM - 8 MAR 2023

Limited spaces available

Ring Naomi on 0437 768 183

or

email- Naomif@desertblueconnect.org.au



COME CELEBRATE THE CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN OUR COMMUNITY - IT'S LIKE TRAVELLING AROUND THE WORLD IN JUST A FEW HOURS!

# MORAWA

# HARMONY WEEK



To help us celebrate, wear traditional costumes and bring traditional food to share.

FREE ENTRY

If you don't have traditional clothing, don't worry; wear a costume of your favourite international team or a movie character or wear orange to show your support.

Greet the audience in your mother tongue. If you have a favourite song in a different language, why not sing it and share it with us all!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Wear your traditional costume

Do a runway walk if you like

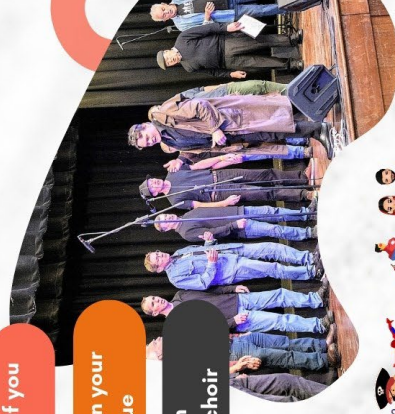
Enjoy the international music concert

Greet everyone in your mother tongue

Sing with 'Voicemale' choir

Bring a plate to share

Meet and greet our multicultural community



FRIDAY 24 MARCH AT 6 PM

MORAWA GOLF AND BOWLING CLUB

CELEBRATE . FOOD . FESTIVAL



FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT RAHUL

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