

SHIRE SNIPPETS

News and updates from the Shire of Morawa

A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL



New Year Message

Welcome to 2023!

On reflection, our community has continued to display great strength and resilience with ongoing COVID and Seroja impacts over the last 12 months. With the adoption of the Strategic Community Plan and multiple other Plans in 2022, we have laid solid foundations for the Shire's future. It was a year of preparation and reset.

Thank you, for your individual contribution to our wonderful community through 2022. Thank you also, to Councillor's, the CEO and staff for their continued, dedicated service.

On behalf of the Shire of Morawa, we hope you all had a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. I'm looking forward to an exciting and prosperous 2023.

John Pulbrook

On 11 November 2022 the community came together to farewell a great community servant in Mr John Pulbrook, OAM. He will be greatly missed.

Notice from Dr Ade

After seven (7) successful years serving as Morawa and Perenjori's General Practitioner, Dr Adebola Adeyiye 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 Adeyiye 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 Adeyiye 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.

Australia Day Event

The Shire will be hosting an Australia Day event on Thursday, 26 January 2023. A flyer can be found on the last page of the Snippets. Please keep an eye on our website, social media, and community noticeboards for further information.

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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 – TO BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY

16 February 2023 at 5.30pm

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Two-year Trial of the Morawa Community Gymnasium

Council resolved to note the results for the two-year trial of the 24-hour Morawa Community Gymnasium, including the community feedback and considerations around social impact. Council approved the continuing operation of the community gymnasium and the purchase of the gymnasium equipment to be funded from the remaining COVID-19 reserve funds up to \$60,000. Council also accepted the current gymnasium costs and income related to the Community Gym and directed the CEO to refer discussion back to Council should any major variations begin to occur in future years.

Cyclone Recovery Plan

Council resolved that the minutes of the Shire of Morawa Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on the 11 November 2022 be received and endorsed the Shire of Morawa Cyclone Seroja Operational Recovery Plan 2022 as presented.

Request to Refurbish Cricket Practice Nets and Install Memorial Signage

Council resolved to approve the Morawa Cricket Club to undertake refurbishment works on the Cricket Practice Nets, subject to the Shire Administration providing project oversight, ensuring use of Australian Standards, and being part of the practical completion sign off. Council also approved the Morawa Cricket Club to erect a Memorial Plaque commemorating the late Mr. Bruce Stokes and specifically his donation to the club that enabled the project, subject to the Shire CEO approving of the final plaque design, and the Club taking ongoing responsibility for the maintenance of the plaque once installed.

Acceptance of Annual Report 2021-2022

Council resolved to accept the Annual Report for the 2021-2022 Financial Year inclusive of the Annual Financial Report and Auditor Opinion and directed the CEO to convene a General Meeting of Electors. **Appointment of Primary Contractor to Undertake Various Road Pavement and Car Park Sealing Projects – Confidential Report**

Council resolved that with respect to the request for quote (RFQ) advertised via WALGA Vendor Panel e-Quotes for road widening, pavement sealing, and road maintenance works at various locations within the Shire of Morawa;

1. Note the respondents RFQ submission (Attachment 1), and Qualitative Assessment (Attachment 2);
2. Support the appointment of primary contractor, Safe Roads WA to undertake the works;
3. Accept the quoted rates within Attachment 1, with Option 2 preferred for Morawa-Yalgoo Road and Nanekine Road construction projects.

February Ordinary Council Meeting

Council resolved to approve the February Ordinary Council Meeting to be conducted virtually.

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Shire Updates

Roadworks

The road construction team have completed re-sheeting works on White Road and Letterbox Road. Maintenance grading has been focussed on heavily used harvest routes.

Parks & Gardens

Two new poly-tanks and pumps have been installed within the townsite.

Animal awareness

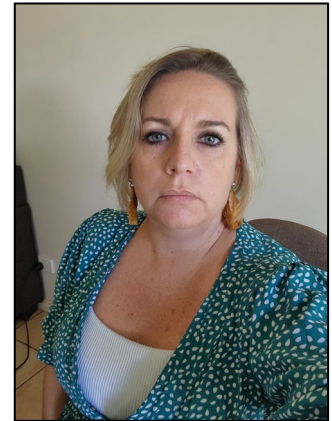
As the weather warms up, it's inevitable that we are likely to see an increase in animal activity, particularly with snakes. Where possible, stay a safe distance and do not engage. If looking to relocate a snake that can't escape naturally or poses an immediate threat, contact the Shire Monday to Friday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



New Staff

Lisa (Finance Officer)

Lisa recently relocated from Kununurra – where she was employed in Local Government as Co-Ordinator of Assets (Built Structures) for the last 2 years. Lisa loves adventure and travelling, having travelled for 2 years with her family when she arrived in the Kimberley in 2019.



Ann (Customer and Corporate Support Officer)

Ann was born and raised in Kenya where she completed her bachelor's degree before migrating to Australia in March 2019 for further studies, graduating from Edith Cowan University with a MBA in 2021.

Ann was first introduced to Morawa under the United in Diversity program, which helps migrants connect with regional Western Australia. She her family and friends, going on adventures and engaging in community activities.



Both our new staff are looking forward to touring Morawa and its environment, and becoming involved in the Morawa community.

Public Notices

Corella Culling

The Shire of Morawa is still conducting Corella Culling activities using licenced firearms commencing until 31 January 2023.

Shooting will be undertaken to try and reduce the damage being caused by 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.

Special Council Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers, 26 Winfield Street, Morawa on Wednesday, 25 January 2023, commencing at 4pm.

The purpose of this meeting is to address the following matters:

- Road Work Exemptions Under Total Fire Ban Conditions
- Recreation Centre Roof Project Status and Tender Deliberation
- Confidential Report – Sale of Abandoned Properties from Deceased Estates for Non-payment of Rates

Annual Meeting of Electors

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Electors for the year ended 30 June 2021 will be held in the Council Chambers, 26 Winfield Street, Morawa on Wednesday, 25 January 2023, commencing at 4:30pm.

Order of business:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting
2. Shire President's Report
3. Chief Executive Officer's Report
4. Receiving of the Annual Financial Statements and Auditors Report
5. General Business
6. Closure

In order that relevant information may be readily available at the meeting, questions to be raised during General Business should be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer by close of business Wednesday, 18 January 2023.

Copies of the Annual Report and Annual Financial Statements are available on the Morawa Shire website at www.morawa.wa.gov.au/documents/annual-reports or from the Shire Administration Office, 26 Winfield Street, Morawa WA 6623.

February Ordinary Meeting of Council

Notice is hereby given that the February Ordinary Meeting of Council on 16 February 2023 will be conducted electronically.

In person attendance will remain available in the Council Chambers, 26 Winfield Street, Morawa, commencing at 5.30pm.

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*
excursion

Greenough
Wildlife Park
7 AM-4.30 PM



JAN

Wed 18th
**Pizza making
at the Youth
Centre**

3 PM- 6 PM



JAN

Tues 24th
**Yoga
at the Rec
Centre**

11 AM- 1 PM



JAN

Wed 25th
**Family
Movie Night
in the Town Hall**

06.30 PM-9 PM



JAN

Thur 26th
**Family
Fun Day**

9 AM-11AM

Awards 3PM- 6PM

Free Coffee & Muffins

Free pool entry

Bouncy castles

Waterslides

Animal rides

Live music

Free Hot dog, Ice cream & drinks



JAN
19 - 20

**Regional Sounds
workshop at the Youth Centre**

Thursday

10 AM-5-7 YRS

1 PM - 11-14 YRS

Friday

10 AM-8-10 YRS

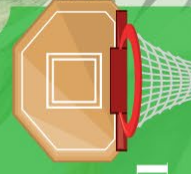
1 PM - 15-18 YRS



JAN

Fri 27th
**Basket Ball
at the Rec
Centre**

6.30 PM-9 PM



* **Bookings essential.**

Contact **Rahul**

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Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Family Fun Time

25 & 26 JANUARY 2023

All are invited to join the event!

 **Morawa Town Hall**
25 Jan 2023

6.30 pm - 9 pm

 **Family Movie Night**
free popcorn & drinks

 **Morawa Town Square**

26 Jan 2023

9 AM - 11 AM

 **Community Citizen of the Year Awards**

Free Coffee & Muffins

 **Morawa Swimming Pool**

3 PM - 6 PM

Live music

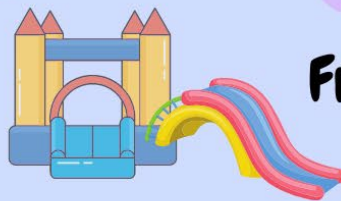
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Need further information?
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