

SHIRE SNIPPETS

News and updates from the Shire of Morawa

A message from the President



CR. KAREN CHAPPEL

Centenary Celebration in Morawa

On Friday, August 4th, the Morawa District High School celebrated its 100th anniversary, and the Agricultural College celebrated their 60 year anniversary.

The event was a resounding success, with past and present staff, students, parents and friends. All attending the celebrations.

Attendees were thrilled to visit the school, reminisce about old times, catchup with friends, and enjoyed a night of delicious food, live music and shared memories. Congratulations to the MDHS, AG College and Morawa P&C on showcasing the outstanding history and achievements of education in Morawa.

Midwest NAIDOC Celebration

The Shire of Morawa took part in NAIDOC DAY celebrations on Wednesday, 19 July 2023. This year the encouraging message of "FOR OUR ELDERS" was certainly heard and put into action.

Despite the wet weather, the event was a huge success, which is owed to the contribution of various stakeholders, such as GRAMS-Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service, Red Ochre Geraldton, RADIO MAMA, Desert Blue Connect, Headspace Geraldton, Loretta Egan's artwork, North Midlands Projects, MEEDAC, Morawa CRC, Morawa Police, WA College of Agriculture Morawa, Morawa District High School, Perenjori Primary School, Mingenew Primary School, Three Springs Primary School, Coorow Primary School and the NAIDOC Working Group for their efforts coordinating the day.

Thanks is also extended to all the sponsors, guest speakers, suppliers, Volunteers, Performers and everyone who contributed to the success of events.



Council News

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – 20 July 2023

Voting Delegates for Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) Annual General Meeting

The Shire President, Councillor Karen Chappel and the Deputy Shire President, Councillor Ken Stokes were elected as Voting Delegates for the WALGA AGM.

Local Government Cyclone Seroja Funding Programs

Council directed the CEO to submit the enhancement of the Recreation Centre for evacuation purposes as a project under the Local Government Resilience Fund and to submit the Clean Up of Abandoned Properties as a project under the Community Benefit Fund—both these grant funding arrangements are made possible by the co-funded Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Post Cyclone.

Early Childhood Education and Care in Morawa

Council:

1. Directed the CEO to submit an Expression of Interest for the Growing Regions Grant Program for the Morawa Early Childhood Education and Family Centre – prior to the 1 August 2023 closing date.
2. Authorised the Chief Executive Officer to approve a development application for an Early Childhood Education and Family Centre on Lot 409 on Deposited Plan 210931, being 26 Prater Street Morawa, subject to appropriate notice being given in accordance with clause 64 of the deemed provisions.
3. Accepted the opinion of probable cost of construction for Morawa Early Childhood Education and Family Centre as \$3.5m and accepted that the Shire's cash contribution towards the project, if successful in obtaining 70% growing regions program funding, would be up to \$1,050,000.
4. Approved the Shire President to write to REED's board of management to formally request negotiations on a facility lease and terms of reference for a partnership arrangement to ensure the proposed facility is professionally managed. Noting that all agreements are subject to funding being received and the project being delivered and does not tie the Shire to the delivery of the project in anyway and to any timeframe.

Review of Council Delegation Register and Authorisation Register

Council adopts the July 2023 review of the Delegation Register being a continuation of the delegations currently in place with a few minor amendments as noted in the report and adopts the Authorisation Register being a continuation of the current authorisations.

Adoption of ADM08 Child Safe Awareness Policy

Council adopted ADM08 Child Safe Awareness Policy.

Date of August Meetings

Council acknowledges and approves the date of the next ordinary meeting of Council to being held on Thursday, 10 August 2023 at 6:30pm and approves the amending of the commencement of the Audit and Risk Committee to being held on Thursday, 10 August at 6:00pm.

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

10 August 2023 at 6.30pm

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

Council News

Shire of Morawa Election

The next Local Government elections are scheduled for 21 October 2023. Council has nominated to proceed with a postal election and the WA Electoral Commission has been engaged to assist. More information will be distributed shortly through the Shire's website, Facebook page, community noticeboards, Snippets and in the Administration Centre.

Election Candidate Information Briefing Webinar 14 August 2023

Are you interested in becoming a Shire Councillor?

WALGA, together with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) and the WA Electoral Commission, will be hosting an Election Candidate Information Briefing webinar on Monday 14 August 2023 commencing at 6.00pm. See the attached flyer for further information.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTION
CLOSE OF ENROLMENTS
Shire of Morawa
ROLL CLOSE: 5:00 PM Friday, 25 August 2023**

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the local government elections on 21 October 2023 if you live in or are an owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Morawa.

Residents

You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State Electoral Roll as at 5:00 PM Friday, 25 August 2023. If you are not already on the State Electoral Roll and meet the eligibility criteria, or if you have changed address recently, you must complete an enrolment form.

Enrolment Forms

You can enrol or update your details online, or download an enrolment form, via the Western Australian Electoral Commission website (www.elections.wa.gov.au/enrol). Forms are also available from the Australian Electoral Commission (www.aec.gov.au). Enrolments and updates must be completed and received by 5:00 PM Friday, 25 August 2023.

Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers

If you are a non-resident owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Morawa and are on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, you are eligible to enrol to vote. If you are **not** on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll and own or occupy rateable property in the Shire of Morawa you may be eligible to enrol to vote. This applies if you were on the last electoral roll for the Shire of Morawa prior to May 1996 and have owned or occupied rateable property in the district continuously since this time. Please contact your local government for details. Owners of land who were on the last Local Government roll continue to retain that status until they cease to own the rateable property to which the enrolment relates. Occupiers do not have continuous enrolment and should contact the Shire of Morawa to confirm their enrolment status. To be eligible to enrol as an occupier, you will need to have a right of continuous occupation under a lease, tenancy agreement or other legal instrument for at least the next three months following the date of the application to enrol.

Joint Owners and Occupiers

If a rateable property is owned or occupied by more than two people, a majority of the owners/occupiers may nominate two persons from amongst themselves who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Corporations

A body corporate that owns or occupies rateable property may nominate two people who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Enrolment Forms – Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers Only

Enrolment forms can be obtained from local governments and must be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by 5:00 PM Friday, 25 August 2023. Further information can be obtained from the Shire of Morawa.

ROBERT KENNEDY
ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER
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Shire Updates and News

Project Updates



Left: Electric Vehicle Charging Station (Jubilee Park carpark) Site preparation works Completed, ready for install.



Right: Work Progress on Wildflower Park

Shire Employee Update

Lauren Wallace - Corporate & Customer Support Officer

We are pleased to welcome Lauren, who has recently joined our team from Mandurah. In her previous role, she served as the Purchasing and Supply Store Supervisor at Peel Health Campus, Lauren enjoys engaging in various activities, such as netball, camping, and seeking new adventures. She also has a passion for singing and dancing. Lauren is happily married to Luke, a Plumber, and they have four daughters - Caitlin, Sarah, Olivia & Grace - and two beloved dogs named Charlie and Theo. Lauren is excited to explore and encounter more wildflowers in Morawa during the upcoming season.



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:

General Hand/Plant Operator

Workplace Health & Safety Officer

Customer & Corporate Support Officer

Casual Cleaner

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

Shire Updates and Community News

Youth Centre School Holiday Program

During School Holiday Program, days of fun and friendship were had at the Youth Centre. There was Laser Tag, Self-care Workshop, Calligraphy Workshop, NAIDOC Themed Skateboard Art Workshop, Wheelchair Basketball, Tie-Dye Workshop, Blue Light Disco and Family Movie Night. A big warm thank you to Morawa Police, all the Artists, Volunteers and Participants for making the school holidays so much fun!





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2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

CANDIDATE WEBINAR - 14 AUGUST

Are you passionate about your local community?

Learn more about the role and responsibilities of a Local Government Councillor in this free, practical forum for potential candidates.

The WA Local Government Association will host a free online Webinar for people interested in standing to be a Councillor in the October 2023 Local Government elections.

When: 14 August 2023

Time: Commencing 6pm

What: a motivating and informative interactive chat, to encourage people from all walks of life to stand for their local Council.

Once you have registered you will receive information on how to join the webinar on 14 August.



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CANDIDATE WEBINAR - 14 AUGUST

Presenters and topics:

- Minister for Local Government, the Hon. David Michael - the Importance of Local Government in Western Australia.
- WA Local Government Association President Karen Chappel - why being a Councillor is important in our communities.
- Robert Kennedy, WA Electoral Commissioner, together with Phil Richards, Manager election events - on the process and key dates on running to become a Local Government Councillor in 2023.
- WALGA Representatives - The purpose of Local Government, the role of an Elected Member, Conflicts of Interest.
- Department of Local Government Sport & Cultural Industries - The role of DLGSC as the regulator of Local Government Act and Regulations and key compliance provisions for Elected Members and candidates, including code of conduct requirements.

Participants will be able to ask questions of the representatives from the WAEC, WALGA and DLGSC.

Please note if you miss the webinar on 14 August it will be recorded so interested individuals can watch the session at a later time [HERE](#).

Please find the registration link for the Candidate Information webinar [HERE](#).

Please direct any enquiries in the meantime to James McGovern, Manager Governance and Procurement at jmcgovern@walga.asn.au or call 9213 2093.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AND HOPE YOU CAN
GET INVOLVED IN THIS DYNAMIC AND IMPORTANT SECTION OF
THE WA COMMUNITY - LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS.**



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