

SHIRE SNIPPETS

News and updates from the Shire of Morawa

A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL



Morawa Community Connection Expo

The Expo was a fantastic, inclusive event, held on 18 March 2023 at the Morawa Sports Oval. A big thank you to Desert Blue Connect Morawa for their effort in pulling together this community event. Thanks also to the sponsors, stallholders, volunteers and community in attendance.

The Festival of Colours, under the auspices of the Morawa Youth Centre, was held as part of the expo. The Colour Run saw everyone dressed in white and throwing coloured powder at each other. Fun was had by all - from young, to old and everyone in between. It was incredible to see the oval filled with laughter, joy, smiles - and lots of colour!



Harmony Week

Morawa Harmony Week was celebrated on 24 March 2023 at the Morawa Golf and Bowling Club. On display were different languages, authentic clothing and cultural food. How fortunate we are to have such diversity in our community.

This well-attended event witnessed more than 50 people participating with heritages from Kenya, Sudan, Afghanistan, India, Portugal, Indonesia, Israel, Poland, Ireland, England, Philippines, First Nations and Australia. Cultural story sharing and the teaching of languages added to the charm of the event. The event was attended by United in Diversity representatives and the VoiceMale Choir from Perth.



Council News

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS - 16 March 2023

Adoption of 2023 Council Election Processes

Council noted that the terms of office of Cr. Harris, Cr. Katona, and Cr. J Coaker expire on 21 October 2023. Council resolved to continue to elect the office of Shire President and Shire Deputy President using the by Council method. Council also resolved the Electoral Commissioner be responsible for the conduct of the 2023 ordinary elections as a postal election.

National General Assembly Proposed Motion Regarding GP Shortages

That Council submits a motion to the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government that:

“This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to urgently address critical shortages of general practitioners in outer metropolitan, regional, rural and remote Australia and that the Interim Report of the Senate Community Affairs References Committee Inquiry into the provision of general practitioner and related primary health services to outer metropolitan, rural, and regional Australians, tabled in April 2022 be referred to this Parliament.”

Shire of Morawa Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2023-2028

Council endorsed the Shire of Morawa Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2023-2028 and supported the development and implementation of Treatment Schedules, supported the ongoing applications for funding being submitted through the DFES Mitigation Activity Fund (MAF) and supported the CEO seeking DFES funding and partnering with other Shire's to engage a Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator to administer the plan and aim to address high risk areas.

2nd Quarter Budget Review - 1 July to 31 December 2022

Council resolved to adopt the 2nd quarter budget review for the period of 1 July to 31 December 2022 and amended the budget accordingly.

RAV Assessment

That with respect to the request from Main Roads WA to assess the suitability of sections of White Road to modify the RAV rating, Council does not object to extending the RAV 4 network along White Avenue from Mullewa-Wubin Road.

Audit & Risk Committee - 2022-2023 Regulation 17 Review

Noted completed Review, accepts CEO's report, direct the CEO to provide Reg 17 updates to Audit Committee going forwards.

Audit & Risk Committee - Update to Audit Committee Terms of Reference and Risk Management Framework

Revised Council Policy - CORP01 - Risk Management and amendment of terms of reference adopted. 3.Acknowledges the amendment to the membership of the Audit Committee and directs the membership amendment to occur after the next Local Government Election in October 2023.

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

20 April 2023 at 5.30pm

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

Shire Updates and News

Project Updates

Roads

Contractors have been busy clearing vegetation for road widening. This essential maintenance reinstates a safe transport corridor in addition to protecting the asset.

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Cemetery

Work has commenced on the Cemetery entrance road and car park. The project will seal the entrance and install a formal sealed car park, as well as manage a number of site drainage issues. Other landscaping activities will occur after the road works are complete.

The entrance to the facility will be an active construction site for a couple of months so access will be restricted. The CEO and work crew will ensure ample opportunities for cemetery access is provided around works. Keep an eye on the Shire Facebook for access notifications or email ea@morawa.wa.gov.au to inform the CEO of access needs to find out when an opportunity for you to visit the facility and your loved ones can be provided.

Wildflower Park

After a neighbouring property engagement and discussions with youth, the Shire has begun to make modest improvements to Wildflower Park. New shade sails have been added over the play area to add much needed shade in the area. Future plans include the addition of some seating and a basketball court.



Above: Cemetery Road



Above: Wildflower park



Above: Morawa Seniors Pool Party



Above: FairGame Event

Shire Updates and News

Community Events

Morawa Pool Party

The Seniors Morning Tea was held on 15 March 2023 at the swimming pool. It was a lovely morning with more than 25 seniors participating.

FairGame

Approximately 30 children participated in the 'game on' FairGame event at the Morawa Recreation Centre on 19 March 2023. It was a fun filled and high energy morning for the kids. Thanks to the FairGame volunteers who travelled from Perth.

Upcoming events:

- **Eclipse Stargazing event** on Saturday, 15 April 2023 (6:30 pm) at Gutha Hall.
- **Paint And Sip Workshop** - Ladies only events on Friday 26 May (6pm), 2 June, 30 June 2023. Provide social and creative outlet at Morawa CRC building.

For further information on events see the Shire website or 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.

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.

Further information about the position is available by contacting Lydia Highfield on 0400 142 110. Applications should be sent to highfieldlydia@gmail.com or mailed to Lydia Highfield, PO Box 296, Beechboro WA 6063.

Submissions close on Friday, 28 April 2023 at 4pm.

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/

STARGAZE IN MORAWA

A world-class dark sky tourism destination.

Saturday, 15 April 2023

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Gutha Hall

216 Evaside Road Gutha
Morawa, WA 6623



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<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.

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

