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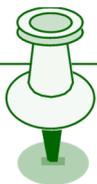
***I would like to welcome John van der Meer and his family to Morawa. John has come to Morawa from Queensland where he has worked at Whitsunday Regional Council and most recently at McKinlay Shire Council. John joins the Shire as the Executive Manager Corporate and Community.***

***The Shire has been working with the Morawa District High School (MDHS) and the Road Safety Commission over recent months to develop new road safety banners. The outcome has been excellent and I would like to thank MDHS staff and students who participated in the creation of these new banners which will be installed on Winfield Street in February.***

***A great addition to the community was the Shire taking delivery of the new Community Bus in December, which was made possible through a grant from Lotterywest. The new bus will provide an improved level of comfort and safety to the community and sporting groups of Morawa.***

***After almost 2.5 years at the Shire of Morawa my time as CEO is now coming to a close. It is hard not to reflect on the time spent in your community, on work undertaken and the accomplishments made. But these are not the things I will take away...it is the people I have met that will stay with me the longest. Thank you all for your feedback and support and I wish Morawa great success into the future.***

**Regards Chris**



## **Annual Electors Meeting**

**Thursday, 13 February 2020 at 5.00pm**

**A reminder that in order that relevant information may be readily available at the meeting, questions to be raised during public question time must be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer by close of business on Thursday, 6 February 2020.**

**Copies of the Annual Report and Annual Financial Statements are available on our website: [www.morawa.wa.gov.au](http://www.morawa.wa.gov.au) or at the Shire Office.**



## Australia Day 2020

**84** community members attended our Australia Day event which took place at the Swimming Pool.

Citizen of the Year Award winner was Hayley Cosgrove whose dad, Garry, received the award on her behalf.



Many thanks to Chris and Ellie for stepping in to help out on the day. Also to Sandy and Sylvia for all their help coordinating the event and having the Swimming Pool grounds especially

shipshape for the event. A great time was had by all!





# Shire Snippets ...

## Youth Centre

**“Wow! What a cracking start to the year we have had at the Youth Centre! Aside from the usual cooking classes and crafternoons, we had a jam-packed program for three weeks in the lead up to Term 1...**

**Sandy let us cool off for a whole afternoon at the Swimming Pool. Then we had an awesome Cinema Excursion in the brand new Community Bus to Geraldton and each of us got to choose the movie we wanted to watch – Frozen 2, Jumanji: The Next Level, or Spies in Disguise.**

**We loved the vibrant energy of DJ Rev Carl Benjamin and Faye Makin who brought us another full on day of dancing, games and a disco! And then we finished our program with a chilled out movie night at the Youth Centre, watching the latest releases of Aladdin and The Lion King.**

**Thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed the program, especially the parents who put their hands up to volunteer:**

**Elizabeth Blyth,  
Stevie Walley  
and  
Simon Taylor.”**





## Health Information: Coronavirus

The Western Australian health system is very well prepared to manage infectious disease situations and have well established systems and processes in place. The risk of the Coronavirus to the WA community remains low. Western Australians should remain alert, but they should not be alarmed.

Up to date information is available on the HealthyWA website - [https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A\\_E/Coronavirus](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus). This has information for individuals, parents, schools and early childhood centres.

WA Coronavirus Hotline (Healthdirect) - 1800 300 243 (24/7 queries) e.g. my neighbour has just returned from China what should I do, someone from China has booked my Airbnb or my hotel what should I do, questions for childcare centres, parents, schools and workplaces.

The last media release issued by the Chief Health Officer was on the [22 January 2020](#).



## Corella Removal Programme—continuing

Thank you for your tolerance for the duration of  
this operation.

## Mosquito Fogging—when required

People with fish ponds please take the necessary  
precautions, to protect your fish.