

SHIRE SNIPPETS

News and updates from the Shire of Morawa

A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL



COVID Update

The Shire has been constantly monitoring and reviewing the evolving situation around the Covid-19 outbreak in WA and will be working tirelessly to minimise the impacts on our services and activities.

However, it is inevitable that over the next few months we won't be in a state of business as usual and various things will change with short notice. This is likely to apply to many of our businesses as well as the Shire and I ask that as a community we show understanding and flexibility as we navigate through this next stage of response and recovery.

If you are a close contact, are exhibiting symptoms, or feel you have been in an area of exposure risk, please do not visit the medical centre.

The Coronavirus Information Hotline on 1800 020 080 or Health Direct on 1800 022 222 have qualified clinical staff who can assess your condition over the phone. If you are advised to go to the Morawa District Hospital and Health Service, then please give them a call on 9971 0200. If you utilise a home RAT test, you need to register positive results online:

www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/ratregister

FIRE RISK

We are now in the restricted burning period and with the number of fires that have ravaged the state this summer, I ask everyone to always remain cautious. We still have some large fuel loads around the area thanks to the large harvest and cyclone.

In my role with WALGA, I have visited a number of communities who have suffered from fires over the last couple of months and the impacts are truly devastating. If you have a permit, familiarise yourself with the conditions, weather conditions, and if you are unsure of anything make contact with your local Fire Control Officer or the Shire CESM before starting any fires.

Positive news

We are approaching 12 months since Cyclone Seroja impacted our community, but instead of focussing on what still needs to be done we have partnered with Tom Curtain Events to deliver a fantastic uplifting community event on 19 March 2022.

The Tour and Event name of "We're Still Here" fits for Tom as he got stuck in WA with Covid restrictions, but it also resonates with us as it emphasises the resilience and strength of the Morawa community that is the foundation of all we do.

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See below for the Tom Curtain 'We're Still Here Tour' event flyer. For more information and to book tickets, visit www.tomcurtain.com.au/tour.

Funds from the Shire and The Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements have ensured this event is free and accessible to all.

Covid attendance limits and mask requirements apply so it is essential to book.

TOM CURTAIN

WE'RE STILL HERE TOUR

SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2022

WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS & SPECIAL GUESTS

Multiple Golden Guitar winner & horseman extraordinaire, Tom Curtain performing his national award winning **Katherine Outback Experience** Show of real horse training & working dog demonstrations, followed by live music.

MORAWA

FREE EVENT

THIS EVENT IS JOINTLY FUNDED BY THE SHIRE OF MORAWA AND THE COMMONWEALTH-STATE DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

MORAWA
BREAKING NEW GROUND

Australian Government
National Recovery and Resilience Agency

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

DFES
Department of Fire & Emergency Services

MORAWA GREATER SPORTS GROUND | SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2022

GATES OPEN 5:30PM FOR 6:00PM START

ONLINE TICKET ESSENTIAL FOR SETUP & COVID LIMITS | FREE EVENT

BYO FOOD AND DRINKS | FOOD TRUCKS AVAILABLE

OUTDOOR EVENT | BRING CHAIRS & PICNIC BLANKET

TICKETS AT WWW.TOMCURTAIN.COM.AU

Council News

Breaking News

On the Evening of 2 March 2022, Morawa Shire President, Cr Karen Chappel was elected to the position of President of the WA Local Government Association. This prestigious role will see Cr Chappel advocating on behalf of the entire sector. The Shire congratulates Cr Chappel, and it is an honour to see a Morawa representative performing this pivotal state-wide function.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 10 FEBRUARY 2022

WALGA State Council Meeting Minutes

Council received the minutes of the WALGA State Council Meeting which was held on 01 December 2021.

Amendment of Purpose of Crown Reserve 20057

Council directed the CEO to submit a request through the Department of Lands to amend the purpose of Crown Reserve 20057 from "Shire Office and Hall" to "For the purpose of Recreation, Tourism, Health, Civic and Community Uses" or a similar suitable purpose as determined by the department, with the vesting providing the Shire with the power to lease for a period of up to 20 years.

This new purpose and vesting will better align with potential future uses of the Old Road Board Building.

February 2022 Budget Review

Council adopted the February 2022 Budget Review considering the actual financials for the period of 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021 as presented in the Report and Attachment.

Dreghorn Street Footpath

With respect to the installation of a footpath on Dreghorn Street between Davis and Prater Street, Council resolved for the installation of the footpath to be along the east side of Dreghorn Street between the trees/lampposts and boundary fences.

Council also directed the CEO to consider the potential future development of a Greening Plan for the Shire that looks to address tree canopy desires and the impact of historical planting such as trees under powerlines.

Performance Based Standard Scheme Vehicle Access Morawa-Yalgoo Road

With respect to 42m A-Triple Performance Based Standard (PBS) Scheme Vehicle Access Approval Application for Level 3 Mass-Saltbush Contracting, Council did not support the application and the amendment to vehicle access on the Morawa Yalgoo Road SLK 0.00 to SLK 42.7

The main reason for not supporting this request is the increase in vehicle length to 42m and the inherent risks associated with single lane sections of road, generally road geometry and meandering terrain, as well as various curves and crests.

NEXT AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

10 March 2022 at 5:30pm

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

17 March 2022 at 5:30pm

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

Shire Project Updates

Oval Drainage Improvements

After the heavy rains last winter, the Council made the decision to allocate funds to improving the drainage at the greater sports ground. An engineering team and surveys were engaged to design improved levels. Although the area is very flat, the Shire is hopeful the improved gradient will alleviate some of the water pooling issues.



Manning Street Footpath

The Shire received funding through the Department of Transport, WA Bike Network, dual use footpath program to implement a dual use footpath on a section of Manning Street. During the budgeting process Council decided to inject greater Shire funds into the project to ensure the full length of the street received a useable footpath. The works team have done fantastic work digging out the path root and laying the base ready for the concrete contractors to come and lay the finished surface.



Old Road Board Building – Cyclone Recovery Hub

With the initial renovations of the Old Road Board building now complete, the Shire is thrilled to see the Cyclone Recovery Hub utilising the facility. Deb from DFES, Grant from Department of Communities, and Milton from Red Cross are manning the facility Tuesday to Friday most weeks. The hubs' purpose is to ensure community members impacted by the Cyclone receive the support services they need. It is fantastic to see an old building being given a new lease of life.



Road Sweeper

The Shire has received its new road sweeper. The new sweeper is more mobile than the previous sweeper. It can now be towed behind a ute or truck as opposed to a tractor or larger vehicle. This will improve the quality and efficiency of clearing road services of debris after road work operations.



Bridge Works

You might not have noticed but the little bridge at the tourist info bay at the southern entrance to town was starting to rot and crumble. Over the last few weeks, the asset maintenance team has sprung into action and replaced the wooden boards giving the bridge a face lift and enhancing safety for the upcoming tourist season.

Strategic Community Plan

Be in with the chance of winning a \$50 Morawa IGA Voucher just for sharing your thoughts and ideas in one of the below ways:

Community Engagement Workshops

The Shire would like to invite you to participate in our community engagement workshops. Community input will be used to review and enhance the current community plan and aspirations.

Strategic Community Plan: Community Engagement Workshops
Date: Friday, 11 March 2022 Time: 4:30pm to 7:00pm Location: Oval Function Room
Date: Sunday, 13 March 2022 Time: 12:30pm to 3:00pm Location: Oval Function Room
Date: Tuesday, 15 March 2022 Time: 10:30am to 1:00pm Location: Morawa Town Hall

Please RSVP for your preferred workshop session(s), to Elisha via ea@morawa.wa.gov.au or 08 9971 1204.

Community Sentiment Survey

The community sentiment survey provides the foundations for the major review of the Strategic Community Plan, providing baseline information on the community's thoughts and feelings.

The Community sentiment survey is available on the Morawa Shire website: www.morawa.wa.gov.au/SCP

Hard copies of the survey are also available from the Shire administration office.

COVID-19 Update

COVID-Ready Checklist & Action Plan

Now is the time to prepare yourself and your home in case you receive a positive COVID-19 test or become a close contact of a positive case.

If you test positive for COVID-19, you will need to isolate at home until you are told you can leave.

Use this checklist to prepare.

- Assess whether I have suitable accommodation to isolate in. (separate bedroom and if possible, separate bathroom)
- A thermometer and pulse Oximeter (optional) to measure oxygen levels in your blood and heart rate.
- Pain relief medication and oral rehydration solution.
- My regular household's medication.
- A plan for who can look after my children, pets, or people in my care if I have to go to hospital.
- Soap and hand sanitiser.
- Masks and disposable gloves.
- Tissues and cleaning products.
- A plan for how I will get food and essentials for 2 weeks.
- Phone numbers for people outside my home who can help me.
- Stay-at-home activities to keep you entertained.

This checklist & COVID action plan are available to download from our website: www.morawa.wa.gov.au/shire/news-information/covid-19.aspx

Community News

Youth Centre Operations

In response to mask mandates and COVID risks, the Shire will be closing the internal aspects of the youth centre from 8 March 2022. The team will still be providing fun activities to keep young people engaged but just utilising outdoor spaces:

Tuesdays will utilise the skate park (we have a few boards and scooters for new starters to utilise) 3:00 – 5:30pm

Wednesdays 2:30 – 5:00pm

Thursdays 3:00 – 5:30pm

Skateboarding program

The Shire would like to thank Infinity Skate for coming to town and providing skate clinics to young participants. We would also like to acknowledge the support of YACWA and Lotterywest for funding these workshops.



Parenting Workshops

The Shire will be hosting two parenting workshops in partnership with Ngala and Wiring Kids, on Wednesday 16 March.



Water Polo Event

In partnership with Water Polo WA, the Shire Swimming Pool hosted Come and Try workshops on Sunday 27 February. The young people from the Ag College looked to have a great time participating and we are hopeful more young people and adults give the sport a try when the Water Polo WA team come back in March.





MORAWA PARENTING WORKSHOPS WITH WIRING KIDS Wednesday 16th March 2022

Wiring Kids are passionate about raising happy and resilient children. They provide high quality and evidence based educational workshops, consultations, and coaching services to both parents and professionals, in groups and individually. These workshops are available in Morawa and are fully funded.

UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR (1-5 YEARS OF AGE)

Time: 9.30am-11.30am at the Morawa Youth Centre

This workshop offers practical tips and strategies that suit your unique family and make guiding your child's behaviour easier.

Bring your own toys for bub.

TEACHING SIBLINGS TO LIVE IN HARMONY (6-10 YEARS OF AGE)

Time: 4pm-6pm at the Morawa Swimming Pool

This workshop provides you with strategies to help you work on your children's strengths, constructive problem solving and help them feel part of the family team.

Bring your own toys and picnic rug.

To book: Please contact the Shire on 9971 1204



Government of Western Australia
Department of Communities



Playing sport in the North Midlands is part of our community life.

The Shires of this region are working together for long term sustainable planning for our sporting clubs and we want to hear from you.

Visioning workshops

COOROW – WED 23 MAR – 4PM

Maley Park Function Centre

CARNAMAH – THU 24 MAR – 10:30AM

Carnamah Rec Centre Function Room

THREE SPRINGS – THU 24 MAR – 5PM

Three Springs Sporting Club

PERENJORI – MON 28 MAR – 5PM

Perenjori Pavilion

MORAWA – TUE 29 MAR – 5:30PM

Football Oval Function Room

MINGENEW – WED 30 MAR – 5:30PM

Mingenew Recreation Centre

Can't get to a workshop?

Do our online survey

and go

in the

draw to

win a

prize!



Please assist us with
COVID Safety Planning & RSVP

Call Mike: 0438 020 772

or contact you local Shire for more info

