

SHIRE SNIPPETS

News and updates from the Shire of Morawa

A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL

COVID-19 Update



The new year seems to have brought with it a sense of trepidation and uncertainty, especially with the increased prevalence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. As a Shire, we are committed to working to stay on top of all the Government directions to keep the community well informed and continue to deliver services in a safe and accessible manner.

Whilst I understand that certain mandates can feel invasive at times and disruptive to our way of life, I implore everyone to stay focussed on keeping our community safe and doing the right thing. Utilising the SafeWA or ServiceWA sign in apps or onsite sign in books is more important than ever.

If you have been in an exposure area and need to wear a mask, please be sensible and wear one in areas you may come in to contact with others. When rules change that require businesses or the Shire to request proof of vaccination or other requirements, don't take your frustration out on the requestor. Community members making the request are just trying to comply with the rules and do not deserve to weather anger or frustration against the rules.

Proof of vaccination requirements are set to be expanded from 31 January and it is likely other things will change over the coming weeks even with the border remaining closed on 5 February, so keep yourself informed and if you aren't already, I suggest following the Morawa Shire Facebook page at www.facebook.com/shireofmorawa, as this is a way the Shire distributes quick information to the community.

I am sure if we all continue to work together as a community, we can overcome this new obstacle before us. Unfortunately, I feel it is beyond doubt that COVID-19 is likely to reach Morawa in the coming months, so now is the time to return to good practices especially with hand washing, signing in, social distancing and mask wearing. These control measures have proved to be successful and will no doubt assist in the coming months.

Strategic Community Plan

The Shire is commencing its Major Review of the Strategic Community Plan and given the challenges we have faced over the last few years it is an exciting time to be looking towards the future and positive outcomes. Included in these Shire Snippets is a short 3 page summary of some of the key achievements under the current plan.

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Strategic Community Plan

The Shire is looking to consult the community as much as possible to ensure a true sentiment of the aspirations and goals for Morawa is known and understood. The Shire CEO will be leading and facilitating the plan development process and is looking forward to getting to hear from community.

The first step in this process is a simple community sentiment survey. The survey is available online via the Shires website:

www.morawa.wa.gov.au/SCP or a hard copy can be obtained from the Shire office.

The survey asks for personal details for grouped analysis of the data, the Shire will not be using individual data for individualised responses and as such the Shire asks community members to be honest with their feedback and inputs.

A range of community workshops are to be scheduled in late February/early March and if you have ideas or views on the future of Morawa I encourage you to attend.

Request for Cyclone Images

The Shire of Morawa is seeking images of damage caused by Cyclone Seroja, to support a Disaster Recovery Funding Claim to try and offset the significant cost of cyclone debris clean up undertaken in the aftermath of Cyclone Seroja.

Unfortunately, government requirements mean that a considerable number of images demonstrating evidence of debris on roadways, footpaths and other public spaces is needed to support this claim.

If you have images of the aftermath of Cyclone Seroja, your assistance by sharing the images with the Shire would be greatly appreciated.

Images can be shared by sending them via private message to the Shire on Facebook, emailing them to the Shire at

admin@morawa.wa.gov.au, by or uploading them to the Shire's website at:

www.morawa.wa.gov.au/cyclone-images

Council News

The Morawa Shire Council does not have an Ordinary Council meeting in January.

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

10 February 2022 at 5:30pm

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

2022 Annual Electors Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Electors for the year ended 30 June 2021 will be held in the Council Chambers, 26 Winfield Street, Morawa on Thursday, 10 February 2022 commencing at 5.00pm.

For full details of Electors Meeting, visit:
www.morawa.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/electors-meeting

Morawa Strategic Community Plan in review: 2018-2022

Our Vision: A welcoming and inclusive community with diverse regional partnerships that have created a vibrant and growing economy.

Unpredicted Occurrences

Incidents Overcome:

- COVID-19 was an unprecedented interruption to life.
- Cyclone Seroja caused widespread damage but community response was commendable.

Economic Objective - A diverse, resilient and innovative economy.

Outcomes Achieved:

- Significant investment in Road Works over \$8m over the last 4 years.
- Astro events and identifying Astrotourism opportunities.
- Caravan Park facilities upgraded, and tourist sector supported via visitor centre, museum and other volunteers.
- New town entry signage.
- Joint Mid-West Strategic Transport Strategy.



Social Connection Objective - A community that is friendly, healthy and inclusive.

Outcomes Achieved:

- Heritage and Bush trail.
- NAIDOC – Collaborative Community Event commenced.
- Over 300 entries in 2018 Art Exhibition
- Shop front heritage photos.
- Town Hall Kitchen Renovated.
- Youth Centre attendance growing and a variety of school holiday programs
- New Community Bus.
- Community Gym opened on a trial basis.
- Resurfaced netball courts.
- New dual use footpaths installed and more planned.
- Morawa Swimming Pool Upgrade.
- Golf and Bowling Club Renovated



Environment Objective – Protect and enhance the natural environment.

Outcomes Achieved:

- Sewerage system upgrades.
- Invested in Solar Power Street Lights for main street.
- Investment in energy saving device at the Morawa Swimming Pool.
- Power usage at the Morawa Swimming Pool and Oval precinct is now 100% renewable energy.
- Widimia Trail.



Leadership and Governance Objective – A connected Community with strong leadership.

Outcomes Achieved:

- Whilst financial ratios often below the departmental guidelines the Shire has retained strong reserve balances and low debt levels which provides confidence towards future sustainability.
- Council is stable and providing leadership across the region.



Shire Project Updates

Day Care Facility

Over the Christmas break, the Shire elves snuck into the Shire Building leased to Wildthings Day Care and upgraded the old bench to a new fit for purpose kitchen area with cupboards, drawers and an electric oven.



This upgrade to the facility will now allow onsite cooking to be undertaken broadening the range of activities available to the children and providing an improved working environment for the educator.



Doctors Surgery

In early January, before the Doctor returned to town, the Medical Centre received a fresh coat of paint to complement the new flooring installed earlier in the year. The Shire thanks the team at Epic Painting for the professional job done at the centre and working to accommodate the opening times to ensure the Doctor was able to re-open and begin serving community members as soon as possible in the new year.





Old Road Board Building

The renovation of the old road board building is almost complete with new lighting, power points and safety features installed in early January. Whilst working with a modest budget the space has been renovated to allow improved utilisation and accessibility.



The Shire is hoping arrangements with the DFES Cyclone Recovery Team can be finalised in February to allow their community services to be delivered from the Old Road Board Building.

Golf and Bowling Club

Cyclone damage remediation works on the Morawa Bowling Green hit a complication and through discussions with the contractor the Shire and Bowling Club are hoping to have the surface restored by the end of March.

Caravan Park Ablutions Upgrade

The Shire team have been hard at work laying brick paving around the caravan park abluion block to provide a more even surface for patrons and improve the aesthetics of the area. The inside and outside painting and tiling is now complete and the Shire is just waiting on the availability of plumbers to upgrade the hot waters systems and urinals. This improvement along with the camp kitchen completed last year adds a fresh new look to the park that the Shire hopes will enhance the experience of all visitors.



Community News

Australia Day Events

Australia Day celebrations will begin at 8:30am with a barbeque breakfast at the Morawa Town Square. Live music will also be provided from Acoustic Duo "Then Again".

The Citizen of the Year ceremony will begin at 9:15am with recipients of the awards being announced on the day. These awards reward and recognise individuals and organisations that have made a noteworthy contribution or given an outstanding service to our community over a number of years which has been above and beyond normal duties.

The Morawa Swimming Pool will have free entry all day on Australia Day when it opens at 12 noon. A Family movie will be showing at the Morawa Town Hall at 5:00pm, so get the family down to enjoy the day.

Morawa Youth Centre

The Morawa Youth Centre are having some exciting programs during the School Holiday period, including hair care, indoor soccer and a movie day.

There will also be a Skateboarding clinic on Thursday evenings during February. Visit www.infinityskate.net/morawa to register your interest for the Skate Clinic. Please note that helmets and enclosed shoes must be worn by all participants.

For information about these programs, contact Christine George on 0408 946 727 or email cdo@morawa.wa.gov.au



Employment Opportunities

Executive Manager Works & Assets

This senior key role is responsible for the planning and facilitation of all the operations of the works and assets divisions and will be tasked with developing asset management plans and implementing efficient works schedules.

The position takes responsibility for several of the Shire's critical assets including the Sewerage System, Landfill, Road Network, and Aerodrome and a number of service delivery areas in both the townsite and other areas across the district.

Caravan Park Caretaker/Head Cleaner

This role combines caravan park caretaker and head cleaner duties and will be responsible for rostering, managing, and supervising the Shire's cleaning team and performing cleaning duties outside the caravan park during the quiet season to ensure all facilities are cleaned to an appropriate standard.

Casual Administration Officer

The Shire of Morawa is seeking expressions of interest for an Administration Officer. This position will be responsible for responding to customer service enquiries and providing administrative assistance.

Plant Operator/General Hand

This 6 to 12 month contract position will be part of our works team and be required to operate plant and assist with the completions of Shire projects.

More Information

For more information on these positions, visit the Shire's website at: www.morawa.wa.gov.au/employment

Infinity Skate

Morawa Skate Clinics



Ages 6+

3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th February from 5pm

Register at www.infinityskate.net/morawa



Australia Day

Wednesday 26 JANUARY 2022

Winfield Street Town Centre

Join us to recognise the achievements of our outstanding community members, with a day filled with food, live music, family friendly games and entertainment

08:30 am - BBQ Breakfast

09:15 am - President's Welcome

09:30 am - Citizen of the Year Awards

10:00 am - Live music from Acoustic Duo 'Then Again'

12:00 pm - Free entry to Morawa Swimming Pool

05:00 pm - Family Australian Movie at the Town Hall

Australia Day is a time for all Australians to come together to reflect, respect and celebrate



2022 JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MORAWA YOUTH CENTRE



Enjoy!

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
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17-21
JAN

Wheelchair Basketball
Rec Centre
11:30 am - 1 pm



Mindful Day
Youth Centre
10 am - 12 pm



Do your own thing day



Craft day
Youth Centre
10 am - 2 pm



Movie Day
Youth Centre
10 am - 2 pm



24-28
JAN

Self care with hair
Youth Centre
10 am - 1 pm



Indoor Soccer
Rec Centre
10 am - 12 pm



Australia Day Breakfast
Town Centre
8:30 am



Craft day
Youth Centre
10 am - 2 pm



Movie Day
Youth Centre
10 am - 2 pm


