

# SHIRE SNIPPETS

*News and updates from the Shire of Morawa*

## A message from the President



CR. KAREN CHAPPEL

### Art Awards and Exhibition

The 8<sup>th</sup> Biannual Art Awards and Exhibition will be opened on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022. This is a wonderful event for Morawa and showcases some of the best artists from around the state. The opening evening will involve food, drink, music and the enjoyment of art but this is a child free night so please make sure to organise babysitters, as there will be no childcare options at the event.

I would also like to thank Karara Mining Ltd CEO Changjiang Zhu for reinstating Karara's support for the Art Show and providing a generous contribution towards this year's event. Please remember that entries close on July 8<sup>th</sup> 2022.

### Reconciliation Week

It was with great pleasure that as part of my WALGA Presidency I was able to attend a reconciliation breakfast on the 27 May 2022 at the WA Museum Boola Bardip. The Shire participated in the Virtual Breakfast at the Town Hall, we were pleased to have attendees from both Morawa District High School, Morawa Agricultural College, Morawa Police, Desert Blue Connect and members of the community.

With the regional NAIDOC celebration in July this year, I am reminded of the headway we have made as a community, and I look forward to further progress being made to celebrate the differences that make Morawa unique.

This year's NAIDOC event will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> July on Winfield Street.

### Mr NAIDOC 2022

We are very proud of Morawa local Constable Cohen Taylor for being awarded Mr NAIDOC Perth 2022. Cohen is a proud indigenous man and an outstanding member of our community. Congratulations Cohen, the Shire looks forward to you representing our local police force for years to come.

### Dr Carmen Lawrence

The Shire of Morawa congratulates Dr Carmen Lawrence's appointment as an officer of the Order of Australia (AO) during the 2022 Queen's Birthday Honours. She was honoured for her distinguished service to the people and Parliaments of Australia and WA, to conservation and to arts administration. Dr Lawrence spent her childhood in Gutha and was educated at the Marian Convent in Morawa and we are proud to think that Morawa contributed to all her achievements.

## **Migrant Workers Program**

Aligned to the vision for Morawa to be a welcoming and inclusive community, the Shire has partnered with United in Diversity to increase the districts cultural diversity. United in diversity will look to work with the Shire, community, and a “Inclusion and Diversity Working Group” to develop systems and connections for people from a variety of cultural backgrounds to feel welcomed and included in our community.

As part of this initiative a pilot regional migrant employment program is being established to bring 4-6 culturally diverse migrants to live and work in Morawa for an initial period of 6 to 12 months, with the goal of the program to help these people create real connections and want to put roots down in Morawa. We hope in the future this encourages their friends and family to make the transition to regional communities, especially Morawa.

This model differs from other similar schemes as it focusses on the growth, development, and cultural understanding of both the host employers and communities as well as the migrants. We are hoping that by taking part in this program and opening our doors to different cultures it will help Morawa achieve its strategic goals in the future.



## **Farewelling Sandy**

The community has been privileged to enjoy Sandy Reardon managing the Morawa Pool over the last decade. She is much loved by the community, provided fantastic service, and always kept the centre and pool looking outstanding. With her contract with the Shire ending, I would like to pass on the appreciation of Council for the tireless work she has put in and wish her all the best moving forward.

## **Local Government Extraordinary Election.**

I would like to congratulate our newest Shire Councillor Cr Mark Coaker who was elected unopposed on 2nd June 2022. Cr Coaker lives in Merkanooka with his wife Sara and children Billy, Lincoln and Lacey. He is passionate about Morawa and is actively involved in the Football Club, St John Ambulance, RSLWA and the Morawa DHS P & C.

## **Thank A Volunteer Event**

I would like to thank every one that attended the “Thank A Volunteer” Event held at the newly renovated Golf and Bowling Club on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> June. The evening was to Thank our Local Volunteers for the hard work that they do within our community. Many of our local volunteer community groups, particularly the Emergency Services are always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please make sure you reach out and make your interest known, as volunteerism is the lifeblood of our community, and all who are willing are welcome somewhere.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 20 MAY 2022

### **Fees and Charges for 2022/2023**

Council adopted the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the financial year 2022-2023 to be imposed from 1 July 2022.

### **North Midlands Regional Club Development Plan**

Council approve the circulation of the draft plan for public comment and authorise the Shire President to endorse the plan on behalf of Council, providing no major changes are required, following the closure of the public comment period.

### **General Practitioner Services**

Council resolved to extend the Medical Services Agreement for the provision of General Practitioner Services with Dr Adebola Adeiye for a further 3-year term.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION 15 JUNE 2022

### **Commencement of Stage 2 Strategic Community Plan Consultation**

Council acknowledged the community engagement and work undertaken on the Strategic Community Plan major review so far and directed the CEO commence Stage 2 consultation based on the draft Vision, Aspirations, and Strategic Focus Areas.

### **WALGA Advocacy position on arrangements for the management of volunteer bushfire brigades.**

Council request the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) to form a position to advocate for:

- 1.1.1 Modernisation of Western Australian emergency services legislation, including alignment of the WA Bush Fires Act 1954 with the rest of Australia by removing the legislative requirement for WA Local Governments to manage Bush Fire Brigades;
- 1.1.2 Option 4 of its "Arrangements for Management of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades: Proposed Advocacy Position" paper, being, "Transfer Responsibility for the management of all Bush Fire Brigades to the State Government, consistent with the arrangements in other States and Territories
- 1.1.3 Provision of a legislated State Government department or agency to manage Rural Fire Services to enhance the capability for rural fire management and bushfire risk management at a State, regional and local level, fully implementing recommendation 15 of the "Reframing Rural Fire Management" Report of the Special Inquiry Into the January 2016 Waroona Fire (Ferguson Report)
- 1.1.4 The establishment of a Rural Fire Service must be done with full engagement with volunteer bushfire brigades, local governments, WALGA, and other State agencies to inform best practice.

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - **21 July 2022 at 5:30pm**

View full details of Council Meetings at: [www.morawa.wa.gov.au/council-meetings](http://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/council-meetings)

# Shire Project Updates

## Roads Update

Safe Roads WA have undertaken sealing and pothole repair on the football/netball oval carpark and various roads:

- Morawa-Three Springs Road, Morawa South Road, Grove Street and Stokes Road.

The road construction crew have completed Road to Recovery works on Gutha West Road and have commenced gravel re-sheeting on Canna North East Road. Pre-road work vegetation clearing on Canna NE Road – has been completed and should improve environmental outcomes from road widening and shorten the construction timeline.

Road maintenance commenced on Fallon Road/Koolanooka Spring Road in preparation for the wildflower season.



## Manning Street Footpath

Concreting of the footpath on Manning Street has been completed

Planning has commenced on extending footpaths on Granville Street and Dregghorn Street. Works are expected to commence in mid July 2022. These works are part of The Western Australian Bicycle Network Grants program.



## Bowling Green

The repair works on the Morawa bowling green are set to be completed by the 6 July 2022.

# Shire Staff Update

## Paul Devcic

The Shire of Morawa welcomed Mr Paul Devcic into the role of Executive Manager Works and Assets (EMWA) in late April 2022.

Paul is an Engineer with qualifications in Civil and Coastal Engineering, Project Management and WHS. He has spent the past 12 years in various roles within Local Government, the most recent of which was Coordinating the Engineering department with the City of Greater Geraldton.

Paul has so far enjoyed getting to know his colleagues on an individual level, as well as immersing himself in Morawa's country living. With Paul Buist taking a well-earned holiday Paul has been able to get stuck into several exciting future projects which are already in the planning phase. Paul is passionate about enabling his team to deliver initiatives that will contribute to a more efficient, safer road and drainage network within the Shire.

## Community Development Officer

The Shire and Youth Centre farewelled Christine in early May. We have secured a new Community Development Officer who will be joining us in July, details to come in the next edition.

*From left to right Paul, Robert, and Caitlin*



## Robert Terms

Robert has joined the Shire as our new Caravan Park Caretaker and Head Cleaner.

After retiring from the police force and a role in Governance and Community Development, Robert was ready for a change. We are looking forward to working with Robert for the upcoming Wildflower season.

## Caitlin Tonkin

Caitlin will be working with the Shire as an Executive Support Officer. She has worked previously as a HR administrator. Caitlin will be working remotely for now, but we hope to welcome her to the community soon.

## Swimming Pool Manager

After over a decade in the role Sandra Reardon is ending her tenure as Morawa Swimming Pool Manager. The Shire is set to commence recruitment for a permanent replacement for the role with advertising set to commence next week.

We wish Sandy all the best with her future endeavours.

## Community News

The community is invited to participate in a consultation on the Shire of Morawa's Draft updated Strategic Community Plan. Through community consultation over several months the below Plan on a Page has been developed to reflect the community vision, aspirations and focus areas for the next decade.

We appreciate your input and look forward to working on our vision together. To complete the survey please visit the Shire of Morawa Website:

<https://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/community/about-your-community/strategic-community-plan>.

### The Plan on a Page



#### Create a sense of place for visitors

- Factor the visitor experience into planning and design decisions
- Develop and implement a Tourism Plan
- Embrace a commitment to excellent service
- Ensure the townsite and its services are accessible to all

#### Activate a vibrant small business sector

- Facilitate and support small business
- Encourage variety and co-operation
- Maintain strong support systems and services

#### Take pride in an aesthetically appealing townsite

- Develop and implement a townsite greening plan
- Enhance the appearance of homes, gardens, businesses, public buildings, and open spaces
- Utilise public art
- Celebrate our wins

#### Embrace cultural and social diversity

- Develop and implement an Arts and Culture plan
- Champion inclusion and engagement
- Invest in socialisation and belonging
- Promote positive aging in place across the community

#### Cement strong foundations for growth and prosperity

- Safe and suitable road and other transport networks
- Ready to go commercial and industrial facilities
- Enhance partnerships and alliances

#### Occupy a Safe and Healthy living space

- Build safer neighbourhoods
- Occupy fit for purpose housing
- Increase active living
- Enhance health service provisions

#### Future focussed in all we do

- Ensure the shire and its assets are well resourced and sustainable
- Embrace recycling and renewable energy
- Foster passion and belief in younger residents

## 2022 Morawa Art Awards & Exhibition

### Calling all Artists

The 8th biennial Art Awards and Exhibition will next take place from Friday 5th August to Sunday 14th August and will be held at the Morawa Town Hall.

**Entries are now open and set to close on 8 July 2022**

Submissions are invited for original and new work (post 2018) across a range of mediums from local and Western Australian artists.

The Awards will be judged and announced at the Award Presentation Evening and Exhibition Opening Night which will be held on Friday 5th August 2022 and will be a ticketed event. The exhibition will be professionally curated and hopes to attract over 300 entries.

Entry Forms can be downloaded from the Morawa Shire Website at:

[www.morawa.wa.gov.au/art-awards](http://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/art-awards)

Further enquiries, contact Emily Sutherland Left of Centre Concepts and Events - [emily.loc@bigpond.com](mailto:emily.loc@bigpond.com)

2022  
8TH BIENNIAL

*Art Awards & Exhibition*

THE MORAWA ART AWARDS AND EXHIBITION IS A BIENNIAL EVENT ESTABLISHED IN 2006.

THE ART AWARDS BRINGS TOGETHER OUR REGIONAL AND STATE ART COMMUNITY IN SUPPORT OF SHOWING VISUAL ARTS LOCALLY.

**\$20,000**  
IN PRIZES.

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY  
8TH JULY 2022

EXHIBITION OPENING  
NIGHT FRIDAY,  
5TH AUGUST 2022



2018 SOM ACQUISITIVE WINNER  
LORETTA EGAN / EVERLASTINGS ORIGINAL

**CATEGORIES**

ACQUISITIVE AWARD	PRIZE	YOUTH CATEGORIES	PRIZE
Shire of Morawa Acquisitive Award	\$7500	Youth Art Award (Local Artists) 13-18yr olds	\$500
		Young Art Award (Local Artists) 5-12yr olds	\$100
NON-ACQUISITIVE AWARDS	PRIZE	AWARDS VOTED	PRIZE
Mid West Indigenous Art Award	\$3,500	People's Choice Award	\$500
Works on Canvas	\$1,750		
Works on Paper	\$1,750		
3 Dimensional Piece	\$1,750		
Indigenous Award	\$1,750		
Photography Award – Theme 'Joy'	\$900		

**ENQUIRIES**

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## Funding and Grants Hub

Regional Development Australia Mid West Gascoyne and Wheatbelt have partnered with GrantGuru to provide a funding and grants hub with free access to over 1,000 grants for local government, business and community.

Whether you're a local business, community group, sporting club, or not for profit organisation you can easily search a comprehensive list of grant and funding opportunities.

Grants open, close and are updated regularly so register to receive email updates, save and shortlist grants, track opening and closing dates, and stay informed.

Go to [rdawa.grantguru.com.au](http://rdawa.grantguru.com.au)

### Supporting local government, business and community

RDA MidWest Gascoyne and Wheatbelt have partnered with GrantGuru to create a Funding & Grants Hub with free access to over 1,000 grants for business and community.

### Turning ideas into reality

Search a comprehensive list of grant and funding opportunities to help build thriving communities and empower local business, community groups, sporting clubs, not for profit organisations and local government.

### Free email alerts!

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This grants portal is a collaborative initiative of RDA Midwest Gascoyne, RDA Wheatbelt & GrantGuru



## Adopted Fees and Charges for Financial Year 2022-2023

After their annual review and local public notice, the 2022-2023 Schedule of Fees and Charges has now been implemented. Most fees and charges have seen no change or only a minor increase. The areas that have received the highest increase include:

- Community Bus Hire
- Transfer Station Fees
- Sewage Charges
- Morawa community Gym Memberships.

Most increases are directly aligned to an increase in the cost of providing a service. A copy of the adopted Schedule of Fee and Charges can be found on the Shire's website <https://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/shire/documents/fees-charges.aspx>

The Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Financial Year 2022-2023 will be effective from 1 July 2022.





## SHIRE OF MORAWA

### TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BURTON ROAD

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Morawa proposes to close Burton Road to public access for the period from Monday, 19 September 2022 to Friday, 13 January 2023.

This temporary road closure has been requested by Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd (CBH) to facilitate improved access and safety to the Morawa Bin during the 2022/2023 Harvest Period.

Burton Road will be closed from the turn off on the Wubin-Mullewa Road to the intersection of Lodge and Powell Street. Access to the road will be permitted only for vehicles directly involved in accessing the CBH Morawa Bin and site as well as emergency and utility vehicles, if required during this period.



Objections to this proposed road closure are to be submitted to the Shire of Morawa CEO via email to [ea@morawa.wa.gov.au](mailto:ea@morawa.wa.gov.au) prior to Friday, 22 July 2022.

Scott Wildgoose  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
28 June 2022

# STELLAR STARGAZING CELEBRATING THE SKA IN MORAWA

Explore the Universe under a world-class dark night sky! This event celebrates Australia as one of the hosts of the world's largest and most capable radio telescope, the SKA.

Hear about the incredible SKA, see an amazing green laser pointer tour of constellations and planets. Look through telescopes to discover the wonders of the cosmos.

## SATURDAY, 23RD JULY 2022

6.30pm – 7:00pm | SKA Presentation

7:15pm – 9pm | Stargazing at Morawa

**Morawa Golf and Bowls Club, Club Road, Morawa**

Enter the draw to win a telescope on the night!

Catering by Morawa Speedway will be available on the evening.

BYO chairs, rugs, picnics, drinks, torches, warm clothes, fly net, insect repellent

Free Community Event

Please RSVP to [ea@morawa.wa.gov.au](mailto:ea@morawa.wa.gov.au)

This event will go ahead rain, hail or shine.

**This event celebrates Australia as one of the hosts of the world's largest and most capable radio telescopes. The SKA telescopes will revolutionize our understanding of the Universe and be based in Western Australia and South Africa.**

YOUTH CENTRE ACTIVITIES FOR  
THE JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

# KELSEY'S MOVING CUTSTALL

Kelsey will be doing free basic hair cuts and discussing general hair care for youth center attendees as part of our School Holiday Program.

**Wednesday 6th July 2022**  
**9:00am - 1pm**  
**At the Youth Centre,**

Kelsey is a fully qualified hair dresser who completed her Apprenticeship at Hot Locs Geraldton where she works Part Time.

Kelsey's Moving Cutstall will be available from 1- 3pm on Wednesday 6th July 2022 to provide simple Ladies (\$35), Men's (\$25) and kids (\$20) Haircuts as well as braiding(\$5).



Please call Kelsey on 0474032464 if you would like to book an appointment.





# RON THE BIKE MAN BIKE BUILDING WORKSHOP

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Ron is an experienced bike builder and has been running bike building programs since 2017 in Geraldton. He is currently collaborating with the Geraldton Aboriginal Sporting Corporation running workshops on how to modify, build and repair bikes.

Ron will be holding a work shop at the Morawa Youth Centre during the school holidays for youth centre attendees.

**Tuesday 12 July 2022**  
**10am-4pm**  
**At the Youth Centre.**





**GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!**  
**3-10 JULY 2022**

# MIDWEST NAIDOC 2022

**Info Stalls  
Guest Speakers  
Food Sampling  
Kids Activities**

**Morawa | Wednesday | 20 July | 10am - 2pm**



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# MORAWA VOLUNTEER BUSHFIRE BRIGADE

## CADETS 2022

### Information

A new Cadet Program is being started during the coming terms Term 3—term 4. As this is a new unit and just starting up in the town of Morawa there will be no cost to students attending this year. There will be a maximum number of 20 students and should there be more demand we will have a waiting list for students to join. Membership is open for male & females 15 years and over. Meetings will be on every Tuesday commencing the 19th of July at the Ag. College Sports Hall starting at 4.30pm until 6pm.

Students will learn a wide range of skills which will prepare them for emergency situations and connect them with Emergency Services units in our community and the Mid West. The course offers leadership and hands on skills, teamwork, networking and the opportunity to learn communication strategies in a safe and fun way. All of the local network groups will be assisting with hands on training including the Police, FESA, St. John's, Marine search and rescue and Conservation and wildlife groups.

**Costs and Fundraising** - Nil cost this year to students attending

**Uniforms & PPC/E** - for this year students need to wear either blue work trousers or blue jeans, closed in foot wear and either a HiVis shirt or a shirt without logos or branding on it.

**Camps (the fun stuff!)** - we plan to take our Cadets on a camp. When we do go away for a camp, we will need several Cadet leaders to attend to help manage the Cadets. If we are unable to get enough of our Brigade members to attend, we may request a few parents to come along to help.

**For further information contact:**

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If your son or daughter would like to attend please contact Leanne Grant-Williams to secure a place