

SHIRE SNIPPETS

News and updates from the Shire of Morawa

A message from the President



CR. KAREN CHAPPEL

End of Year Message

As Shire President I take great pride in the Morawa Community and how our community spirit has remained strong throughout the year.

As always in 2023 the community has thrived through the commitment of many volunteers who continue to give their time and energy to make Morawa great. All our organisations and sporting clubs have continued to excel and collaborate for positive outcomes, the Motown Community Shed and recycling initiative has continued to grow.

Even though this was a quiet tourism year the volunteers at the visitor centre and museum remained as committed as always to showcasing the beauty and history of Morawa.

I continue to admire all emergency service volunteers who so generously give of their time and are always on standby to deal with any fires or medical emergencies, they are so valued for their commitment.

I sincerely thank each and every volunteer within the Morawa community, and I look forward to the new year and us continuing to support each other.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Deputy President Cr Ken Stokes, Councillors, Mr Scott Wildgoose as CEO and his Executive team Jackie Hawkins for their outstanding leadership, tireless hard work and support over the past year. I would also like to thank the whole operational team as without their support the Shire would not be able to have the achievements that it does.

I wish everyone all the best for a happy and safe festive season. Please remember to take care if travelling on the roads this festive season and I look forward to see what 2024 will bring to our wonderful community.



Council News

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – 18 December 2023

Adoption of 2024 Extraordinary Council Election Processes

Council resolved to conduct the 2024 Extraordinary Election as an inhouse election. Due to cost factors associated with outsourcing the election to the West Australian Electoral Commission.

Policy Manual Review – Stage

A review of multiple Shire of Morawa Policies were revised and amended with the next round of review to be undertaken by council in March 2024.

Project Development Update – Morawa Early Childhood Education and Family Centre

That Council:

1. Endorse the Regional Early Education and Development Inc. (REED) Partnership Agreement as per Attachment 1 and approve the Shire President and CEO to sign the agreement on behalf of the Shire.
2. Request the CEO submit a Full Application for the Growing Regions Program Grant program before the closing date of Monday, 15 January 2024.
3. Reconfirm the Shire's willingness and capacity to fund the funding gap of 30% of the project costs, if alternate funding isn't available.
4. Direct the CEO to seek State Government funding commitments towards the project. Accept the Preliminary Facility designs as presented in Attachment 2 and authorise the CEO to undertake the necessary tender advertising process as soon as grant funding is approved.

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) Adoption

That Council;

Adopt the Shire of Morawa's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2024-2029 as presented, in accordance with the Western Australian *Disability Services Act 1993*.

Appointment of Primary Contractor to Undertake RFT-02-2324 AGNR1021 Flood Recovery Minor Works – Confidential

Tender RFT-02-2324 AGRN1021 for the Morawa Flood Recovery Minor Works have been awarded to JH Rowe and RT Rowe Trading as Rowe Contractors. The flood damage expenditure has been increased to accommodate the Shire's contribution towards the flood damage repairs as per DRFAWA requirements.

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

8 FEBRUARY 2024 at 5.30pm

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

Shire Updates and News

Road Works

The Shire has completed gravel resheeting of White Road.

Work will be commencing on reconstructing and sealing a portion of Nanekine Road and the widening and sealing 4km of Morawa Yalgoo Road in January 2024.

We ask all motorists to please take care when using these roads and obey all traffic management signs that will be in place until works are completed.

A festive graphic for Morawa Swimming Pool Christmas Period Opening Hours. It features a central white box with a black border containing the text. The background is decorated with green holly leaves, red berries, and a sunburst logo with the text 'MORAWA BREAKING NEW GROUND'.

**Morawa Swimming Pool
Christmas Period Opening Hours**

Sunday 24 December: 10am- 7pm
Monday 25 December: Closed
Tuesday 26 December: Closed
Wednesday 27 December: 2pm- 7pm
Sunday 31 December: 10am- 7pm
Monday 1 January: Closed
Tuesday 2 January: 2pm- 7pm

All other days will remain on usual opening hours.
Thankyou for your understanding of the modified hours and we hope you
have a Merry Christmas!

Morawa Refuse and Transfer Station Christmas Opening Hours

The Morawa Refuse and Transfer Station will be closed on Monday 25 December 2023.

All other opening days will remain unchanged.

Shire Updates and Community News

Christmas Movie Night:

On the 16 December, the Shire hosted a special screening of Dr Seuss' 'The Grinch', followed by a sausage sizzle and popcorn at the Morawa Swimming Pool. It was a fun evening enjoyed by all who attended and the perfect way to end a hot day.



Seniors Christmas Morning Tea: It was another fantastic turn out to Kate's monthly seniors' morning tea at the Morawa Swimming Pool. Everyone brought their Christmas Cheer to the last morning tea of the year. The guests had a special task of judging the winners of the colouring in competition. It was a hard decision there were so many wonderful entries.



Colouring in Competition-

Congratulations to the winners of the colouring in competition.

Under 8 Years-

- 1st Alexis Dezerae
- 2nd Isabelle Major
- 3rd Geoffrey Little



Over 8 Years-

- 1st Asha Haeusler
- 2nd Brian Little
- 3rd Sophie Scott



Upcoming Events:

Citizen of the Year Awards

Come and celebrate the achievements of some of our community members at the Citizen of the year awards to be held on the morning of 26 January 2024 at the Winfield Street Town Centre.

Australia Day Family Fun Day

The Shire will be hosting a Family fun Day at the Morawa Swimming pool on Friday 26 January 2024 with waterslides, live music and food.

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:

For further information, download an application package and position description from www.morawa.wa.gov.au/employment/ or submit your resume to ea@morawa.wa.gov.au

Finance Officer

The Shire is seeking a suitably qualified and/or experienced Finance Officer. Senior Finance Officers are also encouraged to apply.

This fulltime role is a fantastic opportunity to support the Shire's Finance functions, working within the Corporate & Community Services team. The role will see you providing accounting services, including monthly general ledger and bank reconciliations, preparation of monthly financial reports, assisting in the preparation of annual budgets and maintenance of the Shire's asset register.

Applicants with current or previous local government finance experience will be highly regarded. The ability to multitask is essential, and a positive demeanour will go a long way towards ensuring success in this role.

Coordinator People, Culture, and Safety Role.

The Shire is seeking a motivated and suitably experienced/qualified HR & WHS guru to fill the role of Coordinator People, Culture, and Safety.

This full-time role is a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate your ability to deliver on a wide scope of HR tasks through the full employee lifecycle, to manage workplace risk factors appropriately, and to support change management processes.

Applicants with a strong background in building a positive and committed workplace culture will be highly regarded as well as those applicants with an in-depth knowledge of the new WHS legislative requirements.

The ability to multitask is essential, and a positive demeanor will go a long way towards ensuring success in this role

Community Development Officer

The Shire of Morawa is seeking to appoint a highly motivated, energetic, and suitably qualified and/or experienced Community Development Officer to join their dedicated Corporate and Community Services team.

Applicants will need to demonstrate their abilities to plan and facilitate community development initiatives and events in a range of areas including youth, club development, arts and culture, seniors, health and wellbeing, and other areas as required. A pivotal component of this role is the ability to open, manage and activate the Morawa Youth Centre for children age between 8 to 12 years old to the benefit of the Morawa Youth, and the broader community, so a passion for working with young people is key to achieving fantastic outcomes in this area.



SHIRE OF MORAWA

GENERAL WASTE COLLECTION- CHRISTMAS WEEK 2023

The following arrangements for waste collection services which would normally be done on Monday the 25th of December 2023.

The collections for Morawa Commercial bins on Monday the 25th will be serviced on Tuesday the 26th of December 2023.

All services will be as normal for the New Year week.

For more information on waste collection in Morawa you can visit Avon Waste's website avonwaste.com.au/shires/morawa.aspx, or call them on (08) 9641 1318.

Scott Wildgoose
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
28 November 2023

SHIRE OF MORAWA

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSURE

The Shire of Morawa advises the Shire Office closure for the 2023/2024 Christmas and New Year Period will occur from 4.00pm on Friday, 22 December 2023, to 9.00am on Wednesday, 3 January 2024.

Scott Wildgoose
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
11 October 2023

SHIRE OF MORAWA
ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Electors for the year ended 30 June 2023 will be held in the Council Chambers, 26 Winfield Street, Morawa on Thursday, 8 February 2024, commencing at 6.30pm.

Order of business:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting
2. Receiving of the Annual Financial Statements
3. Receiving of the Auditor's Report
4. President's Report
5. Chief Executive Officer's Report
6. General Business
7. Closure

In order that relevant information may be readily available at the meeting, questions to be raised during public question time should be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer by close of business Thursday, 1 February 2024.

Copies of the Annual Report and Annual Financial Statements are available on the Morawa Shire website at www.morawa.wa.gov.au/documents/annual-reports or from the Shire Administration Office, 26 Winfield Street, Morawa WA 6623.

Scott Wildgoose
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
19 December 2023

SHIRE OF MORAWA
AMENDMENT TO FEBRUARY 2024 COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the February 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting will be amended from Thursday, 15 February 2024 at 5:30pm, to Thursday, 8 February 2024 at 5:30pm at the Morawa Council Chambers.

This change is to coincide with the Annual Electors Meeting to be held on Thursday, 8 February 2024 at 6.30pm at the Morawa Council Chambers.

Scott Wildgoose
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
19 December 2023



AUSTRALIA DAY FAMILY FUN DAY

FRIDAY JANUARY 26 2024

Auspire Community Citizen of the Year

Awards

Join us in recognising the achievements of some of our outstanding community members.

Where: Winfield St Town Square

Time: 9am- 11am

Free Coffee and Morning Tea.



Party at the Pool!!

3pm- 6pm

Spend the afternoon relaxing at the Morawa Swimming pool with-

Live Music

Free Pool Entry

Water Slides

Free Sausage Sizzle, Icecream and Drinks





THE LIGHTS ARE ON! AT THE
BASKETBALL
COURTS AT THE REC CENTRE

THE LIGHTS WILL BE ON AT THE OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS ON **TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY** FROM **6:30PM - 9:30PM**