

SHIRE SNIPPETS

News and updates from the Shire of Morawa

A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL



Congratulation Cr Stokes

Congratulations to Cr Stokes on receiving the 2024 WALGA Merit Award at the Local Government Awards held on 2nd August 2024. Cr Stokes is a well deserving recipient of this award for his long and deep commitment to the Shire of Morawa.



2024-2025 Budget

This year's budget was a challenging one to approve due to constant cost increases and with recent property revaluations by Landgate. We understand that the rising cost of living and with a recent increase in rates, this will financially impact ratepayers. The Shire has worked extremely hard to manage costs over the last 4 years and increases are not passed on lightly. If you are experiencing payment difficulties, please get in touch with the Shire office to discuss other suitable payment options.

CEO Recruitment

The recruitment process is under way to appoint a new CEO for Morawa, the consultant has been contracted and the role is currently advertised. Council is aiming to have this task completed by early to mid November.

Early Childhood Education Centre

Myself and Shire CEO Scott Wildgoose are continuing to advocate for the establishment of an Early Childhood Education Centre in Morawa. This establishment is essential to encourage the growth of Morawa and with positive recent meetings with The Hon Dr Anne Aly MP and her office we hope to further the progress of a centre in Morawa

Art Show

The Biennial Art Awards were an outstanding success, with over 450 works of Art on display from 250 artists. I would like to acknowledge Emily Sutherland, all Shire staff and anyone who generously volunteered their time to ensure the success of this signature event. It was amazing.



Road Closure

The road closure of the Morawa South Road to Boundary Road is still in place, it appears the works are progressing as planned and thank you all for your cooperation in taking alternate routes.

A message from the President- Continued

Close of Winter Sports

With the conclusion of the North Midlands Winter Sports Season, I would like to commend the Morawa Netball, Hockey and Football teams on their sportsmanship and contribution to the positive community focus of being involved with sports as well as the health benefits, particularly with the juniors. Unfortunately, it was not the Tigers year for finals, but we look forward to the commencement of the 2025 season.

Town Teams Morawa Workshop

Town Teams will be holding a Do Over Inception Workshop at the Morawa Sports Oval Function Rooms on Saturday 14 September from 10am-1pm. This is a positive and progressive program that encourages a strong community spirit and allows a community to keep and promote their individuality, by empowering them with the tools to complete small community projects. I encourage the community to attend the workshop and support the Town Team Movement.

Council News

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – 15 August 2024

Corella Control Survey Outcome

Following the community contribution in a recent Corella Sentiment Survey, Council will implement once-a-week ranger Corella culling over the flocking period October to May, increase the 2024/2025 budget to \$30,000 and engage with a consultant to develop a Corella Management plan for the Shire.

Renewable Energy Facility (Wind Measurement Mast) Development Application

Council have approved the proposed met mast development application for a proposed renewable energy facility on Lot 8558 Ludlow Road, Pint Haruka, as long as all conditions are met.

Confidential Report – Selection of Chief Executive Officer Recruitment Consultant and Selection Panel Finalisation

A consultant and CEO recruitment panel has been appointed to assist in the selection procedure, criteria and position description to ensure the best candidate is selected.

Confidential Report – Morawa Townsite Drainage Project

Designs have been approved by council for the upcoming Winfield Street/ Prater Street drainage project. The CEO is finalising the contract with the best candidate to complete the project.

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

19 SEPTEMBER 2024 at 1:30pm

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

Council News

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED – 15 August 2024

Confidential Report – Leasing of an Industrial Business Unit

Council have entered into a lease agreement with Wallace Plumbing to lease one of the Industrial Business units on the Wubin- Mullewa Road.

Confidential Report – Leasing of Property to Terraform Contracting

Council have entered into a lease agreement with Terraform Contracting for one of the Industrial Business units on Wubin- Mullewa Road, as well as 24 Barnes Street, Morawa.

Rates and 2024- 2025 Budget

With the 2024-2025 budget adopted at a Special Council Meeting held on 26 August 2024, rates were posted to ratepayers at the end of August. This budget was a challenging budget for council and administration staff to counteract the constant increase in costs and applying savings where possible.

Landgate recently revalued the Gross Rental Value (GRV) of townsite properties and the Unimproved Values (UV) of predominantly rural properties in Morawa. These valuations are completed by Landgate with the Council having no say or input into the outcome. If you would like to lodge an objection with your valuation all queries must be lodged with Landgate, you can contact them via email vs@landgate.wa.gov.au or for more information visit- <https://www.landgate.wa.gov.au/valuations/valuations-for-rates-and-taxes>

The Shire has strived to manage our costs over the previous 4 years and have been able to incorporate grant funding to contribute to the costs of several projects. We understand that in today's economic climate every dollar counts, and this is why if you are struggling with paying your rates, please contact the Shire Office as soon as possible to discuss alternative payment options.

There has been an increase to Waste Charges and the Sewerage Levy to cover the costs involved in maintaining these services. Due to the fact that Morawa maintains their own sewerage, these costs are shown on your rates notice, not spread over a 12-month water utility billing cycle.

We have some exciting projects planned for the next 12 months, mostly focusing on improving Morawa's Infrastructure such as- Further widening of Morawa-Yalgoo Road, Gravel re-sheeting to Collins, Norton, White, and Koolanooka South Road, improving the drainage at the Stokes Road rail crossing and the Winfield/Prater Street intersection and addressing the Blackspot safety issue at the Evaside/Ross Road rail crossing. We are also starting work on the Solomon Tce Community Precinct with site works in progress and works starting on new kerbing, footpaths, CCTV and Solar lights to be installed. More details can be found on our website- <https://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/community/about-your-community/solomon-terrace-community-precinct-masterplan.aspx>

Completed Projects for 2023-2024

Old Roads Board Landscaping/ Storage Shed - \$258k

Cemetery Carpark and Entrance Road- \$373K

Netball Shed Replacement - \$103k

Caravan Park Ablutions - \$174k

Winfield Street Light Replacement - \$83k

Jubilee Park & Electric Vehicle Charging Station- \$142k

Morawa- Yalgoo Road Upgrade- \$795K

Nanekine Road Widen and Seal- \$475k

Aerodrome Vermin Proof Fencing- \$128k



Upcoming Projects for 2024-2025

Winfield Street Drainage - \$405K

Evaside Road Black Spot Project - \$550k

Solomon Tee Precinct Redevelopment - \$386K

Rec Centre Roof Repairs - \$700k

Broad Ave and Gill St Footpath Upgrades- \$125k



Other Major Expenditure for 2024-2025

Maintenance Parks and Reserves- \$473k

Roads Construction- \$2.673 million

Plant Replacement- \$864k

Tourism/Area Promotions- \$341k

Swimming Pool Maintenance- \$130k

Maintenance Sports/ Building Facilities- \$237k



Shire Updates and Community News

Community Citizen of the Year Awards

Nominations are now open for the Community Citizen of the Year Award. The Shire hosts an award ceremony every year on Australia Day to celebrate the community contributions made by our nominees. This is a fantastic opportunity to show your appreciation to a community member who is going above and beyond for Morawa. There are 4 categories including- Community Citizen of the Year, Senior Community Citizen, Youth Community Citizen and Active Citizenship (Group or Event). Simply head to the Auspire website to complete your nomination

<https://www.citizenshipawards.com.au/>



Town Teams Morawa Do Over Inception Workshop

Town Teams will once again be visiting Morawa bringing their expertise in community lead projects by hosting a Workshop on Saturday 14 September at the Morawa Greater Sports Ground Function Room from 10am-1pm. The workshop is being held to have a community involvement on what small projects you would like to see to improve the Morawa Aesthetics and how you can contribute. The Town Teams movement is here to equip communities with the tools necessary to work with local councils to complete small projects to add their personal and unique style to otherwise dull areas within the town.

Be A Local Explorer

When was the last time you explored your own backyard?

Now is the perfect time to put on your walking boots and head out to one of Morawa's many walking trails or nature reserves. Not sure where to go? Pop in and say hello to our wonderful volunteers at the Morawa Visitor Centre at the Old Roads Board Building on the corner of Prater and Dreghorn St, to find out where the flowers are blooming!



Upcoming Events-

- Saturday 14 September 2024- Town Teams Morawa Town Teams Inception Workshop.
- Saturday 12 October 2024- Morawa Community Connection Expo

2024 Biennial Morawa Art Awards and Exhibition

Morawa once again held our Biennial Art Awards and Exhibition from Friday 9 – Sunday 16 August 2024. This was an amazing opportunity for local community members to immerse themselves in quality Art works from around WA and marvel in the local talent here in Morawa, a highlight of the Morawa Social Calander

This year's event attracted over 250 entrants with over 450 works of art on display. There was something for everyone and every taste from lifelike sketches to unique sculptures. The Art Exhibition is one of the largest regional exhibits in Australia with this year's curators having a difficult task in deciding on the winners.



Opening night attendees were entertained by the musical talents of duo Evergrace and once again a mouthwatering menu was catered by Kelly from 'Daphne's Timeless Treats'. A special Thankyou to Emily Sutherland and her team for ensuring the event ran smoothly and to the Shire staff who worked behind the scenes contributing to the success of the Art Awards and Exhibition.

The Shire would like to extend our gratitude to the award sponsors, Qube Logistics and Karara Mining Limited. Also, with support from The Tropiano Family, who were present to award the Tony Tropiano Photography Award and the Tropiano Family Emerging Photographer Award. The Hon. Melissa Price MP, Federal Member for Durack sponsored the awards for best Young and Youth Artists, with the awards presented on the night by her representative Ms. Merome Beard MLA, Member for Northwest Central. The event was further honored by the presence of the Hon. Shane Love MLA, Leader of The Nationals WA.

All the evening's winners can be viewed on our website, with the Shire of Morawa Acquisitive Award, the event's most prestigious award, awarded to Soosie Jobson for her stunning work, 'Wheatbelt', which is now proudly on display at the Shire's Administration Office. We would also like to make a special mention of all the local talent that entered their works into the Exhibition, particularly our local winning artists- Evelyn Haydon- The Family of Cats in a sunset, Lincoln Coaker- Wonky Town, Elizabeth English- Celebrating Bald Beauty, Vaughn Jenkins- Malleescape and Veni Inbaseelan- Midwest in Bloom.

We look forward to continuing the Art Exhibition tradition in 2026.



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

Plant Operator

This full-time role is a fantastic opportunity to hone your skills as an Operator in a multidisciplinary Local Government setting while assisting the Shire with the completion of current and planned projects and maintenance works.

Applicants with Grader, Truck, and road maintenance/construction experience will be highly regarded. The position of Plant Operator primarily works with the road maintenance and construction team but will be required to assist within all other areas of Shire operations including manual non machine orientated task, as directed.

Applicants must hold a current unrestricted HR class National Driver's License, WA Construction White Card and a National Police Clearance (less than 3 months old). Evidence of licenses and tickets will be required to be provided on appointment of the successful candidate.

Shire Updates and News

Road Works

The Shire has been busy with our maintenance grader working nonstop to keep up with maintaining our unsealed road network. Shire staff have been working in with Safe Roads to repair several small potholes on roads within the Shire.

The road name signs in Canna have had a refresh with several signs being replaced. The safety Chevron Boards have also been replaced to increase road safety within the area.

Notice Board at the Entrance of Town

The Shire has installed a new public notice board at the Pergola at the Southern entrance of town. If you are a local business who would like to advertise in the space, please forward a A5 size advertisement flyer to – elisha.major@morawa.wa.gov.au



Parks and Gardens

Our Parks crew have been busy keeping everything looking lovely during Wildflower season. You may have noticed that the town and surrounding areas is absolutely blooming with flowers.

Please join us for the

Morawa Do Over Inception Workshop

Saturday 14 September 10am-1pm Morawa Sports Oval Function Rooms

What is the Morawa Do-Over?

A unique event where residents, businesses, and local leaders come together to share ideas and collaborate on improving our community.

Why Attend?

- **Get Involved:** Help shape Morawa's future with your ideas and feedback.
- **Collaborate:** Work with others to create vibrant community spaces.
- **Innovate:** Explore new approaches and make a real difference.

Light refreshments will be provided
For more information, please contact

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IMPORTANT ROAD WORK NOTICE



Under the Mid West Secondary Grain Freight Network program the Shire's of Morawa and Perenjori have contracted Fulcher Contractors to undertake road works on the Morawa South Road, Hill Road, and Boundary Road.

**Works will commence Monday, 15 July 2024 until 31 January 2025.
Road closures will be in place throughout the project.**

Due to the extent of road and culvert reconstruction, road widening through salt lakes, and the general scope of the project there was a potential for traffic management delays to exceed the time delays from using detours, as well as extending the project time frame by 3-6 months and significantly increasing costs. As such road closures are being utilised to provide the best value and quality outcome, noting the overall project will deliver a wider and safer road across the full 30km route to the benefit and safety of all road users.

Given the extent of road closures and works, alternate routes should be used from Morawa to Carnamah (Perth), options are:

1. Wubin-Mullewa Road to Koolanooka South Road to Grant Road on to Boundary Road - this section is unsealed and only viable while Boundary Road is open, until approx. October - both Shire's will undertake extra maintenance grading on these roads during the road works - 10km detour.
2. Via Three Springs (via Three Springs - Morawa Road) - 15km detour - sealed route.
3. Via Perenjori (Wubin -Mullewa Road on to Carnamah Perenjori Road) -30km detour - sealed route.

The Shire's of Morawa and Perenjori would like to thank the Australian Government, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications for funding this project.

For more information and updates please contact the Shire of Morawa or Shire of Perenjori.

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