

# SHIRE SNIPPETS

*News and updates from the Shire of Morawa*

## A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL



### Recent Hot Weather

With recent heatwaves throughout the state, I hope you have all been able to stay cool. Please take care during the hot weather. You can find more information on how to prepare and what to do during a heat wave on the Healthy WA website- [https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/F\\_I/Heatwave-be-prepared-for-extreme-heat](https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/F_I/Heatwave-be-prepared-for-extreme-heat).

### Australia Day

With much debate around Australia Day, I was extremely happy to see such a large turn out to our Australia Day event at the Morawa town centre and at the Morawa Swimming Pool. The day was enjoyed by all who attended, and I would like to thank our dedicated volunteers and staff for organising and making sure the day ran smoothly. I would also like to congratulate all our Community Citizen of the Year award winners for your dedication to our community and all that you do for Morawa. I would especially like to point out the beautiful Poinciana trees which are beginning to flower in the Town Centre on Winfield Street. They added a wonderful ambiance to the ceremony, as well as giving much needed shade



### Community Meeting

With the increase in Heavy Vehicle Traffic on the Mingenew- Morawa Road until March 2024 and our concerns with road safety, I urge all those that will be using this road to be extremely vigilant when driving.

The Shire has held regular discussions with Main Roads WA voicing our concerns with the condition of this road. We have facilitated a Community Meeting at the Town Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of February commencing at 10.30am with a representative from Main Roads WA attending. I urge all concerned residents to attend the meeting and voice your concerns to Main Roads WA about the condition of the Mingenew- Morawa Road.

**See page 9 for more information on the Community Meeting**

### School Return for 2024

With school commencing on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January for 2024 I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to drive carefully and be mindful during school start and end times to be aware of children using the roads. Take care especially in school zones and make sure you are following all speed limits.

### Swimming Pool Pilot Program

I am excited to announce that after discussions with the Hon David Templeton MLA last year the Morawa Swimming Pool will be involved in a pilot program administrated by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to make Annual Children's Pool passes available through Kidsport. This is a wonderful initiative making pool facilities available to everyone. Eligible families can apply now through the departments [website \[dlgsc.wa.gov.au/regional-pools-pilot\]\(https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/regional-pools-pilot\)](https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/regional-pools-pilot) or application forms at the Shire Office.

## **Auspire Community Citizen of the Year Awards:**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 we held our annual Auspire community Citizen of the year awards. This year we had some amazing nominees, and it was a hard choice, but our winners have shown outstanding community commitment and spirit. Congratulations to our winners-

**Senior Community Citizen of the Year-** Johnnette Sasse

**Youth Community Citizen of the Year-** Victoria Taylor

**Active Citizenship Award ( Group or Event)-**

Morawa District High School and Morawa P& C  
for the Centenary Celebrations

**Community Citizen of the Year Award-** Nathan Smith



Don't forget if you want to recognise someone who is making a difference in our community, nominations can be made all year round. Just visit the below website-  
[www.citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate](http://www.citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate).



## **Australia Day Party at the pool-**

Festivities continued in the afternoon with live music from 'Good Question' and inflatable fun at the Morawa Swimming Pool. Everyone enjoyed the day with a sausage sizzle and ice-creams supplied. Thankyou to all our wonderful volunteers who helped on the day.





# Council News

## COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – 8 February 2024

### **Morawa Participation in WALGA Led Sustainable Energy Project**

That Council:

1. Endorse the Shire of Morawa's ongoing participation in the WALGA led Sustainable Energy Project.
2. Endorse the CEO executing any MOU or contractual arrangements that maintain the Shire's participation.

### **Participation in Morawa Liquor Accord**

That Council:

1. Endorse the Shire of Morawa's ongoing participation in the Morawa Liquor Accord and the associated Committee chaired by the WA Police Force representative.
2. Endorse the CEO executing the Morawa Liquor Accord document on behalf of the Shire and acknowledge that the CEO will allocate an appropriate officer to represent the Shire at Committee meetings.
3. Support Holyoake establishing a prevention and education focused group either as a sub-committee under the Morawa Liquor Accord or via another mechanism to enhance Alcohol and Other Drugs Community Prevention Services in Morawa.

### **Confidential Item - Shire CEO Long Service Leave Entitlement**

The Shire CEO has completed 10 years of continuous service in the Local Government sector and will utilize a portion of or all the Long Service Leave entitlement during the period November 2024 to February 2025. The CEO to work with the Shire President to formulate a plan for an Acting CEO during his absence.

### **Confidential Item - Sale of Land for Recovery of Unpaid Rates**

The Shire will commence the legal process of selling three properties due to unpaid rates which are in arrears of three years or more.

### **Confidential Item - Transfer of Properties to the Shire of Morawa as part of Cyclone Seroja Recovery Program**

The Shire will transfer ownership of two abandoned properties for demolition to the Shire of Morawa in line with the Clean Up of Abandoned Properties project funded by the State Government as part of the Cyclone Recovery initiative.

### **Confidential Item - Plant Quotation and Purchasing**

Council accepted various quotations to replace five utility vehicles and two trucks as part of the Shire's plant replacement program.

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NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**21 MARCH 2024 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)



LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Shire of Morawa

The Shire of Morawa advises that an Extraordinary Election will be held.

Date: Friday, 15 March 2024.

Time: Polling open bewteen 8:00am and 6:00pm

Polling Location: Shire of Morawa, Council Chambers (26 Winfield Street, Morawa)

Method: In Person voting

An early vote may be cast by prior arrangement with the Returning Officer, with the vote cast by no later than 4pm on Thursday, 14 March 2024.

An absent vote may be cast by prior arrangement with the Returning Officer, with the vote cast by no later than 4pm on Monday, 11 March 2024.

The Morawa Council has one Councillor vacancy for a term expiring 16 October 2027.

The following nominations have been received for the office of Councillor for the Election:

Candidate's name	Name to appear on ballot paper	Date nomination accepted
Dean Brody Clemson	CLEMSON, Dean Brody	31 January 2024
Bradley Dominic Barbuto	BARBUTO, Bradley	31 January 2024

Votes will be manually counted in the Shire Chambers following the closing of the polling booth at 6pm on Friday 15 March 2024.

Candidates Profiles can be obtained on the Shire's website ([www.morawa.wa.gov.au](http://www.morawa.wa.gov.au)) or by contacting the Returning Officer, Scott Wildgoose, on 08 9971 1204 or [ea@morawa.wa.gov.au](mailto:ea@morawa.wa.gov.au)

Scott Wildgoose  
Chief Executive Officer  
Returning Officer



## Shire Updates and Community News

With the 2023 Election resulting in one (1) remaining Councillor vacancy for a term expiring on 16 October 2027, an in person Extraordinary Election has been called for Friday, 15 March 2024. The election will be held at the Shire's Council Chambers from 8am-6pm.

### Meet our candidates-

Put a face to the name and get to know our candidates, don't forget to make your vote count!

#### Bradley Dominic Barbuto-

My name is Bradley Barbuto and I reside in Morawa.

I am a proud Wiradjuri Warrior and last year led the local Aboriginal Children on NAIDOC day in a traditional dance for the Morawa NAIDOC Event. I spent a few weeks teaching them the dance and then painted them up and we danced and led the parade down the main street of Morawa.

I have lived here with my family since January 2023. I have a wife Lulu and for children, Imogen, Brendan, Dominic and Bronte. I am a technical officer currently looking after the sheep and cattle enterprises at WACOA MORAWA.

I am a member of the Morawa Golf and Bowling Club and I play both Pennant Bowls and Golf. I am also a member of the volunteer Fire and Emergency Service (VFES) Morawa

I am passionate about this community and regularly get involved in community events. My family and I helped repaint the blue tree upon entry into Morawa.

I volunteer my time and expertise at the One Palm Farm race last year. Originally from NSW I have called WA home for more than 20 years. An advocate for Men's Mental Health.



#### Dean Brody Clemson-

Hi my name is Dean Clemson. I'm 35-year-old. I am a Husband and Father to two children Geoffrey 10 and Jaxon 6 and have lived in Morawa for approximately 3 years. I run a small business in town and enjoy mentoring and providing opportunities within our community.

I am passionate about the sports programs we have and enjoy supporting them how ever I can.

My goals in becoming a councilor is to be the voice and advocate for the people of our wonderful little community. I'm also very passionate about road safety, with my experience of over 15 years in the road transport industry. I would like to be able to provide feedback and information in regards the ever increasing amount of heavy vehicle movements through the Shire.

Being involved in decision making for our community is very interesting to myself and I have enjoyed watching the towns development in my short time here.



# Shire Updates and News

## Road Works

The Shire has commenced a full depth reconstruction of a section of Nanekine Road. This includes relaying of the road as well as new drainage.

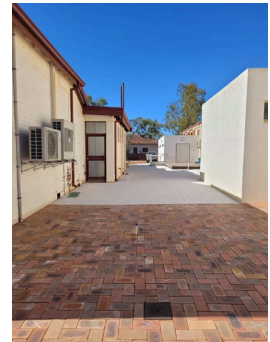
There are also works being completed on the Morawa Yalgoo Road.

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.



## Town Hall Landscaping upgrades

The refresh of the space between the Town Hall and the old Roads Board is underway with paving completed and with the new family engraved bricks getting ready to be laid. Planters with small trees will begin to be installed when the weather cools.



## Netball Shed Rebuild

Works have begun on the construction of a new undercover spectator stand as well as storage shed at the Morawa Netball courts. Please be aware that this is a current construction site so please keep clear of the area until works are completed.



## Customer Service Improvements

We have a new way for you to lodge requests, suggestions or feedback. Our new RequestHQ system allows for a simple submission and feedback process, where you will get an email to let you know we have received your request as well as updates as the Shire responds.

Head to the contact page on our website to find the submission form. and <https://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/contact/contact.aspx>

# Shire Updates and Community News

## Valentines Morning Tea

Our local seniors were feeling the love a little early on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February with a special Valentines Day Morning Tea at the Morawa Swimming Pool. Some even enjoyed a dip in the pool followed by Kate's wonderful baked treats.



## Fun Fruit Challenge-

With a focus on healthy eating, we had a week of fun activities and yummy healthy foods at the Morawa Swimming Pool from 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024- 11 February 2024. In association with Royal Life Saving Western Australia, this fun event included activities such as a lap challenge, swimming skills and water games. Thankyou to our 2024 Community Citizen of the Year award winner Nathan and Cohen from the PCYC who dropped by for a game of water polo with the local kids. The week was finished with an obstacle course and lunch on Sunday.



## Upcoming Events:

### 2024 Extraordinary Election for the Shire of Morawa

An in person Extraordinary Election has been called for Friday, 15 March 2024. The election will be held at the Shire's Council Chambers from 8am-6pm.

### Seniors St Patrick's Day morning Tea.

The final Morning Tea of the season will be held for St Patrick's Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.



# 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/](http://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/employment/) or submit your resume to [ea@morawa.wa.gov.au](mailto: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.

## **Plant Operator**

This full-time role is a fantastic opportunity to hone your skills as an Operator in a multidisciplined 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.

## **Cleaner Position**

The Shire of Morawa is seeking application from individuals interested in joining our team as a permanent fulltime or part time Cleaner.

The Shire of Morawa is committed to providing clean and safe facilities for the community and visitors. The fulltime positions hours will be 40 hours per week with a monthly RDO or pro-rata hours if part-time. On job training is provided.

Skills required for this position:

- Reasonable level of fitness.
- Ability to manage time effectively.
- Awareness of health and safety procedures.
- Math skills for measuring cleaning fluids
- Punctual, reliable, and trustworthy.
- Ability to work both alone and in a team.
- Reading skills for following instructions.



JOIN US FOR A

# COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY  
20 FEBRUARY 2024



STARTING AT  
10.30AM



AT THE MORAWA TOWN HALL  
36 PRATER STREET, MORAWA



## TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

*The whole community is welcome to attend a meeting with representatives from Main Roads WA to discuss concerns with the Mingenew-Morawa Road and potential ways forward.*

For more information please check the Shire of Morawa's website and Facebook Page-  
<https://www.morawa.wa.gov.au>  
<https://www.facebook.com/shireofmorawa>





Department of  
Local Government,  
Sport and Cultural  
Industries

KIDSPORT



# Access your local regional pool through KidSport!

The **KidSport Regional Pools Pilot Program** seeks to increase physical activity and water awareness of children aged 5-18 years by subsidising the cost of a season pass to your local community pool.

The program is available to children in selected local government areas and is delivered in partnership with the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries.

## Is your child eligible?



Aged 5 - 18 years



Residing in WA



Listed on a valid Services Australia concession card

New season passes only - cannot be used for a previously purchased pass.

## Contact your Local Government to apply

Shire of Morawa  
Morawa Swimming Pool  
(08) 9971 1204  
admin@morawa.wa.gov.au



[dlgsc.wa.gov.au/regional-pools-pilot](https://dlgsc.wa.gov.au/regional-pools-pilot)



IS THERE SOMETHING YOU THINK  
WE SHOULD KNOW?

WE HAVE AN EASY, NEW WAY OF RECEIVING YOUR REQUESTS,  
**MORAWA** COMMENTS, FEEDBACK OR SUGGESTIONS.  
SO, IF THERE IS SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING OUR  
ATTENTION TO, LET US KNOW!  
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS SCAN THE BELOW QR CODE AND FILL OUT  
OUR NEW ONLINE FORM.



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9TH BIENNIAL  
**MORAWA ARTS  
AWARDS & EXHIBITION**  
FRIDAY 9TH TO SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2024

Calling all Artists!  
**\$20,000 Prize Money**

Entries Open 8th April 2024  
and Close 28th June 2024

The Shire of Morawa is pleased to announce the return of the Biennial Morawa Art Awards and Exhibition. With a \$7,500 acquisitive main prize plus substantial non-acquisitive cash prizes offered across the seven categories, the awards encourage participation from emerging and established artists from across the State.

For more information, or to join the mailing list, and register for an entry form, please visit  
[www.morawa.wa.gov.au](http://www.morawa.wa.gov.au)

Perth Metro and Geraldton locations for free, professional artwork transport to and from the Exhibition.