

SHIRE SNIPPETS

News and updates from the Shire of Morawa

A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL



Road Closure

Major roadworks and road closures from Morawa South Road to Boundary Road are occurring to allow for major road upgrades. I understand the inconvenience and frustration this will cause to local residents. We are working to ensure that these closures cause as minimal impact as possible during harvest and wildflower season. This is a major Federal funded investment in local infrastructure resulting in a 30km, 8m wide section of sealed road, resulting in safer road conditions. The Shire will endeavour to work with the Shire of Perenjori to ensure that this upgrade will cause as little disruptions as possible, and I thank you for your patience during the closure period.

CEO Scott Wildgoose Resignation

Our current CEO Scott Wildgoose has tendered his resignation, with Wednesday 16 October 2024 being his final day with the Shire. During his three and a half years with the Shire, Scott has achieved the completion of many projects including the launch of the community gym, upgrades to the Golf and Bowling Club, the Old Roads Board and the revitalisation of Jubilee Park, as well as working tirelessly during the Cyclone Seroja recovery process. Scott has accepted the position as CEO at the Shire of Gingin and we wish him and his family all the best for their future. The recruitment process for a new CEO will begin shortly.

Visitors Centre New Location

Following the Morawa Visitor Centre AGM on 26 June 2024, it was decided that the Centre will relocate to the Old Roads Board. This is an exciting move and will provide the Visitors Centre more room in this historical building. The Centre will officially be opening Monday 29th July 2024, 10am- 2pm.



Visit from Shane Love MLA

We were fortunate to have our local leader of the opposition Mr Shane Love MLA BCom, visit Morawa at council chambers on Wednesday 29 May 2024. Mr Love came to Morawa to meet with Shire Councillors to discuss topics affecting our community. It was a constructive meeting with many matters discussed and I look forward to working with Mr Love in the future.

Upcoming Art Show

Our biennial Morawa Art Awards and Exhibition is only a week away, with opening night being Friday 9th August 2024. This is a prestigious event for Morawa and will provide a showcase of Western Australia artistic talents. The Shire always looks forward to hosting this event, 2024 has seen our biggest number of entrants, which will make this once again a night to remember.

A message from the President, Continued

Welcomed Recent Rainfall

The recent wet weather has been a welcomed change from last year's dry winter. The rain has laid the foundations for a bumper wildflower season and bringing a smile to the faces of our local farmers. Please be mindful when driving on wet roads and take extra care.



P&C Quiz Night

What an amazing outcome from the recent Morawa District High School, P&C Quiz Night and Auction. The event raised an incredible \$32,351 to replace the school's basketball courts. This shows the generosity of our community and the outstanding work the P&C members do for our community. The hard-working committee should be proud of the outcome and was an event enjoyed by all who attended.

Council News

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – 17 July 2024

Voting Delegates for Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) 2024 Annual General Meeting.

Council have elected Cr Chappel and Cr Stokes as the two Voting Delegates and empower the CEO to appoint two Proxy Voting Delegates (if applicable), depending on if any other Councillors register for the Annual Conference, in respect of the WALGA Annual General Meeting for 2024.

Evaside - Stephens - Ross Road Intersection Blackspot Project.

The Intersection design report by Greenfield Technical Services for Evaside Rd-Stephens Rd-Ross Rd Intersection Design Report has been accepted due to safety concerns of the blackspots on these roads. Council have allocated \$550,000 in the 2024/2025 Annual Budget towards this Blackspot Project, if funding from the State government is approved. Necessary road closures and road realignment changes have been approved to complete the project.

Review of Council Delegation Register and Authorisation Register

The delegation register has been updated with the inclusion of a new delegation – 2.40 Affixing the Common Seal and Execution of Documents.

Resignation of Shire CEO and Commencement of Recruitment Processes

Council acknowledged the resignation of Mr Scott Wildgoose, CEO.

The process will now begin to provide council with a list of suitably qualified and Experienced recruitment consultants to assist in the process of recruiting a new CEO. Mrs Jackie Hawkins has been appointed as acting CEO commencing 17 October 2024 until the recruitment process has been finalised.

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Shared Medical Services Agreement

An agreement for sharing medical services expenses between the Shire of Morawa and the Shire of Perenjori has been renewed for a term of 5 years, with the Morawa Shire CEO completing final adjustments to the contract.

Shire Residential Property Review – Part 1

Funds have been allocated in the 2024/2025 budget to outsource residential property management, including a property condition inspection and an appropriate maintenance budget.

Budget Efficiency and Setting of Differential Rates

Council adopts the Statement of Objects and Reasons for each differential rates and adopts the proposed changes to the rates in the dollar and minimums for its rating categories. Council will advertise their intention to impose differential rates as required under legislation, prior to seeking ministerial approval for the proposed rating categories. The confirmation of changes will be used to complete the 2024/2025 draft budget.

Location of Morawa Tourist Information Centre

Council has approved the Morawa Tourist Information Centre to relocate from 38 Winfield Street to the Old Road Board Building corner of Prater and Dreghorn Street.

Transfer of Properties to the Shire of Morawa as part of Cyclone Seroja Recovery Program

The CEO and Shire president will undertake all necessary steps and document executions to transfer the ownership of 4 Evans Street, Morawa to the Shire of Morawa. The Shire will cover all costs involved with transfer and demolition as is part of the Clean Up of Abandoned Properties project funded by the State Government as part of the Cyclone Recovery initiative.

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

15 AUGUST 2024 at 5:30pm

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

Shire Updates and News

Road Works

With Morawa having received 144mm of rain in June and over 89mm so far in July and surrounding areas recording higher than average rainfall, a number of unsealed roads have been flooded and become soft and muddy. Please be cautious and if able to avoid using heavy vehicles on unsealed roads after heavy rains to avoid further damage. The shire will continue to monitor and maintain these roads. Updates are published on the Shire's Facebook page and website, via SMS group messenger or by contacting our office on (08) 9971 1204.

New Safety Bollards

After Shire advocacy, Main Roads WA has installed a safety bollard on the crossing at the Wubin- Mullewa Road to help improve crossing visibility to motorists and the safety of pedestrians when crossing this section of road.



New Fence on Winfield Street Town Centre

Contractors have completed installing a decorative new fence separating Winfield Street Park from the Wubin-Mullewa Road. The new fence will add extra safety to the area and a fresh look.

Parks and Gardens

Our Garden staff have been busy tidying, replanting and mulching, getting ready for wildflower season. You may have noticed all the everlasting seedlings emerging on Winfield Street and other locations within the town site.

Tree loppers will be in town and surrounding areas shortly to trim some of the larger trees, please be mindful and follow all safety signs. Meedac's 'Helping Hands' have been hard at work tidying up Widima Trail, with it looking beautiful and clean ready for the wildflowers.



Shire Updates and Community News

Youth Centre School Holiday Program

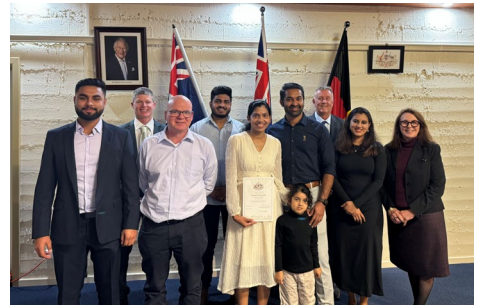
Another fun filled School Holiday program, organised by Arsh our Community Development Officer was held over the July school holidays. There were many unique activities to keep the kids entertained. These ranged from a Galactic Dreamtime Art workshop run by local artist Shah Jackey, Kite workshop led by Kite Kinetics, Michael Alvares, movie nights, slime workshop, Nintendo gaming and a disco to finish the holidays. A special thankyou to Nathan and the team from blue light for working with us to hold another amazing school holiday program for the local kids.



Citizenship Ceremony

We have been thrilled to host two Citizenship ceremonies in close succession. Our first was Gashahun Gebisa. Gashahun took his oath on the 17th June 2024. An intimate ceremony with council members and a small group of friends in attendance.

On July 17, 2024, Monisha George joined councillors and close friends and family to take her oath to also become an Australian Citizen. Congratulations to our newest Australian citizens, Gashahun and Monisha.



Morawa Visitor Centre Moving

After many years of calling Winfield St home, The Morawa Visitor Centre will be moving to a new location at the Old Roads Board on the corner of Dreghorn Street and Prater Street. If you are interested in volunteering your time and knowledge of the area, make sure you pop in and say hello to our dedicated volunteers. The centre will officially open for the wildflower season on Monday 29th July at 10am. Opening hours will be 10am-2pm to start.

Midwest NAIDOC Event



Once again Morawa held its annual Midwest NAIDOC celebrations on the 17 July 2024. With this year's theme 'Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud' signified the unyielding spirit of our local communities and invites every Australian to stand in solidarity together.

We had 3 inspirational Western Australian women as guest speakers for the ceremony, Minister for Local Government the Hon Hannah Beazley BA MLA. Dr Charmaine Papertalk Green a local Midwest visual artist, author, poet and academic as well as former AFLW and West Coast Fever player Alicia Janz. Each discussed the importance of NAIDOC week and what the week meant to them.

There was something for everyone at this year's event including crafts and children's activities, food sampling, information stalls and even a wildlife display showcasing some native reptiles. There was plenty of music and entertainment from Midwest indigenous band Red Ocre, local Morawa District High School year 9/10 pop band performing 'A Cry in the Wind', the junior choir performing 'I am Australian' with a verse in Wajarri. Geraldton dance group Binmaga Yamaji performed a tradition dance to end the formal ceremony.

We were thrilled to have such a large attendance from local schools, Morawa District High School, WA College of Agriculture, Three Springs Primary School, Perenjori Primary School and Mingenew Primary School, helping them to understand the importance of NAIDOC week .

This event is a huge milestone for the Shire of Morawa, NAIDOC committee and all who participated and contributed to the event, we look forward to seeing you all again at next year!



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Are your Contact Details up to date?

With the 2024-2025 Rates Billing Cycle commencing in August 2024, please ensure your contact details are up to date to prevent any delays with received mail. You can easily update your contact details via our website-

<https://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/forms/change-of-addressowner-details/22>

Pool Manager Kate leaving

Sadly, our wonderful pool manager Kate will not be returning for the 2024-2025 pool season. Kate joined our team in 2022 as our pool manager and as well as maintaining the pool area to a high standard she was involved with many pool activities including hosting monthly Senior morning teas, many school holiday programs, swim challenges, instructing children's swimming lessons. She was also involved with the Morawa Amateur Swimming Club, teaching our kids the importance of learning to swim and water safety. Due to family commitments Kate has tendered her resignation as has returned to New South Wales. We wish Kate all the best for the future.



New Staff Member

Tony Messere

Tony recently extracted himself from “semi-retirement” in mid-June to join the Shire in a newly established role of Manager Corporate Systems and Performance.

Tony is also relatively new to the Shire and is balancing his time between Morawa and his family commitments in Perth... although he prefers Morawa’s quieter lifestyle.

Whist Tony has extensive experience in leadership roles primarily in the WA Government and as a consultant to corporate clients he is looking forward to

integrating his skills to the many challenges and benefits Of working in local government and living in the Morawa.

Tony has expressed his keenness to add to his knowledge and experience within the Local Government space and

explore opportunities to add value to the existing operations. Tony’s interests including overseas travel,

renovating, learning new skills to keep his mind active, Caravanning and spending time with his family.



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.

Casual Cleaner Position

The Shire of Morawa is seeking application from individuals interested in joining our team as a Casual Cleaner.

The Shire of Morawa is committed to providing clean and safe facilities for the community and visitors. This position has varied hours dependent on the usage of Council. 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.

9TH BIENNIAL

MORAWA ART AWARDS & EXHIBITION

MORAWA TOWN HALL, PRATER STREET MORAWA

OPENING NIGHT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2024 AT 7PM

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9th Biennial Morawa Art Awards and Exhibition

With the Art Awards and Exhibition just around the corner, tickets have now gone on sale!

This amazing event is a must in the Morawa Events Calander with live music from Duo Aaron and Grace (Joan and the Giants), premium drinks and a Gourmet three course Canape menu. Make sure your get your tickets and join us in celebrating Western Australia’s artists.

Tickets are \$60 each and available either at the Shire Office through our website, or simply scan the QR code.

There will be free entry to the Exhibition from Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th August from 10:00am to 2:00pm, artwork can also be purchased during this time.



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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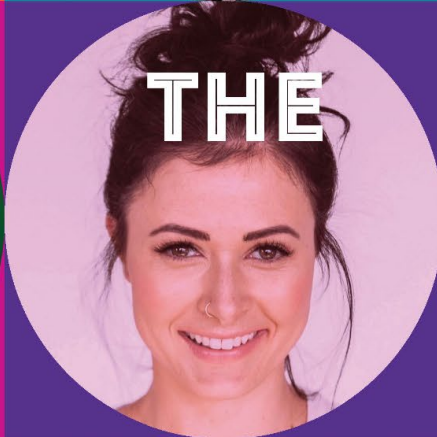
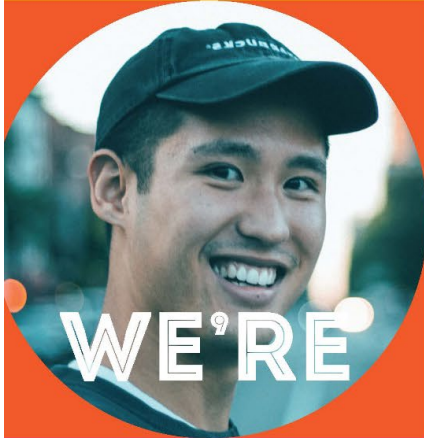
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- > Citizen of the Year
- > Youth Citizen of the Year
- > Senior Citizen of the Year
- > Active Citizenship (Group or Event)

citizenshipawards.com.au | Closing Date: 31 October 2024

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