

# SHIRE SNIPPETS

*News and updates from the Shire of Morawa*

## A message from the President



CR. KAREN CHAPPEL

### Outcome of Community Meeting

I would firstly like to thank all the community members that attended the meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 with Main Roads WA. Currently Main Roads WA are awaiting the outcome of a Road Safety audit being undertaken on the Mingenew-Morawa Road. I am continuing to liaise with the Department of Transport regarding the increase in haulage traffic. Main Roads currently have traffic counters on Wubin-Mullewa Road to assess the quantity, size and speed of traffic coming through the townsite. This is an ongoing issue that we are working closely with Main Roads WA to come to a practical outcome.

### Sports Oval

There has been much discussion around town regarding the condition of the Morawa Sports Oval with the Winter Sports Season starting at the end of April. We are aware of the urgency to have the ground in good condition before the start of the season and our gardening crew have been working tirelessly to bring the oval back to life after the exceptionally hot summer we have just been through, exacerbated by multiple pump failures impacting the oval reticulation system.

### Fire Ban Lifting

With the end of restricted burning periods beginning from the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 I would like to remind everyone to please remain vigilant when conducting any burning on their property. Please stay safe as the weather is still warm and be mindful of the weather and conditions before commencing any burning. If you require any further information, you can visit the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) website <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/> or the Shire of Morawa website <https://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/service/s/community-safety-rangers/services/fire-services.aspx>

### Easter

The Easter break is just around the corner and with many of us enjoying a long weekend away with our loved ones. I ask everyone to remain cautious when travelling on the roads up and down the State. Enjoy the break and let's embrace 2024.



# Council News

## COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – 21 March 2024

### **Corella Control**

The administration reviewed State, and academic guidance around pest birds and their impact. Given the complexity of the area, the Shire's current practice of utilising the ranger and a experienced shooter on staff to cull corella populations around Shire infrastructure and facilities such as the pool and oval, was deemed acceptable.

### **Adoption of 2024-2029 Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA)**

That Council:

1. Accepts and adopts the 2024-2029 Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) as presented.
2. Accepts and Adopts the Shire of Morawa 2024-2029 Recovery Plan as presented.

### **Amendment to Resolution 230815 – Morawa Speedway Club Night Light Program Grant Application**

That Council:

1. Support the Morawa Speedway Associations Club Night Light Program Grant Application with a commitment to provide financial contribution towards the project, up to \$45,000

Noting:

- i. That if the club successfully secures 50% State funding, then the Shire's contribution will be reduced.
- ii. The increased cash contribution for the lighting project is to be taken from the current total budget allocation and the Shire does not expect costs associated with the barrier and fencing to be incurred.

### **Policy Manual Review – Stage 3**

Multiple Shire Policies were revised and 'FIN11 Recognition and Depreciation of Assets Policy' was adopted.

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NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**18 APRIL 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)

# Council News

## COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – 21 March 2024

### **Morawa Sinosteel Future Fund Committee – Appointment of Community Representatives**

Shire has appointed Greg Jenkins and Jamie Appleton as the community representative on the Morawa Sinosteel Future Fund Committee for a 2-year period with their term ending 28 February 2026.

### **Proposed New Roof and Solar Panels for Morawa Post Office**

That Council:

1. Approve the proposed new roof and solar panels at the Morawa Post Office, 'Little West Wood'.

### **Swearing in Ceremony**

New Shire Councillor Cr Dean Clemson was also sworn in on 21 March 2024. The Shire of Morawa Council and Staff would like to congratulate Dean Clemson on his new role as Shire councillor. We all look forward to working with you during your term as Councillor.





**RESULT OF ELECTION FOR SHIRE OF MORAWA  
2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION HELD  
15 MARCH 2024**

The result of the Extraordinary Election conducted pursuant to section 4.60 of the Local Government Act 1995, as an in person vote on Friday, 15 March 2024 is as follows:

Candidate	First Preference Votes	Expiry of Term
Bradley Barbuto	12	
Dean Clemson	89	16 October 2027
<b>Total Formal Ballot Papers</b>	<b>101</b>	

It is therefore advised that pursuant to Sections 4.72 of the Local Government Act 1995, that Mr Dean Clemson is elected as Councillor for the District of Morawa for a four (4) year term with the expiry of office being 16 October 2027.

Mr. Scott Wildgoose  
Returning Officer  
18 March 2024

# Shire Updates and News

## Road Works

Morawa -Yalgoo Road upgrade works have now been completed.

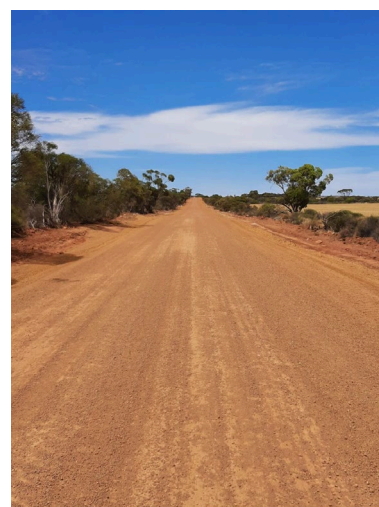
Reconstruction and new drainage works on Nanekine RD are still in progress

Gravel resheet on a 3.5km section on Norton Rd is now completed.

Gravel resheet on a section of Koolanooka Springs Rd and a section of Mungada Rd, funded by Karara Mining Limited has commenced.

Maintenance grading in the Gutha/Pintharuka area as well as the Koolanooka/Merkanooka areas is still ongoing.

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



## 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 or simply scan the below QR code

<https://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/contact/contact.aspx>



# Shire Updates and Community News

## St Patricks Morning Tea

There was plenty of green and good times at the last Seniors morning tea at the Morawa Swimming Pool. Once again Kate baked up a storm and was a lovely day had by all that attended.



## Easter Egg hunt at the Pool-

We had an early visit from the Easter Bunny at the Morawa Swimming Pool. There was plenty of chocolate to be found at the Easter Egg Hunt and the kids and adults all had an eggcellent time.



## Upcoming Events:

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024-** Laser Tag at Morawa District High School(Ages 8-16).  
10am-2pm

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024-** Disco Pool Party at the Morawa Swimming Pool.  
5.30pm-7.30pm

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024-** Family Movie night at the Town Hall.  
5pm-7pm

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024-** Pool Fun Day, Water Polo and pool games.  
2pm-4pm

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024-** End of Season Pool Glow up and sausage sizzle.  
10am- 1pm at the Morawa Swimming Pool

**See our Youth Centre School Holidays program on page 9 for more information!**

# 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.

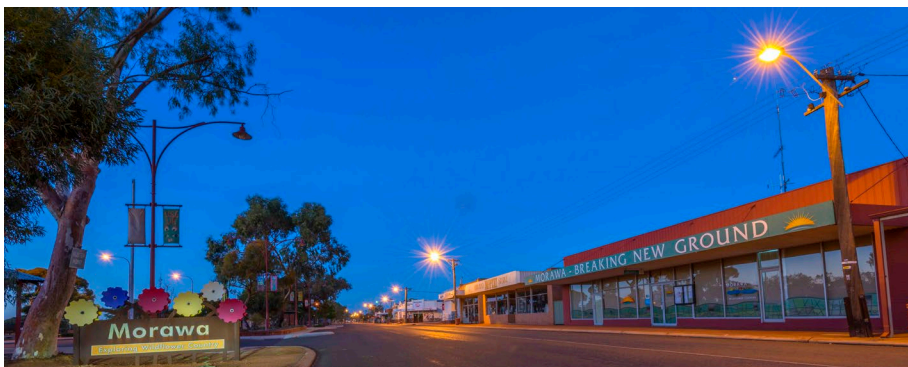
Applicants with current or previous local government finance experience will be highly regarded. The ability to multitask is essential, and a positive demeanour will go a long way towards ensuring success in this role.

## **Plant Operator**

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



# Employment Opportunities

## 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.

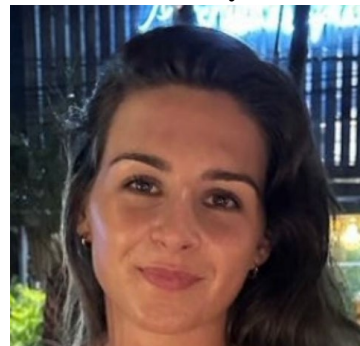
Skills required for this position:

- 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.

## New Staff Members

### Rebecca Lee

Rebecca (Becky) is the Shire's new Coordinator of People, Culture and Safety. Becky is originally from Limerick, Ireland and has called Perenjori home officially since February, where she lives with her partner Johnny a local farmer. Becky has previously worked as a learning and development specialist with Intel for 2 years before working as a recruiting coordinator. Becky enjoys walking, running and going to the gym. She is loving Morawa's welcoming vibe and excited to learn more about the community and her new role.



### Arsh Rana

Arsh is our new Community Development Officer and has been busy with upcoming events and opening the Youth Centre. He is originally from India and has completed a Bachelors of Community Services in Perth. Previously Arsh was working as a Mental Health disability Coordinator in Perth before moving to Marble Bar as an Aged Care Support Coordinator. Arsh enjoys playing Golf, Badminton and Ice- Skating and is excited to explore our beautiful town.







# Morawa Youth Centre School Holiday Activity Program



**Friday, 29 March** Pot Painting & Sports Day  
@  
Morawa Recreation Centre  
10 am - 3 pm 

**Saturday, 06 April** Lego Robotics Workshop  
@  
Morawa Youth Centre  
9 am - 12 pm  **Age: 8+**

**Monday, 01 April** Easter Art and Crafts  
@  
Morawa Youth Centre  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm 

**Sunday, 07 April** Bush Walk  
@  
Windimia Trail  
10 am - 1 pm  **Age: 8+**

**Tuesday, 02 April** Laser Tag  
@  
Morawa District High School  
10 am - 12 pm  

**Monday, 08 April** Skateboard Workshop  
@  
Morawa Skate Park  
1 pm - 3 pm  **Age: 8+**

**Wednesday, 03 April** Cupcake Baking  
@  
Morawa Youth centre  
10 am - 12 pm 

**Tuesday, 09 April** Movie Night  
@  
Morawa Town Hall  
5 pm - 7 pm 

**Thursday, 04 April** Disco & Pool Party    
@  
Morawa Swimming pool  
05: 30 pm - 07:30 pm

**Wednesday, 10 April** Air Dry Clay Sculpting  
@  
Morawa Youth Centre  
10 am - 12 pm 

**Friday, 05 April** Movie Night    
@  
Morawa Town Hall  
5 pm - 7 pm

**Thursday, 11 April** Water Polo & Obstacle Course    
@  
Morawa Swimming Pool  
2 pm - 4 pm

**Bookings Essential  
for all programs - to  
book please contact  
Arsh Rana**

**For More Information Contact  
Arsh Rana  
0408 946 727 cdo@morawa.wa.gov.au**



# END OF POOL SEASON POOL GLOW UP!

**Kids Activities + Free Sausage Sizzle +  
Community Pavement Artwork + More...**

**SUNDAY 14TH APRIL 2024  
10AM-1PM POOL PRECINCT**



**Let's make a splash with your  
colourful contribution!**

**To celebrate the end of another fantastic  
pool season the community are invited to  
come and contribute through a series of  
quick win activities aimed to liven up the  
area around the pool precinct.**

**Don't miss out on this memorable chance  
for the young and the young at heart to  
contribute in fun simple ways.**

**Hands on  
Activities for  
families**

**Free Sausage  
Sizzle**

**Pavement  
Art & More**



For more information contact  
[Midwest@townteammovement.com](mailto:Midwest@townteammovement.com)



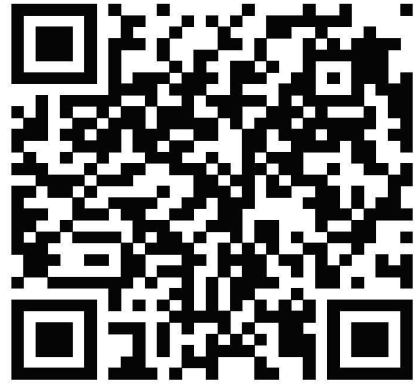
We have partnered with Midwest Town Team Movement, so come and join us for an end of pool season community event at the Morawa Swimming Pool. We will be brightening up the area around the Pool with a few fun activities!

# IS THERE SOMETHING YOU THINK WE SHOULD KNOW?

WE HAVE AN EASY, NEW WAY OF RECEIVING YOUR REQUESTS, MOI 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.



SCAN HERE



# 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.



# NAIDOC 2024

**Join Us!**

The Shire of Morawa are seeking expressions of interest for people to join the working group to help with the planning and organisations of the NAIDOC 2024 event.

A meeting will be held for the working group once a group has been assembled.

If you are interested in joining please reach out to our Community Development Officer Arsh.

Email: [cdo@morawa.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@morawa.wa.gov.au)

Phone: 0408 946 727



**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!  
BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD**  
7-14 JULY 2024