

SHIRE SNIPPETS

News and updates from the Shire of Morawa

A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL



National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week has just concluded running from the 20 to 26 May 2024 with their annual message being 'Something for Everyone'. We are fortunate to be part of a community with so many dedicated and generous volunteers. Our town would not function without our wonderful volunteers, and I would like to give a heartfelt 'Thankyou' to all those who give their time to help others and our community, making it the special community it is. Please reach out to our local groups if you are interested in joining one of our many and making a difference.



On another note, I would also like to say how thankful and fortunate we are to have such a committed and professional police force within our community. Our local officers not only excel in their job, but their involvement within our community particularly engaging our youth with their Blue Light Program.

Morawa Early Childhood Education Centre

It is with much disappointment that the Shire was unsuccessful in its application for funding towards the Morawa Early Childhood Education and Family Centre. We are investigating alternative options and will aggressively continue to advocate for funding. The establishment of a long day care facility will benefit and support the local families within our community and this goal remains a high priority.

Midwest Historical AGM

I had the honour of opening The Australian Museums and Galleries Association- AGM Mid- West Chapter Meeting on Saturday 18 May 2024 on behalf of The Morawa District Historical Museum. It was a wonderful turn out with visitors from various other Mid-West Museums making the trip to be in Morawa and hear their thoughts and ideas on keeping each of their histories alive. Our dedicated and passionate volunteers from the Morawa Historical Society really shone with their knowledge for our wonderful town and its history.



Council News

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – 16 May 2024

Development Approval for Proposed Renewable Energy Facility (Wind Measurement Mast)

Council has approved an application for proposed renewable energy facility (wind measurement mast) to conduct climatic monitoring on Morawa – Yalgoo Road. The application meets all structural, mechanical, advertising and local government conditions outlined and is noted that any future ‘wind farm’ proposal on the property would be subject to a separate future application.

The Shire’s planning team will be seeking community thoughts regarding local planning policies around carbon farming and renewable energy uses.

Please email our admin on admin@morawa.wa.gov.au to register your interest.

Planning Assessment - Proposed Change of Use of the Existing Building to a ‘Single House’ and Associated Internal Works – Lot 167 (No. 14) Caulfield Road, Morawa.

Conditional development approval for the proposed change of use of the existing building from ‘Place of Worship’ to a ‘Single House’ and associated internal works at Lot 167 (No. 14) Caulfield Road, Morawa. All conditions must be followed and all works must be approved under the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

17 JUNE 2024 at 5.30pm

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



SHIRE OF MORAWA NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEVY DIFFERENTIAL RATES

In accordance with section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995, the Shire of Morawa hereby gives notice of its intention to adopt the following differential rates for unimproved value on mining and rural land and differential minimum rates on unimproved rural land and unimproved mining land within the Shire in the 2024-2025 financial year.

<i>Rate Type</i>	<i>Proposed Rate in the Dollar (Cents)</i>	<i>Proposed Minimum Payment</i>
GRV Residential/ Commercial	8.8342	\$355.00
UV Rural	1.8932	\$355.00
UV Mining	30.1974	\$683.00

A statement detailing the objectives and reasons for each proposed rate is available for inspection at the Shire of Morawa administration office, Winfield Street, Morawa during office hours of 9.00am to 4.30pm, on Council's website or can be emailed out upon request to:- emccs@morawa.wa.gov.au

Submissions addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Morawa, PO Box 14, Morawa WA 6623 by electors or ratepayers in respect of the intention to Levy Differential Rates may be made to Council within twenty-one (21) days of this notice and close at 9am Monday 15 July 2024.

Shire Updates and News

Road Works

Maintenance grading is continuing around the Shire, we are currently focusing on the Gutha and Canna area.

As well as focusing on maintenance tasks on the aerodrome and replacing the manhole lid on the Croot Street footpath.

Work will be commencing shortly to resheet a small section of Stephens Road. Please be mindful of works being completed and follow road safety signage.

Solomon Terrace Community Precinct

Works have begun on Solomon Terrace with site works in progress widening and preparing the grounds for the Solomon Terrace Community Precinct Masterplan-Meeting Zone (Zone 2). This space will become the central heart and gathering space for year-round events and activation.

There will be new kerbing, footpaths, CCTV and Solar lights to be installed.

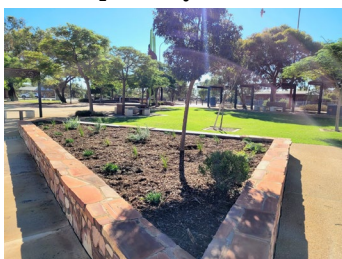
You can see what we have planned for this space on our website-

<https://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/community/about-your-community/solomon-terrace-community-precinct-masterplan.aspx>



New Planting

Our Garden staff have been hard at work replacing plants at the Winfield Street Town Centre, at the entrances of town, within the parks and tidying the walking trails. We have also been spreading wildflower seed within the Shire and with the recent rainfall will hopefully see a wonderful flower exhibition during wildflower season.



Shire Updates and Community News

Morawa Sinosteel Future Fund Grant

The Shire of Morawa is excited to be again working with Sinosteel Midwest Corporation to offer the Morawa Sinosteel Future Fund Community Grants. The grants are an amazing opportunity for local groups to receive financial support opportunities to bring into reality projects and activities that will have a positive impact on the community of Morawa.



Make sure you get your applications in by 4pm Friday 12 July 2024.

<https://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/community/grants-assistance/morawa-sinosteel-future-fund-grant.aspx>

Alternatively, simply scan the QR code to be taken directly to our website and application form for the Sinosteel Future Fund Grant.



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, simply click on the below link-

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

Business Directory Updates

We are currently updating our Morawa Business Directory on the Shire's website.

We want to showcase the wonderful business within our community!

If you are a local business and would like to be added to the directory or need your details updated, please email Elisha at Elisha.major@morawa.wa.gov.au for a detail update form.

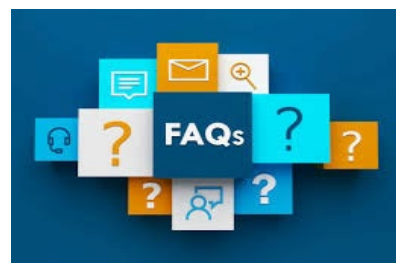
FAQ Page

Would you like to know what facilities are in the Morawa Caravan Park's Chalets? Or wondering how much it costs to hire the Town Hall for an event and what forms you need?

We have answered these and many more of the most commonly asked questions on our brand new FAQ page!

Just head to the contact section of our Website to answer your questions and access any forms required.

<https://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/contact/contact-us/frequently-asked-questions.aspx>



Shire Updates and Community News

New Staff

We have had a few new faces join the Shire over the last month!

We also have several positions vacant in various fields if you were interested in joining the team and starting a rewarding career in local government. See page 7 for more details.

Matt English

Matt has recently started working for the Shire as a General Hand/ Plant Operator. Matt is relatively new to Morawa having moved here only about 8 months ago. He has really settled into the community and has strong family ties in town.

Matt has 4 children with 2 attending Morawa District High School. Matt was previously working as a Maintenance Superintendent in Geraldton.

He enjoys getting outside and is happiest when he is camping, fishing or motorbiking.



Shabnem Taylor

Shabnem is our newest member of the Gardening Crew. She is enjoying her new role and is eager to learn new skills.

Shabnem is a Three Springs local having graduated from The Morawa Agriculture College in 2023.

She enjoys spending time with friends and family.

Elizabeth (Lizzie) English

Lizzie has started an Administration Traineeship with the Shire of Morawa. She is enjoying the role and gaining experience and learning new skills. Lizzie's dream job is to become a veterinarian or something within the veterinary science fields. Her hobbies include exploring, caring for her pets, and playing netball. The Shire is grateful to have Lizzie start with us, and we are enjoying teaching her all about the different aspects within local government,.



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.

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 ARTS
AWARDS & EXHIBITION**

FRIDAY 9TH TO SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2024

Introducing the Tropiano Family Emerging Photographer Award

Open to aspiring photographers aged 15-21 who enter a photograph in the Morawa Art Awards & Exhibition. Entrants must live, or attend school or college, in the Mid West region of Western Australia.

\$500 cash prize

More information in the comments

Visit www.morawa.wa.gov.au for Entry Forms

Calling all Aspiring Photographers!

As a tribute to the late Dr Tony Tropiano, the Tropiano Family has partnered with the Shire of Morawa to establish the Tropiano Family Emerging Photographer Award. Tony was committed to nurturing emerging talent, particularly among young photographers and sharing his love of photography and our beautiful region. This award is open to aspiring photographers aged 15-21 from the Mid West region, whether you reside in the area or attend school/college here.

Please be advised that if you will be dropping off your artwork for any category to the Shire Office or Town Hall, we will only be accepting artwork on the following dates-

- Shire of Morawa Administration Building- Between 9am and 4pm weekdays, from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th July 2024
- Morawa Town Hall- Between 7am and 10am Saturday, 3rd August 2024

CALLING ALL WEST AUSTRALIAN ARTISTS
ENTRIES NOW OPEN

Entries Close Friday 28th June 2024 at 5pm – No late entries accepted

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FRIDAY 9TH TO SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST
2024 AT THE MORAWA TOWN HALL.

\$20,000 Prize Money

The Shire of Morawa is pleased to announce the opening of entries for the 2024 Morawa Art Awards and Exhibition, inviting submissions for original and new work (post August 2022) across a range of mediums from local and Western Australian artists.

CATEGORIES AND PRIZE MONEY INCLUDE:

- Works on Paper - \$2,000 prize money
- Works on Canvas - \$2,000 prize money
- Three Dimensional Artwork - \$2,000 prize money
- Mixed Media Work - \$2,000 prize money
- The Tony Tropicano Photography Award - \$1,000 prize money
- Young Art (5-12) - \$100 prize money
- Youth Art (13-17) - \$400 prize money

THE JUDGES WILL ALSO AWARD:

- The Shire of Morawa Acquisitive Award - \$7,500 prize money
- The Mid West Indigenous Art Award - \$2,000 prize money
- The Tropicano Family Emerging Photographer Award - \$500 prize money

The 'Peoples Choice- Local Resident Award' is a \$500 prize for the best art entered by a Morawa resident voted on by visitors to the exhibition.
Genation and Perth Metro Locations for Free, professional artwork transport to and from the Exhibition.

For further details or Entry Forms, please visit www.morawa.wa.gov.au or call Emily Sutherland, Left of Centre Concepts and Events, Exhibition Coordinator, on 0427 426 596

The artwork featured in the 2024 promotional material is the 2022 Shire of Morawa Acquisitive Award-winning entry, 'Landscape Abstraction' by artist Ehsani Slay.




This National NAIDOC Week Activity is funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency.



**CELEBRATE
MIDWEST NAIDOC**
17TH JULY 2024 10AM - 2PM

Guest Speakers
Food Sampling
Kids Activities
Information Stalls

JOIN US ON WINFIELD STREET, MORAWA

For more information please visit morawa.wa.gov.au



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

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS KITE WORKSHOP

Join us at the Town Hall for a fun filled day of kite making as well as a recycling project where you also get to make a spinning flower and turtle pin!

This workshop will be held by Michael Alvares from Kite Kinetics.



Bookings are essential as spots are limited! Please call or text Arsh on 0408 946 727 to save your place!

**** All children under 6 years of age, must be accompanied by a parent. ****

Town Hall
4th July 2024

Start Time: 10AM
Kite Event will run until 12PM
Lunch: 12PM-1PM
1PM Onwards: Spinning Flowers and Turtle Pins







We want to hear from you!

The Shire of Morawa is surveying the community to better understand sentiment towards the Corella population and its management.



Scan the QR code and take our short survey! or visit our website www.morawa.wa.gov.au