

SHIRE SNIPPETS

News and updates from the Shire of Morawa

A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL



KidSport Regional Pools Program

I am excited to announce that the Morawa Swimming Pool will once again be involved in the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries KidSport Regional Pool Program for the upcoming pool season. The initiative aims to make our wonderful pool facilities accessible to all, by making annual children's pool passes free to eligible community members available through KidSport. This is a wonderful initiative making pool facilities available to everyone as well as encouraging physical activity and water awareness of children aged 5 to 18 years. Eligible families can complete an application through the Shire Administration Office. Eligibility criteria can be viewed on the DLGSC website <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/regional-pools>



The Morawa Swimming Pool will officially open on 10 November 2024. Pool opening hours and pool pass fees can be viewed through our website.

Volunteer Bush Fire Training

We had an incredible turnout at the recent Rural Fire Awareness session held on 14 October 2024, hosted by Community Emergency Services Manager Rick Ryan. A total of 56 participants, many of whom are experienced fire volunteers, left the session feeling more knowledgeable and confident in their ability to manage a fire on their property. We also secured several new recruits for the Morawa Volunteer Fire Service. These training sessions are essential for ensuring safety during fire incidents. The Shire has recently distributed a Farmers Response Guidelines Brochure to local farmers, featuring important information and contact details in case of a fire. If you would like to receive a copy, please reach out to our administration office or check our website for more information.

www.morawa.wa.gov.au/services/community-safety-ranger-services/fire-services.aspx

Upcoming Hot Weather

As summer approaches, I want to emphasise the significance of being ready for the impending heat. This preparation involves not only fire safety, due to the increased undergrowth along road verges but also personal safety against heat stress. I ask that we all look out and check in on our more vulnerable community members to ensure their safety during the upcoming summer. Please stay alert and mindful of the conditions around you.

Council News

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – 14 October 2024

Local Government Elections – Review of WALGA Advocacy Positions

WALGA have introduced a range of proposed electoral reforms relating to Local Government Election. Council have reviewed and will accept the updates to the current advocacy positions.

Council Policy Review – ELM09 Strategic and Financial Management Framework Policy

Council have agreed to adopt the recent updated Council Policy – ELM09 Strategic and Financial Management Framework Policy.

Motion regarding waive of interest and administration charges associated with rates

That Council subject to Section 6.47 of the Local Government Act 1995, resolve to waive interest rate charges associated with approved instalment plans or payment arrangements that pay outstanding rates by 30 June 2025. As well as waiving any administration charges associated with the instalment or payment arrangement plans.

Confidential Item - Award of RFQ-02-2425 Morawa Yalgoo Road Upgrade 2024-2025

Council have agreed to award Rowe Contractors with the for the Morawa Yalgoo Road upgrade. Works are to complete the remaining section of the road with the upgrades expected to be completed during the 2025-2026 financial year. The CEO will begin negotiation and agreement for the works.

Confidential Item -Disposal of Property – 11 Broad Avenue, Morawa

Following NIL community responses for the disposition of 11 Broad Ave, Morawa. Council have approved the Shire President and CEO to finalise the sale process and apply the common seal to all relevant documents.

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

21 NOVEMBER 2024 at 5:30pm

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

Shire Updates and News

Road Works

The roads crew have been busy with maintenance grading in the Canna and Pintharuka areas.

Gravel resheeting has now been completed on Norton Road.

Crack sealing on the bitumen roads within the town site has also been completed.

Rowe contractors have been busy commencing works on the upgrade of the Morawa- Yalgoo Road. This is an ongoing project with works expected to be completed sometime in the 2025-2026 financial year.

Works on the Solomon Tce Community Precinct have begun with installation of drainage and work beginning on the construction of car parking bays and road

Upgrades around Prater Park. This is an exciting project and will bring new life to Solomon Tce upon completion.

You can view the Masterplan for this project on The Shire's website-

[Solomon Terrace Community Precinct Masterplan » Shire of Morawa](#)



Parks and Gardens

Our Parks and Garden Team have been busy with pest control, focussing on ant control at the Basketball and Tennis Courts as well as spraying the oval and other parks to control beetles.

Block slashing has been completed in time for the Total Fire Ban which began on the 22 October 2024.

Retic has been checked and all leaks have been repaired, ready for summer.

Rates Payment Plan Support

If you're having difficulty managing your rates payments, keep in mind that you are still able to apply for a payment plan to help reduce any financial pressure you may be experiencing. To apply, simply reach out to the Shire Administration Office.

Road Closure and Harvest and Movement Ban SMS Service

The Shire has a dedicated SMS service for Morawa community members advising them of Road closures, Fire and Harvest and Movement Bans. It is extremely important to follow these directives as these bans and closures are only put in place in extreme cases and only as a last resort. If you would like to be added to the SMS service, please contact the Shire Administration Office on 08 9971 1204. Updates are also advertised on the Shire Facebook page and website under 'latest news'.

Christmas and New Years Closures

The Shire Administration Office and Works Depot will be closed from 4:00pm on Monday 23 December till 9:00am Monday 6 January 2025 for the Christmas and New Year period.

Shire Updates and Community News

Community Connections Expo

We partnered with Desert Blue Connect for the Morawa Community Connections Expo on October 12, 2024. The event featured bouncy castles, games, food trucks, and an animal farm, along with many local volunteer groups and mental health providers presenting their services. We wrapped up the event with a festival of colours fun run.



Kids Spooky Movie Night

To celebrate Halloween we held a Movie night at the youth centre complete with costume contest, trick and treat station and a movie. The kids had a great time and they all looked fantastic in their costumes

Pool Opening-

With the weather starting to heat up, we look forward to welcoming the community back to the Morawa Swimming Pool for the 2024-2025 swim season. With new Pool Manager Ashton in charge, we held our grand opening on the 10 November 2024. Pool season passes can be purchased from the Shire Administration Office or at the Pool. We are also happy to announce that KidSport will once again be offering free season passes for eligible children aged 5- 18 years. Applications must be completed at the Shire Administration Office. See the flyer on page 7 for more information and eligibility criteria.

**Morawa Swimming Pool
Opening Hours 2024-2025**

MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	2PM-7PM
WEDNESDAY	6AM-8AM & 2PM-7PM
THURSDAY	6AM-8AM & 2PM-7PM
FRIDAY	6AM-8AM & 2PM-7PM
SATURDAY	10AM-7PM
SUNDAY	10AM-7PM



Upcoming Events

Seniors Week Events- Clay Sculpting and Movie, Morawa Town Hall- Friday 15 November 2024 at 3.15pm, followed by a screening of 'NYAD' at 4.30pm.

International Men's Day Event, Morawa Golf and Bowling Club- Tuesday 19 November 2024 from 6pm.

Morawa Christmas Street Festival, Winfield Street- Friday 6 December 2024 from 5:30pm.

Keep up to date with all the latest Morawa Community Events on the Shire's events page on our website.

Employment Opportunities

We are always seeking skilled individuals to become part of our team. If you're interested in applying, please send your resume along with a cover letter detailing the positions you believe you would be a good fit for to ea@morawa.wa.gov.au.

Graeme Whitmore- Congratulations on 25 Years Service

We would like to extend our warmest congratulations to Graeme Whitmore on reaching the remarkable milestone of 25 years of service with the Shire! Graeme made the move to Morawa from Perth with his wife Jenny and their young family to take on a position with CBH. After falling in love with Morawa and its community, they decided to settle here and increased their family to 4 wonderful children. Starting his journey at the Shire depot as a general hand, Graeme has taken on various roles over the past quarter-century, including positions in the administration office and now as the Landfill Supervisor. One of Graeme's cherished memories during his time with the Shire is his involvement in constructing several houses within the town and creating many of the stunning garden beds that enhance the beauty of our community. Graeme takes great pride in calling Morawa his home, having met many wonderful individuals over the years and embracing the vibrant Morawa Community Spirit. When he's not tending to his garden, Graeme loves spending quality time with his family, especially his beautiful granddaughter. He and Jenny enjoy going on small road trips together to explore the surrounding areas.



New Staff Member

Ashton Hargreaves- Tieland

Ashton has recently moved to Morawa to take up the position of Pool Manager.

Having grown up in Merredin, Ashton has been working at pools including in a management position at Westonia and Merredin on and off for the last 5 years. He and his partner Nikita are excited to be working in a small country town and getting to know the community. Ashton's other passions include fixing and riding motorbikes. He also loves snowboarding, having spent last winter working at Thredbo in the snowy mountains. With the pool now open Ashton looks forward to meeting everyone and keeping our pool in top condition.





SHIRE OF MORAWA

PUBLIC NOTICE – CORELLA CULLING ACTIVITIES

The Shire of Morawa will commence Corella Culling activities using licenced firearms commencing from 15 November 2024 until 31 March 2025.

Shooting will be undertaken to try and reduce the damage being caused by the Corellas. Shooting is planned to commence at the Morawa Swimming Pool, Oval and other Shire facilities and reserves, during times where no community members are present.

Please do not approach Shire staff conducting shooting activities.

MORAWA CHRISTMAS STREET FESTIVAL

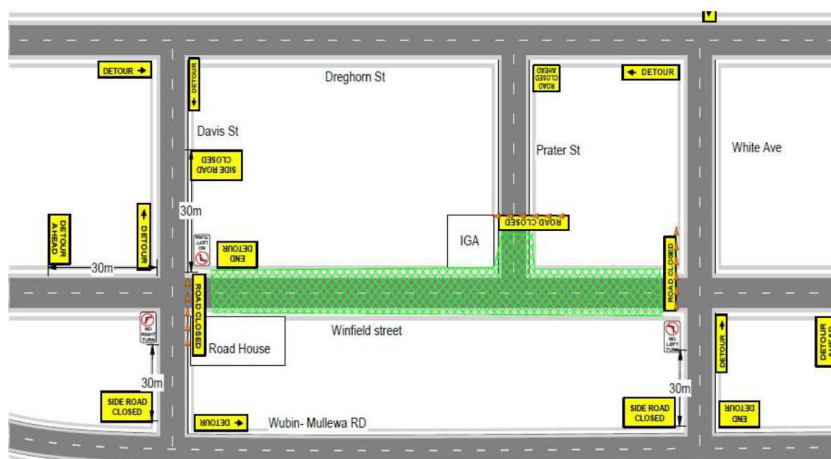
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

SECTION OF WINFIELD STREET

The annual Morawa Christmas Street Festival Event will be held on Friday 6 December 2024 at the Morawa Town Centre.

The event requires road closures to ensure the safety of all attendees and will be in place between 4.00pm and 8.30pm.

The temporary road closure includes a section of Winfield Street between White Avenue and Davis Street. In addition, access to Winfield Street will also be closed at Prater Street from the IGA alleyway.



Access your local regional pool through KidSport!

The State Government's KidSport Regional Pools 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 (DLGSC).

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

dlgsc.wa.gov.au/regional-pools



KIDSPORT

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD NOW IN PLACE

The Prohibited Burning Period is currently in effect and will continue until 28 February 2025.

During this time, no permits will be granted, and open fires are strictly prohibited. All fire breaks must now be completed.

For More Information
www.morawa.wa.gov.au
 or www.dfes.wa.gov.au



INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY EVENT

FREE HAMBURGERS AND SAUSAGES

SCAN CODE TO REGISTER OR CALL NAOMI 0437 768 183

Get ready to celebrate International Men's Day with some amazing guest speakers from The Regional Men's Health Initiative and The 6 B's! Come on down and join the fun!

WHEN: TUESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER
WHERE: MORAWA GOLF & BOWLING CLUB
TIME: 6PM ONWARDS



MORAWA **SENIORS WEEK** NOVEMBER 10 - 17

FREE



Movie Night
Friday 15th, Nov
4.30-6.30pm
Morawa Town Hall

Join us for an evening featuring the biographical sports drama film 'Nyad,' along with finger foods and snacks provided!

Games Day
Tuesday 12th, Nov
9am -1pm
Golf & Bowling Club

Enjoy carpet bowls, games, delicious food, and much more!

Clay Sculpting
Friday 15th, Nov
3.15-4.30pm
Morawa Town Hall

Sculpting with air dry clay alongside youth at Town Hall.

EVENTS EXCLUSIVELY FOR INDIVIDUALS AGED 65 AND OLDER.

TO REGISTER PLEASE SCAN CODE OR CALL NAOMI ON 0437 768 183