

**GRANTS COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING** The WA Local Government Grants Commission is visiting Morawa for the purpose of a public hearing in accordance with section 11(2)(c) of the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*. The hearing has been scheduled to commence at **2:45pm** on **28 March 2017** and will take approximately two hours. The hearing will take place at the Council chamber. Further details can be found on the Shire website and noticeboards.

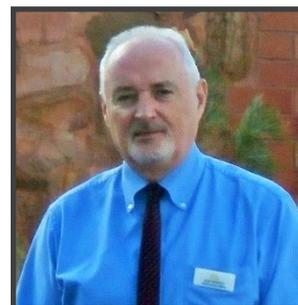
**CLUB ROAD** Following the relocation and sealing of Club Rd it appears some drivers are speeding along the road. Please be reminded that the speed limit is 50km per hour. As a consequence of the relocation of the road, legally required by Brookfield Rail, the road is now significantly closer to parking facilities at the Bowling Club and Recreation Centre. This increases the risk of an accident caused by a speeding vehicle. Council are currently reviewing the installation of speed humps.

**PRATER ST PARKING** Please be reminded that the marked parking on Prater St, next to the Post Office, is a no parking zone from 4pm and 5.30pm. The bay is to enable the Post Office collection truck to collect mail in a safe and efficient manner. Thank you for keeping it free at the appropriate time.



# Shire Snippets

March 2017



From the CEO's Desk...

## Swimming Pool

As I am sure you are aware there was a near drowning at the Morawa Swimming Pool on the afternoon of Wednesday 1 March 2017.

The Shire decided to close the pool to enable an internal review of the incident. The review was necessary to confirm that there were no safety or procedural issues that contributed to the incident.

The Shire has assisted the Department of Education investigation team as they conduct their review.

On behalf of the Shire I would like to give an enormous thank you to our pool manager Sandy Reardon, St John Ambulance, Nursing staff and Agricultural College Students for their prompt and dedicated actions.

**WILD DOG/BIOSECURITY INFORMATION WORKSHOP** The workshop will take place on Thursday 16 March 2017 between 1pm and 3pm at the Oval Function room.

A number of expert guest speakers are confirmed to attend. Invitations have been sent out to landholders this week, however all are invited to attend this important event. Further details are available on town notice boards and the Shire website.

**WESTERN POWER VISIT** Representatives from Western Power, including Head of Network Planning, Manager of Distribution Maintenance, Manager of Transmission Maintenance and the Community Engagement Specialist, visited Morawa on Monday and met with Shire councillors. Topics discussed were power outages and the impact these have on residents, businesses and emergency services. Concern was raised about recent occasions where Morawa has been effectively cut off from the outside world as all communication has been lost. Western Power discussed a number of trials that are taken place in communities enduring similar problems. Perenjori are taking part in a Battery Energy Storage System. Details of this are available on the Shire of Morawa website. The pole replacement program is continuing in the region and residents can view a detailed map at the Shire office. Additional information is available on the Shire website and at the Administration Centre.

**EMERGENCY PLANS** Council are aware that as a result of power outages residents may be concerned about emergency planning. Representatives from the Local Emergency Management Committee, DFES, Police and the Shire are meeting on 15 March to undertake a desktop scenario. This will enable existing plans to be tested. It is proposed to host a community information session on how the Shire deals with emergencies.

**DAVIS ST/WUBIN MULLEWA RD INTERSECTION** A number of residents have commented on the reduced visibility at the intersection of Davis St and the Wubin Mullewa Rd. The issue has been discussed with Main Roads who will inspect the intersection. A solution is to move the give-way road marking forward by up to one metre. This has been received favourably.