

SHIRE SNIPPETS

News and updates from the Shire of Morawa

A message from the President

CR. KAREN CHAPPEL



End of 2023-2024 Swim Season

With the cooler weather finally upon us, giving some relief from the extremely hot summer we had this year the Morawa Swimming Pool has official closed for the season. I would like to extend a special thankyou to our Pool Manager Kate, who has gone above and beyond not only maintaining our wonderful facility but hosting and helping with many extra activities for the community including Monthly Senior Morning Teas, Australia Day Celebration, Fruit week incentive, Greek Island swim challenge, Movie night and hosting Youth centre and PCYC events. The Swimming Pool saw an 81% increase in patronage this year and is a credit to our town and one of the most used Shire facilities. With our partnership with Kid sport, making access to the pool affordable for all community members we look forward to this program continuing and the pool reopening in October 2024.



Town Teams Visit

The Shire partnered with Town Teams to hold an end of season community event at the Pool. The day included a sausage sizzle, painting of murals, street and fence art, as well as other activities. Community discussion were held about placemaking, community doers, and achievable community driven projects. The Town Teams Movement is growing across WA, and I encourage anyone interested in creating positive change to view their website and guides on active citizenship and placemaking. Town Teams were encouraged by initial engagement and will be back over the coming months for further engagement and help create an action plan for the community to come together and deliver positive outcomes.

Heavy Vehicle Traffic

The Shire was informed by the Department of Transport (DoT) that the Commercial Goods Vehicle Licence provided to Terra Mining for haulage from Perenjori to Geraldton, has been extended until March 2025. The Shire is aware of the impact this haulage through the townsite is having and continues to work with DoT and Main Roads to improve road safety. Please continue to inform the Shire of any negative incidents associated with this haulage activity, so we can enhance our advocacy to ensure the mining companies commitment to transition the to a rail solution is expedited.

Council News

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – 18 April 2024

Shire of Morawa Corporate Business Plan 2024-2034

That Council:

Adopt the Shire of Morawa Corporate Business Plan 2024-2034 as attached, acknowledging modifications as part of the annual review process. Visit <https://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/documents/12279/corporate-business-plan-2024-2034> to view the updated plan.

Shire of Morawa Submission in response to Standing Committee inquiry into Local Government Matters

That Council:

1. Endorse the Shire of Morawa making a submission to the Standing Committee for the inquiry into Local Government matters.
2. Approve of the base content of the attached draft submission and empower the Shire President to work with the CEO to finalise the content of the submission and submit prior to the closing date.

Closure of the Covid-19 Emergency Response Reserve

Council has adopted the closure of the COVID-19 Reserve and the transfer of the funds to the Community and Economic Development Reserve. The CEO will implement the necessary changes and to advertise the changes to reserves once completed.

Appointment of Bush Fire Control Officers

Council have filled all positions of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Fire Control Officer, Permit Issuing Officers, Fire Weather from recommendations from the Bush Fire Advisory Committee. Council thanks Mr Richard Sasse, and Mr Gary Collins for their respective contributions as Chief and Deputy Chief in recent years.

Motion Regarding Management of Residential Housing Assets

CEO to obtain a report from a Property/Building Inspection business, providing asset condition reports for each residential asset, and present it to Council by 31 December 2024 to inform the 2025 review of the Corporate Business Plan. The CEO is to also undertake a review of residential tenancy leases and arrangement before 30 June 2024.

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

16 MAY 2024 at 5.30pm

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

Shire Updates and News

Road Works

Reconstruction and new drainage works on Nanekine Road has been completed.

Maintenance grading is continuing around the Shire, we are currently focusing in the Koolanooka and Pintharuka/ Merkanooka areas.

Rowe Contractors have completed repairs to the roads on the outskirts of town that were damaged during the 2022 flooding.

Work will be commencing shortly to remove tree roots growing underneath the surface on some town streets. Please be mindful of works being completed and follow road safety signage.



Street Light Replacements on Winfield Street

The Street lights on Winfield Street have been upgraded to LED lights. This has also addressed the safety risk associated with the old poles becoming rusted at the base.



Left: Streetlights on Winfield Street.

Above: New planter boxes at the Town Hall.

Town Hall

The new family engraved bricks have been laid at the front of the old roads board; the landscaping is now complete with hardy plants being added to the planter boxes.



Netball Shed Rebuild

Construction of the new undercover spectator stand, and storage shed at the Netball courts has now been completed. With just a few finishing touches to be finalised the stand is ready for the upcoming Netball Season.



Cemetery Fencing

New rustic looking fencing surrounding the newly refurbished car park at the Morawa Cemetery has been completed.

Shire Updates and Community News

Swimming Pool Glow Up

We had a great turn out for the Morawa Swimming Pool Glow Up, held on Sunday 14th April 2024. We partnered with Town Teams for the day to discuss with attendees what community lead projects you would like completed and how you can lend a hand. We completed a wonderful temporary mural on the path outside the Pool, some weaving art on the pool fence, and decorated the bench seats. It was the perfect way to finish the 2023-2024 pool season.

Town teams will be visiting later in the year to further plan the Morawa Do-Over event and further discuss their active citizen concepts.



School Holiday Program

Our April school holiday program was a success with many new faces attending the youth center to be involved in the activities. There was something for everyone with Laser Tag, Movie nights, a pool disco and craft activities on offer. A big thankyou to the PCYC for partnering with the Shire for several activities, everyone that attended had a fantastic time,



Corella Sentiment Survey

We want your opinion on the current Corella population within Morawa. We have created a survey to better understand community sentiment towards Corellas and their management.

Please either scan the QR code or head to our website to complete the survey. Survey closes Friday 28 June 2024.

<https://www.morawa.wa.gov.au/forms/corella-sentiment-survey/34>



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.

CALLING ALL WEST AUSTRALIAN ARTISTS ENTRIES NOW OPEN

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

9TH BIENNIAL

MORAWA ARTS AWARDS & EXHIBITION

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 Tropiano 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 Tropiano 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.

Geraldton 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 'Lakeside Arboretum I' by artist Elmari Steyn.*

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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

Phone: 0408 946 727



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