

Shire of Goomalling



Newsletter

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Goomalling Youth Precinct & Community Park

Community consultations have been held regarding the progression of the above project and have received positive feedback.

If you wish to make a submission before we commence final planning with UDLA please contact the office ASAP. This includes queries regarding **location**.

Our goal is to submit a funding application in the National Stronger Regions Funding (NSRF) which closes 31 July 2015 and requires 50% contribution from Council. We will be seeking funding to cover the remaining 50%.

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From the Shire President



We're almost halfway through the winter sports season and have a strong representation from the Goomalling Community all sitting in strong positions for finals in the respective sports.

Watching the games you can see the progress of the new facility

which is on track to be finished on time (mid to late October 2015).

DrumMuster has been an integral part of waste reduction, ensuring chemical drums aren't scattered across the land unable to decompose. Goomalling DrumMuster received \$2500.00 as the 25millionth drum went through our depot, it was only fitting that Nathan Davey as the first person to utilise the DrumMuster facility would be the deliverer of the 25millionth drum.

Now seeding is over let's hope some much needed rain is on its way.

Cr Doug Sewell, Shire President

From the CEO



The 2014/15 financial year is coming to a close and has been an extremely busy year for carrying out construction projects and development planning to improve our community services.

The Goomalling Toodyay Road – Bejoording Road intersection upgrade is now completed; you will

notice a significant difference on your drive to Perth via Toodyay.

Council has successfully secured \$54,500.00 of Age Friendly Communities Funding to improve accessibility to services and facilities for the older members of our community; we will be commencing a number of projects in the next two (2) months.

Goomalling Community Centre is welcoming a new service from early July. Mrs Yvonne Town will be establishing a supplementary branch to her Counselling Therapy business "Your Counselling Therapist" which includes various psychological services such as hypnosis, stress management tools and counselling.

Clem Kerp, CEO

Hockey Shed Upgrade

Goomalling Ladies Hockey Club has been working hard to fundraise a massive \$15,000.00 to replace their hockey shed.

You can expect works to commence this month assisted by Chattaway's Engineering and Wheatbelt Workcamp.

PENSIONER RATES REBATES

Concession holders, please be reminded to make sure your portion of land rates is paid in full by the 30th of June, otherwise your rebate will not be honoured by the Office of State Revenue.

Payments by Direct Debit

Please ensure you use the appropriate reference on internet banking transfers to ensure your payment is allocated correctly. For debtors use the **Debtor Code** and for Rates payments the **Assessment Number**, both are located on the top right hand corner of the invoices/notices.

If you are unable to provide these, use your name and send a quick email with additional details so we can allocate the payment correctly. Descriptions without a name, such as "Farm rates" or "Plumber bill", are really not of any use to us.

For more information please contact Trudi Manera on 08 9629 1101.

Karate Lessons

Tuesdays 6.30pm

All Ages & Levels Welcome

\$25.00 per month for first child, \$15 per month for second child and thereafter.

Environmental Advisory Committee

The Shire of Goomalling Environmental Advisory Committee has been in recess for almost two years; recently there has been some interest in reforming the group and we are seeking Expressions of Interest from community members to nominate for membership to this group.

Currently we have two very active Catchment Groups, Gabby Quoi Quoi and Ucarty, who will be represented on the committee. The Shire encourages all other Catchment Groups to meet and nominate a representative.

Previously the group met twice a year (March and October), items for discussion included the group's tree planters (usage and maintenance), environmental issues and funding opportunities.

Expansion to Aged Persons Units Precinct

Shires of Toodyay, Victoria Plains and Goomalling are in the process of finalising tender documentation.

Tenders for construction of the new units are expected to be released in July 2015.

Goomalling Tidy Towns

Railway Terrace Landscaping

Noel Boulden, council staff and Wheatbelt Workcamp have been vigorous in their efforts to beautify Railway Terrace with the installation of a compacted gravel path and various native plants adjacent to the railway corridor between Forrest and James Street.

The walking trail initiative allows pedestrians to traverse the railway reserve and recognise the history of the residents that lived there whilst carrying out their duties as "railways" staff.



Cat registrations

Please note that since 1 November 2013 all domestic cats over 6 months of age must be registered. To help identify an owned cat, it needs to wear a collar and registration tag.

They are also required to be **micro-chipped and sterilised** and are to be registered at the same cost as dogs. When registering your cat, make sure you have their micro-chip and sterilisation certificates.

Forms and fees are available at the Shire office and on our website www.goomalling.wa.gov.au/cat-and-dog-registrations.aspx

Jenna Karts Revival

Following the public meeting with Jennacubbine residents regarding the future of the Jennacubbine oval, Council agreed to execute a new lease agreement with the prospective body who will take over operation of the Jennacubbine Go Karting facility.

Council agreed to proceed on a 12 monthly renewable basis, whereby the community will be consulted.

An important facet of the operation of the agreement is that all stakeholders work together.

Councillor Elections

Due to the amendments of Council Wards and Representation all Councillors will retire at the end of October.

Nine (9) Councillor positions will be vacant, existing Councillors can choose to seek re-election or retire.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN 2015

Throssell Street

We are looking at planting on the main road side of the fence as stage two of this project. There are a number of considerations when selecting our plants.

- They must be hardy and drought tolerant
- Require limited pruning
- Ideally have good foliage and a long flowering period

One option identified for this mass planting is **Russelia equisetiformis**.



Firecracker Plant is a weeping shrub that, when in full bloom, looks as if it is raining flowers. These slender, red, tubular flowers appear in summer and hang on the plant like little firecrackers during most of the year.

The branches and bracts are of fine texture and bright green. It is a multi-branching plant with 1.2–1.5 m long arching branches. It can bloom year round in tropical and subtropical climates. It is a very popular nectar plant for hummingbirds and butterflies.

Native Reserve Project

Lotterywest Funding has been secured to commence works at the Native Reserve located adjacent to BP Roadhouse on Goomalling-Calingiri Road.

Stage 1 will include the erection of a shelter for families to yarn and commemorate ancestors that resided on the reserve.

Vintage Car Rally

It is with regret and great consideration that a decision has been made to *cancel* the Vintage Car Event.

Bolgart are hosting an inaugural **Blues Event** this weekend. This could be a great regional event and although we had identified this date with the Vintage Sports Car Club of WA some months ago supporting this Blues event could be advantageous for our region.

To host the car event requires a significant commitment from Council, not only from the staff but also financially. We are very fortunate that our staff is very generous with their own time for all events managed or supported by the Council, this commitment was also taken into consideration when assessing the VSCCWA event.

Along with Traffic Management and event requisites to make the event a family focused event we need to secure funding for amusement activities. In the past to add value to this investment we have petitioned community organisations to use the event as part of their annual fundraising activities, strengthening their organisations and ensuring support for the event. The uptake by community groups of this opportunity has been limited for this event.

The economic value for our businesses was also considered and although in the past we endeavoured to maximise the potential for business support was very limited with a number of businesses being impacted negatively with road closures.

The event also requires considerable numbers of volunteers and we are most grateful of the support of the Football Club.

Other factors considered were residents' inconvenience, level of risk surrounding the event and lack of communication with VSCCWA for planning of the event.

100 year Celebrations for original KONNONGORRING HALL

**Sunday 4th October 2015 at
Konngorrington Hall**

IT WILL BE A DAYTIME AFFAIR 9 a.m. ONWARDS.
MORNING TEA ON ARRIVAL

LUNCH CATERED FOR AT A COST & BYO DRINKS.

PLEASE PASS ON TO FAMILY MEMBERS AND EX
RESIDENTS OF KONNONGORRING.

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COMMUNITY MEETING - TRANSPORT

Tuesday 14 July 2015 @ 11am
Goomalling Sports Complex, Recreation Ground

Speakers: **Tim Woolleson & Kym Marriott**
TRANS WA

To discuss the prospective Goomalling
connection to the AvonLink train service one (1)
day per week.

REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

Expressions of interest are invited for members of
the community who are interested in being part of
the advisory committee to review the current
Strategic Community Plan. Please send your
nomination to the address below by COB Tuesday 14
July 2015.

Clem Kerp
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Goomalling
PO Box 118
GOOMALLING WA 6460

Or via email goshire@goomalling.wa.gov.au

THREE (3) POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE

FREE Water Wise Shower Heads

Water is a precious and undervalued commodity;
Goomalling Shire Council is a registered Water Wise
Council and is offering residents FREE Water Wise
showerheads to save water and you money.

All you have to do is bring in your last water bill and
old shower head.

Slater Homestead open March to November
Saturday & Sunday 10am to 4pm

To book the Barn as a venue for your next function
Please call Andrea on 0400 495 173



Sport & Recreation Coordinator Update

Goomalling Sport & Community Centre Update

The Goomalling Sport & Community Centre is going up before our eyes! Concrete is in, steel is up and now the bricks are taking shape!

The bricks will take 3 weeks to be completed then on goes the roof. We envisage the facility will be at lock up by July to which we should see some progress on the bowling green.

The facility remains on track to be completed by mid October, just in time for the summer sports season.



The Goomalling Sport & Community Centre is thanks to funding from Lotterywest, the Department of Sport and Recreation, Royalties for Regions CLGF, the Goomalling & Districts Community Bank Branch, Mortlock Sports Council and the Shire of Goomalling



Department of Sport and Recreation



ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS

Goomalling & Districts Community Bank® Branch



Environmental Health & Building Update

SUMMER & AUTUMN IS OVER

Now that summer and autumn is over and you have made your swimming pools Kid-Safe, we need to think about winter time and warm fires and cosy beds.

If you have an open fire or a gas fire heating system you need to think about your evening clothing such as pyjamas and dressing gowns. Have you actually checked you and your kiddies' clothing to ensure that they are not flammable? Having been a burns victim as an 8 year old I still remember the trauma 60 years later. Please don't let your kids suffer burns. I was lucky and have little scarring but I've seen kids who have horrendous scarring that they have to live with for their entire life. Their social life can be very different to what you had.

Make sure you have a good fire screen around your open wood fire and ALSO your gas heater and electric heaters, if you have children. Remember not to have the wire clothes dryer too close to the heat source – drag it back 500mm before going to bed at night and blow that candle out too. Statistics reveal that 80% of house fires are caused by candles.

YUK..... FOOD POISONING

This does not differentiate between summer and winter. You know that keeping most food too long will send it "off".

Sometimes you might miscalculate the timing and the situation that it has been kept in and all of a sudden you have a recipe for a stomach upset (campylobacter) and in old people that can be catastrophic. (Campylobacter or Salmonella) Rule of thumb: HOT FOOD... KEEP HOT; and COLD FOOD... KEEP COLD.

BUILDING SOMETHING?

Now that the new Building Act is up and running, there have been some changes that you will encounter in submitting your plans for building that patio, shed, garage, machinery shed and house etc.



Pick up a building plan submission envelope from the Shire office and most of the info you need, will be in there.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me before handing it back into the office. If, once I get your plans and specifications, I'm missing some detail, I have to get back to you and ask that you re-submit this or that and all of this takes time just when you are enthused to get the welder or nail bag out and getting into building it.

I can be contacted during normal business hours on my mobile 0427 413 060. Or via email buildinghealthwa@yahoo.com.au I'm here to help.

Keep an eye out on the progress of the new Community & Sports Pavilion... I dare say that it is the biggest project ever undertaken by the Shire Council for the residents and ratepayers and will be for the foreseeable future.

The Community & Resource Centre is absolutely great and has been very functional and rewarding and this project that is underway now will be WOW!!!

Linton Thomas

Principal Environmental Health & Building Surveyor

ANZAC Day Post War Ball

“You better put on your dancing shoes because we’re gonna dance the night away”



Oh what a night it was this autumn evening! Big hair, bright lips and loud shoes paraded through the “bunker” and into the hall. Embellished with a mix of wartime trinkets and commemorative charm, the windows dressed with magnificent landscapes of areas Australians fought and died, set the scene for a magical night.

The celebrations began with a guard of honour to our local centenarian Theresa Carr, escorted by her son Ian Carr. Formalities were short and sweet, and so the dancing began with a number from Greg and Allahna led by the jazz instrumentals and Wendy’s powerhouse voice from the Baker Boys Band.

Time stood still whilst we danced the night away, taking a breath only to refill the classy glasses with more champagne or a sneaky snack from tapas tray.

Matt Bishop closed the night with the dance floor packed whilst he played *Auld Lang Syne* on the bag pipes.

It was a fitting conclusion to a wonderful day of commemoration, honouring our fallen service personnel.

THANK YOU!

Major Sponsors

Goomalling & Districts **Community Bank**[®]
Specialised Tree Service

Event Decorations (Volunteers)

Wheatbelt Workcamp	Tyson & Lyndon Bird
Taz, Go Handy (War Plane)	Goomalling CWA Belles
Mal Craig & Andy McLellan	Monique & Jackson Bohling

Commemoration Murals by **CHERIE BROADHURST**

Sponsored by

Peta & Paul Marrell, Post Office	Goomalling Grocer
Rachael Johns	Whispers of the Terrace
RB Motors	Bunnings









Goomalling Yarns // Reconciliation Picnic



Sunbeams kissed our exposed skin as we soaked up some of the beautiful winter rays; it was a small but inviting crew who came together for a picnic at Oak Park, for some that meant a hoard of sausages and complimentary side dishes but for me it was a spinach salad with dukkah crusted goats cheese and avocado.



Fresh faces and those of old all enjoyed each other's company; the air was filled with yarns reminiscing the days gone by, how far we've come and how much farther we still need to go. Equality and respect for each other, for culture and forgiveness for events that have led to this point.



Youth have a unique appreciation for their surroundings, running barefoot around the Oak Park walking trails, the energy of the earth pulsing through their bodies, skins darkened by the dust and charcoal paint they created in the rocks. They were all on their own little adventure, exploring the surroundings and capturing their perspective of the day through their very own lens.



Council is working closely with the indigenous community to raise awareness about the Aboriginal culture and facilitate healing through projects such as the Native Reserve, Oral Histories and various youth projects.



Nepalese Festival // Nepal Earthquake Appeal



Devastation has spread throughout Nepal following the 7.8 magnitude earthquake on April 25th, 2015.

Nepalese are very spiritual people, prevalent Hindu and Buddhist ethnic groups cover the region and much of their ancient traditions are still practiced today. In fact if you travel outside of Kathmandu many of the villages still don't have continuous electricity or running water, consequently most of Nepal has little to no resources to assist in the recovery from any natural disaster.



In 2013 I travelled to Nepal with World Youth International on a community development project to assist the community of Kalika to build two (2) classrooms. I developed a deep connection to the people in the villages of Kalika and Maaitar, the experience offered me so much; so when I got the call for help I didn't hesitate to answer.

Saturday 30 May, the scene was set with Nepali folk music and a crackling fire beneath a sky filled with Buddhist prayer flags. Patrons explored new concepts in numerous activities including Incense offerings, Mala Beads, Mandala colouring, community sand mandala, Meditation, Yoga, Henna and authentic Nepalese Dahl Baht (Lentils & Rice).

To conclude the festivities we all shared sweet rice and returned the sand mandala to Mother Earth in a beautiful dedication ceremony by Lutgarde Peeters.

Sometimes devastation and sorrow is when we can see true human compassion and the gift that humanity can offer, unconditional love. It was one of the days that I was glad I lived here, in a community that has the capacity to love each other despite our differences.

Together we raised **\$4500.00!!!!!!!**

NOTE: \$275.00 went directly to Maaitar; the photos depict the distribution of rice to the community through the funds raised.

Big Love x
Tahnee Bird





THANK YOU

Complimentary Service Providers

Beading workshop	Goomalling & Districts Community Bank® Staff
Mandala colouring	Lutgarde Peeters
Henna hand painting	Karen Mannaerts
Meditation	Kyela Sound Therapy
Yoga	Kelly Brewis, Every Body Wellness
Prayer flags	Goomalling Primary School, Goomalling Gumnuts and Sacred Heart School
Venue hire	Noel & Martine Scattini, Goomalling CWA & Goomalling Railway Station Restoration Committee.
Catering	Go Café
Fire Pit	Damien Falconbridge, Wheatbelt Landscaping
Raffle Prizes	Elaine O’Hehir, Sarah Heaphy (Arbonne Independent Consultant)

- Fiona McKechnie, Peter D’Mello, Richard Edwardes and Glen Sansom for setting up the Blue Light Disco equipment for the ambient Nepali folk tunes.
- Town Maintenance Crew for assisting to erect decorations and Wheatbelt Workcamp for their removal.

Special thanks to **Karen Mannaerts, Lutgarde Peeters** and **Andrea Hardingham** for assisting with event planning and logistics.

Goomalling & Districts **Community Bank®** and Knick Knacks Goomalling for donating \$500.00 each towards the event enabling us to host the event with no costs impacting on the donations.

Finally, thank you to everybody who attended the event and donated their time and/or money to this worthy cause.

“Love and Compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive”.

– Dalai Lama



*Knick
Knacks*
Goomalling

Thank you to our major sponsors for supporting the event that assisted us to raise \$4500 for Nepal.

Goomalling & Districts
Community Bank® Branch

 **Bendigo Bank**

Dates for your diary: everyone is welcome!

Tue 14 July	Community Meeting // Public Transport TransWA 11am at Goomalling Sports Complex, Recreation Ground To discuss the prospective Goomalling connection to the AvonLink train service.
26 July	National Tree Day
Sun 4 Oct	100 years Konnongorring Hall Konno residents, ex-residents, family and friends are invited to attend the celebrations.
Fri 16 Oct	Community Sleep Out // Anti-Poverty Week Sleep under the stars at the Goomalling Recreation Ground, have a yarn about poverty both nationally and globally. Enjoy the simplicity and appreciate all the things we have. More information will be posted closer to the date.



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Have you noticed the spread of this cactus?

Velvet Pear Cactus is a Weed of National Significance (WONS) and is also a C3 declared plant in Western Australia. Together with DAFWA and Greening Australia the Shire of Goomalling has embarked on an eradication program.

We have spoken to landholders surrounding the major infestations on Main Street, Goomalling and offered assistance to get rid of the plants.

Plants on the Shire owned buffer strip (pictured) have been sprayed and sprayed plants identified with blue paint at the base of the plants. We have sought assistance from the Wheatbelt Work Camp to cut down the monster plants on the property between Bywaters Fertiliser and Mortlock Haulage, on Joe King's property on Short Street and a number of large plants scattered on the surrounding properties.

We need you to help us by keeping an eye out for these plants elsewhere, they could be on your property or a neighbour's, or on roadsides. For further information or if you are able to assist in any way please phone the office 96291101 or Landcare Officer Andrea on 0400 495 173.