

Shire of Goomalling



Newsletter

March | Autumn 2013

Happy Easter!

Staff and Councillors at the Shire of Goomalling wish you and your family a happy and safe Easter!

Contents

From the Shire President	2
From the CEO	2
The digital switchover for Perth will happen in less than a month	2
DrumMuster.....	2
Bikeweek 2013	3
The digital switchover for Perth channels will happen on 16 April 2013	4
Earth Hour on 23 March 2013	4
Anzac Day 2013	5
Double demerit points from 28 th March to 1 st April	5
Mary' Tearooms at the Slater Homestead open from the 5 th April.....	5
Pram Pushers & Infant Swimming	6
World Water Day	7
Are you over 60??	8
Want to have your say on Aged Care in Goomalling and the Wheatbelt??	8
Health Enhancements for Goomalling.....	9
Manpower boosts labour force for community organisations.....	9
Dates for your diary: everyone is welcome!	10
Contact details for Shire of Goomalling staff	10

Burning Permits

Restricted Burning Season commenced on Friday 8th March 2013 and Bush Fire Permits are now required until 29th March 2013.

In the past Council has extended the Restricted Season by 2 lots of 2 weeks, taking permit requirements to 26th April 2013 and subject to further review if required.

Burning cannot be carried out on Sundays or Public Holidays or on Very High or Extreme Fire Danger Days. There will be **NO BURNING PERMITTED** on the following days:

GOOD FRIDAY 29 MARCH 2013

EASTER SATURDAY 30 MARCH 2013

EASTER SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2013

EASTER MONDAY 1 APRIL 2013

For any further clarification, please contact Natalie Bird at the Shire Office on 9629 1101 or email finman@goomalling.wa.gov.au or Russell Beck on 0427 556 579 or works@goomalling.wa.gov.au

Rates instalment reminder

If you're paying by instalments, the next one is due 17 March 2013.

If you are paying online by EFT, please remember to use your assessment number as the reference.



From the Shire President

Council believes providing well for our seniors is no less important than attracting new businesses and families to build our community and is indeed essential for the longevity of our town.

Goomalling Shire has committed to participate in a Regional Aged Care Planning process to develop and assist in the implementation of an Integrated Wheatbelt Aged Care Plan. Melbourne Consultants Verso have been appointed to carry out this work and have prepared a summary of **aged housing and care needs** for our Shire. Verso would like to present these findings to the community to receive your thoughts and inputs, to provide a more accurate account of what will work and what is important to our community.

I encourage all community members who currently access or anticipate a future need for aged care services to participate in the community consultation on the 6th May. Good planning will ensure our seniors continue to be well catered for.

Councillor John Bird, Shire President



From the CEO

Be vigilant and report all antisocial behaviour and crime to the Police promptly.

The first Neighbourhood Watch Committee meeting of 2013 was held on Monday 11th

March. Members present were very disappointed in the stated increase in the number of incidents in the community. Over the next few months the committee will develop strategies to reverse this trend.

Council is frustrated that residents appear to be reluctant to report incidents when they occur. I believe our residents' value the safety and security our town offers but it is up to every one of us to be vigilant, security conscious and neighbourly to guarantee our community continues to be a desirable place to live.

Clem Kerp, CEO

The digital switchover for Perth will happen in less than a month

On 16 April 2013, analog signals will be switched off across metropolitan Perth and free-to-air TV will be broadcast in digital-only. This means you will lose channels 7, 9 & 10 if your tv is not ready for digital tv.

So prepare yourself by:

- installing a set-top box to your existing tv, or by upgrading to a digital tv which has an in-built digital tuner.
- After retuning your channels, check your picture quality and if necessary contact an antenna installer.
- Find out whether you are eligible for the Household Assistance Scheme 1800 556 443
- Use the help that's available from www.digitalready.gov.au or the Digital Ready Information Line 1800 10 20 13.

The switchover for Regional and Remote WA is scheduled for 25 June 2013, including GWN and WIN.

More information on page 4

DrumMuster

Due to Good Friday falling on 29 April, the DrumMuster will take place on:

Friday 5 April 2013

Drop off your used chemical drums at the DrumMuster Shed in Williams Street, for them to be recycled. All drums need to be thoroughly rinsed and caps removed.

Make an appointment by phoning the Shire office on 9629 1101 by Wednesday 3 April.

Bikeweek 2013



Ride for your Mind

Thanks to the Department of Transport's Cycle Instead Bike Week 2013 program, the Shire of Goomalling has been successful in obtaining a grant to host a **Community Bike Ride!**

The Goomalling 'Ride for your Mind' will incorporate a bike ride around the town, a **free BBQ Breakfast** and a visit from the Men's Health and Pit Stop Crew. A guest speaker will present 'Distress & Why Mental Health Matters' as well as plenty of information on mental health for all ages and genders.

It would be great to see you there and help support these great community events!

BE ACTIVE

Goomalling & Districts



When: Sunday 24th March 2013

Where: Goomalling Sports Pavilion

Time: 9am - 11am



Participants go into the draw to win a new bike worth \$400!

For more information: contact Jo Buegge, Avon Be Active Coordinator on 9629 1101 or email avonbeactive@goomalling.wa.gov.au

DON'T HAVE A BIKE? COME ALONG AND WALK



Department of
Transport



For a full list of events visit
www.transport.wa.gov.au/bikeweek

The digital switchover for Perth channels will happen on 16 April 2013

Follow this checklist to make sure you are ready and will not lose your free-to-air tv,

Specifically channels ,  and .



1. Is your TV analog or digital?

An easy way to tell is if you can watch ABC2, ABC3 or SBS TWO. If you can, your tv is digital. If not, read on...

2. For every analog tv you have, you will need to either...

Buy a digital set-top box or digital tv recorder or buy a digital tv.

3. Getting your tv or set-top box ready for digital tv

Check your tv or set-top box manual to help you retune your channels if required.

mySwitch on www.digitalready.gov.au can also help you with reception and transmission issues. It's an easy-to-use, interactive web-based tool that provides information about how to get ready for the switch to digital tv.

4. Is your antenna still giving you a clear picture?

If you have trouble with your picture quality, talk to an endorsed antenna installer.

- Barry BG Antennas, Toodyay,
- Flint Antennas, Northam, 0417 188 795
- Northam Television Services, 9622 1724

5. Are you eligible for financial assistance?

The Household Assistance scheme provides an entire package of assistance including installation of easy-to-use digital equipment,

12 months aftercare support and equipment warranty.

You may be eligible if you receive the maximum rate of the Age Pension, Disability Support Pension, Carer Payment, Veterans' Service Pension or Veterans' Income Support Supplement Payment. Call 1800 556 443 to find out if you're eligible.

6. Do you need a satellite to watch tv?

Anyone who's not able to receive television services from a local transmission site will have access to free-to-air satellite service through the Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) service.

Earth Hour on 23 March 2013

Earth Hour first started in Sydney in 2007 and has taken the world by storm!

Join hundreds of millions of people in over 6,000 cities around the world and **turn off your lights and non-essential appliances from 8.30 to 9.30pm** to symbolise the collective power of individuals, businesses and governments to reduce our environmental impact on our Planet Earth.

In 2013, Australians aren't just switching off their lights for Earth Hour. They're taking action into their own hands, and pledging to switch on to renewable energy. The reason - our planet is in serious need of our help; and in the face of climate change, increasing fossil fuel costs and rising electricity prices, **there's never been a better time to switch to clean, renewable energy.**



www.earthhour.org and/or earthhour.org.au

Anzac Day 2013**ANZAC Day
25 April 2013**

**Veterans Park
Railway Terrace, Goomalling**

DAWN SERVICE

Please assemble at 6.00am
Followed by *Breakfast in the Trenches*:
Damper & Billy Tea
All welcome

MORNING SERVICE

Please assemble at 10.45am
March and Service at 11.00am
*Light lunch provided by
Goomalling/Konnongorring CWA at CWA
Building following the Service.*

**Jennacubbine War Memorial
Collins Street,
Jennacubbine**

DAWN SERVICE

Please assemble at the
Jennacubbine War
Memorial at 6.00am
All welcome

**Mary' Tearooms at the Slater Homestead open from the 5th April**

Volunteers are once again assisting the caretakers to open the homestead to our residents and the public from the 5th April. Please pop out and have look at the improvements to the buildings and try out our new Lavazza Blue coffee. The landscaping will be progressed soon. Anyone who has purchased a named paver please consider supplying your 'family tree' as we would like to compile a book relating to the pavers and identifying the families. We are also creating a library of town and family histories so if you would like to share a history you have completed please phone Andrea to discuss.

Double demerit points from 28th March to 1st April

To encourage safe driving behaviour, drivers will incur double demerits if caught failing to meet the law. Think safe, act safe and be safe.

Pram Pushers & Infant Swimming

Goomalling



Pram

Pushers



CALLING ALL

LADIES!

Bring the kids and bring your walking shoes, the Goomalling Pram Pushers walking group will commence on Tuesday 12th March!

Where: Goomalling Railway Station

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am

Enjoy the opportunity to escape the house, socialise with the girls and enjoy a coffee afterwards.

It's an opportunity to get together as mothers, share your stories, socialise and let the kids play!



For more information, contact Jo Buegge, Avon Be Active Coordinator on 9629 1101.

BE ACTIVE



GOOMALLING INFANT SWIMMING LESSONS

The summer of 2013 has seen a new program start at the Goomalling memorial Swimming Pool!

Thanks to a grant received from the Department of Sport and Recreation, the Shire of Goomalling was able to train locals in infant swimming lessons, something Goomalling has been missing out on for some time.

Since then, classes commenced in January and has been a big success with 25 babies and kids enrolled.

Infant swimming lessons will be back for the 2013 / 2014 pool season

Thank you to everyone involved and thanks to Josie Thomsom for taking the classes.



World Water Day

World Water Day is held annually on **22 March** to focus attention on the importance of freshwater and advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.

2013 is also appointed the International Year of Water Cooperation by the United Nations.

Take some time out to educate your children - who are our planet's future residents- about waterwise living and water recycling.

Plan and maintain your garden and outdoor areas so they use less water. How? Eg. apply a soil improver with a soil wetting agent, choose waterwise plants, hydrozone your garden - group plants with similar water requirements together, make your verge more water efficient by replacing surplus lawn, get a trigger nozzle for your hose or use a watering can.

www.watercooperation2013.org



Would you rather receive this newsletter by email?

Save paper and our environment and register your email address at the Shire Office

goshire@goomalling.wa.gov.au



Goomalling Gumnuts

Open Monday – Thursday
8.00am – 5.30pm
Laugh, Play, Learn



Cnr Hoddy & Quilan St, Goomalling
T: 08 9629 1188
Email: admin.gumnutsinc@bigpond.com



EASTER EGG HUNT

Thursday 28th March 10am-11am
(hunt starts 10.30am prompt)

Bring your children for a fun craft activity, enjoy a cuppa and hot cross bun whilst the littlies hunt for eggs....



Gold coin donation please



Cnr Hoddy & Quilan St, Goomalling
T: 08 9629 1188
Email: admin.gumnutsinc@bigpond.com

Are you over 60?? Want to have your say on Aged Care in Goomalling and the Wheatbelt??

To have your say, attend the Community
Consultation...

Monday 6th May 2013
9.00am to 11.30am
Goomalling Sports Pavilion
Morning Tea Provided

This is an invitation to all community members who access Aged Care services or have experienced the delivery of Aged Care services in our community to attend.

The Shire of Goomalling has committed to participate in a Regional Aged Care Planning process to develop and assist in the implementation of an Integrated Wheatbelt Aged Care Plan.

The Plan will build on our existing services and infrastructure while finding methods in which our residents can age in their homes and communities for longer.

The Plan will look at all facets of Aged Care from Aged Friendly Communities, Aged Persons Housing, Community Care and Residential Care.

Melbourne Consultants Verso have been appointed to carry out this work and have prepared a summary of aged housing and care needs for our Shire. Verso would like to present these findings to the community to receive our thoughts and inputs, this will also provide a more accurate account of what will work and what is important to our community.

[Queries or concerns?? Please contact...](#)

Chelsea Mott, Research Project Officer
Wheatbelt Development Commission

P: 08 9881 5888 M: 0488 120 476

E: chelsea.mott@wheatbelt.wa.gov.au

OPENING SOON

At Historic Slater Homestead



Although wombats, freshwater crocodiles, ospreys and spinifex termites may not be among the animals you would normally associate with a wheatbelt town like Goomalling, you can now get close up to all these amazing creatures and many more in the Shire's new gallery, the Australian Creatures Art Gallery.

Here you can marvel at some stunning wildlife photographs that capture the diversity and uniqueness of Australia's fauna superbly. Among the many memorable pictures that are on display, is a Nankeen kestrel fighting off a yellow-throated miner, a spinifex hopping mouse encountering a house mouse and a white-plumed honeyeater enjoying a bath in a sardine tin. A masked owl caught in flight and a cute fawn-footed melomys sitting in a coconut are two more highlights.

It's all about wildlife – that also goes for the adjacent book and souvenir shop, which offers a wide range of gifts dedicated to Australia's fauna such as postcards, tea towels, booklets and books.

The Art Gallery is housed in the historic Slater Homestead which has been recently restored to its former glory and now provides a perfect setting for this small but remarkable art gallery.

Grand opening on the 3rd May

Health Enhancements for Goomalling

Goomalling is among the communities that will benefit from capital works and health workforce improvements as part of the \$565million **Southern Inland Health Initiative**.

What does this mean for the community of Goomalling?

New health care networks have been developed and Goomalling is part of the Northam district network.

Northam hospital will undergo a significant infrastructure upgrade. In addition to this, there is provision to support Primary and Aboriginal health care services to Goomalling as part of the Northam network.

Goomalling Hospital and Lodge was one of 36 sites to undergo a Building Condition Audit. These audits have identified enabling works that will be carried out in 2013 and will provide essential facility upgrades to improve access to health services and will go towards creating a safer environment for patients and staff.

Innovative Telehealth technology

New ambulatory care Telehealth equipment has been installed in Goomalling, and provides doctors and nurses with access to specialist emergency physician advice and high quality videoconferencing technology. This important technology will link small hospitals to emergency physicians to give accurate diagnoses, prompt advice and guide local nursing staff through treatment options.

The ETS is not intended to replace or reduce the need for locally based General Practitioners in the provision of emergency medicine – rather it is designed to enhance the services and expertise already provided by GPs to their patients in regional communities.

Manpower boosts labour force for community organisations

Goomalling is one of many communities that are benefiting from the Wheatbelt Work Camp, situated in Dowerin. The inmates have assisted a number of community organisations and are eager to be involved in projects where they and the community can see and appreciate the tasks they complete.

If you are involved in a community/sporting group within the region and require the assistance of the work camp team the process is simple. Please complete the Project Nomination Form from http://www.dowerin.wa.gov.au/uploaded/files/client_added/Project%20Nomination%20Form%20A.pdf and email to workcamps@correctiveservices.wa.gov.au. If you don't have access to the internet please ask at the shire office and we will assist you to complete the application.

Dates for your diary: everyone is welcome!

15 Mar	Konno Bring and Share Tea (Konno Hall) from 6pm Bring hot or cold dish to share, BYO Drinks. Residents, friends and neighbours welcome!
17 Mar	Konno Tennis Club Social Tennis (Konno Sports Pavilion) from 2.30pm Social Tennis at 2.30pm AGM & BBQ in the Evening. Share salad, BYO meat and drinks. Everyone welcome! Enquiries: M Davey 96201 245, P Lord 9620 1262
5th Apr	Slater Homestead Open. The Homestead will be open from 10am to 4pm Friday to Sunday for morning and afternoon teas and light lunches. Lavazza Blue coffee will be available along with a selection of quality teas. Reservations for group booking appreciated. P: 0400 495 173
25 Apr	Anzac Day (Memorial Park) Goomalling - 6am dawn service, 10.45am parade & service. Jennacubbine – 6am dawn service
3 May	Australian Creatures Gallery (Slater Homestead) Join us for the grand opening of the Australian Creatures Gallery and the celebration of the completed capital works 2pm on 3 rd May 2013. RSVP 9629 1101. Light refreshments will be served following the acknowledgement of the funding bodies and the opening of the Australian Creatures Gallery.

Goomalling Classic Flyer 2013

Following the success of the event held in March 2012 we are planning the next event for 2013. Does your organisation or business want to take advantage of the event and provide a product or service? Let Andrea know so we can plan to include you. Market stalls, including food and drink will be needed to cater to the participants, residents and visitors. You could help to make this day a success by asking friends, family and past residents to come.



32 Quinlan St / PO Box 118
Goomalling WA 6460
T: 9629 1101 F: 9629 1017
E: goshire@goomalling.wa.gov.au

Open 8.30am-4pm Mon-Thu &
8.30am-4.30pm Fri

W: www.goomalling.wa.gov.au &
www.visitgoomalling.wa.gov.au

[facebook.com/BeActiveGoomalling](https://www.facebook.com/BeActiveGoomalling)

Contact details for Shire of Goomalling staff

Got a question about...	Then contact...	
Admin and Finance	Shire staff	(08) 9629 1101
Caravan Park	Fred and Verna Neervoort	(08) 9629 1183 caravanpark@goomalling.wa.gov.au
Community Development	Andrea Hardingham	cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au
Community Emergency Services	Alan Knapp	cesm@goomalling.wa.gov.au 0427 388 535
Environmental Health and Building	Linton Thomas	eho@goomalling.wa.gov.au
Gym	Monique Bohling	0428 772 014
Plumbing / Gas Fitting	Chris Hazell	0428 291 102
Ranger (including snake removal)	Clinton Verner	0488 046 827
Shire Websites	Karen Smith	web@goomalling.wa.gov.au
Sport and Recreation	Jo Buegge	avonbeactive@goomalling.wa.gov.au
Works	Russell Beck	works@goomalling.wa.gov.au