

Shire of Goomalling



Newsletter

Spring 2013

Townsite burning

The Goomalling Town Bush Fire Brigade will be conducting burning of the Reserves behind the Goomalling Primary School and Council's Townsite blocks on Saturday 2nd November 2013. A Special Permit has been issued for the Fire Brigade only from 9am to 3pm, with the suspension of Prohibited Burning to apply to the **brigade only**.

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Council Elections Results

Congratulations to our recently elected Councillors in Cr Doug Sewell and Cr Margaret Davey who we re-elected unopposed and to our newest Councillor, Cr Julie Chester. All were officially sworn in on Monday 21st October at a Special Council Meeting. We look forward to the exciting times ahead.

Congratulations to Cr Doug Sewell on being elected as the new Shire President and Cr Barry Haywood, Deputy Shire President for 2 year terms. A changing of the guard as we sadly farewell Cr John Bird, Cr Harold Forward and Cr Wendy Williams after 26, 32 and 12 years respectively with Cr Bird also serving 12 years as Shire President as well as Deputy for 4 years before that.

Your service to the community and district of Goomalling is much appreciated and we hope you enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

We still have 2 Councillor positions vacant, one Central/North and one Town with an Extraordinary Election being called. More information on page 3.





From the Shire President

On behalf of the Council and rate payers of the Shire I would like to express our sincere gratitude to our retiring Councillors Harold Forward for 33 years' service, John Bird for 26 years including 12 years as Shire President and Wendy Williams for 12 years of Service. We wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

Congratulations to Margaret Davey for being re-elected to Council for another four year term we are grateful for your continued contribution to the community. Welcome to the newest member to Council Julie Chester, we hope your time on Council is rewarding.

As Shire President I hope to continue the legacy of a progressive and resilient Community. The council will continue to be transparent and approachable to achieve the greatest outcome for the Shire of Goomalling.

Councillor Doug Sewell, Shire President



From the outgoing Shire President

As I have not sought re-election I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who I have worked with over the years on Council.

The staff inside and outside for their dedication to the rate payers. Thanks to Clem for all his hours of work both day and night to make sure everything runs smoothly.

Thanks to all the councillors who helped to keep council ahead in the job of getting much as was possible to relieve the rate payers to keep rates at a sustainable level.

I congratulate Councillor Sewell as the new Shire President and Councillor Haywood as Deputy, they will do a great job with the support of the community.

John Bird



From the CEO

Council has recently resolved to relocate its Royalties for Regions money which was initially allocated to the Amenities building at the Caravan Park, to the new proposed Sport & Function Centre at the Goomalling Recreation Ground, subject to approval by the Department of Regional Development.

Council is hoping for a successful outcome with Department of Sport and Recreation and Lotterywest Grant Applications and look forward to continuing to work closely with the Mortlock Sports Council to see this project come to fruition.

The Shire will build on its current strengths. In a recent report released by the Regional Australia Institute of Australia the Shire was highly ranked amongst the 560 local governments throughout Australia. The review ((In) Sight) provides a consistent, comprehensive and accessible view of the status of Australia's regions, Local Governments and their prospect for development in the future.

The Shire was ranked No. 1 in economic fundamentals (Economic Fundamentals and Building Approvals) ahead of the City of Brisbane which was ranked in second position.

Council will continue to build on these strengths.

Clem Kerp, CEO

Report Fires to '000'

Community members are reminded in the case of a fire, please ring 000 immediately, don't delay by calling a Fire Brigade member or the Shire first as this will only cause delays as the Fire Brigade cannot be deployed unless instructed by 000 Communications.

Shire of Goomalling Local Government Extraordinary Election

14 December 2013

Nominations are called for the Shire of Goomalling In-Person Elections, to be held on Saturday 14th December 2013 to fill vacancies on the Goomalling Shire Council as detailed below.

Nomination Time & Place

- Nominations for all vacancies open on Thursday 31st October 2013
- Nominations must be lodged by 4.00pm on Thursday 7th November 2013.

Nominations must be lodged with the Returning Officer at any time during the above period at the office of the Shire of Goomalling.

Nomination Requirements

Candidates are required to lodge with the Returning Officer:

- a completed nomination in the prescribed form, signed and witnessed. This form is available from the Shire of Goomalling.
- a single A4 page profile containing no more than 150 words of biographical information about the proposed candidate and statements of the candidate's policies or beliefs.
- a nomination deposit of \$80 (cash, or postal order or bank cheque subject to Returning Officer approval).
- a recent passport-sized photograph (optional).

Where an agent lodges a nomination on a candidate's behalf, it must be in the prescribed form with a written authorisation signed by the candidate.

The documents may be hand delivered, posted or faxed to the Returning Officer and must be received by the close of nominations. Full details about eligibility and nomination procedures for prospective candidates in the elections listed below can be obtained by contacting the Shire of Goomalling

SHIRE OF GOOMALLING 32 Quinlan St, Goomalling 6460

RETURNING OFFICER: Clem Kerp

TEL: 9629 1101 **FAX:** 9629 1017

EMAIL: goshire@goomalling.wa.gov.au

NOMINATION PLACE: Cnr Hoddy & Quinlan St's, Goomalling 6460

OFFICES VACANT AND TERMS OF OFFICE:

Central/North Ward one vacancy 4 year term
Town Ward one vacancy 4 year term

Recycling

Community members are reminded to please drop all Recycling to the Lions Club Recycling Depot in White Street (big green shed behind the Railway Line) and not to the Goomalling or Konnongorring Refuse Sites.



Dog Registrations

If your dog is already registered with the Shire, you will receive your renewal during October.

If your dog is three (3) months or older then it must be registered. Any dog owner found not to have their dog/s registered may be issued a fine by Council's ranger. Registration assists in returning lost dogs to their owners, so do your dog a favour and get him/her registered!

Fees payable:	1 Year	3 Years
Unsterilised	\$50.00	\$120.00
Sterilised	\$20.00	\$42.50

Discount on fees:

Pensioner 50% & Working Dogs 75%



Konnongorring Special Plates Series

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT LICENSING SERVICES KONNONGORRING SPECIAL SERIES PLATES

Advice has again been received from the Department of Transport regarding the Konnongorring Special Plates Series and the minimum number of orders required per year to ensure continuity of the Series. If there are less than 10 orders per year, the Series will no longer be available.

Plates that are still available in the series are:

KONNO27	KONNO45	KONNO68	KONNO81
KONNO30	KONNO46	KONNO69	KONNO82
KONNO32	KONNO47	KONNO70	KONNO90
KONNO37	KONNO48	KONNO72	KONNO91
KONNO38	KONNO49	KONNO73	KONNO92
KONNO40	KONNO52	KONNO74	KONNO93
KONNO41	KONNO53	KONNO75	
KONNO42	KONNO58	KONNO76	
KONNO43	KONNO59	KONNO78	
KONNO44	KONNO64	KONNO80	

If you have Konno Plates on hold, you need to process the order as soon as possible to ensure you do not miss out as just having them on hold does not guarantee their availability. Plates are \$280 per set, and can be retained at the Shire Office until the need arises for you to register them to a vehicle.

For more information or to place an order, please do not hesitate to contact the Shire Office Licensing Staff on 9629 1101.

Shire of Goomalling Office Closure over Christmas/New Year Period

Please note that the Shire Office will be closing at 4.00pm on Monday 23rd December 2013 and will not reopen until Thursday 2nd January 2014.

Please ensure you complete any transactions due in this period beforehand.

Clem Kerp | Chief Executive Officer

Slater Homestead

The **wedding photo exhibition** is proving a real hit with locals and visitors. The photos span a hundred years and the changes in fashion initiate lots of discussion. Currently 'men' are more accurate in identifying the couples.

Functions are also becoming very popular and we have had quite a variety during the year from a bridal shower to a cycling club farm feast. Flywire doors have been fitted to the barn as this space can accommodate up to sixty persons seated.

Book early for **Christmas Lunch** with all the trimmings. \$35.00 per person.

Ph: Wendy 9629 1136 or Andrea 0400 495 173

Planning for 2014 includes a feasibility of starting a **film society**; anyone interested can contact Andrea 0400 495 173 and Artist Kaye Devlin has booked the barn for an **exhibition** opening on the 12th April and closing on the 11th May.

Knick Knacks Op-Shop

Knick Knacks Op Shop Is Moving!

Knick Knacks will be moving to the shop on the west side of RB Motors. The move is planned for the period between Christmas and February.

The shop will close at its current location on Saturday 21st December and reopen at the new premise in February.

If you would like to become involved with this community fundraiser please see one of the girls at the shop or phone Andrea at the shire office 9629 1101. Alternatively all interested persons are invited to meet at 10am on Friday 20th December at the shop.

The shop is considerably more spacious and we would like to develop some plans for the best layout options. We could also consider rebranding. We welcome your opinions.

What a great effort by everyone involved in the Vintage Car Racing Carnival

The rain held off and made way for some beautiful spring sunshine. The sprint cars came in all sizes, shapes and colours and were fast and noisy. The cheerful crowd were delighted with the excitement and exhilaration of the racing and the children got their thrills on the amusement attractions.

The Vintage Sports Car Club of WA worked on the 2012 track plan to make the race a little more exciting and judging from the increase in entries this paid dividends.

We thank the VSCCWA members and competitors for providing our town with the spectacle that gave us the opportunity to bring the community together.

We are most grateful of the sponsorship we received for the event, **LOTTERYWEST, SPECIALISED TREE SERVICES and WATER CORP.** The sponsorship from Lotterywest and Randle (Specialised Tree Services) provided funding for the hire of the equipment – amusements, barriers, toilets and the traffic management. We welcome all feedback about the event.

We thank all our business community for their support whether they were in a position to provide a service and boost their turnover or adjusted their hours to accommodate the road closure.

The markets in the hall turned out to be a great addition with all the stall holders reporting good sales and the consensus was ‘great location’.

The amusements were a great hit and provided hours of fun for all ages. The facepainting was very popular, we are lucky to have such talented girls at the shire.

The P & C, CWA, CRC and Bendigo Bank took advantage of the event to provide some refreshments. The bank staff and board sold sausage sizzle with the proceeds going to the Mortlock Sports Council.

Thanks also to our local coppers who provided support in the planning and management of the event.

Lastly I would like to thank our fantastic ambulance volunteers. As a community we are so lucky to have such dedicated officers who continue to give ongoing years of service. Their group is only small and they would welcome new volunteers to their ranks to lighten the load. If you are in a position to help the running of this service in any way don't hesitate to contact them.





Goomalling Gumnuts

Open Monday – Thursday
8.00am – 5.30pm
Friday 8.00am – 3.15pm
Laugh, Play, Learn



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



Santa's Mailbox at the Goomalling Post Office

Santas' mailbox has arrived at the Goomalling Post Office and Santa can't wait to get letters and drawings from all the girls and boys.

Send your letter/drawing to:
Santa
North Pole 0000
(No stamp required)

Letters can be posted from November 4th to December 13th (to give Santa time to organise your gift and write a reply).


Paul & Peta Marrell
Goomalling Post Office



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



Slater Homestead
Open Friday - Sunday
10am - 4pm

The historic homestead has undergone some restorations and improvements and is now again open to the public. It is also the setting for two stunning photographic exhibitions: the 'Australian Creatures Gallery' and 'Goomalling through the eyes of others'

Harvest & Total Movement Bans 2013-2014 Season

Monday to Friday - All Season

It is advised that Harvest Bans will be imposed by the Shire of Goomalling and notifications will take place as follows:

- SMS to registered mobile numbers
- Email/fax to registered contacts
- Broadcast over ABC Geraldton & Perth, Radiowest & Hot FM

Saturday & Sundays BEFORE Christmas

It is advised that Harvest Bans will be imposed by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and notifications will be administered by the Shire of Goomalling and will take place as follows:

- SMS to registered mobile numbers
- Email/fax to registered contacts
- Broadcast over ABC Geraldton & Perth, Radiowest & Hot FM

Saturday & Sundays AFTER Christmas

It is advised that Harvest Bans will be imposed when the Bureau of Meteorology has issued the Fire Weather Forecasts as follows:

**Very High, Extreme, Severe & Catastrophic Fire
Danger**

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**Automatic Harvest/Movement of Vehicle Ban
Ban will remain in place for the respective day to
6.00pm**

Weather forecasts can be obtained from the Bureau of Meteorology on 9263 2260 between 6.00am and 4.15pm 7 days a week. Outside hours contact 9263 2258 (24 hours) or visit the website www.bom.gov.au.

Public Holidays - HARVESTING NOT PERMITTED

It is advised that Harvesting is NOT PERMITTED on the following days:

**Christmas Day – Wednesday 25 December 2013
Boxing Day - Thursday 26 December 2013
New Years Day – Wednesday 1 January 2014**

Should there be any changes to the above dates, they will be published in Councils December Newsletter as well as the Goomalling Endeavour Newspaper in early December.

Normal procedures will resume for Friday 27 December, Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st December with notifications being sent out by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer should a harvest ban be imposed.

Harvesting is permitted on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th December 2013 subject to the fire weather forecast being HIGH or lower. A Harvest Ban will be imposed automatically when the Bureau of Meteorology has issued the Fire Weather Forecasts as follows for the Avon Region (Shire of Goomalling):

**Very High, Extreme, Severe & Catastrophic Fire
Danger**

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**Automatic Harvest/Movement of Vehicle Ban
Ban will remain in place for the day to 7.00pm**

Notification will not be provided on these 2 days, therefore farmers need to be aware of up-to-date weather conditions throughout these days. It is also reminded that as this is the holiday period, our emergency service volunteer numbers will be limited.

Please contact the Shire Office for further information on any of the above.

Clem Kerp, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Email: goshire@goomalling.wa.gov.au

Burning Permits

Burning is prohibited from the 1st November 2013 to 14th February 2014 and once again Bush Fire Permits will be issued for restricted burning from the 15th February until the 29th March 2014, subject to further extensions if required. In the past, Council has extended the restricted burning season by 2 lots of 2 weeks which will take the season end from the 29th March to the 26th April.

Everyone should have received a Fire Prevention Checklist with their rates this year. This checklist includes a lot of very valuable information regarding firebreak requirements and information on burning of garden refuse and rubbish.

If ever you are unsure or would like any further clarification, please don't hesitate to contact the Shire Office.

Dates for your diary: everyone is welcome!

2 November	<i>Goomalling Tennis Club Open Day – Tennis Courts, from 3pm</i> A great social day for all the family with a BBQ tea to follow.
4 November to 13 December	<i>Goomalling Post Office – Letters to Santa</i> Kids make sure you post your letters to Santa during this period so he has plenty of time to respond! Contact the Post Office for more information 9629 1030.
16 November	<i>Shire of Goomalling Rates Installment Due</i> If you chose to pay your rates by installment, your next payment is due on 13 November.
15 November	<i>Seniors Week Event – Slater Homestead, 10am to 3pm</i> Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy this free community event with concerts by the children of Sacred Heart and Goomalling Primary schools and didgeridoo and story-telling by Trevor Davis. A light lunch will be provided. RSVP is essential to the CRC 9629 1570.
21 December	<i>Goomalling CRC Christmas Tree – Sports Pavilion</i> Keep an eye on the Goomalling Endeavour for information on registering for this very popular annual event and visit from Father Christmas!
24 December to 1 January	<i>Shire of Goomalling Administration Office Christmas closure</i> The Office will be closed for 7 business days during the Christmas/New Year Period, from 4.00pm on Monday 23 rd December 2013 and will re-open at 8.30am on Thursday 2 nd January 2014.



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www.visitgoomalling.wa.gov.au

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Contact details for Shire of Goomalling staff

<i>Got a question about...</i>	<i>Then contact...</i>	
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	Corry Munson	cesm@toodyay.wa.gov.au 0458 042 104
Environmental Health and Building	Linton Thomas	eho@goomalling.wa.gov.au buildinghealthwa@yahoo.com.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

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