

G'day Goomalling

Jurokine Coach House | Jennacubbine

"Today is your opportunity to build the tomorrow you want"

- Ken Poirot

Contents

Shire President's Greetings	2
Council meeting dates 2022	2
Cuppa with a Councillor dates 2022.....	2
Important Information	3
Ranger Bulletin	4
Community Development	5
Pioneers' Pathway.....	5
Avon Tourism Officer's Network.....	5
Anstey Park Revitalisation.....	6
Goomalling Museum – Museum of WA Rural Collections	8
Goomalling Community Opshop	10
Maangart Yorga Program.....	11
Goomalling Wishing Tree	11
Community Garden.....	12
High Street - Footpath.....	12
Goomalling Historical Society	13
Swimming Pool.....	15
Community Emergency Services Manager.....	16
Rates and debtors	17
What's happening in the works department	18
Tip Attendant.....	18
Dates for your diary.....	20

Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge that we meet and work on the land of the Nyoongar people of Ballardong Boodjar. We pay respects to their Elders, past, present, and emerging. We recognise their infinite connection to culture, land, sky and waters.

Reporting Road Damage

When reporting damage to state roads, please contact Main Roads WA directly to reduce the timeframes involved in directing fault enquiries and Council staff can concentrate on managing the local infrastructure damage.

State Roads in the Shire of Goomalling include:

- Northam-Pithara Road (between Goomalling-Northam and Goomalling-Wongan Hills)
- Goomalling -Toodyay Road
- Goomalling-Merredin Road (aka Goomalling-Dowerin or Goomalling-Wyalkatchem Road)

The direct line for reporting damage is:

Main Roads Faults 138 138

Double Demerits

Double demerit penalties will be in place during the 2021-22 Christmas and New Year holiday from **Friday 24 December to Sunday 9 January inclusive**.

Reporting Water leaks

Call Water Corporation 13 13 75

Shire President's Greetings

We have only experienced small teasers of summer, as late rains and cool weather are making it feel more like Autumn. With a longer harvest expected, hopefully the season finishes well for our farming community.

Unfortunately, we have a shortage of Bush Fire volunteers which makes the looming bushfire season all the more challenging. We ask that ratepayers and residents be more vigilant this bush fire season.

Congratulations to Cr Chester and Cr Barratt for being re-elected in the October Elections and welcome on board to Cr Mark Ashton, our friendly neighbourhood pharmacist.

Meckering Road Clearing Permit has finally been approved, with some additional requirements in the revegetation and monitoring component of the project, which means works will be carried out in the 2021-22 financial year.

We wish everyone a happy holiday season, stay safe and we will see you in 2022.



Cr Barry Haywood
Shire President

Council meeting dates 2022

For several years now Council has held its Ordinary Meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, with no meeting in January and an early meeting in February.

Here are the Ordinary Council meeting dates for 2022:

2 February	18 May	17 August	16 November
16 March	15 June	21 September	21 December
20 April	20 July	19 October	

Council meetings commence at 3.00pm with a briefing session followed by the Ordinary Meeting with **public question time** at 4.00pm.

Cuppa with a Councillor dates 2022

Cuppa with a Councillor is a great opportunity to have an informal chat with one of your elected members about Council related matters. Here are the dates for your diary

9 February	8 June	12 October
9 March	13 July	9 November
13 April	10 August	14 December
11 May	14 September	

@ Lot 39 [Store + Café]



FIRST CUPPA WITH A COUNCILLOR SESSION AT LOT 39 [Store + Café]

Important Information

Northam-Pithara Road

Main Roads WA have a proposal to widen and upgrade the Northam-Pithara Road between Northam and Goomalling. Through the stakeholder engagement process, the Wildflower Society have suggested they scrap plans to widen and upgrade the road, and instead reduce the speed limit to 80kms per hour. The Wildflower Society state, they have wide spread community support for the 30km reduction in the speed limit for viewing of wildflowers along the state route.

Please send us your thoughts in regards to the suggested changes to Main Roads WA project to goshire@goomalling.wa.gov.au, so that Council can provide feedback to Main Roads WA from our community.

It is really important that we provide our thoughts to Main Roads so that they can lobby on our behalf.

Change of property details

Council staff cannot change property ownership details without the correct authorisation to do so. If your property changes hands without sale or use of the settlement agent such as deceased estates or cessation, we need a formal written request preferably from a lawyer/agent handling the land

transfer process, with a copy of the transfer and title to action changes.

Whilst we may be aware of ownership changes due to local knowledge, property details will remain unchanged until we have received the correct authority to change.

Planning & Building

If you plan on building or operating a business that differs from your property zoning, please contact Council in regard to your development as soon as possible, to ensure you are complying with the local Town Planning Scheme and, planning and building regulations.

There has been an increasing number of unauthorised developments occurring across the Shire, which can fetch a fine starting at \$50,000.

Retrospective applications attract higher application and assessment fees as well as risking removal of any completed structures if they don't comply with the building standards.

Christmas Closures

Administration Office

Closes: Friday 24 December, 12noon
Reopens: Tuesday 4 January, 8.30am

Swimming Pool

Closed: Christmas Day ONLY
Reopens: Boxing Day 26 January, 1.30pm

Works Crew

Closes: Wednesday 22 December, 3pm
Reopens: Tuesday 4 January, 7.00am (skeleton crew)

Refuse Site

Closed Boxing Day: Sunday 26 December
Reopens: Wednesday 29 December, 8am

Medical Surgery

Closes: Tuesday 21 December
Reopens: Tuesday 4 January

Kerbside collection

Kerbside general waste and recycling collection won't be affected by Christmas/New Year and will remain the same

Ranger Bulletin

Pick up after your Dog

As a dog owner you are required by law to pick up your dog's poo, an on the spot fine of **\$200** applies if you don't.

There has been an increase in offences on Railway Terrace, particularly on the grassed areas. We will be monitoring the CCTV and using it as evidence for possible infringements.

There are dog poo bags available at the recreation ground attached to the dog poo bin (green) and at Anstey Park attached to the gazebo.

Firebreak and yard compliance

It has been one of our wettest years on record and many town properties are still not fire compliant. Final notices will be sent soon and your firebreaks and yard cleanups should already be complete and maintained until the 31 March 2022. The ranger will carry out periodic inspections throughout the fire season and penalties will apply for non-compliance.

For information about Firebreak requirements, visit Council's website or contact the Shire Office for a copy of the Firebreak Notice.

Cat & Dog Registration renewals

Cat & Dog registration renewals were due 31 October 2021 and should now be paid. Reminders have been sent out for those currently non-compliant. If your registration gets to the stage of a "final notice" this may be sent with an infringement of \$200.



**PROUDLY
SUPPORTED
BY**



**Petbarn
Foundation**

STRONGER TOGETHER

FREE DOG FOOD FRIDAY

Thanks to our local Ranger and Animal Rescue Cooperative (ARC), Companion Animal Food Rescue Program we will be handing out **1 free bag of dog biscuits per household***** for Shire of Goomalling residents. Just in time for Christmas for your beautiful dogs!

If you are unable to make the timeframe, please contact Gloria Robinson 0408 909 356 for a bag to be put aside for collection (from the shire office) at a more convenient time.

***Dog biscuits cannot be resold (until stocks last) Stock is limited, first in first served

Collection point details: Friday 17 December 2021
8.30am to 10.30am
Goomalling Town Hall
34 Quinlan Street
Goomalling WA 6460

Community Development

Pioneers' Pathway

Pioneers' Pathway is a collaborative project (tourism product) between the Shires of Toodyay, Goomalling, Dowerin, Wyalkatchem, Nungarin and Merredin to promote the historical assets we have on offer in our communities to attract tourists and have our local history more accessible to future generations.

Collaborative marketing enables Council to get more bang for our buck, by sharing the investment across the six Councils.

Recently we received funding from Lotterywest and Building Better Regions Funds to enhance our chosen sites with interpretation to create a lasting connection to the site.

Our first story was George Slater and the site was the beautifully restored Slater Homestead precinct.

We have been developing a second story to further enhance our local "product" and have come up with an interesting pioneering story, that of Selina & Irene Dean Williams. Both women achieved things considered unusual for a woman of their time with Selina managing chaff and farming operations after

the early death of her husband, and her daughter Irene was the first woman to fly from Perth to Sydney.

You can take a look at the information we've collated via the link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ta5o5bbj6kn1e52/A%20Backward%20Glance%20-%20Dean-Williams%20-%20Endeavour%20Edition%202023.pdf?dl=0>

We haven't at this stage determined a corresponding site for prospective interpretation.

We would like to see this project enhance sites across the shire including Konnongorring and Jennacubbine townsites to create a comprehensive pioneering trail to complement the greater Pioneers' Pathway self-drive trail.

Whilst we are still completing research for more stories to add to the collection if you know any unique or interesting stories, please submit to Tahnee Bird, Community Development Officer cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au

Avon Tourism Officer's Network

Avon tourism promotion is the second collaborative marketing project the Shire of Goomalling participates in with the Shires of Northam, York, Toodyay and Beverley, to market the Avon Valley as a tourism product and attract people to the region. Until recently, Avon Tourism operated as a not-for-profit organisation with an independent committee supported by financial investment from the Councils; and membership included passionate community members, and business operators. The organisation was run voluntarily and required a significant investment of time from those dedicated volunteers. Since the organisation has now gone into recess, the

Council staff at the participating Councils have joined forces to drive investment from Council level and continue to develop the "Avon Valley" as a product.

In our first year together, we developed a regional brochure Avon Valley "Your Weekend Away", plus five small DL brochures for promoting the region to relevant markets that were applicable across the entire region including Heritage, Arts & Culture, Wildflowers & Walk trails, Stargazing and Family Fun in addition to attending the Caravan & Camping Show.

In 2021-22 we have sought support from Experience Perth our Regional Tourism Organisation (RTO) to

further develop our brand and enhance our reach. The councils have collectively invested \$25,000 for regional promotion that will be matched by Experience Perth to have a marketing budget of \$50,000, which will include product branding.

One of the more significant challenges for Goomalling is that we are the smallest Council with the least amount of tourism assets, including sites, events,

attractions and retail businesses. We have highlighted that there needs to be support and advocacy for small rural towns, to develop products and make communities more appealing for travelers.

We congratulate those businesses that are putting in the effort to open on weekends, which makes the town more attractive to those travelling through.

Anstey Park Revitalisation



The revitalisation project continues with our recent focus group meeting discussing particular play elements and non-negotiables for drawing up the scope of works for potential suppliers.

Anticipated timeline

1. Scope of works, Request for Quote/EOI – Dec/January
2. Removal of asbestos – January
3. Successful supplier identified – endorsed at February Meeting
4. Site secured & Demolition – February
5. Construction – March/April (pending supply chain issues)

Historical Society to showcase local memorabilia

Goomalling Historical Society have selected valuable local memorabilia relevant to the CWA in Goomalling to preserve and protect for future generations. Memorabilia and items of interest will be housed at the Goomalling Museum.

Tendering valuable resources

Items of value including jarrah floor boards and roof joinery; and an enamel sink will be advertised for public tender as there has been multiple enquiries for their purchase.

The alarm system and air-conditioner that were installed by Council will be relocated to another Council owned facility.

All other salvageable items such as windows, bricks and tiles will be available from the refuse site once demolition is complete.

Community Support

It would be great if there are community members that would be willing to supply trees, rocks and sand for landscaping purposes.

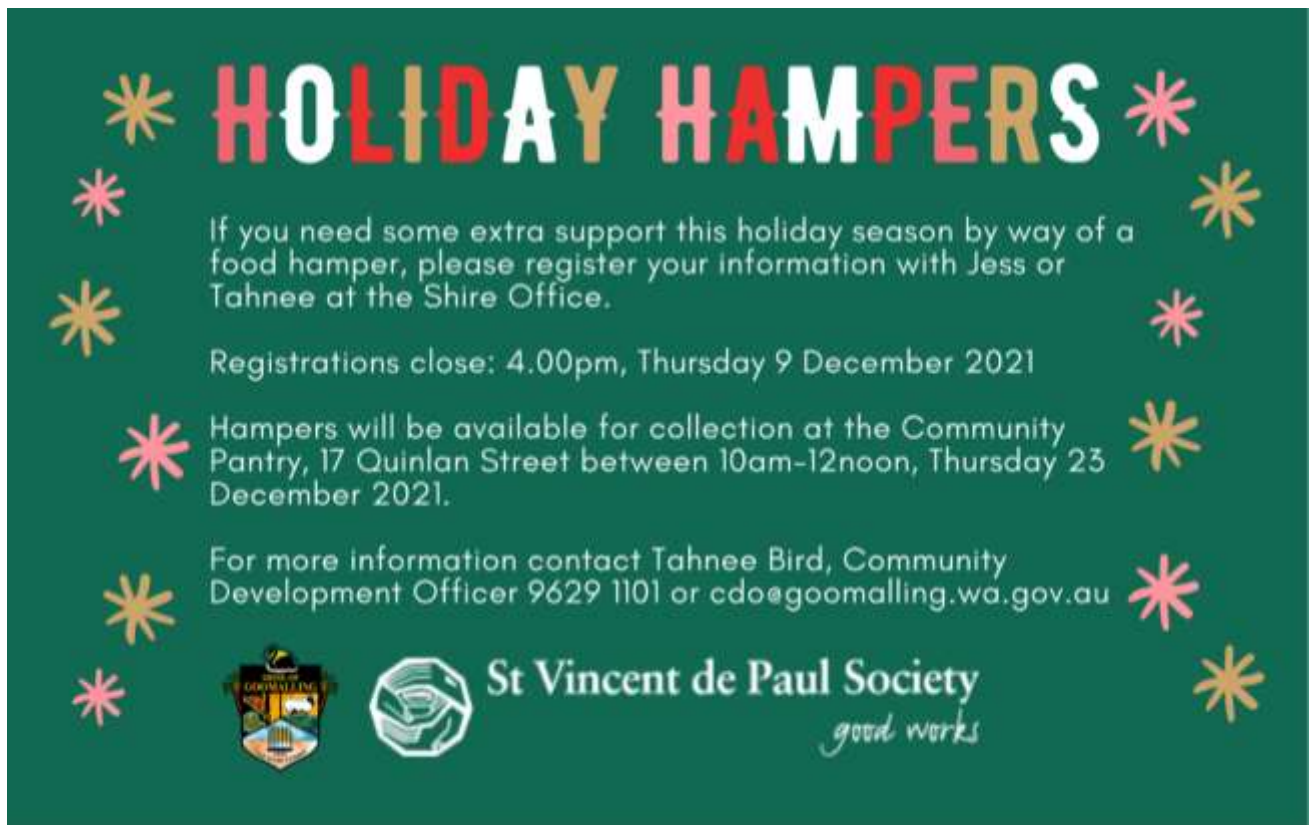
Please be in touch if you're able to assist.



CWA Building Final photoshoot

As part of the demolition process, and in order to keep a historical record, a final photo shoot was conducted by our photographer employ Jess Ashworth, to capture the building and CWA memorabilia one last time.







HOLIDAY HAMPERS

If you need some extra support this holiday season by way of a food hamper, please register your information with Jess or Tahnee at the Shire Office.

Registrations close: 4.00pm, Thursday 9 December 2021

Hampers will be available for collection at the Community Pantry, 17 Quinlan Street between 10am-12noon, Thursday 23 December 2021.

For more information contact Tahnee Bird, Community Development Officer 9629 1101 or cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au

St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

NOTICE FROM MAIN ROADS

Main Roads WA wishes to advise that road widening on the Northam Pithara Road between Southern Brook Road and Patterson Road is due to commence in early 2022. The road will be widened to nine meters with audible edge lines. We will start with vegetation works and road construction will follow. The works are due for completion in June 2022.

For the safety of road users and road workers, there will be lane closures and speed restrictions. There will also be **delays of up to 15 minutes** so please allow extra time for your journey. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

By sealing the shoulder and installing audible edge lines, it helps to prevent run-off road crashes by

providing a greater distance for drivers who veer off the road to recover. This nine-year program, through its lifecycle, will see more than 17,000 kilometres of rural roads treated and is a huge step towards preventing deaths or serious injury on our regional road network.

If you need to contact Main Roads, we have a 24 hour call centre 138 138 or you can email wheatbelt@mainroads.wa.gov.au. Information on roadworks can be found on our Travelmap <https://travelmap.mainroads.wa.gov.au>.



Goomalling Museum – Museum of WA Rural Collections

The WA Museum has recently completed a project with rural Councils across the state to promote regional collections through their online presence. WAM staff and a contracted photographer **Bo Wong** visited the Goomalling Museum to capture the

collection, carefully curated by our dedicated volunteers from the Goomalling Historical Society. Take a look at the series of photos that will be used to promote regional collections of the WA Museum website.



Goomalling Community Opshop

Effective immediately the Opshop will no longer be offering adhoc grants. Instead we've created a new grant program called "Activate Goomalling Grant Program" which will offer two grant rounds per year in April and September with a funding pool of \$4000 for each round.

Grants of between \$500 and \$2,000 can be applied for. Funding allocation will be at the discretion of the volunteers and dependent upon the quantity of applications.

Guidelines and application forms will be available closer to the date from the Opshop, Shire office or from the Shire's website.

\$6,145 has already been given back or allocated to our community by way of small grants this year including \$2,500 Goomalling Community Garden - Shelter & seating project, \$500 Better Beginning – new chairs, \$495 Goomalling Men's Shed - dust extraction fan, and \$2000 towards to the Goomalling Hospital front garden refurbishment.

Have a conscious Christmas

Christmas, or any celebratory holiday, doesn't need to be wasteful. Remember the true meaning of the season, it is a time to share with family, unwind after another year of hard work and reset for the new year. It's a great time to express gratitude and also share in your prosperity.

But let's keep the planet in mind (and your wallet) this year. Here are a few ideas:

1. Create or invest in a reusable advent calendar that can be refilled each year (check out [Pinterest](#) for some ideas)
2. Craft your own Christmas crackers or invest in reusable ones like those available from [Flora and Fauna](#)
3. Send e-Christmas cards or [plantable cards](#)
4. Avoid non-recyclable wrapping paper (think glitter or foil). Instead use brown paper,

newspaper, magazine, a tea towel or even your child's school artwork.

5. Make you own decorations out of recycled items and make the most out of the decorations you already have.
6. Refrain from panic buying – be organised and buy mindful gifts that will be treasured.
7. Buy experiences
8. Buy handmade and local
9. Buy quality no quantity. Think long lasting and timeless rather than lots of cheap bits and pieces.
10. Buy food produce as local as possible
11. Make sure you use or share your leftover food
12. Swap single use serviettes, plastic cups and paper plates for real crockery.
13. Avoid chemical fragrances and candles in the home. Instead use the pure oil of clove, cinnamon and nutmeg to create a festive aroma.
14. Remember to save all those cards, bags and wrapping paper you do receive, so they can be used next year.
15. Use LED christmas lights or solar for outside
16. If you can, donate to those that need it, like local organisations Vinnies Emergency food relief who will be organising Christmas hampers for those that need it and, Sacred Heart School's Wishing Tree Appeal.

Holidays closure

Close 12noon, Saturday 18 December 2021

Reopen 10am, Monday 7 February 2022

For dropping off donations contact one of the following volunteers to arrange:

Barb 0458 774 917

Marianne 0408 940 463

Thank you

Thank you for your support donating and buying goods from the Goomalling Community Opshop, you're assisting to reduce valuable resources going to landfill and giving much needed funds to community projects.

Maangart Yorga Program

Shire of Goomalling was awarded \$19,605 to deliver the Maangart Yorga Program in partnership with Goomalling Aboriginal Corporation. The twelve-month program has been funded by Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and their sponsorship partner CCI Giving.

The program consists of workshops aimed to increase social participation and connection to culture; foster relationships across generations; enhance self-worth; provide a support network; develop skills for life that can be shared perpetually and could lead to sustainable income; improve health outcomes; and provide a safe space for social connection.

The last workshop was wreath making with Di Jackson. This particular workshop was requested so that families could make their own wreaths for funerals to reduce costs and provide a potential career opportunity for Aboriginal people.

The past 12 months have provided participants with a myriad of skills to put in their life skills kits, but more importantly to create a space to connect with culture and yarn with other women.

The last workshop!

- 9 December – Di Jackson, Play with clay

Goomalling Wishing Tree

Christmas time can be stressful and overwhelming with the expectation to provide gifts for children or, lonely if you don't have family.

This year Sacred Heart Catholic School has a "wishing tree" located at the school providing the community an opportunity to share the magic of Christmas with those that might be struggling.

Simply choose a tag with age and gender and buy a gift to put under the tree.

Gifts to be returned by 15 December 2021.

The program is aimed at Aboriginal girls and women, if places aren't filled by Aboriginal women they will become available to non-indigenous women. Places are limited so please reserve your place as soon as possible.

To reserve your place, or for more information contact Tahnee Bird, Community Development Officer cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au



Community Garden

The Community Garden is on Quinlan Street, opposite the oval and is open to one and all to visit, help yourself to the produce or pull out a few weeds. There is nothing better, in my opinion, than to eat freshly picked vegies – although it is recommended to wash all fruit and vegetables before eating, there aren't any herbicides, pesticides or other nasties used in the garden area. If you missed out on the snow peas we are hoping for a great crop of tomatoes.

The vegetable garden has been planted with the summer crops which include tomatoes, corn,

runner beans, iceberg lettuce, capsicums, cucumber, spring onions, watermelon, rockmelon, honeydew melon and zucchini. **Ready to be picked now:** silverbeet, strawberries and mulberries.

Thank you to all of the volunteer gardeners who keep our garden growing, to the Shire, in particular Ut, for planting the melons and zucchinis and working hard to keep the garden looking good, to the locals who have donated items to the garden and to the Goomalling Gumnuts children and staff.



High Street - Footpath

Department of Transport has approved additional funding in order to complete the High Street shared pathway.

The funding now totals \$40,000 towards the \$80,000 development and includes detailed engineered design and construction. Work is due to commence mid 2022 with majority of the construction to be carried out July 2023.

Goomalling Historical Society

The Goomalling Gumnuts Early Learning Childcare Centre children, staff and parents visited the Throssell St museum on Wednesday 6th October 2021.

Mrs Wise led a handwriting lesson, where the children wrote with chalk on slates, in the single teacher school. The school, originally located at Konnongorring, contains school class photographs, teaching resources, schoolbooks, games and furniture typical of schools in the first half of the 1900's.

The horse or bullock drawn cart, kindly donated by the Leeson family, is just the right size for Gumnuts to explore.



The introduction of larger central schools, and school buses to transport the students, saw the closure of most of the single teacher schools in the area. The mural on the schoolhouse shows life at a single teacher school.



The mural, which was originally completed in 2008, is currently being repaired and repainted by Mr Danny Reiley.

If you are interested in having a look at the museum you can contact Harold on 0428 291 195, Therese and Geoff on 0429 906 918 or Peta on 0467 895 811.



Sporting Clubs & Community Groups*** IMPORTANT***

Goomalling Historical Society wants your records and memorabilia to catalogue and preserve for future generations. Please do not DESTROY. Items of interest include but are not limited to:

- Historical financials and minutes
- Photos
- Plaques and trophies

Items for preservation can be dropped off to Goomalling Post Office, contact Peta Marrell 0467 895 811 for more information.

Know your country

Know you Country is a campaign to have First Nations Cultural Educators at every school across Australia, to share the ancient wisdom, respect culture and understand the importance of local Aboriginal context and culture.

The south west of Western Australia is Nyoongar Nation and Goomalling is on Ballardong Country (Boodjar), for our local schools it would mean a Ballardong Cultural Educator would share their culture and perspective in the classroom.

Show you support for the campaign by visiting their website <https://www.knowyourcountry.com.au/>

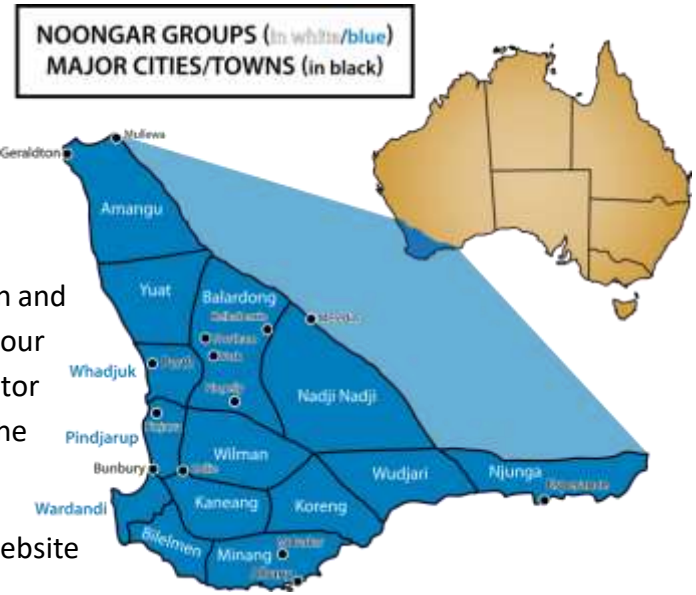


IMAGE: NOONGAR COUNTRIES <https://www.noongarculture.org.au/connection-to-country/>

- Sign the petition
- Email the Minister
- Share your Country with customisable merchandise or free (customisable) artwork for social media and emails such as the email signature below:



Unit 5 & 6 Hoddy Street – Bathroom Refurbishment



Unit 5 & 6 Hoddy Street are in the process of having bathroom replacements, due to lack of water proofing resulting in rapid deterioration of the bathroom as well as moisture entering adjacent rooms.

Department of Communities, Community Housing Organisation (CHO) Maintenance Grants Program is funding the upgrades to the value of \$18,000 (ex GST).

The program was part of the COVID-19 economic recovery stimulus for the WA Construction industry, while improving the lifespan and quality of social housing.

Gabby Quoi Quoi refurbishment

Gabby Quoi Quoi lookout in the Konnongorring locality has had a freshen up with weed removal, bluemetal and cement stabilisation of the viewing platform, and repainting of the interpretative signage board.

The work was carried out by Wheatbelt Workcamp with materials provided by Council.



Oak Park picnic area refurbishment

Oak Park Picnic area in the Walyormouring locality has had the shelter, drop toilet block and seating repainted to ensure the longevity of the wooden structures and to blend into the surrounding natural landscape by using greens.



Swimming Pool

Monday - Wednesday - Thursday - Friday

- 6.30 - 7.30am - lap swimming only
- 1.30 - 6.00pm - general public
- 6.00 - 6.30pm - lap swimming only
- Closed Tuesdays
- Closed to the general public on Mondays 3.00-4.30pm and Thursdays from 5.30pm during school terms to allow for the Goomalling Swimming Club

•

Saturday and Sunday

- 1.30 - 6.00pm - general public

REMINDER – Patrons need to wear appropriate attire for swimming. No jeans and track pants

Pool manager Brock Hargreaves-Tieland on 9629 1242 during opening hours.

POOL FEES 2021-22

Entry	Cost
Children under 5 years of age	Free
Adult admission	\$ 4.00
Child Admission	\$ 2.00
Entry for non-swimming spectators	\$ 2.00
Adult - Book of 20 tickets	\$ 60.00
Child - Book of 20 tickets	\$ 30.00
Adult Season Pass*	\$ 125.00
Child Season Pass	\$ 75.00
Family Season Pass	\$325.00

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOURS

Closed: Christmas Day ONLY

Reopens: Boxing Day 26 January, 1.30pm

Community Emergency Services Manager

TOTAL FIRE BANS & HARVEST VEHICLE MOVEMENT AND HOT WORKS BANS

A Total Fire Ban is issued by DFES based on forecast conditions. During a Total Fire ban you must not do anything which may cause a fire. Harvesting operations may continue during a Total Fire Ban, unless a Harvest Vehicle Movement and Hot Works Ban has been implemented by the Local Government.

Harvest, Vehicle Movement and Hot Works Bans are usually implemented when undesirable fire weather conditions are observed, though they may also be implemented when firefighting resourcing is low, such as commitment to an existing fire incident, or peak, or public holiday periods. You can

find out if a Total Fire Ban is current for your area by visiting <http://www.emergency.wa.gov.au> and by listening to ABC Local Radio. The Shire of Goomalling advises Harvest, Vehicle Movement and Hot Works Bans via its SMS service - contact the Shire to be added to this service. Penalties exist for breaching either ban. If in doubt, don't undertake any activity or action during summer which may start a fire. For more information on these and other restriction. visit: https://www.goomalling.wa.gov.au/Profiles/goomalling/Assets/ClientData/2021-22_FireBreakNotice.pdf

CHANGES TO BUSHFIRE WARNINGS

Western Australia is joining with other Australian states and territories to deliver **nationally** consistent emergency information through the Australian Warning System (AWS).

The AWS is an easy-to-understand warning system to help you stay safe during an emergency, no matter where in the country you are.

Knowing the warning levels, colours and icons will help you know what to do when you see a warning.

You can keep up to date regarding warnings in your area by visiting <http://www.emergency.wa.gov.au> or by listening to ACB Local Radio.

		
<p>ADVICE</p> <p>A fire has started but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes.</p> <p>Be aware and keep up to date.</p>	<p>WATCH AND ACT</p> <p>There is a possible threat to lives or homes.</p> <p>You need to leave or get ready to defend – do not wait and see.</p>	<p>EMERGENCY WARNING</p> <p>There is a threat to lives or homes.</p> <p>You are in danger and need to take immediate action to survive.</p>

Rates and debtors

Are you having trouble paying your accounts or rates?

The Shire of Goomalling is committed to working with debtors and ratepayers to find an appropriate payment solution that works for both parties. Council understands that it can be difficult to ask for support, and will treat you with sensitivity, respect and confidentiality.

If you are experiencing difficulty paying your accounts or rates, please contact our Finance Officer Trudi Manera so we can help you make alternative arrangements and avoid interest, late payment fees and any further distress.

Pensioner rebate

Concession holders/Pensioners are required to pay their portion of the 2021/22 rates by 30 June 2022 in order to receive the rebate for 2021/22. Please remember to provide us with a copy of your **new** card when you receive it.

All rubbish and recycling charges must be paid in full and cannot be deferred.

We review concession eligibility annually to ensure you are receiving the correct rebates. If you think you may be eligible for a concession or rebate, please contact Finance Officer Trudi Manera on 08 9629 1101.

Ratepayers & debtors

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

How rates are calculated

Rates

GRV and UV:

The Valuer General (VG) provides all Local Governments with a Gross Rental Value (GRV) for each property within the Goomalling, Konnongorong and Jennacubbine Townsites. All other properties within the shire are given an unimproved Value (UV).

If you do not agree with this value, you have the option to contact Landgate to apply for a revaluation 08 9273 7373 www.landgate.wa.gov.au/valuations.

Rate in the Dollar (RID)

Local governments are responsible for setting the rate in the dollar for each land category which is then applied to the values provided by the VG. The Goomalling Shire Council sets the current year rate in the dollar for each category at the Annual Budget Meeting. Regulations state that these rates in the dollar are to be advertised publicly to enable any person to submit their response within 21 days to the local government.

- To calculate the actual rates charge, you multiply the GRV or UV value by the rate in the dollar.
 - Eg. If the UV value = \$100,000 and the RID = 0.76cents, then for every \$1 of unimproved value you will be charged 0.76 of a cent in rates as follows: 100,000 x .0076 = \$760.00

Sewerage

- Sewerage is calculated in the same manner as above but using the GRV. This is because only properties in the townsite of Goomalling that have access to the deep sewerage are charged sewerage rates. Again it is based on the value and multiplied by the RID.
- If your residential, commercial or industrial property has a septic system instead, and deep sewerage does NOT have connection available from your property then you will not have a sewerage charge on your rate assessment.

Emergency Services Levy

- All non-exempt properties that are situated **outside** the townsite of Goomalling are charged an arbitrary Emergency Services Levy (ESL), set each year by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES). In 2021-2022 the ESL minimum charge is \$88.
- Properties within the townsite of Goomalling are charged an ESL based on the rate in the dollar set by DFES which is then applied to the Gross Rental Value set by the Valuer General. There is a minimum charge that applies. In 2021-2022 the minimum charge is \$88.

What's happening in the works department

STOP flushing Wet wipes (even if they say they're flushable)

“Flushable” wet wipes are a growing problem for our works crew causing an increase in blockages to the sewerage system. We have a growing concern that if persistent use continues, it will risk the integrity of the sewerage network and cause wide spread and costly damage.

Reasons wet wipes are a problem:

1. They Don't Break Apart

Unlike toilet paper that usually breaks apart in about 24 hours or so, wet wipes will remain virtually imperishable even when flushed down the bowl.

Because they do not break apart, they form a massive build-up that results in the clogging of drain lines and eventually backed up plumbing systems.

2. Fat and grease make it worse

As the wipes travel through pipes and sewerage systems it combines with fat, grease and dirt creating a large clump like a giant spit ball. These formations create huge clogs in plumbing pipes and drains.

3. Sewer System Damage

Even if wet wipes make it through the sewer system without causing a problem, they can create problems when they arrive at the sewerage treatment plant. The pumps can be damaged and overheat because of those fibrous wet wipes.

They can cause problems in your home too.

Most of the houses in Goomalling are older and likely have more fragile plumbing systems. This means that many of your pipes are already corroded, brittle and susceptible to tree roots. Wipes can get caught on roots creating a web like



IMAGE: LARGE BUILD-UP OF WIPES EXTRACTED FROM DRAINS
SOURCE: <https://watersource.awa.asn.au/business/assets-and-operations/court-finds-kleenex-flushable-wipes-not-misleading/>

catchment which can result in significant blockages.

Significant blockages attract a high cost for removal plus the possibility of permanent damage to your drains and plumbing.

Tip Attendant

(Readvertised, previous applicants need not apply)

Are you interested in making a difference in your community? Are you passionate about waste management and redirecting resources from landfill?

The opportunity has arisen for a permanent part time Tip attendant with the Shire of Goomalling.

Contact Tahnee Bird, Community Development Officer at goshire@goomalling.wa.gov.au or 9629 1101 for position description and application forms.

Applications close 4.00pm, 14 December 2021.



KONNO COMMUNITY BARBECUE

SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER 2021 | 5.00 PM

B.Y.O Drinks

Bring meat & salad to share

KONNGORRING SPORTS PAVILION

For further information
contact P Lord 9620 1262
or M davey 9620 1245

**You are welcome to join
members for tennis from
3pm**

Dates for your diary

2 December	Goomalling & Districts Community Bank® & Goomalling CRC Christmas Craft – 3.30pm
3 December	Goomalling & Districts Community Bank® & Goomalling CRC Christmas Craft – @ Better Beginnings, 10am
5 December	Rusty Gate Café – Last Breakfast for the year 8am-11am
5 December	Sacred Heart Catholic School, Carols by Candlelight
9 December	Maangart Yorga Program, Railway Station, 10am
9 December	Vinnies, Uniting Church, 17 Quinlan Street, 10am-12pm
15 December	Ordinary Council Meeting, 3pm
18 December	Goomalling Community Opshop closes at 12noon (until 7 February)
18 December	Goomalling CRC Community Christmas Tree, 5pm
19 December	Konnongorring Tennis Club, Christmas BBQ Tennis from 3pm, BBQ from 5pm BYO Drinks. Bring Meat & salad to share
19 December	Christmas at Rusty Gate (Farmers' Club) 11.30am-3pm (bookings required)
21 December	Medical Surgery last day
23 December	Vinnies, Uniting Church, 17 Quinlan Street, 10am-12pm
24 December	Shire office closes 12noon
29 December – January 26	Post Office Trading Hours 9.00am-12.30p, Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays)
4 January	Shire Office and Medical Surgery re-open
26 January	Invasion Day or Survival Day
26 January	Australia Day Breakfast, 7am-9am
2 February	Ordinary Council Meeting, 3pm
7 February	Goomalling Community Opshop reopens



32 Quinlan St | PO Box 118

Goomalling WA 6460

T: 9629 1101 F: 9629 1017

E: goshire@goomalling.wa.gov.au

www.goomalling.wa.gov.au | www.visitgoomalling.com.au

Open Monday-Friday 8.30am-4.00pm

[Facebook.com/GoomallingShire](https://www.facebook.com/GoomallingShire)