

# Shire of Goomalling



Newsletter

Summer | December 2019

**We do not need Magic  
to change the World,  
We carry all the Power  
we need inside Ourselves.**

*~ J.K. Rowling ~*

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## Festive Season trading

### Shire Administration Office

Closing at **12noon** on Tuesday 24 December  
Re-opening on Thursday 2 January 2020

### Medical Surgery

Closing at 4.30pm on Monday 23 December  
Re-opening at 8.45am on Thursday 2 January

## Swimming Pool opening times

### Monday – Friday

**6.30–7.30am** Lap swimming  
**1.30–6.00pm** General public  
**6.00–6.30pm** Lap swimming

### Closed on Tuesdays

### Saturday & Sunday

**1.30–6.00pm** General public

The swimming pool will be **closed** on Christmas Day, and closed for early morning swimming on Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

## Rubbish Collection

Goomalling and Konnongorring's weekly rubbish collection by Avon Waste due on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2019 will be serviced on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2019**.

Jennacubbine will be serviced as normal on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

All services will be as normal for the New Year Week.

## Practical Driving Tests

Roly will be resigning as Assessor for the Dept of Transport at the end of 2019. At this stage we do not have any information yet as to whether PDAs will be available in Goomalling in 2020. When we do, it will be advertised accordingly.



## CEO's column

### Roads

Over the recent months we have been focussing on the Meckering Road upgrade with clearing now complete. There will be some drainage issues for us to deal with and so during December there may be traffic management in place. Unfortunately we are bound by contractor availability to undertake the works, but I will apologise in advance for any delays our farmers face through the upgrades.

We have also put out to tender works on the Calingiri Road related to a grant received of \$1M to upgrade this important commodity route. These roads may also both benefit from funding from the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network project in which we are partnering with the entire 42 Wheatbelt Councils to secure funding.

Council has applied for MRWA Black-Spot funding for the re-alignment and re-profiling of the Konnongorring West/Northam Pithara Road intersection. The project will elevate and level off the first 160 metres of that intersection and slightly alter the angle of entry.

In addition, we will complete the works on the Konnongorring West Road under the Roads to Recovery Program and provide some upgrade to the entry/exit point of the CBH facility.

### CBH Konnongorring

Council has had some discussions with CBH with regard to a further upgrade of the Konnongorring Bin facility and there will likely be action at the site in the next few months. CBH also foreshadowed some further upgrade of the facility in future years and this is an exciting prospect. There may be a requirement to upgrade the rail crossing for this to have a greater positive effect and both Council and CBH will have discussions with ARC Infrastructure regarding this.

### Ovals

You will have noticed that the ovals have had some work following the football season. The football oval has been cored and vertimowed and the hockey oval has been profiled and cored twice as well. In addition, the hockey oval has been top dressed with a mixture of compost and imported sand to help with organic matter into the soil makeup but also to ensure that the oval is flat and appropriate to play hockey on.

It has had a big effect on the hockey oval with the surface now growing well and looking as good as it ever has. We will likely do another profile on this oval next year or the year after and it should then be in excellent shape for many years to come.

### Council

We welcome two new Councillors, Casey Butt and Brendon Wilkes into the fold. Their journey as Councillors has now commenced and all four newly elected Councillors will undertake mandatory training which will include 5 basic units:

- Serving on Council
- Understanding Financial Reports & Budgets
- Meeting Procedures
- Understanding Local Government
- Conflicts of Interest

These units will be essential for all newly elected Councillors to complete within the first 12 months of being in office and as refresher courses every time they are re-elected. This will add to the skills and knowledge that each brings to the Council.

Council will be reviewing a number of plans and strategies over the next 12 months. The Community Strategic Plan will be reviewed to ensure that it aligns with Council's expectations. We will review our housing and public buildings from an asset holding perspective (do we keep them or sell them), review the use of the buildings and what the costs of each is to maintain. Council will come up with longer term strategies and then seek public comment on these strategies.

We will also need to have a look at our Town Planning Scheme where there are some anomalies that should be dealt with. This will be a longer process as changes to the scheme take longer timeframes to address.

### Electors Meeting

In June we held the Annual Electors Meeting and the late timing was due to our Auditor prioritising other work for the Auditor General over our audit. This was disappointing but there was little we could do.

There was much discussion about our financial position and the attendees wanted answers and to the best of my ability I tried to answer all questions that were put.

Council was clearly disappointed with our true financial position and has since that time been working toward

improving our financial position. Potential sales of houses are in the pipeline, there has been a favourable change in insurance premiums, a likely increase in planning fees and the eventual refinancing of the loan portfolio will ease the financial constraints we currently work within.

## Water

During the course of the year we have tried to manage our dams and water catchments in a more appropriate manner. We have done a lot of work with the catchment near the primary sewerage dam and behind the Triangle dam near the Golf Course. We have been testing water from the CBH dam and have worked out a “shandyng” regime for that water, and we are looking at potentially applying for a clearing permit to upgrade the overgrown catchment across the road from the Triangle dam on the Calingiri Road, to increase the amount of water captured.

There are still ongoing small, but annoying problems with the Chlorination/Filtration plant. We are reviewing what we may be able to do to upgrade the filter heads to relieve this problem. Likewise, there are still a few niggles with the reticulation as well but these things are addressed as best we can with the resources available.

As many will have noticed, we do not have the water resources that we had last year and some have asked “what is plan B?”. The only answer I can give at the moment is, there isn’t and has never been a plan B.

To water the combined ovals consumes about 190,000 litres of water at each watering. That’s about 8 semi loads of water for a single watering. Ideally, we would be watering the oval 4 times per week but currently do 3 programs and predominantly water the hockey oval from scheme. This is the only method we have at present of trying to extend the life of our water resources. We do have limited access to scheme water at the filtration plant but not enough to properly supplement our dam and treated water. There is no option at this time to use scheme water on the main oval.

So, the aim from here on is to maximise the capture of water in our dams, clean up the salty CBH dam and reseal the bottom of it against salt invasion and to generally manage our water resources better. If we can capture more water we will minimise the likelihood of running dry. We will also look at any water grants that become available to improve the systems and water capture that we currently have in place.

## Work camp

I can’t finish this column without paying tribute the work that we have had done by the Work Camp boys. Some of the work that they have undertaken for us includes the clean-up and painting of 37 Throssell Street, various footpath repairs around town and brick paving work.

In addition, the guys we have on static or PEP supplement our regular workforce and nothing is too much trouble for them. We thank them heartily for their contribution to our community.

## Tennis Complex

The bricks that were used for paving around the Tennis Pavilion have eroded severely over the years. We have managed to secure a fairly large quantity of commercial grade pavers to replace the paving at this facility. The original pavers are hollowing and creating a hazard. It is our intention to replace the pavers in the new year with the new stocks and the Work Camp boys will undertake this work for us.

## General

Council is in the process of selling 40 Forrest Street to Nathan Beck and we congratulate him on what is a longer term commitment to Goomalling. We will also be re-roofing 34 Eaton Street in the near future, and taking back the control of the Railway Station building.

Finally, I would like to thank all of my staff, inside and out, for the professional manner in which they are adapting to the many changes that are happening within the organisation.

Since coming on board, Dave Long, our Works Manager, has implemented changes to the work flows for our outside staff and they have responded really well. It is a credit to both them and Dave for the improvements we have seen in their performance.

The girls in the office have had to put up with a slightly grumpy boss who is trying to keep up with the many issues and changes that happen in our workplace. I couldn’t ask for a better bunch – keep up the good work girls!

And lastly, as this is the last newsletter before Christmas, I would like to wish everyone in the Shire of Goomalling a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

**Peter Bentley,  
Chief Executive Officer**

## President's column



Firstly I would like to welcome on board our newly elected Councillors Casey Butt and Brendon Wilkes. Thank you for stepping up to represent your community and committing your valuable time and efforts to serving on Council.

I would also like to wholeheartedly thank exiting Councillors Kevin Ryan and Joe Bowen for their time spent on Council, 32 and 4 years respectively. Kevin, your contribution to our community over many years has been substantial, your efforts have not gone unnoticed and are very much appreciated by all.

To James (Ross) Trahair, thank you for the interest and commitment shown to your newly adopted hometown by nominating to serve on Council; I hope you can find other ways to play your part in Goomalling.

As we are in the middle of harvest, I would like to remind residents to be mindful of the increased heavy traffic on our roads; and I hope harvest may be as lucrative as possible for our local farmers considering the very dry season we have had.

Finally, I wish my fellow Councillors, all our staff, ratepayers and residents a Joyous and Safe Christmas and festive season, and a Healthy and Prosperous 2020.

**Cr Barry Haywood,  
Shire President**

*Seasons  
greetings*



## Works Manager's column



### Meckering Road

Stage 2 of the Goomalling-Meckering Road upgrade will commence on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019, between the Ucarty and Patterson Road junctions.

Scope of works for this section consists of drainage improvements with replacement of a major culvert.

Traffic management and traffic lights will be in place while works are being carried out; all attempts will be made to have traffic reduced to one trafficable lane with delays kept to a minimum, but expect periodic delays in travel times.

Council realises that the timing of works is not ideal, however due to contractors' work scheduling constraints, works must proceed at this time of year.

Anticipated completion by Friday 20 December.

### Unsealed roads

Shire of Goomalling advises that the unsealed road network can deteriorate substantially during the harvest period and conditions can change rapidly.

Caution is advised when travelling on the unsealed road network – make sure you drive to the conditions.

Extra care should be taken at road intersections and junctions with the increased movement of heavy vehicles.

Dust is also a factor when following or approaching heavy haulage vehicles, once again caution should be taken when in these situations.

Council endeavours to keep the unsealed road network in as good a condition as possible during this period. If any damage to the network is noticed, please report this to the office or works manager as soon as convenient so repair works can be scheduled. Thank you.

**David Long,  
Works Manager**



## Local Government election results

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October the Community had the opportunity to elect four members in the Goomalling Council election. Elections are held every two years in October and the Councillors elected will be in office for a period of four years. In two years time the other three Councillors will be up for election.

The Councillors in this election whose positions were contested were Councillors Haywood, Van Gelderen, Ryan and Bowen.

Of the total number of 701 electors who could have voted, 216 chose to vote. Of this 112 voted early, 3 absent votes were received and 101 voted on the day. Voter turnout was 30.8% which was on the low side of the historical State average.

The results were as follows:

	Early & Absent	On the Day	Total Votes	
<b>Trahair</b>	14	17	31	
<b>Bowen</b>	13	19	32	
<b>Haywood</b>	102	70	172	<b>Elected for 4 Years ending 23/10/2023</b>
<b>Van Gelderen</b>	104	85	189	<b>Elected for 4 Years ending 23/10/2023</b>
<b>Butt</b>	94	72	166	<b>Elected for 4 Years ending 23/10/2023</b>
<b>Ryan</b>	37	59	96	
<b>Wilkes</b>	92	74	166	<b>Elected for 4 Years ending 23/10/2023</b>
	<b>456</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>852</b>	

Congratulations to those who were elected and commiserations to the unsuccessful candidates. Thanks to James Trahair for standing up as a first time candidate and sincere thanks for their service as Councillors to Joe Bowen and particularly to Kevin Ryan who held the position of Councillor for 32 Years. His time on Council has been significant and his other contributions to the community through various community positions and committees has also been outstanding. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by all and we sincerely hope that life after serving on Council will treat you well.

The four elected Councillors were sworn in to office on Friday 25 October by JP Keith Drew. Cr Barry Haywood was re-elected as Shire President, and Cr Roly Van Gelderen as Deputy President.

Once again, congratulations to all concerned and we look forward to working with the Councillors for the next 2 years in which they will be tasked with a considerable amount of reviewing our plans and strategies in different work areas.

## Council Meeting Dates 2019

Council decided to keep their meetings on the third Wednesday of the month, with the exception of January (no meeting) and February (*first* Wednesday).

However, the starting times will be 3.00pm for Council Briefing Session and 4.00pm for Council Meeting. The dates for the 2020 meetings are as follows:

- 5 February
- 18 March
- 15 April
- 13 May
- 17 June
- 15 July
- 19 August
- 16 September
- 14 October
- 18 November
- 16 December

## Bike Plan

Council was successful in the Department of Transport WA Bike Network funding to update its Bike Plan.

The Bike Plan will aim to address gaps in the shared pathway network throughout town, ensure connectivity to schools, recreation and shopping precincts.

Planning is an essential prerequisite to attract future funding through the Department of Transport funding pool.

At close of expressions of interest on 31 October 2019 the following proposals were received:

TENDERER	FEE (ex GST)
SPG Projects	\$ 92,900.00
Cardno	\$ 17,739.00
Shawmac	\$ 27,990.00
WSP Australia Pty Limited	\$ 19,993.26
GTA Consultants	\$ 18,875.00

At Council’s ordinary meeting on 20 November 2019, they considered the three proposals that were within the set budget and resolved to award the project to GTA Consultants.

Consultation plans and project scope will be refined during the engagement process, with planning expected to commence in December.

## Blue Tree Project



Blue Tree Project’s mission is “to help **spark difficult conversations** and **encourage people to speak-up** when battling mental health concerns.

By spreading the paint and spreading the message that “it’s OK to not be OK”, we can help break down the stigma that’s still largely attached to mental health”

On Friday 25 October a team of passionate community members painted a tree blue on the Goomalling-Wyalkatchem Road approximately 1.5km from town to share that message.



To further spread the message Goomalling Mental Surgery has a mental health display where you can get free Beyond Blue resources and learn a little bit about mental health.

Thank you to Goomalling & Districts **Community Bank®** who supplied the no VOC non-toxic blue paint from ecolour.



## Tennis/netball courts resurfacing

Acrylic based surfaces have a life span of between 8 to 10 years, our multipurpose courts were last resurfaced in 2009 which means they've reach their end of life. There are significant cracks and wear and tear that need immediate remedial works.

The resurfacing process will strip back the old acrylic surface and apply new layers of Plexipave® acrylic, including grinding cracks to the end of the fracture and refilling with expandable acrylic to prevent re-cracking.

Council sought expressions of interest from Tennis West preferred suppliers to resurface the tennis/multipurpose courts. Sports Surfaces were awarded the contract for \$47,670 (ex GST) and will commence work on 6 January 2020.

Goomalling Tennis Club contributed \$15,000 and Goomalling Netball Club \$5000 towards the project.

## Moma Movies & Mingle

Moma solar lighting specialists won the contract in the Safer Communities Project to install solar security lighting at the recreation hub.

Saturday 23 November, Moma visited Goomalling to inspect the lights at night and mingle with the community. Gi and Coco enjoyed a meal at the Goomalling Sport & Community Centre, put \$300 on the bar on behalf of Moma, and funded the Copyright Licence for the movie Aladdin that was played on the big screen.

If you would like to learn more about Moma's lighting products visit [www.momasolar.com.au](http://www.momasolar.com.au)

## Hockey field levelling

Since refurbishment in 2017, the hockey field has struggled with dry hot summers. Lack of water whilst it was in early stages of growth lead to a patchy, uneven surface.

Following the close of the 2019 hockey season, the Shire contracted Turf Care Services to re-profile, core and top dress the field with imported soil and organic compost. Turf Care's works combined with being watered during its prime growing time has resulted in a flourishing field.

Turf Care also cored the Football oval and provided a second coring of the hockey field free of charge.



## Terracycle® Recycling

Terracycle® is an organisation that recycles waste streams that are difficult to recycle or aren't accepted in ordinary municipal waste collection.

The Goomalling Community Opshop is trialling collection of the following four waste streams:

- Beauty products
- Media storage (digital & analog)
- Pens, Pencils and Markers
- Toys

For more information about Terracycle® recycling programs visit: [www.terracycle.com/en-AU](http://www.terracycle.com/en-AU)





## GOOMALLING RECYCLING POINTS

Terracycle transforms items that aren't accepted in municipal recycling facilities into new product for reuse.

Goomalling Community Opshop is funding the trial of collection of the following waste streams:



### Media Storage

Media storage including records, 8-track tapes, cassette tapes, CDs, DVDs, Blu Ray discs, floppy disks, memory sticks and external hard drives.



### Pens, pencils & markers

Pens, pen caps, mechanical pencils, markers, marker caps, permanent markers, and permanent marker caps.



### Beauty products

make up, cosmetics packaging, brushes, hairbands, clips, shampoo and conditioner bottles

**ALL CONTAINERS MUST BE EMPTIED AND CLEAN.**



### Toys

Toys or toy pieces, cards, dices, game boards, packaging from board games, books with sound, handheld electronic games and players, remote control vehicles, electronic stuffed animals, baby toys, building sets, stuffed animals, puzzle pieces, game pieces and action figures.

## COLLECTION POINTS

OPSHOP  
SHIRE OF GOOMALLING



**Goomalling  
Community  
OpShop**



## Lions recycling changes

It is with regret we have to inform you that our recycling efforts all need to be downsized.

Unfortunately, due to changing market demands, we can no longer accept cardboard, shredded paper, glass (bottles & jars), plastic cool drink bottles and plastic film. We are endeavouring to find other markets, unfortunately with very little success at this stage.

We can now only recycle newspapers, aluminium cans, car/truck batteries, radiators, non-ferrous metals and clean milk bottles without tops.

The 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2019 will be our last kerbside pickup.

Unfortunately, we have to ask that only clean milk bottles & aluminium cans, newspapers, batteries and non-ferrous metals are left at the White Street depot.

We sincerely thank you all for your co-operation and assistance now and in the past. Hopefully we can find some markets and new outlets in the New Year and we will all be able to move forward from there with the Container Deposit Scheme to be implemented in 2020.

Yours sincerely,

***The Lions Club of Goomalling***



## Container Deposit Scheme - Refund Points required

From June 2020, Western Australians will be able to return eligible beverage containers for a 10-cent refund. **Containers for Change** is WA's new recycling scheme to reduce litter, improve recycling efforts, and get everyone involved in keeping our state beautiful.

After the initial request for applications to become a Refund Point there are various (mainly rural/small) towns where refund points are still required, and Goomalling is one of them.

Any organisations that are interested in providing Containers for Change refund point services should contact WARRRL (WA Return Recycle Renew Ltd) as soon as possible via [procurement@warrl.com.au](mailto:procurement@warrl.com.au) or 13 42 42.

## Associations Act 2015 - implications for clubs

### After the transition period...

All incorporated associations and clubs were given three years to review and update their rules to comply with the Act. This Transition Period ended on 30 June 2019.

If you have not updated your rules, it does not mean that the document has expired or is invalid. Instead, the relevant clauses from the Prescribed Model Rules are deemed to apply if any of the [Schedule 1 requirements](#) are missing from your rules.

To remove any uncertainty, please review your rules now if you have not done so already. A step by step guide and other useful resources are available on the [DMIRS website](#).

### Have you held your AGM?

There are three actions that all incorporated associations and clubs must do **every year** within six months after the end of their financial year:

- hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM);
- prepare financial report/statements which are presented at the AGM; and
- **lodge an [Associations Information Statement with Consumer Protection](#).**

The financial year for many incorporated associations and clubs ends on 30 June so these organisations have until 31 December 2019 to meet these obligations. If the AGM cannot be held within the timeframe required by the Act an extension can be requested.

## OpShop news

### Christmas closure

**Close** Saturday 14 December

**Re-Open** Thursday 6 February

The shop will be closing a week early so volunteers can clear out excess stock and move furniture for maintenance painting to be carried out in January.

**Please don't bring any donations in until February 2020 to allow us to clear out the excess stock!**

### Christmas Sale – \$5 Bags

Fill a bag provided in store with clothing and/soft toys for only \$5 per bag, from now until Christmas.



The image is a promotional poster for the OpShop. At the top left is the logo for 'Goomalling Community OpShop' with a green recycling symbol. The main text is '\$5-BAGS\* CLOTHING SOFT TOYS' in large, bold, black letters, with horizontal lines separating the words. Below this, in smaller text, it says '\*Fill a bag provided in store with clothing and/or soft toys for \$5 per bag.' At the bottom, it reads 'SALE FROM NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS!!!! Enquire in store!' The background of the poster shows a rack of various clothing items hanging in a store.

### Opening hours

Monday	11.00am-3.30pm
Thursday	10.00am-3.30pm
Friday	10.00am-3.30pm
Saturday	9.00am-12.00pm

## Tips for reducing waste this Christmas

Christmas is well known for its **culture of excess**.

In Australia, we overindulge in every way possible

- how much we spend on presents
- amount of wrapping paper used
- food that goes to waste
- many unwanted gifts

### Financial snapshot

Opshop income for 2019/20: **\$4157**

**\$1800 +** has been given back to the community, by way of small grants including Aboriginal literature activation project, Terracycle initiatives and Twilight Club.

New Funding allocations:

- Wheatbelt Wado Ryu Karate Club \$500 (equipment)
- Sacred Heart Catholic School \$500 Carols by Candlelight community event
- Goomalling Primary School Orchard \$500

### Processing Donations

When items are donated to the Opshop, it is at the committee's discretion how they are on sold.

- We may choose to sell online or at markets to increase profit for the community.
- All our out of season clothing go to other opshops.
- All excess stock is donated to other opshops.
- Any items unfit for resale or that we aren't able to legally sell will be taken to the tip shop for resale as "trash" – this includes electrical/prams/car seats etc.

Please make sure that all donations are washed and cleaned before dropping them off, including clothes, electrical and toys.

**THANK YOU to the dedicated volunteers for another wonderful year reducing waste going to landfill and raising vital funds for our community.**

So how can we do Christmas more thoughtfully?

1. Buy local & handmade
2. Use newspaper/tea towels to wrap presents
3. Think ahead of how much food you actually need and have a plan for leftovers
4. Recycle what you can
5. Donate unwanted gifts
6. Gift experiences or charity donations

## Fire Season is upon us

### Prohibited Burning Period has commenced

The **Prohibited** Burning Period runs from 1 November 2019 to 14 February 2020. These dates may be varied by the Shire of Goomalling depending on seasonal conditions.

No burning is allowed for any reason during the prohibited period. This includes the burning of garden refuse and open cooking or camp fires.

### Fire Breaks need to be in place

As a landowner or occupier you are required under the Bush Fire Act 1954 and the Shire of Goomalling's local laws to carry out fire prevention work on your property. All properties were required to comply with the Shire of Goomalling Fire Break Order by 31 October 2019 and these fire breaks are to be maintained through to 31 March 2020. Authorised officers will carry out property inspections to ensure compliance with the requirements of this order.



Vegetation is to be kept below 75mm in height and all flammable material to be removed. Further information relating to the above can be found on the Shire website in the [Emergency Services](#) section.

### Total Fire Bans

A Total Fire Ban may be declared by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) when severe weather conditions or widespread fires are seriously stretching resources within the region or across the state.

When a Total Fire Ban is declared it is illegal to do **anything** that **may** start a fire. However, harvesting and normal farming practices are exempt during a Total Fire ban.

### Harvest, Vehicle Movement & Hot Works Bans

A harvest, vehicle movement or hot works ban may be declared by the Shire during the Restricted or Prohibited Burning Period. The Shire of Goomalling will determine the need for a ban and advertise the ban on ABC Radio and via the Shire's SMS service.

There is an automatic ban on all harvesting, vehicle movement and hot works **on all public holidays** including: Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Australia Day.

A **harvest ban** is defined as a ban on all harvesting operations on all properties within the Shire of Goomalling. A **vehicle movement ban** is defined as a ban on all vehicle movements on properties within the Shire of Goomalling except for the essential watering of stock, using a diesel powered vehicle only and Emergency Services Vehicles. A **hot works ban** is defined as a ban on the outdoor use of all welding, grinding and abrasive tools. These bans apply to ALL properties within the Shire of Goomalling.

## GOOMALLING VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter?

Contact Brady on 0427 291 229





## Disease carrying mosquitoes

In WA, mosquitoes can transmit Ross River virus, Barmah Forest virus, Kunjin virus. There is no cure or vaccine to protect against Australian mosquito-borne diseases. The only way to prevent infection is to avoid being bitten.

### Common mosquito-borne diseases in South West WA

Common symptoms include:

- Skin rashes
- Painful or swollen joints
- Sore muscles
- Flu-like symptoms (fever, chills, headache)
- Tiredness or weakness

Symptoms can last for several weeks to months, and in some cases years.

### What can you do?

#### COVER UP



Wear long, loose-fitting, light coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can.

#### REPEL



When outdoors and mosquitoes are present, apply insect repellent containing picaridin or DEET evenly to exposed skin.

#### CLEAN UP



Stop mosquitoes breeding around your home by removing, emptying or covering water-holding containers.

**NOTE:** Where possible, avoid exposing your baby or child to mosquitoes. Consider staying indoors, using pram netting or dressing them in loose, long-sleeved clothing, socks and shoes.

### Mosquito repellents for children

Under 12 months – repellents containing DEET or picaridin are NOT recommended

From 12 months – repellents containing up to 10% DEET or picaridin can be used.

### Application guidelines for children

- Do not allow children to apply repellent
- Apply repellent firstly to the hands of the carer and then spread evenly to exposed skin of the child.
- Avoid applying repellents to hands, near the eyes or mouth
- Do not apply repellent under clothing

**FIGHT**  
*the* **BITE**



## Wet wipes

Wet wipes are a major cause of sewer blockages. In recent times this issue has increased significantly in Goomalling.

While toilet paper starts breaking down almost immediately, the woven fabric of wet wipes doesn't. As they move through the system they collect fat, grease and other food debris. Eventually they bind together creating blockages in household pipes and sewer mains resulting in overflows to the surrounding areas.

This is even the case with those wipes that are labelled 'flushable'. The only thing that should go down the drain is human waste and toilet paper; everything else should go in the bin.



## JP's needed

We currently have only 3 Justices of the Peace in Goomalling, which is not many for a town this size.

So if you have interest in serving your community and becoming a JP, please head to the Department of Justice's website to find out what it takes. [https://courts.justice.wa.gov.au/b/become\\_a\\_jp.aspx](https://courts.justice.wa.gov.au/b/become_a_jp.aspx)

There is a mandatory training course, and nominations can be submitted through the local magistrate or State Member of Parliament. The Shire admin staff are happy to help you through the process.

## Goomalling Sport & Community Centre trading

**GSCC**  
*Christmas Hours*

OPEN	24 Dec - Kitchen open (limited menu)
CLOSED	25 Dec
	26 Dec
OPEN	27 Dec - Kitchen open
	28 Dec - Kitchen open
	29 Dec
CLOSED	30 Dec
	31 Dec
	1 Jan

\*kitchen open in January - last orders in by 7:45 pm



**WHEATBELT WADO RYU**  
KARATE - GOOMALLING



"WADO RYU  
KARATE. THE  
WAY OF PEACE  
AND HARMONY"

**TRY KARATE FOR  
FREE!!!**

FIRST MONTH FREE  
FOR ALL NEW  
STUDENTS IN  
FEBRUARY 2020.

**ADULTS  
WELCOME**

**Wheatbelt Wado Ryu Karate Club** is subsidiary branch of Western Australia Wado Ryu Karate Federation that has been operating since the early 80's. The local Goomalling branch was established by Sensei Kristina Perrin (black belt 2nd Dan) to introduce the discipline of Karate to the Wheatbelt communities east of Northam. The club has 30 members from Calingiri, Dowerin and Goomalling.

Our mission is to **empower** Karate ka (students) to **enhance the mind, body and spirit throughout life**, utilising the Wado Ryu ethos respect and self control.

The club runs classes every Tuesday:

**5.30pm-6.15pm** Little Samurai (under 9)

**6.15pm-7.15pm** Intermediate 9 years + (any belt)

**7.15pm-8.15pm** Advanced

Karate lesson are \$25.00 per month, discount fees apply for families with multiple members. Annual insurance fees apply.

**Sensei Perrin** is a bronze level nationally accredited Karate coach with extensive experience as a karate ka and instructor with the following personal achievements: State Open Kumite Champion 7 years consecutively, 7 National Titles, 3 time Oceania Champion, 2 time State Team Captain for WA and 2020 Western Australian State Assistant Coach.






St. Mary's Catholic School invites you to:

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT A COMMUNITY EVENT

Sunday December 8th  
5-7pm Activities and Fun  
Carols commencing at 7pm

Sausage sizzle, fairy floss, LED candles & face painting

BYO alcohol.  
Please note this is a smoke free event.



## Goomalling CRC Presents 2019 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE!

Saturday 14th December @ 5pm with Santa arriving @6pm

Register your child by 4th December to receive a gift.  
\$20 per child



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# CHRISTMAS FARM GATE COMPETITION

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Email your entries to [goomalling@crc.net.au](mailto:goomalling@crc.net.au)  
by 14th December 2019  
Decorations on houses in town also accepted!!

## Konnongorring Community BBQ

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
at the Konnongorring Sports Pavilion @ 5.30pm

BYO Meat & Drinks & a Salad to share.

**Everyone is welcome.**

Come earlier if you want to have a hit of tennis.

Contact  
Margaret Davey 96201245 or  
Patricia Lord 96201262

## Dates for your diary: everyone is welcome!

<b>Fri 29 Nov</b>	CRC Pre Christmas Twilight Markets, 3.30-7.30pm, Rec Grounds
<b>Sun 1 Dec</b>	Bolgart Bush Christmas Markets, 10am-2pm, Bolgart Hall
<b>Sun 8 Dec</b>	Carols by Candlelight, 5-8pm, SHCS. See p.15
<b>Thu 12 Dec</b>	Sacred Heart Presentation Night, 6.00pm, SHCS
<b>Sat 14 Dec</b>	Goomalling Community Christmas Tree, 5pm, GSCC.
<b>Sun 15 Dec</b>	Konno Community BBQ, see p.15
<b>Mon 16 Dec</b>	Goomalling Primary School Presentation Night, 6.30pm, GPS
<b>Wed 18 Dec</b>	Council Meeting, 1pm
<b>Fri 20 Dec</b>	Double Demerit Period <b>until Sun 5 Jan (incl)</b>
<b>Thu 26 Dec</b>	Avon Waste rubbish collection. See p.1
<b>Fri 24 Jan</b>	Double Demerit Period <b>until Mon 27 Jan (incl)</b>
<b>Sun 26 Jan</b>	Annual Australia Day Breakfast by the Lions Club, 7-9am, GSCC
<b>Wed 5 Feb</b>	Council Meeting, 4pm



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## Shire babies

Two of our beloved employees - Jo & Chloe - have each welcomed a new baby into this great big crazy world.

We wish them a wonderful time at home with their growing family, but can't wait for them to return to work. We miss you.

