

Shire of Goomalling



Newsletter

March | Autumn 2018



Easter Closure 2018

Shire Administration Office

Close Thursday 29 March 2018, 4.00pm
Reopen Tuesday 2 April 2018, 8.30am

Shire Works Crew

Close Thursday 29 March 2018, 3.30pm
Reopen Tuesday 2 April 2018, 7.00am

Tip

Closed Good Friday
Open Easter Sunday

Medical Surgery

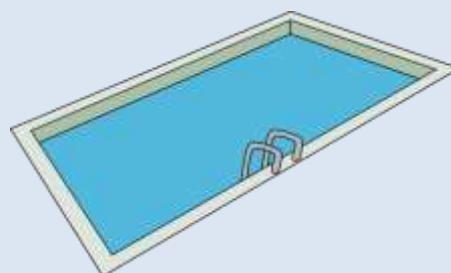
Close Thursday 29 March 2018, 4.30pm
Reopen Tuesday 2 April 2018, 8.45am

Gym Classes

Close Thursday 29 March 2018, 7.30am
Reopen Tuesday 2 April 2018, 9.00am

Swimming Pool – Season End

The Goomalling swimming pool will close for the season on Friday 30 March 2018, 6.00pm



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From the Shire President



Summer Holidays are over and we're already in the third month of 2018.

Congratulations to the bowling, tennis and cricket clubs who have all had a successful season, reaching finals in their respective sports. Good luck for the upcoming finals.

Council's four retirement village units are nearing completion, thanks to funding from Royalties for Regions and Avon Regional Organisation of Councils for supporting the project.

2018 will bring about plenty of change for the Shire of Goomalling, starting with the review of Council's Community Strategic Plan. Please make sure you have your say by attending the community consultation on 21 March, 6pm at Goomalling Sport & Community Centre.

Clem Kerp our long standing CEO is also retiring this year, which will bring about its own challenges. Make sure you pop in the say your goodbye before 31st August.

Cr Barry Haywood, Shire President

From the CEO



It is very pleasing to report that the new Aged Housing Project at 36-38 Wollyam Street Goomalling is progressing well where the four (4) new 3 bedroom 1 ½ bathroom residences will be completed by June 2018 and ready for occupancy in late July 2018.

As advised in the previous newsletter the new residences are being provided as "Lease for Life" and they will be marketed and managed by Village Solutions Australia and further information and details will be released by that organisation in the very near future for prospective residents.

This new concept which was endorsed by Council at its February 7th 2018 Ordinary meeting, will now allow the process to be taken over by Village Solutions Australia inviting prospective residents to occupy the new residences. Further details will be released in the Goomalling Endeavour and other Newspapers.

Clem Kerp, CEO

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.

If you are struggling to meet your payment obligations with Council please contact finance staff to make a payment arrangement that is realistic for your circumstances and minimises your stress. No communication suggests you're not going to pay therefore Council must take the necessary process to recoup the funds which may result in debt collection.

Also if you think you may be eligible for a concession or rebate, please contact Finance Officer Trudi Manera on 08 9629 1101.

Pensioner rebate

Pensioners are required to pay their portion of the 2017/18 rates by 30 June 2018 in order to receive the rebate for 2017/18.

We will be reviewing concession eligibility to ensure you are receiving the correct rebates.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your eligible rates rebate please contact Trudi Manera, Finance Officer.

Court hire

Did you know Council courts and recreation oval is free to use during the day?

All you have to do is come to the administration office to get a key, it's that simple!!! The courts have lines painted for tennis and netball.

If you want to hire the courts at night a service fee of \$11 per hour applies for use of the lights.

Corella Cull - Sunday 11th and 25th March 2018

The Shire of Goomalling wishes to advise residents that a Corella Cull will take place within the townsite of Goomalling between 12 noon and 4pm on Sunday 11th and Sunday 25th March 2018, weather permitting.

The Butler's Corella is one of the two sub species of the Western Long-billed Corellas that are endemic to Western Australia. At present, the population of corellas is in excess of 30,000 individuals and is wide spread between an area bounded by Dongara to the Northwest, to the east of Mukinbudin and to the south of Northam. The population is spreading as far as Narrogin and Perth Metropolitan area.

Corella create a nuisance around settlements by defoliating trees and digging up lawn and ovals. Corella also chew wirings and other fittings. Corella have an irritating and loud call.

They can also cause damage to grain storage facility by chewing tarpaulins and other fixtures.

Corella are declared a pest of agriculture under the provisions of Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976.

Conservative estimates of the local Corella population numbers are about 5,000. The cull is aimed at reducing this number by either direct removal or encouraging the population to relocate to areas outside the townsite.

Shooting is the only method approved under the permit and strict guidelines are imposed to ensure the culling is done in a very safe and humane way. The cull will be carried out by members of a professional rifle association.

For further information, please contact the Shire office on 08 9629 1101.

Cactus Spray Trial Results

December 2016 saw the commencement of several spray trials to assess the most effective methods of controlling cactus in the Shire of Goomalling. As cactus are highly adaptive, it was important to establish a method most suited to our conditions. A variety of chemicals: Roundup, Amitrole Daconate, Glean and Tordon were used, with methods including foliar spray, injection and basal barking.

Roundup was found to be ineffective as a chemical, all others were effective, with a combination of Glean and Tordon seeming to be the most effective method. The injection and basal barking methods were found to be too dangerous to the operator, as the need to get close to the plant caused skin irritation.

The "go to" rate/10L

Glean (Triclopyr) 300ml/ Tordon (Picloram) 130ml with a suitable adjuvant.

Please note you will almost certainly have to respray any regrowth for the next two years. For those wishing to mechanically remove their cactus, please DO NOT dump the cactus anywhere but the designated trench. The cactus will regrow (as a dumped site at the Konnongorring gravel pit proves).

Any assistance please email Jean via cactus@goomalling.wa.gov.au. We have a grant which enables management of your cactus with no out of pocket expenses.

Community Development updates

GO Sustainable Project

GO Sustainable is a medium term project to transition Council facilities to renewable energy reducing power drawn from the grid.

Carbon Neutral was contracted to complete a Carbon Inventory for 2015-16 which identified that electricity usage accounts for almost a quarter (22%) of Council's total carbon emissions, specifically 266.73 (t CO₂-e) of the total corporate emissions of 1208.84 (t CO₂-e).

In 2015-16 Council run facilities generated 321,363kw power from the grid.

Council will carry out transition to solar pv systems over the next five years, targeting the highest consuming sites first.

Site	Units (kw)
Goomalling Sport & Community Centre	63,188
Caravan Park	62,244
Community Centre (total)	20,715
Swimming Pool	18,818
Admin Building	17,781
Recreation Ground – Large dam	14,975
Slater Homestead	8,921
White Street sewerage dam	7,991
Sporting Complex	7,471
Town Hall	6,874

Shire of Goomalling is one of four successful Wheatbelt Councils in the “Improve and Inspire” category of the Wheatbelt NRM 2017 Sustainable Community Grants. The funding program with support stage two of the GO Sustainable project which encompasses installation of solar pv systems to the caravan park and administration building due for completion 30 June 2018.

Attention – Community Groups

Please submit **updates to officer bearers** following annual general meetings to ensure essential information is directed to the relevant people.

Sporting groups please forward a copy of **fixtures** at the beginning of the season to guarantee that facilities are ready for trainings and matches.

INCORPORATED GROUPS *****IMPORTANT*****

1 July 2016 the Association Incorporation Act 2015 came into effect, superseding the Association Incorporation Act 1987. Key points to note are as follows:

- All associations incorporated under the Association Incorporation Act 1987 are now incorporated under the new act
- Each association must review and update its rules by 1 July 2019 to ensure they comply with the requirements of the new act.
- Associations are now required to submit an information statement to Consumer Protection within 6 months of the end of financial year.
- New financial reporting requirements apply to accounts prepared for all association financial years commencing on or after 1 July 2016.

Recreation Master Plan

AECOM have completed the preliminary assessment following written submission from community groups and consultation meeting held at the Goomalling Sport & Community Centre.

Consultants are now working on concepts based on Council's scope and feedback from the community. Some of the priorities identified include:

- Drainage
- Address safety concerns including playground access, car park lighting and ground levels
- Closure of Quinlan Street
- Reduction of aging assets including colocation of services.
- Relocation cricket club nets
- Improved facility lighting for ovals
- Creating environmentally sustainable facilities
- Creating flexible spaces that can adapt with changing demographics/needs
- Development of youth space
- Additional pathways for accessibility
- Shadier trees

#GOOMATOWN FEST – Youth Week WA

In celebration of young people in Goomalling, Council will be hosting a Youth Week WA event on Saturday 14 April 2018. #GoomaTown Fest will encapsulate the zest of being young, a fusion of inspiration and good times.

- Hunger Maze
- Game Changer Speaker – Kristina Perrin, Australian Champion Karate
- Zak Bohling Young Legend Award
- Live Band

Keep an eye out for more information very soon!

Thank you to Mortlock Sports Council, Goomalling & Districts **Community Bank®**, Goomalling Opshop and Department of Communities for supporting the event.

Opshop news

Goomalling Opshop is a not-for-profit community group that works to ensure less resources go to landfill; and provide small grants for community groups and initiatives. There hasn't been a lot of expenditure during 2015/16 and 2016/17 due to the committee focusing on building funds to contribute to a youth space and lack of sponsorship requests.

Opshop Funding allocation for 2017/18

- Opshop NAIDOC Week 2018 \$1000
- Sacred Heart Catholic School – Carols by Candlelight \$500
- Goomalling Hospital – Hospital chair \$1000
- Goomalling Community Garden - \$1000
- Youth Week WA \$1000

Funding allocations for 2018/19

- NAIDOC Week 2018 \$1000

Funding pre-allocated for large infrastructure project

- \$10,000 towards new youth space

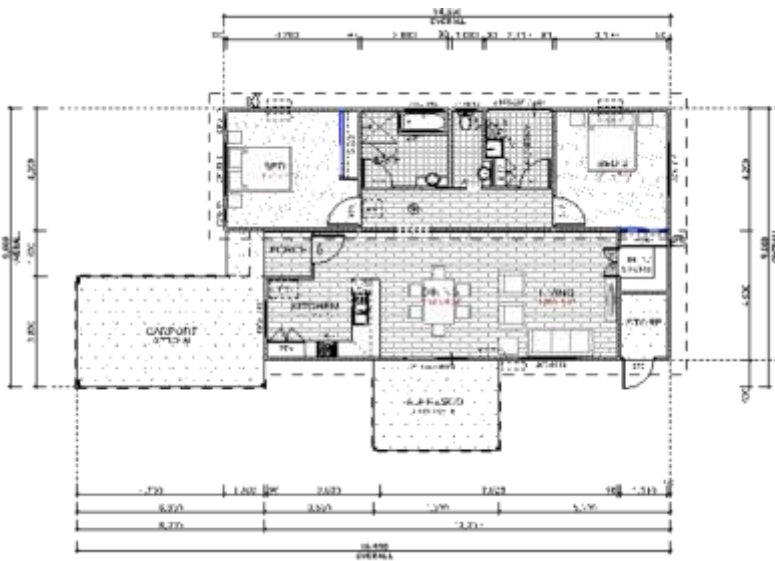
New opening days

Monday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday

Welcome to our newest volunteer Margaret Rowles, time is valuable and we are grateful that she has chosen to share hers with us.

For more information about requesting sponsorship or volunteering, please contact Tahnee Bird, Community Development Officer

Avon Aged Housing Project



The Avon Aged Housing Project is an investment that will result in the construction of 6 Independent Living Units across three local governments and regional towns. We are seeking support from Royalties for Regions with in kind contributions from our communities.

Shire of Goomalling is managing the project and will be submitting the business case to Wheatbelt Development Commission by 9 March 2018. The project includes two new independent living units to be built in Goomalling, for pensioners.

KidSport

KidSport enables eligible Western Australian children aged 5 to 18 years to participate in community sport and recreation by offering them financial assistance of up to \$150 per calendar year towards club fees.

Councils are no longer referral agents and application must be completed online or in hard

copy directly through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. Applicants must hold a valid Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card to be eligible.

To apply or for more information including the KidSport policy visit the Department's website www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/individuals/kidsport

THIS YEAR OVER 9 MILLION TONNES OF PLASTIC WILL ENTER THE WORLD'S OCEANS

AUSTRALIAN'S CONSUME 2.93 MILLION TONNES of plastic each year of which <9% is recycled

THE RATE WE ARE POLLUTING THE OCEAN DOUBLES EVERY 11 YEARS

18 MILLION TONNES BY 2026 ??

PLASTIC DOES NOT GO AWAY

"Plastic is so permanent and so indestructible that when you've tossed it, in the ocean or even in a dustbin... it does not go away"
- Sir David Attenborough

124 BILLION PIECES OF PLASTIC litter our coasts* including (every year):

- 130 MILLION PLASTIC BAGS
- 420 MILLION PLASTIC BOTTLES
- 300 MILLION OTHER PIECES OF PLASTIC PACKAGING
- TRILLIONS OF MICROPLASTIC BEADS & FIBRES

PLASTIC DOESN'T DECOMPOSE

IT JUST GETS SMALLER

Over time a single plastic bottle can break up into over 10,000 PIECES OF MICROPLASTIC

Microplastics act as a toxic sponge. Studies show that it can be 1 MILLION TIMES MORE TOXIC than the water around it!

This creates serious concerns regarding the potential contamination of our seafood.

96% OF ALL BIODIVERSITY potentially ingests plastics* including:

- 52% of all SEA TURTLES*
- 100% of all CORAL REEFS*
- 90% of all SEA BIRDS*

The animals most vulnerable to the toxic effects of plastic contamination are those at the very top of the food chain - US!

WE MUST ACT NOW

THE FIRST 4 STEPS WILL ELIMINATE OVER 70% of marine plastic pollution BEFORE it enters our oceans:

- 1 Introduce a container deposit system to eliminate beverage rubbish
- 2 Ban all single-use plastic bags
- 3 Remove microbeads from personal care & laundry products
- 4 Ensure plastic producers & recyclers capture microplastics on their premises

INFORMATION SOURCES:

- 1 University of Georgia
- 2 CSIRO
- 3 Pacific Marine Research Foundation
- 4 University of Queensland
- 5 ABC Centre of Excellence for Circular Value
- 6 Sydney Institute of Marine Science
- 7 Australian Marine Conservation Society
- 8 Canva.com ABC TV

For more information see our infographic about marine plastic pollution and/or our submission to the Senate Inquiry into the Threat of marine plastic pollution in Australia: http://www.boomerangalliance.org.au/plastic_pollution_resources

Join the campaign to STOP MARINE PLASTIC POLLUTION
www.boomerangalliance.org.au/plastic_pollution

Boomerang Bags



**BE PART OF
THE SOLUTION**

Boomerang Bags is a community driven initiative tackling plastic pollution at the grassroots level.

Dedicated volunteers, schools and community groups get together to make re-useable bags using recycled materials as a means to provide a sustainable alternative to plastic bags.

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP!

Volunteers needed to help with cutting materials, pinning, ironing, stamping and sewing. All ages welcome and no experience required.

When: Sunday 8 April 2018, 2.00pm

Where: Goomalling Sport & Community Centre
Cnr Quinlan & Hoddy Street, Goomalling

To find out more or to get involved contact

Tahnee Bird, Community Development Officer
Phone: 08 9629 1101 | Mobile: 0400 495 173
Email: cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au

boomerangbags.org

Farmer Bushfire Response Vehicle Identifier Stickers

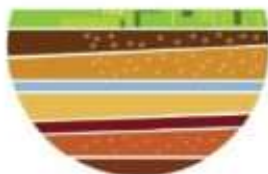
Farm firefighting units form an important part of the Shire's overall bushfire response.

To assist authorities, identify vehicles which can assist DFES in bushfire response by displaying a Fire Response Vehicle Identifier windscreen sticker.

During bushfire events the Shire works with Police and Main Roads to manage or restrict traffic into affected areas. The presence of a Vehicle Identifier Sticker will help in quickly identifying vehicles and machinery which may be permitted on the fire ground.

Eligible vehicles include farm firefighting appliances, bulk water trucks and earth moving machinery.

Application forms are available from the Shire Administration Centre or Shire website. Further information can be found on the Shire's website www.goomalling.wa.gov.au



Talkin' Soil Health Conferences

13 - 14 March 2018
Dalwallinu

15 - 16 March 2018
Katanning

Helping farmers to unlock the secrets to their soils
and increase productivity



Nicole Masters

Director of Integrity Soils,
Agro Ecologist and Systems
Thinker



Pip Courtney

Master of Ceremonies
Host of ABC's Landline



**Major General the
Honourable Michael
Jeffery**

Appointed Australian's
advocate for Soil Health

Restricted Burning Period: 15 February – 29 March

This period commenced on 15th February and runs to 29th March 2018; the end date is subject to review and may be extended depending on the seasonal conditions. During the restricted burning period a Permit to Set Fire to the Bush is required before any burning operation can be carried out.

Permits

A permit will only be issued for broad acre crop preparation or controlled burns that reduce a fire hazard on a property where no alternative method exists.

Conditions apply as to how the burning will be carried out.

Permits are not valid on:

- any Sunday or Public Holiday;
- when the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) imposes a Total Fire Ban; or
- when the fire danger rating is Very High or above as advised by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM). The fire danger rating for the day is available online at the BOM website (www.bom.gov.au).

The Shire of Goomalling may also suspend all permits during the outbreak of fire or fires within the Shire or in neighbouring Shires if resources are likely to be committed.

Permits must be obtained before burning commences and the permit must be in the possession of the permit holder at all times during the burn.

At least 24 hours prior to the burn, the permit holder must give notice of their intentions to burn to:

- The owners or occupiers of adjoining lands, and

- If located within 3 kilometres of a State Forest or a National Park, the Department of Parks and Wildlife.

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 still allowed.

Harvest, Vehicle Movement and 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 mobile phone SMS service.

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.

Burning Road Verges

A permit is required from the Shire of Goomalling to burn the road verge. Permits will only be issued between May and August each year.

RESTRICTED 19 Sept 2017 – 31 Oct 2017 Permit Required	PROHIBITED 1 Nov 2017 – 14 Feb 2018 NO BURNING	RESTRICTED 15 Feb 2018 – 29 Mar 2018 Permit Required
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DrumMuster



drumMUSTER

FRIDAY 23 MARCH 2018

CONTAINERS MUST BE

- TRIPLE OR PRESSURE CLEANED
- CLEAN - NO CHEMICAL RESIDUE
- INSPECTED BY A DRUMMUSTER INSPECTOR
- LIDS MUST BE LEFT OFF
- METAL CONTAINER MUST BE PUNCTURED



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - 08 96291101

Book your place and advise number of containers to the shire office by

4.00pm, Tuesday 20 March 2018

drumMUSTER depot

56 William Street
GOOMALLING WA 6460
www.drummuster.org.au

Contact

Julie Chester 0427 291 223
Doug Sewell 0427 791 190
Shire office 08 9629 1101



Konnongorring News

Ongoing activities that are happening at Konnongorring Hall:

Line Dancing (Boot Scooting)

6 week course on Wednesdays 7.30pm to 9pm (commenced 21 February)

Contact Robert Dew 96201234

Konno Craft Group

2nd & 4th Mondays of the month from 10am

Contact Susan Dew 96201234
or Jo Morrell 96201239

KONNONGORRING REUNION

For all former & current residents.

Saturday 14 April 2018, 12 noon onwards

BYO lunch to enjoy together.
Tea and coffee supplied, BYO drinks.

Sausage sizzle in the evening at the Konnongorring Sports Pavilion.

Memorabilia will be displayed.

Please pass on info to all your families.

Contacts Margaret Davey 965201245, Patricia Lord 96201262, Judy Chitty 9620121



FOOTBALL WEST

REGIONAL GIRLS DAY OUT

rebel FEMALE FOOTBALL WEEK



SATURDAY, MARCH 10
8:45AM-11:00AM
NORTHAM RECREATION CENTRE
HENRY ST OVAL
NORTHAM WA

REGISTER NOW
footballwest.com.au

FUN SMALL-SIDED ACTIVITIES • FRUIT AND DRINKS PROVIDED



THIS EARTH HOUR

#CONNECT2EARTH

SWITCH OFF
8:30PM
SATURDAY 24 MARCH

earthhour.org.au



Dates for your diary: everyone is welcome!

Wed 7 March	Official opening Goomalling Health Centre refurbishment
Thu 15 March	Agrimaster Budget Training Course, CRC
Thu 15 March	RSM 12 Step Business Plan Workshop, 6-8pm, CRC
Tue 20 March	Recreational Skippers Ticket Course, CRC – ENROL NOW
Wed 21 March	Recreational Skippers Ticket Course, CRC – ENROL NOW
Wed 21 March	Council Meeting, 1pm
Wed 21 March	Community Strategic Plan Workshop, 6pm, GSCC
Fri 23 March	DrumMuster (see p.9)
Sat 24 March	Earth Hour, 8.30pm
Sat 7 April	Football scratch match Goomalling v York
Sun 8 April	Boomerang Bags sewing session, 2pm, GSCC (see p.6)
Fri 13 April	SAVE DATE “Black Friday” Quiz Night
Sat 14 April	#GoomaTown Fest (see p.5)
Sat 14 April	Konnongorring Reunion (see p.11)
Sat 14 April	Season opening matches Mortlock Football, Hockey and Netball League Goomalling v Wongan-Ballidu
Wed 18 April	Council Meeting, 1pm
Wed 25 April	Anzac Day commemorations, 6am & 10.45am at Goomalling War Memorial Park & 6am at Jennacubbine War Memorial
Fri 4 May	SAVE THE DATE Pre-Mother’s Day Market
Wed 16 May	Council Meeting, 1pm
Thu 24 May	SAVE THE DATE Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea



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

facebook.com/ Shire-of-
Goomalling-125250970960245/

Contact details for Shire of Goomalling staff

<i>Got a question about...</i>	<i>Then contact...</i>	<i>Contact Details</i>
Admin and Finance	Shire staff	(08) 9629 1101
Caravan Park	Keith & Kathy Allen	(08) 9629 1183 caravanpark@goomalling.wa.gov.au
Community Development	Tahnee Bird	cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au 0400 495 173
Community Emergency Services Manager	Robert Koch	cesm@toodyay.wa.gov.au 0458 042 104
Environmental Health and Building	Linton Thomas	buildinghealthwa@gmail.com 0427 413 060
Gym Instructor	Monique Broekman	0428 772 014
Gym administration	Shire staff	(08) 9629 1101
Ranger	Gloria Robinson	0408 909 356
Shire Website	Karen Mannaerts	goshire@goomalling.wa.gov.au
Works	Russell Beck	works@goomalling.wa.gov.au
Cactus Project	Jean Walker	cactus@goomalling.wa.gov.au

\$200 Fines for dog dumpings

Dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs are now faced with an on the spot \$200 fine. Shire staff and rangers are patrolling the area and will advise the ranger when required.

Please do the right thing and pick up after your dog. The Recreation Grounds are for everyone's enjoyment.