

Shire of Goomalling



Newsletter

March | Autumn 2019

You have
two hands.
One to help yourself,
the second
to help others.

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Easter & Anzac Day Closures

Shire Administration Office

Closed Friday 19 & Monday 22 April 2019
Open Tuesday 23 & Wednesday 24 April
Closed Thursday 25 & Friday 26 April

Please be aware and plan ahead for driver's licence/car registration renewals, permits etc.

Tip

Closed Good Friday 19 April
Open Easter Sunday 21 April
Open Friday 26 April

Medical Surgery

Closed Friday 19 & Monday 22 April 2019
Open Tuesday 23 & Wednesday 24 April
Closed Thursday 25 & Friday 26 April

Gym Classes

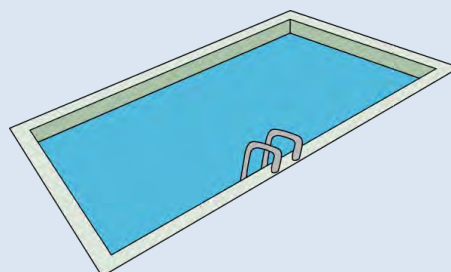
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Thursday 25 April 2019

Double Demerit Points

From Thursday 18 through to Monday 22 April.

Swimming Pool – Season End

The Goomalling swimming pool will close for the season on **Friday 29 March 2019**, 6.00pm. The pool will reopen as usual at the start of November for the 2019/2020 summer season.



A few words from our CEO



I would firstly like to thank both my staff and the Council for making me feel welcome after starting here nearly six months ago, and to the many members of the community I have already met, well I will try to remember all of your names, but thank you too for your understanding and good wishes!

Over this time, I have had the chance to make a detailed assessment of our situation and while we have some fantastic facilities in place, we have many issues to deal with in regard to asset management, building maintenance, plant replacement and debt and financial management.

The way forward will be a little tough and I would ask the community to have some understanding that we will face some difficult financial constraints into the future, that there will be considerable change for the staff to deal with and they won't always get it right and the entire financial and budgetary structure will be changing to one of high levels of transparency and accountability.

You, as ratepayers, will have almost as much information available to you as the staff will. Our budgets will contain far more detail than you have ever had access to in the past and it will all be available to you. Our workforce will face considerable change in the way we look at our services, and while we will be aiming for cost recovery with our services our staff will be striving to provide better and more effective services to you, the community.

From a works perspective, bringing on board Dave Long to manage the crew will bring many benefits to Goomalling from his many years of experience as both an operator and a manager. Dave and I worked together at our last posting with the Shire of Kent and we work extremely well together. I am sure that you will be starting

to see Dave's influence on how things are progressing and hopefully this will continue well into the future.

At the moment there are many things requiring attention and my days are more than full, with the water and filtration system being a prime concern right now. As well as budget review of the 2018/19 budget, structural changes in how we do things, urgent building maintenance which has suffered some neglect over recent years, significant changes to our financial systems and a host of other things that continue to pop up out of nowhere.

One thing that will become more evident to you as time goes by is that responsible officers will have control of their own areas. The Works Manager will largely be responsible for his area, the Finance Manager will be the same and most other officers will also have at least some reasonable control over their areas of responsibility. So please remember this when ringing regarding services or requests. Historically the CEO seemed to be the point of contact for almost everything, but this is no longer the case.

There are some significant challenges for us to address and they are not things that can be fixed quickly, so we will put in place various planning documents that integrate fully with our budget with view to long term stability and budget repair. I can assure you that there is a light at the end of the tunnel and it is not necessarily a train. So I hope that you will be patient with us and this will help us to deliver a more sustainable future for Goomalling. Understand that there is considerable change happening under the surface to bring greater accountability, and be mindful that we are managing *your* business, not "the Shire's" business; the assets and services we manage are yours as the ratepayers and we will be doing the best we can to make these assets more effective and to provide you with relevant and efficient services.

Peter Bentley, CEO

From our Shire President



2019 is off to a flying start with two months already gone. I hope everyone has had a chance to have a bit of a break.

Good luck to our summer sports teams that have made finals!

Welcome to David and Liesa Long. Dave is our new works foreman and we hope they enjoy their time in Goomalling.

On February 4th we held a meeting in Jennacubbine regarding the use of the standpipes. Unfortunately the meeting wasn't very well attended which makes it hard to gauge the community's thoughts and concerns on these matters and to take them into account when we need to make a decision on the future of the standpipes at Council's March meeting.

On February 7th we held our Thank a Volunteer night and launch of the Welcome to Goomalling pack. This event was well attended and well organised - our girls did a wonderful job with this. Thank you all very much for being part of a heart-warming evening. Congratulations to Sue Carr on being awarded with life membership of St John Ambulance. We really appreciate what these people do for our community. Thank you.

Cr Barry Haywood, Shire President

Contacting our Works Manager

The preferred procedure for works requests is to contact the Shire office (either by phone, email or in person) so a Works Request Form can be completed, providing paper trail and consistency across our operations.

To discuss the progress of works or urgent matters, Dave can be contacted on his mobile 0436 813 959 during normal work days.

Pensioner rebates

To be eligible for a concession on local government rates, an applicant must **own and occupy** the property as their ordinary place of residence on 1 July of the current financial year. If the property is owner-occupied and is also partly used for commercial purposes, the rebate may be apportioned accordingly.

Apply for a concession on local government rates, water service charges, emergency services levy and underground electricity charges through the Water Corporation at www.watercorporation.com.au or 1300 659 951.

In order to receive the rebate for 2018/19, pensioners are required to pay *their portion* of the rates by 30 June 2019.

Please ensure that when you receive a **new pensioner or seniors card**, you bring it into the office for us to update our records so you can continue to receive your rebate.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your rates rebate please contact our Rates Officer Trudi Manera, or the Office of State Revenue pensionerconcessions@finance.wa.gov.au or (08) 9262 1373.



SAVE THE DATE
06.07.19

20 YEAR REUNION
TO CELEBRATE OUR SUCCESS FROM 1998-2018

GOOMALLING RECREATION GROUND
47 QUINLAN STREET, GOOMALLING

Koomal Village rentals

Applications in writing are invited from eligible persons aged 55+, expressing interest for the rental of the following units at **36-38 Wollyam Street, Koomal Village, Goomalling:**

- Unit 1
- Unit 2
- Unit 4



Rental is \$300 p/wk, which includes regular gardening and maintenance. Copy of Tenancy Agreement is also available for perusal.

For more information or to apply for a unit please contact Property Management Officer Jo Bywaters at the Shire Office during office hours Monday – Friday 8.30 to 4.00pm or email property@goomalling.wa.gov.au



Attention – Community Groups

Please submit **updates to officer bearers** following annual general meetings (AGM) 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 INFO*****

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

- Each association must review and **update its rules (constitution) 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.

If you haven't updated your constitution yet, you have four months until the 30 June 2019. Our staff can assist to get you on the right track, 9629 1101 or cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au

DrumMuster



drumMUSTER

THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2019



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, Monday 18 March 2019

drumMUSTER depot

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

Contact

Julie Chester 0427 291 223
Shire office 08 9629 1101



drumMUSTER

Food relief in Goomalling



LET'S HELP THOSE IN NEED!

GOOMALLING Food Collection Points

SHIRE OF GOOMALLING
32 Quinlan Street

WA COUNTRY CHEMIST
37 Railway Terrace

Did you know that people in Goomalling are struggling to feed their families due to escalating food prices, and a lack of transportation to access Foodbank services?

NB: Foodbank is a food relief organisation that provides meals and below market price food for eligible concession holders.

Shire of Goomalling will be collecting donations for distribution within the community for families in need.

Food list:

- cruskits or rice cakes
- two minute noodles
- pasta & pasta sauce
- rice
- long life milk
- powdered milk
- tea & coffee
- Flour & SR flour
- tinned vegetables
- tinned fish
- tinned fruit
- baked beans or tinned spaghetti
- breakfast cereal
- tinned soup
- food treats (biscuits etc.)
- peanut butter



For more information or if you need urgent access to food please contact Tahnee Bird, Community Development Officer, Shire of Goomalling 08 9629 1101

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/kidsport

Goomalling Tennis Club grant recipient

Goomalling Shire Council assisted Goomalling Tennis Club (GTC) to apply for round 34 of the Strengthening Rural Communities grant program through the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) to upgrade the multipurpose complex kitchen, by installing a new 90cm freestanding oven and induction cooktop.

GTC are recipients of \$5000 to put toward the project thanks to the grant program that supports small rural communities.

Round 35 is now open and closes 26 March 2019. For more information visit: www.frrr.org.au/SRC_Small_Vital.php

Goomalling Postcards

Our creative staff have designed these postcards which are available for purchase from the Shire office and caravan park for \$1 each. They are professionally printed on 100% recycled card. Great for locals as well as visitors!



JUROKINE COACH HOUSE | GOOMALLING | FROM WHERE I AM

Cactus Eradication - State NRM Community Stewardship Grant

Council will continue its work managing the declared weed Velvet Pear Cacti that has infested native bushland, including Oak Park reserve. State NRM has awarded Shire of Goomalling a Community Stewardship Grant to continue chemical and biological treatment of the weed to ensure its spread is managed and progress towards eradication.

Welcome Pack Launch

#Goomatown Sundowner combined the Thank a Volunteer Day acknowledgment and networking opportunities for community organisations, with new residents and prospective volunteers. Concurring with the event Council launched the improved "G'day Goomalling" document and welcome pack to provide a comprehensive guide to services and facilities within the Shire of Goomalling.

New residents can pick up a Welcome Pack at the administration office during ordinary hours.

#Goomatown Sundowner - Thank a Volunteer Day

7 February 2019, Council acknowledged individuals who volunteer with Council and community groups across the district for their invaluable contribution to the liveability of Goomalling.

Congratulations to Sue Carr who received a life membership to St John Ambulance after more than 29 years' service to the Goomalling Sub-centre.

Fifty-six community groups were celebrated at the ceremony including lifesaving services like the St John Ambulance to recreation clubs. Volunteers received free supper, a few beverages and a memento pen supported by Department of Communities.

Once again thank you to all our volunteers, may you be empowered to know that you have a direct impact of our community's vibrancy and inclusiveness.

For a full list of acknowledgements see our website: www.goomalling.wa.gov.au



Young Legends



YOUNG LEGENDS

YOUTH SUCCESS STORIES

Our Youth Our Future Youth Friendly Community Plan Activation.

"Young Legends" is about giving youth a voice and highlighting young people's success, acknowledging hard work and encouraging their peers to follow their dreams.

CONTACT

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SPOTLIGHT ON

KATE NISKI

Why is she a YOUNG LEGEND?

She is the 2019 Head Girl of Northam Senior High School. On top of this she is working hard to complete her year 12 ATAR studies.

What made you want to be a leader of your school?

I wanted to become a leader because I wanted to get involved in the school community. I wanted for the students ideas to be heard/voiced and to have a say. I really like helping people, being a leader you are identified as someone that is reliable/can help and I want people to be able to come talk to me whenever they need too.

What career pathway are you looking to go down?

I hope to get into University next year and to study Nursing. What made me interested in nursing was that you weren't stuck at a desk all day, there is something different/new everyday and you get to help people in need. I would like to stay in the Wheatbelt and work at the local hospitals.

What are some of your highest achievements?

Being chosen as Head Girl this year
Been chosen for the Zero2Hero Camp last year

Outside of school, what interests do you have?

I love spending weekends with friends and family out camping and 4WD. I also love riding my horse, Roy.



Gooma Summer Movies – Incredibles 2

6ooma Squad
presents

16 MARCH

19

6:45PM



Incredibles 2

FREE!

The Big Screen
Goomalling Recreation Ground



Goomalling & Districts
Community Bank® Branch



Konnongorring News



**KONNO
TENNIS
CLUB
BBQ**

**SUNDAY
31 MARCH 2019
5.30PM**

**AT THE KONNONGORRING
SPORTS PAVILION**

**B.Y.O. MEAT & DRINKS
AND A SALAD TO SHARE**

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Goomalling Playgroup – for 0-5 year olds and their parents/carers



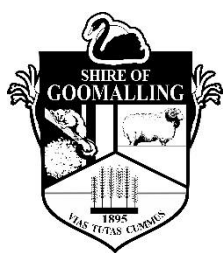
**GOOMALLING
PLAYGROUP**

**A SUPPORTIVE, CARING COMMUNITY,
WHERE LEARNING THROUGH PLAY
IS THE AIM OF THE GAME.**

**Join us at
Goomalling Primary School
9-11am, every Tuesday
during the school term**

Dates for your diary: everyone is welcome!

Wed 13 March	Balance & Bubbles - International Women's Day event. 5.30pm at CRC
Sat 16 March	Gooma Summer Movies - "The Incredibles 2". 6.30pm at the Rec Grounds
Tue 19 March	Youth Group AGM. 1.00pm at Shire Office.
Tue 19 March	Karate Open Day: 5.15-6pm under 13yo & 6.15-7pm 13+yo. Town Hall.
Wed 20 March	Council Meeting, 1pm
Thu 21 March	DrumMuster (see p.5)
Sat 23 March	FREE Skin Cancer Screening (by Goomalling Lions Club & Lions Cancer Institute). For an appointment call Chris Van Gelderen on 0427 003 788.
Fri 29 March	Swimming pool last day of the season. Reopening start of November.
Sat 30 March	Italian Night – fundraising dinner for Kristina Perrin Karate. 6pm at GSCC
Sun 31 March	Konno Tennis Club BBQ, 5.30pm. (see p.11)
Sat 13 April	Season opening match Mortlock Football League: Goomalling v Gingin
Wed 17 April	Council Meeting, 1pm
Fri 19 April	Good Friday – Rubbish Tip closed
Wed 25 April	Anzac Day commemorations , 6am & 10.45am at Goomalling War Memorial Park & 6am at Jennacubbine War Memorial
Sun 5 May	Goomalling v Toodyay
Wed 15 May	Council Meeting, 1pm
Sun 19 May	Goomalling v Dalwallinu (Football, Hockey & Netball)
Thu 23 May	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, CRC.
Sat 6 July	Goomalling Ladies Hockey Club 1998-2018 Success Reunion , GSCC



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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	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
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