Shire of Goomalling Newsletter Winter | June 2021

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## Pick up after your Dog

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As a dog owner you are required by law to pick up your dog's poo, an on the spot fine of **\$200** applies.

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 infringements.

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



## **Double Demerits**

Double demerit penalties will be in place during the WA Day long weekend from **Friday 4 to Monday 7 June inclusive**.

**Reporting Water leaks** Call Water Corporation 13 13 75

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## **Shire President's Greetings**

The end of financial year is fast approaching which means a new year and plenty of projects starting or progressing to the next phase.

Calingiri Road will progress with the next stage of the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Route funding; Meckering Road works will hopefully start pending the clearing permit approval. A new footpath will be installed on High Street and a feasibility and concept design for on-road cycling on Railway Terrace may be undertaken, both partially funded by the Department of Transport.

The Maangart Yorga Program will continue until December 2021. Works will be carried out on two Aged Person's Units bathrooms thanks to funding from

Department of Communities "Community Housing Organisation (CHO) Maintenance Grant Program 2021" and the Anstey Park revitalisation project will continue to be progressed.

Goomalling will host the 2021 LGIS Local Government Golf Tournament on the 19 & 20 August which will provide a significant fundraising opportunity for the Goomalling Golf Club.

Cr Barry Haywood Shire President

## **Council meeting dates 2021**

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

Here are the Ordinary Council meeting dates for the rest of 2021:

16 June	15 September	15 December
21 July	20 October	
18 August	17 November	

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

## **Reporting Road Damage**

When reporting damage to state roads, please contact Main Roads directly to reduce the timeframes involved in directing fault enquiries and, so 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



## Staff movement

#### **Administration Officer**

Kylie Burling has been appointed as our administration officer replacing Christine Schorer who recently moved on to take on new challenges in her life.

Kylie is a qualified nurse, who has been residing in Goomalling for 11 years and has previously worked at Dowerin Engineering and Waugh Miller Macqueen before commencing with the Shire. In the community you will regularly see Kylie at the gym or on the hockey field.

## **Community Garden Update**

The Community Garden is on Quinlan St, opposite the oval. The garden is open to one and all to visit and help yourself to the produce.

Ready now: Silverbeet and sweet potatoes.

The vegetable garden has been planted with the winter crops which include cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, snow peas, sugar snap peas, spring onions,

**Goodbye Tom** 

Tom Raftis, Council's Plumber has relocated to the Perth area to pursue a new career opportunity and to be closer to his son. Tom has been with Council over 4 years managing Council's sewerage system and the plumbing in Council's commercial, residential and community buildings.

Nic Tucci, Building Maintenance Officer (also a qualified plumber) will manage the minor repairs and maintenance to the sewerage, residential and commercial buildings, with major works carried out by contractors.

potatoes and carrots, and the pumpkins, which were planted last year, are almost ripe.

In the orchard, the fig and lemon trees are producing fruit.

A small group of volunteers work in the garden and if you would like to know more please contact Peta on 0467895811.



## DrumMuster illegal dumping

Dirty drums have been dumped at the DrumMuster depot outside of the collection dates. This is an issue for the following reasons:

- 1. Loss of income for community
- 2. Additional cost incurred for processing uncleaned drums

Please make sure that you drop off your drums on a collection day in either March or September, to ensure they're inspected prior to them being processed in a recycling facility.

## **Council Elections**

#### **Key dates**

<b>27</b> Aug	Close of Rolls 5pm	<b>12</b> Oct	Close of absentee voting and close of postal vote applications for "voting in person" elections - 4pm
<b>2</b> Sep	Council Nominations Open	<b>15</b> Oct	In person early voting closes at 4pm
<b>9</b> Sep	Council Nominations Close 4pm	<b>16</b> Oct	Polling Day 8am-6pm

The term for 3 of our current elected Councillors expires in October 2021, so if you want to make a difference in Goomalling and have a say in local decision making, why not consider standing for election.

Councillors play an important community leadership role creating policies and making decisions that affect what happens locally and they do this through consultation with the community.

### What does it mean to be a Councillor?

#### **Council's role within a Local Government**

The Council works together with the community and Shire staff to create and implement the community's vision, strategic direction and values.

The Council's role is to:

- govern the local government's affairs;
- be responsible for the performance of the local government's functions;
- oversee the allocation of the local government's finances and resources; and
- determine the local government's policies.

#### The role of each Councillor

A councillor is a member of a team, shaping the district's future in consultation with the community.

Councillors:

- represent the interests of electors, ratepayers and residents;
- provide leadership and guidance to the community;
- facilitate communication between the community and the council and vice versa;
- participate in decision making processes at meetings.

#### What is expected of a Councillor

Council members have a duty to attend all or most council meetings to ensure that electors are adequately represented. At their meetings Council:

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- Approve and review Council policies;
- Set and adopt annual budget, and review finances through monthly reports;
- Review our strategic planning, to make sure it is meeting the changing needs of the community;
- Provide input on State and Federal issues;
- Vote on any other items or requests.

In Goomalling we hold 11 ordinary Council meetings, approx. 2-3 special meetings per year, and other functions or meetings as required. Meeting attendance fees are paid as a recognition of the amount of time and effort members must put into preparing for meetings.

Deciding whether or not to stand for council is a very personal choice. You need to consider your own circumstances and whether or not you think you are suited to the role, and if you are able to make the commitment in time and energy required to fulfil the role.

Information on the nomination process, timeframe and requirements will be published closer to the election.



## SHIRE OF GOOMALLING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 16 OCTOBER 2021

## **ENROLLING TO VOTE**

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the upcoming in-person Local Government elections on 16 October 2021 if you live in or are an owner or occupier of rateable property in the district of the Shire of Goomalling.

#### Residents

You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State Electoral Roll as at 4.00pm 27 August 2021. If you are not already on the State Electoral Roll but meet the eligibility criteria for this Roll, a claim for enrolment can be made to any Divisional Returning Officer of the Australian Electoral Commission in WA. Forms are available from all post offices or the WA Electoral Commission and must be completed and reach a Divisional Returning Officer by 4.00pm Friday 27 August 2021.

If you have changed addresses since you last voted in a Local Government or State Election and you have not advised the WA Electoral Commission, you must do so to be registered as a voter for the upcoming Election.

#### **Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers**

If you are a non-resident owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Goomalling and are on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, you are eligible to enrol to vote and should make an enrolment application to the Shire of Goomalling. If you are *not* on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll and own or occupy rateable property in the Shire of Goomalling, you *may* be eligible to enrol to vote if you were on the Local Government's last electoral roll prior to October 2019. Please contact the Shire of Goomalling for details.

*Owners* of land who were on the last roll of the Shire of Goomalling continue to retain that status until they cease to own the rateable property to which the enrolment relates.

*Occupiers* do not have continuous enrolment and should contact the Shire of Goomalling to confirm their enrolment status. To be eligible to enrol as an occupier, you will need to have a right of continuous occupation under a lease, tenancy agreement or other legal instrument for at least the next 3 months following the date of the application to enrol.

#### Joint Owners and Occupiers

If a rateable property is owned or occupied by more than two people, a majority of the owners/occupiers may nominate two persons from amongst themselves who are on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

#### Corporations

A body corporate that owns or occupies rateable property may nominate two people who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

#### **Enrolment Forms**

Enrolment claim forms can be obtained from the Shire Office or Australian Electoral Commission Offices and should be lodged with Peter Bentley, Chief Executive Officer by 4.00pm on Friday 27 August 2021. If you registered for the 2019 elections or since that time you do not need to register.

Peter Bentley CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Shire of Goomalling PO Box 118 GOOMALLING WA 6460 Phone: (08) 9629 1101

#### goshire@goomalling.wa.gov.au

## **Anstey Park Revitalisation**

The revitalisation project continues with the focus group meeting having made a number of suggestions regarding recognition of the CWA's use of the site, different types of structures and preferred soft fall options. These suggestions will be considered within the context of available funding for the project as at this stage we only have a commitment for \$100,000 in funding approved through the Local Road & Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program (Federal Funding). We will continue to seek other funding options; however, the timeframes will be restricted as this grant will need to be spent in this calendar year. The CWA State Office has been contacted with regard to relinquishing the control of the site and we are awaiting their response. We have had several discussions with the State Office over the last 18 months with qualified support for the project.

## **Clothing mending and repairs**

Bring along your clean clothes that need minor repairs or alterations, machine or hand sewn, for a donation to the Goomalling Op Shop.

Minor repairs such as:

- Stitching a hem or seam
- Replacing buttons

#### **Recycling collection \*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\***

We've recently had advice from residents that their recycling hasn't been collected or only partially collected. Avon Waste advised that recycling bins are being filled too much and compressed which causes the recycling to get stuck and not release properly when emptying.

Please be mindful when filling your recycling bin and do not compress to fit in extra recyclables.

Second bins can be requested from the Shire at \$85.00 p.a. (pro rata).

38.62 tonne has been recycled from 29/7/20 to 19/5/21

- Buttonholes
- Small tears or holes.

Saturday mornings – 9am to 11am at the Goomalling Op Shop on the following dates: June 26<sup>th</sup>





## **Club Night Lights Program**

The Club Night Lights Program is part of the State Government's commitment to the development of sustainable floodlighting and quality sports facilities across the state.

The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance to community groups to develop sport flood lighting infrastructure.

For more information about guidelines and timeline for the program visit:

https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/funding/sport-andrecreation-funding/club-night-lights-program/clubnight-lights-program-guidelines

Contact Tahnee Bird, Community Development Officer <u>cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au</u> if you require assistance with your application

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### Maangart Yorga Program

Shire of Goomalling was awarded \$19,605 to deliver the Maangart Yorga Program in partnership with Goomalling Aboriginal Corporation. The twelvemonth 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.

There have been some great facilitators and plenty more to come including the following:

- Traditional weaving
- Journal making
- Clay sculpting
- Aboriginal rock painting
- 12 x 30-minute yoga classes by Wheatbelt Yoga
- Loving Larder Wholefoods workshop
- Healing circle with Allira Potter
- Native wreaths
- Kyela sound therapy and self-care planning

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 <u>cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au</u>



PHOTO DESCRIPTION: COLLABORATIVE ARTWORK WITH BUFFIE CORUNNA (currently displayed in the Shire office)



PHOTO DESCRIPTION: MAKING BUSH BALMS WITH VARIOUS NATIVE PLANTS IN VIVIEN HANSEN'S BUSH MEDICINE WORKSHOP

#### **Community Pantry**

The St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) Community Pantry provides assistance to families and individuals who have difficulty meeting their basic needs.

The Pantry is open every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 10am to 12pm at the Uniting Church Parish, 17 Quinlan St.

#### Volunteers needed to run the pantry

If you are willing to help out a couple hours a fortnight or just every now and then, please contact Tahnee on 9629 1101 or cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au.

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## Gumnuts needs your support



Over the past year Goomalling Gumnuts has faced a lot of change. Our biggest challenges have been managing COVID-19 and all it encompassed, as well as staff transition. Our most exciting changes have been bringing in Xplor, and updating the inside of the Centre.

As we settle into this next phase, we note that the number of children attending the Centre has fallen. At the current numbers, the Centre is able to continue running because of prudent financial decisions in the past years to bank profits to tide us over in times of low demand. But this is not sustainable in the long run.

From our understanding, low numbers are partly due to affordability concerns, a population effect, and adjusting to change.

- Affordability is a justified concern but is often misunderstood. The CCS goes a long way to helping make daycare accessible for all.
- Our population is small, but both indirectly and directly, Gumnuts helps promote keeping employment, school children, porting, and general participation in the community. Without it, our population could be even smaller.

We are appealing to you to support us in turning the numbers around. Just like any other small, local business, <u>personal recommendations are the most</u> <u>valuable promotion</u>. **Please support us in our efforts to encourage increased enrolments in our Centre by adding your 'voice'!** 

 Describe your experience at Gumnuts – sometimes people just don't know if they have never used it before.  Say how using Gumnuts has enabled you to do things you couldn't otherwise – take on a job? Have some respite? Just get on top of life's endless chores?



#### Things you should know:

Affordability – the CCS is a bit complex to explain, but as a basic reference, you pay at most 50% if your family income is up to \$250,000. The Government plans to increase the subsidy paid for siblings attending daycare from July 2022.

*Flexibility* – Gumnuts offers flexibility you won't find at other daycares. You benefit from multiple session lengths (full day, school day, after school etc.) to suit your needs and budget. Permanent bookings are entitled to 4 free sick days a year. And we can often accommodate 'casual' bookings, for the times you have to change plans at the last minute.



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Xplor – the Xplor app has opened a virtual, almost real-time window to your child's day at Gumnuts. We want parents to feel confident that your children are comfortable and happy in the Gumnuts environment. The app keeps you updated as they play, learn, eat and sleep.

Community involvement – Gumnuts children are introduced to the importance of community from the very start. Children go on excursions to the Community Garden, Better Beginnings and events like ANZAC Day, as well as have incursions from members and groups in our community.

*The future* – The Gumnuts Committee will endeavour to make sure Goomalling retains this integral service in our community. However, due to unaffordability of running with low numbers particularly on Fridays, <u>we</u> <u>are temporarily closing the Centre on Fridays</u> from 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Whole Day	8:00am – 5:30pm	\$92
School Hours Day	8:00am – 3:15pm	\$77
Half Day	8:00am – 12:30pm	\$57
	12:30pm – 5:30pm	
After School Hours	3:00pm – 5:30pm	\$37
After Kindy Hours	11:30am – 5:30pm	\$67
Hourly Rate	Per hour or part	\$20
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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our executive committee:

Chairperson: Josie Thomson 0421 845 465Treasurer:Emily Dempster 0410 789 164Secretary:Jess Wilkes 0427 850 824











2 X 1 RENTAL



## YOUNG PERSONS UNIT - UNDER 55 YRS

Applications to rent 43 Throssell st are open until Wednesday 9th June 2021. This rental is a 2 x 1 with open lounge and dining, back yard and parking for 2 cars.

Applicants are required to have 2 references with contact details from previous rentals or character references

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SHIRE OR EMAIL PROPERTY@GOOMALLING.WA.GOV.AU APPLICATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 9TH JUNE

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**3 X 1 RENTAL** 





## DUPLEX

Applications to rent 73a James st are open until Wednesday 9th June 2021. This rental is a  $3 \times 1$  with open lounge and dining, with a large backyard.

Applicants are required to have 2 references with contact details from previous rentals or character references

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SHIRE OR EMAIL PROPERTY@GOOMALLING.WA.GOV.AU APPLICATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 9TH JUNE

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## **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 2020/21 rates by 30 June 2021 in order to receive the rebate for 2020/21. 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, Konnongorring 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 <u>www.landgate.wa.gov.au/valuations</u>.

#### 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 OSR. 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.

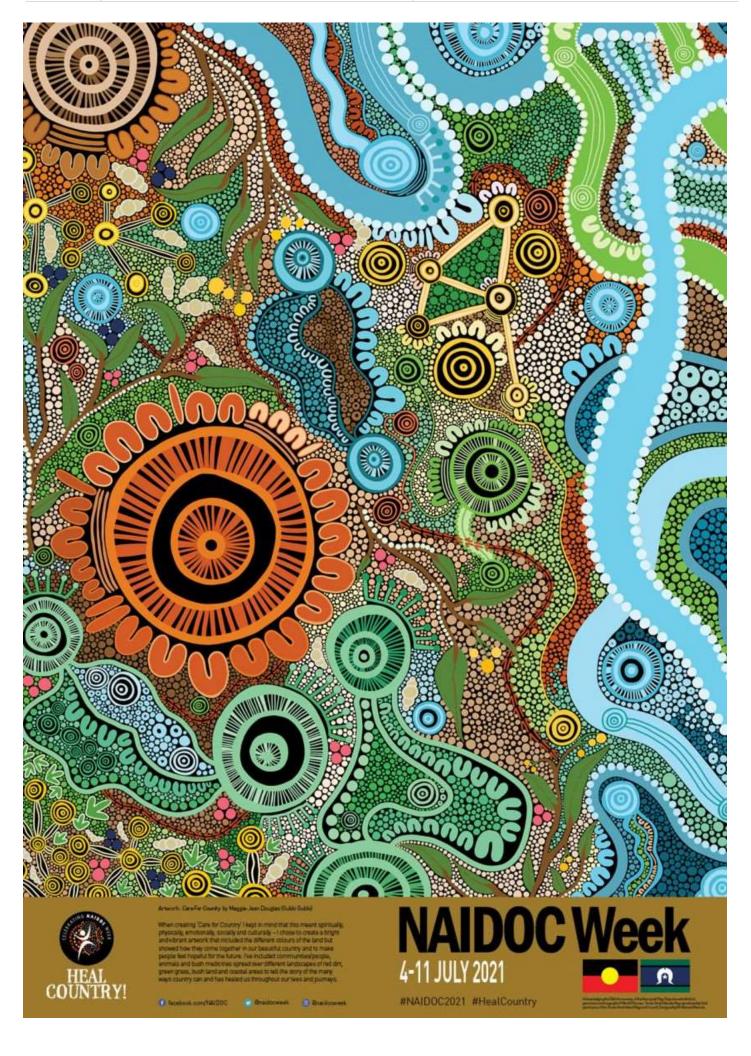
- To calculate the actual rates charge, you multiply the GRV or UV value by the rate in the dollar.
- Eg. If the UV value = \$100,000 and the RID = 0.76cents, then for every \$1 of unimproved value you will be charged 0.76 of a cent in rates as follows: 100,000 x .0076 \$760.00

#### 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, 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 2020-2021 the ESL minimum charge was \$84.
- 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 2020-2021 the minimum charge was \$84.



## What's happening in the works department

#### Gabby Quoi Quoi Road

New culvert drainage gravel re-sheeting of the bridge on Gabby Quoi Quoi Road.



#### **Byberding Road**

Urgent repair works carried out on the Byberding Road bridge including four new culverts and resheeting.



#### **Meckering Road**

Stage two of the project has been tied up in the clearing permit process for a significant period of time, it was finally approved but there has since been an appeal submitted which will hold up the process further. Improvement works is planned to commence in 2021-22.

#### **Railway Terrace – Funding for design**

Department of Transport has approved funding for a detailed design of Railway Terrace to include an on road cycle lane and solutions to slow vehicle traffic, creating a safer environment for both cyclists and pedestrians.

Discussions have taken place with Main Roads WA about how we can make Railway Terrace bike friendly while maintaining its function as a Heavy Vehicle Route.

#### **High Street Upgrade**

Funding has been approved for a multipurpose pathway to be constructed on High Street, however Council is negotiating with Department of Transport about the possibility of transferring funds to complete a renewal of a section of Quinlan Street pathway that is a higher priority route within the town site.

The Department has since advised that Quinlan Street hasn't been through the assessment process and funding cannot be interchanged, instead we will look at staging the project at the end of 2022-23 and the start of 2023-24 with additional funds requested from Department of Transport in order to complete.

#### **Bejoording Road**

The project included reseal and widening of unsealed shoulders. The shoulders have been lime stabilised with 150mm gravel overlay and further cement stabilisation for longevity.



#### **Caravan Park**



During the March deluge, the caravan park suffering flooding that destroyed walkways and gardens.

Jay & Nick installed a new bridge and culvert so visitors staying at the caravan park can enjoy the surrounding bushland and go-karts.

#### Parks, Gardens & Ovals

Our parks, gardens and ovals crew have been busy with keeping our townscapes and Aged Persons Units aesthetically pleasing. The Goomalling Football Club logo has been stencilled onto the football field to add a personal touch and improved aesthetics to their home ground.

#### **Building maintenance & plumbing**

Our building maintenance crew carried out the renewal of the outdoor setting at Oak Park, with new wood and a fresh coat of paint as well as carrying out general maintenance of Council's public buildings and rental properties. Nick is also putting his plumbing skills to use managing the sewerage system maintenance.



### Water Tanks

Council is installing two new 250KL water tanks at the Recreation Centre that will be connected to the existing reticulation infrastructure to supply scheme water in the case of drought/lack of supply from Council's non-potable sources. The project is possible thanks to the Goomalling Football Club Inc which obtained an Election commitment of \$50,000 from the Labor Government and our local member Hon Darren West MLC.



## Dates for your diary

3 June	Mabo Day
8 June	World Ocean's Day
10 June	Maangart Yorga Program, Railway Station, 10am
12 June	World Day Against Child Labour
14 June	World Blood Donor Day
15 June	World Elder Abuse Day
16 June	Ordinary Council Meeting, 3pm
15-21 June	International Men's Health Week
20 June	World Refugee Day
1 July	Maangart Yorga Program, Railway Station, 10am
4-11 July	NAIDOC Week
12 July	AIME National Hoodie Day
21 July	Ordinary Council Meeting, 3pm
22 July	Maangart Yorga Program, Railway Station, 10am
21-26 July	Farm Safety Week
12 August	Maangart Yorga Program, Railway Station, 10am
18 August	Ordinary Council Meeting, 3pm
19-20 August	LGIS 2021 Local Government Golf Tournament, Goomalling Golf Course
21-27 August	Book Week



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