

# Shire of Goomalling



## Newsletter

March | Autumn 2017

**"IN A SOCIETY THAT PROFITS FROM YOUR SELF DOUBT, LIKING YOURSELF IS A REBELLIOUS ACT."**

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### EASTER CLOSURE 2017

#### Shire Administration Office

Close Thursday 13 April 2017, 4.00pm

Reopen Tuesday 18 April 2017, 8.30am

#### Shire Works Crew

Close Thursday 13 April 2017, 3.30pm

Reopen Thursday 20 April 2017, 7.00am

#### Tip

*Closed Good Friday*

*Open Easter Sunday*

#### Medical Surgery

Close Thursday 13 April 2017, 4.30pm

Reopen Tuesday 18 April 2017, 8.45am

#### Gym Classes

Close Thursday 13 April 2017, 7.30am

Reopen Tuesday 18 April 2017, 9.00am

### SWIMMING POOL – SEASON END

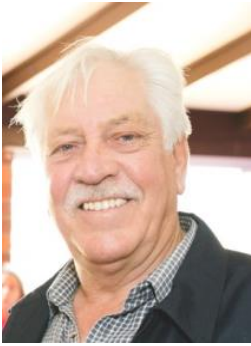
Friday 31 March 2017, 6.00pm

### 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.**

## From the Shire President



The peculiar summer season is now over, with 170 mls of rain recorded for the Shire of Goomalling and an estimated \$250,000 damage to infrastructure we're left humbled by the force of mother nature.

We can be grateful for the moisture in the soil to hopefully start the season of well for all our farmers.

Congratulations to our loyal staff members who were celebrated for their long service Clem, Russell and Natalie who were acknowledged for service of 28, 35 and 25 years respectively have contributed significantly to our community during their time with the Shire of Goomalling.

Unfortunately, we said goodbye to Councillor Dallas Phillips who resigned in February. I would like to thank her for the time she spent on council and hope she learnt a lot from the experience.

Congratulations to Gooma Squad and their effort developing the Our Youth, Our Future Youth Friendly Community Plan, it gave Council a great insight into the need of our local young people.

*Cr Barry Haywood, Shire President*

## From the CEO



Challenging times are always continuing to confront Council with Council already being advised that an additional \$17,000 for vehicle licence fees will be added to Council's vehicles and plant, equivalent to a 1% rise in Council's rates in 2017/18. It just never ends as both State and Federal

Governments not only implement cost shifting categories to local governments but also continues to reduce "as of right" grants forcing Councils to investigate other areas of funding to continue works and services the community desires.

Council will continue to serve its community but unfortunately all options will need to be considered by Council where priority projects will only be successful.

*Clem Kerp, CEO*

## RATEPAYERS & DEBTORS

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

Communication is extremely important, if you're 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.

For more information, please contact Finance Officer Trudi Manera on 08 9629 1101.

## PENSIONER REBATES

Please be advised that pensioners are required to pay their portion of the 2016/17 rates by 30 June 2017 in order to receive the rebate for 2016/17.

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.

## Celebration of staff milestones

Loyalty is rare in modern society but the Shire of Goomalling is fortunate to have dedicated staff who are passionate about their community.

Local Government is a unique industry where you are fortunate enough to be able to impact progress locally, but it is also a heavy weight on your shoulders to satisfy an entire community of diverse opinions and values.

It is a credit to the three staff members we celebrated that they're still doing great things for community.

### **Clem Kerp, Chief Executive Officer** **50 years in local government**

Fifty years in any industry is an amazing feat, the contributions Clem has made to Goomalling is the envy of other Councils. For the last 25 years he has been a great mentor for staff, Councillors and Shire presidents, an encyclopaedia of local government knowledge. The freedom he gives his staff to create a positive work environment and encourages staff to pursue projects that benefit Goomalling that other Councils wouldn't attempt, but that has resulted in a service rich community.

Representing Council to maximise road funding and fight the state and federal bureaucracy that threatened the region like funding cuts and amalgamations.

### **Russell Beck, Works Supervisor** **35 years' Service**

Russell was in his twenties when he started at the shire of Goomalling as a humble machinery operator on the road gang. Fast forward to today he has spent the best part of 12 years as work supervisor, managing projects staff and doing his best to keep our road network operating smoothly. He's had to navigate natural

disasters and multiple technological transitions bringing over the years, today he says "we can always do better".

### **Natalie Bird, Finance Manager** **25 years' Service**

When Natalie started her local government career she didn't anticipate that 25 years later she would still be here and couldn't have imagined the experience she would gain from working in local government.

"You understand the strengths and weakness of the community and you do everything in your power to make the town better, you see the best and the worst of people in the community and despite the struggles you still persevere because you love where you live and you know the best place to make a difference is working of the council."



## Wheatbelt Science Trail



## Nominate a site for the Wheatbelt Science Trail – CLOSING 20 MARCH

The Wheatbelt Science Hub initiative funded through Royalties for Regions will combine science, education, tourism, outdoor recreation and economic development in its delivery, as locals and tourists alike can explore the regions scientific assets from the raw magnificence in nature to the engineering feats like the Domes. Nominate a site today or keep informed by visiting

<http://www.wheatbeltscience.org.au/trail.html>





## New 14 seater community bus

Council has purchased a second-hand 14 seater school bus to provide a secondary community bus service for smaller groups at an affordable rate of 66c per kilometre plus replacement of fuel consumption.

If you're interested in hiring the bus contact the Shire administration office.

## Go Café joins Responsible Cafés

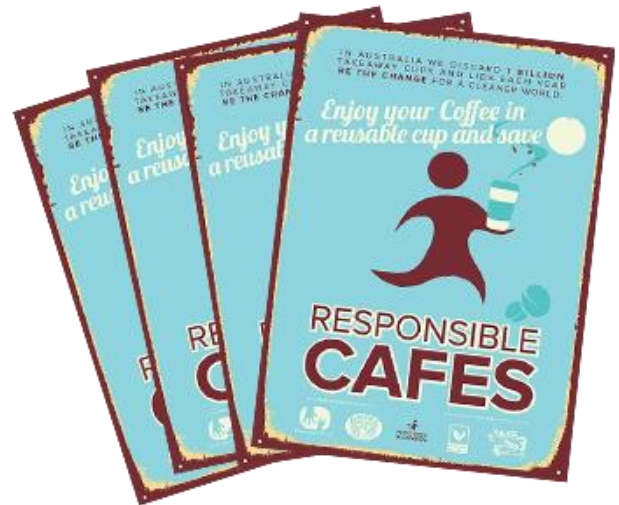
Go Café has joined a number of Cafés across the country who are offering a discount to customers that bring their own cup in an effort to encourage sustainable habits and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. L.E. is offering a 50c discount on coffee if you bring your own cup, that's half a coffee a week if you have coffee daily.

**“The Responsible Cafés Program connects thoughtful cafés with conscious consumers by encouraging them to offer a discount to customers with reusable takeaway cups.**

An unbelievable **1 billion takeaway cups and lids are landfilled or littered each year in Australia** Contrary to popular belief, they are poorly recyclable and only rarely composted due to inadequate

industrial composting facilities and the difficulty of getting the cups/lids there.” – Responsible Cafés

For more information visit Responsible Cafes website <http://www.responsiblecafes.org/>



## Sport & Recreation update

### Bike plan

The Shire has a town bike plan which was adopted in 2009. This plan outlines the missing links, works required and current footpath network in Goomalling. This plan has guided the shire with the footpath upgrades and its time we renewed the plan. The Department of Transport has grants for up to \$10,000 for strategic planning to which the Shire of Goomalling was successful in obtaining the grant for 2017/2018.



The Shire of Goomalling will work with the Department of Transport to complete the plan by December 2017, ready to apply for grant funding to complete the required works in 2018.

### Reticulation & Hockey oval upgrade

Goomalling Recreation Ground irrigation upgrade encompasses the installation of automated irrigation system including the hockey field and football/cricket oval with a centralised computer system for management and monitoring both on and offsite.

Secondary component of the project includes the laser levelling and re-turfing of the hockey oval to create a more level playing surface and eliminate obstructions created from multiple species of grass. The surface will be replaced with a hybrid species that can withstand the local climate and provide a safer playing surface.

The Shire of Goomalling has submitted a grant application to the Department of Sport and Recreation to help cover the cost of the irrigation installation and levelling and re-turfing the hockey oval. If the Shire is successful, we aim to commence the project after the Mortlock Football finals in September.



## KEEPING KIDS INJURY FREE IN THE WHEATBELT

*Free Child Safety Forum presented by Kidsafe WA and the Royal Life Saving Society WA*

### *Session Details*

Attend the FREE Keeping Kids Safe Presentation for tips on how to keep your children injury free: At home, during play, on rural properties, around water and on the road. Included will be a quick demonstration of CPR for infants and children.

### *Who are the sessions targeted at?*

Parents, carers, grandparents or anyone interested in child safety!

### *Where*

Sport and Recreation Centre Goomalling  
Corner of Quinlan Street and Hoddy Street, Goomalling WA 6460

### *When*

Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 1:30pm – 2.30pm

### **REGISTRATIONS**

Please RSVP by Friday the 24th of March 2017 by calling (08) 9629 1101 or emailing [sportrec@goomalling.wa.gov.au](mailto:sportrec@goomalling.wa.gov.au).

Please note bookings are essential.





Department of  
Sport and Recreation



ELIGIBLE  
YOUTH AGED  
5-18 YEARS  
CAN ACCESS  
FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE.

UP TO  
**\$200**  
TOWARDS CLUB  
FEES FOR KIDS!

# KIDSPORT



Because every WA kid deserves a fair go

## We have some changes coming your way.

### 1. Applicants listed on a valid Health Care or Pensioner Concession card should now:

- Apply online at the Department of Sport and recreation website OR
- Submit a KidSport application form and a copy of the card to their local government.

### 2. KidSport no longer has referral agents.

- Applicants NOT listed on a valid concession card need to meet one of the new KidSport Financial Exceptions listed on the DSR website.
- If you meet an exception you can apply for KidSport through a KidSport Financial Assessor.

For more information contact your local government office or visit [www.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport](http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport) or email [kidsport@dsr.wa.gov.au](mailto:kidsport@dsr.wa.gov.au).



## Community Development update

### Youth Friendly Community Plan

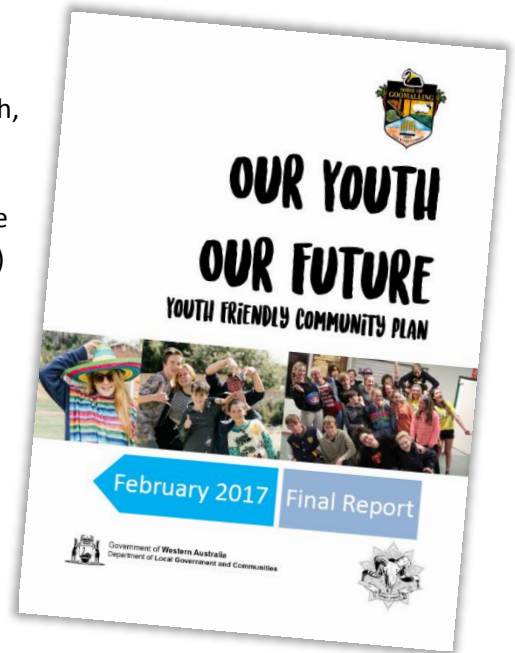
Department of Local Government and Communities funded the Our Youth, Our Future project which took just over seven months to complete.

The youth friendly community grant program enabled Council to engage young people in ways that were relatable to them. Council hosted four (4) events created by youth for youth in an effort to collect data to develop an achievable action plan.

The plan was officially launched on Thursday 9 March.

Young people created a community dispatch video which has a clips of young people voicing their opinion as well as a summary of the plan.

The plan is available for review on Council's website [www.goomalling.wa.gov.au](http://www.goomalling.wa.gov.au).



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Department of **Local Government and Communities**

### Water Harvesting Project



Department of Water granted Shire of Goomalling \$100,000 to complete a new dam and chlorination system to catch water runoff from the Goomalling town site, which is then shandied with effluent and pumped through the chlorination system to water the recreation ovals.

The new White Street dam which holds 1 ML has been pumped out 4 times, all that water would've escaped into Mortlock River catchment area. In addition to the higher than ordinary rainfall the water supply as a result of the redefinition of the culverts between Railway Terrace and White Street has increased significantly. The primary White Street dam has been emptied 4 times as well.

Economically the project employed local contractors to supply and install dam fencing, chlorinator fencing, dam construction, electrical, materials and engineering injecting \$99,040.92 into our local/regional businesses.



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Water**



# Youth Zone



Goomalling Youth Zone offers weekly workshops for young people in two sessions, one for primary school students and one for high school students.

Primary school students can enjoy a one-hour session where they share fruit, chat and complete a short workshop.

High school students cook their dinner and clean-up before completing a workshop and finish off with free time.

*Week 1 – Wadjuk Dancers*  
Tradition noongar dancing demonstration and lesson, followed by braiding arm bands and body painting.



*Week 3 - Art Revolution*  
Youth used oils and black paint to create vibrant illustrations nurturing self-expression.

*Week 4 – Wado Ryu Karate*  
Wado Ryu karate lesson, youth learnt self-defence and discipline through the ancient martial art.



**Goomalling Youth Zone is Shire of Goomalling initiative funded by Western Australia Police Community Crime Prevention Fund**



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## Asset Prioritisation

Council wants to create a community that has a diverse range of services and facilities for everyone LONG TERM. Collocation and asset prioritisation is a necessary process to ensure sustainable management and continuity of facilities indefinitely.

Council owns a significant number of residential, commercial and community properties and facilities, at current Council *should* be budgeting \$747,965 for BUILDING maintenance alone. This calculation is based on 1-3% of the replacement value in accordance with Local Government Financial Management Regulations and Australian accounting standards and does not include other infrastructure such as roads, sewerage, drainage, lighting, bins, tanks, plant, equipment or the swimming pool.

### Completed CAPITAL Projects 2016/17

BMX Track	\$50,000
Water Harvesting Project	\$200,000
Konnongorring West Road	\$390,000
Bejoording Road	\$600,000

### Upcoming/current CAPITAL projects 2016/17

Community Garden	\$20,000
Solar panels community & sport centre	\$30,000

### Upcoming CAPITAL projects 2017/18

8 Aged Housing Units	\$2,400,000
Reticulation Ovals	\$150,000
Town Hall upgrade	\$570,000
Swimming pool upgrade	\$100,000
Goomalling Meckering Road	\$600,000
Konnongorring West Road	\$400,000

Council will be talking to community groups over the coming months about the future needs of their groups and prioritising facilities. Keep an eye out for the community consultation regarding the asset prioritisation before the 2017/18 budget is finalised.

## Youth precinct

In line the asset prioritisation constructing a new building is no longer a viable option for Council, therefore improving existing infrastructure to accommodate youth services is our approach. Council still intends to offer the same outcomes as the original plan including skate park, parkour, basketball, community garden playground etc.

## Community garden

Like the youth precinct the community garden has been delayed due to Councils review of priorities, funding uncertainty and project workload. Councils grant monies of \$19,000 from Department of Local Government and Communities requires completion by 30 June 2017 therefore there is going to be a short window for community consultation, planning and action.

We will be advertising a workshop and garden planning very soon, so keep an eye out!

## Why?

- Operational grants are being reduced by Federal and State Government.
- A number of assets are reaching end of lifecycle and need major repairs.
- Councils need to prioritise expenditure to ensure financial sustainability.
- Community facilities are NOT used to their full capacity.
- Collocation and shared facilities is the way of the future.

However, they will be located adjacent to the Memorial Town Hall to make use of the underutilised facility and improve the quality of the building for other users.

Community consultation will be carried out in the coming months in order for works to be carried out in 2017/18.



## Velvet Pear Cactus Eradication Project

### The key learnings for our project to date are:

- Ongoing need for surveillance of germinant post mechanical and other control. Seedling monitoring also needs to be extend more broadly beyond areas that have had control, as we know there will be a soil seed store of this specie in our project area.
- The use of a disposal pit is helpful, however we believe to minimise the potential of Opuntia spread through pad / fruit and drop in transport, we think in-situ control should always be the preferred option. After digging the pit and placing Opuntia material in it, we have had significant rain and the following issues will need to be rectified:
  - allow water in the pit to drain into a contained area (small trench away from the pit)
  - we need to progressively fill the pit from one end and back fill with soil as we go. Some of the material placed in the pit in the beginning has since reshot and we cannot at present control these until the water has drained off, if we are to use chemical control. In this instance we will probably locate all the plant material to one end of the pit and backfill it which does not required the pit to be dry before we do so.

Initial results suggest that more direct chemical applications such as basal barking and stem injection achieve quick and effective results. Our trial has not

been established long enough or possibly with enough replicates to be definitive about this point, however we anecdotal see that we are achieving mortality via these two methods.

**State NRM supports the Velvet Pear Eradication project with a second grant of \$20,452 to assist Council to to remove the wide spread weed.**

Council has employed a new project officer to carry out field work following the resignation of Jodi Iles. Jean Walker who was a full time Landcare Officer for the Shire of Bruce Rock and is enthusicatic about the task will continue to progress the project.



Initial control of Opuntia for the trial 8.12.2016

### Follow-up monitoring of the Opuntia control trial February 2017 ~ 6 weeks after control

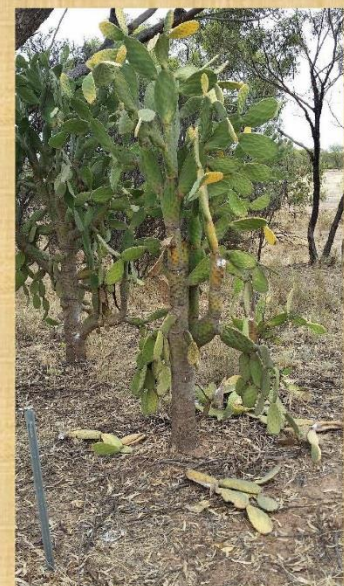
Foliar Amitrole method



Fruit affected after stem injection using Amitrole



Stem injection using Amitrole







Basal barking using Roundup



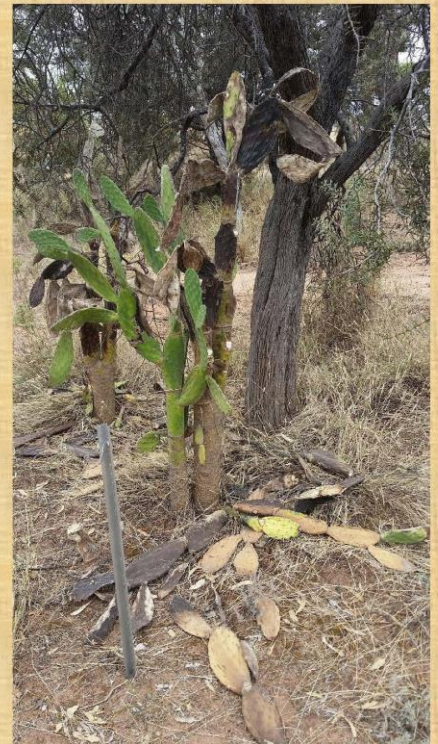
Foliar spraying using Round up



Basal barking using Garlon



Stem injection using Roundup





## Thank a Volunteer Day

# THANK A VOLUNTEER DAY

Volunteering is essential to the function of small communities, without which services and facilities wouldn't exist and the town would be a skeleton, empty and lifeless.

Goomalling has over fifty community organisations coordinated by volunteers. These organisations create a diverse ecosystem for our people to expand and thrive, there is an abundance of opportunities for you to join in creating a better community for everyone.

Some great ways you can volunteer in Goomalling:

- Join the emergency services
- Help out at breakfast club at Goomalling Primary
- Write stories for the Endeavour
- Sort recycling at the Lions Recycling Depot
- Share your skills with at risk young people
- Pick up rubbish

Volunteering WA released a publication "The Economic, Social and Cultural value of Volunteering to Western Australia" which stated that for every dollar (\$1) volunteered four dollars fifty (\$4.50) worth of benefits is returned to the community.

The benefit doesn't only apply to communities but to individual volunteers, research published in the journal Health Psychology found selfless volunteering on a regular basis can increase longevity and health. Anecdotal accounts on the benefits of volunteering suggest you will develop skills, build experience, and increase mental health.





Shire of Goomalling recognised the significant contributions of our community groups in a ceremony Thursday 9 February 2017 with funding from the Department of Local Government and Communities, each community group within the Goomalling district received a certificate.

Thank you to the following community organisations for your contribution to our community:

Cunjardine Bush Fire Brigade  
 Dowerin-Goomalling Apex Club  
 Gabby Quoi Quoi Catchment Group  
 Goomalling Bowling Club  
 Goomalling Children's Centre  
 Goomalling CRC Committee  
 Goomalling Cricket Club  
 Goomalling & Districts Community Bank  
 Goomalling Farmers Club  
 Goomalling Football Club  
 Goomalling Go-Kart Club  
 Goomalling Golf Club  
 Goomalling Gumnuts Inc  
 Goomalling Historical Society  
 Goomalling Hospital Auxiliary  
 Goomalling Ladies Hockey Club  
 Goomalling Lions Club  
 Goomalling Netball Club  
 Goomalling Nippers Football Club  
 Goomalling P & C Association  
 Goomalling P & F Association  
 Goomalling Primary School Board  
 Goomalling Railway Station Restoration Society

Goomalling Senior Citizens Club  
 Goomalling St John Ambulance  
 Goomalling Swimming Club  
 Goomalling Tennis Club  
 Goomalling Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Committee  
 Goomalling Tip Shop  
 Goomalling Town Bush Fire Brigade  
 Goomalling Toy Library  
 Goomalling Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service  
 Goomalling Wado Ryu Karate Club  
 Goomalling Youth Group Inc  
 Goomalling/Konnongorring CWA  
 Jenna Kart Club  
 Jennacubbine Bush Fire Brigade  
 Jennacubbine CWA  
 Jennacubbine Hall Committee  
 Jennacubbine Progress Association  
 Jennacubbine Sports Council  
 Knick Knacks Op Shop  
 Konnongorring Bush Fire Brigade  
 Konnongorring Hall Committee  
 Konnongorring Recreation Council  
 Konnongorring Tennis Club  
 Mens Shed  
 Mortlock Pony Club  
 Mortlock Sports Council Inc  
 Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
 Sacred Heart School Board  
 Skeleton Weed Action Group  
 Slater Homestead Group  
 St Paul's Anglican Church  
 Ucarty Catchment Group  
 Uniting Church Ladies Guild

**Media Contact:** Tahnee Bird, CDO

**Authorising Officer:** Clem Kerp, CEO

**Date:** 13 February 2017



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**Department of Local Government and Communities**



# BIKE RESCUE

Build and customise your own bike.

3-day school holiday program.

Hurry. Spaces are limited.

Contact Tahnee Bird on 0400 495 173 to book your spot.



Where:  
Goomalling War Memorial Town Hall  
34 Quinlan Street  
GOOMALLING

When:  
April 11, 11am to 4pm  
April 12, 10am to 4pm  
April 13, 10am to 2pm



*A community program proudly provided by the Shire of Goomalling.*



# BIKE RESCUE

w: [dismantle.org.au/bike-rescue](http://dismantle.org.au/bike-rescue)  
e: [admin@dismantle.org.au](mailto:admin@dismantle.org.au)

8 Macewan st  
West Leederville, WA, 6007

## Goomalling BikeRescue Rego Form

Where: Goomalling War Memorial Town Hall, 34 Quinlan Street

When: April 11, 11am to 4pm  
April 12, 10am to 4pm  
April 13, 10am to 2pm

<b>Full Name</b>	
<b>Preferred name:</b>	
<b>Age:</b>	
<b>Gender:</b>	
<b>Suburb / Postcode:</b>	
<b>Preferred contact number:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Bike type preference?</b>	
<b>Parent/Guardian</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Relationship:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Contact Number:</b>	
<b>Photo/Media Release - Yes/No</b>	
<b>Medical Details (any allergies, special needs or support)</b>	

# What

Boomerang Bags is an initiative to provide fun, free, reusable shopping bags reducing consumption of plastic and nurturing sustainable behaviour in communities across Australia.

For more information:  
[www.boomerangbags.org](http://www.boomerangbags.org)



# Get involved

- Create a bag at home
- Share your skills
- Share your sewing machine
- Join in on a sewing bee
- Provide scrap material

If you would like to be involved in the initiative please contact:

**Tahnee Bird**  
Community Development Officer  
[cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au)







IN AUSTRALIA  
WE USE  
MORE THAN

**9 BILLION  
PLASTIC  
BAGS**

EVERY YEAR

**WHY?**



**PLASTIC DOES NOT GO AWAY**

THIS YEAR OVER **9 MILLION TONNES** OF PLASTIC<sup>1</sup> WILL ENTER THE WORLD'S OCEANS

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

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

**124 BILLION** PIECES OF PLASTIC litter our coasts<sup>2</sup> including (every year):

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

**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

**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<sup>3</sup>

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

**96% OF ALL BIODIVERSITY** potentially ingests plastics<sup>4</sup> including:

- 52% of all SEA TURTLES<sup>5</sup>
- 100% of all CORAL REEFS<sup>6</sup>
- 90% of all SEA BIRDS<sup>7</sup>

The animals most vulnerable to the toxic effects of plastic contamination are those at the very top of the food chain - US!<sup>8</sup>

Join the campaign to **STOP MARINE PLASTIC POLLUTION**  
[www.boomerangalliance.org.au/plastic\\_pollution](http://www.boomerangalliance.org.au/plastic_pollution)

**INFORMATION SOURCES**

- 1 University of Georgia
- 2 CBRN
- 3 Algalita Marine Research Foundation
- 4 University of Queensland
- 5 IARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies
- 6 Sydney Institute of Marine Science
- 7 Australian Marine Conservation Society
- 8 Catalyst ABC TV

For more information see our website about marine plastic pollution and our submission to the Senate Inquiry into the Threat of marine plastic pollution in Australia. [http://www.boomerangalliance.org.au/plastic\\_pollution\\_resources](http://www.boomerangalliance.org.au/plastic_pollution_resources)



Shire of Goomalling

# drumMUSTER

NEXT MUSTER IS SCHEDULED FOR:

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

Please register your interest and numbers of containers to the Shire Office on 9629 1101 by Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017

the recycling process

20,000 000 containers delivered across 760 sites equals 25,000 tonnes of material diverted from landfill & recycled by 24 approved processors

*Remember tops off and all containers are to be cleaned inside & out*

Should anyone require further information or details then please do not hesitate to contact:

The Goomalling Shire Office on 9629 1101 or Doug Sewell on 0427 791 190





## **SHIRE OF GOOMALLING**

### **RENTAL TENDER – APPLICATION 2 BEDROOM AGED PERSONS UNIT**

Applications in writing are invited from eligible aged pensioners, expressing interest for the rental of the following unit:

**Unit 7/45 Hoddy Street, Goomalling**

Rental is levied at 25% of weekly pension plus Centrelink Rental Assistance. Copy of Tenancy Agreement is also available for perusal.

Applications will be received up to 10.00am on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

For more information, please contact Natalie Bird at the Shire Office during office hours Monday – Friday 8.00 to 4.30 pm.

## **Community Emergency Services Manager Update**

### **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, DFES and the Shire encourage owners of such vehicles or machinery to apply for 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](http://www.goomalling.wa.gov.au)



## Summer Sport highlights

### Council trainee selected in the Australian team for Karate Oceania Championship



Congratulations to Tina Perrin, trainee at the Shire of Goomalling who has been selected in the Australian team for karate and the Oceania Championships in April. Tina's preferred karate discipline is Wado Ryu, she is the current Australian and Oceania champion in her weight division for all karate disciplines.

In 2017 she'll travel to Sydney to defend her Oceania title and is vying for a spot in the Commonwealth Games in South Africa in preparation for karate's inaugural debut at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.

Tina started the Goomalling chapter of Wado Ryu karate which currently has 25 active members.

### Bowls

Congratulations to our two ladies bowling teams who came 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Avon Valley Ladies Bowling League. This is a great outcome as it's the first time Goomalling has had two teams in the competition.



### Mens Bowls Finals

**Saturday 18 March, 2.00pm**

*Division 1 First Semi –Goomalling (91) def Toodyay (90)*

*Division 2 First Semi -Goomalling (104) def Toodyay (102)*

### Sunday 19 March - Preliminary Final

*Division 1: Dowerin (89) def Goomalling (88)*

The game was a nail biter 84 all after 25 ends. One extra end to decide the winners

*Division 2: Dowerin (96) def Goomalling (90)*

### Cricket

Goomalling Cricket Club have been dubbed the wildcats of the Wyalkatchem Cricket Association (WCA), starting the season with multiple losses only to find form when it matters reaching the Grand Final.

Dowerin (280) def Goomalling (257)

1<sup>st</sup> Innings DO (164) V GO 155

2<sup>nd</sup> Innings DO (116) V GO 102

### Tennis

Goomalling tennis club versed Quairading on the Saturday 18 March in Dowerin in the Avon Tennis Association (ATA) grand final. Quairading vying for their first championship title in at least 45 years.

Quairading (21) def Goomalling (9).

### Basketball

Northam Basketball Association (NBA) participated in the 2017 Country Week tournament at Bendat Basketball Stadium, Perry Lakes. NBA had four (4) Goomalling people represent them in the Division 4 side which took out silver after a nail-biting grand finale that went into time on. Scott Palmer (Goomalling Primary School, Principal) received Most Value Player for the tournament.





## Environmental Health & Building Update

### Korean strain (K5) of Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV)

#### RHDV2

RHDV2 does not pose a risk to human health and is not a modifiable livestock disease. However, the impact on pet rabbits and rabbit farms is high and it can cause death in young kittens (3-4 weeks) and a proportion of vaccinated adults. This new virus strain is distinct from RHDV1, which was released in Australia in 1996 for the control of wild rabbits. It affects rabbits and hares only.

RHDV2 was first reported in France in 2010 and has been found in several other European countries. It was first detected in Australia in the Canberra area in May 2015.

Clinical signs of RHDV2 differ from the type 1 virus. RHDV2 affects kittens at a younger age (from 3-4 weeks) and clinical signs may be over 3-5 days before death. This is significant in general practice where unwell rabbits may present for vague clinical signs including; lethargy, inappetence, pyrexia and gut stasis. These rabbits will be infectious to other rabbits.

The current vaccine for rabbit calicivirus (Cylap RCD) is not fully protective against RHDV2. However, there is evidence of some cross protection between type 1 and type 2 viruses. Keeping domestic or pet rabbits' vaccinations up to date is recommended to provide the maximum possible protection against this new strain. While an updated vaccine has been developed in Europe it is not currently available in Australia.

Until a specific vaccine is available for RHDV2, a revised vaccination protocol using the vaccine currently available in Australia has been suggested, though it is not known to what extent this will confer protection.

The virus is being distributed in March 2017 and nearby release sites are, Goomalling, Koorda, Wongan Hills, Dalwallinu and Toodyay.



### Goomalling feeder bus service to AvonLink – every Thursday

#### Goomalling - Midland

#### AvonLink

From Goomalling			Thursday		From Midland			Thursday	
			AVM4					MAV5	
			AM					PM	
<b>Goomalling (shire)</b>	Dep		9.30		<b>Midland Station</b>	Ⓜ Dep		5.50	
<b>Toodyay</b>	Dep		10.20		<b>Toodyay</b>	Dep		6.45	
<b>Midland Station</b>	Ⓜ Arr		11.20		<b>Goomalling (shire)</b>	Arr		7.15	

Amendments may apply on most public holidays, during school holidays and weekend special events. Passengers are advised to be ready for boarding 15 minutes prior to departure

Ⓜ Wheelchair accessible toilet facilities available

[www.transwa.wa.gov.au](http://www.transwa.wa.gov.au)

#### FARE

Goomalling – Toodyay (bus)	\$6.05	(one way)
Toodyay – Midland (AvonLink)	<u>\$17.30</u>	(one way) <i>valid all day for travel on Perth train lines</i>
	<b>\$23.35</b>	<b>(one way)</b>

**50% concession for valid pension, healthcare and/or seniors card holders**

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM SHIRE OF GOOMALLING



# **ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS**

Goomalling War Memorial Park  
Railway Terrace, Goomalling  
Tuesday, 25 April 2017

**DAWN SERVICE - 6.00AM**  
**MORNING SERVICE - 10.45AM**

&

Jennacubbine War Memorial  
Collins Street, Jennacubbine  
Tuesday, 25 April 2017

**DAWN SERVICE - 6.00AM**

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## DO YOU WANT SOMETHING DISCUSSED AT COUNCIL?

All correspondence items are to be submitted by the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of each month to allow ample time for report and agenda preparation.

If correspondence is submitted late the item may be discussed for Council's consideration, otherwise it will be deferred to the following month to allow Councillors time to research and resolve its decision.

Submissions should be addressed to:

Clem Kerp  
Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Goomalling  
PO Box 118  
GOOMALLING WA 6460

## AMENDED JUNE 2017 COUNCIL MEETING DATE

It is advised that the Ordinary Meeting for June 2017 has been brought forward 2 weeks to the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 due to both Shire President & Deputy Shire President being away at the normal date.

## 2017 Council Meetings Commencing at 1.00pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month)

19<sup>th</sup> April  
17<sup>th</sup> May  
7<sup>th</sup> June  
19<sup>th</sup> July  
16<sup>th</sup> August  
20<sup>th</sup> September  
18<sup>th</sup> October  
15<sup>th</sup> November  
20<sup>th</sup> December

## Goomalling Swimming Club

The 2016/2017 season came to a close when we held our swimathon on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March and raised over \$650. It was a great effort with the most laps of 66 swum by Cayden Smith closely followed by Kevin Bauer – Laufer and Clare Manera who swam 64. Special mention must go to the youngest members of our club in Zachary Lord, Callum Fergusson and Sinead Fergusson who all swam 50 laps and Kale Taylor who swam 58. This was all done in 60 minutes so it was a huge effort for them. Special mention also to Maddie Bilston who raised \$140. Thank you to all the parents, coaches and Nola for their effort throughout the season. The 2017/2018 season will begin in November.

## Dates for your diary: everyone is welcome!

<b>25 March</b>	Earth Hour
<b>25 March</b>	Goomalling V Irish Rossmore Raiders Football match, 2.00pm, Goomalling Recreation Ground
<b>28 March</b>	New Moon in Aries
<b>1 April</b>	Goomalling BAT NIGHT with Wheatbelt NRM, Goomalling Golf Club
<b>9 April</b>	First Mortlock Football League fixture Goomalling V Gingin (Home)
<b>11 April</b>	Full Moon in Libra
<b>11,12 &amp; 13 April</b>	BikeRescue school holiday Program
<b>14 April</b>	Good Friday
<b>16 April</b>	Easter Sunday
<b>25 April</b>	Anzac Day
<b>26 April</b>	New Moon in Taurus
<b>11 May</b>	Full Moon in Scorpio
<b>14 May</b>	Mother's Day
<b>26 May</b>	New Moon in Gemini



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<i>Got a question about...</i>	<i>Then contact...</i>	
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