

G'day Goomalling

Jurokine Coach House | Jennacubbine

"Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance"

-Eckhart Tolle

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Swimming pool closure

Last day of the pool season **Wednesday 31 March**

Easter trading hours

Road Construction

Closed – Friday 2nd April (Good Friday)
Reopen – Thursday 8th April

Gardens/Maintenance

Closed – Friday 2nd April (Good Friday)
Reopen – Wednesday 7th April

Refuse Site (Tip)

Closed – Friday 2nd April (Good Friday)
Open – Sunday 4th April

Administration Office

Closed – Friday 2nd April
Reopen – Tuesday 6th April, 8.30am

Medical Surgery

Closed – Friday 2nd April
Reopen – Tuesday 6th April, 9.00am

Double Demerits

Double demerit penalties will be in place during the Easter break from **Thursday 1 April to Monday 5 April** (incl.) and ANZAC Day **Friday 23 April to Monday 26 April** (incl.)

Reporting Water leaks

Call Water Corporation 13 13 75

Shire President's Greetings

Welcome to 2021, it has already served up COVID shutdowns, fires and floods like an apocalyptic movie, nonetheless we carry on as best we can. During this ever changing economic and social climate, I encourage you to support our local small businesses.

The first week of March has given the soil some much needed moisture, with it debris, minor flooding and much needed reprieve for our ovals and nature reserves. Well done to the works crew who were out supporting businesses and residents with flooding and cleaning up the local roads/streets.

The winter sports season is warming up after a long break in 2020, it will be great to see our passionate players and supporters out and about on weekends.

Council elections are in October this year, I encourage you to consider becoming a Councillor, it's a great opportunity to make a difference and learn new skills.



*Cr Barry Haywood
Shire President*

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.

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.

Lodging an objection with Landgate

Rating valuations are determined by Landgate, as such you have the right to object to a valuation and request a reassessment.

The online objection form is now available on Landgate's webpage [Lodging an Objection](#), under Q&A "How do I lodge an objection on my GRV, UV or pastoral rent value".

The online form is expected to deliver significant efficiencies by enabling customers to lodge their objection and supporting evidence for up to 10 properties via a single submission.

While Landgate encourages the use of the online form, objection submissions will continue to be accepted via email, post and at Landgate's Customer Service counter.

Staff movements

Chris has moved on

Christine Schorer has worked with Council for nearly 4 years, and while she started in customer service it wasn't long before her keen eye for detail and organisational skills led her to more challenging roles.

Chris is an amazing community member, contributing to the function of Goomalling Sport & Community Centre, youth group, Vinnies, hockey and netball clubs. Her presence will be sorely missed from the office, but we can't wait to buy our morning coffee from her while she is at Lot 39 and studying.

We wish Chris all the best for what, no doubt with be a promising future.

Building Maintenance Officer

Nick Tucci has been appointed as our new Building Maintenance Officer replacing Brad McConkey. Brad was a highly skilled boiler maker that could put his hand to anything and who operated with precision. Brad is putting his qualifications to good use working on mining shutdowns across the state.

COVID Update

Since our last Public Notice the situation has not changed significantly, the lockdown has ended, contact registers are still in place and it is still recommended that people use the SafeWA app where possible.

The State and Federal Governments are in the process of rolling out the vaccination program and Health WA will provide more detailed information as and when supply increases to cater for the general public.

The message remains the same with regard to social distancing, sanitising, contact tracing and if you are unwell, stay home and get tested.

With regard to the WA State Election, the WA Electoral Commission has provided a FAQ section on

Nick is a qualified plumber but an all-rounder when it comes to maintenance and repairs.

Customer Service Officer

Jessika Ashworth has been appointed as our new Customer Service Officer replacing Kristina Perrin who resigned from the position recently.

Jess has a keen eye for photography, design and Go-Karting.

Office reshuffle

We welcome Jess and Nick to our Shire team and look forward to working together.

With the recent exodus of three office workforce, we are currently reassessing positions based on the evolving administrative demand for local governments and will do our best to continue to offer service in a timely manner. The staff have collectively agreed to trial operations without employing replacement staff which will be reviewed after three months.

its web site regarding the upcoming election. There is also a link to the COVID management plan on the page to help with any other questions you may have.

As new information becomes available, we will keep you informed via our public notices, on our web page and facebook page as well.

Fire & emergency services volunteers

Fire and emergency services volunteers, including Bush Fire Brigades can register online via [registration link](#) to receive their COVID-19 vaccination from Monday 8 March 2021.

For more information, visit Council's website.

WA State Elections

Key dates

4 Feb	Application for postal voting opens – Apply here	27 Feb	Mobile polling may commence
11 Feb	Roll close	10 Mar	Close of written application for postal votes
22 Feb	Postal voting commences	12 Mar	In person early voting closes at 6pm
24 Feb	In person and tech assisted early voting commences	13 Mar	Polling Day 8am-6pm

Ways to vote

There are more voting options than just voting at your local polling place on Saturday 13 March. Voting options this State Election include: postal voting, early in person voting, mobile polling and voting on Election day.

Assisted voting

There are a range of services available which include a variety of specialised equipment to assist

electors who have particular needs to vote. See the [Assisted Voting Guide here](#).

GOOMALLING POLLING PLACE

Goomalling Community Resource Centre
51 - 53 Railway Terrace
GOOMALLING WA 6460

More information

<https://www.elections.wa.gov.au/>

Submissions to Council budget

Interested community organisations and individuals are invited to submit projects and expenditure requests for consideration in Council's 2021-22 budget.

Community groups that have projects in the pipeline that would like to request Council contribution, must make a formal request or are at risk of project being delayed until the following financial year.

Budget submissions are due no later than 16 April 2021.



Slater Homestead Interpretation Project

As part of the development of the Pioneers' Pathway, Shire of Goomalling was allocated funding from Lotterywest (\$20,000) and Building Better Regions Fund (\$5,000), for interpretative mediums to enhance the visitor experience. The added interpretation aims to build visitor connection to the site by telling the story of George Slater, his family, about life in Goomalling during early European settlement and the history of the precinct.

Creative Spaces were awarded the contract to design and manufacture interpretation which includes internal and external panels, audio, embroidery hoops and stickers.

We would like to acknowledge project contributors Wendy Williams, Andrea Hardingham, Cherie Broadhurst, Ross Crute, Harold Forward, Ashley Lord, Yvonne Haywood and Aimee Tyson.

Slater Homestead opens again in April on weekends from 10am-4pm or by appointment, why don't you book a visit, enjoy the precinct and the lovely Devonshire teas on offer. Contact Wendy Williams for Bookings 0429 468 763 or wendywill@bigpond.com



Anstey Park Revitalisation

Survey results are available for viewing on Council's [website](#).

Join the Anstey Park focus group

A focus group has been established to gather input from relevant community members into the planning and development of the site. If you are interested in being part of the community focus group, please contact Tahnee Bird, our Community Development Officer via cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au or 08 9629 1101.

Maangart Yorga Program

Shire of Goomalling was awarded \$19,605 to deliver the Maangart Yorga Program in partnership with Goomalling Aboriginal Corporation. The twelve-month program has been funded by Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and their sponsorship partner CCI Giving.

The program consists of twelve workshops over eleven months which aim 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.

The workshops range from traditional weaving and bush medicine, to art and nutrition providing a holistic curriculum taking into consideration the wellbeing of the four bodies, emotional, mental, physical and spiritual. The full program includes the following:

- Vivienne Hansen, Bush Medicine Workshop
- Traditional weaving
- Journal making
- Clay sculpting
- Aboriginal rock painting
- 12 x 30 minute yoga classes by Wheatbelt Yoga
- Loving Larder Wholefoods workshop
- Nyoongar language
- Gungurra art 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 cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au

PHOTO DESCRIPTION (L-R): Dianne Jackson, Tracey DeGrussa, Sonia Lowe and Lesley Murphy with their totem animal weaves



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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WEDNESDAY 31.03.2021



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 29 March 2021

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



Contact

Julie Chester 0427 291 223
Shire office 08 9629 1101



What's happening in the works department

Calingiri Road

The first section of the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network Calingiri Road Upgrade Project has been completed. The second phase of upgrades will commence in 2021-22.

Meckering Road

Stage two of the project is still tied up in the clearing permit process which is becoming somewhat of a nightmare to manage. To date we have expended nearly \$100,000 in costs just to acquire the permit and it is not complete as yet. Increasingly we are seeing significant costs and time being expended on these permits within what are designated road reserves. Council is having to find significant offset revegetation projects to acquire the required clearing permits.

Bridge maintenance

Bridge maintenance and inspections have been carried out to ensure adequate signage and bridge markers.

Bowen Street bike path

A new dual use pathway has been constructed on Bowen Street between the Forrest Street and Hoddy Street junctions on the hospital side road verge. This was identified in our recent Bike Plan as one of the missing links in our pathway network.

Kerbing and pram ramps are also being installed on the junctions of Bowen, Forrest and Hoddy Street



paths to improve accessibility. The Bowen Street Project was completed in December 2020, thanks to funding (\$27,270) from Department of Transport.



Railway Terrace – Funding for design

Department of Transport has approved funding for 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.

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.

Parks, Gardens & Ovals

Our parks, gardens and ovals crew have had a much needed reprieve from the dry with 49.5ml in one day, filling dams and activating the minerals on our lawns creating vibrant green ovals and town streets. There was significant clean-up required after the torrential rain and flooding.

Building maintenance & plumbing

Our building maintenance crew have installed the new tourism bay signage on Railway Terrace and interpretation at Slater Homestead as well as carrying out general maintenance of Council's public buildings and rental properties.

Council meeting dates 2021

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

At their recent meeting Council confirmed the following meeting dates and times for the 2021 year:

3 February	19 May	18 August	17 November
17 March	16 June	15 September	15 December
21 April	21 July	20 October	

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 wasted shire resources redirecting fault enquiries instead of 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

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
- Buttonholes
- Small tears or holes.

Saturday mornings – 9am to 11am at the Goomalling Op Shop on the following dates:

April 3rd

May 1st

**Laugh
Play
Learn**

GOOMALLING GUMNUTS INC.
Early Learning Centre
PO Box 189, Goomalling WA 6460
(08) 9629 1188, gumnutsinc@bigpond.com

**Cnr Quinlan & Hoddy Streets
Ph: 9629 1188**

**Accredited
Long Day Care
Service
Play based learning**

**Monday to Thursday
8am - 5.30pm
Friday 8am - 3.15pm
Bookings essential**

Fire Season information

Restricted Burning Period

We are currently in the **Restricted Burning Period** which runs until 31 March 2021 (subject to further extension). PERMITS are required and will only be issued for burning of stubble or chaff for crop preparation.

Any permitted burning must comply with relevant requirements of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* – PENALTIES APPLY.

Camping/cooking Fires and burning of Garden refuse and/or rubbish

A wheelbarrow size pile of garden refuse/rubbish or a small cooking fire may be burnt on the ground between 6.00pm and 11.00pm **except:**

- on days of a VERY HIGH fire danger rating or above;
- on any Sunday or Public Holiday; and
- any days when a Total Fire Ban is declared by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).

ALL fires require

- An area of 5 metres must be clear all around the site of the fire;
- at least one adult must remain in attendance during the whole time that the fire is burning and until it is completely extinguished; and
- Must be extinguished prior to midnight.

Fire Breaks need to be in place

All properties are required to comply with the Shire of Goomalling Fire Break Order from November through to March each year. Information relating to fire break requirements was sent out with all rates notices and can also be found on the Shire website www.goomalling.wa.gov.au.

Fire break **inspections** will be carried out throughout the fire season to ensure fire breaks are maintained until 31 March 2021.

Total Fire Bans

A Total Fire Ban may be declared by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) when severe

weather conditions or widespread fires are seriously stretching resources within the region or across the state.

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

Harvest, Vehicle Movement & Hot Works Bans

The Shire of Goomalling will determine the need for a harvest, vehicle movement or hot works ban and advertise the ban on ABC Radio, RadioWest and via the Shire's mobile phone SMS service.

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

Local Fire Response message group

A proposal came out of the Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting held on 15th October to set up a local fire response chat group.

The concept is to have all local farmers, their workers and other members of the public who are available to assist in the event of a fire, connected to a single instant message group which may in fact be a faster way of mobilising localised assistance for a fire while Emergency services are responding. While this is **not designed to replace the 000 number**, it may be a way of getting resources to a fire front quickly.

This group does not replace the harvest ban system of text messages. It would only be used for calling up local response to a fire and nothing more, and inappropriate use of the chat will not be tolerated.

Using the link below (on the device that you utilise WhatsApp) you can join the Group.

https://chat.whatsapp.com/FiMR5bIFO0z3XpiNfg_hqc0

International Women's Day – “She Did: Goomalling”

#choosetochallenge #IWD2021
#shedidgoomalling

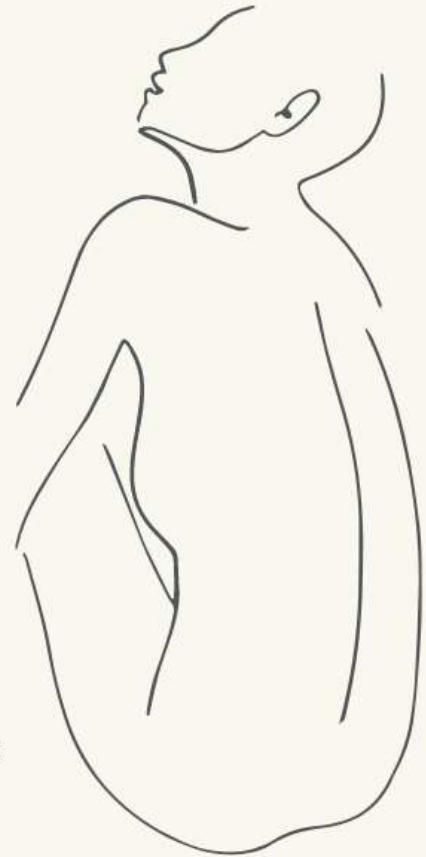
She Did

Today is 8 March, International Women's Day and to celebrate we are starting the project "She Did: Goomalling". The project will capture and catalogue female leaders in our community, from farms to sports fields and everything in between. We want to share rural life and COVID experiences from a women's perspective.

Nominate a girl boss: If you think there is someone we should include or you are interested in sharing your story please contact us.



Project Contact: Tahnee Bird, Community Development Officer cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au and Jess Ashworth, cso1@goomalling.wa.gov.au



"she believed she could, so she did." - R.S. Grey

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).

Funding and Grant Hub

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Wheatbelt and Midwest Gascoyne have launched a free Funding and Grants Hub that takes the stress out of the process for local businesses, community & sporting clubs and NFP organisations to easily find and successfully apply for grants.

Never miss a grant opportunity again - <http://www.rdawheatbelt.com.au/>

Dates for your diary

8 March	International Women's Day
17 March	St Patrick's Day
17 March	Council Meeting, 4pm, Council Chambers.
21 March	Harmony Day, International Day of Forest & International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination
26 March	Australian Government Mobile Service Centre, near Railway Station, 9am-4pm
27 March	Earth Hour 8.30pm
31 March	DrumMuster
1 April	Djeran Season commences (Nyoongar Calendar)
2 April	Good Friday
4 April	Easter Sunday
5 April	Easter Monday
9-16 April	Youth Week
21 April	Council Meeting, 4pm, Council Chambers.
24 April-4 May	Nature Play Week
25 April	ANZAC Day
4 May	International Star Wars Day – "May the fourth be with you"
9 May	Mother's Day
19 May	Council Meeting, 4pm, Council Chambers
15-21 May	National Families Week
20-26 May	National Volunteers Week
26 May	National Sorry Day
27 May-3 June	National Reconciliation Week



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