

G'day Goomalling



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*“When you make a choice,
you change the future”
- Deepak Chopra*

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Swimming pool closure

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

Easter trading hours

Administration Office

Closed – Thursday 6 April, 4.00pm

Reopen – Tuesday 11 April, 8.30am

Road Construction & Gardens/Maintenance

Closed – Thursday 6 April, 3.00pm

Reopen – Wednesday 12 April, 7.00am

Refuse Site (Tip)

Closed – Friday 7 April (Good Friday)

Open – Sunday 9 April (Easter Sunday)

Medical Surgery

Closed – Thursday 6 April, 4.30pm

Reopen – Tuesday 11 April, 8.45am

Double Demerits

Double demerit penalties will be in place for offences such as speeding, driving under influence, failing to wear seatbelt, use of mobile phone.

- Easter break from **Thursday 6 April to Monday 10 April** (incl.) and

Shire President's Greetings

We've nearly completed a quarter of 2023 with another dry summer, thankfully the new water tanks have been able to give life to our ovals over that period. The dry period ended with 52ml in Goomalling town site on the 25th March.

Congratulations to Goomalling Cricket Club for winning the 2023 Premiership defeating Cougars in an upset to bring home the flag; and Goomalling Tennis Club reigniting interest in tennis with the introduction of Cardio Tennis, so get down to the courts on Fridays - no experience required.

Our urban landscape is utopia for the Corellas with plenty of food, water and entertainment (infrastructure) , flocks continue to grow and create ongoing problems throughout the state. Council has committed \$15,000 per annum to Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management (NRM) for the next three years to hopefully come up with some tangible solutions to minimise their impact to natural and built infrastructure.

Four of our Councillor terms expire in October 2023, so if you've ever thought about how you can contribute to your community why not **become a Councillor**.

Congratulations and good luck to the newest business in Goomalling, the Railway Station Café, who will now operate from the Goomalling Railway Station currently opening on Friday to Monday.



Cr Barry Haywood
Shire President

Avon Valley Tourism

The Shires of Beverley, Goomalling, Northam Toodyay and York have partnered with Destination Perth again to promote the **Avon Valley** as a tourism destination under the *Hello Perth* umbrella.

To capitalise on momentum created with the new brand, we've launched the Dark Skies Campaign (Digital) that will roll out over the coming months to take advantage of the interest from visitors on their way to the Exmouth Eclipse. The Wheatbelt Region has a naturally occurring asset of dark skies, with little light pollution and wide horizons creating the perfect destination for stargazers.

The digital Dark Skies Campaign includes a toolkit for tourism businesses to use to promote their own brand and increase the reach across Instagram and Facebook.



If you are a local business in the region, would like to receive the Dark Skies Campaign Toolkits please contact Tahnee Bird, Community Development Officer cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au

Anstey Park Revitalisation

PROJECT UPDATE

- Nature Playground WA were awarded design, construction and install contract for Anstey Park.
- CWA toilet connected to sewerage.
- Lilac tree removed due to berries being poisonous to children and dogs.

What's next:

- Finalise design/elements for play space (keep an eye out for design expected at the start of April)
- Customised Construction of play elements in Perth
- Installation on site

Upcoming Council Meetings

- Wednesday 19 April
- Wednesday 17 May

Everyone is welcome to public question time which is from **4.30pm to 4.45pm**, at the start of the Meeting.

Written submissions are to be received by the second Wednesday of the month, with late correspondence accepted up to two days before the meeting.

Agendas and Minutes are published on Council's website:

<https://www.goomalling.wa.gov.au/your-council/council-meetings.aspx>

Upcoming Driving Test Dates

- 27 April
- 25 May

Priority booking are available to residents of Goomalling and surrounding towns.

To book in for a Practical Driving Assessment please contact one of our licensing officers on (08) 9629 1101.

You will need to have a test entitlement, your Driver's Licence or Learner's Permit number ready when booking your appointment.

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 third 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 for a couple hours a month or just every now and then, please contact Tahnee via cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au or call 9629 1101.

Goomalling Community Opshop

The Shire of Goomalling is now an approved organisation with Services Australia, which means hours worked at the Goomalling Community Opshop are now eligible for reporting to Centrelink.

The Opshop no longer offers adhoc grants. Instead we've created a new grant program called "**Activate Goomalling Grant Program**" which will offer two grant rounds per year in April and September with a funding pool of \$4000 for each round.

Grants of between \$500 and \$2,000 can be applied for. Funding allocation will be at the discretion of the volunteers and dependent upon the quantity of applications. Guidelines and application forms will be available closer to the date from the Opshop, Shire office or from the Shire's website.

\$8,775 was donated in 2022 to our community by way of small grants this year including \$1240 Goomalling Playgroup - cubby, \$1600 Sacred Heart - shelving, \$1033 Mortlock Pony Club – fencing, \$1000 Back to Goomalling Event Promotion, \$2000 Goomalling Men's Shed – tools, \$1000 Goomalling Primary School comprehension books, \$835 Mortlock Sports Council –pots.

<https://www.facebook.com/goomalling.op.shop/>

Swimming pools

Council recently carried out inspections on rural and town properties. If you no longer have a pool (decommissioned or removed) please contact Council and provide photo evidence of the pools' removal. Council may still need to complete a final inspection.

For advice on how to correctly decommission a pool please contact Council for further advice.



Portable Pools

There are many types of portable pools, ranging from small plastic or inflatable paddling pools, specifically designed for young children, to larger more solid inflatable pools or flexible sided pools with frames that can accommodate adults. Young children can drown in portable pools in a matter of seconds if unsupervised.

Any pool that is designed for swimming, wading and paddling that contains water more than 30cm deep, must be enclosed by an effective safety barrier that complies with the laws



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**ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME
55-57 RAILWAY TERRACE (COMMUNITY CENTRE DRIVEWAY)**

27 MAY 2023 - DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Goomalling

Community Resource Centre

Your local connection

**PROJECT CONTACT: TAHNEE BIRD
CDO@GOOMALLING.WA.GOV.AU // 9629 1101**

Reporting issues to relevant departments

Road Damage

When reporting damage to state roads, please contact Main Roads WA 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 WA Faults 138 138

Water leaks

Call Water Corporation 13 13 75

Faulty Street light

Reporting a faulty street light online directly to Western Power is quick and easy. <https://www.westernpower.com.au/faults-outages/report-a-faulty-streetlight/> Streetlight faults are normally fixed within 9 working days in rural areas and WP will let you know when it has been rectified.

 For electrical hazards and emergencies such as pole damage or exposed wires, call **13 13 51**.

Fire

If you see a fire, don't ring the Shire.

Be a hero, call triple Zero



It may be useful to save these phone numbers in your contacts so you have them readily available when the need arises.



GOOMALLING PLAYGROUP

**TRIAL FIRST
3 SESSIONS
FOR FREE**

**WEDNESDAYS
9-11AM**

**Goomalling PS
Eaton St Entrance**

**AGES
0-5 YEARS**

PLEASE BRING A HAT & CRUNCH 'N' SIP FOR YOUR CHILD

Playgroup is a great way to make friends, get out of the house, share experiences and stories, ask for advice and of course endless opportunities for children to learn and grow!

**Follow us on Facebook / Instagram
@Goomalling Playgroup**

**29th April, 2023
SAVE THE DATE**



**THE HOMESTEAD MARKETS
GOOMALLING**

What's happening in the works department

Footpaths

Repairs on town street footpaths in conjunction with the Dowerin Work Camp have been completed on various sections.

High Street shared path

Department of Transport funded the detailed design and construction of a shared path on High St, creating a safer environment for both cyclists and pedestrians.

The new path and end of trip facilities at Goomalling Swimming Pool have been completed including bike repair station, bike pump, water fountain and bike racks.



Road Maintenance

Maintenance grading and patching of potholes from January to March were carried out on Burabadji, Coulthard, Donald, Haywood, Botherling East, Konnongorring West, Lord, Pinkwerry, Berring, Carter East, Dowerin Konnongorring, Egan, Evans, King, Lake, Nambling South, Oak Park, Pryor, Sawyer, Schell, Slater, Spark, Bebakine, Beecroft, Bolgart East, Clarke, Goon Gooning, Lawler, Long Forrest, Smith, Tyndall, Wongamine, Berring East, Boase, Brooksbank, Hulongine, Patterson, Robert, Sadler and Ucarty Roads.

Inspection and repair or replacement of **road signs** and guideposts on various roads including Ucarty Road, Gabby Quoi Quoi, Konnongorring West Road and Meckering Road was undertaken.

The **lawns** are looking amazing with Council receiving phone calls from visitors on a regular basis asking what we put on it to make it look so lush and healthy.

The new cricket pitch has taken nicely now the surfaces and grounds are being prepared for the winter sports season.

Road Works

Works continue on the **Goomalling-Calingiri Road** and **Meckering Road** with culvert replacement, removal of existing seal, gravel and base preparation for new widen seal 10.4m.

Building Maintenance

Refurbishment of Goomalling Gumnuts Early Learning Centre toilet and laundry has been completed thanks to funding from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

Unit 3 Mortlock Lodge has had the kitchen replaced and a fresh coat of paint internally.



Goomalling Historical Society

Repairs to the School house ceiling.

The single teacher school at the museum is once again open for visitors. Thank you to the Shire for organising the insurance claim and the necessary repairs to the ceiling of the school house, which we believe was damaged by the strong winds associated with the stormy weather during the winter of 2022.

Back to Goomalling 2023 – Saturday 25th February.

The volunteers opened the museum on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th during the Back to Goomalling event weekend and were pleased to welcome returning and current Goomalling citizens. Of particular interest were the school class photographs and the recently added lists of teachers from each of the one teacher schools in the area.

The Back to Goomalling committee member, Ian Boase, produced a slideshow video of historical photographs for the Back to Goomalling event. The video consists of photographs from Ian's own collection, photographs donated by interested persons and the majority from the Goomalling Historical Society collection. The photographs have been enhanced, collated into categories, include explanatory notes, and the result is an entertaining and interesting hour of viewing.

If you would like to view the video please contact one of the Historical Society members listed at the end of this article.

Current projects.

This year we will be sorting the Goomalling Tennis Club paperwork, updating the inventory of the museum's collection and continuing work on the searchable database of the collection.

The CWA documents have been sorted, filed and stored. Anyone interested in viewing these documents can contact one of the Historical Society members listed at the end of this article.

The 2023 AGM was held on the 21st February and the committee remains the same as 2022 with Geoff Wise as President, Harold Forward as Vice President and Thérèse Wise as Treasurer/Secretary.

If you have any photographs, memorabilia or memories, relating to the Goomalling area, you would like to share and have preserved by the museum, please contact us.

If you are interested in viewing the museum, locating information or photographs of Goomalling or becoming involved in the Historical Society please contact one of the Historical Society members listed below.

Please contact:

Thérèse or Geoff on 0429 906 918

Harold on 0428 291 195

Peta on 0467 895 811

Fire Season information

Restricted Burning Period

The **Restricted Burning Period** commenced 15 March 2023 this year and this means that PERMITS are now 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* – All permits become void when the fire danger rating is HIGH or above **PENALTIES APPLY**.

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

During the Restricted period 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 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 5m to be cleared 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.

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.

Local Fire Response message group

A Whatsapp message group has been set up for local farmers, their workers and other members of the public who are available to assist in the event of a fire. This is solely for the purpose of mobilising localised assistance for a fire while Emergency services are responding. It does **not replace the 000 number**.

It is only to be used for calling up local response to a fire and nothing more; inappropriate use of the chat will not be tolerated.

To be added to the group, please send a request to Tahnee Bird, Community Development Officer cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au.

Firebreaks

Recently there has been considerable discussion in the community on firebreaks and the Firebreak Notice. I thought it would be prudent to outline a few facts about the whole firebreak issue. The notice is issued in accordance with S33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*. The Notice relates specifically to firebreaks for properties and the protection of town yards from ember attack during fire events.

Shire of Goomalling Fire-break Notice

Pursuant to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, all residents and ratepayers within the Shire of Goomalling are required to comply with the requirement set out in this notice.

Due Date: 31st October in each year (not December or January)

Maintained Until: 31st March in the following year

NB: Land purchased within the above period must comply with this notice within 14 Days from purchase.

1. Land within the Gazetted Goomalling Townsite

- 1.1 All Townsite Lots with an area less than 4,000 m² in area are required to be fire hazard reduced by:
- Removal of all inflammable material or
 - Reduction of the vegetation fire hazard to a maximum height of 75 mm. All slashed material is to be removed.
- 1.2 All Townsite Lots with an area greater than or equal to 4,000 m² shall comply with either clause 1.1 above or clauses 2.1 and 2.2 of this notice.

2. Land Outside the Gazetted Goomalling Townsite

- 2.1 All land which is used for growing crop or pasture requires a minimum of a 3 metre wide and high fire break immediately inside the external boundaries of the land and any adjoining road and railway reserves.
- 2.2 A fire break of a minimum of 3 metres wide shall be cleared and maintained immediately around all buildings, haystacks and fuel storage areas. In addition to this, a 15 metre wide low fuel area with a maximum vegetation height of 75 mm is to be maintained.

NB: It is not required to remove live trees or shrubs.

- 2.3 A minimum of a 3 metre wide fire break shall be cleared and maintained immediately around a stationary motor.
- 2.4 All Rural and Rural Residential Lots with an area less than 4,000 m² in area are required to be fire hazard reduced by:
- Removal of all inflammable material or
 - Reduction of the vegetation fire hazard to a maximum height of 75 mm.
 - All slashed material is to be removed.

TOWN LOTS

With regard to town residential lots, the notice relates to ember attack from fires and not necessarily actual firebreaks. The need to keep dead, dry and prolific weeds and vegetation down to the prescribed levels is for your protection from ember attack. History has shown that ember attack is the single biggest cause of loss of life and property within townsites during major fire events and maintaining your yard helps to prevent the spread of fires. Rural residential lots should have firebreaks where appropriate as well.

RURAL PROPERTIES

Rural properties are required to have a **3 metre wide** x 3 metre high firebreak around the full property, not each paddock. Where there is say 10 lots all contiguous and adjacent, then the firebreak is required around the outside perimeter of the combined properties, not around each. Roads and road reserves are not considered to be firebreaks.

While there have been several town properties that were not compliant this year, there has also been an increasing number of farming properties that were not compliant as well. **Council has committed to greater resourcing of firebreak inspections for farming properties following the tragic events and significant intensity of fires this year.** This will mean that all farming properties should be compliant with the Firebreak Notice by the 31st October. Inspections will be conducted at a significantly higher level for farming properties and it can be expected that infringements will be issued where firebreak compliance is ignored. Maintain your firebreaks prior to harvest, not after!

Community Garden update

Growing now:

The pumpkins are producing and when the stalk turns brown will be ready for picking.

The strawberries, cherry tomatoes and figs have been producing throughout the summer. The figs are ready when they feel slightly soft and the inside flesh is pink.

Herbs – basil, garlic chives, parsley, mint, sage and rosemary. Please pick some and leave the plant for everyone to share.

The requirements are that the provisions of the notice are adhered to from 31 October until 31 March each year. We send the firebreak notice out with the Rates assessments in July and a reminder to all ratepayers in October that 31 October is the deadline. Town properties in particular are inspected in Late October or early November and rural properties shortly thereafter.

Infringements will be issued and where work is not undertaken by the landholder, Council will have the work completed by a contractor and recover the cost from the landholder. If residents or ratepayers are serial offenders over three or more years, we may prosecute landholders through the courts which carries a penalty of \$5,000.00. **This is not action we want to take**, but failure to maintain properties puts you and your neighbours at risk during fire events and risks the lives of our volunteers who must fight fires in our small country towns.

The volunteers are usually at the garden on a Monday morning, and visitors are welcome at all times. Please supervise children and be Covid safe.

The Goomalling Community Garden is on Quinlan Street, opposite the oval.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact Peta on 0467 895 811.

Dates for your diary

1 April	Djeran Season commences (Nyoongar Calendar)
7 April	Good Friday
10 April	Easter Monday
15 April	Goomalling Gumuts Toy Swap Meet, 10-12pm
14-21 April	Youth Week
19 April	Council Meeting, 4.30pm, Council Chambers.
20 April	Vinnies Community Pantry, Uniting Church, 17 Quinlan Street, 10am-12pm
25 April	ANZAC Day. Memorial services held 5.40am & 10.40am, Veterans Park
29 April	The Homestead Markets, Slater Homestead
4 May	International Star Wars Day – “May the fourth be with you”
14 May	Mother’s Day
17 May	Council Meeting, 4.30pm, Council Chambers
18 May	Vinnies Community Pantry, Uniting Church, 17 Quinlan Street, 10am-12pm
15-21 May	National Volunteers Week
26 May	National Sorry Day
27 May-3 June	National Reconciliation Week
3 June	Mabo Day



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