

G'day Goomalling

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If winter has the courage
to turn into spring,
who says I can't bloom
just the same?

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Doctors Surgery closed

Doctor Nina will be taking a well-deserved holiday during September after a long campaign over the last couple of years throughout the Pandemic.

Regretfully we have been unable to obtain the services of a locum for this period, which means the Goomalling Medical Surgery will be **closed** for the entire month of September 2022.

If you require a doctor's appointment during this time you can contact any of these local services:

- Wheatbelt Health Network – 9621 4400
- Northam Family Practice – 9621 9500
- Wongan Hills Medical Centre – 9671 1000

Dog & Cat Registrations

Cat and dog registrations expire on 31st of October each year. If your pet's registration is due to expire this year, you can expect your renewal notice in the mail later this month.

Heavy Vehicle Permits

Permits are required for vehicles over 19m long, traversing on our local roads that are contained within the Main Roads WA RAV Network Permit Plan. Permits are valid for 12 months. Please check the validity of your permits and renew them before the busy harvest period if required.

Shire President's message

We've experienced a cold and wet winter in WA, which has been great for the ovals, gardens and paddocks but our unsealed roads suffered under the rainfall.

What a successful season it has been for our winter sports teams – just about **all** Goomalling football, netball and hockey teams made it into the finals, with both Netball A Grade, Football League and Hockey Juniors finishing minor premiers! Come along to the Goomalling oval to enjoy the action and cheer on our local teams on Sunday 4 September (Semi Finals) and 18 September (Grand Finals).

At the beginning of this new financial year Council adopted its Budget for 2022/23. Please refer to the 'Budget' section on page 4 for an overview of the projects and allocations scheduled for this year.



Cr Barry Haywood
Shire President

Staff changes in Admin Office

After 13 years of service to the Shire of Goomalling, **Jo Bywaters** has taken on a new challenge. Jo started with us in 2009 as our Sport & Recreation Coordinator for the Shires of Goomalling, Dowerin and Toodyay through the BeActive program. When the program finished Jo moved into different roles – receptionist at the Medical Surgery, Customer Service, Licensing, OHS and Property Management. Thank you very much Jo for your extensive time and commitment to our Council and our community.

Since Jo's departure, Jessika Ashworth has taken on the Property Management role and we have welcomed **Samantha Cheyne** on board as Customer Service and Licensing Officer. After emigrating to WA from the UK, Sam and her husband John have owned a property in Goomalling for many years and eventually made the tree change late 2020 when their children had all flown the nest. They are both eager to be involved in the Goomalling community and look forward to meeting you all.

Tahnee Bird will be returning from her maternity leave in September, which will also see Karen Mannaerts finish her relief period as Executive Assistant. Thank you to Karen for helping us out for many months in her typically pleasant and efficient

way. We will miss her... again! Tahnee will be back in her Community Development role with the Anstey Park revitalisation the first big project on her agenda. Initially she will also spend some time filling in the Executive Assistant role as well, but as time goes by, she will revert back to a more community focussed role. The EA position may well change to fulltime 'Governance' position incorporating and extending the functions of legislative compliance, records management, building and planning administration, delegations and tenders, and other statutory areas.

After seven years as Council's Ranger, Gloria Robinson has decided to move into a different career path and has completed her contract obligations with us. Gloria will be replaced by **Irene Ryan**, who joins us from the Shire of York and will take over Gloria's Rural Ranger Services business as a contract ranger. We welcome Irene on board and also say thanks to Gloria for her work in reducing the dog and general animal problems we experienced prior to her commencement with us. There is a short handover period and for the time being the current contact number is still current for Irene. We will advise of what the new contact details will be once they are available.

New Australian Fire Danger Rating System

The new and standardised Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) came into effect 1 September 2022.

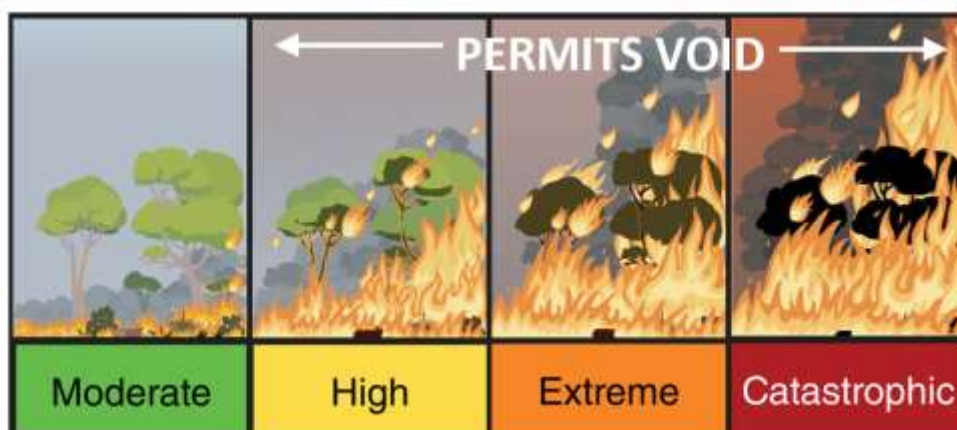
It is important that all residents understand what this means for bushfire plans, and how this affects those who use fire.

What's changing?

Number of Rating Classifications: The iconic 'watermelon' style indicator will be reduced from six ratings to four (Moderate, High, Extreme, Catastrophic). The system also has a 'no rating' used where there is no tangible fire risk.



'HIGH' is the new 'VERY HIGH' – Legislation dictates what burning/activities may or may not be undertaken in certain conditions with added restrictions formerly triggered at 'VERY HIGH'. Under the AFDRS scale, all such restrictions will now commence at a Fire Danger Rating of 'HIGH'. This is in particular applicable to permit holders during the Restricted Burning Period – all permits will only be valid on days of 'no rating' or MODERATE – permits will be automatically void on days forecast as HIGH or above.



What doesn't change?

The purpose of Total Fire Bans and Harvest Vehicle Movement and Hot Works Bans and the methods of how they are communicated are unaffected by the new ADFRS.

Goomalling's forecast district of **Avon** is unaffected by changes.

Where to find the Fire Danger

Rating:

- www.bom.gov.au
- www.emergency.wa.gov.au

For more information about the AFDRS visit <https://www.afac.com.au/initiative/afdrs>

Understand the New Ratings

Moderate: Plan and prepare.	
High: Be ready to act.	
Extreme: Take action now to protect your life and property.	
Catastrophic: For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.	

When there is minimal risk, Fire Danger Ratings will be set to 'No Rating'.

Activate Goomalling Grants

The Goomalling Community Opshop have introduced the new Activate Goomalling grant program, offering two application rounds per year in April and September.

Funding is available to not-for-profit organisations in the community for program delivery and infrastructure projects that benefit people living in the Shire of Goomalling.

The objectives of the program are:

- Enhance the wellbeing of the Goomalling Community
- Increase participation in community activities
- Support lifelong learning and skills development
- Provide opportunities for people to interact socially
- Address the needs/gaps of minority groups
- Protect and enhance the natural environment
- Reduce waste and promote sustainable use of resources.

This round opens 1 September and closes 30 September. The Grant Guidelines and Application Form are available on the Shire website www.goomalling.wa.gov.au or from the admin office.

The image shows the Goomalling Community OpShop logo, which consists of two green circular arrows forming a loop. Below the logo is the text "Goomalling Community OpShop". To the right is a photograph of a group of people in white t-shirts and shorts, some holding up colorful powder (yellow, red, blue) in the air. Overlaid on the left side of the photo is a green box with white text that reads "Activate Goomalling Grant Program". Below this box, it says "Open: Thursday 1 September 2022" and "Closes: 4.00pm, Friday 30 September 2022". At the bottom of the photo, the words "ROUND 2" are written in large, bold, white letters.

Grant guidelines and application form are both available by emailing cdm@goomalling.wa.gov.au or from the Shire of Goomalling website www.goomalling.wa.gov.au

2022-23 Budget

With contractors being in short supply, a number of projects listed for 2022 have been transferred to 2023, these are mainly Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) projects. Council will undertake a number of building upgrades through this program including:

- the Anstey Park redevelopment,
- upgrade of the Gumnuts toilets,
- roof replacement at the museum,
- path upgrade on High Street,
- hall ceiling upgrade and
- maintenance to the Old Road Board building.

In addition a number of small housing upgrades will occur as part of our longer term asset management strategy. These will include gutter replacements, painting and patching, and a bathroom upgrade.

Plant will be softer this year with a small truck replacement, a new turf mower, mobile traffic lights and small plant replacements totalling \$135,000.

Road construction this year will total some \$3,476,000, which includes \$152,000 in bridge works. In addition, Council will invest a further \$726,000 in road maintenance works as well. We will spend \$185,000 on waste management, nearly \$300,000 in providing the sewerage system and almost \$1M on Recreation and Culture including loan repayments, sporting facilities, parks and gardens and grounds.

Council continues to be disciplined in the framing of budgets and while we would dearly like to support more projects in the community, we don't want to return to the level of debt we have experienced recently.

Works department updates

Road Maintenance

The heavy rains have caused significant damage to our unsealed roads, with several road closures implemented over the recent winter months.

Substantial maintenance works have been carried out to deal with the water damage, including maintenance grading, gravel sheeting, debris removal and tidying up road shoulders.

Road Works

Clearing and drainage works will take place on the Goomalling-Calingiri Road between Donald Rd and Coulthard Rd junctions, as well as on Goomalling-Meckering Road between the Patterson Rd and Saddler Rd junctions, commencing 5 September through to 15 October 2022. With clearing of vegetation and top soil occurring on the road verges there will be a narrower lane width; traffic management will be in place so please take caution and allow for potential delays.

Parks & Gardens

The Cricket Club has agreed to go ahead with the replacement of the existing two wicket block with a three wicket block. Cam Sutherland of Programmed Property Services will be managing the process for us, and both Council and the club will provide in kind works to supplement the cash contribution from the club.

The process will entail removal of the existing clay, turf and sub surface drainage, and extension of the block to the eastern side to incorporate the third wicket, some reprofiling of the oval surface and the relaying of drainage, new clay and new turf. We are hoping to commence the work soon after the Football Grand Final with hopes to play on the new wicket toward the end of the upcoming season.

Town streets – removal of fallen limbs and general refuse, rake and remove leaves from drains and kerbs, weed control on verges and vacant blocks.

CWA removal

The demolition of the CWA building is now complete. Some materials were able to be salvaged are available for sale, including timber flooring, window frames and gutters. More information and photos are available on our website www.goomalling.wa.gov.au.

The grounds have been fully cleared and prepared for the construction stage of the **Anstey Park** revitalisation project. The focus group will continue to collaborate with the community development officer to finalise the elements to be included in the park. This stage of the project is fully financed through the federal government's LRCIP funding.



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Friday 30 September



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

Friday 23 September 2022

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



Contact

Julie Chester 0427 291 223
Shire office 08 9629 1101



Tourism updates

Avon Valley Tourism

Building on the successful collaboration with Destination Perth over the 2021/22 period to promote the Avon Valley as a tourism destination under the *Hello Perth* umbrella, the Shires of Beverley, Goomalling, Northam, Toodyay and York have renewed their commitment for this year.

On the project list for this year are:

- an extensive professional photoshoot overarching the 5 shires in the region to update our image libraries;
- updating the Avon Valley Holiday Planner brochure ready for the 2023 tourism season;
- representation at the Perth Caravan & Camping Show in March 2023;
- A 'Dark Sky' digital campaign promoting the Avon Valley with its wide views, dramatic landscapes and unpolluted night skies, as an ideal astrotourism destination.

Astrophotography and Astrotourism will be experiencing peak popularity in WA next year when

the sun, moon and earth will align to create a **total solar eclipse** on 20 April 2023. Furthermore, Ningaloo-Exmouth will be one of the best locations *in the world* to view it from, drawing international tourists and media attention to our area. A partial (approx. 75%) solar eclipse will be visible from here just before midday.

www.NingalooEclipse.com

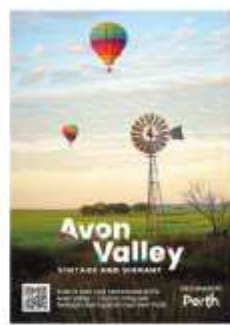
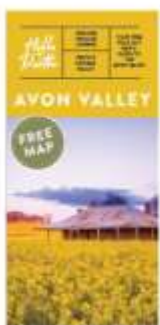
Pioneers' Pathway

Pioneers' Pathway are in the process of creating a series of [Storytowns](#) geo-located podcasts for the towns along the Wheatbelt Way Drive Trail from Toodyay to Merredin.

Local identities have been interviewed by Trixi Oldfield to gather memorable stories, cultural relevance and interesting facts about the locations.

The podcasts are designed to be an immersive and entertaining experience for travellers and locals alike as stories will travel - word of mouth.

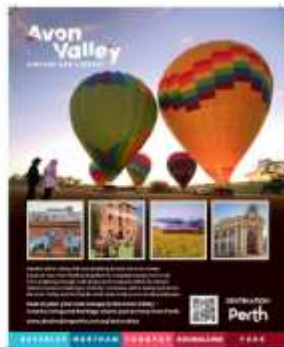
Destination Perth co-funded marketing achievements 2021/22



POOLED RESOURCES SUPPORTED A \$50K MARKETING PLAN FOR THE REGION



- Creation of a new brand
- Collateral for Camping and Caravan Show
- Creation of the Hello Perth Map/Guide to Avon
- Print Media – The West
- Out of Home Advertising – Destination Awareness Bus Backs
- Print Media – Australian Traveller
- Bonus activity not funded through the coop – Getaway filmed in Avon over the York Motorcycle Festival



WA Plastics Ban next phase

Since 1 July 2022, the following single-use plastic items are no longer allowed to be supplied (sold or for free) in WA:

- All plastic shopping bags with handles
- Disposable plastic utensils - straws, stirrers and cutlery
- Disposable plastic foodware without lids - plates, bowls and food containers
- Expanded polystyrene food containers and trays

From 1 October 2022, disposable **plastic cups for cold drinks** will be added to the list of banned items.



BANNED FROM 1 OCTOBER 2022

The ban applies to:

- disposable plastic cups or plastic glasses of any shape which are used for drinks
- disposable paper cups which have a plastic lining
- disposable cups made purely from compostable plastic. If the cup has a lid you must change the cup, but are not required to change the lid at this stage.

The ban does **not** apply to:

- disposable plastic cups used for drinks higher than room temperature (e.g. coffee cups)
- containers which are used for food (for example, a container for icecream or soup may be called a 'cup' but is defined as a bowl under this ban - see rules for bowls)
- plastic beverage containers such as soft drink bottles



Wheatbelt Revegetation Program Land Purchases

Main Roads is seeking to buy portions of land adjacent to State roads for revegetation purposes.

There are a number of upgrades planned for roads within the Wheatbelt, which will require the removal of native vegetation that, in some cases, is protected by both State and Commonwealth legislation. The purpose of the land acquisitions and revegetation is to "offset" the future residual loss of this vegetation.

Main Roads is ideally looking for cleared farming land immediately adjoining the road reserves of State roads. The land should be 50 to 100 metres wide and more than one kilometre long, and (preferably) linking remnant vegetation. It is intended that any land acquired would be dedicated as road reserve.

Interested landowners are encouraged to contact Rod Cousins at Main Roads on (08) 9323 4811 or via revegetationbank@mainroads.wa.gov.au

Sports Lighting Projects

Council has agreed to make a contribution to the lighting at the Netball courts in association with grant applications from the Netball Club to the CSRF Fund and Netball Australia. Council will contribute up to \$8,000 toward the project which is in the current application round of the CSRF program.

In addition we are aware that the Football Club will also seek funding in the next round of funding for the replacement of the current ageing setup around the oval and that the Goomalling Bowling Club may also consider a project as well although this is not a certainty.



Shire of Goomalling ANNUAL BULK WASTE VERGE COLLECTION

Monday 12 September GREEN WASTE

Tree and shrub prunings
up to:

- 1.5 metres in length
- 350mm in diameter



Tuesday 27 September GENERAL WASTE

- Metals and white goods (fridges, stoves, electrical items)
- Bulk general waste
- Old furniture
- Mattresses
- TV screens, computer equipment

Guidelines

- Only rubbish **on the verge** will be collected. Our staff will not be entering your property.
- Place your waste neatly on your own verge prior to the collection date.
- Keep an eye on your waste pile as it remains your responsibility.
- Please have your waste on the verge **by 7am** the day of collection.
- Please do not put waste out longer than 3 days prior to collection date.
- Any waste that is too good for landfill will be given to the Goomalling Tip Shop for repurposing. Please leave these in a separate pile.

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

Maintained Until: 31st March in the following year

NB: Land purchased within this period must comply with this notice within 14 days from purchase.

Fire-break requirements

1. Land within the Gazetted Goomalling Townsite

1.1 All Townsite Lots with an area less than 4,000m² 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 75mm. All slashed material is to be removed.

1.2 All Townsite Lots with an area greater than or equal to 4,000m² 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 fire-break 3m wide and 4m high installed immediately inside the external boundaries of the land and any adjoining road and railway reserves.

2.2 A fire-break 3m wide and 4m high shall be cleared and maintained immediately around all buildings, haystacks and fuel storage areas. In addition to this, a 15m wide low fuel area with a maximum vegetation height of 75mm is to be maintained. NB: It is not required to remove live trees or shrubs.

2.3 A fire-break 3m wide and 4m high shall be cleared and maintained immediately around a stationary motor.

2.4 All Rural and Rural Residential Lots with an area less than 4,000m² 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 75mm. All slashed material is to be removed.

Variations to Fire-break Notice

If for any reason it is not possible to comply with any of the requirements of the Fire-break Notice, you should apply for a variation. All variation requests must be received by the Shire of Goomalling by 1 October in any given year.

Variation requests must be in writing and provide details of preferred alternate measures. If approved the variation will form an individual Fire-break Notice for the property and remain in place until revoked.

Compliance Inspections

Pursuant to Section 14 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* the Shire of Goomalling conducts compliance inspections from 1 November to 31 March to ensure that compliance with the notice has been achieved and maintained.

Penalties apply including infringement, prosecution or recovery of costs by the Shire of Goomalling.

Limited Burning Periods

RESTRICTED

19 September – 31 October annually

Permit Required

PROHIBITED

1 November – 14 February annually

NO BURNING

RESTRICTED

15 February – 29 March annually

Permit Required

NB: These dates may be varied depending on the seasonal conditions. Please contact the Shire of Goomalling before burning to ascertain whether these dates have been varied.



BUSH FIRE SERVICE NOTICES



NOTICE OF MEETING

This year's Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting will be held:

Thursday 13 October 2022, Tennis Complex, commencing 6:30pm
(with BBQ and refreshments)

All Bush Fire Brigade & Farm Response members
and Fire Control Officers are invited to attend.
New prospective members also welcome.

MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

All Bush Fire Brigade & Farm Response members are reminded of
the **31 October 2022** deadline for completion of minimum training.

If you have not yet completed or booked your training, please contact
the CESM (below) ASAP, to discuss options.

Enquires: Robert Koch
Community Emergency Services Manager
0458 042 104, cesm@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Dates for your diary

Sat 10 Sept	110 years celebration – Goomalling Farmers Club
Mon 12 Sept	Annual verge collection – Household waste . See p9
Wed 14 Sept	Cuppa with a Councillor, 10-10.30am, Lot39 Store+Cafe
Thu 15 Sept	Vinnies Community Pantry, <i>Uniting Church, 17 Quinlan Street, 10am-12pm</i>
Sun 18 Sept	Grand Finals football, netball & hockey; <i>Rec Grounds 10am-5pm</i>
Mon 19 Sept	Restricted Burning Period commences – Permits required
Wed 21 Sept	Council Meeting, 4pm, <i>Council Chambers</i>
Fri 23 Sept	Sacred Heart Catholic School 110yrs celebration. 10am, <i>SHCS</i>
Mon 26 Sept	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tue 27 Sept	Annual verge collection – Green waste . See p9
Fri 30 Sept	drumMUSTER collection day. See p6
1 Oct	Kambarang season commences (Noongar calendar) – return of the hot weather
Wed 12 Oct	Cuppa with a Councillor, 10-10.30am, <i>Lot39 Store+Cafe</i>
Thu 13 Oct	Bushfire Brigades & Advisory Committee meeting. 6.30pm, <i>Tennis Complex</i>
Wed 19 Oct	Council Meeting, 4pm, <i>Council Chambers</i> .
Thu 20 Oct	Vinnies Community Pantry, <i>Uniting Church, 17 Quinlan Street, 10am-12pm</i>
31 Oct	Dog & Cat registrations due
31 Oct	Fire Breaks need to be in place and maintained until 31 March 2023
1 Nov	Prohibited Burning Period commences – NO burning permitted
Wed 9 Nov	Cuppa with a Councillor, 10-10.30am, <i>Lot39 Store+Cafe</i>
Wed 16 Nov	Council Meeting, 4pm, <i>Council Chambers</i>
Thu 17 Nov	Vinnies Community Pantry, <i>Uniting Church, 17 Quinlan Street, 10am-12pm</i>
Thu 1 Dec	Birak season commences (Noongar Calendar) – rising temperatures and decreasing rainfall
Wed 14 Dec	Cuppa with a Councillor, 10-10.30am, <i>Lot39 Store+Cafe</i>
Thu 15 Dec	Vinnies Community Pantry, <i>Uniting Church, 17 Quinlan Street, 10am-12pm</i>
Wed 21 Dec	Council Meeting, 4pm, <i>Council Chambers</i>



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