

G'day Goomalling



Jurokine Coach House | Jennacubbine

*"If you want to go fast,
go alone, if you want to
go far, go together"*

-African Proverb

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Upcoming Council Meetings

- Wednesday 20 September
- Wednesday 18 October
- Wednesday 15 November

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>

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 Greetings & Farewell Message

While I still intend to stand for Council I am stepping down as President and wishing the incoming President and new Council all the best, so this will be my last newsletter.

I would like to thank our wonderful community for the understanding over the past 5 years as we worked to improve our financial position. To all the inside and outside staff for their service during the last eight years, they've been wonderful to work with as Councillor and President.

Thank you to our fabulous Doctor Nina and medical surgery staff that do an exceptional job for our community.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Councillors I've had the privilege of working with for the past 20 years on Council, I have been lucky to work with such wonderful and passionate people.

Congratulations to our winter sports teams again for another successful season with Goomalling being named the Mortlock Town of the Year for the second year running. The A grade football team, A grade, B grade and junior netball, and the junior and senior hockey teams all finishing in the top two. All teams except the A grade netball will be playing in the grand final 17 September 2023.

Save the date: October will be a busy month with the Referendum – Voice to Parliament and the CRC's sundowner markets on the Saturday 14 October and the Local Government Elections on Saturday 21 October.

Anstey Park works will commence in January/February and take approximately two weeks to complete. Thank you Midland Brick and Goomalling **Community Bank**® for their generous contribution towards the project, I am looking forward to seeing the beautifying and practical improvement of the Anstey Park block.

Peter has given us his notice and will be taking annual/long service leave and subsequently retire from Local Government. I would like to thank Peter for the past five years assisting Council to get into a better financial position and setting the Council up for future success. Council is in the process of hiring a Local Government industry specialist to assist with the recruitment process which will commence in November 2023.

In closing, with the harvest and fire season fast approaching, make sure that you take the opportunity to complete the free fire training which includes complementary personal protective equipment (PPE), refer to the information in this newsletter for the current fire season information, including the next available training dates.



Cr Barry Haywood
Shire President

2023-24 Budget Highlights

This year has been a little less difficult in framing the budget although high inflation sees significantly increasing costs to our operations as well as the wider community. There have been significant increases in the road construction area, and again Main Roads WA has contractors tied up with the many stimulus and repair projects that have been undertaken and building contractors continue to be difficult to attract to projects. This shortage of suitable contractors has put upward pressure on prices. The WA CPI for the year has been around 7.0%.

With contractors being in short supply, a number of projects listed for 2023 have been transferred to 2024, these are mainly LRCIP Projects.

In addition, a number of small housing upgrades will occur as part of our long term asset management strategy.

These will include gutter replacements, painting and patching and a bathroom upgrade.

Plant will be up this year with a small truck replacement, a new loader, replacement of one utility and small plant replacements totalling \$295,000.

Road construction this year will total some \$3.6M which includes \$400,000 in bridge works and a further \$900,000 in road maintenance works.

We will spend \$215,000 on waste management, nearly \$230,000 in providing the sewerage system and \$0.95M on Recreation and Culture including loan repayments, sporting facilities, parks and gardens and grounds.

Overall, this will lead to a balanced budget for the year.

Staffing will likely be impacted by maternity leave again and a lack of suitable housing available for staffing requirements.

This year the budget document again contains a further four year forecast for both capital and operating which is derived from the existing documentation. This forecast provides a solid basis for future planning and will inform each future budget. This provides a medium term financial plan which also serves as a corporate business plan as well. The budget outcomes for the following four years show a continuing positive trend.

Project	Budget
Anstey Park	\$210,000
Slater Homestead & Museum	\$80,000
Old Road Board Building	\$120,000
Swimming Pool	\$160,000
Oval lighting project	\$300,000
Hall ceiling & power upgrade	\$101,142

We will see easing cashflows, the ability to increase maintenance and plant replacement and to replace depleted reserves.

Each year we have progressed a step or two closer to financial sustainability, the LRCIP Federal stimulus program has provided much needed funding to help us along this path. The Council has been disciplined in the framing of budgets over the past five years and has avoided any further debt. We will see the benefits of this restraint in the coming years.

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 2023/24 rates by 30 June 2024 in order to receive the rebate for 2023/24. 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.

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.

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

Peter's retirement

Peter has completed 5 years as Chief Executive Officer during one of the toughest periods the Council has seen, between COVID-19 and the extremely tight resources. We are seeing the hard work from Peter and his team pay-off. Peter leaves a legacy of a more financially sound Council and from 2024-25 and beyond will have much more resources to carry out pipeline works that have been waiting in the wings. Peter has earned a well-earned long service leave commencing February 2024 and subsequent retirement.

Council will commence recruitment for a new CEO in November 2023 with Natalie Bird stepping in as Acting CEO during the recruitment period.

Tahnee's Maternity leave

Tahnee is expecting her second child in December 2023 and will commence leave from mid-November, expecting to return to work in July 2024.

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

Advertising for a full time Executive Assistant to the CEO has commenced with applications closing 19th September, while Community Development will be split between works department for open projects work such as Anstey Park, recreation ground lighting and youth precinct and all other area such as tourism/events/Opshop/Vinnies Food relief will be spread over multiple administration staff. Grant writing will likely cease over this period.

Farewell Brock (Pool Manager)

Brock has been our Contract Pool Manager at the Goomalling War Memorial Swimming Pool for the past few seasons and has chosen not to apply for a contract renewal for the 2023-24 season.

Brock was a proficient manager over his time in Goomalling and we are grateful for his flexibility and reliability at the pool. He was always willing to open outside of normal hours to accommodate community groups and events.


We wish Brock the best of luck for his future.

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



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Government of Western Australia
Department of Health

Anstey Park Revitalisation

Nature Playgrounds has finalised the concept design based on community surveys and feedback from the community focus group input.

The park encompasses play elements suitable for children aged 1-12 years with room for imaginative play within the nature play landscape.

The project is funded by the LRCIP Federal stimulus in addition to community partners including

War Memorial Hall – Re-open

Goomalling War Memorial Town Hall is expected to re-open for public use from October 2023.

The following remedial works have been completed thanks to the Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP).

- upgrade the power to meet current Australian Standards

Goomalling & Districts **Community Bank**[®] and Midland Brick. No financial contributions from Council own source funding has been included in this project.

Project construction is confirmed to commence in January/February 2024 and will be completed within two weeks of commencement.

- Upgrade lighting to LED
- Full ceiling replacement main hall
- Stage ceiling replacement

The town hall is our most well used facility with dance, karate, pilates and daycare all permanent users of the space.

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.

Round 4 - Activate Goomalling Grant Program

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 29 September. The Grant Guidelines and Application Form are available on the Shire website www.goomalling.wa.gov.au or from the admin office.

EFTPOS now available

Effective August 2023 Op shop purchases can now be paid for with EFTPOS.

Terracycle x Opshop

The Op shop has been working with Terracycle for some time, recycling things that aren't accepted in kerbside recycling bins. You name it, they recycle it.

We have just got a fresh new batch of collection boxes so you can drop off the following waste streams:

- Medication blister packs @ **Goomalling Pharmacy**
- Toys, beauty products, media storage and pencils, textas and pens @ **Goomalling Shire or Goomalling Opshop**

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

Club Night Lights Program

Council staff assisted Goomalling Bowling Club and Goomalling Football club to scope, plan and write their applications to the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries, Club Night Light Program.

Goomalling Football Club were successful with their application in the February round of the CSRFF Club Night Lights Program, Council will contribute 1/3 of project cost to a maximum of \$100,000 paid over two financial years.

Goomalling Bowling Club has applied for funding to upgrade their lighting in the July round of the Club Night Lights Program. Council will not be contributing financially to the project.

Upcoming Driving Test Dates

- 12 October
- 9 November
- 7 December

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.

Annual bulk waste verge collection

Tuesday 26 September
GREEN WASTE

Tree and shrub prunings
up to:

- 1.5 metres in length
- 350mm in diameter



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.



We are looking for positive doers, to get together and create a Goomalling Town Team to improve our local area.

The Town Team approach is innovative, creative and fun; and inspires local people to create the positive change they want to see in their community, from small events to placemaking.

Town Teams are positive and proactive groups of people that work collaboratively with their local government. The approach is inclusive and open to landowners, residents, businesses and anyone else who wants to improve their place.

If you interested in joining the movement contact Tahnee Bird, Community Development Officer cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au

For more info: [TOWN TEAMS - Town Team Movement](#)



DrumMuster

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FRIDAY 29 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

IMPORTANT: stricter inspections will take place because there have been too many rejections when it came time for the contractor to process them – please make sure the drums are very well cleaned or you will have to take them home with you.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - 08 9629 1101

Book your place and advise number of containers to the shire office by

4.00pm, Wednesday 27th September 2023

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



Contact

Julie Chester 0427 291 223
Shire office 08 9629 1101





Lions Cancer Institute Inc.



FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENING. *(Minimum age 18)*

GOOMALLING COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

As a joint project with

The Lions Cancer Institute Inc.

The team will conduct a *Free* Skin Cancer Screening in

GOOMALLING

On 7th October, 2023

At Goomalling Railway Station

To book a screening appointment

Phone 9629 1570



RU OK? Day – Danny Green



RU OK?™

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DANNY GREEN

Wednesday 20 September 2023
5.30pm - 9.00pm

Goomalling Sport & Community Centre
47 Quinlan Street, Goomalling

18+ event | \$25 pp inc dinner
Weber Q door prize

No door sales, tickets available via
www.trybooking.com/CJWOE

TICKET SALES EXTENDED TO 15 SEPTEMBER 2023



Community Bank
Goomalling & Districts



Bushfire Service – Notice of Meeting



BUSH FIRE SERVICE NOTICES



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Wednesday 11 October 2023, 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 2023** requirement for competition minimum training.

Rural Fire Awareness, including Respiratory Protective Equipment Training (for Farm Response Brigade members) will be held:
Friday 13 October 2023, Goomalling Fire Station.

If you have not completed or booked your training, please contact Robert Koch, Community Emergency Services Manager on
0458 042 104

Remembrance Day



Remembrance Day

11 November

Veterans Park
Railway Terrace, Goomalling
10.45am

Local Government Elections Results



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
Electoral Commission

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RESULTS OF ELECTION FOR Shire of Goomalling ¹

*Local Government Act 1995, s.4.77
Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997, Reg.80, Form 19*

Results

These are the results of the local government election held on

21 October 2023

Councillors <small>(ward or district)</small> ²	Candidate	Number of first preference votes ³
	BUTT, Casey	Elected unopposed
	HAYWOOD, Barry	Elected unopposed
	VAN GELDEREN, Roland	Elected unopposed
	WILKES, Brendon	Elected unopposed

Therefore, the following people are elected as councillor(s) for the _Shire of Goomalling district.
Each councillor will hold office until the date set out next to his or her name.

Name	Expiry of term
BUTT, Casey	16 October 2027
HAYWOOD, Barry	16 October 2027
VAN GELDEREN, Roland	16 October 2027
WILKES, Brendon	16 October 2027

Returning Officer	Full name: Susan Dew	
	Signature: <i>S Dew</i>	Date: 7/9/2023

(Notes on reverse)

Referendum – Voice to Parliament

Prime Minister Albanese has announced that the Voice to Parliament Referendum will be held on Saturday 14 October 2023. The government has released a publication “Your official referendum booklet” as a guide to the referendum including yes and no campaign cases. **Voting is compulsory**

Reconciliation WA is hosting Uluru Statement Community Briefings on September 28 (online) and October 12 (in-persons & online):
<https://www.recwa.org.au/events/uluru-statement-community-briefing/>

The panel for both events will feature: Head of Uluru Engagement, RWA Board Member and Bardi Man **Nolan Hunter**, WA Ambassador for Yes Campaign, Worley First Nations Participation Director and Guburn woman **Kyra Galante**, and **Professor Fiona Stanley AC**, Australian of the Year and Reconciliation Advocate.

Some resource to keep you informed

<https://voice.gov.au/>
<https://ulurustatement.org/>
<https://theconversation.com/your-questions-answered-on-the-voice-to-parliament-200818>

Jennacubbine

Mumberkine Hall

On Saturday 26th August, the Jennacubbine Progress Association conducted a BUSY BEE at the Mumberkine Hall. Our task was to make it lock-up safe and remove the overgrown surrounds to minimise fire damage.

Conscious of its vulnerability re vandalism and the propensity for fire in the surrounding scrub, our trusty team contributed a minimum of 15 man hours towards raking, digging, picking up litter and burning the heavy grass that has built up over a period of years.

Vandals – or perhaps just time itself - has resulted in shattered windows and swollen disfigured doors. All of the glass was gathered up and two large heavy

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/reconciliation/support-a-voice-to-parliament/>
<https://www.recwa.org.au/voice-to-parliament-faqs/>

Building & Planning

Local Law Relating to Fencing 2007

In addition to boundary fence legislation there is a Shire of Goomalling Local Law relating to fencing (2007), in particular we want to draw attention to **Electric fences.**

There is provision in the local law for electrified and razor wire fence on rural lots, however landholders **MUST** obtain a licence before it can be constructed.

All electrified fence must comply with AS/NZS 3016:2002 Electrical Installation – Electric Security Fence and any provisions within the local law before a licence will be issued.

Electrified fences are not permitted on Residential Lots.

Find a full copy of the Local Law on Council’s website.
[Local Laws » Shire of Goomalling](#)

loads of trimmed branches and thinned bush was carted away creating a fire break around the Hall.

Whilst more is yet to be done, the work by such a small group of community minded people is another example of the efforts of the JPA to preserve the history of our small locality. We welcome anyone who would like to join our Team and be a part of maintaining the spirit of community.

Remembrance Day

We also invite everyone to join us for our Remembrance Day Ceremony on Saturday 11th November at 11.00am at the Jennacubbine War Memorial. The event will be followed by an informal cuppa and snacks.

Fire Season information

Restricted Burning Period

The **Restricted Burning Period** commenced 19 September 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* – **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.

Emergency Evacuation Kit

This kit should include the essential items you need to keep your family comfortable and safe while you evacuate and until it's safe to return.

Emergency evacuation kit list:

- Important/legal documents.
- Valuable items (photos, jewellery, medals, etc).
- Clothing for everyone.
- First aid kit.
- Drinking water and food for the trip.
- Personal hygiene items.

Items to grab when leaving:

- Wallet/ purse.
- Medications/ life support equipment.
- Phone, laptop and chargers.
- House and car keys.
- Pet supplies (food, bowl, cage, leash, etc).

Staying in place emergency kit

Sheltering on your property during a bushfire should be your last option, when all other plans fail and if you are unable to leave. Sheltering on your property includes your home, paddock with low vegetation, a burnt out area, dam or nearby river or beach.

If you plan to stay and defend, you need a high-level understanding of bushfire behaviour, **be well prepared** and know your back up plans.

You also need independent supplies of power and water and personal protective equipment and clothing.

Your emergency kit should be stored in a fireproof box and include items you will need to survive during and after a bushfire.

Emergency kit list:

- Supplies to last at least five days, including for pets (food, drinking water, medications, etc).
- First aid and trauma kit.
- Important/legal documents and valuables.
- Waterproof torch and battery powered lights.
- Battery operated AM/FM radio.
- Emergency contact numbers.
- Head protection and goggles.
- Smoke and particle masks.
- Non-flammable blankets.
- Bushfire protective clothing (heavy duty non-flammable coats, gloves, pants, shoes).

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.

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!

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.

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.

Goomalling Community Garden

The garden celebrated its sixth anniversary this year and we now have a logo.



An event was held at the garden, on Monday 31st July, to officially open the seating area and to

thank our generous local organisations for their donations. The funds were donated by Community Bank – Bendigo Bank, Goomalling Service and Recycling (GOSAR), and Goomalling Community Op Shop. The Shire of Goomalling organised the purchase, delivery and construction, with the assistance of the Dowerin Work Camp.

The next stage of planting edible plants in the Australian indigenous garden has begun. Midyim berries, wild mint, wild rosemary, native thyme, old man saltbush, geraldton wax jambinu zest, river mint, lilly pilly and pigface have been planted, and a plan for this area of the garden is being developed. The plants are being purchased with money raised from the raffles held at the local market days – thank you to the community for your ongoing support of the Community Garden. This area is also being sheet mulched by the hard working volunteers to control the weeds.

Our generous community and businesses continue to amaze with their ongoing support of the garden. Thank you to Jenni from Farmshed for donating and delivering the huge bag of Mumballup

organics, which will be incorporated into the soil for the new raised vegetable



beds. Thank you to Scott Thomson and his staff at Central Ag for donating, preparing and delivering the IBC's.

Thank you to Julie and Steven Chester, Dave and Shire staff, with special mention to Ron Dadd, Anne Best, Maxine and Graeme Harris and Alice and Richie Robert, for their ongoing assistance and generous donations.

Ready for you to pick and eat now:

Beetroot – check in garden bed 9.

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

Lettuce – there are still plenty of the loose leaf self sown lettuce.

Silverbeet – remove the outer leaves and the plant will continue growing.

Snow peas – snow peas are best picked and eaten young, before the peas get too big.

Spring onions – Along the side fence the spring onions are ready to be picked.

Strawberries – Ready to pick and eat when red.

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 or Barb on 0458 774 917 or check out our Facebook page – Goomalling Community Garden.**

Employment Opportunities

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT - (FULL TIME - NEGOTIABLE)

The Shire of Goomalling is seeking an enthusiastic person preferably with relevant experience to take on the role of Executive Assistant.

The role will focus primarily on minutes and agendas, statutory plans and reports, compliance requirements, communications, meeting arrangements and Councillor support.

We are looking for a self-motivated individual with an eagerness to learn and

Sound communication skills;
Experience with MS Office programs;
Ability to work in a team environment.

Ideally this is a full-time position and the remuneration package will be as per the Local Government Officers (WA) Interim Award 2011 and will be discussed during the interview process.

The successful applicant will be required to undergo a Medical Assessment including Drug and Alcohol testing prior to commencement of employment. A 6 month probation period is applicable.

POOL MANAGER - (FULL TIME OR CONTRACT - NEGOTIABLE)

The Shire of Goomalling is seeking an enthusiastic and suitably qualified person with relevant experience to take on the role of Pool Manager. The option is available to undertake the role as either a staff member or a contractor.

The role will be responsible for the day to day operation and maintenance of the Goomalling Swimming Pool and grounds operating 6 days per week from 1 November to 31 March each year.

We are looking for a self-motivated individual or contractor with:

Sound communication skills;
Experience with pool equipment operations and chemistry;

Applicants are encouraged to contact Tahnee Bird or Peter Bentley, on (08) 9629 1101 for further information about the position.

For your application to be considered it must be received **by 4.00pm Tuesday 19th September 2023** and should consist of:

- a cover letter addressing the selection criteria listed in the Position Description
- completed application form, and your resume, which is to include 3 business and personal referees.

A Position Description and Application Form can be obtained by contacting Tahnee Bird on 9629 1101, or email eaceo@goomalling.wa.gov.au. Applications are to be addressed to Peter Bentley CEO, marked Private & Confidential, and can be delivered:

in person at our office,
via email to eaceo@goomalling.wa.gov.au
or post to: Peter Bentley
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Goomalling
PO Box 118
Goomalling WA 6460

Sound OSH understanding with a focus and safe chemical handling;
Relevant qualifications to hold this position.

The pool operates for 5 months each year and the expectation is that the pool will be maintained in a clean condition for the entire year by the successful applicant.

Conditions are negotiable and some housing may be available and will be discussed with those who express interest in the role.

Applicants are encouraged to contact Peter Bentley, on (08) 9629 1101 for further information about the role.

Dates for your diary

1 September	Djilba Season continues (Nyoongar Calendar)
20 September	Council Meeting, 4.30pm, Council Chambers
20 September	RU Ok? Day with Danny Green (page 11)
21 September	Vinnies Community Pantry, <i>Uniting Church, 17 Quinlan Street, 10am-12pm</i>
1 October	Kambarang Season commences (Nyoongar Calendar)
7 October	Lions Institute, Free Skin Cancer Screening (page 10)
14 October	Referendum – Voice to Parliament
14 October	Goomalling Sundowner Markets (CRC) details TBC
18 October	Council Meeting, 4.30pm, Council Chambers
19 October	Vinnies Community Pantry, <i>Uniting Church, 17 Quinlan Street, 10am-12pm</i>
21 October	Local Government Elections (depending on nominations)
15 November	Council Meeting, 4.30pm, Council Chambers
16 November	Vinnies Community Pantry, <i>Uniting Church, 17 Quinlan Street, 10am-12pm</i>



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