

# Shire of Goomalling



## COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

December 2022



**SHIRE OF GOOMALLING**  
AGENDA FOR ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, 21 DECEMBER 2022



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## **NYOONGAR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is part of the traditional lands of the Nyoongar people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Nyoongar Ballardong people as the custodians of the greater Goomalling/Koomal area and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still important to the living Nyoongar Ballardong people today.

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

Meeting No. 11 of 2022 of the Shire of Goomalling Council to be held in the Council Chambers, Administration Office, 32 Quinlan Street, Goomalling on Wednesday 21 December 2022 beginning at 2.30pm.

### **1. DECLARATION OF OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

### **2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES & APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

#### **2.1. Attendance**

Council	President	Cr Barry Haywood
	Vice President	Cr Julie Chester
	Councillor	Cr Mark Ashton
	Councillor	Cr Christine Barratt
	Councillor	Cr Casey Butt
	Councillor	Cr Roland Van Gelderen
	Councillor	Cr Brendon Wilkes
Administration	Chief Executive Officer	Mr Peter Bentley
	Finance Manager	Miss Natalie Bird
	Works Manager	Mr David Long

#### **2.2. Apologies**

#### **2.3. Approved Leave of Absence**

### **3. DECLARATION OF:**

- FINANCIAL INTEREST
- MEMBERS IMPARTIALITY INTEREST
- PROXIMITY INTEREST

### **4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

### **5. APPLICATION FROM MEMBERS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **6. CONFIRMATION AND RECEIVING OF MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING**

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council held Wednesday 16 November 2022

### **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

### **8. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS**



**9. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**9.1 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAID 1 NOVEMBER TO 30 NOVEMBER**

File Reference	Not applicable
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Applicant	Not Applicable
Previous Item Numbers	No Direct
Date	12 December 2022
Author	Deb Horton, Accounts Payable
Authorising Officer	Natalie Bird, Finance Manager
<b>Attachments</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schedule of Payments – November 2022</li> <li>Corporate Credit Card Statements October 2022</li> </ol>	

**Summary**

**FUND VOUCHERS AMOUNT**

EFT 4832 to 4962	\$753,191.21
Direct Debits 8536 to 8541	\$106,303.59
Cheques 15427 to 15431	\$4,960.75
Payroll JNL 6741 & 745	\$107,785.00
Super DD14750 &14869	\$18,500.38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$990,740.93</b>

**\*\*\*CHQ15426 cancelled**

**Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council:

Approve vouchers from the Municipal Fund and Trust Fund as detailed:

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**9.2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2022**

File Reference	Not Applicable
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Applicant	Shire of Goomalling
Previous Item Numbers	No Direct
Date	12 November 2022
Author	Natalie Bird, Finance Manager
Authorising Officer	Natalie Bird, Finance Manager
Attachments	Monthly Financial Report to 30 November 2022

**Summary**

In accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, to follow is the presentation of the Monthly Financial Reports to Council.

**Background**

Monthly Financial Reports are to be presented to Council and are to be received by Council resolution.

**Statutory Environment**

*Local Government Act 1995* – Section 6.4 (as amended)  
*Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* – Clause 34 and 35

**Policy Implications**

No specific policy regarding this matter.

**Financial Implications**

Ongoing management of Council funds

**Strategic Implications**

Shire of Goomalling Community Strategic Plan 2019-2028	
4.1.4	Provide reporting processes in a transparent, accountable and timely manner

**Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council:

Receive the Monthly Financial Report to 30 November 2022

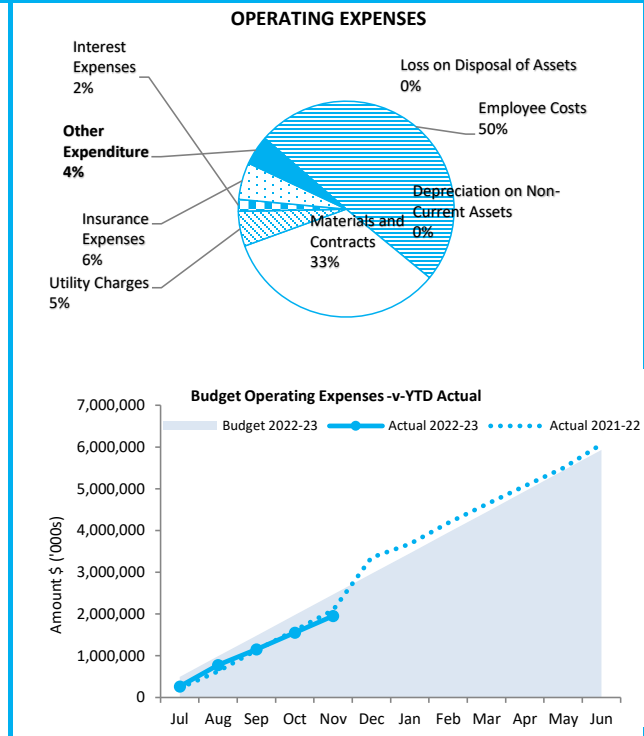
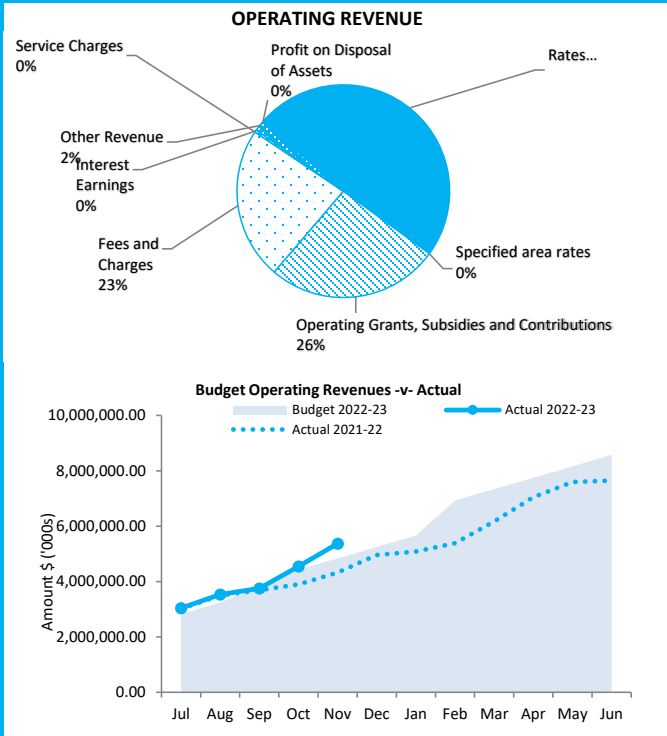
**SHIRE OF GOOMALLING**  
**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**(Containing the Statement of Financial Activity)**  
**For the period ending 30 November 2022**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996**

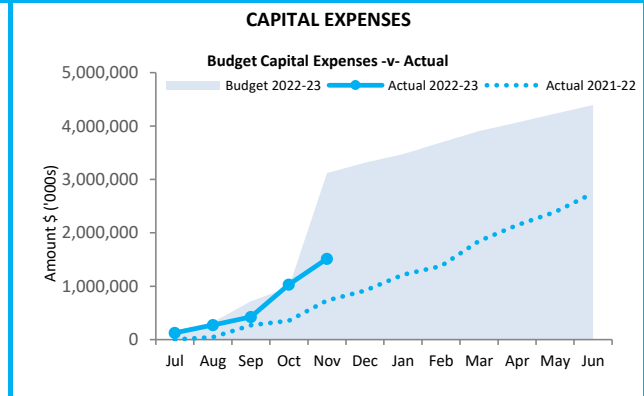
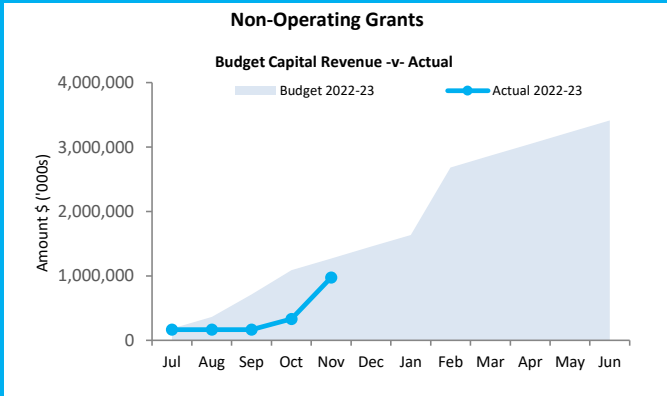
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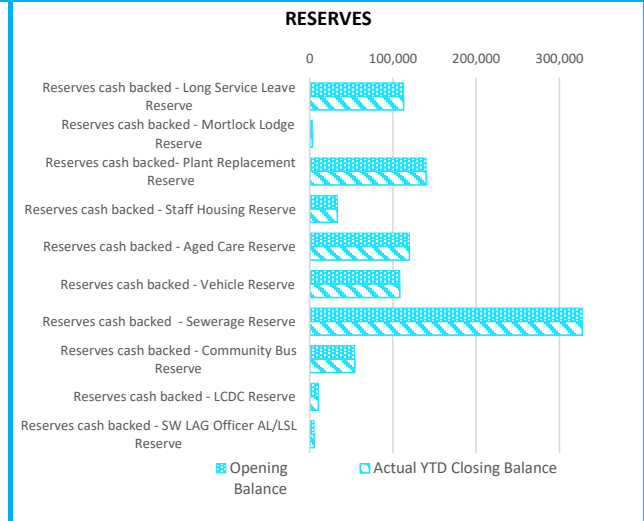
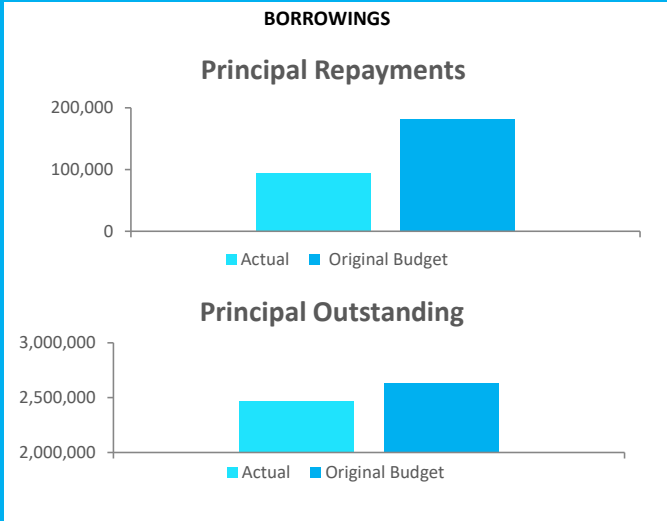
**OPERATING ACTIVITIES**



**INVESTING ACTIVITIES**



**FINANCING ACTIVITIES**



This information is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Financial Statements and Notes.

Funding surplus / (deficit) Components				
<b>Funding surplus / (deficit)</b>				
	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
Opening	\$0.16 M	\$0.09 M	\$0.09 M	\$0.00 M
Closing	(\$0.05 M)	\$1.00 M	\$1.70 M	\$0.71 M
Refer to Statement of Financial Activity				
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>Payables</b>		<b>Receivables</b>
	\$2.96 M	% of total	\$0.17 M	% Outstanding
Unrestricted Cash	\$1.01 M	34.3%	Trade Payables	\$0.07 M
Restricted Cash	\$1.95 M	65.7%	Over 30 Days	0.0%
			Over 90 Days	0%
				\$0.74 M
				Rates Receivable
				\$0.39 M
				84.8%
				Trade Receivable
				\$0.74 M
				Over 30 Days
				4.9%
				Over 90 Days
				4.5%
Refer to Note 2 - Cash and Financial Assets		Refer to Note 5 - Payables		Refer to Note 3 - Receivables
Key Operating Activities				
<b>Amount attributable to operating activities</b>				
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)	
\$0.80 M	\$2.66 M	\$2.33 M	(\$0.33 M)	
Refer to Statement of Financial Activity				
<b>Rates Revenue</b>		<b>Operating Grants and Contributions</b>		<b>Fees and Charges</b>
YTD Actual	\$2.42 M	% Variance	YTD Actual	\$1.06 M
YTD Budget	\$2.15 M	12.5%	YTD Budget	\$0.22 M
				389.1%
				YTD Actual
				\$0.93 M
				% Variance
				42.7%
Refer to Note 6 - Rate Revenue		Refer to Note 13 - Operating Grants and Contributions		Refer to Statement of Financial Activity
Key Investing Activities				
<b>Amount attributable to investing activities</b>				
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)	
(\$0.83 M)	(\$1.72 M)	(\$0.61 M)	\$1.11 M	
Refer to Statement of Financial Activity				
<b>Proceeds on sale</b>		<b>Asset Acquisition</b>		<b>Non-Operating Grants</b>
YTD Actual	\$0.11 M	%	YTD Actual	\$1.51 M
Adopted Budget	\$0.11 M	(1.0%)	Adopted Budget	\$4.39 M
				(65.5%)
				YTD Actual
				\$0.98 M
				% Received
				(71.4%)
Refer to Note 7 - Disposal of Assets		Refer to Note 8 - Capital Acquisition		Refer to Note 8 - Capital Acquisition
Key Financing Activities				
<b>Amount attributable to financing activities</b>				
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)	
(\$0.19 M)	(\$0.04 M)	(\$0.11 M)	(\$0.07 M)	
Refer to Statement of Financial Activity				
<b>Borrowings</b>		<b>Reserves</b>		<b>Lease Liability</b>
Principal repayments	\$0.09 M	Reserves balance	\$0.91 M	Principal repayments
Interest expense	\$0.06 M	Interest earned	\$0.00 M	\$0.00 M
Principal due	\$2.47 M			Interest expense
				\$0.00 M
				Principal due
				\$0.07 M
Refer to Note 9 - Borrowings		Refer to Note 11 - Cash Reserves		Refer to Note 10 - Lease Liabilities

This information is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Financial Statements and notes.



## KEY TERMS AND DESCRIPTIONS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

## STATUTORY REPORTING PROGRAMS

Shire operations as disclosed in these financial statements encompass the following service orientated activities/programs.

### PROGRAM NAME AND OBJECTIVES

### ACTIVITIES

#### GOVERNANCE

To provide a decision making process for the efficient allocation of resources

To include the activities of members of Council and the administration support available to the Council for the provision of governance of the district. Other costs relate to assisting elected members and ratepayers on matters which do not concern specific Council services.

#### GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING

To collect revenue to allow for the provision of services.

Rates, general purpose government grants and interest revenue.

#### LAW, ORDER, PUBLIC SAFETY

To provide services to help ensure a safer and environmentally conscious community.

Supervision and enforcement of various local laws relating to fire prevention, animal control, community crime prevention and other aspects of public safety including emergency services.

#### HEALTH

To provide an operational framework for environmental and community health.

Inspection of food premises and food control. Provision of Medical Surgery and Doctor. Also noise control and waste disposal compliance

#### EDUCATION AND WELFARE

To provide services to disadvantaged persons including the elderly, children and youth.

Maintenance of child minding centre, playgroup centre, senior citizens centre. Provision and maintenance of youth services.

#### HOUSING

To provide and maintain housing for staff, aged and community housing projects operated by Joint Venture with the Department of Housing.

Staff housing, provision of general rental accommodation to the public when not required by staff.

#### COMMUNITY AMENITIES

To provide necessary services as required by the community.

Rubbish collection and recycling, operation of disposal sites, administration, maintenance & operation of the Shire Townsite Sewerage Scheme. Administration of the Shire of Goomalling Town Planning Scheme. Administration, maintenance & operation of the Goomalling public cemeteries, public toilets & the Goomalling Community Bus.

#### RECREATION AND CULTURE

To establish & effectively manage infrastructure and resources which will help the social wellbeing of the community.

Maintenance and operation of public halls, swimming pool, sporting pavilions, parks and gardens, recreation centre, sports playing surface areas and reserves including football oval, hockey oval, tennis courts, bowling greens. Contribution to the operation of the Goomalling Public Library, museums and cultural facilities.

#### TRANSPORT

To provide safe, effective and efficient transport services to the community.

Construction and maintenance of streets, roads, footpaths, drainage & signs. Maintenance and operation of street lights, works depot and aerodrome. Cleaning of streets and provision and maintenance of street trees. Purchase, maintenance and operation of plant.

#### ECONOMIC SERVICES

To help promote the Shire and its economic wellbeing.

Tourism and area promotion including the maintenance and operation of the Shire of Goomalling Caravan Park facilities and Motel Units. Provision of rural services including building control, standpipes, noxious weeds and vermin control. Maintenance costs associated with the Goomalling Community Resource Centre.

#### OTHER PROPERTY AND SERVICES

To monitor and control Council's overheads operating accounts.

Private works, plant repairs and operations. Housing and Engineering operations costs.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022**

**STATUTORY REPORTING PROGRAMS**

	Ref	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Var.
	Note	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)-(a)	(b)-(a)/(a)	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	%	
<b>Opening funding surplus / (deficit)</b>	1(c)	160,154	93,153	<b>93,153</b>	0	0.00%	
<b>Revenue from operating activities</b>							
Governance		30,000	12,495	<b>22,817</b>	10,322	82.61%	▲
General purpose funding		2,420,268	2,297,446	<b>2,342,385</b>	44,939	1.96%	
Law, order and public safety		266,950	111,215	<b>127,403</b>	16,188	14.56%	▲
Health		654,000	272,495	<b>262,566</b>	(9,429)	(3.64%)	
Education and welfare		600	250	<b>66</b>	(184)	(73.60%)	
Housing		264,860	110,345	<b>100,781</b>	(9,564)	(8.67%)	
Community amenities		548,000	350,825	<b>1,041,294</b>	690,469	196.81%	▲
Recreation and culture		98,884	41,150	<b>31,730</b>	(9,420)	(22.89%)	
Transport		418,500	174,370	<b>185,836</b>	11,466	6.58%	
Economic services		362,930	151,160	<b>136,203</b>	(14,957)	(9.89%)	
Other property and services		99,000	41,240	<b>35,896</b>	(5,344)	(12.96%)	
		<b>5,163,992</b>	<b>3,562,991</b>	<b>4,286,977</b>	723,986		
<b>Expenditure from operating activities</b>							
Governance		(238,926)	(99,460)	<b>(90,160)</b>	9,300	9.35%	
General purpose funding		(110,964)	(46,225)	<b>(46,509)</b>	(284)	(0.61%)	
Law, order and public safety		(470,709)	(196,070)	<b>(200,157)</b>	(4,087)	(2.08%)	
Health		(734,759)	(306,115)	<b>(259,050)</b>	47,065	15.37%	▲
Education and welfare		(18,693)	(7,780)	<b>(7,255)</b>	525	6.75%	
Housing		(447,296)	(185,765)	<b>(90,312)</b>	95,453	51.38%	▲
Community amenities		(609,595)	(253,855)	<b>(332,232)</b>	(78,377)	(30.87%)	▼
Recreation and culture		(954,484)	(397,415)	<b>(315,873)</b>	81,542	20.52%	▲
Transport		(1,737,736)	(723,915)	<b>(405,477)</b>	318,438	43.99%	▲
Economic services		(590,926)	(245,965)	<b>(185,591)</b>	60,374	24.55%	▲
Other property and services		(15,843)	(6,520)	<b>(20,762)</b>	(14,242)	(218.44%)	▼
		<b>(5,929,931)</b>	<b>(2,469,085)</b>	<b>(1,953,378)</b>	515,707		
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	1(a)	1,569,016	1,569,016	<b>0</b>	(1,569,016)	(100.00%)	▼
Movement in liabilities associated with restricted cash ( Leave Reserve)		0	0	<b>0</b>	0	0.00%	
<b>Amount attributable to operating activities</b>		<b>803,077</b>	<b>2,662,922</b>	<b>2,333,599</b>	(329,323)		
<b>Investing Activities</b>							
Proceeds from non-operating grants, subsidies and contributions	14	3,412,798	1,271,280	975,749	(295,531)	(23.25%)	▼
Less Unspent Non-Operating Grants represented as Contract Liabilities	14	0	0	(198,591)			
<b>Net Revenue from Non-Operating Grants</b>	14	<b>3,412,798</b>	<b>1,271,280</b>	<b>777,158</b>			
Proceeds from disposal of assets	7	110,000	110,000	<b>108,939</b>	(1,061)	(0.96%)	
Proceeds from financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	9	41,681	20,515	<b>20,515</b>	0	0.00%	
Payments for property, plant and equipment and infrastructure	8	(4,393,285)	(3,118,003)	<b>(1,514,914)</b>	1,603,089	51.41%	▲
<b>Amount attributable to investing activities</b>		<b>(828,806)</b>	<b>(1,716,208)</b>	<b>(608,302)</b>	1,107,906		
<b>Financing Activities</b>							
Loan to Medical Surgery		0	(20,000)	<b>(20,000)</b>	0	0.00%	
Transfer from reserves	11	40,000	0	<b>0</b>	0	0.00%	
Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities	10	(20,869)	0	<b>0</b>	0	0.00%	
Repayment of debentures	9	(182,466)	0	<b>(94,540)</b>	(94,540)	0.00%	▼
Transfer to reserves	11	(23,934)	(23,934)	<b>(0)</b>	23,934	100.00%	▲
<b>Amount attributable to financing activities</b>		<b>(187,270)</b>	<b>(43,934)</b>	<b>(114,541)</b>	(70,607)		
<b>Closing funding surplus / (deficit)</b>	1(c)	<b>(52,845)</b>	<b>995,933</b>	<b>1,703,908</b>	707,975		

**KEY INFORMATION**

▲ ▼ Indicates a variance between Year to Date (YTD) Actual and YTD Actual data as per the adopted materiality threshold. Refer to Note 2 for an threshold. Refer to Note 16 for an explanation of the reasons for the variance.

The material variance adopted by Council for the 2022-23 year is \$10,000 or 10.00% whichever is the greater.

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Financial Statements and notes.

## KEY TERMS AND DESCRIPTIONS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

## NATURE OR TYPE DESCRIPTIONS

### REVENUE

#### RATES

All rates levied under the *Local Government Act 1995*. Includes general, differential, specified area rates, minimum rates, interim rates, back rates, ex-gratia rates, less discounts and concessions offered. Exclude administration fees, interest on instalments, interest on arrears, service charges and sewerage rates.

#### OPERATING GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Refers to all amounts received as grants, subsidies and contributions that are not non-operating grants.

#### NON-OPERATING GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Amounts received specifically for the acquisition, construction of new or the upgrading of identifiable non financial assets paid to a local government, irrespective of whether these amounts are received as capital grants, subsidies, contributions or donations.

#### REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when the local government satisfies its performance obligations under the contract.

#### FEES AND CHARGES

Revenues (other than service charges) from the use of facilities and charges made for local government services, sewerage rates, rentals, hire charges, fee for service, photocopying charges, licences, sale of goods or information, fines, penalties and administration fees. Local governments may wish to disclose more detail such as rubbish collection fees, rental of property, fines and penalties, other fees and charges.

#### SERVICE CHARGES

Service charges imposed under *Division 6 of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995*. *Regulation 54 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* identifies these as television and radio broadcasting, underground electricity and neighbourhood surveillance services. Exclude rubbish removal charges. Interest and other items of a similar nature received from bank and investment accounts, interest on rate instalments, interest on rate arrears and interest on debtors.

#### INTEREST EARNINGS

Interest and other items of a similar nature received from bank and investment accounts, interest on rate instalments, interest on rate arrears and interest on debtors.

#### OTHER REVENUE / INCOME

Other revenue, which can not be classified under the above headings, includes dividends, discounts, rebates etc.

#### PROFIT ON ASSET DISPOSAL

Excess of assets received over the net book value for assets on their disposal.

### EXPENSES

#### EMPLOYEE COSTS

All costs associate with the employment of person such as salaries, wages, allowances, benefits such as vehicle and housing, superannuation, employment expenses, removal expenses, relocation expenses, worker's compensation insurance, training costs, conferences, safety expenses, medical examinations, fringe benefit tax, etc.

#### MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS

All expenditures on materials, supplies and contracts not classified under other headings. These include supply of goods and materials, legal expenses, consultancy, maintenance

agreements, communication expenses, advertising expenses,

membership, periodicals, publications, hire expenses, rental, leases, postage and freight etc. Local governments may wish to disclose more detail such as contract services, consultancy, information technology, rental or lease expenditures.

#### UTILITIES (GAS, ELECTRICITY, WATER, ETC.)

Expenditures made to the respective agencies for the provision of power, gas or water. Exclude expenditures incurred for the reinstatement of roadwork on behalf of these agencies.

#### INSURANCE

All insurance other than worker's compensation and health benefit insurance included as a cost of employment.

#### LOSS ON ASSET DISPOSAL

Shortfall between the value of assets received over the net book value for assets on their disposal.

#### DEPRECIATION ON NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Depreciation expense raised on all classes of assets.

#### INTEREST EXPENSES

Interest and other costs of finance paid, including costs of finance for loan debentures, overdraft accommodation and refinancing expenses.

#### OTHER EXPENDITURE

Statutory fees, taxes, allowance for impairment of assets, member's fees or State taxes. Donations and subsidies made to community groups.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

BY NATURE OR TYPE

	Ref Note	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)	Var. % (b)-(a)/(a)	Var.
		\$	\$	\$	\$	%	
<b>Opening funding surplus / (deficit)</b>	1(c)	160,154	93,153	<b>93,153</b>	(0)	(0.00%)	
<b>Revenue from operating activities</b>							
Rates	6	2,171,729	2,151,463	<b>1,963,494</b>	(187,969)	(8.74%)	
Other rates	6	248,012	248,012	<b>248,012</b>	0	0.00%	
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	13	983,293	409,660	<b>1,060,576</b>	650,916	158.89%	▲
Fees and charges		1,523,690	655,056	<b>934,547</b>	279,491	42.67%	▲
Interest earnings		70,868	29,520	<b>14,790</b>	(14,730)	(49.90%)	▼
Other revenue		166,400	69,280	<b>65,558</b>	(3,722)	(5.37%)	
		<b>5,163,992</b>	<b>3,562,991</b>	<b>4,286,975</b>	723,984		
<b>Expenditure from operating activities</b>							
Employee costs		(2,300,723)	(958,400)	<b>(968,437)</b>	(10,037)	(1.05%)	
Materials and contracts		(1,322,620)	(550,280)	<b>(653,994)</b>	(103,714)	(18.85%)	▼
Utility charges		(261,462)	(108,705)	<b>(102,352)</b>	6,353	5.84%	
Depreciation on non-current assets		(1,568,999)	(653,700)	<b>0</b>	653,700	100.00%	▲
Interest expenses		(135,465)	(56,430)	<b>(34,469)</b>	21,961	38.92%	▲
Insurance expenses		(190,013)	(79,030)	<b>(108,331)</b>	(29,301)	(37.08%)	▼
Other expenditure		(150,650)	(62,540)	<b>(85,795)</b>	(23,255)	(37.18%)	▼
		<b>(5,929,932)</b>	<b>(2,469,085)</b>	<b>(1,953,377)</b>	515,708		
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	1(a)	1,569,016	1,569,016	<b>0</b>	(1,569,016)	(100.00%)	▼
Movement in liabilities associated with restricted cash			0	<b>0</b>	0	0.00%	
<b>Amount attributable to operating activities</b>		<b>803,076</b>	<b>2,662,922</b>	<b>2,333,598</b>	(329,324)		
<b>Investing activities</b>							
Proceeds from non-operating grants, subsidies and contributions	14	3,412,798	1,271,280	<b>975,749</b>	(295,531)	(23.25%)	▼
Less Unspent Non-Operating Grants represented as Contract Liabilities	14	0	0	<b>(198,591)</b>			
<b>Net Revenue from Non-Operating Grants</b>	14	<b>3,412,798</b>	<b>1,271,280</b>	<b>777,158</b>			
Proceeds from disposal of assets	7	110,000	110,000	<b>108,939</b>	(1,061)	(0.96%)	
Proceeds from financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	9	41,681	20,515	<b>20,515</b>	0	0.00%	
Payments for property, plant and equipment and infrastructure	8	(4,393,285)	(3,118,003)	<b>(1,514,914)</b>	1,603,089	51.41%	▲
<b>Amount attributable to investing activities</b>		<b>(828,806)</b>	<b>(1,716,208)</b>	<b>(608,302)</b>	1,107,906		
<b>Financing Activities</b>							
Loan to Medical Surgery	0	0	(20,000)	<b>(20,000)</b>	0	0.00%	
Transfer from reserves	11	40,000	0	<b>0</b>	0	0.00%	
Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities		(20,869)	0	<b>0</b>	0	0.00%	
Repayment of debentures	9	(182,466)	0	<b>(94,540)</b>	(94,540)	0.00%	▼
Transfer to reserves	11	(23,934)	(23,934)	<b>(0)</b>	23,934	100.00%	▲
<b>Amount attributable to financing activities</b>		<b>(187,269)</b>	<b>(43,934)</b>	<b>(114,541)</b>	(70,607)		
<b>Closing funding surplus / (deficit)</b>	1(c)	<b>(52,845)</b>	<b>995,933</b>	<b>1,703,908</b>	707,974		

KEY INFORMATION

▲ ▼ Indicates a variance between Year to Date (YTD) Actual and YTD Actual data as per the adopted materiality threshold.

Refer to Note 16 for an explanation of the reasons for the variance.

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Financial Statements and Notes.

(a) Non-cash items excluded from operating activities

The following non-cash revenue and expenditure has been excluded from operating activities within the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with Financial Management Regulation 32.

	Notes	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)
<b>Non-cash items excluded from operating activities</b>		\$	\$	\$
<b>Adjustments to operating activities</b>				
Less: Movement in liabilities associated with restricted cash		17	0	0
Add: Depreciation on assets		1,568,999	653,700	0
<b>Total non-cash items excluded from operating activities</b>		<b>1,569,016</b>	<b>653,700</b>	<b>0</b>

(b) Adjustments to net current assets in the Statement of Financial Activity

The following current assets and liabilities have been excluded from the net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with *Financial Management Regulation* 32 to agree to the surplus/(deficit) after imposition of general rates.

		Last Year Closing 30 June 2022	This Time Last Year 30 November 2021	Year to Date 30 November 2022
<b>Adjustments to net current assets</b>				
Less: Reserves - restricted cash	11	(914,260)	(929,953)	(914,260)
Less: - Financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	4	(41,680)	(39,157)	(21,166)
Add: Borrowings	9	182,510	2,273,379	87,970
Add: Provisions funded by Reserve	12	112,797	109,813	112,797
Add: Lease liabilities	10	20,870	0	20,870
<b>Total adjustments to net current assets</b>		<b>(639,763)</b>	<b>1,414,082</b>	<b>(713,789)</b>

(c) Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity

<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	2	2,308,253	1,307,145	3,045,567
Rates receivables	3	147,184	180,533	390,918
Receivables	3	104,216	58,048	741,734
Stock on Hand	4	27,731	54,625	14,080
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>2,587,383</b>	<b>1,600,351</b>	<b>4,192,299</b>
<b>Less: Current liabilities</b>				
Payables	5	(349,337)	(274,210)	(165,419)
Borrowings	9	(182,510)	(2,273,379)	(87,970)
Contract liabilities	12	(689,109)	0	(887,700)
Lease liabilities	10	(20,870)		(20,870)
Provisions	12	(612,643)	(564,043)	(612,643)
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>(1,854,469)</b>	<b>(3,111,632)</b>	<b>(1,774,602)</b>
		<b>732,914</b>	<b>(1,511,281)</b>	<b>2,417,697</b>
<b>Less: Total adjustments to net current assets</b>	1(b)	<b>(639,763)</b>	<b>1,414,082</b>	<b>(713,789)</b>
<b>Closing funding surplus / (deficit)</b>		<b>93,153</b>	<b>(97,201)</b>	<b>1,703,908</b>

CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

In the determination of whether an asset or liability is current or non-current, consideration is given to the time when each asset or liability is expected to be settled. Unless otherwise stated assets or liabilities are classified as current if expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the Council's operational cycle.

Description	Classification	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Cash	Trust	Institution	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
		\$	\$	\$	\$			
<b>Cash on hand</b>								
Floats	Cash and cash equivalents	650		650	0			
<b>Cash Deposits</b>								
Municipal Bank Account	Cash and cash equivalents	1,013,416		1,013,416	0	Bendigo	0.00%	At Call
Trust Bank Account	Cash and cash equivalents	0	0	0	38,224	Bendigo	0.00%	
Medical Surgery Bank Account	Cash and cash equivalents		29,660	29,660				
<b>Term Deposits</b>								
Term Deposits - Reserve	Financial assets at amortised cost	0	609,732	609,732	0	Bendigo	2.75%	28/07/2023
Term Deposits	Financial assets at amortised cost	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	Bendigo	1.80%	26/12/2022
Term Deposits - Reserve	Financial assets at amortised cost	0	300,706	300,706	0	Bendigo	2.60%	17/06/2023
Term Deposits - Skeleton Weed A/L & LSL	Financial assets at amortised cost	0	5,234	5,234	0	Bendigo	2.60%	17/06/2023
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,014,066</b>	<b>1,945,332</b>	<b>2,959,398</b>	<b>38,224</b>			
<b>Comprising</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents		1,014,066	29,661	1,043,726	38,224			
Financial assets at amortised cost		0	1,915,672	1,915,672	0			
		<b>1,014,066</b>	<b>1,945,333</b>	<b>2,959,398</b>	<b>38,224</b>			

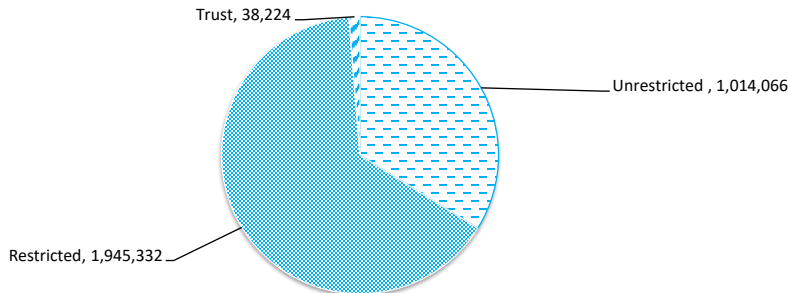
**KEY INFORMATION**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash at bank, deposits available on demand with banks and other short term highly liquid investments highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are reported as short term borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of net current assets.

The local government classifies financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following criteria are met:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cashflows, and
- the contractual terms give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest.

Financial assets at amortised cost held with registered financial institutions are listed in this note other financial assets at amortised cost are provided in Note 4 - Other assets.



NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

OPERATING ACTIVITIES  
NOTE 3  
RECEIVABLES

Rates receivable	30 Jun 2022	30 Nov 2022
	\$	\$
Opening arrears previous years	147,184	147,184
Levied this year	2,118,671	2,419,741
Less - collections to date	(2,118,671)	(2,176,007)
Equals current outstanding	<b>147,184</b>	<b>390,918</b>
<b>Net rates collectable</b>	<b>147,184</b>	<b>390,918</b>
% Collected	93.5%	84.8%

Receivables - general	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Receivables - general	(6,898)	634,650	1,220	1,155	29,997	660,124
Percentage	(1.0%)	96.1%	0.2%	0.2%	4.5%	
<b>Balance per trial balance</b>						
Sundry receivable	0	660,124	0	0	0	660,124
GST receivable	0	60,444	0	0	0	60,444
Loans Club/Institutions - Current	0	21,166	0	0	0	21,166
<b>Total receivables general outstanding</b>						<b>741,734</b>

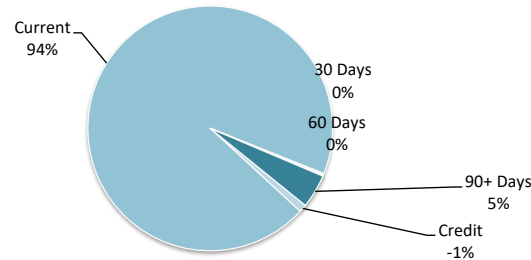
Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

KEY INFORMATION

Trade and other receivables include amounts due from ratepayers for unpaid rates and service charges and other amounts due from third parties for goods sold and services performed in the ordinary course of business. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets. Collectability of trade and other receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts that are known to be uncollectable are written off when identified. An allowance for impairment of receivables is raised when there is objective evidence that they will not be collectible.

- Credit
- Current
- 30 Days
- 60 Days
- 90+ Days

Accounts Receivable (non-rates)



	Opening Balance 1 July 2022	Asset Increase	Asset Reduction	Closing Balance 30 November 2022
<b>Other current assets</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Inventory</b>				
Stock On Hand	27,731	(13,652)	0	14,079
<b>Total other current assets</b>	<b>27,731</b>	<b>(13,652)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,079</b>

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

#### KEY INFORMATION

##### Inventory

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.



Payables - general	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Payables - general	0	26,241	0	0	0	26,241
Percentage	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	
<b>Balance per trial balance</b>						
Sundry creditors	0	(69,589)	0	0	0	69,589
ATO liabilities		22,909				22,909
Gst Payable		60,294				60,294
Bonds & Deposits Held - CI		12,627				12,627
<b>Total payables general outstanding</b>						<b>165,419</b>

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

**KEY INFORMATION**

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Shire that are unpaid and arise when the Shire becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services. The amounts are unsecured, are recognised as a current liability and are normally paid within 30 days of recognition.

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

OPERATING ACTIVITIES  
NOTE 6  
RATE REVENUE

General rate revenue	Budget							YTD Actual			
	Rate in \$ (cents)	Number of Properties	Rateable Value	Rate Revenue	Interim Rate	Back Rate	Total Revenue	Rate Revenue	Interim Rates	Back Rates	Total Revenue
RATE TYPE				\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Gross rental value</b>											
GRV Residential	0.11880	123	1,350,994	160,498	0	0	160,498	160,498	0	0	160,498
GRV Commercial	0.12700	17	321,640	40,848	0	0	40,848	40,848	0	0	40,848
GRV Industrial	0.12790	11	80,636	10,313	0	0	10,313	10,313	0	0	10,313
GRV Urban Farmland	0.11350	18	220,896	25,072	0	0	25,072	25,072	0	0	25,072
<b>Unimproved value</b>											
UV Rural Zone 2	0.0059	54	25,866,000	152,092	0	0	152,092	152,092	0	0	152,092
UV Special Rural	0.0121	14	1,527,500	18,544	0	0	18,544	18,544	0	0	18,544
UV General Zone 3	0.0059	218	257,374,000	1,518,507			1,518,507	1,518,507	0	0	1,518,507
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>455</b>	<b>286,741,666</b>	<b>1,925,875</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,925,874</b>	<b>1,925,874</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,925,874</b>
<b>Minimum payment</b>	<b>Minimum \$</b>										
<b>Gross rental value</b>											
GRV Residential	1,025	96	553,875	98,400	0	0	98,400	98,400	0	0	98,400
GRV Commercial	950	13	37,597	12,350	0	0	12,350	12,350	0	0	12,350
GRV Industrial	595	7	12,675	4,165	0	0	4,165	4,165	0	0	4,165
GRV Urban Farmland	760	7	24,251	5,320	0	0	5,320	5,320	0	0	5,320
<b>Unimproved value</b>											
UV Rural Zone 2	800	18	2,166,500	14,400	0	0	14,400	14,400	0	0	14,400
UV Special Rural	1,130	4	327,000	4,520	0	0	4,520	4,520	0	0	4,520
UV General Zone 3	1,100	97	7,960,466	106,700	0	0	106,700	106,700	0	0	106,700
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>242</b>	<b>11,082,364</b>	<b>245,855</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>245,855</b>	<b>245,855</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>245,855</b>
<b>Amount from general rates</b>							<b>2,171,729</b>				<b>2,171,729</b>
Ex-gratia rates							38,012				38,012
<b>Total general rates</b>							<b>2,209,741</b>				<b>2,209,741</b>
<b>Specified area rates</b>	<b>Rate in \$ (cents)</b>										
Sewerage Residential	8.792		23,520	206,790	0	0	206,790	206,790	0	0	206,790
Sewerage Religious Church			440	3,210	0	0	3,210	3,210	0	0	3,210
<b>Total specified area rates</b>			<b>23,960</b>	<b>210,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>210,000</b>	<b>210,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>210,000</b>
<b>Total</b>							<b>2,419,741</b>				<b>2,419,741</b>

KEY INFORMATION

Prepaid rates are, until the taxable event for the rates has occurred, refundable at the request of the ratepayer. Rates received in advance give rise to a financial liability. On 1 July 2020 the prepaid rates were recognised as a financial asset and a related amount was recognised as a financial liability and no income was recognised. When the taxable event occurs the financial liability is extinguished and income recognised for the prepaid rates that have not been refunded.

Capital acquisitions	Adopted Budget	Current Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Actual Variance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Buildings	559,827	559,827	259,510	58,493	(201,017)
Plant and equipment	135,000	135,000	100,000	90,989	(9,011)
Infrastructure - roads	3,396,458	3,396,458	2,506,493	1,235,607	(1,270,886)
Infrastructure - sewerage	50,000	50,000	0	55,686	55,686
Infrastructure - footpaths	80,000	80,000	80,000	44,923	(35,077)
Infrastructure - other	172,000	172,000	172,000	29,217	(142,783)
<b>Payments for Capital Acquisitions</b>	<b>4,393,285</b>	<b>4,393,285</b>	<b>3,118,003</b>	<b>1,514,914</b>	<b>(1,603,089)</b>
<b>Total Capital Acquisitions</b>	<b>4,453,851</b>	<b>4,393,285</b>	<b>3,118,003</b>	<b>1,514,914</b>	<b>(1,603,089)</b>
<b>Capital Acquisitions Funded By:</b>					
	\$		\$	\$	\$
Capital grants and contributions	3,412,798	3,412,798	1,271,280	975,749	(295,531)
Cash backed reserves	914,260	914,260		0	
Reserves cash backed - Long Service Leave Reserve	2,972	2,972	0	0	0
Contribution - operations	(147,311)	63,255	1,740,056	450,226	(1,289,831)
<b>Capital funding total</b>	<b>4,393,285</b>	<b>4,393,285</b>	<b>3,118,003</b>	<b>1,514,914</b>	<b>(1,603,089)</b>

#### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

All assets are initially recognised at cost. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the local government includes the cost of all materials used in the construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead. Certain asset classes may be revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Assets carried at fair value are to be revalued with sufficient regularity to ensure the carrying amount does not differ materially from that determined using fair value at reporting date.

30/06/2023

30/11/2022

Account Description		Adopted Budget	Current Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance (Under)/Over
<b>Land and Buildings</b>						
48005	Replacement Server - Admin	45,000	45,000	45,000	31,114	13,886
98001	Capital housing Up grades	102,000	102,000	42,500	0	42,500
48003	Roofing Project - admin LRCIP	0	0	0	27,379	(27,379)
138001	Public Buildings - Capital upgrade projects	412,827	412,827	172,010	0	172,010
138003	Old Road Board Building - LRCIP	0	0	0	0	0
138004	Gum Toilets Upgrade - LRCIP	0	0	0	0	0
138005	Slater Homestead upgrade - LRCIP	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>559,827</b>	<b>559,827</b>	<b>259,510</b>	<b>58,493</b>	<b>201,017</b>
<b>Plant &amp; Equipment</b>						
108001	Skeleton Weed Plant & Equipment	0	0	0	14,050	(14,050)
123907	Plant replacement - Small Tip Truck	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
123908	Plant replacement - Utility GO 039	0	0	0	0	0
123914	Turf Mower - Recreation Ground	45,000	45,000	45,000	43,444	1,556
123913	Miscellaneous Small Plant	10,000	10,000	5,000	0	5,000
123911	Small Plant - Mobile Traffic lights	30,000	30,000	0	33,495	(33,495)
<b>Total</b>		<b>135,000</b>	<b>135,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>90,989</b>	<b>9,011</b>
<b>Infrastructure - Roads</b>						
129904	EXPENSE - Regional Road Group Construction	1,054,435	1,054,435	439,345	608,546	(169,201)
129901	EXPENSE - R 2 R Construction	314,000	314,000	314,000	181,203	132,797
129910	Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program	50,000	50,000	0	0	0
129912	Black Spot Funding	180,000	180,000	180,000	0	180,000
129914	MRWA - Bridge Capital	152,000	152,000	152,000	0	152,000
129908	EXPENSE - Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network	1,646,023	1,646,023	1,421,148	445,858	975,290
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,396,458</b>	<b>3,396,458</b>	<b>2,506,493</b>	<b>1,235,607</b>	<b>1,270,886</b>
<b>Infrastructure - Footpaths</b>						
129911	Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program (footpaths)	80,000	80,000	80,000	44,923	35,077
<b>Total</b>		<b>80,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>44,923</b>	<b>35,077</b>
<b>Infrastructure - Sewerage</b>						
108003	Upgrade to sewerage water pipe line LRCIP	50,000	50,000	0	55,686	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55,686</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Infrastructure - Other</b>						
118006	Anstey Park - Upgrade -LRCIP	172,000	172,000	172,000	29,217	142,783
118007	Upgrade to Playground at Rec Ground LRCIP	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>172,000</b>	<b>172,000</b>	<b>172,000</b>	<b>29,217</b>	<b>142,783</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>4,393,285</b>	<b>4,393,285</b>	<b>3,118,003</b>	<b>1,514,914</b>	<b>1,658,775</b>

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

FINANCING ACTIVITIES

NOTE 9

BORROWINGS

Repayments - borrowings

Information on borrowings Particulars	Loan No.	1 July 2022	New Loans		Principal Repayments		Principal Outstanding		Interest Repayments	
			Actual	Budget	Actual	Original Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Housing</b>										
Aged Housing Wollyam Street	114	141,407	0	0	9,266	18,778	132,141	122,629	3,721	20,410
<b>Recreation and culture</b>										
New Sports Pavilion	111	1,051,154	0	0	14,860	30,541	1,036,294	1,081,695	33,595	34,809
Retic Football/Hockey Ovals	113	15,501	0	0	7,449	14,990	8,052	30,490	599	340
<b>Economic services</b>										
Rural Community Centre	106	307,532	0	0	10,127	23,857	297,405	331,389	9,763	29,291
Bank Overdraft - subdivision - new loan	115	893,828	0	0	32,323	52,619	861,505	946,447	7,494	39,172
<b>B/Fwd Balance</b>		2,409,422	0	0	74,025	140,785	2,335,397	2,512,650	55,174	124,022
<b>C/Fwd Balance</b>		2,409,422	0	0	74,025	140,785	2,335,397	2,512,650	55,174	124,022
<b>Self supporting loans</b>										
<b>Recreation and culture</b>										
Self Supporting Loan MSC	110	159,125	0	0	20,515	41,681	138,610	117,445	5,083	9,734
Self Supporting Loan MSC	110	159,125	0	0	20,515	41,681	138,610	117,445	0	9,734
<b>Total</b>		2,568,547	0	0	94,540	182,466	2,474,007	2,630,095	55,174	133,756
Current borrowings		182,466					(87,970)			
Non-current borrowings		2,386,081					2,561,977			
		2,568,547					2,474,007			

All debenture repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

Self supporting loans are financed by repayments from third parties.

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**FINANCING ACTIVITIES  
NOTE 9  
BORROWINGS**

**Repayments - borrowings**

Information on borrowings Particulars	Loan No.	1 July 2022	New Loans		Principal Repayments		Principal Outstanding		Interest Repayments	
			Actual	Budget	Actual	Original Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

**KEY INFORMATION**

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received less directly attributable transaction costs. After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities that are yield related are included as part of the carrying amount of the loans and borrowings.

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**FINANCING ACTIVITIES  
NOTE 10  
LEASE LIABILITIES**

**Movement in carrying amounts**

Information on leases Particulars	Lease No.	1 July 2022	New Leases		Principal Repayments		Principal Outstanding		Interest Repayments	
			Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Other property and services</b>										
GO040 Ford Escape (Blue)	6250509	109	0	0	0	69	109	40	0	0
GOSHIRE Ford Escape (White)	6250620	103	0	0	0	65	103	38	0	0
GO015 Ford Utility (WORKSMANAGER)	6463413	11,043	0	0	0	9,903	11,043	1,140	0	321
GO 040 Ford Escape (DCEO White)		0	0	30,283		5,416	30,283	24,867		694
GOSHIRE Ford Escape (CDO White)		0	0	30,283		5,416	30,283	24,867		694
<b>Total</b>		<b>11,255</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>60,566</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,869</b>	<b>71,821</b>	<b>50,952</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,709</b>
Current lease liabilities		20,870					20,870			
Non-current lease liabilities		47,302					47,302			
		68,172					68,172			

All lease repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

**KEY INFORMATION**

At inception of a contract, the Shire assesses if the contract contains or is a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. At the commencement date, a right of use asset is recognised at cost and lease liability at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at that date. The lease payments are discounted using that date. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease, if that rate can be readily determined. If that rate cannot be readily determined, the Shire uses its incremental borrowing rate.

All contracts classified as short-term leases (i.e. a lease with a remaining term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets are recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

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**OPERATING ACTIVITIES  
NOTE 11  
CASH RESERVES**

**Cash backed reserve**

<b>Reserve name</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Budget Interest Earned</b>	<b>Actual Interest Earned</b>	<b>Budget Transfers In (+)</b>	<b>Actual Transfers In (+)</b>	<b>Budget Transfers Out (-)</b>	<b>Actual Transfers Out (-)</b>	<b>Budget Closing Balance</b>	<b>Actual YTD Closing Balance</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Reserves cash backed - Long Service Leave Reserve	112,797	2,972	0	0	0	0	0	115,769	112,797
Reserves cash backed - Mortlock Lodge Reserve	3,172	82	0	0	0	0	0	3,254	3,172
Reserves cash backed- Plant Replacement Reserve	139,897	3,665	0	0	0	(40,000)	0	103,562	139,897
Reserves cash backed - Staff Housing Reserve	33,284	879	0	0	0	0	0	34,163	33,284
Reserves cash backed - Aged Care Reserve	119,725	3,153	0	0	0	0	0	122,878	119,725
Reserves cash backed - Vehicle Reserve	108,058	2,871	0	0	0	0	0	110,929	108,058
Reserves cash backed - Sewerage Reserve	327,377	8,619	0	0	0	0	0	335,996	327,377
Reserves cash backed - Community Bus Reserve	54,250	1,422	0	0	0	0	0	55,672	54,250
Reserves cash backed - LCDC Reserve	10,452	271	0	0	0	0	0	10,723	10,452
Reserves cash backed - SW LAG Officer AL/LSL Reserve	5,248	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,248	5,248
	<b>914,260</b>	<b>23,934</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(40,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>898,194</b>	<b>914,260</b>

**KEY INFORMATION**



Other current liabilities	Note	Opening Balance 1 July 2022	Liability Increase	Liability Reduction	Closing Balance 30 November 2022
		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Contract liabilities</b>					
- operating	13	689,109	198,591	0	887,700
<b>Total unspent grants, contributions and reimbursements</b>		689,109	198,591	0	887,700
<b>Provisions</b>					
Annual leave		266,410	0	0	266,410
Long service leave		346,233	0	0	346,233
<b>Total Provisions</b>		612,643	0	0	612,643
<b>Total other current assets</b>		<b>1,301,752</b>	<b>198,591</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,500,343</b>

#### KEY INFORMATION

##### Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Shire has a present legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

##### Employee benefits

###### Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as a part of current trade and other payables in the calculation of net current assets.

###### Other long-term employee benefits

The Shire's obligations for employees' annual leave and long service leave entitlements are recognised as provisions in the statement of financial position.

Long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurements for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur. The Shire's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the Shire does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current provisions.

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**NOTE 13**

**OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Provider	Operating grants, subsidies and contributions revenue			
	Adopted Budget Revenue	YTD Budget	Current Budget	YTD Revenue Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Operating grants and subsidies</b>				
<b>General purpose funding</b>				
GRANTS - General Purpose	93,020	38,755	93,020	70,729
GRANTS - Untied Road Grants	48,073	20,030	48,073	47,400
<b>Law, order, public safety</b>				
REVENUE - ESL Grant	45,000	18,750	45,000	7,631
<b>Recreation &amp; Culture</b>				
REVENUE - Other Recreation & Sport - No GST	1,100	455	1,100	1,100
<b>Community amenities</b>				
REVENUE - Other Grant Funding	145,000	60,415	145,000	160,000
<b>Transport</b>				
REVENUE - Direct Grant	100,000	41,665	100,000	105,370
<b>Economic services</b>				
REVENUE - Other Economic Services	15,000	6,250	15,000	0
<b>Other property and services</b>				
Various Contributions	209,263	30,536	317,190	668,346
	<b>656,456</b>	<b>216,856</b>	<b>764,383</b>	<b>1,060,576</b>

Non operating grants, subsidies and contributions revenue

	Adopted Budget Revenue	Current Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Revenue Actual	YTD Expenditure Actual	YTD Unspent Contract Liability
	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Non-operating grants and subsidies</b>						
<b>General purpose funding</b>						
Grants - Federal Government	796,530	796,530	165,272	0	58,973	0
<b>Transport</b>						
Revenue - Grants Regional Road Group	478,495	478,495	199,370	331,300	608,546	0
Revenue - Grant Wheatbelt Secondary Freig	1,684,956	1,684,956	702,065	573,449	445,858	(127,591)
Revenue - Grants R 2 R	272,817	272,817	38,573	0	181,203	0
Revenue - Grants Black Spot	24,000	24,000	10,000	0	0	0
Revenue - Grants Pathways	0	0	0	0	44,923	0
Revenue - Grants Bridge Construction	156,000	156,000	156,000	61,000	0	(61,000)
	<b>3,412,798</b>	<b>3,412,798</b>	<b>1,271,280</b>	<b>975,749</b>	<b>1,339,504</b>	<b>(198,591)</b>

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**NOTE 16  
EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES**

The material variance thresholds are adopted annually by Council as an indicator of whether the actual expenditure or revenue varies from the year to date Actual materially.

The material variance adopted by Council for the 2022-23 year is \$10,000 or 10.00% whichever is the greater.

Reporting Program	Var. \$	Var. %	Timing/ Permanent	Explanation of Variance
	\$	%		
<b>Revenue from operating activities</b>				
Governance	10,322	82.61%	▲	dependent on receiving the grants commission payment
General purpose funding - rates	(187,969)	(8.74%)		The rates include the sewerage rates as well.
General purpose funding - other	44,939	1.96%		Within material variance
Law, order and public safety	16,188	14.56%	▲	Timing of receiving the funding from DFES for the ESL program
Health	(9,929)	(3.64%)		Within material variance
Education and welfare	(184)	(73.60%)		Within material variance
Housing	(9,564)	(8.67%)		Within material variance
Community amenities	690,469	196.81%	▲	Permanent funding was received for the extra skeleton weed officers that the shire will manage the LAGS (Lower lockhart, Naremben & Yilgarn)
Recreation and culture	(9,420)	(22.89%)		Within material variance
Transport	11,466	6.58%		Timing dependent on the timing of MRD funding for the Road works yet to be received
Economic services	(14,957)	(9.89%)		Within material variance
Other property and services	(5,344)	(12.96%)		Within material variance
<b>Expenditure from operating activities</b>				
Governance	9,300	9.35%		Within material variance
General purpose funding	(284)	(0.61%)		Within material variance
Law, order and public safety	(4,087)	(2.08%)		Within material variance
Health	47,065	15.37%	▲	Dependent on when the annual report is completed so depreciation can be ran.
Education and welfare	525	6.75%		Within material variance
Housing	95,453	51.38%	▲	Timing Dependent on when the annual report is completed so depreciation can be ran.
Community amenities	(78,377)	(30.87%)	▼	Timing Dependent on when the annual report is completed so depreciation can be ran.
Recreation and culture	81,542	20.52%	▲	Timing Dependent on when the annual report is completed so depreciation can be ran.
Transport	318,438	43.99%	▲	Timing Dependent on when the annual report is completed so depreciation can be ran.
Economic services	60,374	24.55%	▲	Timing Dependent on when the annual report is completed so depreciation can be ran.
Other property and services	(14,242)	(218.44%)	▼	Timing Dependent on the timing of fuel and oils being ordered and paid for.
<b>Investing activities</b>				
Proceeds from non-operating grants, subsidies and contributions	(295,531)	(23.25%)	▼	Dependent on when the grants are applied for and when the projects are completed.
Proceeds from disposal of assets	(1,061)	(0.96%)		
Proceeds from financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	0	0.00%		
Payments for financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	0	0.00%		
Payments for property, plant and equipment and infrastructure	1,603,089	51.41%	▲	Dependent on the timing of the Capital works program
<b>Financing activities</b>				
Loan to Medical Surgery	0	0.00%		
Transfer from reserves	0	0.00%		
Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities	0	0.00%		
Repayment of debentures	(94,540)	0.00%	▼	dependent on the payment of the loans
Transfer to reserves	23,934	100.00%	▲	Yet to carry out the transfer of reserves interest until the end of the year.



### 9.3 APPLICATION OF COMMON SEAL – GRANT RIGHT OF BURIAL NO. 134

File Reference	Grant Right of Burial Register
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Applicant	Shire of Goomalling
Previous Item Numbers	No Direct
Date	12 December 2022
Author	Tahnee Bird, Community Development Officer
Authorising Officer	Peter Bentley, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	Nil

#### Summary

The purpose of the report is to endorse affixation of the Shire of Goomalling Common Seal to the Schedule “B” Form of Grant of Right of Burial No. 134 for Mr Daphne Clarke to validate the grant.

#### Background

Application was received from Daphne Clarke for the Grant of Right of Burial for Grave No. 120 in the Methodist section of the Goomalling Cemetery. The applicable fee of \$230 for a single site, was received on 9 December 2022, receipt number 89506.

#### Consultation

Nil

#### Statutory Environment

*Local Government Act 1995*  
*Cemeteries Act 1986*

#### Policy Implications

4.19 Common Seal

#### Objective:

To satisfy the legal requirements regarding the validation of documents and contracts, resulting from amendments to the *Local Government Act 1995*.

#### Procedure:

1. The Shire President and Chief Executive Officer are authorised to sign and/or affix the common seal to the following documents, where such documents result from the following transactions:
  - 1.1 Where land is disposed of pursuant to s. 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended).
  - 1.2 Where land is acquired pursuant to s. 3.55 and s. 3.59 of the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended).
  - 1.3 In respect of leases of land and licence to occupy municipal property where approved by Council.
  - 1.4 In respect of leases for the purchase of plant and equipment approved by Council.
  - 1.5 In respect of borrowings approved by Council.
  - 1.6 In respect of easements and legal agreements over land for the purpose of drainage or conditions arising from subdivision of land and planning approvals.
  - 1.7 In respect of withdrawal of caveats and surrender of easements where the Chief Executive Officer considers that Council's interests have been satisfied.
  - 1.8 In respect of contracts of employment approved by Council.
  - 1.9 In respect of documents of a ceremonial nature, where the affixing of the common seal is for prosperity and not a legal requirement.

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- 1.10 In respect of agreements required for funding of Council works and services considered with the resolution of Council or requiring renewal of the agreement for funding currently provided.
  - 1.11 In respect of the adoption of local laws.
  - 1.12 Any document stating that the common seal of the Shire is to be affixed.
2. In relation to 1. above, in the absence of the Shire President and/or Chief Executive Officer, as the case may be, the Deputy Shire President and the Acting Chief Executive Officer are authorised to affix the common seal.
3. The procedure to be adopted for the use of the common seal is as follows:
- 3.1 The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the security and proper use of the common seal.
  - 3.2 The common seal is not to be affixed to any documents except as authorised by Council.
  - 3.3 The common seal is to be affixed to a document in the presence of:
    - The Shire President, or in his absence, the Deputy Shire President; and
    - The Chief Executive Officer or Acting Chief Executive Officer;
 Each of whom is to sign the document to attest that the common seal was so affixed.
  - 3.4 Details of all transactions where the common seal has been affixed must be recorded in a register kept by the Chief Executive Officer.  
 The register is to record:
    - The date on which the common seal was affixed;
    - The nature of the document; and
    - The parties to any agreement to which the common seal was affixed.
4. The wording to accompany the application of the common seal to be as follows:
- 4.1 "The common seal of the Shire of Goomalling was hereto affixed by the Authority of Council."; or
  - 4.2 "The common seal of the Shire of Goomalling was affixed by authority of a resolution of Council in the presence of the Shire President and the Chief Executive Officer."
5. Authority is provided to the Chief Executive Officer or the person acting in the position of Chief Executive Officer to sign documents that do not require the affixing of the common seal.

**Financial Implications**

There are no specific financial implications relating to this matter

**Strategic Implications**

Shire of Goomalling Community Strategic Plan 2019-2028	
1.2.6	Provide to the community quality regulatory services

**Comment/Conclusion**

The Common Seal is to be affixed to validate the Grant No 134 for Daphne Clarke.

**Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council:

Endorse affixation of the Shire of Goomalling Common Seal to the Schedule "B" Form of Grant of Right of Burial No 134 for Daphne Clarke to validate the grant.



### 9.4 COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2023

File Reference	Not applicable
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Applicant	Shire of Goomalling
Previous Item Numbers	No Direct
Date	13 December 2022
Author	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
Authorising Officer	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	1. Nil

#### Summary

To Consider the proposed Council Meeting dates for the 2023 calendar year.

#### Background

Each year Council makes decision as to the timing and frequency of its ordinary meetings. Council must then advertise the proposal and post the information on its website.

#### Consultation

Nil other.

#### Statutory Environment

- *Local Government Act (1995)*

#### Policy Implications

Council has historically held its Council meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month apart from January and February where no meeting is held in January and the February meeting is held on the first Wednesday.

#### Financial Implications

Nil

#### Strategic Implications

Shire of Goomalling Community Strategic Plan 2019-2028	
	Not directly dealt with within the plan.

#### Comment/Conclusion

Following the same convention as previous years the proposed meeting dates will be as follows;

3 February 2023	16 August 2023
15 March 2023	20 September 2023
19 April 2023	18 October 2023

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17 May 2023

15 November 2023

21 June 2023

20 December 2023

19 July 2023

The Council has also historically commenced the meetings with a briefing session from the CEO and senior staff at 3.00pm followed by the Council meeting commencing at 4.00pm.

Council may wish to change the frequency and timing of meetings to suit members other commitments or retain the existing arrangements. Councils are required to hold meetings not less than every three months.

### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

#### **OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council:

1. Review the proposed meeting dates and times and advise the CEO of their suitability
2. Direct the CEO to advertise in the Endeavour the adopted meeting times and dates accordingly.





**9.4 DARRELL BOASE – WRITE OFF OF FEES ASSOCIATED WITH COLLECTION OF RATES**

File Reference	3.12
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Applicant	Mr Darrell Boase
Previous Item Numbers	No Direct
Date	15 December 2020
Author	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
Authorising Officer	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	1.

**Summary**

It is requested by Mr Darrell Boase that costs associated with the collection of his mining tenement rates be written off.

**Background**

**“CURRENT”**

Council has dealt with the levying of mining tenement rates on Mr Boase’s behalf on two previous occasions and in April 2021, the last occasion, Council determined that the rates were to stand following his request to waive or revoke the assessment. Mr Boase has continued to resist the payment of these rates until he was the subject of collection actions in February and March of this year and on occasion has engaged in a harassing manner with the CEO seeking justification of the Council’s position.

In trying to explain to Mr Boase that the Council makes the decision, not the CEO he continued to ask my opinion as to whether I believe it was fair and refuses to accept that the role of the CEO is to enact the wishes of the Council.

**PREVIOUS**

*Mr Darrell Boase and Mr Christopher Meakins applied for and obtained an exploration licence (No 70/4830) relating to four blocks, as per the attached documents, in March 2016. Council was advised by Landgate in July 2017 that the tenement had been granted and it was assigned Assessment No A1326 from the valuation system report dated 5 July 2017. A further search of the Landgate reports received by Council staff shows that the tenement still appeared as valid on the roll dated 1 June 2019. This means that from Landgate’s perspective, the tenement was considered active at least until that date.*

*In late 2017, the proponent wrote to Council requesting that it waives the mining tenement rates relating to Assessment A1326. Council’s then CEO wrote to Mr Boase advising that Council had refused to waive the rates. It is unclear at this stage as to why Mr Boase believed that rates were not applicable to the tenement.*



Once Council is advised by Landgate that a tenement has been granted, it can charge tenement rates.

Mr Boase has had a number of conversations with Council's Rates Officer subsequent to this original request with regard to a letter from DMIRS advising him of the forfeiture of the tenement. Council staff did not receive advice from Landgate until August 2019 that the tenement had been forfeited. Mr Boase has stated that he received notice in late January 2019. Mr Boase has not provided a copy of this letter although he was originally requested to do so by our Rates Officer.

**Consultation**

Council's Rates Officer

**Statutory Environment**

- Local Government Act 1995

**Policy Implications**

Council does not have a specific policy regarding this matter.

**Financial Implications**

Worst case Council will have to write off some \$761.00 in fees.

**Strategic Implications**

Shire of Goomalling Community Strategic Plan 2019-2028	
4.2.1	Operate in a financially sustainable manner

**Comment/Conclusion**

**“PREVIOUS”**

While there is some sympathy for the proponent position Council staff have acted appropriately from the outset. The proponent is perhaps expecting that Council cancels the rates for this tenement on the basis that a State Government agency either made a mistake or failed to advise within reasonable timeframes. This tenement has been treated like any other with an assessment being created once it appeared on the roll, it has been rated at the appropriate level, the tenement was removed when advised by Landgate and staff crediting back rates as was appropriate. Council staff have not sighted the alleged letter to Mr Boase from DMIRS

It is unclear as to why Mr Boase did not pursue the tenement through 2017 and 2018 as the alleged notice of forfeiture was not received by him until 2019. It is clear that from the outset he did not believe that it should be rated given his early application to waive rates in 2017. Council does have the power to either waive rates or to deem that rates on a particular tenement are not applied and perhaps this was a testing of the waters.



***Timeline Rates for A1326 – Mining Tenement 04830/E70***

- *On May 7 2019, an overdue rate notice for levies from the 2018/2019 year was sent to the rate payer*
  
- *The ratepayer called a few weeks later and advised that his Mining Tenement had been revoked and was therefore no longer “live” because he had received a “Notice of Forfeiture” from the Department of Mines Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) on 25/01/2019.*

*Between June 5 and 11, 2019*

- *Goomalling Shire records were checked but no evidence was found regarding the termination of the mining tenement in question.*
  
- *Rates Officer called Landgate and requested details of the status of the mining tenement given what had happened.*
  - *Advice was given by Ms Jade Turner that Landgate considered the mining tenement was “live” and the rating was valid.*
  
- *Ms Turner later called back and advised that she had called the DMIRS regarding this tenement to ensure Landgate had the correct status and was advised that a “Notice of Forfeiture” was indeed issued by them to the ratepayer in January 2019. However, the forfeiture was pending and had not yet been finalised.*
  
- *A call was then made to Scott Montgomery of DMIRS who confirmed that the “Notice of Forfeiture” was issued to the ratepayer and that it was still pending.*
  
- *A call was made to the ratepayer advising that the mining tenement was still “live” and he would need to apply to have it extinguished. The ratepayer was extremely surprised as he believed that it had been forfeited.*

*August 8 2019*

- *The Shire received a notice from Landgate advising that the mining tenement was extinguished as of July 11 2019.*

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**“CURRENT”**

The following email was sent to me regarding charges stemming from the collection actions for Mr Boase’s outstanding mining tenement rates.

**From:** Darrell Boase [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 November 2022 12:46 PM  
**To:** Peter Bentley <ceo@goomalling.wa.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Assessment A1326

To JP Bentley,

*Attached is a copy of NAB payment details for overdue double-dipping Mining tenement rates received and paid on 23/3/22 to Cloud Payments.*

*Also attached is General procedure claim lodged one day later by Shire of Goomalling on 24/3/22.*

*As it appears no one can be bothered to see this oversight probably because of the gloating over the successful double scamming of an innocent rate payer I have tried to make it clear for you.*

*Instead of passing the cost of your mistake on to an actual hard working citizen, maybe you can pay for it yourself out of your "performance" bonus account. I have already topped this worthless charity up with \$1629.45 on 23/3/22 as you will now be well aware of.*

*As I have better things to do with my time than sitting at a computer like a bludger emailing incompetent free loaders please contact me directly via phone for any more on this issue.*

Darrell Boase

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I am loathe to respond to Mr Boase by phone as historically those calls have not progressed well.

I wrote to Mr Boase in April 2021 advising him of the Councils decision that the rates would stand. There was no attempt by Mr Boase between April 2021 and February 2022 to make payment with regard to the debt. During this time interest accrued adding to the debt.

Mr Boase paid \$1629.45 on 23/3 at 2.10pm which was the outstanding amount **less** the collection fees (\$144.51). The collection fees applied as he did not pay these rates because he was opposed to the levying of them in the first place. This was Mr Boase’s choice. He chose not to pay therefore both interest and costs accrued in trying to recover the rates. This payment was more than two weeks after the deadline date. The \$144.51 of fees still apply as they were the fees we had incurred up to the Final Demand.



### **STAFF ACTIONS**

At Mr Boase's request the previous CEO, Clem Kerp, put his case to the Council prior to my time here and the Council refused his request to write off these rates. After a request from Mr Boase in 2021 I again put the case to the Council and again it refused his request.

At this stage Mr Boase still refused to make payment for the rates – some four years after the levying.

After numerous requests for payment, Mr Boase's outstandings were referred to Cloud Payments for collection as he had chosen not to pay.

Council staff authorised a final notice giving Mr Boase seven days to pay which would have expired 8<sup>th</sup> March. For whatever reason he chose to ignore this for around three weeks. We were asked for directions by the collection agency on the 15<sup>th</sup> March and gave Mr Boase a further weeks grace from that date.

With no contact from him and no payment received at either business, we gave the go ahead for court action on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, more than two weeks beyond the deadline. The brief was provided to the solicitor's office by Cloud Payments on 23 March.

Mr Boase paid the account at 2.10pm on 23 March to Cloud Payment. This was not received at their bank until the following day. As at the 23 March, to all parties but Mr Boase, the debt remained unpaid. Mr Boase did not provide us with any documentation or advice showing that he had paid the debt.

### **CLOUD PAYMENTS ACTIONS**

The Court documents were lodged first thing on the morning of 24/3 by the law firm – not the collection agency directly. Fees for the filing were \$416.50. The filing occurred first thing on the 24<sup>th</sup> March, prior to any knowledge of payment.

Mr Boase's choices not to pay the outstanding amounts, regardless of his opposition to them, has led to the various extra fees and charges that he wants the Shire to accept. The fees were not due to oversight or incompetence by Council staff, as Mr Boase suggests in his email. They were the result of his refusal to pay the outstanding debt for almost 12 months after Council's second refusal to withdraw or write off the rates and nearly five years after the rates were levied. The fees came about largely through Mr Boase's own actions or inactions.

This situation was not of the current CEO's making or staff for that matter, Mr Boase's issues occurred well before my time here, and whatever the reasons behind the mixups with his tenement registrations were, they were not of the Councils or any staff members doing here.

I tried to help Mr Boase by putting the matter to the Council for a second time after it had already been refused and after taking the time to discuss the matter with DMIRS, and DPLH at length I presented what these agencies reported as well as his letter. Mr Boase chose to berate me in a phone call because I presented the facts as they were explained to me by those departments, not as he wanted them to look.



Notwithstanding all of the above, the timing of Mr Boase's payment, the referral for court actions was unfortunate, however there was no other actions that staff could take in the circumstances. While I understand Mr Boase's position in relation the original rating issue, the Council makes this decision not the CEO in terms of the rating issue and the writing off of debts, fees or charges.

Council has several options available to it in relation to this matter;

1. The Council can choose to write off the entire amount of the charges totaling \$761.00.
2. Council could choose to write off the charges stemming from the court cost.
3. The Council could choose to write off an arbitrary figure such as half, 25% or the like.
4. The Council could choose not to write off any of the charges.

### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

### **OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council:

1. Acknowledges Mr Boase's request to write off the collection costs associated with his tenement rating dispute;
2. Determine what it believes is a fair outcome with regard to the collection costs that the Shire has accumulated over Mr Boase's rating dispute and advise him accordingly.



**10. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTION OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

**11. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE AGREED TO BY RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL**

**12. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

The meeting be closed to the public in accordance with section 5.23 Local Government Act 1995, 5.5.23(2))

- Matters affecting employee(s)
- Personal affairs of any person(s), including financial and/or commercial contracts
- Commercial Confidentiality
- Legal advice/matters
- Public safety/security matters where public knowledge may be prejudicial.

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**13. INFORMATION BULLETIN**

**13.1 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE LISTING**

Tahnee Bird – Community Development Officer

<b>Date Received</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>File Number</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
01/11/2022	WALGA	LG Direct Issue #1		Email 02/11/2022
02/11/2022	RDA Wheatbelt	Annual Report		Email 02/11/2022
03/11/2022	R Dew	Avon Midland Zone Meeting – 25 Nov		Email 03/11/2022
04/11/2022	DPLH	SW Native Title Settlement – Land List		04/11/2022
08/11/2022	NHVR	On the Road Issue 152 – 8 November		08/11/2022 Cr Haywood, email
09/11/2022	WALGA	WALGA Training News		09/11/2022 Email
14/11/2022	RLS Aus	Royal Life Saving Report – Swimming Pool Infrastructure		14/11/2022 email
23/11/2022	NHVR	On the Road Issue 153 – 22 November		23/11/2022 email
28/11/2022	R Dew	Avon Midland Zone - Reports from Meeting 25 November 2022 - MRWA		28/11/2022 email
28/11/2022	R Dew	Avon Midland Zone - Reports from Meeting 25 November 2022 – National Emergency Management Agency		28/11/2022 email
28/11/2022	R Dew	Avon Midland Zone - Reports from Meeting 25 November 2022 – Annual Works Program (MRWA)		28/11/2022 email
28/11/2022	DFES	DFES Adverse Weather Notification 29/11 to 1/12		28/11/2022 email





**13.2 ACTION LIST**  
 Peter Bentley

Item No	Action required	Status		Comments
		In prog	complete	
32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give Mr Reiger a further 60 days to comply with the Demolition Order; and</li> <li>If not completed within this timeframe, then Council will carry out the demolition of the house that has been subject to previous orders of Council, in accordance to <i>Section 140 of the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911</i> and recover the cost from the owners.</li> </ul>	✓		
34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give Mr Reiger a further 60 days to comply with the Clean Up Order; and</li> <li>If not completed within this timeframe, then Council will carry out the Clean-up of Lot 239 that has been subject to previous orders of Council, in accordance to <i>Section 140 of the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911</i> and recover the cost from the owners.</li> </ul>	✓		

**13.3 CEO'S REPORT**  
 Peter Bentley

**CEO's Report**

**1.0 BUSHFIRE INCIDENT**

Councillors will be aware of the recent bushfires that resulted in a tragic loss of a local life. Council staff have had to conduct a series of debriefs including ascertaining the timelines of the incident, understanding and establishing what controls were in place on the day and in particular how the incident played out in relation to timing and control.

From a Council and Staff perspective, we were not exposed to risk associated with regard to the tragic death at the scene, however this was only due to the fact that no fire control officer had taken control of the site at that early stage. Given this situation, it is deemed to be inappropriate for Council staff to further burden the family in relation to assessing cause of the fatality as there will be further information arising from a variety of sources including the Arson Squad, Worksafe and the Coroner. We will review this information as it comes to hand and report back to the Council as appropriate.

The family/property owners, will probably be considered the PCBU given that control had not passed to a brigade member at the time of the incident, that the victim was not a brigade member and was the owner of the property. He would likely have been asked to remove himself from the site to comply with our requirements with WHS conventions. Staying on the site would likely have rendered the victim responsible for his own safety as a PCBU and as an unauthorised attendee.

The incident highlights a number of issues with regard to WHS law including:

- the wider implications for senior staff in the event of an incident,

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- the nature of these incidents is unpredictable and provide a significant personal financial and reputational risk to senior staff,
- that a spontaneous volunteer is still considered a volunteer,
- what we generally refer to as spontaneous volunteers are really unauthorised attendees and hereafter will be referred to and treated as such. This includes untrained farm workers, and property owners,
- unauthorised attendees should be asked to leave incidents by the controlling FCO to minimise risk of injury or death,
- the significant risk to farm business owners in a similar vain to senior staff as PCBU's,
- training is essential for brigade members and the wider community to provide some protection for senior staff,
- in the scheme of things, senior staff have little control of what happens on a fireground but have significant responsibility for those who show up at a fire, trained or not.
- Council will need to prepare standard operating procedures to discourage any risk associated behaviours at fires into the future.

As part of the de-brief process staff have had to consider the risks associated with the incident and how the Council is likely to be exposed with a similar incident where fire control officers have taken control and what the likely outcomes from a similar incident may be.

Councillors as a group are not considered to be PCBU's and as such are personally exempt from charges or penalties under the WHS legislation. Senior staff are considered to be the PCBU and as such are liable for prosecution, fines and imprisonment in the event that they are found to be negligent. Even though these officers have no control of an incident, because they have a direct influence on the organisation as decision makers, they are deemed to be liable, regardless of what resourcing the Council provides to undertake activities. In essence the Councillors could refuse to provide resources to the CEO for safety activities yet the CEO is still considered responsible for the shortcomings.

The organisation is however liable for fines and is also considered a PCBU for the purposes of prosecution. Fines can be levied against the Shire of Goomalling and as with the personal penalties, cannot be insured for. The ratepayers would bear the cost of any penalties.

DFES provided support to the Shire over the day of the incidents and over the days following providing an investigation team to assist with our review of the incident and production of a detailed timeline of events which was cross checked with the various emergency logs and browsers to ensure accuracy. Staff also met with members of the Arson Squad and also sought further clarification regarding the Coroner's inquest likely to follow from WAPOL. It is my understanding that at this stage the impact of this inquiry on Council will be minimal.

Through the restructuring process we are undertaking for the brigades the following should be noted:

- Brigade members have had multiple contacts to establish what training is acceptable as brigade members,
- A number of training days have been held to upskill members to the required training levels,

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- Members have been requested to upgrade their PPE and new PPE has been issued as appropriate following training,
- Existing brigade members whose training is still not at the required standard have now been advised to contact the CESM for training dates into the New Year and advised that failure to complete the training will lead to their memberships being suspended pending the completion of the training.
- Those in this class have been advised not to turn out to fires.
- I have asked that the CESM provide a list of those yet to complete training to each FCO/Brigade Officers with the request that it these suspended members turn up to a fire that they be asked to leave.

While we don't wish to turn volunteers away, the financial risk to me personally and to the Shire is too great should anyone be injured or die at an incident controlled by a Shire of Goomalling FCO.

There are several partially trained members who the CESM will work with to complete their training and following these measures the CESM will undertake a campaign to encourage non-brigade community members to take up training to give them the same basic skill level as normal brigade members. This is to encourage a greater awareness throughout the community, to provide the skills to farmers as PCBU's that will help to protect them during fire events and to increase participation by trained volunteers as opposed to unauthorised attendees.

I have included a copy of the timeline for the Councils information which highlights how quickly events unfold.

**INCIDENT 599432 – SAWYERS ROAD**

- 13.46 Lindsay called Shay – Shay returned call at 13.50
- 13.51 Lindsay called Shire office
- 13.52 Lindsay called "000"
- 13.55 Page received from ComCen (Delay of a minute or two)
- 14.08 Call from Lindsay (CBFCO) to CESM St JA Page "Alert: P2 Goomalling unknown issue there is a fire out there.
- 14.09 1<sup>st</sup> call from StJA to ComCen
- 14.10 Konnongorring Light Tanker arrives at front gate.
- 14.11 Call from ComCen – Not received by CBFCO
- 14.12 St JA Confirmed 55yo male with burns.
- 14.15 Call from ComCen – Successfully received
- 14.15 CBFCO assumes control of incident  
- SITREP
- 14.19 CBFCO "Farmer units here, Goomalling 4 . 4 keep coming (verifies 14.15 arrival) – comment on state incident browser.
- 14.23 details of injuries recorded in incident browser
- 14.28 Lindsay call CESM
- 14.30 Harvest Ban placed by Shire
- 14.33 Missed call CBFCO Phone – from G/M RDC
- 14.43 "Rescue 651 en route 15.20 ETA" from ComCen (Rossmore)
- 14.46 CEO Advised of incident returning from Toodyay
- 14.58 Call from CBFCO to CESM
- 15.00 CBFCO called RDC back on 1800 #
- 15.00 CESM attempted to call CBFCO
- 15.04 Call to ComCen



- 15.26 Call to ComCen
- 15.37 Call to ComCen
- 15.38 Call to ComCen
- 15.44 CBFCO to ComCen “Fire contained but not controlled)” (comment on browser)
- 15.46 – 19.00 gap – Mop up

It is clear that the incident was fast moving on many fronts, the weather pushed the fire at a fast pace, the on ground actions and occurrences also took turns for the worse prior to brigade involvement at a rapid pace given the nature of the incident. The results were tragic and likely have had a significant impact on the entire community.

I have tried to make the community aware of the resources available to those who are struggling with the outcomes of the incident through our web page, Facebook page and through the Endeavour and newsletter. We can only be there to provide direction to the resources that will help people move on from this incident but for many, this will take considerable time.

While I have compiled an incident report which deals with the things that we do know about, there are a number of aspects of the incident that we have no knowledge of and this limits the report to our own actions over the course of the incident.

Through the days of and following the incident I had many offers of support including from DFES (through the District Superintendent Damien Pumphrey), the Commissioner personally and WALGA and I would like to recognise this support. If Councillors have any suggestions as to further actions that we can take to help the community I would love to hear them.

## **2.0 CSBP SHED SITE**

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation has written to the Council to advise of a decision to extend the time to classify a known or suspected contaminated site being the old CSBP depot on the railway line off Dick Street and the extension of Quinlan Street.

The Department is seeking any comment that the Council may wish to make in regard to the site.

## **3.0 SPONTANEOUS VOLUNTEERS**

As stated above by referring to people who turn up to a fire as a spontaneous volunteer, we are still referring to them as volunteers. For the purposes of the WHS Act they will still be recognised as volunteers by virtue of the use of the word. Regardless of their level of training, their level of PPE or condition of their equipment, they are considered a council responsibility and therefore a liability for the CEO while they are on-site.

It is proposed that we will no longer use the term “spontaneous volunteer”. A more appropriate term would be unauthorised attendee which conveys the message that they are not authorised by the incident control mechanisms to be at the fireground.

To that end we have written to a number of volunteers who appear on the DFES system as brigade members, without the required training, and advised them that they must make contact to arrange the training or they will have their membership suspended and are not to attend fires under brigade control.



**4.0 CHRISTMAS CLOSURE**

Council offices will close on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 11.30am for the Christmas break and will be returning to work on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023. Works staff have a rostered break with some having extra time off over the festive season and others spreading their leave over the course of the year.

I will be in the vicinity over the break only out of town for hours at a time or for the day at worst. I will be contactable during the entire break for any emergency situations.

At this stage I am not planning any more than a week's leave during January.

**5.0 DPIRD – SKELETON WEED PROGRAM**

Martin Atwell has contacted me regarding the payout of leave entitlements to the LAG officers who have transferred to the Shire of Goomalling on short term contracts. The Department is seeking that the Shire accepts the costs from each of the previous shires as costs under the LAG funding for the program and that any shortfalls are to be met by the Department through the program. I have advised Martin that this is acceptable and have an email confirmation that the Department will fund any shortfalls in funds.

**6.0 AUDIT**

Councils Auditors have advised that they will be unable to complete the audit prior to the original deadline. This is predominantly due to the revaluations undertaken this year and the interactions between Council staff and the Valuer.

**7.0 POLICY – SEA CONTAINERS**

Council is receiving an increasing number of applications to install shipping containers into both residential, farming and other land use types. The Council does not have a specific policy regarding the use of Sea Containers, particularly with regard to residential properties.

I have provided three examples of sea container planning policies at the end of this report which have been adapted for the Shire of Goomalling – they have slightly different leanings in how the policy is administered. I provide these for discussion.

**8.0 NETBALL COURT LIGHTS**

The Netball club has been awarded two grants for the lighting upgrades to the courts and Council has made budget provision of up to \$8,000.00 to assist with the project.

**9.0 CEACA**

Following the discussions at the November Council meeting I have had contact with Richard Marshall of CEACA and discussed the operations of the group. I have made an appointment for the Shire President and myself to meet with Tuck Waldron and Richard for the 16<sup>th</sup> January to discuss Councils entry into the group.



## **EXAMPLE No 1 – SEA CONTAINER POLICY**

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

To provide a guide on the use and placement of sea containers, or other similar storage structures, such that an acceptable quality of development is achieved and the structure does not negatively impact upon the amenity of the area.

### **OBJECTIVES**

- To provide guidelines for the placement, use, size and construction of sea containers or other similar storage structures.
- To maintain a high level of visual amenity in the areas in which the sea containers will be located.

### **DEFINITIONS**

A Sea Container is a large metal container originally manufactured to carry goods on a sea vessel or truck. Other similar storage structure is a prefabricated structure with a flat roof, regular in shape and is capable of being transported (includes a donga).

### **STATUTORY POWERS**

This Local Planning Policy is made pursuant to the Shire of Goomalling Town Planning Scheme No 3.

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

1. All sea containers and other similar structures require the Planning and Approval of Council prior to their location on a property.
2. Sea containers and other similar structures used for temporary storage during the conduct of building works will be exempt from these requirements, provided that the following criteria are achieved:
  - a) The structure is only being used for the secure storage of materials, plant, machinery or building equipment on a building site;
  - b) The building site has a current planning approval and building licence;
  - c) Construction works are actively being undertaken on the site and do not lapse for any period greater than 30 days;
  - d) The structure does not impact on pedestrian or vehicle movements in any way or obstruct vehicle sight lines;
  - e) The structure may not be permitted on the building site for a period longer than 6 months, unless the special approval of Council is obtained; and
  - f) The structure is removed from the building site at the completion of the building works.
3. In determining applications for the use of Sea Containers, Council will require the following information to be provided by the applicant:
  - a) The necessary planning application forms;
  - b) A site plan showing the proposed location of the structure in relation to boundary setbacks, natural features and existing buildings;
  - c) A written submission detailing the proposed works to be undertaken to improve the visual amenity of the structure; and
  - d) Any elevation drawings considered appropriate.
4. As sea containers and other similar structures may have an adverse effect on the visual amenity of an area, their location in Residential or Town Centre zones

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- will not be supported unless the structure is for temporary building site works, as described in Part 2. 5. All sea containers and other similar structures shall comply with the following design and location criteria:
- a) The structure should be located so it has low visibility from any road and/or adjoining property, observing all setback requirements contained in Council's Local Planning Scheme No 4.
  - b) The structure should be located behind existing buildings and/or screening vegetation and not be located in front of the established or proposed building line.
  - c) The structure must be painted in a colour to blend with adjacent buildings or in an earth tone to blend with the natural landscape and vegetation.
  - d) The Council may consider the location of the structure in a position where it may be visible from any road or adjoining residence, or isolated from the existing buildings on a property, when the external appearance of the structure is substantially modified (which may include roofing, cladding and/or painting) so as to conceal its appearance as a sea container.
  - e) No more than one sea container or similar storage structure will be permitted on a property, except for properties zoned 'Rural' that have a lot size greater than one hundred hectares (100ha). Shire of Goomalling Policy Manual Local Planning Policy No.1 – Use of Sea Containers and Other Similar Storage Structures
  - f) Structures not exceeding a length of 6m will generally be approved on land other than on properties zoned 'Industrial' or 'Rural'. A structure length of up to 12m will be permitted on properties zoned 'Industrial' or on properties zoned 'Rural' that have a lot size greater than one hundred hectares (100ha).
  - g) Sea Containers or similar structures shall not be used for habitation purposes. Sea Containers or similar structures may not be made permanent fixtures on the land except on properties zoned 'Rural' that have a lot size greater than one hundred hectares (100ha).
  - h) The structure shall not compromise or obstruct vehicle access ways, vehicle truncations, access to parking areas or the parking bays provided on a site.
  - i) The structure shall not compromise or obstruct vehicle or pedestrian sight lines, thereby creating a public safety concern.
6. The Council reserves the right to approve the siting of a sea container or other similar structure on a property for a fixed period of time. Following the expiry of this approval period, the property owner is responsible for seeking the renewal of the temporary approval.
  7. The Council reserves the right to revoke any approval for the siting of a sea container or other similar structure on a property where it is compromising the amenity of an area or impacts on public safety.
  8. The Council may vary the requirements of this policy, where it is considered that full compliance with the policy is impractical or such variation is warranted in the circumstances of the case.



## **EXAMPLE No 2 – SEA CONTAINER POLICY**

### **1.0 Background**

Sea containers can offer a sturdy, secure method of storage. They are readily available and often a less expensive option than an outbuilding. Sea containers have therefore become a popular form of storage facility. Because of their industrial, utilitarian nature however, they can detract from the character and amenity of an area.

This policy therefore seeks to ensure that sea containers are appropriately located, screened and upgraded to ensure that they do not adversely impact on the amenity, streetscape, character and environmental attributes of an area.

### **2.0 Application / Definition**

This policy applies to all proposals for sea containers within the Shire except those which are proposed to be used for habitable purposes. Where used for habitable purposes, sea containers are required to comply with all relevant legislation.

The term 'sea container' means a metal transportable structure designed for storage and transport of goods by road, rail and sea.

Residential areas include land located within the Residential, Rural Residential, Town Environs and Rural 1 on the scheme mapping.

Commercial areas include land located within the Commercial zone and Town Centre and appear also as Hotel/Motel/Tavern and Caravan and Camping Ground on the scheme mapping.

Industrial areas include land located within the General Industry, Light Industry, Fuel Depot, and Service Station on the scheme mapping.

A sea container is not considered an outbuilding or minor structure exempted from Development Approval in the Rural Zones under this policy.

### **3.0 Development Approval Requirements**

All proposals for the placement of sea containers require the Development Approval of the Shire prior to being placed on a lot, except where the sea container is:

- Placed within a fully enclosed building;
- Associated with the temporary storage of building materials and/or equipment during construction in accordance with the requirements of this policy;
- Being used for temporary storage purposes for a maximum period of seven days for the purpose of relocating personal goods to/from a property;
- Being loaded or unloaded from an approved service yard within a commercial or industrial area, provided it is not readily visible from a road or other public area and does not remain on the site for more than five business days; or





- Is associated with a rural use on a property in the Rural 3 zone, provided it is located at least 100 metres from any road, does not require the removal of any native vegetation and the lot is not located within a Place of Heritage or Landscape Value or within a Floodway.

Applicants will need to clearly demonstrate that their proposal meets all of the objectives and requirements of this policy. Applications must also meet any other requirements of the Shire's planning framework that may be applicable for a particular site under a Town Planning Scheme or any applicable, Structure Plan, Local Planning Policy or Local Development Plan.

#### **4.0 Objectives**

The objectives of this policy are to:

1. Make reasonable provision for the placement of sea containers as an option for storage of goods and equipment, provided they do not detract from the streetscape, character, amenity or environmental attributes of the surrounding area.
2. Ensure that sea containers are only used in association with an authorised use of the property and not for human habitation.

#### **5.0 Requirements**

##### **5.1 General**

Sea containers are not to be placed on any street verge or within the front setback of any property. No more than one sea container may be approved for any site, except in the industrial areas. Sea containers are only used in association with the approved or otherwise lawful use of the property and not for human habitation.

##### **5.2 Construction storage**

Notwithstanding other requirements of this policy, a sea container may be placed on a lot for the temporary storage of building materials and/or equipment during construction works, where:

- Building approval for the construction works has been issued and remains valid.
- The sea container is not placed on site more than two weeks prior to the commencement of construction or associated preparatory works.
- The sea container is removed from site within four weeks of the conclusion of construction works and prior to occupation of the building.

##### **5.3 Residential areas**

Sea containers are not permitted within residential areas, except in the circumstances outlined in section 3 of this Policy, as they are not considered appropriate given the overriding objective to maintain a high standard of amenity in such areas.



5.4 Commercial areas

Sea containers are not considered appropriate in commercial areas given the public nature of such areas and the overriding objective to maintain a high standard of amenity. The only exceptions are where the sea container:

- Is located within an approved service area.
- Is screened from view from outside the property or publicly accessible areas within the property by established or proposed landscaping, buildings, or other screening.
- Is painted in a colour that will minimise visibility against the prevailing landscape or in a colour which complements the existing development on site.
- Does not have any advertising on the external faces.

5.5 Industrial areas

Sea containers may be used for the storage of goods and/or equipment in industrial areas where they are:

- Located within approved storage areas, which do not compromise car parking, access or landscape areas required for the development.
- Not located within the street setback area, or where a building exists on the property, closer to the street than the building.
- Substantially screened from the street, other public places and adjacent properties by walls, fencing, landscaping or other means approved by the Shire.
- Stored in neat rows and not stacked.
- Not used to display any advertising on the external faces.

5.6 Rural Residential areas

A sea container may be placed on a lot within a rural residential area where it:

- Is not located closer to the street than the dwelling, or within the primary or secondary street setback areas.
- Is located entirely within any approved building envelope or in accordance with the setbacks applicable to the particular area as stipulated in a local planning scheme or relevant local planning policy.
- Is not clearly visible from the street, neighbouring properties or public vantage points.
- Does not adversely impact on the landscape character of the surrounding area and is preferably nestled adjacent to an existing building.
- Does not impact on any native vegetation and other areas of environmental sensitivity.
- Is to be used for domestic storage purposes.

The applicant may be required to plant landscaping or other screening, or paint the sea container to assist in reducing its visual impact.



Where the Shire does approve a sea container in a location that requires the clearing of native vegetation, only the minimum amount of vegetation necessary for the placement of the sea container, associated firebreaks and access is to be cleared and the Shire may require the revegetation of at least an equivalent area of land on the lot.

5.7 Rural areas

Where located within 200 metres of a boundary of a lot in the Rural zone, a sea container is to be:

- Substantially screened from the street, neighbouring properties or public vantage points.
- Located so that it does not adversely impact on the landscape character of the surrounding area, native vegetation and other areas of environmental sensitivity.

The applicant may be required to plant landscaping or other screening, or paint the sea container to assist in reducing its visual impact.

Where the Shire does approve a sea container in a location that requires the clearing of native vegetation, only the minimum amount of vegetation necessary for the placement of the sea container, associated firebreaks and access is to be cleared and the Shire may require the revegetation of at least an equivalent area of land on the lot. Sea Containers



### **EXAMPLE No 3 -SEA CONTAINER POLICY**

#### **1. Objective**

It is Council's objective to:

- a) Regulate the use of sea containers within the Shire of Goomalling so as to ensure that they do not detract from the amenity of the area
- b) Allow for temporary controlled use of sea containers for storage and during building construction.

#### **2. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to outline Council's development standards in regard to the location and use of sea containers within the shire.

The Policy does not address the placement of transportable dwellings, relocated dwellings, railway carriages or transportable offices or the type of building commonly referred to as "Dongas".

#### **3. Interpretation**

For the purposes of this Policy, a sea container is a metal transportable structure designed for the storage and transport of goods from one location to another by road, rail or sea but can generally be used in a number of different ways;

- Road, rail and sea transport; used by transport and shipping companies to transport and store goods or are used for storage on private or public property.
- Temporary storage of materials on a building site.
- Conversion to a building for personal or commercial storage on a property.
- Conversion to a habitable building complying with the Shire of Goomalling Town Planning Scheme No 3, the Building Code of Australia, The Public Health Act 2016 and the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911 requirements

A sea container is not deemed to be an outbuilding or minor structure exempted from Development Approval of the local government under the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 or the Town Planning Scheme No 3.

All other terms within this Policy shall have the same meaning given under the provisions of the Town Planning Scheme No 3 or the "deemed provisions" in the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.



#### **4. Application**

Other than proposals set out in Sections 5.1 and 5.2 of this Policy, a Development Application is required to be submitted to the local government with associated development approval and a Building Permit granted prior to the siting of a sea container on a property.

The following details are to be submitted with the Development Application:

- A completed Development Application and payment of the required fee.
- A neatly drawn and scaled site plan showing the proposed location of the sea container and detailing setbacks to boundaries. The site plan should also include other buildings, access ways, vegetation and other key features on the property.
- The proposed size and use of the sea container and if approval is being sought for a temporary period (please state the required time period) or on a permanent basis.
- Photographic evidence that the sea container will be adequately screened from view and not easily seen from nearby roads, other public places or adjoining properties.
- If a sea container can be easily seen from nearby roads, other public places, or adjoining properties, then details of any upgrading and/or colour of painting are to be provided.
- Photographic evidence as to the internal and external condition of the sea container.
- For placement of more than three months, engineering advice as to how the sea container will be held down and plans as to how the sea container will be placed above ground level to prevent corrosion.

#### **5. Assessment of Proposals**

##### **5.1 Road, Rail and Sea Transport – Temporary Storage**

No development approval or Building Permit is required for temporary storage of one (1) sea container on a lot in all zones except for General Rural and Industrial areas for up to five (5) business days. Sea containers are not to be placed on any street verge or within the front setback of any property. No more than one sea container may be approved for any site, except in the Industrial and General Rural areas. Sea containers are only used in association with the approved or otherwise lawful use of the property and not for human habitation.

Multiple sea containers can be located on lots zoned General Farming Rural 3and Industrial, up to three (3) months without a requirement for Development Approval or a Building Permit provided that the sea containers are not located within the front boundary setback area or in areas designated for car parking or landscaping. Subject to the intended use, such as a



transport depot, the overall development may however require Development Approval.

Sea containers must be stored in neat rows (not stacked) and shall be screened by landscaping, fencing or other means acceptable to the local government to ensure that storage areas are not exposed to view from nearby roads or other public places.

### **5.2 Temporary Storage of Material on a Building Site**

Notwithstanding other requirements of this policy, a sea container may be placed on a lot for the temporary storage of building materials and/or equipment during construction works, where:

- Building approval for the construction works has been issued and remains valid.
- The sea container is not placed on site more than two weeks prior to the commencement of construction or associated preparatory works.
- The sea container is removed from site within four weeks of the conclusion of construction works and prior to occupation of the building.

### **5.3 Conversion to a Building for Personal or Commercial Storage.**

Proposals to permanently place a sea container on a property Zoned Residential, are generally discouraged as they can impact the local amenity. Where a Development Application is received to permanently place a sea container on a property within these zones, the local government will invite comments from neighbours prior to determining the Development Application.

The local government will consider Development Applications on their merits in other zones, including where the land is zoned Rural 1, Rural 2.

A development Application proposing conversion to a building for personal or commercial storage on a property is required to address the following;

- The sea container is not to be used for a habitable purpose.
- The sea container is to be screened from public view and is not easily seen from nearby roads, other public places or adjoining properties and/or
- If the sea container will be easily seen from nearby roads, other public places or adjoining properties, then the exterior of the sea container shall be in a state of good repair or shall be upgraded (ie. Painted to blend in with the surrounding development or landscape) within three (3) months of being placed on site.
- The sea container is not to be located within the front setback. The sea container is to be appropriately sited to address side and rear boundary setbacks as per the Town Planning Scheme No 3, be within an approved building envelope or located outside of building exclusion areas.
- The number of sea containers per property is at the discretion of the local government.



#### **5.4 Conversion to a Building for Habitation**

Sea containers shall not be used for habitable purposes unless they gain local government approval comply with the Shire of Goomalling Town Planning Scheme No 3, the Building Code of Australia, The Public Health Act 2016 and the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911 requirements as a habitable unit. The local government will have regard to other Local Planning Policies as relevant.

An application to permanently or temporarily place a sea container on a property for habitation purposes shall not be supported unless the following criteria are met;

- The exterior of the sea container shall be in a state of good repair. Unless screened from nearby roads, other public places or adjoining properties or suitably justified by the applicant, the local government will require the sea containers to be re-clad and the dwelling to incorporate measures such as verandahs to improve the visible appearance of the structure.
- Set back from the boundary as required by TPS No 3 within an approved building envelope, or located outside of any building exclusion areas.
- Comply with the Building Code of Australia, The Public Health Act 2016 and the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911 requirements

#### **6. Approval Conditions**

Conditions of approval shall be applicable as deemed necessary by the local government. Conditions may include, but not be limited to the following:

- The exterior of the sea container shall be upgraded to blend in with the surrounding development or landscape in terms of colour and finish within three (3) months of being placed on the site to the satisfaction of the local government.
- The sea container is permitted to be used for (insert use) only and shall not be used for habitable purposes unless approved by the local government.
- This approval shall expire (insert date or insert "if the development hereby permitted is not completed within three (3) months). The sea container shall be removed from the subject site at the expiry of the approval or after the expiry date of any extension of that time which may be provided by the local government.
- If the sea container falls into disrepair or becomes unsightly, the local government will require its removal, with the cost to be met or reimbursed by the landowner.



**7. Building Permit**

A building Permit is required, prior to the placement of the sea container on site, where proposed to be permanent or located long term (refer sections 5,3 and 5.4 of this policy). The building Permit shall include certification from a professional engineer as to the method of providing structural tie down.

No Building Permit is required for a temporary sea container as set out in Section 5.1 and 5.2 of this policy. Proponents should however adopt a risk based approach regarding securing tie down. As outlined in Section 5.2 of this policy, a Building Permit is required for the associated dwelling, commercial building or other building.



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**13.4 WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT**  
 David Long

**WORKS CREW REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WORK DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>1</b>	Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Burabadji and Glatz rd. - Patch washouts, potholes and exposed rock/Forward st - Repair damaged section of footpath/Townsite - Complete various deliveries - work tasks from Works Request Forms.
<b>2</b>	Rubbish run/Refuse site maintenance/Railway Tce public toilets -clean /Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Townsite - Complete various deliveries, work tasks from Works Request Forms/Townsite - Slash vacant blocks.
<b>3</b>	Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Backhoe - Rear tyre repair/Grange st - remove tree pruning's and fallen limbs/Swimming Pool - Assist builder with shade shelter removal/Unsealed road network - inspect, repair signage and guideposts where required- prune vegetation blocking signs, prune overhanging vegetation on verges.
<b>4</b>	Rubbish run/Refuse site maintenance/Railway Tce public toilets-clean /Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Townsite - Complete various deliveries, work tasks from Works Request Forms/Long Forrest rd. - Remove fallen tree/GO 033 - pre start inspection, refuel and clean.
<b>5/6</b>	<b>WEEKEND</b>
<b>7</b>	Rubbish run/Refuse site maintenance/Railway Tce public toilets-clean /Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Forward St - Repair damaged footpath section.
<b>8</b>	Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Burabadji East rd. - Patch washouts, potholes and exposed rock/Townsite - Complete various deliveries - work tasks from Works Request Forms/Ucarty Rd - Remove fallen tree/Forward St - Repair damaged footpath section.
<b>9</b>	Rubbish run/Refuse site maintenance/Railway Tce public toilets -clean /Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Burabadji East rd. - Patch washouts, potholes and exposed rock/Townsite - Complete various deliveries - work tasks from Works Request Forms/Yarramony rd. - Remove fallen trees.
<b>10</b>	Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Botherling East - replace hazard board sign on Northam-Pithara junction/Glatz rd. - Inspect and replace, repair signs and guideposts where required/Townsite - Complete various deliveries - work tasks from Works Request Forms/Remembrance day ceremony - Organise and load equipment for delivery/Sealed road network - Pick up cold mix from Welshpool for pothole patching.
<b>11</b>	Rubbish run/Refuse site maintenance/Railway Tce public toilets -clean /Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Remembrance day - Drop off and pick up equipment from Memorial park for service.
<b>12/13</b>	<b>WEEKEND</b>
<b>14</b>	Rubbish run/Refuse site maintenance/Railway Tce public toilets-clean/ GO 033 - Pre start inspection and clean/Tyndall rd. - Patching potholes in the bitumen with cold mix/Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide.

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<b>15</b>	Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Burnt Hill Rd - Patch washouts, potholes and exposed rock/Forward st - Repair damaged section of footpath/Townsite - Complete various deliveries , work tasks from Works Request Forms./Calingiri rd. - Call Out - Complete Traffic Management on truck trailer roll over.
<b>16</b>	Rubbish run/Refuse site maintenance/Railway Tce public toilets -clean /Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Burnt Hill Rd - Patch washouts, potholes and exposed rock//Forward st - Repair damaged section of footpath/Townsite - Complete various deliveries , work tasks from Works Request Forms.
<b>17</b>	Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Calingiri Rd - Repair bitumen from truck trailer roll over/Townsite - Complete various deliveries , work tasks from Works Request Forms./Unsealed Road Network - Inspect and replace, repair signs and guide[posts where required/
<b>18</b>	Rubbish run/Refuse site maintenance/Railway Tce public toilets -clean /Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Lockyer and Throssell st - Install OPSHOP signs.
<b>19/20</b>	WEEKEND
<b>21</b>	Rubbish run/Refuse site maintenance/Railway Tce public toilets-clean /Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Abattoir rd. - Prune vegetation on the Dowerin rd. junction/Forward st - Repair damaged section of footpath/Townsite - Complete various deliveries , work tasks from Works Request Forms/Unsealed Road Network - Inspect and replace, repair signs and guide[posts where required.
<b>22</b>	Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Call out -Lockyer st - Toodyay rd. - remove fallen tress/Call out - Rossmore area - Close roads for DFES operations/Beabakine rd. - Patch washouts and potholes/Townsite - Complete various deliveries , work tasks from Works Request Forms/Unsealed Road Network - Inspect and replace, repair signs and guide[posts where required/Forward st - Repair damaged section of footpath
<b>23</b>	Rubbish run/Refuse site maintenance/Railway Tce public toilets-clean /Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Cemetery - Burial duties.
<b>24</b>	Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Cemetery - rake and remove leaves, limbs and debris, trim weeds/Meckering rd. - Prune vegetation in front of signage/Forward st - Repair damaged section of footpath/Tyndall rd. - Remove fallen trees.
<b>25</b>	Rubbish run/Refuse site maintenance/Railway Tce public toilets-clean /Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Bebakine rd. - Long Forrest gravel sheet potholes/Cemetery - Burial duties.
<b>26/27</b>	WEEKEND
<b>28</b>	Rubbish run/Refuse site maintenance/Railway Tce public toilets-clean /Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Tyndall and Patterson roads - Patch potholes in bitumen with cold mix.
<b>29</b>	Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Bejoording rd. - Water down bitumen to cool and prevent further flushing of seal with clay truck carting /Unsealed Road Network - Inspect and replace, repair signs and guide[posts where required.
<b>30</b>	Rubbish run/Refuse site maintenance/Railway Tce public toilets-clean /Meckering rd. -SLK 7.80 to 10.40 - Rip and roll existing seal, gravel sheet and compact base course to 10.4 m wide/Unsealed Road Network - Inspect/replace, repair signs and guide[posts where required.

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**MAINTENANCE GRADING REPORT**

<b>SOUTH WEST</b>		<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	
<b>ROAD NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>ROAD NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>
ANDERSON	27.7.22	ABBATOIR	10.6.22
BEBAKINE	5.12.22	BERRING	7.11.22
BEECROFT	5.12.22	BERRING E	10.11.22
BOLGART EAST	5.12.22	BOASE	27.7.22
CHITIBIN	27.7.22	BROOKSBANK	1.12.22
CLARKE	13.6.22	DICK ST	10.6.22
CLAY PIT	3.10.22	GEORGE ST	10.6.22
EATON	30.9.22	HAGBOOM STH	7.10.22
GOON GOONING	24.6.22	HAYWOOD ST	10.6.22
HUGHES	5.7.22	HULLOGINE	25.10.22
JENNACUBBINE E	27.7.22	KUNZIA WAY	10.6.22
KROE HUT	3.10.22	MARTINDALE WAY	10.6.22
LAWLER	25.8.22	PATTERSON	1.12.22
LEESON	28.7.22	PEAR TREE DRIVE	9.6.22
LONG FORREST	2.12.22	ROBERT	6.12.22
MC LEAN	28.9.22	SLATER ST	9.6.22
MUGGIN MUGGINS	7.7.22	SADLER	10.10.22
ROSSMORE	30.9.22	SALMON GUM WAY	9.6.22
ROWLES	13.9.22	SHORT ST	10.6.22
SAWYER	7.9.22	SMITH ST	10.6.22
SHEEN	6.7.22	UCARTY	26.7.22
SMITH	6.10.22	YORK GUM WAY	9.6.22
TYNDALL	29.11.22	WATERHOUSE WAY	10.6.22
WONGAMINE	5.7.22	WHITE ST	10.6.22
		WILLIAM ST	9.6.22

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**NORTH WEST**

<b>ROAD NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>
BURNT HILL	15.11.22
BURABADJI	27.10.22
CACTI	25.2.22
CARTER	17.11.22
COULTHARD	18.3.22
DEW	17.5.22
DONALD	17.3.22
GLATZ	2.11.22
HAYWOOD	21.3.22
JONES	19.5.22
KONNONGORRING W	7.12.22
LORD	3.11.22
MORREL	20.5.22
PINKWERRY	19.5.22
WHITFIELD	17.11.22

**NORTH EAST**

<b>ROAD NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>
BERRING	17.2.22
BOTHERLING E	27.6.22
BURABADJI E	15.8.22
BYBERDING	6.5.22
CARTER EAST	17.5.22
COOPER	16.5.22
DEAN	10.5.22
DOWERIN- KONNONGORRING	7.12.22
EGAN	24.10.22
EVANS	14.2.22
FAIRLEE	12.5.22
GABBY QUOI QUOI	11.5.22
GRIFFITH WHALEY	12.5.22
KALGUDDERING W	16.5.22
KING	21.10.22
LAKE	9.2.22
MOUNTJOY	10.5.22
NAMBLING NTH	17.2.22
OAKPARK	28.6.22
PRYOR	9.2.22
SAWYER	14.2.22
SCHELL	21.10.22
SEIGERT	10.5.22
SLATER	24.10.22
SPARK	20.10.22
WHITE	20.5.22
WILLIAMS	17.5.22

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**13.5 PARKS & GARDENS REPORT**  
 David Long

**PARKS & GARDENS NOVEMBER 2022**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WORK DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>1</b>	Public Toilets and War Memorial-rake and tidy/Town streets - pick up fallen limbs and general refuse-rake and remove leaves from drains and kerbs Daily watering schedule/Anstey Park - reticulation repairs/Townsite - weed control on verges/Football oval - mow /Oval mower - service blades and adjust height for summer mowing.
<b>2</b>	Daily watering schedule/Townsite - weed control on verges/Townsite - sweep streets.
<b>3</b>	Pavilion + Gym - edge and mow, blow down paths and entrances/Townsite - weed control on verges/Townsite - sweep streets/Football and Hockey oval - Collect soils samples/Push cylinder mower - Take to Perth for servicing and sharpening.
<b>4</b>	Public Toilets and War Memorial-rake and tidy/Town streets - pick up fallen limbs and general refuse-rake and remove leaves from drains and kerbs/Daily watering schedule/Townsite - weed control on verges/Football and Hockey - oval inspect and maintain/repair all sprinklers.
<b>5</b>	WEEKEND
<b>6</b>	WEEKEND
<b>7</b>	Public Toilets and War Memorial-rake and tidy/Town streets - pick up fallen limbs and general refuse-rake and remove leaves from drains and kerbs/Daily watering schedule/Railway Tce, Farmers club and Anstey Park - edge and mow lawns/Townsite - weed control on verges.
<b>8</b>	Daily watering schedule/Townsite - weed control on verges and vacant blocks/Administration - edge and mow lawn, garden bed maintenance/Football and Hockey oval - spray for black beetle/Football oval - assist with reticulation valve repairs.
<b>9</b>	Daily watering schedule/Townsite - weed control on verges and vacant blocks/Football and Hockey ovals - mow and trim surrounds/GSC - weed control on surrounds.
<b>10</b>	Townsite - weed trimming on verges and vacant blocks/Millstead Park - edge and mow lawn, garden bed maintenance/Football and Hockey ovals - reticulation inspection and repairs/Tennis pavilion edge and mow lawns.
<b>11</b>	Public Toilets and War Memorial-rake and tidy/Town streets - pick up fallen limbs and general refuse-rake and remove leaves from drains and kerbs/Daily watering schedule/Townsite - weed trimming on street verges /GSC - weed trimming on surrounds/Hockey oval - mow and weed control.
<b>12</b>	WEEKEND
<b>13</b>	WEEKEND
<b>14</b>	Public Toilets and War Memorial-rake and tidy/Town streets - pick up fallen limbs and general refuse-rake and remove leaves from drains and kerbs/Daily watering schedule/Parks and Gardens Lawns - edge and mow all lawns/Mortlock Lodge - watering schedule and garden bed maintenance/Tennis pavilion - hedge shrubs/Cricket pitch - inspect and adjust reticulation as required/GSC - weed trimming on surrounds.
<b>15</b>	Daily watering schedule/Townsite - Pick up litter on street verges/Pavilion + Gym - edge and mow lawns, rake and tidy surrounds.
<b>16</b>	Daily watering schedule/Hockey oval - mow and weed control/Tennis pavilion - edge and mow lawns, blow down around pavilion, clean debris off tennis courts/Pavilion + Gym - edge and mow lawns.

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<b>17</b>	Railway Tce, Farmers club and Anstey Park - edge and mow lawns/Townsite - sweep streets/Football oval - mow, weed control/GSC - weed trimming, clean up on surrounds/Millsteed - Garden bed maintenance, edge and mow/Cricket turf nursery - Pick washed turf from Serpentine and install.
<b>18</b>	Public Toilets and War Memorial-rake and tidy/Town streets - pick up fallen limbs and general refuse-rake and remove leaves from drains and kerbs/Daily watering schedule/
<b>19</b>	WEEKEND
<b>20</b>	WEEKEND
<b>21</b>	Public Toilets and War Memorial-rake and tidy/Town streets - pick up fallen limbs and general refuse-rake and remove leaves from drains and kerbs/Daily watering schedule/Lawns - edge and mow lawns on all parks and street verges/Memorial Park - Garden bed maintenance.
<b>22</b>	Daily watering schedule/Millsteed - mow lawn, garden bed maintenance/Football and Hockey ovals - mow and trim weeds on boundaries and surrounds.
<b>23</b>	Daily watering schedule/Administration - Fertilise and top dress lawn, garden bed maintenance/Lawns - edge and mow lawns on all parks and street verges/Football and Hockey oval - mow, weed control/GSC surrounds - rake and remove limbs, leaves and debris.
<b>24</b>	Administration - Top dress and fertilise lawn, garden bed maintenance/Memorial Park - garden bed maintenance, watering schedule/Football and Hockey oval - Spray water/Gym and Pavilion - Clean and remove leaves and debris from door ways and surrounds.
<b>25</b>	Public Toilets and War Memorial-rake and tidy/Town streets - pick up fallen limbs and general refuse-rake and remove leaves from drains and kerbs/Daily watering schedule/APU - edge and mow lawns, garden bed maintenance/Mortlock Lodge - edge and mow lawns, garden bed maintenance/gym - Weed trim on Toodyay rd. side, tidy up surrounds, clean leaves from door way/Lawns - edge and mow lawns on all parks and street verges.
<b>26</b>	WEEKEND
<b>27</b>	WEEKEND
<b>28</b>	Public Toilets and War Memorial-rake and tidy/Town streets - pick up fallen limbs and general refuse-rake and remove leaves from drains and kerbs/Daily watering schedule/Lawns - edge and mow lawns on all parks and street verges.
<b>29</b>	Daily watering schedule/Townsite - sweep streets/James st - trim overhanging limbs, rake and remove leaves, limbs and debris from street verge/Koomal Village - edge and mow lawns/32 Eaton - Edge and mow lawns/GSC surrounds - rake and remove limbs, leaves and debris.
<b>30</b>	Daily watering schedule/Townsite - weed control on vacant blocks and street verges/Townsite - sweep streets/ Football oval - Take soil samples .

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**13.6 PLANT REPORT**  
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FLEET	MACHINE	KM/HRS START	KM/HRS END	KMS/HRS
				COMPLETED
GO 009	UTE	-60056	60963	907
GO 010	J DEERE	0	0	0
GO 015	UTE	-84144	87414	3270
GO 016	UTE	-200075	200101	26
GO 017	TRUCK	-234322	235485	1163
GO 018	TRUCK	-268370	272184	3814
GO 019	TRUCK	-558149	562231	4082
GO 020	12 H	-16375	16554	179
GO 021	12 M	-9834	10001	167
GO 022	STEEL ROLLER	-4862	4876	14
GO 023	UTE	-210746	212189	1443
GO 024	LOADER	-9756	9821	65
GO 025	MULTI ROLLER	-2848	2855	7
GO 026	UTE	-204818	209366	4548
GO 027	TRUCK	-279635	280018	383
GO 028	BACKHOE	-771	790	19
GO 033	COASTER BUS	-184802	184965	163
GO 034	MASSEY	-7165	7203	38
GO 037	UTE	-108856	110007	1151
GO 038	UTE	-174957	176044	1087
GO 039	UTE	-285452	286245	793
GO 040	SUV	0	0	0
GO 041	TRUCK	-235192	235737	545
GO 042	UTE	-129916	131034	1118
GO 183	UTE	-100874	105889	5015
GO SHIRE	SUV	0	0	0
GO SHIRE1	BUS	-294892	295360	468
GO 009	Ford Ute	service		
GO 017	TRUCK	Clutch master cylinder replacement - Solenoid valve on water tank repairs		
GO 019	TRUCK	Air leaks - gear linkages		
GO 023	UTE	Replace rear springs		
GO 026	UTE	service - wheel align		
GO 027	TRUCK	Service		
GO 034	MASSEY	Service -Exhaust repairs		
GO 037	UTE	Replace side mirror		
GO 042	UTE	Service		

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<b>GO 183</b>	UTE	service
<b>MISC PLANT</b>		Water tank - modify for slide on slide off use - verti mower repair damaged bearing



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**13.7 BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPORT**

David Long

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE NOVEMBER 2022**

DATE	WORK DESCRIPTION
1	Pump station-Maintenance/Imhoff-maintenance/Reticulation repairs - Farmers club lawn, Anstey Park, Cricket pitch/Sewer - Clear blockage on Williams St.
2	Administration offices - repair toilet cistern/Caravan Park - repair burst water pipe/Commercial buildings - power metre readings.
3	Swimming pool - remove metal shade structure that was unsafe, refit and grout tiles on pool walls and top.
4	Pump station-Maintenance/Imhoff-maintenance/Slaters Homestead - door repairs, install 4 x retractable hose reels/Works depot - repair personnel door lock.
5	WEEKEND
6	WEEKEND
7	Pump station-Maintenance/Imhoff-maintenance.
8	GO - 025 - Multi roller assist with tyre repairs, remove broken parts/Football oval - assist with valve repairs/Administration office - hot water system repairs/Slaters homestead - replace toilet door handle.
9	Pump station-Maintenance/Imhoff-maintenance/GO - 025 - Multi roller assist with tyre repairs, pick up parts/Works depot - Replace personnel door lock/Swimming pool - repair tiles on pool walls.
10	Koomal Village - Unit 4 - Clean gutters/WHS - Complete work place inspections and reports/GO 025 - Repaired air line fittings/Chlorinator line - repair break/Administration office - hot water system repairs.
11	Pump station-Maintenance/Imhoff-maintenance/Administration office - Install mixer tap in kitchen.
12	WEEKEND
13	WEEKEND
14	Pump station-Maintenance/Imhoff-maintenance/Swimming Pool - Put shade covers up on frames/Caravan Park - Clear drain blockages/Gumnuts - Clear drain blockage.
15	Caravan Park - Clear drain blockages/Op Shop - Repair trip hazard in carpet/Gardeners depot - Maintenance repairs on ablutions.
16	Pump station-Maintenance/Imhoff-maintenance/Op Shop - Repair trip hazard in carpet/Caravan Park - Clear drain blockages/Administration office - Adjust shelving in front counter cupboards/Residential buildings - ant control.
17	Anstey Park - Install water pump cover/Slaters Homestead - Toilet door lock repairs/CRC - Front. Door lock repairs.
18	Pump station-Maintenance/Imhoff-maintenance/Goomalling Public Toilets - Relocate toilet roll holders to front of cubicles, repaired store room roller door/73 A James St - Replace taps.
19	WEEKEND
20	WEEKEND
21	Pump station-Maintenance/Imhoff-maintenance.
22	Caravan Park - Clear drain blockages/Residential buildings inspections/Gardeners Depot - Door maintenance.
23	Pump station-Maintenance/Imhoff-maintenance/Residential buildings inspections/Caravan Park - Ensuite repairs.
24	CRC and Doctors surgery - Door lock repairs and replacement.
25	Pump station-Maintenance/Imhoff-maintenance/Cemetery - Assist with burial duties.

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<b>26</b>	WEEKEND
<b>27</b>	WEEKEND
<b>28</b>	Pump station-Maintenance/Imhoff-maintenance/Caravan Park - Clear blocked drains/Oval tanks - Float valve repairs/Doctors surgery - Light repairs/builders shed - install lock up shed.
<b>29</b>	Caravan Park - Clear blockage, organise repairs on broken sewer pipe/Football oval - reticulation repairs/APU - Units 6 and 7 - air-conditioning repairs and servicing.
<b>30</b>	Pump station-Maintenance/Imhoff-maintenance/Museum - Remove items for ceiling repairs/Caravan Park - sewer repair works/CRC - Door lock replacement/Konnongorring Hall - Clear blockage on toilets.



**13.8 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**  
 Tahnee Bird

**MEETINGS/EVENTS/TRAINING**

15/12/2022	<p><b>Goomalling Community Opshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Volunteers nominated Jo Freeman as opshop coordinator to carry out communications with CDO on behalf of volunteers, as well as primary responsibilities for in shop administrative tasks. We will carry out a 3mth trial to see if that works with the current volunteer dynamic.</li> <li>- First aid, fire warden and conflict resolution training will be scheduled for March 2023 to ensure we are compliant with the updated WHS legislation.</li> <li>- \$10,000 is allocated to the youth precinct project. The volunteers have requested a response from Council in regards to an anticipated timeline for project commencement. The volunteers would like to reallocate funds if the project isn't going to commence in the foreseeable future.</li> </ul>
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**GRANTS**

STATUS	DETAILS
Complete – waiting for final invoice to acquit	<p><b>WA Bicycle Network (WABN) Funding</b></p> <p><b>High Street (\$80,000)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finally invoices from PRISM have been received and there was a significant underspend. In consultation with DoT funds have been allocated to end of trip facilities at the swimming pool including a bike repair station, bike pump, bike rack and water fountain to bring the total project cost up. The product will still come in under budget, any LRCIP left will be reallocated to future pathway improvements on High Street.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lockyer Street (\$80,000)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lockyer Street project reserve is being reviewed by DoT as a possible project to complete in 2023-24 financial year (Council contribution \$40,000).</li> </ul> <p><b>Quinlan street (\$TBC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next round of WABN funding we will make application for a new pathways on Quinlan Street in the 2024-25/2025-26 round. The project will deliver a new pathways on Quinlan Street between Hoddy and Lockyer (as well as Hoddy Street crossing) in line with the Quinlan Street Road Closure/youth space development to ensure appropriate connectivity to the recreation ground.</li> <li>• I am going to have a discussion with DoT regarding the project and whether the road closure can be funded as part of the Safer Active Streets Program.</li> </ul>

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Current	<b>FRRR “In a Good Place” Program – Maangart Yorga Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1600 left to spend – currently looking at hosting a Mental Health First Aid Course pending quote for delivery.</li> </ul>
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**OPEN PROJECTS/EVENTS**

STATUS	DETAILS
Current/ongoing	<b>Pioneers’ Pathway</b> PP is a collaborative marketing initiative marketed in the Australia’s Golden Outback – from Toodyay to Merredin following the prospecting route to the Goldfields.  <hr/> Nil updates
Ongoing/ongoing	<b>Experience Perth – Avon Tourism</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2023 Planner to be created by Scamper (creators of the Avon Valley Brand) – DRAFT planner copy received and being reviewed (attached)</li> </ul>
Quoting/Design	<b>Anstey Park Revitalisation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CWA toilet is in the process of having sewerage connected. It currently doesn’t have any form of collection of waste, just a sump. No septic</li> <li>• LRCIP extended until February 2023</li> <li>• Currently talking to suppliers regarding time frame for delivery and finalise product selection based on budget.</li> </ul>
Planning	<b>Club Light Program</b> <u>Scope</u> Football (primary), Bowling Club (secondary), hockey club (subsequent) upgrade lighting to meet current Australian Standards for playing their respective sports and retrofit to LED to improve energy efficiency.  <u>Anticipated Timeline</u> <i>January/February</i> –Scope or works and quoting <i>March</i> – determine final scope based on quotes whether Council can achieve football, bowling and hockey with the clubs contributions or just football (as an example). Football should definitely be considered the highest priority with safety concerns with the current provision of lighting. <i>April - June</i> – Develop project plan including lifecycle planning, budget, GANTT timeline etc. <i>June – September</i> – Application period <i>November- December</i> Grant outcome <i>January</i> – Tender (if over \$250,000) <i>February – March 2024</i> – works to be carried out

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<b>PIPELINE PROJECTS</b>	
<b>STATUS</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
On hold	Reconciliation Action Plan
On hold	Old Native Reserve preservation and interpretation
On hold	Ballardong Koort (heart) Mural
On hold	Healing Stories from Koomal
On hold	She Did
On hold	Youth Precinct
On hold	Cricket training nets

**Upcoming events**

Goomalling CRC – Community Christmas Tree

Goomalling Friendship Club (at Farmers Club) – Mondays (from January)

BEVERLEY

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YORK

# Avon Valley

VINTAGE AND VIBRANT





Connor's Mill, Toodyay



## DISCOVER THE **Avon Valley**

Welcome to the Avon Valley, a region of green rolling hills, golden farmlands, babbling brooks and historic country towns full of character and yesteryear charm. Visit the vintage towns of Beverley, Goomalling, Northam, Toodyay and York, all within a 30-minute drive of each other, and immerse yourself in each place's heritage and stories.

The region is also rich in the stories of the Ballardong Nyoongar people who lived in harmony with the natural environment of the Avon region for thousands of years. In 1831, the first European settlers arrived, two years after Perth's settlement, and townships were established along the Avon River. To this day, the Avon Valley presents a fusion of heritage and culture, natural environment and contemporary country living; encouraging visitors to rediscover a vintage and vibrant landscape of festivals, events, galleries and craft shops, hot-air ballooning, walk and bike trails, stargazing, and natural bushlands.

Foodies are well-catered for with traditional country pub fare and bespoke eateries featuring locally-sourced jams, olives, chocolate and honey. Leisurely afternoon teas also beckon where you can pile the scones high with jam and cream, wind back the clock and feel worlds away.

History buffs and art lovers can discover a range of hidden public art, sculptures and murals within the main townsites, whilst visiting the array of museums, art galleries, historical attractions and antique shops that are dotted around.

For the adventurous, the region boasts the only place in Western Australia where you can soar to the skies in a hot-air balloon. The gondola basket offers panoramic views of the tributaries flowing into the Avon River along with sweeping fields of barley and canola, Australia's green and gold.

The Avon Valley plays host to a plethora of year-round festivals and events that offer even more reasons to visit. Antique fairs, vintage car rallies, motorcycle, art and cultural festivals, regular farmers markets, and the annual Avon Descent bring this charming region even more to life.

Spring is the perfect reason (and season) to experience the Avon Valley. Landscapes of yellow canola, rolling lush green farmlands, and carpets of wildflowers all invite you to rediscover the natural world. Rare and unique orchid species can be found in a number of National Parks, reserves and scenic walk trails throughout the region.

*The Avon Valley acknowledges and pays their respects to the Ballardong people of the Nyoongar Nation as the traditional custodians of the land, waterways and skies of the area. We pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging, and acknowledge their ongoing contribution to country, culture and community.*



# AVON VALLEY Must do's



## Hot-air ballooning in Northam

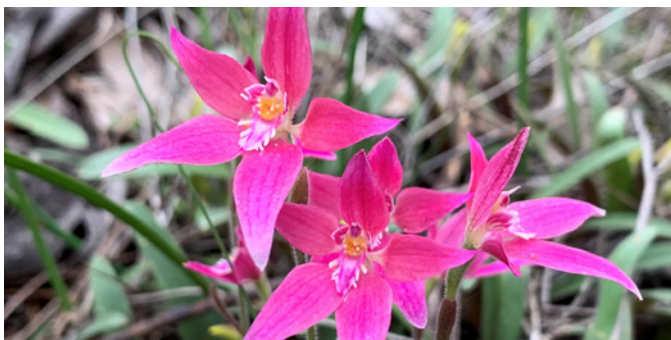
The Avon Valley is renowned for its gorgeous scenery, and what better way to experience it than a hot-air ballooning experience in Northam. Create memories that will last a lifetime and enjoy a spectacular sunrise flight, taking in the majestic sights of the valley in the early morning light.

In winter you can experience a foggy, mystical sunrise, with golden canola coming to life during a small window in spring.



## Explore a wildflower trail

The historic countryside of the Avon Valley provides an exquisite range of wildflowers to discover, with dedicated wildflower trails dotted across the region. Beverley is home to two new tracks, with the Brooking Street Reserve showcasing over 12 native orchid species including the hybrid pink fairy and cowslip orchid.



## Enjoy a pub meal

In nearly every town of the Avon Valley, you will find a historical pub with a story to tell. Sit down to a quintessential Australian meal of paddock-to-plate steak and mashed potato, chicken parmigiana, or try something a little different with a number of fusion food twists available in the region.



## Motorbikes welcome

Each year in April, the York Motorcycle Festival attracts thousands of motoring enthusiasts to experience the motorcycle-friendly region, through charity rides across the region, industry stalls, and plenty of motorcycle-friendly stops offering helmet storage, visor-wiping and coat-racking areas at participating businesses.



### The Avon Descent

The Avon Descent is a two-day, white-water event held on the Avon River on the first Saturday and Sunday in August. Support crews, families, and over 600 competitors descend into the region to paddle, row, boat, and explore the beautiful countryside whilst enjoying additional festivities held across the region.

### Storytelling, culture & connection

The York Festival is an annual three-weekend arts festival taking place each spring (Djilba and Kambarang in the Nyoongar six seasons) in the historic town of York, on Ballardong Nyoongar country. Featuring arts and crafts, theatre, dance, music, storytelling, family workshops and activities, and more. The York Festival celebrates community and cultivates creativity.

### Swing by a weekend market

On most weekends you'll find a bustling country or farmers market in action within the Avon Valley. It's a great opportunity to sample some fresh produce, chat to the locals, or take home a local craft souvenir.



### Visit Slater Homestead

One of WA's best-kept secrets, the historic stone and mud-brick dwelling of Slater Homestead can be found just outside Goomalling and is a must-see location. Relax and watch the local birds whilst taking in the surrounds, then bask in the ambience of Mary's Tearoom whilst enjoying homemade classic cakes and Devonshire Tea.

### It's Christmas 360 – the Toodyay Christmas Shop

Christmas 360 has long called Toodyay home and provides residential and commercial Christmas decorations to people all over the world regardless of the time of year. It's a great chance to indulge in festive cheer whilst browsing or buying local, Australian and international decorations.



### Follow the yellow field road

Fields of yellow make for a stunning sight when York puts on a show during August and September. Head into the local visitor centre to find out how you can safely view the crops of canola either roadside or at purpose-planted properties. Spring and festival season coincides with canola flowering and it is the most popular time of the year to visit the region.

DISCOVER

# Beverley

Experience life in a heritage country town with a proud history

The township of Beverley is one of the first colonial settlements established in Western Australia. Located 130km east of Perth, it is believed to be named after the English town of Beverley in Yorkshire. Marked by fine examples of colonial architecture, Beverley is steeped in tales of pioneering triumphs and tribulations. Visitors can explore the area's heritage buildings, art galleries and other historical attractions. This rural heritage town in the wheat/sheep belt sits on the banks of the Avon River in the Avon Valley and is surrounded by tranquil rolling hills, pastures and native bushland.

A stroll down the main street offers the opportunity to admire a variety of heritage architectural styles. The Vincent Street Heritage Trail, a self-guided tour of the heritage buildings in town, showcases the various architectural styles from Art Deco to Georgian to the newly-built Cornerstone. A unique, augmented reality app is available to download from the app store to guide you on this hour-long tour, starting at the Beverley Visitor Centre that also houses a contemporary Aeronautical Exhibition. Well worth a look is the nearby Dead Finish Museum, Ferguson Vintage Collection, and the Avondale Agricultural Museum, open by appointment, and 6km out of town at Avondale Farm.

Beverley is also home to some fun, quirky little shops and eclectic art galleries that support local Wheatbelt painters, jewellers, and sculptors. The Beverley Station Arts and Platform Theatre is located in the 1886-built Victorian Tudor-style Railway Station. As well as housing the Shire of Beverley art collection and artists-in-residence who you can chat to, it also hosts outdoor performances and events between September and April.

Make sure you also check out the gorgeous public art and murals painted by James Giddy. Try to spot all five of his pieces which are dotted around the buildings in Vincent Street and were inspired by the local, natural environment.

If you're visiting Beverley with children, don't miss Moort Wabiny Park, located along the main street. The park offers something to entertain the whole family for hours including a nature play area with a restored red Austin truck, basketball court, pump track, and skate bowl with street elements. Geocaching is also a great way to explore Beverley and the many geocaches hidden throughout the Shire can also entertain the kids for the day.





*In 1930, the flight of a locally-built aeroplane, "The Silver Centenary", began Beverley's long association with flying, producing one of Western Australia's first privately-built aircraft. The biplane was built to commemorate the State's Centenary and was constructed from chalk drawings sketched on the floor of the town's powerhouse. Today the Visitor Centre pays homage with a wonderful interactive display, complete with a 1:5 scale model, exact replica of the Silver Centenary plane built in Beverley.*

Nature-lovers will adore Yenying Lakes, a large salt lake just 35 minutes east of the township, and a haven for local birdlife and wildlife. Recreational use of the lakes has been enjoyed by families since the early 1960s when local farmers John McLean Jr and Eric McLean provided access into the lakes, allowing people to enjoy water-skiing, camping, canoeing, kayaking, surf-cat sailing, windsurfing, and bird-watching. The Beverley Ski Club was formed at this time and the Club has since held several water-skiing competitions and other aquatic events.

Yenying Lakes is also a popular stargazing location and a hotspot for photographers wanting to get a spectacular astrophotography shot with no light pollution. The backdrop of the lakes and surrounding farmlands make for a unique and tranquil setting.

For the avid photographer, historic Avondale Farm, managed by the National Trust, and the Beverley Airfield also make for great locations with unique backdrops.

The Beverley Airfield was upgraded in the 1940s to support the war effort but these days it's home to the largest gliding club in Western Australia, where gliding is a popular past-time for members. Visitors can also book a flight, learn how to fly, or just watch as the gliders are towed into the air.

If keeping both feet firmly on the ground is more your thing, take a hike up County Peak for incredible panoramic views of the region. Although there are no formal trails it is still worth the hike up. County Peak was given its name when the first surveyors drew up the original counties for the Swan River colony in 1829, with the peak being the intersection of counties York, Howick, Grantham and Minto. The peak is also known as Mount Quajabin, and is believed to be derived from an Aboriginal word meaning 'good camp'. For an easier, but longer walk, check out the Christmas Tree Well Walk, which is a 12km loop. With all walks, make sure you dress appropriately, take water and in the warmer months keep an eye out for snakes.

Wildflower season is a real spectacle in Beverley, and you can discover a particularly amazing patch within walking distance of the main street at the Brooking Street Reserve. Poison Hill Reserve and the Dale River Reserve are also hotspots for seasonal orchids and native birds, with dedicated walking trails to help discover and protect the native flora in the area, and are best visited from July through to October.

A range of accommodation options in Beverley will make you feel right at home, including a bed-and-breakfast, a caravan park including well-appointed cabins, hotels, and authentic farm stays – the perfect way to immerse yourself in the rural experience. There is also a popular free 48-hour RV stopover site located alongside the beautiful Avon River.



DISCOVER

# Goomalling



## History, nature, farming, and a humble wheatbelt town feel

Just 132km north-east of Perth, Goomalling is a delightful rural township and was amongst the first of WA's colonial settlements to be established in the 1800s. Giant wheat domes provide a striking landmark in Goomalling, while art and crafts, country markets, and a colourful history add to the rustic vibe. Enveloped by seemingly endless open countryside that changes dramatically with the seasons, the region had its colonial beginnings in the mid-1800s when pastoralists settled in the area. Later in 1880s and 1890s it became a stopover for prospectors heading to the eastern goldfields, and this instigated an increase in permanent settlers to provide greater options for accommodation and provisions. The opening of a railway line from Northam in 1902 led to the formal establishment of the townsite in 1903.

Goomalling originates from a Nyoongar word meaning 'place of possums' due to the silver-grey possums that were once abundant in the area. Today the townsite remains the gateway to the central Wheatbelt and contains many place names of Aboriginal origin, chiefly water holes and geographical features.

The first European settler and farmer in Goomalling was George Slater, whose historic 'Slater Homestead' was the first residence and can be visited 3km east of the Goomalling townsite. This homestead was used as a stopover for prospectors during the gold rush days of the 1880s.

A visit to the homestead offers an opportunity to step back in time as you wander through the beautifully restored heritage-listed building, with restorative Devonshire teas and light lunches served in the on-site cafe, Mary's Tearoom, from April to October.

In town you can immerse yourself in more history, by following the Heritage Walk past the old Farmers' Club, churches, convent, railway station, and many other places of historical interest. Another fascinating place to explore is the Goomalling School House Museum, where the displays and rooms showcase the local history including a range of old machinery, a rare windmill, a school room, and an adjacent residence, all restored to reflect the 1900-1940 era.





*Goomalling is a key stop on the Pioneers' Pathway, a scenic self-drive journey that traverses the Wheatbelt, following the well-worn trail many prospectors once took on their way to the Yilgarn and Kalgoorlie Goldfields.*

Goomalling is home to a variety of artists, and their creative work can be seen as you travel throughout the Shire. The Wheatbelt Wander Wall on Railway Terrace reflects the local history, culture and lifestyle, and is a result of a large community project in 2004 that was instigated by local artist, Fleur Schell.

Wildflowers take bloom in Goomalling from July to September each year, with a variety of unique and beautiful orchids found in the local reserves. The Shire itself is within one of Australia's 15 National Biodiversity Hotspots, with Oak Park and Salmon Gum Way being vital reserves for protecting the local biodiversity. The interpretative 3km walk trail at Oak Park includes information about Goomalling's First Nations Ballardong people and their culture, where you can discover the gnamma holes which were a water source when they collected rain. The nature walk at Salmon Gum Way, right in town, is another interesting stroll where you can discover local birdlife, echidnas, and possibly the koomal possum.

Another impressive site to visit is the Gabby Quoi Quoi Lookout, providing views over the agricultural landscape. This can be an especially beautiful sight during canola season when carpets of yellow can be seen all the way to the horizon. The lookout is also a great place to see the hundreds of thousands of trees that local families have planted to improve the environment, and tours are available from the Gabby Quoi Quoi Catchment Group. Panoramic night-time views will also satisfy avid stargazers, with magnificent views above the local bush and farmlands.

Be sure to stop and wander through the Mortlock River reserve, located less than 10km south of Goomalling. If you're lucky, you might see an echidna here, so keep your eyes peeled.

A visit to Goomalling is not complete without visiting the iconic grain storage domes. The 'Dolly Twins' stand out from miles away and are not to be missed. These four huge grain storage domes form a striking and unique structure – the only one of its kind in the southern hemisphere.

If you are after a true country catering experience, head to the Jennacubbine Tavern, the Shire's famous steak house, for a satisfying meal and drink. Or check out one of the region's many local roadhouses, pubs or cafes for classic Australian meals, delicious cakes and gourmet snack boxes.

Goomalling offers a variety of accommodation options to suit everyone's needs, ranging from the centrally-located caravan park and motel units, to a self-contained farm cottage or boutique bed-and-breakfast.

This humble townsite has a variety of attractions to enjoy, and the friendliness of its people have visitors returning time and time again.



# Avon Valley Road Trip

## Hit the road for a self-drive that oozes authentic country vibes

The Avon Valley region is perfect for both a day trip or a longer jaunt where you can easily explore historic Beverley, Northam, Goomalling, Toodyay and York on a self-drive getaway. We've done the legwork and have mapped out an epic three-night self-drive itinerary. Sit back, strap in and start the car – it's time to hit the road for the ultimate Avon Valley road trip.

## DAY 1

### Perth to Toodyay

Approx. 75mins & 87km

Arrive in the historic town of Toodyay after a scenic drive from Perth. Head straight to the Toodyay Visitor Centre to discover the town's highlights and all there is to see and do in one of the oldest inland towns in WA.

History is alive in Toodyay where you can explore the Newcastle Gaol Museum, the iconic Connor's Mill Museum, World War II sites in Pelham Reserve, and the town's walking trails.

In spring, the wildflower season puts on a show at the Pelham Reserve, Dawn Atwell Reserve, and Wongamine Nature Reserve, with spectacular walking trails peppered throughout. The popular Bilya Walking Track begins in town and then follows alongside the Avon River behind town to lead to secluded, serene bushland.

Toodyay is known for its parks, nature reserves and natural bushland – so expect this in abundance. Bring your picnic basket, stock it up at the award-winning bakery and a winery or two, and head to one of the many picturesque locations for an afternoon of natural bliss.

If kids are in tow, then check out the local archery park, emu farm or fairytale theme park. But the real star of the show occurs every first and third Sunday of each month (except during the fire ban season), where the Toodyay Miniature Railway comes to life.

Rest easy overnight at one of Toodyay's accommodation options, ranging from luxurious glamping tents, tiny cabins, historical bed-and-breakfasts, tastefully decorated self-contained cabins, or set up your caravan or tent at the local caravan park.

## DAY 2

### Toodyay to Northam via Goomalling

Approx. 35mins & 49km  
then approx. 35mins & 46km

On your way from Toodyay to Northam, take a diversion to the humble wheatbelt town of Goomalling, where from July to September, the streets are lined with bright wildflowers and orchids. Spend the morning exploring the Goomalling Schoolhouse Museum, then visit the Gabby Quoi Quoi Lookout and check out the walk trail, wetlands and gnamma holes at Oak Park.

Afterwards, embrace old world charm at Mary's Tearoom within Slater Homestead, one of WA's best-kept secrets. Unwind to the warm country hospitality as you enjoy an indulgent Devonshire Tea or devour a delicious homemade cake with a coffee.

On arriving in Northam make sure you take in the bright public artwork and unique architecture before stopping by the Northam Visitor Centre. Here, gather all the information you'll need to explore this historic town.

Be sure to visit the Bilya Koort Boodja Centre for Nyoongar Culture and Environmental Knowledge on the foreshore of the Avon River. This regional tourist attraction offers an interactive educational experience that recognises the rich Aboriginal and environmental presence in the region. While you're by the river, look out for white swans – this is the only place in WA that they call home.

Northam is an official Astrotourism Town, so once the sun sets, out-of-this-world stargazing experiences are waiting for you. Northam's dark night skies allow you to enjoy the Milky Way at its finest.

There are loads of great places to rest your head for the night, including beautifully-renovated historic hotels, caravan parks, chalets, motels and hotels, plus multiple free overnight RV parks.

The next morning, create memories that will last a lifetime on a hot-air balloon flight in Northam – the only place in Western Australia where you can take to the sky like this. Between April and November, you can enjoy a spectacular sunrise flight that takes in the majestic sights of the Avon Valley with its rolling green hills and morning mists to fields of golden canola if you catch them in season.



## DAY 3

### Northam to York

Approx. 25mins & 36km

As you head into town stop off at the York Visitor Centre and York Town Hall for a warm welcome and to plan your perfect itinerary for the day ahead. Meander through the iconic Town Hall, its majestic staircase, upstairs dress circle, and spend a moment in quiet reflection at the Town Hall honour board.

Stretch your driving legs with a wander along the Terrace, stopping to admire York's heritage buildings including Sargents Pharmacy (with its mortar and pestle pediment on the roof), the York Courthouse and Gaol, the many bullnose verandas and nostalgic signs, and an old-fashioned sweet shop along the way.

Take in a couple of galleries (that can also offer a well-earned coffee or Devonshire tea) then check out the York Motor Museum – the only community-owned-and-operated motor museum in Australia.

Pack a picnic from one of the many eateries and enjoy lunch alfresco at Avon Park on the banks of the Avon River, a short two-minute walk from the main street, with picnic seating, toilets and grassy nooks.

Rejuvenate afterwards with a walk across the suspension bridge with views towards Mount Bakewell. Then follow the loop back to the park via the oldest croquet club in WA or walk further afield to join the Avon Walk Trail, discovering a plethora of birdlife that call the river home.

Settle in at a range of accommodation from boutique bed-and-breakfasts, homesteads, farm stays, caravan parks, holiday homes and other self-contained accommodation options. A RV park on the banks of the Avon River makes for a perfect overnight stop right in the heart of the town.

Before the sun goes down, take the heart-starter walk or short drive from the townsite to Wongborel / Mount Brown Lookout and experience a wheatbelt sunset. The lookout provides picnic tables and offers stunning 360-degree panoramic views of York and its surrounds under wide-open skies that can make for amazing stargazing.

## DAY 4

### York to Perth via Beverley

Approx. 25mins & 34km  
then approx. 1-hour 41mins & 123km

On the cruisy drive back to Perth, stop by the vibrant heritage town of Beverley.

Pop into the Beverley Visitor Centre to get your bearings, then learn about the town's rich history at one of the museums or the Beverley Station Gallery before embarking on a peaceful walking trail. The Shire of Beverley provides a fantastic opportunity to explore a number of trails with its varied landscapes, and diverse vegetation and agricultural practices. There is also a number of geocaching trails on offer.

Afterwards, check out Moort Wabiny Park. Complete with nature play, skate park, pump track, basketball court, and shaded seating areas – it's the perfect spot for the whole family to play and picnic.

If you decide to stay an extra night, the Beverley Caravan Park boasts brand new luxury cabins with modern furnishings and super comfy king beds – perfect for one last night on the road.





# Avon Valley

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YORK - SOUTH OF MY DAY'S CIRCLE

YORK - THE WONDER OF THE WEST

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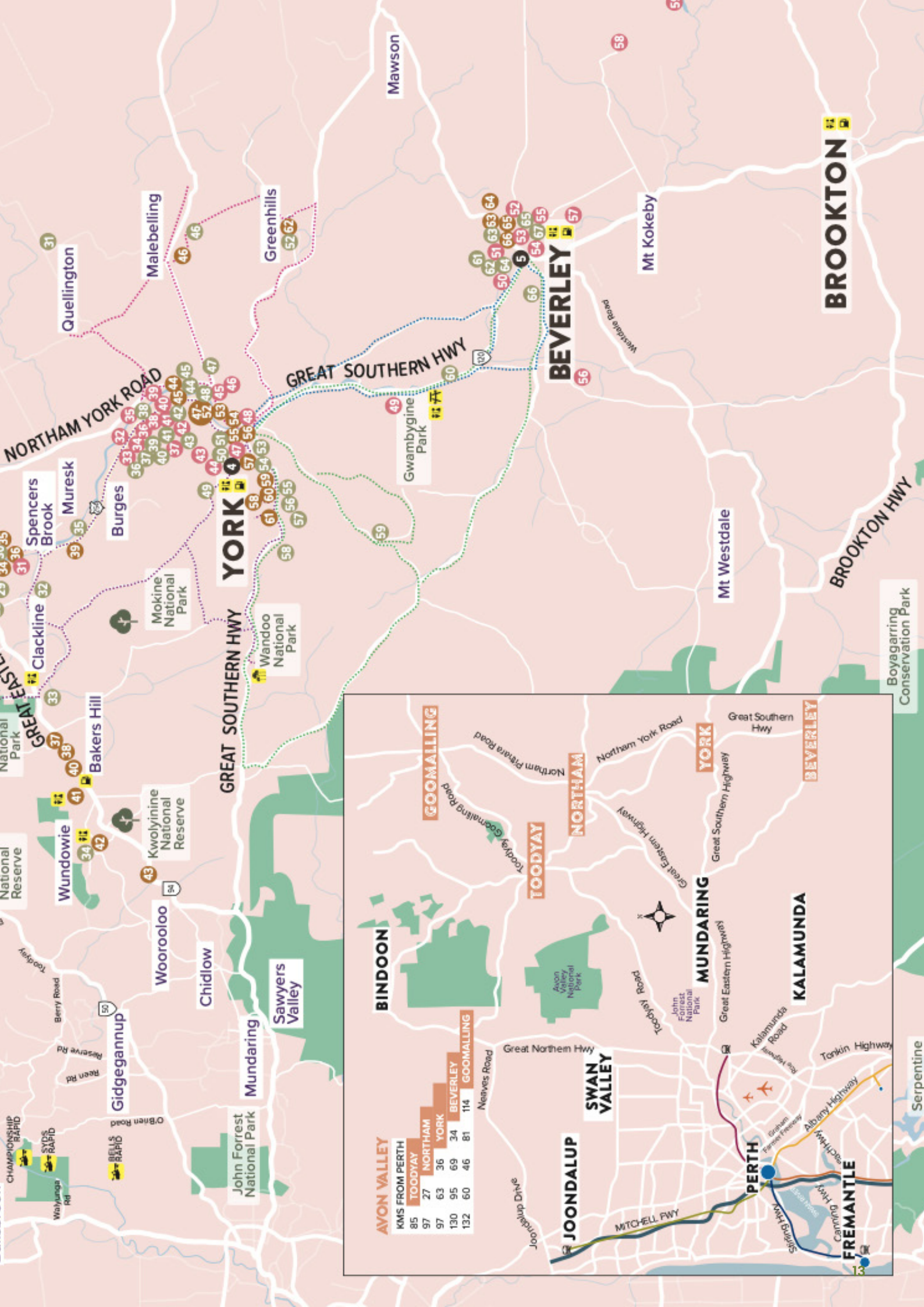
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GOOMALLING	132

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 Bindoon  
 Swan Valley  
 Joondalup  
 Perth  
 Fremantle  
 Kalamunda  
 Mundaring  
 Mandoora  
 Avon National Park  
 John Forrest National Park  
 Great Northern Hwy  
 Mitchell Pwy  
 Albany Highway  
 Tonkin Highway  
 Great Eastern Highway  
 Great Southern Highway  
 Northam York Road  
 Northam Pinery Road  
 Toodyay Goomalling Road  
 Toodyay Road  
 Kalamunda Road  
 Serpentine

# DISCOVER Northam

## The valley's cultural hub



Nestled in the heart of the Avon Valley and located just 100km from Perth, Northam is known for its diverse collection of tourist and heritage attractions including hot-air ballooning, cultural experiences, historical buildings, wildflowers, and horse-racing. Alongside a vibrant calendar of regular events, Northam also hosts national and international hot-air ballooning championships, and is the starting point for the annual two-day river challenge, the Avon Descent.

As the largest town in the Avon Valley, Northam makes a great base for your explorations of the region. With over 185 heritage-listed buildings, the town has the second-highest number of heritage buildings in WA, making for some spectacular streetscapes.

There are many activities around town for visitors, including nature trails, adventure activities, historical assets, and drive trails highlighting beautiful large-scale public artworks.

Exploring the town's architecture on foot is a rewarding experience as along the way you'll also discover many craft and curio shops. Whilst meandering down the main street, you may notice 12 sculptures placed outside historically-significant places. This collaborative project between the Avon Valley Arts Society and the Northam Historical Society lifts the veil on some of the interesting stories of Northam's past by illustrating the history of Northam through sculpture.

With a variety of murals, sculptures and exhibitions from local art groups, Northam has a wealth of arts for you to discover around town. The iconic Northam Flour Mill Mural, a stunning piece on the historic flour mill building, was designed and painted by Perth-based artist, Amok Island, and is not to be missed. The large-scale mural celebrates Northam's white swans and their home on the banks of the Avon River.

Aside from art, Northam is rich in both colonial and Aboriginal history, and the Northam Heritage Centre, located at the Old Northam Railway Station, houses a number of exhibits from early settlers' times including a steam locomotive, train carriages, and historical displays. Morby Cottage was Northam's very first house and built by the town's founder John Morrell, who was the first settler to farm in Northam. These days the cottage is a perfect

preserved piece of history and a fascinating insight into Northam's rich and varied history. A number of self-guided tours, such as the Heritage Trail are available, so visit the Northam Visitor Centre for a tour brochure and to find out more.

Northam's key attraction and must-see is Bilya Koort Boodja: Centre for Nyoongar Culture and Environmental Knowledge. Bilya Koort Boodja Centre, offers an interactive educational experience that highlights and celebrates the rich Aboriginal history and presence in the Nyoongar Ballardong region. Located on the foreshore of the Avon River, the centre hosts many events, tours and workshops, and is also a great place to purchase authentic Aboriginal artwork and souvenirs by local Nyoongar artists.



*A 38-metre-high mural painted onto four silos side-by-side is quite a spectacle and makes up part of WA's PUBLIC Silo Trail. Situated right in the midst of a fully working CBH Group grain receival site, this icon is located between the townships of Toodyay and Northam.*

The region's namesake, the Avon River flows through the town and is fringed by soft grassy banks and shady trees. Picnicking beside the river is a popular pastime, but no trip to Northam is complete without taking a walk along one of Australia's longest pedestrian suspension bridges. Commonly-known as the 'Swinging Bridge', it stretches 117 metres across the vast Avon River, and is capable of withstanding 150kph winds and holding 400 people. Built in 1975, this iconic bridge is a wonderful spot to view the local white swan population, which were brought here by settlers over 150 years ago. Northam is the only location in Australia where the white swan will breed naturally in the wild and are now a protected species.

To learn even more about this beautiful town, why not join one of the Shire of Northam's Bilya Bidi guided tours, where you can join experienced and knowledgeable local guides on a walking or bus tour to discover Northam's diverse, natural and cultural history.

While there are many activities to choose from in Northam, hot-air ballooning is one experience definitely worth including, with rides operating in the region since 1977. Lifting off at dawn you'll float gently over this rural landscape of rolling hills, lush green fields and meandering streams as you wait for the first signs of sunrise. Canola season proves to be a popular time for this activity, with passengers having the opportunity to float above fields of gold during the limited flowering season.

Northam's local reserves offer an ideal chance to view the region's unique flora and fauna, with spring being the best time to view wildflowers. Clackline Reserve has a number of walk trails, with the popular Flora Trail coming alive in spring with everlastings, orchids, fringed lilies, and more. Woondowing Nature Reserve is another must-see for the avid wildflower enthusiast. Whilst year-round you can take in the beautiful vistas from the Mount Ommanney Lookout, situated just outside the Northam townsite.

Since 1863, Northam has been home to one WA's premier provincial racecourses, the Northam Racecourse. The Northam Race Club hosts approximately 22 race meetings per year from May to December, with the majority of race dates held mid-week on either Wednesday or Thursday. There are five feature weekend race meetings throughout the year, the first being the Northam Stakes, with on-course entertainment, fashions, and of course some of WA's best galloping action on the track.

Northam became an official Astrotourism Town in 2019, with a number of designated astrophotography hotspots within its borders. Katrine Road is a perfect location, with no light pollution, an abundance of natural beauty, and historic buildings such as the Glenfield Homestead ruins. Bert Hawke Oval is another key viewing site, with ample space for the set-up of telescopes within town.

A range of accommodation is available in Northam to make the perfect home away from home; including local glamping tents, historical inns, hotels, manors and estates dotting the township, as well as local free overnight RV parks and a caravan park.



# DISCOVER Toodyay

## An eclectic destination immersed in landscape and legend

The picturesque Avon Valley town of Toodyay is one of the oldest inland settlements in Western Australia. Only 80km north-east of Perth, Toodyay features charming displays of 19th century history, with the architecture reminiscent of its colonial and convict past. From 1860 to 1910, the town was known as Newcastle, but when this caused problems with mail being delivered to Newcastle in New South Wales, the name was changed to Toodyay – derived from the Nyoongar word, “Dudja,” meaning place of mist and fog. The Shire is unique as it is within the three Nyoongar Boodja boundaries of the Ballardong, Yued and Whadjuk peoples.

Toodyay is also a treasure trove for those with a taste for colonial history, as it oozes stories of bushrangers, convicts and war heroes, including the infamous Moondyne Joe.

World War II sites with walking trails can also be found in Toodyay, with the World War II Bunker Trail taking you around a local Bunker Complex – look out for the four trench entrances dotted around. The World War II Revetment Spillway and Original Reservoir was assumed to have sheltered the main building of a planned field signal unit. The Rifle Range Loop will take you to the remnants of the old rifle range, believed to date back to World War I.

In the heart of town, exploring the Newcastle Gaol Museum offers a step back in time, with many displays and opportunities to learn about the local history, including the Gnulla Karnany Waangkiny (Our Truth Telling) exhibit, that honestly relates the experience of the Nyoongar people during the years of colonial settlement and beyond and is a part of the Shire’s Reconciliation Action Plan. Further down the main street you’ll find the iconic Connor’s Mill Museum. Built in 1870, the mill has had a number of uses over the years, including a flour mill, powerhouse, and private residence. Climb the three floors of displays and check out the working milling machinery and Brotherhood steam engine.

Nature lovers won’t want to miss the Toodyay Reserve Trails, spanning the Dawn Atwell Nature Reserve, Rugged Hills Reserve, Majestic Heights Reserve, Panorama Reserve, Pelham Reserve, and Ray Paynter Reserve at the Wongamine Reserve, all showcasing the spectacular flora and fauna of the region. In season, wildflower sightings include Blue Leschenaultia, Fringed Lily, Cats Paw, a variety of orchids, fields of everlasting, and more! The popular Bilya Walking Track begins in town then follows alongside the Avon River behind town to lead to secluded, serene bushland.

Toodyay has a thriving art community including an art gallery that supports local artists, playing host to various art exhibitions throughout the year. Toodyay is also a great place for public art spotting. Check out the murals at Charcoal Lane behind the IGA supermarket, including the bright birds mural – a joint venture between Toodyay Tidy Towns and the Shire of Toodyay after its win at the 2015 National Tidy Towns award. Opposite the mural is a Bushells sign which dates back to





*The Newcastle Gaol Museum in Toodyay has a cell dedicated to Moondyne Joe. Authorities commissioned the building of the gaol to prevent other prisoners escaping after Joe's dramatic escape from the Toodyay Convict Depot lock-up. Today, Toodyay celebrates Moondyne Joe in style – with a free, family-friendly Moondyne Festival held mid-year. You can visit the Newcastle Gaol Museum throughout the year and take a step back in time to discover the era of Moondyne Joe, Western Australia's most famous bush ranger.*

the 1930s, and is situated behind the heritage-listed Jager Store that has been home for a number of diverse businesses since it was built in 1897.

If you feel like some retail therapy, Uniquely Toodyay, a cooperative of local artists and producers, located in the Old Post Office, offers the chance to browse original artworks and creations, and discover local wares and produce. Toodyay is also home to the well-stocked Toodyay Bakery and a farmers market on the third Sunday of every month, with organic vegetables, eggs, chickens, plants, and more; plus education, art and music. For even more unique shopping, the town is home to a permanent Christmas store, allowing you to get into the festive spirit nine months of the year.

For kids, Duidgee Park and the Toodyay Miniature Railway offer a unique playscape and the perfect spot for a picnic with freshly baked goods from the famous award-winning Toodyay Bakery. There are barbeques, picnic shelters, two playgrounds and a skate park. Hop aboard the Toodyay Miniature Railway for an eight-minute ride along the river. On your journey you will see some colourful characters amongst the beautiful scenery. The mini railway runs on the first and third Sunday of each month (except during fire season). If you are looking at taking the kids to meet some furry animals, the world's oldest emu farm and a number of cuddly animal attractions and a fairytale farm are all close by.

Overlooking the town, Pelham Lookout is a peaceful place to observe the landscape and the stars, with a number of walk tracks that you can explore day and night. The Avon River also offers a magical location to take in the scenery and look at the stars – Millard's Pool and Red Bank Pool, along the Bilya Walk Track are both ideally-located to admire both the sky and the river together.

A number of motels and hotels, historically-renovated hotels, bed-and-breakfasts, and self-contained accommodation options are dotted around Toodyay. Caravanning and camping are also popular within the township, with two parks available.



# DISCOVER York



## A small country town with a big history

Located 97km east of Perth city, the township of York is listed as a National Heritage Precinct due to it being home to a number of historically-significant buildings. The town's natural stone masonry pubs, pediments a-top buildings, and century-old manors tell stories of times gone by. It is a town rich in history, arts and culture.

Make your first stop the York Town Hall, constructed in 1911, and home to the York Visitor Centre. The building showcases the ambitious plans settlers had for the town, with its sweeping jarrah staircase, pressed tin ceilings, and ornate column pillars. It was designed to be large enough to generate income from travelling picture-shows, but with the start of the First World War priorities changed and York never recovered the same confidence expressed in the Town Hall's construction.

Tours of York Town Hall run regularly and take you on a journey through the days of its prosperous history, including tragic tales of the spooky 'permanent residents' that linger, and into spaces that are not generally available for public access. The team at the Visitor Centre within can tailor other tours, and also recommend eateries, attractions and accommodation options to suit your time and budget, helping you get the best York experience possible.

Further along the Terrace you will discover the York Motor Museum – the only community-owned-and-operated motor museum in Australia. The museum really brings motoring history to life and houses WA's largest private car collection and motoring memorabilia, with vintage, veteran, and classic cars, plus motorcycles.

To continue the trip back to vintage times, stop in at Penny Farthing Sweets, an eclectic collection of boiled sweets and chocolate treats from across the globe. Then visit the Courthouse Complex and Gaol – a poignant reminder of York's convict past and policing in the mid 1800's. The complex includes a cell block, exercise yard, troopers' cottage, and two courtrooms that were used until 1896. Today the complex showcases an extensive array of contemporary and traditional Aboriginal art and artisan products. Regular 'Trooper Tours' are also available throughout the year.

A stroll to follow one of the town's historic walk trails will uncover more of its wonderful attractions and interesting history. The Grand Designs Walk focuses on York's founding families and iconic buildings dotted along Avon Terrace.

Whereas the Hidden Gems Walk Tour reveals the undiscovered jewels of York's side streets and iconic suspension bridge. To follow in the footsteps of York's convicts and those who lived here in the convict era, check out the Convicts and Crossings Walk.

Complementing York's built heritage is its natural attractions of sweeping canola fields, golden farmlands, bush trails, orchid reserves, and wildflower hotspots. Take some time to self-drive the area from the hamlet town of Greenhills and its heritage trails through to White Gum Air Park with its gyrocopters and Boeing aeroplanes, or simply watch the sun set over the town atop the beautiful Wongborel / Mount Brown. At 342m above sea level, and two minutes' drive from the town centre, the lookout is accessible by car, or by foot for the more energetic. Pack a picnic, order a share plate



*All year round, York hides a trail of tiny doors created for big imaginations, inviting visitors to discover York in a charming and creative way. With themes being added and moved each season to keep tiny hunters guessing what and where will pop-up next. York's Play Trail in another engaging scavenger hunt and is accessible via the Nature Play app. To find out more head to the Visitor Centre in town or online.*

from town, or use the free gas barbecue to cook up your sunset meal. Mount Brown regularly has wallabies and kangaroos wandering the walk trails. In spring, carpets of everlasting wildflowers appear amongst the rocky outcrops.

For nature lovers, York's birdlife is plentiful, both along the river and within its nature reserves. Wandoo National Park offers a 2WD-accessible bird hide from September to November. Mokine Reserve, Wallaby Hills and Golf Links Walk offer the perfect opportunity to view Cowslip and Donkey Orchids, as well as Cats Paws, coneflowers, and more.

For the young or young at heart, Avon Park, nestled on the banks of the Avon River offers a perfect picnic spot with free gas barbecues, shaded picnic tables, grassed areas and trees. Kids will love the newly-established skate park, Nature Play playground and York's original swinging bridge. The bridge first opened in 1888 after petitioning from residents for a footbridge, but in 1896 the bridge was lengthened and moved to its current position. It has been rebuilt many times since due to damage from flood waters.

Further up the Avon River, Gwanbygine Park, is the perfect location for stargazing. Mount Brown, Talbot Reserve and Greenhills are also popular hotspots, each offering low light pollution, plenty of parking, and wide-open spaces to marvel at the Milky Way spread across the sky.

A large number of artists, authors, growers and collectives also call York home, so it is no surprise that the town is teeming with artisan products, galleries, emporiums and collectives that showcase the town's people and their artistry. Browse the Flour Mill Emporium, purveyors of eclectic and quirky finds, or support the Good Life Store's vision of a waste-free world by pouring your own jar of honey. Enjoy a nourish bowl from Gather York, packed with locally-grown and sourced ingredients, and pop into Gallery 152, a great place to discover a striking piece of art.

York is renowned for its annual festivals program. From motorcycle festivals that encourage visitors to ride York's back roads, as well as annual cycle, mountain bike and downhill events, to its internationally-recognised York Festival full of authors, artists, eclectics, and musicians, York's calendar of events speaks to its people, place and stories, drawing thousands of visitors to its heart year-round.

The town's range of accommodation is as expansive as its history with over 350 accommodation beds including family cottages and farm stays, well-appointed guest houses and self-contained accommodation, restored manors filled with nostalgia and luxury, and share facilities and free RV parking alongside the Avon River. York prides itself on offering respite for all ages and budgets.





# Events & Useful Information

## **An eventful excuse to explore**

The Avon Valley is host to a fantastic range of festivals and events the whole year round which make great reasons to visit. Antique fairs, bush poetry events, racing days, sporting events, a Medieval Fayre, vintage car rallies, flower shows, farmers markets, and the famous Avon Descent bring this charming region to life.

## **The Avon Descent**

The Avon Descent is one of WA's most iconic and longest-running multisport races and is held annually during August. In this two-day 124km adventure river race from Northam to Bayswater, solo, double and relay team participants race powerboats, kayaks, skis and SUP's. During the weekend, spectators get to enjoy all the white-water action from the riverbank at Family Fun Days in Northam and Toodyay.



## Beverley

Easter is a wonderful time to visit Beverley with Easter Markets and an Easter Art Exhibition, displaying over 400 artworks from renowned artists from all over Western Australia.

The Beverley Agricultural Show is an annual event held on the third Saturday in August and attracts more than 3,000 visitors to Beverley. It is a fun-filled, family event with a sideshow alley, exhibition sheds, animals, equestrian displays, and fireworks.

The Beverley Rose Show, hosted every October, and is a fragrant and colourful annual event showcasing the best blooms in Beverley. Gold coin donations are taken at the door with raffles, pop-up stores, and Devonshire Teas on offer.

## Goomalling

The Mother's Day Markets is a Goomalling annual event that is both unique and wholesome. A range of local stall-holders make their way to the town, showcasing artisan products and local crafts – a perfect way to spend the morning.

Goomalling's Harvest Festival in October celebrates all things Goomalling and is a great reason to visit. With family fun, food trucks, art competitions, stalls, and other activities, there is plenty to enjoy and celebrate.

## Northam

The Avon Descent August weekend kicks off every year on the Friday evening with the Northam Bilya River Festival. The action begins at midday when attendees can witness a steady stream of watercraft pass through Bernard Park as entrants register for the race. A themed community float parade starts the evening's festivities, followed by a blessing of the river to welcome the coming race. It's a unique way to highlight the importance of the Avon River in Aboriginal culture as well as celebrating the start of one of Australia's most exciting river-based events. The festival includes fun family entertainment, a sideshow alley, and live performances throughout the evening.

Northam Farmers Show in spring is a family-friendly show filled with rides, food, entertainment, animals, and more. It offers the opportunity to immerse yourself in a country glow during the day then stay late to watch the spectacular fireworks display.

October's Northam Cup is the major of five weekend race meetings held throughout the year at Northam Race Club, with family-friendly activities, fashions-on-the-field, and live music.

## Toodyay

May brings the annual Moondyne Festival, where the legend of Moondyne Joe, the Avon Valley's legendary bushranger transforms the town of Toodyay with an all-day festival with re-enactments of Moondyne's various escapades through the town, his arrests and mock trials. There's also a street theatre, colonial village, entertainment, artisan and heritage crafts, and food stalls – lots of fun for everyone.

The Toodyay International Food Festival occurs during the Avon Descent in August, allowing you to nibble on a range of tasty morsels while watching the thrills and spills from the riverbanks. Mouth-watering international cuisine and sweet treats are available from dozens of stalls accompanied by live music, kids' activities, and more.

Every October the Toodyay Agricultural Show offers up an authentic country experience. Providing a forum for local businesses and producers to showcase their cattle, sheep, goats, home products, and more. You can explore and enjoy unique exhibits, crafters, market stalls, and an extensive entertainment program, whilst kids are catered for in a sideshow alley. Stay overnight to be delighted by the fireworks display, always popular with the young and young at heart.

## York

York Motorcycle Festival in April is a free and family-oriented event featuring motorbike stunt shows, live music, trade displays, vintage markets, and kids' activities. A charity ride is the highlight of the festival, starting from Perth city and ending in York, incorporating a number of back road rides across the two-day event.

YORKids welcomes young people and their families over the WA Day long weekend each year. From magic shows and tiny door discoveries to roving bands, slapstick comedy and camel rides.

The York Festival, is an annual two-week arts festival that takes place in spring. Featuring arts and crafts, dance, theatre, music, storytelling, and family activities, the event celebrates community and creativity, and invites visitors to stay, play and explore York.

# Regular Events

Beverley Community Market – 1st Saturday of the month

Northam Lions Markets – 1st Saturday of the month

Toodyay Farmers Markets – 3rd Sunday of the month

Toodyay Miniature Railway – 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

York Peace Park Markets – 2nd Saturday of the month

# Getting to the Avon Valley

## By train

The AvonLink train operates five return services per week between Midland and Northam (via Toodyay), and the MerredinLink train operates three return services per week between East Perth and Merredin. Their trains are spacious, air-conditioned, fully-accessible, and include free Wi-Fi and access to power-points, making it a convenient choice of transport.

## Visitor Centres

### Beverley

Located in the heart of town and stocking an array of visitor guides, Beverley mementos, gifts, fresh coffee beans, and many locally-made products. There is also a wonderful and interactive aeronautical display of the Silver Centenary bi-plane to discover.

141 Vincent Street  
Beverley WA 6304

### Goomalling

Located along Goomalling's main strip, this small visitor centre is inside the town's mid-century Shire building. With plenty of brochures on display and knowledgeable team members available to help you make the most of your time in the Avon Valley.

32 Quinlan Street  
Goomalling, WA, 6460

## By car

Heading east out of the centre of Perth, you can reach the Avon Valley via multiple major highways and through beautiful countryside within 90 minutes.

### Northam

An accredited visitor centre offering a one-stop-shop of information provided by local experts. Stock up on maps, gather ideas on the best things to see and do, and book tours and/or accommodation.

2 Grey Street  
Northam WA 6401

### Toodyay

An accredited visitor centre filled with information to plan your trip to Toodyay and the Avon Valley with brochures, local produce, souvenirs and gifts on offer. Friendly team members are on-hand for recommendations and information on accommodation, events, attractions, dining options, and more.

7 Piesse Street  
Toodyay WA 6566

### York

The majestic York Town Hall houses this visitor centre which provides expertise, local knowledge, festival information and experiences. Services and facilities include destination brochures, tour bookings, seasonal information, local supplier information, produce and gifts, free WIFI and public amenities.

81 Avon Terrace  
York WA 6302



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AGENDA FOR ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, 21 DECEMBER 2022



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