



Shire of Goomalling



Newsletter

Summer 2013/2014

Xmas Rubbish Collection

It is advised that notice has been received from Avon Waste that rubbish collection during the Christmas week will be collected on Thursday 26th December, not Wednesday 25th.

All services will be as normal for the New Year Week.

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Annual Electors Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Goomalling will be held in the Goomalling Sports Pavilion on Wednesday 18th December 2013 commencing at 7:30 pm.

Business:

1. President's Welcome and Submissions of Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of previous Meeting – Wednesday 18th April 2012.
3. Receiving the 2011/2012 Annual Financial Statements
4. Receiving of the Annual Report incorporating:
 - President's Report
 - Annual Financial Report
 - Chief Executive Officer's Report
 - Auditor's Report
5. Dealing with any Business.

Cr Doug Sewell
Shire President
Shire of Goomalling

Copies of the 2011/2012 Annual Financial Statements are available from the Shire Office during office hours Monday to Friday from 8.00 am – 4.30 pm.



From the Shire President

On behalf of the Council I would like to extend festive wishes to you and your family for a wonderful Christmas and all the best for 2014.

Another successful year has passed us by at the Shire of Goomalling and we look forward to bigger and better things again next year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the two newest members to Council following the Extraordinary Elections Cr Christie Kingston and Cr Geoff Romero, we hope your time on Council is rewarding.

Please drive safe and take care over the holiday season, we look forward to working with you again in 2014.

Cr Doug Sewell, Shire President

From the CEO

As reported in the September 2013 edition of Council's Newsletter, Council continues to build on its strengths where the Shire of Goomalling was ranked No. 1 Local Government Authority in Australia in the categories of economic fundamentals and Value of Building approvals per capita, it is therefore very pleasing to report that Council has now received approval of its successful grant application of \$900,000 approximately to construct four (4) aged care independent living units in the Goomalling Townsite. Goomalling's submission was part of the AROC regional submission to construct ILU's in the Shires of Goomalling, Toodyay and Victoria Plains. It is anticipated that the units will be completed in early 2015.

Council reiterated its unanimous stance to strongly oppose any decision by the State Government to force local government amalgamations in rural WA, as Council continues to build its strength in sound financial performances, strong asset base and solid standing as a leading local government in Australia as stated by the report prepared by Regional Australia Institute in July 2013.

On behalf of all my staff, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Festive New Year and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Clem Kerp, CEO

Christmas Closures

SHIRE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

The Shire of Goomalling Administration Office will be closing at 4.00pm on Monday 23rd December 2013 and will not re-open until Thursday 2nd January 2014 at 8.30am.

GOOMALLING MEDICAL SURGERY

The Medical Surgery will be closing at 1.00pm on Tuesday 24th December 2013 and will re-open at 9.00am on Monday 30th December 2013.

The Surgery will also be closed Wednesday 1st January 2014 and normal hours will resume thereafter.

GOOMALLING GYM

The Goomalling Gym will be closed from Tuesday 24th December 2013 and will not re-open until Monday 6th January 2014.

GOOMALLING SWIMMING POOL

The pool will be CLOSED on Christmas Day, however, if weather permits, will be open on Boxing Day from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. The pool will be open on New Years Day.

GOOMALLING REFUSE TIP

The Tip will be CLOSED on Christmas Day, however will be open on New Years Day.



'LocalEye' App for local events

We are proud to introduce a new technological development from the Western Australian Local Government Association called 'LocalEye'. The application is available from iTunes and is a tool for community members to research facilities and events in their local communities.

The application allows persons to register their local council as well as view other Local Government facilities and events they're visiting through satellite technology.

To register your event email goshire@goomalling.wa.gov.au.

If you have any queries regarding any aspect of the above please do not hesitate to contact Tahnee Bird.

Council Meetings 2014

For Public Information, the following is the schedule of Ordinary Meetings of the Goomalling Shire Council to be held in the Goomalling Shire Council Chambers, 32 Quinlan Street, Goomalling commencing at 10.15am:

Wednesday 5th February 2014
 Wednesday 19th March 2014
 Wednesday 16th April 2014
 Wednesday 21st May 2014
 (Late start at 1.00pm)
 Wednesday 18th June 2014
 (Late start at 1.00pm)
 Wednesday 16th July 2014
 Wednesday 20th August 2014
 Wednesday 17th September 2014
 Wednesday 15th October 2014
 Wednesday 19th November 2014
 (Late start at 1.00pm)
 Wednesday 17th December 2014
 (Late start at 1.00pm)

Commencement and public question time is 10.15am. May, June, November and December Meetings commencement and public question time is 1.00pm.

Fire Brigade/Fire Fighting Membership Forms

Are you an active Fire Fighter attending bush fires on your own property or a neighbours etc.? We need you to register your details with the Department Fire and Emergency Services so that you are fully covered by insurance in the case of attending a fire.

It is extremely important that you are registered correctly. Please contact Jess or Tahnee at the Shire Office to find out if you are already correctly registered or to obtain the correct form to be added to the membership list.

Reporting Fires to '000'

This is an important reminder to the residents of the Shire that if you see smoke or fire that it's very critical that you first ring "000" and not the local captain or fire control officer.

By ringing "000" first this will alert all of the required agencies and personnel that a fire may be in the area, this process may be hindered if the appropriate action of dialling "000" first is not followed.

So please ring "000" for any emergency and provide as much precise detail as you can and stay safe this fire season!

Slater Homestead Closure over Christmas/New Year

It is advised that the Slater Homestead will be closed from December through to the end of February.

The Slater Homestead Group look forward to welcoming you again from March 2014.

New Cat Laws

From the 1st November 2013, a new Law was passed that by the time a cat reaches six months of age, it is a requirement that the cat is registered with the local government where the cat ordinarily lives. They are also now required to be micro-chipped and sterilised and are to be registered at the same cost as registering a dog.

For more information please call us on 9629 1101.

New Microchipping Laws for Dogs

From the 1st November 2013 new Laws were passed that now require all dogs are to be micro-chipped before registration, from 3 months of age.

All dogs that are currently already licenced have to be, if not already, micro-chipped by October 2015. If your dog is already micro-chipped, you need to advise the Shire of the number and provide a copy of the documentation if possible, otherwise a declaration needs to be made for recording on your dogs registration details.

Knick Knacks is Moving!

The Op Shop is moving to a larger premises.

The old Butcher Shop (APB office) which is the building west of RB Motors will be the new home of Knick Knacks Op Shop.

The current Knick Knacks Op-Shop will close on the Saturday 21st December 2013 and the new shop will open in early February.

Our last funding allocation was \$5,000 to the Mortlock Sports Council.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the running of the shop so we can maximise the return to the community. Please phone Andrea 0400 495 173 if you are able to assist.



Recent Parvo Disease Outbreak in Dogs

Dog owners are asked to be diligent with their dogs as there have been recent cases of Parvo disease spreading around Goomalling and taking the lives of puppies.

The disease is called canine Parvovirus or more commonly known as Parvo, within our shire we have had 6 cases of Parvo and the result has been death.

There are two forms of Parvo, cardiac and intestinal, cardiac form is less common and affects puppies infected in the uterus shortly after birth until about 8 weeks of age. The virus attacks the heart muscle and the puppy often dies suddenly or after a brief period of breathing difficulty. Intestinal form is where the pup is infected through oral contact with feces or infected soil. Following the ingestion the virus replicates the tissue in the throat and then spreads to the bloodstream. From there, the virus attacks rapidly dividing the cells. The virus is usually more deadly if the host is incorrectly infested with worms and other intestinal parasites.

Survival rate depends on how quickly the virus is diagnosed, the age of the dog and how aggressive the treatment is.

Treatment usually involves extensive hospitalisation, due to the severe dehydration and damage to the intestines and bone marrow. A test should be given as early as possible if CPV is suspected in order to begin early treatment and increase survival rate.

Contact your Vet if you notice any symptoms with your dog.

Anzac Day 2014 Post War Ball



Australia Day Breakfast 2014



Australia Day

Celebrate
what's
great!

Goomalling & Districts
Community Bank® Branch



Sunday 26 January 2014

FULL COOKED BREAKFAST

By Goomalling Lions Club

From 7.00-9.00am

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION AWARDS PRESENTATION

Goomalling Sports Pavilion



**Goomalling
Gumnuts**

Open Monday – Thursday
8.00am – 5.30pm
Friday 8.00am – 3.15pm
Laugh, Play, Learn



Cnr Hoddy & Quilan St, Goomalling
T: 08 9629 1188
Email: admin.gumnutsinc@bigpond.com

Goomalling Neighbourhood Watch

Next Meeting will be held Monday 16th
December 2013 at 6.30pm,
Goomalling Shire Council Chamber.

Anyone is welcome regarding any
issue whatsoever.

Clem Kerp, Coordinator

Dance Classes

We are investigating the possibility of holding dance classes for a 6 week period over March and April 2014, leading up to the Anzac Day Ball. If you would like to register your interest, please contact Tahnee on goshire@goomalling.wa.gov.au or Andrea cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au or by phoning 9629 1101.

Swimming Pool Hours

Monday to Friday

General Public: 1.30pm to 6.00pm

Lap Swimming: 6.00pm to 6.30pm

Mondays during School Term:

General Public: 1.30 to 3.45pm

Swimming Club only 3.45pm to 5.00

Saturday & Sunday

General Public: 1.30pm to 6.30 pm

No lap swimming

Vac Swim lessons will take place from 20 to 24th December, this may affect afternoon opening times. See the board at pool for more information.

Slater Homestead

Open Friday - Sunday
10am - 4pm



The historic homestead has undergone some restorations and improvements and is now again open to the public. It is also the setting for two stunning photographic exhibitions: the 'Australian Creatures Gallery' and 'Goomalling through the eyes of others'

Harvest & Total Movement Bans 2013-2014 Season

Monday to Friday - All Season

It is advised that Harvest Bans will be imposed by the Shire of Goomalling and notifications will take place as follows:

- SMS to registered mobile numbers
- Email/fax to registered contacts
- Broadcast over ABC Geraldton & Perth, Radiowest & Hot FM

Saturday & Sundays BEFORE Christmas

It is advised that Harvest Bans will be imposed by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and notifications will be administered by the Shire of Goomalling and will take place as follows:

- SMS to registered mobile numbers
- Email to registered contacts
- Broadcast over ABC Geraldton & Perth, Radiowest & Hot FM

Saturday & Sundays AFTER Christmas

It is advised that Harvest Bans will be imposed when the Bureau of Meteorology has issued the Fire Weather Forecasts as follows:

**Very High, Extreme, Severe & Catastrophic Fire
Danger**

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**Automatic Harvest/Movement of Vehicle Ban
Ban will remain in place for the respective day to
6.00pm**

Weather forecasts can be obtained from the Bureau of Meteorology on 9263 2260 between 6.00am and 4.15pm 7 days a week. Outside hours contact 9263 2258 (24 hours) or visit the website www.bom.gov.au.

Public Holidays - HARVESTING NOT PERMITTED

It is advised that Harvesting is NOT PERMITTED on the following days:

**Christmas Day – Wednesday 25 December 2013
Boxing Day - Thursday 26 December 2013
New Years Day – Wednesday 1 January 2014**

Should there be any changes to the above dates, they will be published in Councils December Newsletter as well as the Goomalling Endeavour Newspaper in early December.

Normal procedures will resume for Friday 27 December, Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st December with notifications being sent out by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer should a harvest ban be imposed.

Harvesting is permitted on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th December 2013 subject to the fire weather forecast being HIGH or lower. A Harvest Ban will be imposed automatically when the Bureau of Meteorology has issued the Fire Weather Forecasts as follows for the Avon Region (Shire of Goomalling):

**Very High, Extreme, Severe & Catastrophic Fire
Danger**

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**Automatic Harvest/Movement of Vehicle Ban
Ban will remain in place for the day to 7.00pm**

Notification will not be provided on these 2 days, therefore farmers need to be aware of up-to-date weather conditions throughout these days. It is also reminded that as this is the holiday period, our emergency service volunteer numbers will be limited.

Please contact the Shire Office for further information on any of the above.

Clem Kerp, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ph: 9629 1101 Fax: 9629 1017

Email: goshire@goomalling.wa.gov.au

Burning Permits

Burning is prohibited from the 1st November 2013 to 14th February 2014 and once again Bush Fire Permits will be issued for restricted burning from the 15th February until the 29th March 2014, subject to further extensions if required. In the past, Council has extended the restricted burning season by 2 lots of 2 weeks which will take the season end from the 29th March to the 26th April.

Everyone should have received a Fire Prevention Checklist with their rates this year. This checklist includes a lot of very valuable information regarding firebreak requirements and information on burning of garden refuse and rubbish.

If ever you are unsure or would like any further clarification, please don't hesitate to contact the Shire Office.

Dates for your diary: everyone is welcome!

- 14 December** **Car Boot Sale – Railway Station Precinct, 10.00am to 1.00pm**
Goomalling Youth Group Car Boot Sale. Sausage sizzle, Devonshire Tea, kids entertainment. Proceeds to the Goomalling Youth Group. Contact Regina 0409 889 828.
- 18 December** **Annual General Meeting of Electors – Sports Pavilion, 7.30pm**
Annual Electors Meeting at the Sports Pavilion Contact the Shire for more information or to obtain a copy of the 2011/2012 Annual Financial Statements.
- 21 December** **Goomalling CRC Christmas Tree – Sports Pavilion**
Registrations close Friday 6th December 2013 at the Goomalling CRC. Hamburgers and Platters for 2 can be ordered through the CRC on 9629 1570 or Jess Wilkes jesswilkes@bigpond.com. Children received a free sausage sizzle with their registration.
- 22 December** **Konnongorring Tennis Club Michelle Bynon Memorial & Christmas BBQ - Konnongorring Tennis Courts , 5.30pm**
Bring along your own meat, beverages and a salad to share... Relax, unwind and be Merry. !!!! There will be a donation tin to raise funds for Cancer as it is the Michelle Bynon Memorial Day. Everyone welcome!
Contact Margaret Davey 08 96201 245
- 24 December to 1 January** **Shire of Goomalling Administration Office Christmas closure**
The Office will be closed for 7 business days during the Christmas/New Year Period, from 4.00pm on Monday 23rd December 2013 and will re-open at 8.30am on Thursday 2nd January 2014.
- 26 December** **Rubbish Collection – Thursday 26th December (not Wednesday 25th!)**
Reminder that rubbish collection will not occur on Christmas Day, but will be collected on Boxing Day, Thursday 26th December.



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Open 8.30am-4pm Mon-Thu &
8.30am-4.30pm Fri

W: www.goomalling.wa.gov.au &
www.visitgoomalling.wa.gov.au

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Contact details for Shire of Goomalling staff

Got a question about...	Then contact...	
Admin and Finance	Shire staff	(08) 9629 1101
Caravan Park	Fred and Verna Neervoort	(08) 9629 1183 caravanpark@goomalling.wa.gov.au
Community Development	Andrea Hardingham	cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au
Community Emergency Services	Corry Munson	cesm@toodyay.wa.gov.au 0458 042 104
Environmental Health and Building	Linton Thomas	eho@goomalling.wa.gov.au buildinghealthwa@yahoo.com.au
Gym	Monique Bohling	0428 772 014
Plumbing / Gas Fitting	Chris Hazell	0428 291 102
Ranger (including snake removal)	Clinton Verner	0488 046 827
Shire Websites	Karen Smith	web@goomalling.wa.gov.au
Sport and Recreation	Jo Buegge	avonbeactive@goomalling.wa.gov.au
Works	Russell Beck	works@goomalling.wa.gov.au