

Shire of Goomalling



Newsletter

The holidays are here.



Shire President, Councillors and Staff wish you and your family a happy and safe festive season and look forward to seeing you all again in 2016.

December | Summer 2015/2016

PAYMENTS BY DIRECT DEBIT

Please ensure you use the appropriate reference on internet banking transfers to ensure your payment is allocated correctly. For debtors use the **Debtor Code** and for Rates payments the **Assessment Number**, both are located on the top right hand corner of the invoices/notices.

For more information please contact finance officer Trudi Manera on 08 9629 1101.

Christmas Closures

Shire Administration Office

Close	23 December 2015, 4.00pm
Reopen	4 January 2016, 8.00am

Shire Works Crew

Close	18 December 2015, 12.00noon
Reopen	27 January 2016, 7.00am

Tip – *Closed Christmas Day only*

Swimming Pool

Closed	Christmas Day
Closed	Boxing Day

Normal opening hours will commence from 27th December including New Years day.

Medical Surgery

Close	23 December 2015, 5.00pm
Reopen	4 January 2016, 9.00am

Gym

Close	24 December 2015
Reopen	4 January 2016

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From the Shire President

Congratulations to our new Councillors Joe Bowen and Dallas Phillips the first indigenous Councillor in Goomalling's history, we wish you all the best and look forward to progressing initiatives to make Goomalling the best place to visit, work and live.

Thank you to Doug Sewell for the past eighteen (18) years as a Councillor including the last two (2) years as President; and Margaret Davey for her past twenty one (21) years on Council we are all grateful for your commitment to Council.

Councillors are working hard to achieve the outcomes its stakeholders expect, guided by our Integrative Plans. We are continuing to be transparent and communicate as effectively as we can and we would love to hear your feedback regarding Council's projects that we have planned.

I express sincere gratitude to our volunteer emergency services personnel, Lions Club and other community groups for their dedication to the community during the year. Thank you to the Wheatbelt Workcamp for their significant time invested in our community projects – a lot of these developments wouldn't be achieved without their contribution.

Congratulations to the hockey club for raising \$30,000.00 to erect the new hockey shed and retaining wall creating a beautiful facility.

Finally congratulations to all the newly built home owners, it's great to see more people choosing to invest in Goomalling and make it their home.

Drive safely over the festive season and come back refreshed for 2016.

Cr Barry Haywood, Shire President



From the CEO

2015 saw the fruits of our labour with the completion of some massive projects including the Goomalling Sport & Community Centre thanks to the assistance of Mortlock Sports Council for the past eight (8) years.

We also formed a valuable partnership with Wheatbelt Workcamp (WWC) for various community projects whereby community groups provide the necessary materials and WWC provide the labour for free. Goomalling Ladies Hockey Club jumped at the initiative and was able to erect a new shed with a terraced finish and saved approximately \$30,000.00 in labour costs. Other projects WWC has assisted with include (not limited to):

- Caravan Park Ablutions & Clean-up
- Painting Konnongorring Hall
- Slater Homestead various works
- Sorting Resources at Goomalling Tip for Tip Shop
- Railway Corridor Garden
- ANZAC Day Ball decorating & clean-up
- Clean-up/Debris Clearance Youth Precinct

Clem Kerp, CEO

Community Compost?

Did you know that 40% of household rubbish is **food** and Australians throw away a massive \$8 Billion dollars (or 4,000,000 Tonnes) of edible food every year.

Do you think we would benefit from a community compost facility?

It ticks the box towards our ZERO WASTE community as outlined in our Strategic Community Plan.

Contact community development staff to submit your thoughts via email: cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au.

What would make Goomalling a better place???

Shire staff are always working hard for the community to make it a better place to visit, work and live. But we want to know what you think would make Goomalling better.

Feel free to give us some feedback any time. If you have some ideas please email Tahnee on eaceo@goomalling.wa.gov.au

Aged Friendly Housing for Non-Concessional Holders!

Council is expecting construction of the four (4) new 2 x 1 aged friendly homes to commence 2016/2017 financial year.

The houses will be age friendly with a seven (7) star Eco-rating, persons 65+ will be invited to apply for a "Lease for Life" or ordinary rental arrangement.

Council's initiative is to accommodate local people who do not qualify for the current aged housing due to high asset ratios. It will enable people to stay in Goomalling longer in their own home with the benefit of reducing hazards present in ordinary builds.

Tree Removal – Reiterated

Conserving our natural environment is important to us, and removing trees is not taken lightly. Council seeks advice from Wheatbelt NRM and Greening Australia to not only ensure the longevity of our natural assets but to improve them.

Whilst trees are extremely important for our survival having trees outside of their natural environment can impinge other native plants. In the case of river gums, they will steal water from native plants impacting on the ecosystem.

Goomalling Recreation Ground

A number of river gums have been removed from the recreation ground along Hoddy Street and Quinlan Street; as the name suggests 'river gums' are not suitable for barren land nor are they native to Goomalling, because they naturally grow near water bodies and require a large amount of water. Our river gums were located in an area where water doesn't lie and their roots were expanding in search of the water. The result of the dehydrated roots is undulations in Hoddy Street which is the access road to both schools, and possible disruptions to the new bowls playing surface hence their removal.

Heavy Vehicle Permits

CLASS 2, 3 & 4 NETWORKS TRAVERSING ON LOCAL ROADS TO BE ENDORSED BY COUNCIL

It has come to our attention that a number of pocket road train owners are traversing within the Shire without a current Council endorsed permit. If you hold a Main Roads WA permit you are still required to obtain a permit from Council to transverse on *local roads*.

Permits will not be valid unless a receipt for the appropriate amount is attached.

Council will be redeveloping the recreation ground to incorporate more trees and native plants that are suitable to urban spaces and less invasive on our infrastructure.

Berring Road

The west end boundary of Berring East Road was identified as a Blackspot, endorsed by Main Roads WA and funded by the State Black Spot Road funding. The assessment resulted in the closure of the west end access to Berring East Road from Goomalling-Merredin Road.

As a consequence of this road closure Berring Road has to be widened to accommodate large vehicles that traverse on Berring & Berring East Road. Department of Environment & Conservation issued Council with a permit to clear native vegetation on Berring Road. Council will be replanting one row of native trees along the closed portion of Berring East Road and leave two access ways either side for Telstra and Water Corporation who have cables and water pipeline along that road.

Youth Friendly Communities

Council has applied for a grant through Department of Local Government and Communities for funds to facilitate engagement of people in the community in order to Goomalling more youth friendly. We are looking for community members to participate in the process and contribute ideas to the project. Contact Community Development Officers Tahnee (goshire@goomalling.wa.gov.au) or Andrea (cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au) to register your interest.

Cat & Dog Registrations

Cats

Since 1 November 2013 all domestic cats over 6 months of age must be registered. To help identify an owned cat, it needs to wear a collar and registration tag.

They are also required to be micro-chipped and sterilised and are to be registered at the same cost as dogs. When registering your cat, make sure you have their microchip and sterilisation certificates.

Forms and fees are available at the Shire office and on our website www.goomalling.wa.gov.au/cat-and-dog-registrations.aspx

Dogs

From 1 November 2015 all dogs need to be registered *and micro-chipped* from the age of 3 months.

When your dog is micro-chipped, you need to advise the Shire of the number and provide a copy of the documentation.

The limit on the number of dogs which may be kept on any premises is

- 2 dogs over the age of 3 months and the young of those dogs under that age if the premises are situated *within* a townsite;
- or 4 dogs over the age of 3 months and the young of those dogs under that age if the premises are situated *outside* a townsite.

Registration fees

	1 year	3 years	Life
Sterilised	\$20	\$42.50	\$100
Unsterilised	\$50	\$120	\$250

Discounts

- 50% discount for pension card holders
- 75% discount for working dogs

Community Development Officer Update

Goomalling Native Camping Reserve Conservation Project



We are progressing development of the old “Native Camping Ground” on behalf of Koomal Aboriginal Committee to create a space for them to have a yarn, reconnect with the land and the spirits of their ancestors.

If you have driven past the site lately you will see the beautiful new shelter funded by Lotterywest and erected by Chattaway’s Engineering. The shelter was christened following the gratitude ceremony for Mrs Carmel Baird Wednesday 4th November 2015.

The project is long term and the vision for the site is to share the history of Koomal Boodjar and create greater understanding between nyongar’s and wadjela’s through storytelling, visuals and walking trails.

Onelife Youth Resilience Camp

Three nights with a group of teenagers, most people would say we are crazy...Well... to quote the mastery of Lewis Carroll "We're all mad here" is the closest thing to the truth. One week in October myself, Andrea Hardingham, Callum Cooper (Goomalling Police) and Anita Ryder travelled to Dwellingup to spend three (3) nights at Nanga Bush Camp where targeted young people would find their limitations and push passed them, escape their reality and realise their possibilities and to connect with other young people that they might ordinarily ignore.

Everyone was allocated duties; cleaning, food prep and cooking were all part of their skill building. They were tested on the abseiling and rock climbing walls

where some could overcome their fear whilst others succumbed to it. We practiced cooperation whilst rafting and rogaining (or as my group would call it, "getting lost but finding patience") and just connecting with nature which created a sense of peace that we can't always find at home.

Some of the young people exude leadership qualities, they just need the opportunity to share themselves, yes they will continue to make mistakes because that's a part of being young and finding your way in the world.

The camp was a great tool for community development staff and Goomalling Police to improve their relationships particularly with marginalised families.



Feedback from the kids was that they loved it, a few even adding skateboards to their Christmas wish list. It was a great opportunity to expose our community to a different form of physical activity; it will be great to see all the kids in action at the new youth facility ;)

Goomalling Tidy Towns Sustainable Community Committee

Recycling Debunked

Council is endeavouring to create a ZERO WASTE community and support initiatives to achieve that goal. There are some outstanding organisations that are integral in creating a Zero Waste Goomalling, we therefore would like to give a shout out and massive dose of gratitude to Goomalling Lions Club, Goomalling Reuse Centre-Tip Shop, Goomalling Op Shop and Regal & Rustic for their amazing contribution to our community.

A lot of items discarded as household rubbish are reusable resources and can be recycled, upcycled or reused.....

STEEL (TIN) CANS: There has been a lot of confusion surrounding "STEEL CANS" and whether or not they are recyclable ---- We are pleased to advise there is now a facility at the Goomalling Tip for STEEL CAN recycling, please ensure your items are cleaned thoroughly and labels removed before placing in the allocated bin.

Below is an outline of which organisation will accept what in the form of second hand and recyclable goods.

THE GOOMALLING REUSE CENTRE – TIP SHOP

The following items can be left at the Goomalling Reuse centre (at the Goomalling Tip – sea container).

They will be onsold and all income will be donated to the Goomalling community via various organisations, or used in the running of the Tip Shop.

The Tip Shop is run by volunteers and the only running costs will be improvements to the shop and necessary consumables such as stationery.

- Leather – rolls, skins, offcuts
- Metals – Punchouts, shelving brackets, sheets
- Visual merchandising – Mannequins, body shells, decorations, props, display items, corflute, signage and coloured contact



Sustainable Communities

- Netting and sun shade material
- Containers – plant pots and containers that cannot be recycled at Lions recycling depot.
- Plastics and foam – sheet Perspex, acetate, cut-outs, polypropylene, stencils, vinyl, O-rings, containers, neoprene, eva skins, stickybacks, closed cell foam
- Foam rubber
- Corks and bottle tops (must be clean and if metal, not rusted)
- Full sheets of MDF
- Doors
- Industrial offcuts
- Commercial overruns
- Bikes, bike parts, wheels, springs and interesting bits and pieces
- DIY materials – tools, fittings etc.
 - Building Materials – tiles, pavers, de-nailed timber, carpet, vinyl etc.
 - Paint: interior, exterior, art paint (must be in good condition and at least 25% full depending on size)
 - Wood & timber – interior/planed, flooring, spools, frames, plywood etc.
 - Rope, cord & twine
 - Catering and medical disposables (unused, no sharps)
 - Foils and films
 - Blank Media – CDs & CDRs and cases and damaged CD's and DVD's

- Some small furniture, furniture drawers, non-electrical with small amount of damage
- Anything unusual!

If you are unsure please call Peta Marrell on 0467895811.

A few of the things the tip shop can't take:

- Clothing
- Damaged MDF, Fibro, chipboard
- Bedding and mattresses
- Dirty or unsafe materials
- Household waste including steel cans
- Most household appliances
- Used computer peripherals such as used ink cartridges, toner etc
- Any **broken** glass, dishware, ceramics, mirrors
- Items that go to the Goomalling Op Shop
- Large furniture

OPSHOP

- Kitchen and household goods – non electrical
- Small furnishings eg. side tables, non-electrical
- Toys – in excellent condition please
- Wool, sewing items
- Ceramics & glassware – in excellent condition, new or used
- New or vintage clothing and accessories, including junk jewellery
- Stationery – pad paper, pens, pencils, folders, blank paper etc.
- Props and Costumes –theatre props, costumes, set pieces, wigs, fake jewellery etc.
- Vinyl records, CDs, DVDs, videos and electronic games – in good to excellent condition

- Books, comics and quality magazines – in good to excellent condition
- Haberdashery – Zippers, buttons, thread, belts, clips, shoulder pads, braid, ribbon
- Fabric & textiles – rolls, large pieces, swatches, sample books, stripping, felt, large fabric offcuts, dacron, wool

GOOMALLING LIONS RECYCLING DEPOT

- Newspapers and magazines
- Plastic – bags, bubble wrap, bottles and meat trays.
- Glass jars and bottles.
- Cardboard
- Shredded office paper
- Aluminium cans
- Vehicle batteries and radiators

Please contact retailer Regal & Rustic directly for what they will accept as they are targeting specific markets.

Railway Terrace Walking Trail

Extensions to the Railway Terrace walking trail are planned to include the passage between the existing trail and the Tourist Information Bay to provide a safe passage to the Railway Station.

The vision is to expand the walking trail to reach the end of Railway Terrace. We will have to come up with some creative ideas to fund the trail as the lease with Brookfield Rail has no permanency and can be revoked at any stage (not likely) and funders consider this an issue, any ideas would be welcome.

Goomalling Youth, Culture + Community Precinct

THE REVOLT

social evolution, love revolution

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KEEPING YOU INFORMED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GOOMALLING YOUTH, CULTURE & COMMUNITY PRECINCT! THE REVOLUTION IS COMING!

PROJECT BACKGROUND

"There is nothing for young people to do in town!"

Wheatbelt Development Commission's Wheatbelt Blue Print outlines Goomalling as one of few shires that are expecting population growth; however Australian Bureau of Statistics shows trends in our youth population severely declining between the age of 18-25 which can be attributed to the lack of youth services and employment opportunities.

Council and staff have spent the past two (2) years investigating opportunities and building relationships with young people to create a safe environment to relax, unwind and build capacity through skill building workshops and create possibilities for future employment.

Early 2015 we had a solid idea in place considering what was achievable and began seeking outside advice to progress the model that would work for the community. We engaged consultants to assist, initially a designer for the whole concept but found that engaging experts in individual elements was our best option.

The concept incorporates community parkland for family BBQ's and picnics, a Natureplay® (1-5yrs) playground, Adventure play (6-12yrs), ½ court basketball court, competition level street skate park and bowl, parkour, BMX Pocket park, shades, lighting, community garden, bush tucker garden, and a culture & visitors centre.

THE VISION

"Nirvana!"

To create a vibrant cohesive resilient community where all people are valued contributors, respected for their unique identity and share their skills to create thriving and empowered people.

Build relationships across all demographics in the community, creating opportunities for employment, enjoyment and personal development.

A "PLACE" to conserve, explore, celebrate and share who we are, what we do and where we live!

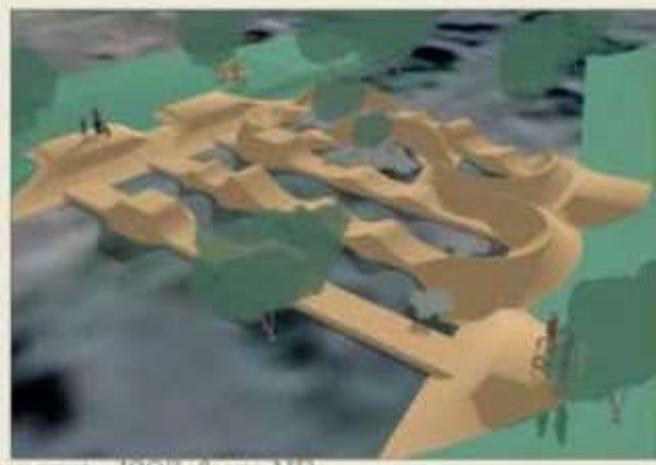
WHERE WE ARE AT?

The Skate Park and drop in centre are still in the planning stages but we are ready to wheel out the BMX track expecting to complete construction February 2016.

We have developed great networks and partnerships with lots of excited people wanting to be a part of the vision.



GOOMALLING YOUTH & CULTURAL PROJECT



Concept - ISO3, from NE

WHY AREN'T WE USING EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE?

The current infrastructure isn't appropriate nor does it meet the requirements of our business model. Investing Council's money to develop existing infrastructure would be a waste of resources due to a limited potential to support economic growth. It is also important that the young people have a sense of ownership over the space.

WHY THAT LOCATION?

Due to the nature of the project (size of land required) there were only a few sites for possible development. Communication was sent out to the community and the majority identified the recreation reserve next to the hockey field expanding the existing recreation ground as the best location.

This location has created an opportunity to create a space that our community doesn't have and the site has presented some unique possibilities.

SURVEILLANCE CONCERNs!

We definitely don't need a skate or BMX facility out of sight and out of mind which is the main driver of developing a youth drop in centre at the site to increase activity and passive surveillance.

Therefore the intention is to create a social space that

is appropriate for all.

HOW DOES THE PROJECT ALIGN WITH THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN?

Council's "Community Strategic Plan" was based on feedback from the community and adopted by Council in 2013 to achieve the vision and aspirations of our people for the next ten (10) years. Emergent themes that this project addresses are "strong sense of community and self-determination", "Lack of Opportunities to retain youth" and "Business opportunities, technology and transport".

Specific Outcomes that the project addresses are:

- S 1.3 *Identify and support a community organisation that has the ability to give local youth a voice on youth issues (short term)*
- S 1.5 *Expand the indigenous, cultural and social programs throughout the district (short term)*
- S 1.6 *Partner with the community to support the creation of community driven activity centres (short term)*
- S 2.7 *Provide an environment that enhances the growth, development and retention of youth (short term)*
- S 2.9 *Advocate for provision of educational services within the community (ongoing)*
- S 3.2 *Develop, maintain and support appropriate recreation facilities throughout the Shire (ongoing)*
- S 3.3 *Facilitate and develop a regional recreation facility in the town of Goomalling (medium term)*
- S 3.4 *Partner with stakeholders to achieve greater community participation in recreational facilities and services (short term)*
- E 2.1 *Advocate, promote and market the Shire as a place to live, work and visit (short term)*
- E 2.3 *Facilitate the development of tourism activities associated with the Shire's diverse natural, social and built heritage (medium term)*
- E 2.5 *Develop partnerships to actively support visitor growth (short term)*
- E 2.6 *Provide relevant tourist information and marketing services (short term)*
- E 2.7 *Support a coordinated approach for regional tourism promotion and management (medium term)*

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

1. Promotes healthy lifestyles, reducing the impact on our health system;
2. Encourages more young families to relocate or visit, increasing the local economy;
3. Supports upskilling & rehabilitation of prisoners;
4. Builds capacity in young people reducing reliance on government benefits;
5. Creates opportunity for new business in supporting services such as bike/skate boarding equipment and clothing sales;
6. Creates more volunteer opportunities;
7. Promotes Goomalling and the Wheatbelt Region for tourism;
8. Supports development of entrepreneurs through the art & cultural enterprises.

WHAT ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT?

Apart from the youth themselves, the environment has been one of our greatest considerations. There will be minimal impact on the existing trees, with all significant trees remaining on site in addition to revegetation and management of the site to encourage birds and other fauna to enjoy the surrounds.

Staff will be investigating sustainable alternatives; anything that reduces our footprint and can achieve our goals is a GREAT thing. We will be looking at sustainable energy, water harvesting and re-use and build with as much recycled materials as possible. Our young people are already motivated to create upcycled furniture for the space.

HOW WILL WE PAY FOR IT?

- National Stronger Regions Funding
- Corporate Sponsorship
- Donations to our Tax Deductible Project
<https://asf.org.au/make-donation/?pid=7884>
- Wheatbelt Workcamp Labour
- Goomalling Youth Group Fundraising
- Knick Knacks Opshop
- Lotterywest
- Shire in-kind – Project Management and Machinery
- Community Labour & Material Donations

To be clear our intention is that the facility will be FREE as far as cash contribution from Council is concerned, our contribution will be "labour for love" whilst the rest will come from grants and donations.

TIMELINE!

WDC Royalties for Regions Community Chest Funding - Planning	Apr 2015
Crime Prevention Funding (Internal Equipment only)	Nov 2015
Youth Centre Architect Plans (Maya Design) & Skatepark/Basketball, parkour, adventure play and nature play elements (Convic) (PRELIMINARY)	Nov 2015
Consultation Period (ongoing)	Dec 2015
NSRF Economic Modelling Training	Dec 2015
BMX Construction	Feb 2016
Natureplay® Conference	Feb 2016
Funding Applications	Mar 2016
Construction	Sep 2016

ONGOING MANAGEMENT

Staff is still in the process of developing the facility management plan, economic plan and life cycle plan however the intention is that Community Development staff will relocate to the centre to be more accessible to the community and manage the facility with no additional staff costs for Council.

We are investigating opportunities to employ trainees in the areas of tourism, culture & arts, retail, youth development and horticulture in order to up-skill our young people and succession plan for the management of the facility.

GETTING IT RIGHT!

A project of this scale is designed to put us on the map and defy expectations. The simple idea to have a BMX track and skate park is like a seed that has grown into this amazing recreational space (vessel for change). Conversations with community members, experts and designers have all played a role in the evolution of this project.

We are continuing to work on all the elements to make this project work, additionally writing plans and looking for programs to achieve our goals.

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

The park is designed for the entire community with a variety of elements to encourage cohesion and create an environment for everyone to share. The model includes recreation for people aged 0+ and be versatile for beginners to experts.

PRAISE!

Council has been commended for its initiative by the Wheatbelt Development Commission including staff members, Melissa Price and staff, Hon Mia Davies and Localise.

GET INVOLVED!

- Share your opinion
- Donate – Tax Deductible
- Pledge your time, machinery or materials (sand, gravel etc)
- Promote it!
- Share your skills
 - Carpentry
 - Welding
 - Tiling
 - Design – for seating, shelters, BBQ area, pizza oven, landscaping, Natureplay®, Interior Design

THE BIGGER PICTURE!

How does this project fit in with all Council's other projects and general operation?

It is intended that the capital cost will be totally funded by State and Federal Governments and other funding with maintenance the responsibility of Council which will be included in their annual budget; these associated costs are being investigated and will be included in the lifecycle planning.

Council is currently reviewing its outgoing expenses to action cost saving where viable in addition to investigating short term investments for long term financial sustainability.

For programs and events staff would be applying for various program specific funding including but not limited to:

- Department of Communities Youth Activities Grants
- Country Arts WA
- Crime Prevention Funding
- Mental Health Commission Funding

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - YOUTH MENTORS

Our local youth need you! A catch up, to share your skills or take them out. It can be a simple outing to a concert or a project like building upcycled furniture....

SPREAD THE LOVE!



COMING UP NEXT ISSUE.....

1. Elements Explained - Goals for each specific park element;
2. What we considered when planning the design layout;
3. Tell us what you want to know!

Searching for community, finding nirvana!

"In a nutshell, if you feel connected to friends, family and neighbours, with a strong sense of community, you're going to be healthier."

– Surround Health



3D View

This is preliminary plan based on what elements we want included, site analysis needs to be carried out and we anticipate modifications required.

GOOMALLING YOUTH, CULTURE & COMMUNITY PRECINCT

Contact: Community Development, Shire of Goomalling via goshire@goomalling.wa.gov.au or 08 9629 1101

Environmental Health & Building Surveyor Update

Thinking about building a swimming pool or spa?

In Western Australia, private swimming pools and spas that contain a depth of more than 300mm of water **MUST** have a compliant barrier installed.

You need a *building Permit*! Building permits can be obtained through the shire office, in which case he will confirm the building standard by signing a "Certificate of Design Compliance" (CDC).

Anyone can apply for a building permit, the pool builder and/or safety barrier installer or the owner is responsible for obtaining the permit.

Applicants can choose to submit either a **certified** or **uncertified** application.

A certified application (Building Commission for BA1) is submitted accompanied by the CDC and requires sign off by an independent building surveyor. The permit authority has 10 days to decide of the certified application.

An uncertified application (Building Commission for BA2) is submitted without a CDC. The permit holder must appoint an independent building surveyor to check the proposal and provide the CDC. The permit authority has 25 business days to decide on an uncertified application.

Local Governments can grant a building permit for the pool if safety barrier building permit hasn't been submitted as long as the construction of the pool does not require it to be filled with water during construction. It is unlawful to fill the pool with water deeper than 300mm without a safety barrier that has been approved by the permit authority.

Who checks that safety barrier for compliance?

As a part of the application process a registered building surveyor with assess plans, specifications and certifies that the pool and its safety barrier comply with building standards prior to issuing the CDC. Once works are complete the "permit holder" must provide the permit authority with a "Notice of Completion" (Building Commission form BA7). This must be accompanied by an inspection certificate to confirm compliance to Building Regulations 2012 (the regulations).

Full Fact Sheet available:

http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/assets/files/installing_swimming_pool_spa_online.pdf

For more information visit:

www.commerce.wa.gov.au/building-commission

Wheatbelt Climate Change Picnic



Photo Credit: Mikayla James

Face painted children filled the garden with bubbles at the Wheatbelt People's Climate Picnic on Sunday 29 November. The picnic was one of over 2,300 events around the world in the lead up to the 21st United Nations Climate Change Conference where world leaders are aiming for a legally binding and universal agreement on climate action from all nations on Earth.

About 45 people came to the picnic at Goomalling's Slater Homestead including Darren West MLC Labor Member for the Ag Region, Goomalling Shire President

Barry Haywood, Parish Priest Father Ken D'Souza and people from Meckering, Toodyay, Dowerin and Perth.

People chatted with new and old friends, and browsed the displays about agroforestry, regenerative agriculture, biodiversity, climate change and fossil fuel divestment.

Junior artists Naomi and Ashley Kingston and Louis Hill displayed their banners 'Cool the Wheatbelt', '100% Clean Energy', and 'Healthy Plants'. Betty Walley, Frida Aditi, Kaye Boulden, and Shire of Goomalling Councillors Dallas Phillips and Christie Kingston's banners were about hope, ecological agriculture, microclimate, recycling and Noongar Maranj (food).

"We used to get lots of quandongs, but now the seasons have changed they're only around for about two weeks," said Betty, creator of the Noongar Maranj banner.

"Farmers help create food security, and hence peace.

Farmers have been adapting to climate change for decades and many are playing a heroic role in reversing climate change by adopting farming practices that increase soil carbon," said Frida, who helped sew the ecological agriculture banner.

Stately D'Mello helped the children create an arty book about COOL things our town is doing to stop climate change, COOL things we want to do next, and the UNCOOL things we're going to stop doing. Tahnee Bird led the face painting efforts, assisted by Latisha Mongoo.

Speakers Darren West, Father Ken D'Souza, Robyn Taylor, Desrae Clark, Nicole Bray, Jodi James, Cherie Broadhurst and Christie Kingston spoke about climate change, fossil fuel divestment, biodiversity, carbon sequestration in soil through regenerative agriculture, renewable energy, people power, opportunities, and the importance of encouragement and hope.

Farmer Jodi James explained how they've doubled their soil carbon content over the last four years.

Father Ken D'Souza spoke about caring for soil, air, water and biodiversity, and told us, "The Earth is both our gift and our responsibility."

Organisations present included the Shire of Goomalling, the Labor Party, Ucarty Catchment Group Inc, Goomalling Youth Group Inc, Avongro Inc, Goomalling Primary School P&C, Sacred Heart School, the Catholic Church, Goomalling Tidy Towns, Toodyay Naturalists Club, Toodyay Friends of the River, Toodyay Historical Society, Toodyay Tidy Towns and Auria.

Picnic organiser Christie Kingston said, "In the Eighties my high school science teacher taught us about global warming and I thought, 'Wow, that's really serious, I'm glad the grown-ups are on to it.' Since then I've tried to do my little bit as an individual and in my community groups. When a recent Aussie Prime Minister said "Climate change is cr*p," I was compelled to do more, and became a local shire councillor. Fixing this climate problem now, thirty years later, is going to be harder because we've left it for so long, but it can be done, it must be done, and we have so many more solutions now. Everyone can and must help by taking their own next step, big or small. Whether it's walking instead of driving, or farmers increasing soil carbon, or people respectfully asking their local, state and federal politicians for stronger action on climate change, everyone can feel good about doing one more thing."

Sport & Recreation Coordinator Update

Goomalling Sport & Community Centre Grand Opening Friday 18th December



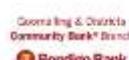
The Goomalling Sport and Community centre is in its final days with final handover expected in the first week of December. The only delay is the late dispatch of the bar front.

The furniture has arrived and is looking fantastic!

The Goomalling Bowling Club is now playing on the new surface and it's living up to all expectations. A big thank you to all the bowling club volunteers who have been helping to clean the green and setting up the shades and score boards.

For bookings of the new centre, please call the Shire of Goomalling on 9629 1101 and ask to speak to Jo. Demolition of the existing pavilion is complete and the new home change room is going up. The relocation of the community gym will occur in the New Year.

The grand opening of the Goomalling Sport and Community Centre will be held on Friday 18th December at 3pm with Hon Mia Davies doing the honours of opening the facility. The Goomalling Community is invited to attend the opening and we look forward to showcasing this amazing new facility to the community.



Brookfield Rail Pty Ltd



Media Release

Tuesday 10 November 2015

BROOKFIELD RAIL REACHES INTERIM RAIL ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH CBH

Brookfield Rail, the manager and operator of Western Australia's 5,500 kilometres of open access, multi-user rail freight network, has reached an interim rail access agreement with CBH Group, providing access and certainty for grain growers in 2016.

The agreement has been achieved through Brookfield Rail and CBH agreeing on terms for CBH to access the rail network for a period of 12 months from 1 January 2016, for all lines currently utilised by CBH.

Brookfield Rail CEO, Paul Larsen, said while certainty for farmers in 2016 was important via the interim agreement, the real objective is for both parties to achieve a long term agreement as soon as possible.

"The next step in finalising the long term access agreement process is the commencement of arbitration under the auspices of the Economic Regulatory Authority, which Brookfield Rail is looking forward to commencing as soon possible.

"We recognise and respect the role of the ERA in this process as, in effect, the state's pricing 'umpire' and we look forward to working under its decisions following arbitration," Mr Larsen said.

"The key objective for Brookfield Rail is to provide certainty for CBH, and by extension its farmers, through the provision of a safe and reliable rail network throughout regional WA, and that is what we remain committed to."

The new interim access agreement will be effective until the earlier of 31 December 2016 or the date that access is provided under a long term rail access agreement.

-ENDS-

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About Brookfield Rail

Brookfield Rail is the manager and operator of the State's 5,500 kilometre open access, multi-user rail freight network extending throughout the southern half of Western Australia.

Brookfield Rail remains committed to providing a safe, efficient and reliable freight rail network for its customers, ultimately supporting the economic growth of the southern half of Western Australia. As the only rail freight network operator in the region, Brookfield Rail provides a crucial transport link to access markets for minerals and grain through the region's six government-owned ports.

Brookfield Rail has invested more than \$1.2 billion in the freight rail network and associated infrastructure over the last five years, transforming the network and building a reliable and robust critical piece of transport infrastructure for the future of Western Australia's economy.

Last year Brookfield Rail transported a record total net tonnage of 74.5 million tonnes of freight across its resource, grain and interstate freight customers.

For more information, please visit www.brookfieldrail.com



Helpful guides for ratepayers

Like to understand more about how your electricity or water bill is calculated? Maybe you're having difficulty paying your bill on time?

The Economic Regulation Authority's (ERA) practical consumer guides for energy and water utilities help consumers understand the energy and water industries and their rights and responsibilities as a consumer. Written in plain English, the guides explain how bills are calculated, how to connect and disconnect, how to lodge a complaint and what to do if you're experiencing financial hardship. The free guides, known as Switched On for energy and On Tap for water, can be downloaded from the ERA's [home page](https://www.erawa.com.au/home) <https://www.erawa.com.au/home>.

*The ERA is the independent economic regulator for Western Australia. It regulates monopoly aspects of the gas, electricity and rail industries and licenses providers of gas, electricity and water services.

Did you know?

- There are three major electricity networks in WA: the South West Interconnected System (SWIS), the North West Interconnected System (NWIS) and the Esperance System.
- Local government authorities provide sewerage services and/or non-potable water services in regional areas.



RUBBISH COLLECTION – CHRISTMAS WEEK 2015

There will be **NO CHANGE** to the collection service for the Christmas Period for Goomalling Residents.





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Shire of **GOOMALLING**

54%

insufficiently
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77%

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Konnongorring Tennis Club

Christmas BBQ

Sunday 20th December, 6.00pm

*BYO Meat + Drinks
Salad to Share*

Everyone Welcome

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2016 Council Meetings

**Commencing at 1.00pm
(3rd Wednesday of each month)**

17 February

16 March

20 April

18 May

15 June

20 July

17 August

21 September

19 October

16 November

21 December

SHIRE OFFICE EARLY CLOSE

The Shire administration office will be closing **2.30pm, Friday 18 December 2015** for the Grand Opening of the NEW Goomalling Sport & Community Centre

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday 6 December

Picnic 6.30pm

Carols 7.00pm

Sacred Heart School Oval



A Conscious CHRISTMAS

In its humble beginning Christmas was more about celebrating with family and love was the essence, but modern society and the rise of corporations has resulted in its commercialisation. Christmas has been desensitised and “presents” have become more important than “presence”.

Here are a few simple ways you can have a more conscious Christmas and help save our planet in the process.

1. Choose gifts that keep giving by supporting a cause close to your heart.
2. Support Local!!! Look for Australian made, environmentally sustainable gifts – I especially love supporting grass roots artists and designers!!!!
3. Ditch the wrapping or choose an eco-alternative like www.earthgreetings.com.au
4. Choose healthy and sustainably sourced food
5. Compost your scraps – minimise waste
6. Spread lots of LOVE!

I have good news for you, just about anything you could possibly want has sustainable alternatives you just have to dig a little deeper and be “present” when picking your gifts.

Here are a few brands/shops that are doing great things!

- Words with Heart
- You, the Earth & Me
- Vege Threads
- Nourished Life
- Etiko
- The Giving Keys (not Australian but so cool)
- Grown® Wooden Sustainable Eyewear

Shop Ethical is a great guide for consumers that rates (A = Excellent-F = Fail) brands based on their impact. Visit www.shopethical.org.au and check out the guide, see how your favourite shops and brands rate.



Proposed Industrial Development

Proposed Town Planning Scheme No. 3, Amendment No. 7 – Lot 501 Main Street

Background

In April 2014, a Management Order was registered that vested Lot 501 to the Shire of Goomalling for ‘Future Light Industrial Subdivision and Development Requirements’.

The subject site is contained within the gazetted townsite boundary of Goomalling. Consultants have also undertaken a site inspection and have prepared the Scheme Amendment report in support of rezoning the

site to ‘Light Industry’ under the TPS 3. The amendment would have minimal impact on other land in the scheme area. It is understood that rezoning the subject site would not result in any significant environmental, social, economic or governance impacts. Furthermore it is consistent with the management order applying to the land, and is necessary to resolve an existing anomaly between the management order and the Scheme zoning.



Following the Shire of Goomalling's application to the 2015 Local Regional Development Assistance Program Landcorp has undertaken due diligence regarding the suitability of the development.

Two reports have been completed by Landcorp in their assessment process; the first report confirmed that the development contained no "fatal flaw" – which means assessment could continue. The second was an analysis of the subject site to determine the development opportunities for light industrial subdivision. A desktop assessment, including survey, flora and fauna reporting, site contamination assessment, bushfire hazard assessment, and engineering review have been completed and the project is now the subject of a Detailed Business Case Review. The results of all investigations will be provided to the Shire and advance the project to a shovel ready status and the project could then be advanced into construction.

Goomalling is just one of over 30 Landcorp projects that are at this stage all competing for State Government Community Service Obligation funding. **Expressions of interest** from prospective businesses would enhance the capacity and probability of the Goomalling project to be delivered by Landcorp.

How does this fit with the Shire of Goomalling Strategic Plan

This subdivision addresses our Strategic Plan Economic Strategies by

- supporting and developing local and new business (E3.1)
- facilitating and creating sustainable business and community partnerships (E3.3),
- promoting new commercial and industrial development through appropriate zoning of land and infrastructure (E3.4),
- lobbying for the provision of subsidised utility headwork's in the district (E3.6),
- facilitating a strategy to attract and retain skilled people in the local area (E3.8),

Environmental impact

- This piece of land has few established trees other than jam trees (*Acacia Acuminata*), there are a couple (<5) of other significant trees that may be able to be left depending on where they are situated in relation to lot boundaries. About 50% of the Jam trees are dead.

Economic Benefit

- Businesses wanting to relocate expect that the site will have all head-works connected to get started on their business
- Potentially these new businesses (light industrial) support other existing businesses, offer employment and training and provide services locally and regionally.

Financial Implications

- The Shire of Goomalling will be responsible for the construction of the subdivisional roads to a gravel standard.
- The Shire will also support Landcorp to clear the development site and undertake sufficient earthworks to provide a limited level area within each lot to construct an industrial building.
- The Shire is also responsible for completing the WA PC process to rezone the land so it can be subdivided and developed for industrial land use.

Governance

- Landcorp are complying with the Department of Environment requirements and will not proceed without approval. WAPC planning approval is being sought by the Shire.

Dates for your diary: everyone is welcome!

29 Nov-5 Dec	Disability Awareness Week
6 December	Carols by Candlelight (Community Event), 6.30pm Picnic, 7.00pm Carols, Sacred Heart School Oval
10 December	Sacred Heart Catholic School Presentation Night
15 December	Goomalling Primary School Presentation Night
18 December	Goomalling Sport & Community Centre, GRAND OPENING @ 3.00pm
18 December	Goomalling Tennis Club, Junior Tennis Tournament
19 December	Goomalling CRC Community Christmas Tree, Goomalling Sports & Community Centre
20 December	Konnongorring Tennis Club, Christmas BBQ, 6.00pm
25 December	CHRISTMAS
26 December	Boxing Day
26 January	Australia Day Breakfast, Goomalling Sport & Community Centre, 7am-9am Supported by Goomalling Lions Club and Goomalling & Districts Community Bank®



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Australia Day Breakfast

*Goomalling Sport & Community Centre
Goomalling Recreation Ground*

Tuesday 26 January 2016, 7am – 9am

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