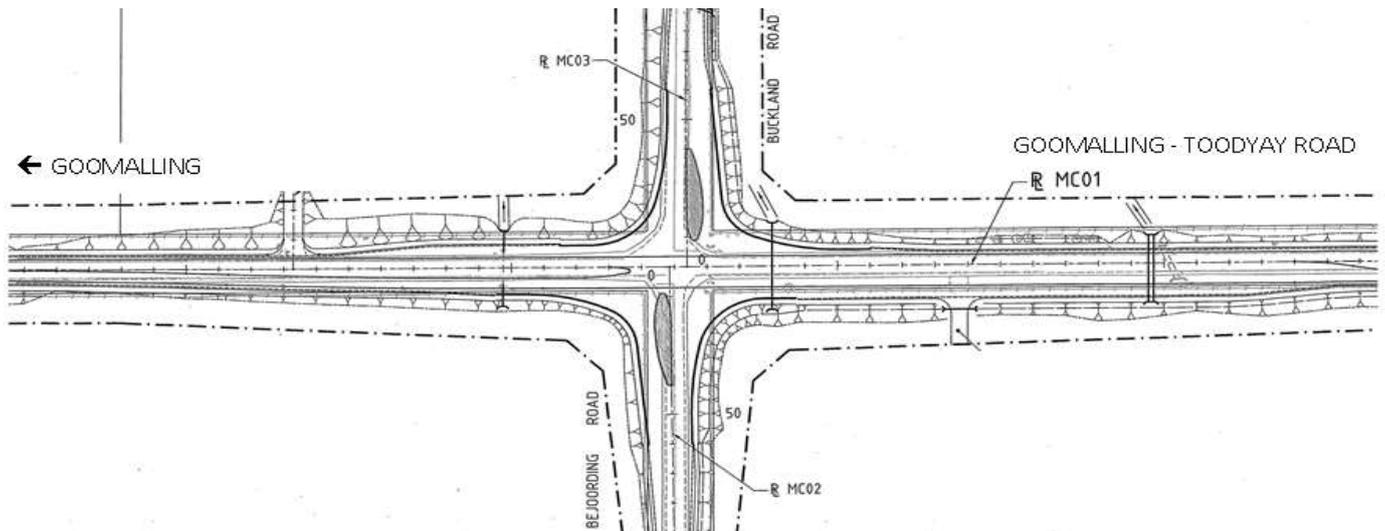


Shire of Goomalling



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Goomalling-Toodyay Road and Bejoording/Irishtown Road intersection improvements

Residents who traverse the Goomalling-Toodyay Road would have noticed the commencement of the above intersection improvements over the past month or so.

Council is currently contracted to Main Roads WA for the project and it is progressing well.

The inclusion of turning lanes into both Bejoording and Buckland/Irishtown Roads and islands being constructed will result in a safer intersection for all road users with a 10 metre off centre line.

Please take care when passing through the road works and be mindful of workers and reduced speed limits.



From the Shire President

On behalf of Council I would like to extend best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful Easter and a prosperous season for 2015.

Thank you to our volunteer fire fighters for their efforts during the summer, dealing with local fires as well as attending the devastating fires down South.

I believe it is appropriate to acknowledge and express our gratitude to the volunteer fire brigade members as well as the volunteer ambulance officers, who sacrifice their spare time and put their own lives on the line to provide these vital services to our community. It is truly appreciated!

Please drive safe and take care over the Easter Long weekend.

Cr Doug Sewell, Shire President



From the CEO

The 2014/15 financial year continues to be very busy for Council with a number of projects on the go.

The new recreation facility, the Goomalling Toodyay Road – Bejoording Road intersection upgrade, and the construction of four (4) additional Aged Persons Units on Wollyam Street are three major projects.

We also have funding to upgrade the swimming pool, add to our CCTV capacity and continue with the Goomalling Youth Park project planning.

The sale of a number of residences and vacant blocks will be advertised in the next couple of weeks. We are hoping to attract more people to our town through the purchase of these properties to further stimulate our social and economic development.

I encourage you to attend the Anzac Day Services held here and in Jennacubbine, as a great way to show our respect and commemoration for the Anzac Centenary.

Clem Kerp, CEO

Easter Closures & Skeleton Staff

The Shire of Goomalling Administration Office will be operating with skeleton staff during April 2015. Please be aware of possible delays in fulfilling your requests.

SHIRE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

The Shire of Goomalling Administration Office will be closing at 4.00pm on Thursday 2 April 2015 will re-open Tuesday 7 April 2015 at 8.30am.

GOOMALLING MEDICAL SURGERY

The Medical Surgery will be closing at 5.00pm on Thursday 2 April 2015 will re-open Tuesday 7 April 2015 at 9.00am.

GOOMALLING GYM

The Goomalling Gym will be closing at 7.30am on Thursday 2 April 2015 and will re-open Tuesday 7 April 2015 at 9.00am.

GOOMALLING REFUSE TIP

The Tip will be CLOSED on Good Friday.

SLATER HOMESTEAD

Open Saturdays & Sundays from 10.00am to 4.00pm for Morning Tea and Lunch.

Swimming Pool closes

The Goomalling War Memorial Swimming Pool will be closing for the season on **FRIDAY 27th MARCH 2015**



Council Meetings 2015

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 15th April 2015
 Wednesday 20th May 2015
 (Late start at 1.00pm)
 Wednesday 17th June 2015
 (Late start at 1.00pm)
 Wednesday 15th July 2015
 Wednesday 19th August 2015
 Wednesday 16th September 2015
 Wednesday 21st October 2015
 Wednesday 18th November 2015
 (Late start at 1.00pm)
 Wednesday 16th December 2015
 (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.

Expansion to Aged Persons Units Precinct

Council has been successful with funding for 4 new 2 bedroom units to expand the existing Aged Persons Units Precinct in Hoddy Street.

The 4 new units will be constructed on the block in Wollyam Street behind the existing units on the eastern side of Hoddy Street.

Caravan Park Improvements

The Wheatbelt Work Camp are currently constructing a verandah to be attached to the new ablution/amenities block at the Caravan Park.

This will allow safe access into the building for caravan park visitors.

Rates Rebates

Concession holders, please be reminded to make sure your portion of land rates is paid in full by the 30th of June, otherwise your rebate will not be honoured by the Office of State Revenue.

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.

If you are unable to provide these, use your name and send a quick email with additional details so we can allocate the payment correctly. Descriptions without a name, such as "Mum's rates" or "Plumber bill", are really not of any use to us.

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

Cat registrations

Please note that 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 micro-chip 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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN 2015

Slater Homestead

Encouraged by the community's appreciation of the landscaping around the barn, the Slater Homestead Group is now focusing on the grounds around the homestead and school house.

Last year the Homestead Group realised a Net Profit of \$25,500 (\$39,500 less costs of \$14,000), this amazing amount was achieved by 2524 *volunteer hours* which equates to 315 (8-hour) days, not to mention the service they provided in raising these funds. All funds have been expended on making the homestead a useable venue into the future. Three functions have already been held this year and a number of functions are booked for the coming months. Your ongoing support continues to contribute to the development of the precinct.

Slater Homestead Group anticipate that towards the end of 2015 this amazing facility, and cherished piece of our State's history, will be at a walk-in walk-out stage and the Shire will implement a new management strategy for its future use.

WA Heritage Awards finalist

The Shire congratulates Slater Homestead Group on being a finalist in the **State Heritage Awards** in the *Community Based Organisation* category.



Goomalling Aboriginal Project

"My place, our place – Stories of Goomalling"

The Shire of Goomalling and CAN WA are working together to help people record and share their stories for future generations.

The focus of the project is to capture the stories of Noongar people who grew up here or have a connection with Goomalling.

Bill Bunbury, a very experienced story teller and former ABC radio presenter/producer, is assisting and will share his skills about the process of recording oral histories and will do individual recordings with participants.

The project is open to all those who have a connection to Goomalling, including the friends of Noongar families.

If you would like to be involved or want to hear about other CAN WA oral history projects and what they have lead too, such as Bush Babies and the Noongar Voices project please contact Andrea at the office.

We welcome you to share ideas about how to tell the Noongar story of Goomalling.

Vintage Car Rally

Save the Date 10th October

Community organisations are welcome to enquire about how they can be involved in the day.

The day presents as a fundraising opportunity so if your group needs some funds, get creative about how you can provide a service to enhance this day where we put Goomalling on show.

This is an opportunity for businesses and community groups; let's make the day a real block buster. Please speak to the staff at the shire office 9629 1101 to get involved.

Burning Permits

Restricted Burning Period commenced on Tuesday 3rd March 2015 and once again Bush Fire Permits will be issued for restricted burning from this date until Tuesday 14th April 2015, subject to further extensions if required. In the past, Council has extended the restricted burning season by a second lot of 2 weeks which will take the season end to the 26th April.

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

Goomalling District Number Plates

Retained plates

If you have number plates retained at our office for more than 5 years (i.e. since before 2010), you will be contacted by one of our staff members to discuss your preferred option out of the following:

- a) Use the plate on a vehicle within 12 months
- b) Retain the plates at the Department of Transport Plate Section
- c) Surrender the plates if you are no longer interested in them.

Plates on hold

Due to our limited stockpile of low number district plates, we can now only keep a number plate on hold for a maximum period of 6 months, after which it will be released again if not yet issued to a vehicle.

Goomalling Neighbourhood Watch

Next Meeting will be held on Monday 15th June 2015, 6.30pm at the Goomalling Shire Council Chambers.

Anyone is welcome.

*Clem Kerp,
Coordinator*

Change to Lions Club Recycling Pick-up

As of April the kerbside pick-up of recyclables will happen on the **second Sunday** of the Month.

This will allow the Lions Club members and volunteers to have long weekends off as many holidays fall on the first weekend of the month.

**Slater Homestead open March to November
Saturday & Sunday 10am to 4pm**

**To book the Barn as venue for your next function
Please call Andrea on 0400 495 173**

GOOMALLING SPORT & COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

Turning of the Soil Ceremony

Thank you to those in the community who came along to the official Soil Turning Ceremony held on Monday 9th March.

Shire President Doug Sewell and Mortlock Sports Council President Lyndon Bird discussed the project with the spectators and with the grand gold shovel, found a soft bit of sand to make their dig.

Jenifer Collins from the Department of Sport and Recreation was present as well as Bendigo Bank Goomalling branch manager Jenni Barlow.

The project is in full swing now with the demolition of the old home change room and sand carting for the sand pad completed.

A massive thank you to the volunteers who took time out during their week and weekend to conduct some volunteer labour and carting sand in for the new centre.

Also a big thank you to Rob Dempster, Trevor Syme and Richie Robert for the donation of sand.

Community projects are impossible without the assistance from community members!
Your assistance and donations are appreciated.

The Goomalling Sport & Community Centre is thanks to funding from Lotterywest, the Department of Sport and Recreation, Royalties for Regions CLGF, the Goomalling & Districts Community Bank Branch, Mortlock Sports Council and the Shire of Goomalling



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GOOMALLING SPORT & COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE



Turning of the Soil Ceremony. L-R Jenni Barlow (Bendigo Bank), Jo Buegge, Lyndon Bird, Jenifer Collins (DSR), Stephen Hart (Site), Troy King (BE Projects), Doug Sewell

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Centenary of ANZAC, 25 April 2015



Anzac Day
Post War Ball
 SATURDAY * TWENTY FIFTH * APRIL * TWENTY FIFTEEN
 1940s + 50s

NO DOOR SALES!

BAKER BOYS BAND

MEMORIAL TOWN HALL | GOOMALLING
7.00PM | \$55 | SUPPER
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TICKETS AVAILABLE SHIRE OF GOOMALLING | 96291101
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ANZAC DAY

25 APRIL 2015

**Commemoration
Services**



**Veterans Park
Goomalling**

Dawn Service 5.45am start

Assemble at 5.45am sharp for the lowering of the flag to the sound of the Piper in the early morning silence.

Be part of the Commemoration service followed by *Breakfast in the Trenches* of damper and Billy tea.

Morning Service 10.45am start

Join the Piper & March in respect of the men and women who served and died for Australia.

Show your pride and join the march carrying a photo of a relative who fought in conflicts overseas.

Anzac Service to follow at 11.00am at War Memorial Park followed by light lunch at the CWA building.

For more information please contact

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COMMEMORATING THE CENTENARY OF ANZAC



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Call for landholder input into priority weed targets

Landholders can take part in selecting five priority weed targets for a new surveillance program across the South West Land Division.

The Department of Agriculture and Food is calling for producer and community input into its agricultural weed surveillance project, which will focus on 20 high priority declared weeds.

Department Biosecurity and Regulation Director Deb Cousins said the project relied on industry and community input to develop a program which delivered maximum control and eradication of weeds posing a threat to agricultural production.

“Controlling weeds costs the WA agriculture industry an estimated \$341 million each year,” Dr Cousins said.

Fifteen weed species have been confirmed as surveillance targets and an additional five will be determined by industry and the community.

“The department has selected 27 high priority species,” Dr Cousins said. “From this list, landholders and community members can nominate the weeds they consider of highest priority. This feedback will be collated to select the five priority weed targets.”

The project is part of the \$20 million Boosting Biosecurity Defences program, a component of the *Seizing the Opportunity Agriculture* initiative made possible by the Royalties for Regions program.

Project leader Tamrika Lanoiselet said to be eligible as a high priority surveillance target, the weed must be a declared pest under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* (BAM Act).

“They must also have an adverse impact on agricultural production, be identifiable by the general public and easily survive in South West conditions,” Dr Lanoiselet said.

“Some well-known examples include silverleaf nightshade, apple of Sodom, blackberry, water hyacinth, golden dodder, arum lily, doublegee and variegated thistle.

“The full list of 27 species and instructions on how to nominate weeds is available at the department website agric.wa.gov.au by searching for ‘weed surveillance target’. The closing date for input is 10 April.”

The department reminds individuals and biosecurity groups who wish to be involved in the weed surveillance project to register their interest or find out more about the program at agric.wa.gov.au by searching for weed surveillance.

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drumMUSTER celebrates 25 million drums

When Konnongorring farmer Nathan Davey delivered **drumMUSTER**'s 25 millionth drum on 20 March 2015 to the Goomalling collection site, he had no idea what it signified for the thousands of people involved with the program over the past 16 years.



Photo caption: Nathan Davey, Kevin Ryan, Doug Sewell and Bevan Henderson at the Goomalling collection site

"I started using **drumMUSTER** because the property I bought was littered with drums from the previous owner," said Mr Davey. "I now seek out **drumMUSTER** eligible containers because I know the program aligns itself with high quality chemicals."

For Shire President Doug Sewell, a long-time **drumMUSTER** supporter and inspector, the milestone container indicated a job well done.

"Not only did Nathan deliver the 25 millionth drum, but he was also the first person to deliver his agvet containers to the Goomalling collection site when it first opened in April 2002," said Mr Sewell.

"Over 80,000 empty containers have been collected by the council since then, with 80% of chemical users in the Goomalling district participating in the program. When we first started, farmers would turn up with dirty containers in a jumble. Now they know to properly rinse and sort them before delivery. This makes my job so much easier."

25 million containers represents over 30,000 tonnes of materials which have avoided landfill. Once collected, the containers are shredded or granulated and transformed into new products like plastic cable covers, wheelie bins, road signs and bollards.

"The great thing about **drumMUSTER** is that it has changed the habits of people who use agvet chemicals.

The program's regional consultant for Western Australia, Bevan Henderson, agreed.

"There have been various changes to the size of chemical containers over the years, and consequently, farmers have had to change the way they operate to accommodate this. Almost all of the farmers who participate in the program now are repeat customers because they find **drumMUSTER** a vital tool and good farm stewardship."

While most compounds are managed by local councils at waste management sites and transfer stations, others are operated by community groups and charities.

In the Goomalling Shire alone, seven community groups have benefited from the program, ranging from local schools to the Lions Club, CWA, St John Ambulance, Senior Citizens group and Sports Council, who have shared \$16,000 between them.

The record was celebrated with an event on 25 March 2015 in Guildford, Western Australia, to thank all the people and communities involved in the program's success.

"**drumMUSTER** is leading the way in product stewardship. We thank agvet chemical manufacturers, local government and program users for their commitment to sharing in the responsibility for a sustainable future in Australian agriculture," said National Program Manager Allan McGann.

Chairman of AgStewardship Australia Lachlan McIntosh said, "**drumMUSTER** requires the time and effort of many people to operate. From participating manufacturers to dedicated farmers and inspectors, the program has grown to become a good model story around the country."

*This article is courtesy of **drumMUSTER** but has been edited for this newsletter. For further information on the program, call 1800 008 707 or log onto www.drummuster.com.au.*

100 year Celebrations for original KONNONGORRING HALL

**Saturday 3rd October 2015 at
Konnongorring Hall.**

Please pass on to family members and ex-residents of Konnongorring.

More detail in next edition of Newsletter.

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Dates for your diary: everyone is welcome!

Wed 1 April	<i>Educating and Managing Boys, 7.00pm, Tennis Complex</i> Free community seminar hosted by Sacred Heart Catholic School and Goomalling Primary School with internationally renowned guest speaker Dr Ian Lillico from Boys Forward Institute. RSVP to 9629 1174 or 9629 1055.
Sun 12 April	<i>Goomalling v Calingiri, Goomalling Recreation Grounds</i> First Mortlock Football game of the season. Come along to support our Goomalling Blues!
Sat 25 April	<i>ANZAC DAY SERVICES + POST WAR BALL</i> <u>GOOMALLING</u> 5.45am for a 6.00am Dawn Service followed by Damper & Billy Tea at Goomalling War Memorial Park; 11.00am Service and March at War Memorial Park followed by morning tea at the CWA; 7.00pm Post War Ball at the War Memorial Town Hall. <u>JENNACUBBINE</u> 6.00am Dawn Service at Jennacubbine War Memorial, followed by a Gunfire Breakfast
Fri 1 May	<i>Mothers Day Market, 9am – 3pm, in and around the CRC</i> A wide variety of market stalls showcasing some of our local art, products and craftsmanship. <i>Interested stall holders</i> - please contact the CRC on (08) 9629 1570.
Fri 1 May	<i>Red Stone Sinners, Bali Garden at Jennacubbine Tavern</i> Free live performance by Perth based Red Stone Sinners, who bring a blend of “dirty blues, folk-punk and loose-tongued rock ‘n’ roll”
Sun 10 May	<i>Mothers Day Lunch at Slater Homestead</i> Bookings are essential, please phone 0400 495 173.
Mon 15 June	<i>Neighbourhood Watch Meeting</i> 6.30pm at the Council Chambers.
Sat 3 Oct	<i>100 years Konnongorring Hall</i> Konno residents, ex-residents, family and friends are invited to attend the celebrations.
Sat 10 Oct	<i>Vintage Car Rally, Goomalling Railway Tce</i> Save the date. More info to follow in the next newsletter!



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