

Shire of Goomalling



Newsletter

March | Autumn 2016

I am only one,
but still I am one;
I cannot do everything,
but still I can do something;
and because I cannot
do everything
I will not refuse
to do the something
that I can do.
-Edward E. Hale

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RATEPAYERS & DEBTORS

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.

Communication is extremely important, if you're struggling to meet your payment obligations with Council please contact finance staff to make a payment arrangement. that is realistic for your circumstances and minimises your stress. No communication suggests you're not going to pay therefore Council must take the necessary process to recoup the funds which may result in debt collection.

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

DrumMuster

Friday 18 March 2016

Please register your interest and numbers of containers to the Shire office on 08 9629 1101 by Tuesday 15 March 2016.

Tops off and all containers are to be cleaned inside and out.

DrumMuster Coordinator: Cr Julie Chester

From the Shire President



I would like to offer a HUGE THANK YOU to our volunteer fire fighters who attended the devastating fires in Waroona and Yarloop.

Welcome to the new school teachers at Goomalling Primary School and Sacred Hearts Catholic Primary School, we hope you enjoy your time in Goomalling and thank you for the invaluable role you play in educating the future of our community.

Goomalling Sport & Community Centre has been operating for a couple of months and going well I hope everyone has had the opportunity to enjoy the new facilities.

Have a safe and happy Easter.

Cr Barry Haywood, Shire President

From the CEO



It's hard to believe we're already a couple of months into 2016.

Goomalling Sport & Community Centre is a tremendous asset, and people of Goomalling lead by Mortlock Sports Council Inc. were congratulated by Hon Mia Davies MLA for their commitment to the project.

The WELL Aged Housing Funding that was secured by Shire's of Goomalling and Toodyay is set to go to tender shortly with Toodyay coordinating the project. Additionally Shire of Goomalling is preparing the business case for another \$9.1 million application to the Royalties for Regions fund for aged housing in Shires of Goomalling, Dowerin, Toodyay and Victoria Plains – staff are working with Wheatbelt Development Commission and Heartlands WA to complete the process.

Friday 26 February Council celebrated the tremendous service of Doug Sewell and Margaret Davey over the past eighteen (18) and twenty one (21) years respectively.

Continuation of works at Bejoording Road commence early March, following the completion gravel re-sheeting will be carried out in the winter period.

Clem Kerp, CEO

STREET NUMBERING

Because we don't have street mail delivery a number of our residents don't have street number identification. Street numbering is vital for our emergency services as they are usually called for a quick response and being able to identify the correct property not only facilitates this service delivery but also reduces the pressure on our volunteers by reducing stress because they cannot find the property.

The Shire has been fortunate to secure the services of the Wheatbelt Work Camp to undertake this arduous task. Variations in the depth and width and the age of the concrete kerbing all reduce the capability of uniformity. The Workcamp take great pride in their work and near completion will be auditing the job making any adjustments.

There seems to be some instances when the number assigned on our street plan doesn't match the house number used by the resident please don't panic if this is the case just call into the office or phone us so any inconsistencies can be rectified.

You can assist the emergency services by providing them with your correct address and making sure your property is easy to identify, especially at night. Turn on the lights.

GYM

Hours

Mon: 6.30am-7.30am

Tue: 9.00am-10.00am
4.30pm-5.30pm

Wed: 6.30am-7.30am
9.00am-10.00am

Thu: 6.30am-7.30am

Fri: 6.30am-7.30am
9.00am-10.00am

Fees

\$6.00 per visit (\$3.00 concession)

\$25.00 per month (\$12.50 concession)

Come and visit us to discuss our services and programs available which include:

- Living Longer Living Stronger
- Personal Training
- Pilates
- Water Aerobics (subject to participation/weather)
- Classes

Restricted Burning

Restricted burning commenced and permits must be obtained effective 1 March 2016 until 29 March 2016 subject to review and the conditions imposed are details as follows. Conditions 1-8 have been retained while conditions 9-12 inclusive have been added to accommodate the burning of cereal and grain dumps.

PLAN AND CONDITIONS TO BE OBSERVED

1. No burning permitted on Sundays or Public Holidays.
2. Prior to burning, 3m fire breaks must be in place.
3. Conditions on reverse side of this form must be complied with.
4. No burning permitted on Very High, Severe, Extreme or Catastrophic fire danger days.
5. Burning of grass and stubble.
6. Three (3) able persons must be in attendance during the burn.
7. Neighbours must be notified prior to burning.
8. 3m fire breaks must be executed around clumps of trees to prevent scorching or burning.
9. 5 m wide firebreak required around cereal dumps, no closer than 10m and no further than 20m from dumps.
10. Cereal dumps only to be lit between 6.00am on Mondays and 6:00pm on Thursdays of every week up to Easter 2016.
11. Fire breaks specified in condition 9 are not required for grain dumps, however condition 2 still applies.
12. Paddocks to be appropriately secured before burning.



Congratulations to Margaret Davey and Doug Sewell for their twenty one (21) years and eighteen (18) years services respectively. The pair was honoured at an appreciation dinner February 26 at the Goomalling Sport & Community Centre. Photo Credit: Andrea Hardingham



ANZAC DAY COMMÉMORATIONS

Goomalling War Memorial Park
Railway Terrace, Goomalling
Monday, 25 April 2015

DAWN SERVICE - 6.00AM
MORNING SERVICE - 10.45AM

&

Jennacubbine War Memorial
Collins Street, Jennacubbine
Monday, 25 April 2015

DAWN SERVICE - 6.00AM

IN HONOUR OF THE MEN AND WOMEN
WHO SERVED AND DIED IN CONFLICT
FOR AUSTRALIA

LEST WE FORGET



Playgroup WA invites you to morning tea to yarn together about having a playgroup in Goomalling for Aboriginal families with little kids.

When: Tuesday March 8th
 Time: 10.30am – 12.00pm
 Where: Tennis Courts, Cnr Quinlan and Hoddy Street

Would you like to be able to have a free, safe place in the community for you and your little kids where you can play and have fun together?

Playgroup is different to child care. Playgroups are places where parents and other caregivers, including Grandparents, Aunties and Uncles can meet together and access toys and equipment that will help little kids to get ready for school as well as having some fun together.

Playgroups are for children aged 0-4 years and their parents or caregivers and are usually held once a week. Playgroups for Aboriginal families are currently operating in Northam, Quairading, Pingelly, Dalwallinu and other Wheatbelt towns.

Morning Tea will be provided

All Aboriginal families and little kids are welcome

Funded by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Community Development Officer Update

Old Native Reserve Official Opening

OLD NATIVE RESERVE GOOMALLING

Official Opening

Sunday 24 April 2016, 11.30am

Old Native Reserve Site
Goomalling Calingiri Road, Goomalling
Western Australia

RSVP: Friday 15 April 2016
eaceo@goomalling.wa.gov.au or 9629 1101

Youth Friendly Community – Successful Application

Goomalling is one of nine (9) local councils who were successful in receiving \$10,000.00 for activities underpinned by the 10 principles of youth friendly communities.

Moving forward it is imperative that young people have a voice about the future of Goomalling and the strategies of Council.

Over the course of six (6) months we will be engaging youth between the age of 12-25 to coordinate events and workshops to consolidate collective aims and goals to influence Councils policies and decision making.

[Youth Minister Tony Simpson said the State Government's Youth Friendly Communities grants

program supported local governments to engage young people in the planning and development of their communities through the strategic community planning process.

"A youth friendly community is one which involves young people at every stage of its community strategic planning," Mr Simpson said.

"This grants program facilitates a range of projects enabling regional local governments to work in partnership with young people to meet their diverse needs."]¹

¹ Extract Media Statement by Hon Tony Simpson MLA, Minister for Local Government; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth, Tuesday 19 January 2016

Carbon Neutral

carbon-neutral

adjective

making or resulting in no net release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, especially as a result of carbon offsetting.

Goomalling Shire Council has engaged Carbon Neutral to assist in the completion of a carbon inventory for the 2015/16 financial year and a Carbon Reduction Plan to reduce our carbon emissions with the ultimate goal of **carbon neutrality**.

The process involves assessing our outputs such as energy, water, waste, fleet fuel usage, capital expenditure and consumables that are directly consumed by Council as well as indirect emissions of staff.

“Council endeavours to function with “best practices” continually reviewing its operations, the

carbon inventory assessment will not only assist Council to reduce in short term expenses but also ensure long term sustainability” said Clem Kerp, CEO.

Staff will be working with Carbon Neutral to collect data and implement new practices to increase efficiency.

It provides an opportunity for Council to work with landholders to revegetate degraded land and we would welcome any enquiries regarding partnerships to achieve carbon neutrality.

Vintage Car Sprint & Spring Festival



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: STALL HOLDERS | VOLUNTEERS | BUSINESSES

EMAIL: EACEO@GOOMALLING.WA.GOV.AU or 08 9629 1101

Earth Hour #PLACESWELOVE + Harmony Day “Everybody Belongs”

“A guide to reducing Australia’s environmental footprint” by Earth Hour

Australia has one of the world’s largest ecological footprints per capita. If the rest of the world lived like we do in Australia, we’d need the regenerative capacity of over three and a half earths to sustain our demands on nature. This ecological footprint is mostly made up of carbon emissions from electricity use, transport, direct fuel combustion from fossil fuel refining, processing and mining, as well as cropland and grazing for the production of food. It is clearly unsustainable in the long term.

So what can we do about it?

Living within the one planet is possible. Most individuals and businesses can help by:

- Preserving our natural capital (the wildlife, ecosystems and the benefits they provide);
- Producing goods and services better and smarter;
- Consuming more wisely;
- Redirecting financial flows to more sustainable options.

Individuals, communities, businesses, cities and governments are making better choices to protect our natural capital and reduce our footprint, with environmental, social and economic benefits.

Be a conscious consumer

Whether you’re buying for your business or yourself, it’s important to know where your products and services come from. Is your business buying ethical and environmentally sourced products?

You don’t have to do everything at once. Start by identifying priorities; establish where there may be a risk within your supply chain of for example, illegally sourced timber, unsustainable seafood, or human rights abuses, and progressively take steps to improve your purchasing patterns. Where possible look for products and services that have been independently certified. Importantly also work with your suppliers and get them to shift their policies and practices.

Be honest about your achievements and share with others your journey so people can learn from your experience.

Use less energy

It makes good economic sense to reduce your energy consumption to save money. It’s also important given that our main source of energy production in Australia comes from the burning of fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas, which is contributing to global warming.

To avoid dangerous climate change, science is telling us we need to keep additional warming of the planet to no more than 2oC. Setting science-based targets for your business that are within a 2oC economy are ambitious but achievable. This will mean decarbonisation of the global energy sector by mid-century.

As a start making sure our buildings, machinery and appliances are as energy efficient as possible, and then over time, plan to convert buildings and precincts to be “carbon positive” (where buildings are net producers of energy and water) and clever precinct developments, along with technological advances in energy production and materials.

Join the Renewable Energy Revolution

Once businesses have looked at reducing their energy footprint, another opportunity is to investigate using renewable energy as a core element of the businesses' energy and sustainability strategy. Businesses are actively and successfully adding renewable energy to their own facilities and entering into contracts to buy or invest in offsite renewable energy.

While there are still challenges regarding the development of cost-effective projects on favourable terms, exponential leaps taking place in renewable energy technologies will mean that, together, businesses can join the two million households that have already installed renewable energy on their rooftops.

Use less, recycle, reuse, share

Making better choices about the things we buy and use as well as reducing water consumption, consuming less and reducing waste will save resources as well as money. Up to 40 per cent of waste that ends up in landfill is building waste.

By setting a target of Zero Waste, we can find ways to change our habits, and reuse and repurpose the items that we currently dispose of. The sharing and collaborative economy is here to stay and businesses need to understand how to jump on the opportunities it presents.

As a start remove individual waste bins and introduce recycling facilities. Promote car share programs, invest in bike and shower facilities for staff and convert the company car fleet to electric and hybrid-electric cars.

Redirect financial flows

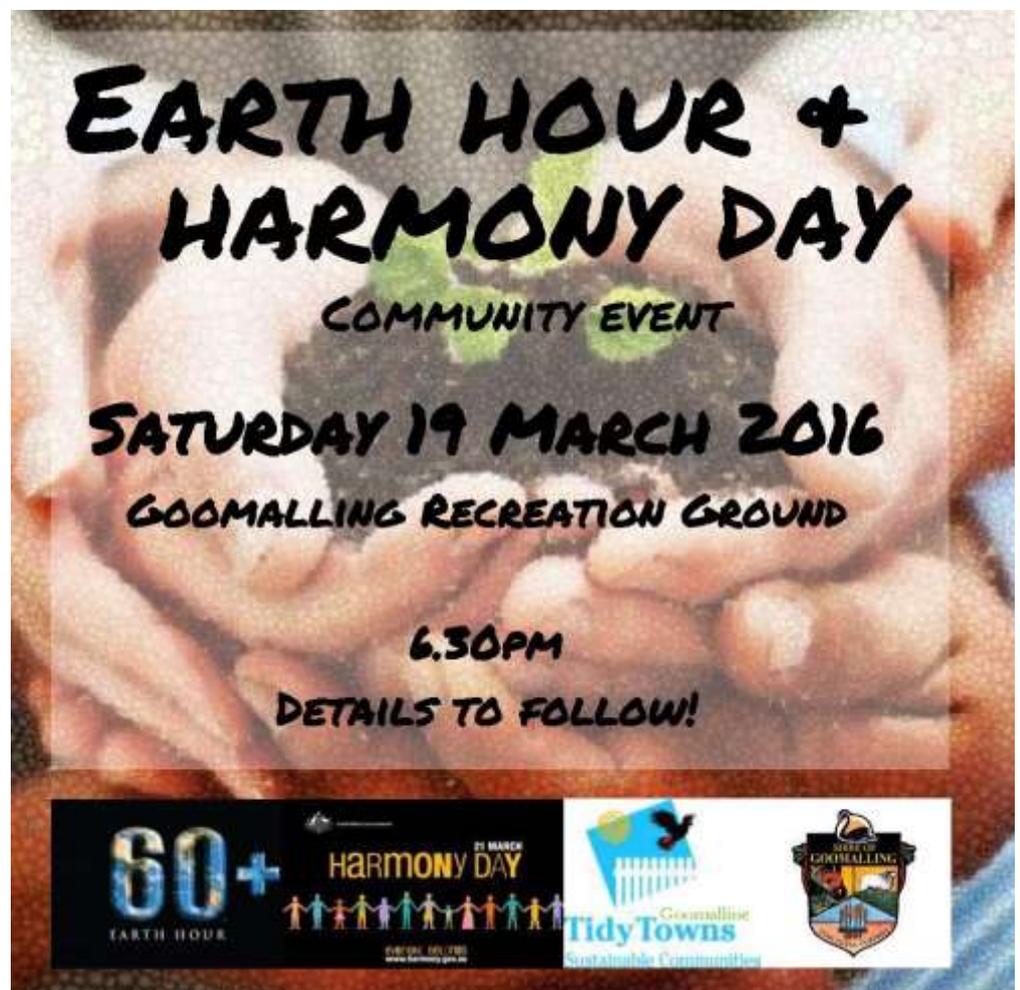
Smart investment choices now can help us create healthy, sustainable workplaces and cities and protect our biodiversity, which can improve the quality of our lives and reduce our environmental footprint. Let's make sure our investment and superannuation dollars are going to create the future we want.

Join the Conversation

There's no better place to start a conversation than over a meal – ideally a candle-lit one during Earth Hour! Talking to work colleagues, and inviting friends and family over to talk about how we can all be a part of the solution and what we can do to reduce our footprint is really powerful.

Talk to your local politicians

Advocate for good environmental policies that preserve Australia's beautiful, treasured natural capital and create wellbeing and quality of life for now and future generations. Political leaders will only aim as high as we demand.



Creating Age Friendly Communities in Small Towns Project Grants



Following the Age Friendly Audit (to identify improvements to make Goomalling more age friendly) conducted by Localise the Shire of Goomalling was successful with an application through the *Wheatbelt Development Commission Royalties for Regions Creating Age Friendly Communities in Small Towns Project Small Value Grants* to complete a number of projects to improve accessibility.

The widening of the pathway at Anstey Park and ramp to the barn at Slater Homestead are two of the projects that have been completed, improved access to the Senior Citizens building and the cemetery are in progress and will be completed by early April. Other works to be completed include the toilet at the CWA.

The old toilet building at the Senior Citizens building (Masonic Lodge) will be demolished as part of the improved access. The building is in disrepair and removal will make the concreting easier and also allow for additional parking on a level solid surface. Information regarding the removal of the toilet was included in a Media Release (Endeavour

3rd February) and we have received no feedback from the community. Users of the Senior citizen's building have been consulted and they have no objections to the removal.

Avon Aged Housing Project

The Shire of Goomalling is currently working with the Shires of Toodyay, Dowerin and Victoria Plains on a business case for an Avon Aged Housing Alliance Project to provide housing to expand on the existing eleven (11) units and the additional four (4) units already approved for funding through the Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Fund.

A cost benefit analysis is being developed to identify the number of units each local government requires. Initial indications are for four (4) to six (6) units for Goomalling.

From conversations with community members there seems to be a demand for a mix of two (2) and three (3) bedroom units. The units will be built to Platinum level of the 'Livable Housing Design'.

A 'Livable' home is designed and built to meet the changing needs of occupants across their lifetime. 'Livable' design recommends the inclusion of key easy living features that aim to make homes easier and safer to use for all occupants including: people

with disability, ageing Australians, people with temporary injuries, and families with young children.

A 'Livable' home is designed to:

- be easy to enter
- be easy to move around in
- be capable of easy and cost-effective adaptation, and
- anticipate and respond to the changing needs of home occupants.

This project also allows for some flexibility of tenancy model and does not necessarily require the tenant to be means tested. We will be investigating Lease for Life, or weekly rental.

Community comments and expressions of interest from residents, their family, friends and acquaintances are invited to assist us with identifying current and future need for this type of housing.

One Planet Living



ONE PLANET LIVING COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Thursday 10 March 2016 @ 5.30pm
Goomalling Sport & Community Centre

Australia is currently consuming at an unsustainable rate to the point that we will need four (4) planets worth of resources to maintain our lifestyles. One Planet Living is a sustainability framework developed by Bioregional to assist communities to create happy and healthy lifestyles with low ecological impact.

To assist communities the framework has ten (10) guiding principles:

1. Health and happiness
2. Equity and local economy
3. Culture and community
4. Land use and wildlife
5. Sustainable water
6. Local and sustainable food
7. Sustainable materials
8. Sustainable transport
9. Zero waste
10. Zero carbon

Council is hosting a “One Planet Living Community Workshop” where we invite people to comment on the things Council and the community are doing well in each of the ten (10) principles and where we can do better. Following the community consultation we will develop a gap analysis and action plan/strategy.

For more information about Bioregional’s initiative visit: <http://www.bioregional.com/oneplanetliving/>

Environmental Health & Building Surveyor Update

Amendments to Section 103 of the Children and Community Services Act 2004- Tattooing or Branding

Following extensive community consultation, s.103 Tattooing or Branding of the Children and Community Services Act 2004 has been amended. Previously this section made it an offence for any person to tattoo or brand on any part of a child’s body unless the child is over 16 years of age and has written consent from the child’s parent.

Section 103(1) now places a complete prohibition on any person tattooing or branding child under the age of 16 years with penalties of a \$12,000 fine and imprisonment of one year.

Under s103(2) tattooing or branding a child aged 16 years or older continues to be prohibited without written consent of the child’s parent. When providing consent, parents must describe the type of tattoo or branding that they are consenting to, and where it is to be located on their child’s body.

This section does not apply to tattooing or branding carried out for medical or therapeutic purposes.

For further information please refer to the Department for Child Protection and Family Support website: <http://www.cpfs.wa.gov.au> or call (08) 9222 255.

Sport & Recreation Coordinator Update



ACTIVE SMART *IS*

2016

Shire of **GOOMALLING**

54%

insufficiently
physically active



77%

overweight or
obese



Laugh
Play
Learn

GOOMALLING GUMNUTS INC.
Early Learning Centre

PO Box 189, Goomalling WA 6460
(08) 9629 1188, gumnutsinc@bigpond.com



Cnr Quinlan & Hoddy Streets
Ph: 9629 1188



Accredited
Long Day Care
Service
Play based learning



Monday to Thursday
8am – 5.30pm
Friday 8am – 3.15pm
Bookings essential

DO YOU WANT SOMETHING DISCUSSED AT COUNCIL?

All correspondence items are to be submitted by the **2nd Wednesday** of each month to allow ample time for report and agenda preparation.

If correspondence is submitted late the item may be discussed for Council's consideration, otherwise it will be deferred to the following month to allow Councillors time to research and resolve its decision.

Submissions should be addressed to:

Clem Kerp
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Goomalling
PO Box 118
GOOMALLING WA 6460

YOU'RE VALUABLE & WE WANT YOUR IDEAS!

We want Goomalling to be a better place to visit, work and live!

We want to know what you think!

Feel free to give us some feedback any time via phone 08 9629 1101 or email eaceo@goomalling.wa.gov.au



2016 Council Meetings

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

16 March
20 April (& Public Forum)
18 May
15 June (& Public Forum)
20 July
17 August (& Public Forum)
21 September
19 October (& Public Forum)
16 November
21 December (& Public Forum)

POOL CLOSED

SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2016

GYM CLOSED

MONDAY 11 APRIL - TUESDAY 26 APRIL

EASTER CLOSURES

Administration Office

Closes Thursday 24th March @ 4.00pm
Reopen Tuesday 29th March @ 8.30am

Works Crew

Closes Thursday 24th March @ 4.00pm
Reopen Wednesday 30th March @ 7.00am

Garden Crew

Closes Thursday 24th March @ 4.00pm
Reopen Wednesday 30th March @ 7.00am

Medical Surgery

Closes Thursday 24th March @ 5.00pm
Reopen Tuesday 29th March @ 9.00am

Refuse Site

Closed Friday 25th March
Reopen Sunday 27th March @ 10.00am

Gymnasium

Closed Friday 25th March
Reopen Tuesday 29th March @ 4.30pm

Pool

Closed Friday 25th March
Reopen Saturday 26th March @ 1.30pm



ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH 2016

7.00pm

Goomalling Sport & Community Centre
47 Quinlan Street, Goomalling

FOOTPATH RESTORATION

Footpath restoration works will be carried out by the Work for the Dole Program commencing March 2016 for twenty six (26) weeks.

We invite community members to **report suspect areas** by sending a photo and location to eaceo@goomalling.wa.gov.au, if you don't have access to a camera please contact the shire office on 08 9629 1101 and arrange a staff member to inspect and photograph the sites.

POOL – END OF SEASON

Pool season will be ending **Wednesday 30th March 2016 at 6.00pm**, subject to review.



GOOMALLING SHIRE COUNCIL

BI-MONTHLY PUBLIC FORUM 20 APRIL

6PM @ GOOMALLING SPORT AND COMMUNITY
CENTRE, RECREATION GROUND

Bi-monthly forums will be held for residents, ratepayers and Councillors to exchange ideas and issues that impact the community.



Dates for your diary: everyone is welcome!

2 March	Cuppa with a Councillor, Goomalling Community Resource Centre
8 March	International Womens Day – Sundowner, Goomalling Community Resource Centre Celebrating Melbourne Cup winning Jockey Michelle Payne in your best race day outfit.
8 March	Playgroups WA Community Consultation, Tennis Complex @10.30am
9 March	Annual Electors Meeting
10 March	One Planet Living Community Workshop, Sport & Community Centre @5.30pm
12 March	Wheatbelt Business Network Sundowner, Goomalling Community Resource Centre
16 March	Council Meeting
18 March	DrumMuster
18 March	Mortlock Swimming Carnival
19 March	Earth Hour + Harmony Day Event, Goomalling Recreation Ground @6.30pm
21 March	Harmony Day “Everybody Belongs”
25 March	Good Friday
27 & 28 March	Easter Sunday & Monday
1 April	“Don’t Be an April Fool” Trivia Night hosted by CRC, Goomalling Sport & Community Centre - \$5.00 per head, organise your tables now (min. 4 max. 8)
20 April	Council Meeting
20 April	Council Public Forum, Goomalling Sport & Community Centre @ 6.00pm
April TBC	Pre Mother’s Day Market
24 April	Old Native Reserve Opening, Goomalling-Calingiri Road @11.30am
25 April	ANZAC Day
4 May	International Star Wars Day – May the 4 th be with you!
18 May	Council Meeting
26 May	Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea, Goomalling Community Resource Centre
27 May	Australia’s Smallest Morning Tea, Goomalling Community Resource Centre (Combined with Better Beginnings)
27 May	Reconciliation Week, 27 May-3 June



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