

Shire of Goomalling



Newsletter

Spring | September 2019

Don't count the days,
Make the days count.
- Mohammed Ali

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Goomalling Rubbish Tip

Change of opening times

Wednesdays: 8.00am – 1.00pm (*unchanged*)

Fridays: 12.30pm – 5.30pm (*brought forward by 30 minutes*)

Sundays: 10.00am – 5.00pm (*unchanged*)

As this is only a minor adjustment we trust this should not cause too much inconvenience or affect operations in any major way.

Gymnasium Fees

24-hour Access

Annual membership	\$200
<i>Concession</i>	\$100
Card bond – refundable	\$100
Replacement card	\$30

Group Classes

Single visit	\$6.60
<i>Concession</i>	\$3.30
Monthly membership	\$30
<i>Concession</i>	\$15

Yearly memberships expire on 30 September.



Update from our CEO

2019/20 Budget

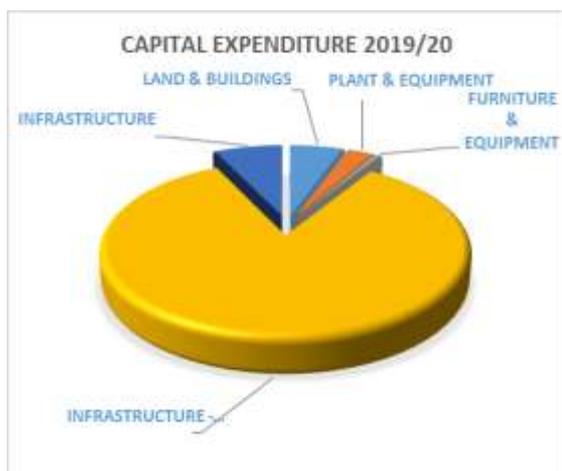
The focus of the Annual Budget has been around the fundamental objectives that I have followed over many years:

- Provide value for money services to the community,
- Maximise investment returns within risk management parameters,
- Maximise grant funding for community infrastructure needs,
- Maintain assets, roads and infrastructure, to high contemporary standards,
- Base all fees and charges on sustainable service delivery principles.

With these principles in mind the Council has adopted its budget for the 2019/20 financial year incorporating a 4.2% yield increase.

The budget will focus on delivering the best possible road network, with capital expenditure on roads for the year expected to be \$2.0M and road maintenance forecast to be in excess of \$0.5M for a total of over \$2.5M to be expended on roads alone. A further \$60,000 will be spent on light fleet upgrades to round out transport expenditure.

The Federal Government Roads to Recovery funding for the year will be some \$235,000 which will again be primarily used on the Konnongorring West Road and in coming years will move to the Bolgart East Road.



Council's Reserve Funds will remain reasonably stable \$0.8M reflecting the need to provide for longer term asset replacement funding for sewerage in particular as well as plant, road assets, building and aiming to achieve full cash backing Council's leave liabilities for staff.

For those who are interested, you will notice an entirely new format for the budget this year. It contains an Operating section, Capital Works, a 15 Year Road Program, a 20 Year Plant Replacement Strategy, 10 Year Public & Residential Building Maintenance programs, a 5 Year Parks & Gardens Forecast, a detailed Loans Analysis and a Schedule of Fees & Charges. These documents will now become the norm in future allowing all who read the documents to fully understand what Council will be doing and when over the next few years. Eventually this budget will also come in a 5-year version which will link to all of Council's planning documents.



I hope that you will have greater insight into the operations of the Shire of Goomalling by reading this document, which is available on our website.



Staffing levels remain at close to the same levels of the previous year. In real terms Council has 7.8 administrative staff (including the CEO and Deputy) and uses consultants and shared staff to fill professional positions such as Building Surveyors, Health Inspectors and Planners where we do not require a full time officer. In the new budget year, we will lose two staff to maternity leave reducing the number to 6.8 for some months. This comes at a time where the State is imposing even tighter controls over Local Government and the workload for compliance with legislation and regulations is increasing exponentially. The reform process of the State Government has brought a significantly increased workload for both Councillors

and Staff.

Within this budget there is still little room for significant wholesale maintenance on buildings. Neither is there scope for significant plant replacement and so next financial year will probably be the first where we will be able to enact the plans for plant and buildings properly.

For me this is a little disappointing, however our systems and methods are changing to give us the ability to respond better to the needs of our assets and our people. We are desperately trying to make up ground in some compliance areas to ensure that we continue to improve our performance against industry standards.

Loan liability at the end of the year is projected to be \$4,617,886 being \$3,376,207 in principal and \$1,241,679 in future interest.

From our Shire President



Spring is upon us with canola in full bloom and wildflowers popping up amongst the grass.

Peter has his 1-year anniversary as CEO this month. The year hasn't been without challenges, but he has taken it in his stride and we will work together over the next two

years to improve Council's financial position and achieving the community's vision.

Congratulations to the Goomalling Football, Hockey and Netball clubs for making finals in their respective sports. Good luck for your upcoming matches.

Works will be commencing soon on Meckering Road to improve safety and width. After the Christmas break Goomalling-Calingiri Road improvement will commence, which is essential to maintaining the lime route.

Council elections are looming, if you interested in contributing to the betterment of the community, nominate before 4.00pm, 12 September 2019.

Thanks to \$108,000 worth of Commonwealth funding from the Safer Communities Program, new solar safety lighting and CCTV has been installed at the recreation hub.

**Cr Barry Haywood,
Shire President**



**Peter Bentley,
Chief Executive Officer**

Works Notices

Meckering Road

Please be advised that works are due to start in September on the Goomalling-Meckering Road.

During Stage 1 of this project 5.2 kms of road works will be carried out between the Northam-Pithara and Patterson Road junctions.

Scope of works will be:

- verge clearing and widening for improved visibility;
- drainage improvements including major culvert upgrades;
- boxing out of southern road shoulder and reinstatement with gravel.

Traffic management will be in place while works are being carried out. Expect periodic delays in travel times.

These road works are to start on Tuesday 10 September with anticipated completion on 18 October 2019.

Rubbish collection

We would like to thank everyone that made the roadside rubbish collection easy by following our new rules. Top effort.

**David Long,
Works Manager**

Rare Orchids illegally harvested from Konnongorring Reserve

The South West of Western Australia is a world renowned biodiversity hotspot, with flora and fauna that isn't seen anywhere else in the world. In Goomalling locals have been able to enjoy the intricacies of the unique natural environment and have encouraged visitors to share in the magic of our local offerings including many varieties of wildflowers and orchids.

Wildflowers are an integral part of local tourism bringing much needed revenue to small local businesses in our community.



We're devastated to report that unknown persons have disrespected our natural reserve and the fragile ecosystem by digging up entire patches of orchids in the Konnongorring reserve. This was pointless desecration of the area as the orchids cannot live outside their nature environment, they require very specific soil, fungi and moisture composition which is why they only grow in small coverings in very few locations.

Sadly, it was not one plant, all the orchids in the vicinity were stolen without consideration of the consequence, that **we may never see these orchids again.**

The incident has been reported to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

If you are exploring the local area please respect the reserve, tread carefully, be particularly mindful if you have children with you and leave your pets at home. It is **illegal to pick wildflowers without a permit.**

Youth Zone suspended for the foreseeable future

Goomalling Youth Zone is a Council initiative to foster a sense of place and belonging for young people in the community. The service sees the facilitation of programs for youth aged preprimary to year six in a 3.15pm session and year seven to twelve in a second session from 4.15pm, every Thursday.

Shire staff have run this popular program which had been requested by our youth and was identified in the Our Youth Our Future, Youth Friendly Community Plan with the sincere desire to create an inclusive space for young people to learn, play, and relax in an environment they helped create and was viewed as a safe place by both our youth and their parents.

The 2019 year started positively with programs defined by participants to ensure they were relevant and created a sound relationship between our staff and youth. Over the year the participants have created slime, artwork on canvas, worked with polymer clay, cooked delicious meals, learned about Mabo Day and Reconciliation Week,

created artworks and signs for the community garden, created a social space and made chocolate and ecofriendly bath bombs.

Recently, there have been a number of incidents including vandalism of the town hall and verbal abuse of Council staff. The events that occurred at the most recent youth session on 15 August this year have escalated to a point where Council's CEO is now concerned for the safety and welfare of our staff. Therefore, it is with regret that we announce the suspension of youth zone services **indefinitely.**

Whilst the current youth zone initiative has been suspended, youth remain a high priority for Council and we will continue to work on local solutions including implementation of community created spaces and programs and investigating possible partnerships with other agencies to enhance staff safety while delivering youth activities and services.

Local Government Elections – Call for Nominations

2019 is the expiry of the elected term of 4 of our current Councillors, so if you want to make a difference in Goomalling and have a say in local decision-making, consider standing for election.

Councillors play an important community leadership role and create policies and resolve decisions that the Council makes about what happens locally.

How to nominate as a candidate?

Eligibility

To stand for election as a councillor, you must:

- be 18 years of age or older;
- be an elector of the district; and
- not be disqualified as detailed by the WAEC^[1].

Induction

This year new laws have been introduced which makes it compulsory for all candidates nominating in a LG election to complete the Department of Local Government's **online induction**: dlgsc.wa.gov.au/candidateinduction.

The induction should take no longer than one hour to complete. At the end of the induction you will need to fill in your details to register your completion with DLGSC and you will need to include this on your nomination form.

Lodging your application

The **Nomination Period** opens Thursday 5th September and closes at 4.00pm on Thursday 12th September 2019.

A valid nomination consists of:

- Completed **nomination form**^[2], signed and witnessed. Nomination forms are available from the shire office, or use the online Nomination Builder tool provided by AEC^[3];
- a candidate **profile** containing not more than 150 words;
- A nomination **deposit** of \$80.00 in the form of cash, cheque or money order;
- A recent passport-sized **photograph** (optional).

The reason that a deposit is required is to discourage frivolous nominations. Nomination deposits are to be returned to any successful candidate, and any candidate who receives at least 5 per cent of votes.

The purpose of the profile is to provide information to electors about your views and beliefs as well as your personal details so that they can make an informed choice when voting. You may wish to tell them what you think are important services and facilities for your community and which you would like your local government to consider providing. You could highlight new areas where council could develop policies; and tell them what you would work towards on their behalf should you be elected.

The documents may be hand delivered, posted or emailed to the Returning Officer as per below, and must be received before the close of nominations.

PETER BENTLEY

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Elections

If the number of candidates is equal to the number of vacancies, the candidates are elected unopposed. If there are more candidates than vacancies, the election will proceed on Saturday 19 October 2019.

Voting in a local government election is not compulsory in Western Australia. However, all electors are strongly encouraged to vote.

[1] www.elections.wa.gov.au/candidates-and-parties/local-government-candidates

[2] www.elections.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/content/documents/LG08-Candidate_Nomination_1.pdf
Nomination forms are also available at the Shire Office.

[3] lgportal.waec.wa.gov.au/nomination/new

Safer Communities Funding

The multipurpose precinct is the nucleus of the community and a venue for civic activity, structured and unstructured recreation and is a potential target for opportunistic crime.

Council was granted \$108,500 (excluding GST) under the Australian Government's Safer Communities Fund Round 3 Infrastructure Grants to increase provision of safety lighting and CCTV at the recreation hub.

The project has delivered 19 solar LED security lights and 14 CCTV cameras to pathways, buildings and carparks within the recreation hub precinct to foster an enhanced sense of safety amongst users.

Council is now seeking **feedback regarding the effectiveness of the project in delivering its desired outcomes**. Please complete a [short five question survey](#) to assist Council evaluate the project:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/855WV3B>

Bike Plan

Council was successful in the Department of Transport WA Bike Network funding to update its Bike Plan. Over the next six months Council will recruit suitably qualified consultants to assist with the review which will include community consultation.

The Bike Plan will aim to address gaps in the shared pathway network throughout town, ensure connectivity to schools, recreation and shopping precincts. Planning is an essential prerequisite to attract future funding through the Department of Transport funding pool.

Based on priorities from the 2009 Bike Plan, Council completed expression of interest (stage 1) for funding for 2020-21/2021-22 for new 2.5m wide shared pathways on Bowen Street between Forrest and Hoddy Streets and High Street between Throssell and James Streets. The first stage has been approved and Council has been invited to submit a full proposal.

Opshop Funded Initiatives

Spring Seniors Social \$400

Social activity is fundamental for good mental health, with rising utility and food prices it's getting harder to splurge on fun, so the Opshop is funding a social outing for the seniors to enjoy the movies and lunch in Perth for FREE.

Aboriginal Literature Activation Project \$700

Education is power and literacy is fundamental to good education. The Opshop created the project to foster inclusive learning environments by activating the local language, Noongar Ballardong.

The project includes supply of bilingual resources English/Noongar Ballardong and other indigenous literature to Goomalling Primary School, Sacred Heart Catholic School, Goomalling Gumnuts and Goomalling CRC.

Terracycle® Recycling Program \$1000

Terracycle® is an organisation that recycles waste streams that are difficult to recycle or aren't accepted in ordinary municipal waste collection.

The Opshop is trialling collection of the following four waste streams:

- Beauty products
- Media storage (digital & analog)
- Pens, Pencils and Markers
- Toys

For more information about Terracycle® recycling programs visit: <https://www.terracycle.com/en-AU>



GOOMALLING RECYCLING POINTS

Terracycle transforms items that aren't accepted in municipal recycling facilities into new product for reuse.

Goomalling Community Opshop is funding the trial of collection of the following waste streams:



Media Storage

Media storage including records, 8-track tapes, cassette tapes, CDs, DVDs, Blu Ray discs, floppy disks, memory sticks and external hard drives.



Pens, pencils & markers

Pens, pen caps, mechanical pencils, markers, marker caps, permanent markers, and permanent marker caps.



Beauty products

make up, cosmetics packaging, brushes, hairbands, clips, shampoo and conditioner bottles

ALL CONTAINERS MUST BE EMPTIED AND CLEAN.



Toys

Toys or toy pieces, cards, dices, game boards, packaging from board games, books with sound, handheld electronic games and players, remote control vehicles, electronic stuffed animals, baby toys, building sets, stuffed animals, puzzle pieces, game pieces and action figures.

COLLECTION POINTS
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WA Pensioner Free Travel is going digital

From January 2020, Transwa will maintain *digital* Pensioner Free Travel entitlements for registered WA concession cardholders. Centrelink and the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) will no longer send you WA Free Trip Vouchers with your new concession card.

Register with Transwa

Register now to ensure you are ready for your 2020 WA Pensioner Free Travel.

- ♦ Complete the online registration form [transwa.wa.gov.au/Pensioner-Free-Travel] and attach images of both sides of your concession card.
- ♦ Alternatively download and print the registration form, complete and send to Transwa with photocopies of both sides of your card.

Transwa
Reply Paid 85335,
Locked Bag 7,
PERTH WA 6849

- ♦ Or scan and email the documents to concessions@transwa.wa.gov.au.

Transwa
1300 662 205
concessions@transwa.wa.gov.au

What am I entitled to under the WA Pensioner Free Travel scheme?

All WA pensioner concession cardholders are entitled to one return or two single trips on Transwa services each calendar year.

DVA Gold Health cardholders have additional free travel entitlements. Visit the Transwa website to find out more.

In addition, WA Pensioner Concession cardholders and WA Gold Health cardholders can claim a 50% concession on *all* Transwa services.

How do I book my free travel?

Once registered, bookings on Transwa services can be made online, by visiting a Transwa Booking Centre, or one of their accredited ticketing agents, or by calling Transwa on 1300 662 205.

Registration and booking in advance of your intended travel date is required.

Where can I get more information?

More information is available from Transwa and the Department of Transport:

Department of Transport
1300 660 147
travelsubsidies@transport.wa.gov.au

Local fire fighters receive gong

During the 2016 Waroona Bushfire, the DFES Goldfield Midlands Region sent four strike teams to assist local crews, including volunteers from the Shire of Goomalling Bushfire Brigades.

On the 3rd of September members of the initial strike team received Certificates of Distinction from the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioned Darren Klemm (AFSM) for their commitment to the firefighting effort despite extremely challenging conditions.

Two volunteers from Goomalling were awarded, Brady Anderson (the then Chief Bushfire Control Officer) & Nathan Beck. **Congratulations to Brady and Nathan on recognition of their efforts!**

From left: Brady Anderson, Darren Klemm, Nathan Beck



Fire Season is approaching

Restricted Burning Period commencing

Residents are reminded that the Restricted Burning Period will commence on 19 September 2019. This places restrictions on burning, with permits required from the Shire for most burning activities.

Subject to seasonal variation the Prohibited Burning Period will commence on 1 November 2019. No burning is permitted during the Prohibited Burning Period, including camping or cooking fires.

Fire Breaks need to be in place

All properties are required to comply with the Shire of Goomalling Fire Break Order by 31 October 2019. This order requires properties to be maintained to a minimum standard.

Further information relating to the above can be found on the Shire website.

NOTICE OF MEETING



This year's Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting will be held:

Thursday 17 October 2019
Tennis Complex
Commencing 6:30pm
(with BBQ and refreshments)



All Bush Fire Brigade members and Fire Control Officers are invited to attend.

Enquiries: Robert Koch, Community Emergency Services Manager, 0458 042 104

GOOMALLING VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

WE NEED YOU!!

Interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter?

Contact Brady on 0427 291 229



DrumMuster



drumMUSTER

FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2019



CONTAINERS MUST BE

- TRIPLE OR PRESSURE CLEANED
- CLEAN - NO CHEMICAL RESIDUE
- INSPECTED BY A DRUMMUSTER INSPECTOR
- LIDS MUST BE LEFT OFF
- METAL CONTAINER MUST BE PUNCTURED

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - 08 96291101

Book your place and advise number of containers to the shire office by

4.00pm, Monday 23 September 2019

drumMUSTER depot

56 William Street
GOOMALLING WA 6460
www.drummuster.org.au

Contact

Julie Chester 0427 291 223
Shire office 08 9629 1101



drumMUSTER

Ratepayers & Debtors

Rates are due on the 24th September 2019. Pay your rates in full before the due date to go in the draw to win a \$600, \$300 or \$100 voucher to be redeemed at any business in Goomalling.

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.

Farmer Bushfire Response Vehicle stickers

Farm firefighting units form an important part of the Shire's overall bushfire response. To assist authorities in identifying vehicles which can assist DFES in bushfire response, DFES and the Shire encourage owners of such vehicles or machinery to apply for a Fire Response Vehicle Identifier windscreen sticker.

During bushfire events the Shire works with Police and Main Roads to manage or restrict traffic into affected areas. The presence of a Vehicle Identifier Sticker will help in quickly identifying vehicles and machinery which may be permitted on the fire ground. Eligible vehicles include farm firefighting appliances, bulk water trucks and earth moving machinery. Application forms are available from the Shire Administration Office or Shire website www.goomalling.wa.gov.au.



CHANGE IS COMING.
COME BE A PART OF IT

MSC AGM

25 SEPTEMBER 2019, 7:30 PM
*NIBBLES PROVIDED
SEE YOU THERE!

Dates for your diary: everyone is welcome!

5 – 12 Sept	LG elections nomination period, <i>see p.5 for details</i>
Sun 15 Sept	Grand Finals (Football, Hockey & Netball), <i>Goomalling Rec grounds.</i>
Wed 18 Sept	<i>Council Meeting</i>
Wed 18 Sept	Water Colours & Wine. <i>5.00pm, CRC, RSVP 9629 1570.</i>
19 September	Restricted Burning Season commences, <i>see p.9 for details</i>
Wed 25 Sept	MSC AGM. <i>7.30pm, GSCC</i>
Fri 27 Sept	DrumMuster, <i>see p.10 for details</i>
30 September	Gym memberships expire
Wed 16 Oct	<i>Council Meeting</i>
Thu 17 Oct	Bushfire Brigades Meeting, <i>see p.9 for details.</i>
Sat 19 Oct	LG elections (if more nominations than vacancies), <i>see p.5 for details</i>
Wed 23 Oct	Gumnuts Early Learning Centre AGM. <i>7.00pm, GSCC.</i>
Fri 25 Oct	Blue Tree Project. <i>From 3.30pm, Goomalling-Merredin Rd, yet TBC.</i>
Thu 31 Oct	Dog & cat registrations expire, renewals due.
31 October	Firebreaks to be completed or penalties will apply
1 November	Prohibited Burning Season commences, <i>see p.9 for details</i>
Sat 2 Nov	Calcutta, <i>GSCC, time TBC</i>
Wed 20 Nov	<i>Council Meeting</i>
Fri 29 Nov	CRC Pre Christmas Markets
Sat 14 Dec	CRC Christmas Tree
Wed 18 Dec	<i>Council Meeting</i>



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www.visitgoomalling.com.au

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Goomalling-125250970960245/

Contact details for Shire of Goomalling staff

<i>Got a question about...</i>	<i>Then contact...</i>	<i>Contact Details</i>
Admin & Finance	Shire staff	(08) 9629 1101 goshire@goomalling.wa.gov.au
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Community Development	Tahnee Bird	cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au 0400 495 173
Community Emergency Services	Robert Koch	cesm@toodyay.wa.gov.au 0458 042 104
Gym Instructor	Monique Broekman	0428 772 014
Gym administration	Shire staff	(08) 9629 1101
Ranger	Gloria Robinson	0408 909 356
Shire Website	Karen Mannaerts	eaceo@goomalling.wa.gov.au
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