

SHIRE NOTICES

WALGA /DPIRD Animals in Emergency Welfare Grant

In November 2020 the Shire was awarded a \$5,500 Animal in Emergency Welfare Grant. The Shire will be utilising the grant money to purchase some much-needed equipment to assist animals in emergencies. Purchases will include, but not limited to:

- Collapsible animal cages in various sizes
- Animal Carriers
- Cat traps
- Cat litter boxes
- Animal bedding
- Microchip Readers – to identify and reunite lost or straying animals with their owners.
- Food/water bowls
- Leashes, etc

By purchasing the above equipment, the Shire is hoping to be able to assist residents during emergency situations by providing temporary accommodation for their companion animals at evacuation centres. Only Assistance animals are permitted inside evacuation centres, but by using the purchased equipment to provide temporary shelter, companion animals could potentially be housed outside of evacuation centres. It is proven that people are more likely to evacuate their property if their animals can also be relocated to a safe place.

DFES Water Tank Grant for Bushfire Brigades

In December 2020 the Shire was successful in its grant application for the installation of two 32,000 litre water tanks at the Gnowangerup Bushfire Brigade Shed.

DFES was allocated \$2m by the WA State Government to stimulate economic activity in the regions and provide water tanks to support bush fire response throughout the State as part of the WA Recovery Plan.

The addition of the two water tanks will be of huge benefit to the brigade as they will be able to fill fire trucks and fastfill trailers at the shed instead of using the standpipe to access water. Rainwater will be harvested from the roofs of the Bushfire Brigade Shed and SES building for the tanks.

ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

2019/20 Annual Report

The annual report for 2019/20 was adopted. To view the report, head to the Shire website.

<https://www.gnowangerup.wa.gov.au/public-documents.aspx>

WORKS/DEPOT UPDATE

Tip Access Swipe cards

Reminder to all property owners and residents that the gates to all 3 refuse sites (tips) will be locked from Monday 22nd February 2021. Access cards can be collected from the Shire Administration Office. One card can be issued per household. Check the Shire Website for opening times.

FROM THE OFFICE

Dog Registrations

The Ranger will soon commence to follow up with Dog Registrations that were due in Oct 2020 and have not been renewed. Registrations can be renewed at the Shire Administration Office. If your dog has since been relocated or has died, please call us to update our records.

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan Survey

The Shire is in the process of developing a new Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and your feedback is important to us to determine goals that the Shire can aim towards to improve the lives of people with a Disability.

If you identify as having a disability or would like to give feedback on our current Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2017-2021, please complete the survey using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6ZG66NT>

A hard copy of the survey can be collected from the Shire Administration Office, Gnowangerup Library, Ongerup Library or the Borden Post Office.

Provide us with your contact details to be included in the prize draw to win an Act-Belong-Commit prize pack.

For further information, please contact our Community Development Coordinator, Kirsty Buchanan on 9827 1007.

UPDATE - \$1M DOUGHT COMMUNITIES GRANT

You may have noticed that our \$1m grant projects for the Drought Communities Grant are well underway. Here is an overview of some of the projects.

Borden Streetscape Project

Works are scheduled to commence at the end of February.

Gnowangerup Toilet Block

Works have commenced on this project and due for completion in April 2021.

Gnowangerup Sporting Complex Playground

Works are scheduled to commence at the end of February.

Ongerup Street Beautification Project

Final plans and designs are being drawn up. Works will commence soon.

Administration Office Tractor Rehabilitation Project is now Complete



SHIRE JOBS AVAILABLE

Records and Research Officer

The Records and Research Officer will be responsible for maintaining the records management function for the Shire, ensuring compliance with the Shire's Record Keeping Plan and the State Records Act 2000, and Freedom of Information. You will also provide research and information retrieval services for Shire staff.

This is a fulltime (76 hours per fortnight) permanent Level 5 position under the Local Government Industry Award 2020 and salary and conditions will be in accordance with that award.

Further information can be found on the Shire website:

<https://www.gnowangerup.wa.gov.au/council/our-shire/employment.aspx>

Upcoming Events

- **Ordinary Council Meeting**
17th February 2021 - 3.30pm
Council Chambers
- **Gnowangerup St John Ambulance Official Sub Centre Opening**
27th February 2021 - 2pm
Gnowangerup SJA Sub Centre
- **Ongerup Market Day**
5th March 2021 - 10am to 2pm
Ongerup Town Hall
- **Gnowangerup P&C Quiz Night**
12th March 2021—6.30pm
Gnowangerup Sporting Complex
- **Ongerup Community Fox Shoot**
12th March 2021
Tally at Ongerup Tip - 6.30am Sat Morning
- **Ongerup Pre-Seeding Breakfast**
13th March 2021 - 7am
Yongergnow Malleefowl Centre

For further information regarding any of the above events, contact the event organiser.



Shire of Gnowangerup Australia Day Breakfast 2021

This year's Australia Day celebrations took place at the Borden Pavilion. It was a great day for all with an approximate attendance of 90 people. The Gnowangerup Police and Shire President assisted local community members to raise the flags and we had fantastic music from Joshua Nicholls Music.

This year we also had a Citizenship Ceremony to welcome some new Australians into our community. Congratulations to Ambrosio Llave and his children Einjel, Gregor and Richie and also to Denise Franco on receiving their Australian Citizenship.

This year's winners of the Australian Citizen of the Year Awards were:

Graeme Savage (Community Citizens of the Year) - Graeme has been nominated and recognised for his work within the Ongerup Community, especially within the Ongerup Community Development Group that he currently chairs.

Gnowangerup Sporting Complex (Active Citizenship, Group or Event) - The Gnowangerup Sporting Complex is the heart of most community events that are held in Gnowangerup. The volunteer committee has worked exceptionally hard to create a community space that can be used for numerous events and activities throughout the year.

All of these awards are very well deserved. Congratulations to each of these community members and groups for your amazing contributions to our community. We would also like to thank everyone who took the time to come and celebrate this special day and enjoy a lovely breakfast with your fellow community members.