



## Shire Presidents Monthly Message

Hello all, and welcome to 2024!

I trust you all enjoyed a wonderful festive season and some much-needed rest time.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Christmas lights competition! The displays truly captured the spirit of the season, adding delightful festivity to businesses, homes, and farm entrances. I have a feeling that 2024's displays will be even bigger and brighter.

Kudos to Borden, Ongerup, and Gnowangerup schools for their incredible year-end concerts. The students' performances were outstanding, showcasing the dedication of both staff and students. Attending these concerts was such a privilege and a great opportunity to visit with the three communities in our shire.

As I write this newsletter, I am once again marveling at the tireless dedication of our volunteer firefighters. They respond to the call whenever required, tackling blazes not only within our shire but also in the neighboring shires of Kent and Broomehill-Tambellup during this fire season. Council and the community extend heartfelt gratitude to you all, wishing for a quiet and safe end to the fire season. We plan to hold an event later in the year to celebrate the work of all community volunteers, recognizing that we couldn't function without your ongoing commitment.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for the Australia Day breakfast in Borden on the 26th. Join us in celebrating as we welcome a new Australian citizen and recognize the outstanding efforts of community groups and individuals for 2023. I look forward to seeing you there!

Feel free to contact me or any of your elected representatives if you need support. We're here to assist, so don't hesitate to reach out.

Regards and best wishes for the New Year!

*Kate O'Keeffe JP*

*Shire President*

# Gnowangerup Shire News

January 2024



## Christmas Light Competition

On Monday the 11th of December the Shire had the privilege of judging the Christmas light competition. With 20 entrants in the following categories the competition was tough, congratulations to our following winners.

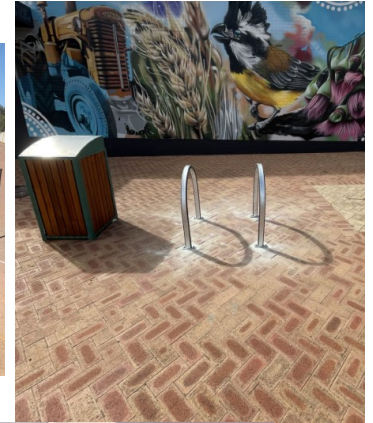
- Hinkley Road—Best Farm Gate Display
- 3 Hughes Street—Best Residential Display
- GNP Hardware—Best Business Display

The Shire would like to thank everybody who participated in our first year of running this incentive and we are looking forward to running it bigger and better with more categories and with more prizes in 2024.

We would also like to thank our participating business who assisted with

## Depot work.

Our Depot workers were busy at the end of 2023 Fixing Footpaths, adding a new access ramp at the Post Office on Aylmore Street. They were straight back into it adding a new bike rack which has been installed in front of the Gnowangerup IGA.



## Community Engagement

Come and have a cuppa & a chat with our CEO between 10am—12pm on the following dates within our Shire

Borden NSPNR Building—First Thursday of the month

Ongerup CRC—Second & Third Thursday of the Month

Gnowangerup CRC—Forth Thursday of the month





## NEW OPENING HOURS BORDEN, GNOWANGERUP AND ONGERUP REFUSE AND RECYCLING FACILITY

**FRIDAY**

**CLOSED**

**SATURDAY - THURSDAY**

**7:00AM - 7:00PM**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

**7:00AM - 7:00PM**

### Recycling

What goes in our recycling bins?

The Shire would like to remind the community of how to recycling correctly and what to put in their rubbish bins with the yellow lid.

### RECYCLING ONLY

#### PAPER



#### PLASTIC



#### METAL



#### GLASS



Please Keep These Items OUT OF MIXED RECYCLING



*If a pig can eat it, it goes into the wet bin/compost*

*If a pig can't eat it, it goes in the dry waste/ green normal bin.*

*If a pig is likely to die from eating it, the waste is hazardous/e waste*

*If you could sell it and buy a pig with the funds, it goes in the recycling/yellow bin*

*Based on an article in Waste News, Issue 16, August 2019*

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## Stirling Range Trail App

Have you heard of the Stirling Range Trail App?

Get directions, find local accommodation, Mountain Walks, scenic drives and places to eat.



Get Directions | Mountain Walks | Drives | Mountain Bike | Wildflowers | [Download App](#)

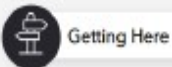
### Get Directions

By car, the Stirling Range are 4.5 hours southeast of Perth and just one hour's drive north from Albany in Western Australia.

The nearest towns to the north are Gnowangerup (50km) and Borden (45km) and Cranbrook is on the western end of the Range.

All roads leading to the Stirling Range are sealed although some travel on good unsealed roads may be required to reach some mountains.

Distances shown are approximate.



**Mt Trio Guided Wildflower - Orchid Walks**



**Hidden Treasures Orchid & Wildflower Tours**



**Hidden Treasures Dawn & Dusk Bird Walks**

## Footpaths

Have you noticed some of our footpaths being marked with in yellow? These have been marked to advise the community of potential trip hazards. The Shire has already repaired some of the hazards and are looking to complete the repairs as a long term project





**CHEMCLEAR PICK UP**  
MARCH - APRIL 2024  
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL DRUM MUSTER GROUP TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DROP OFF



**PLEASE TRIPLE RINSE YOUR DRUMS**





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The Gnowangerup Shire Council invites you and your family to the annual

## Australia Day Breakfast

### Borden Pavilion

8:00am to 12:00pm

**Friday 26th January 2024**

FREE AUSSIE Breakfast, Live Entertainment, Coffee Van, Ice Cream, Facepainting & Water Toys for the Kids  
Bring your Bathers & a Towel

### Gnowangerup Community Swimming Pool

Learn Play Plunge  
Swim spray snorkel  
dive race

## SWIMMING POOL

Please be advised that the Gnowangerup Community Swimming Pool  
Is now open

Opening times: 12noon to 6pm - everyday

VacSwim lessons started on the 3rd of January 2024 with 88 enrolments.



## Special Council Meeting

A Special Meeting of Council will be held at the Shire Council Chambers, 3:00pm Wednesday 7 February 2024

## Annual Electors Meeting

Come and joins us for the 2024 Annual Electors Meeting which will be held 6pm Wednesday 28th of February in Ongerup. Location to be confirmed, tea coffee and nibbles provided.

## COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2024

Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 25 October 2023, resolved to hold Ordinary Meetings of Council commencing at 3:30pm on the following dates:

**Wednesday 28 February 2024 - Ongerup**

**Wednesday 27 March 2024**

**Wednesday 24 April 2024**

**Wednesday 29 May 2024**

**Wednesday 26 June 2024**

**Wednesday 31 July 2024**

**Wednesday 28 August 2024**

**Wednesday 25 September 2024 - Borden Sporting Pavilion**

**Wednesday 30 October 2024**

**Wednesday 27 November 2024**

**Wednesday 11 December 2024**

**Except for 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and  
25<sup>th</sup> September 2024 all other meetings  
to be held at Council Chambers,  
28 Yougenup Road, Gnowangerup WA 6335**

Unless otherwise advertised