

Mosquito Information to Residents of the Shire of Gnowangerup

We are experiencing significant breeding of mosquitoes throughout the Shire of Gnowangerup this year. Rain has been constant and there are pools of water in many areas. With pools of stagnant water and warm weather come mosquitos.

12 months ago, the Shire commenced monitoring mosquito breeding in our creeks and dams surrounding population centres such as Gnowangerup, Ongerup, Borden and Amelup. In accordance with our Mosquito Management Plan 2021, the Shire is now distributing larvicide baits in creeks and ponds in a radius of 5 kilometres around towns.

Residents are reminded of the potential for mosquito breeding near our homes. Emptying out water in trays under pot plants, checking that water is not pooling in tyres or other objects and cleaning out guttering to ensure free draining will assist in reducing mossie breeding.

Mosquitoes can travel up to 20 kilometres on the wind. Hosts are usually humans, kangaroos and horses. Covering up with loose fitting long clothing especially on arms and legs and applying mosquito repellent is the best protection. Mosquitoes are more active early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Cover up or avoid being outside at these times, to minimise your chance of being bitten.

The Shire is working to the Mosquito Management Plan (August 2021) which has been endorsed by the Department of Health. The Department of Health do not support fogging as a method of control as it is expensive to conduct, indiscriminate (kills all insects including native bees), and only kills adult mosquitoes (not the larva growing in stagnant waters). In addition, we know there are many people living in our community who suffer from asthma and bronchial illnesses who could be adversely affected by fogging.

For any inquiries, please email our Environmental Health Officer
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★ FIGHT *the* BITE ★



**PROTECT
YOURSELF**

against

**DISEASE-CARRYING
MOSQUITOES**



★ COVER UP. REPEL. CLEAN UP. ★



**WEAR LONG,
LOOSE-FITTING,
CLOTHING.**



**USE INSECT
REPELLENT.**



**REMOVE THE
WATER THEY
BREED IN.**

Mosquitoes can spread serious and potentially deadly diseases.
For more information contact the Department of Health or visit:

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