

# MARCH 2026

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## THIS MONTH...

A message from our  
Shire President  
and CEO

Fields & Fortunes  
wrap up

Strategic Community  
Water



*Shire of Gnowangerup Councillor and Deputy President Rebecca O'Meehan and Minister for the Great Southern Stephen Dawson*

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## Shire President - Kate O'Keeffe Monthly Message



The beginning of February saw our Annual Electors' Meeting take place, with the largest group of community members in attendance that we have seen for some time. Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend. While these meetings are a formal requirement, they also provide a valuable opportunity for both the Shire President and the Chief Executive Officer to outline our achievements over the past year, as well as our goals and priorities for the year ahead.

I would particularly like to thank our CEO for his excellent presentation, which highlighted a number of key priorities for the Shire, including progressing housing and land release opportunities for both residential and commercial development, improvements to our waste management services, and our ongoing commitment to delivering an effective and sustainable roads program.

Later in the month, I attended a bushfire coordination meeting where a number of organisations came together to discuss areas where the Shire of Gnowangerup is working well in relation to firefighting, as well as identifying opportunities for improvement. These conversations are incredibly important in ensuring we continue to strengthen our preparedness and response. I would like to acknowledge and thank our CESM, Phil Gunn, for the incredible work he continues to do in this space.

Congratulations also to our Community Development team for delivering the third Fields and Fortunes Business Forum. It was an outstanding event, with a fantastic line-up of guest speakers who kept the audience both engaged and inspired. Events like these are a wonderful opportunity to bring people together, share ideas and celebrate the entrepreneurial spirit within our region.

Over the past month I also attended a meeting of VROC – the Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils, where neighbouring Shires come together to work collaboratively on issues that affect our region as a whole. These partnerships are extremely valuable in strengthening advocacy and ensuring that regional voices continue to be heard.

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Cr Miniter and I will also be attending WALGA's Aboriginal Engagement Event in Perth this month. We are very much looking forward to learning more about how we can strengthen our approach to reconciliation and continue to improve the ways in which we support and engage with our First Nations people.

These reconciliation forums reinforce that we are all on the same journey towards reconciliation. They remind us that we have much to learn, and that sharing stories and experiences strengthens our collective awareness, acknowledgement and understanding of this important process.

Recently, I had the privilege of joining the Shire Presidents of Katanning and Kojonup in Perth to view *Once Known*, an exhibition showcasing reproductions of the fragile artworks created by Aboriginal children who were forcibly taken from their families and detained at the Carrolup Native Settlement in the 1940s. The exhibition, held at the Old Perth Boys' School at 139 St Georges Terrace, highlights the enduring cultural, historical and emotional significance of these remarkable works.

It was also wonderful to hear from Borden local and Curtin University PhD candidate Phoebe Milne, whose research explores the cultural, historical and emotional significance of the Carrolup artworks. Phoebe shared that opportunities to speak with regional leaders are an important step in strengthening dialogue around the works and their future.

Experiences such as this reinforce the importance of building ongoing partnerships that support community-centred research, cultural stewardship and the continued recognition of the Carrolup artworks' significance. I greatly value opportunities such as these and look forward to more collaborative experiences that continue to build knowledge, connection and understanding.



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I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the five community members who have nominated for the upcoming extraordinary election. It is always encouraging to see members of our community willing to step forward and contribute to local government. I wish all nominees the very best and encourage those who may not be successful to remain engaged — the next local government elections in October 2027 are not far away.

March is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting month for the Shire. I am particularly looking forward to Dandjoo Day, which provides us with a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate the incredible volunteers who work tirelessly throughout our communities. It is also a fantastic chance for everyone to come together, so I encourage as many people as possible to join us in Borden.

This year we have also incorporated an opportunity to welcome new residents to the Shire, so if you know of anyone who has recently moved to the Shire of Gnowangerup, please encourage them to come along and join us at Dandjoo Day. The following day will see the Fly-In Fly-Out Fair, making for what promises to be a wonderful weekend of community events.

As we begin a new year, I would also like to remind everyone that your elected members are here to represent you. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, queries or concerns. Community members are always welcome to attend our Ordinary Council Meetings, and there is an opportunity at the beginning of each meeting for public questions to be asked.

It has been particularly encouraging to see community attendance at these meetings continue to grow. It is wonderful to see so many people interested in the processes and decision-making of local government, and I warmly encourage anyone interested to come along and observe a meeting.

I wish everyone a wonderful March and, as always, please feel free to get in touch if I can assist in any way.



**Dandjoo Day - Borden Pavilion**



**Fly in & Fair - Gnowangerup Airport**



**March Council Meeting - Borden Pavilion**

## From the CEO's desk



At the Shire of Gnowangerup, we are proud to deliver a wide range of services and initiatives that add value to our ratepayers and contribute to the wellbeing, liveability, and future growth of our community. While receiving the annual rates notice is not a pleasant experience, I can assure ratepayers that every rates dollar helps us maintain and improve the essential services our residents rely on—roads, reliable rubbish collection, and well-kept parks and gardens that make our towns welcoming and enjoyable places to live.

While our focus is on providing these basics, we also have a strong focus on revitalising the Shire by supporting local activities, creating spaces where people can come together, and providing opportunities for young people to participate, develop skills, and feel connected. These initiatives help strengthen the social fabric of the Shire while keeping our community vibrant and forward-looking.

The Shire also plays an important role in supporting key local facilities such as the doctor, hospital, and airstrip, ensuring that vital health and emergency services remain accessible to everyone in the district.

Looking ahead, we are actively shaping the Shire's long-term prosperity through new residential and industrial land releases and the development of a lifestyle land subdivision. These projects are designed to attract new families, support local business growth and enhance the overall amenity of our three towns.

Together, these efforts reflect our commitment to building a thriving, sustainable community—one where people stay, grow and thrive.

*Stay. Grow. Thrive.*





## Annual Regional Business Forum



The annual regional business forum hosted by the Shire was held last Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Despite a forecast 38-degree day, the Gnowangerup Sporting Complex was buzzing early as trade exhibitors set up from 7:30am and attendees gathered for Fields & Fortunes 2026 – Smart Business, Strong Communities.

The forum brought together 127 regional business owners, farmers, students, innovators and industry leaders for a full day focused on practical technology, productivity and resilience for regional communities.

Community Economic Development Manager Stuart Drummond opened the morning, followed by a warm Welcome to Country from Tassie Hayward of the Noongar Nation on Goreng Country, who shared stories of the local area and spoke about the importance of naming and cultural connection.

Minister Stephen Dawson, Minister for Innovation and the Digital Economy; Science; Medical Research; and Great Southern, addressed guests, reinforcing that innovation is not confined to metropolitan areas. The forum was fortunate to welcome him back to Gnowangerup, where he highlighted that regional Western Australia has a strong track record of driving meaningful innovation and reminded attendees that postcode should never determine the level of technology or opportunity available.

Councillor Rebecca O'Meehan – Deputy President, Shire of Gnowangerup

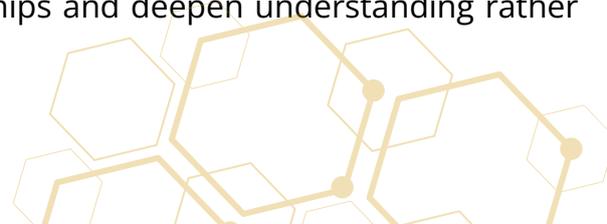
Bec opened with humour, joking that her husband noticed her “business attire” meant she wouldn't be helping in the sheep yards that morning, before acknowledging fellow Noongar Councillor Robbie Minitier. She encouraged everyone to make the most of the conversations in the room, reminding attendees that networking and connection are often the most valuable outcomes of days like this.

Bethany Findlay – NBN Co

Bethany delivered a clear snapshot of Australia's digital growth, highlighting that the average Australian now spends over six hours online daily and the number of connected household devices has jumped from five in 2020 to 25 today, with 44 predicted by 2030. She encouraged businesses to understand how rapidly technology is evolving, outlining upcoming satellite partnerships and directing attendees to check what services are available in their region.

Renu Kannu – Australian Automation and Robotics Precinct

Renu challenged the room by asking how many had heard of, or visited, the Australian Automation and Robotics Precinct in Wanneroo, highlighting the opportunity many are yet to tap into. She explained how the 51-hectare site exists to lower barriers for businesses to test, trial and scale ideas in real-world environments, urging attendees to seek partnerships and deepen understanding rather than shy away from innovation.



## Annual Regional Business Forum

### Burke Perry – BP Imports (Local Case Study)

Burke shared his journey from importing machinery in 2015 without a clear plan to now designing and manufacturing precision equipment, crediting local farmers for backing him and building his confidence. He spoke passionately about quality, investing in advanced technology like his new CNC machine, supporting his staff, and refusing to let location limit ambition.

### Julian Moore – Keynote

Julian took the audience on a fast-paced AI journey, demonstrating how accessible and powerful the technology has become, including generating a live rap song for Gnowangerup District High School students using AI. He encouraged businesses to become AI fluent, experiment responsibly and understand the tools now shaping industries worldwide.

### Jason McFarlane – GreenTech

Jason energised the room (quite literally) before speaking about decarbonisation, leverage and the power of local innovation supported by local procurement and collective investment. He reframed Burke's "45-minute idea" as the result of years of accumulated local know-how, reinforcing that regional capability runs deep.

### Mat Lewis – Creative Village

Mat spoke about building a "village" rather than a hub, emphasising flexibility and creative ecosystems that can operate anywhere — even aisle eight at the IGA. Using a Margaret River case study, he showed how creative storytelling helped a community navigate major change, and urged attendees to nurture young creatives with the producers and strategists they need to turn talent into business.

### Professor Helge Janicke – Cyber Security

Helge, respectfully dubbed "the scary man", delivered a confronting reminder that cyber safety is a life skill, asking the room to consider what would happen if their systems disappeared tomorrow. He offered practical advice — use password managers, avoid SMS-based multi-factor authentication where possible, review stored data — and encouraged businesses to go forward with eyes wide open and clear priorities.

If you attended the forum you should now have a link to a survey for feedback, please take some time to complete this as it will assist with future events and opportunities.

The Shire would like to thank everyone who made this event successful

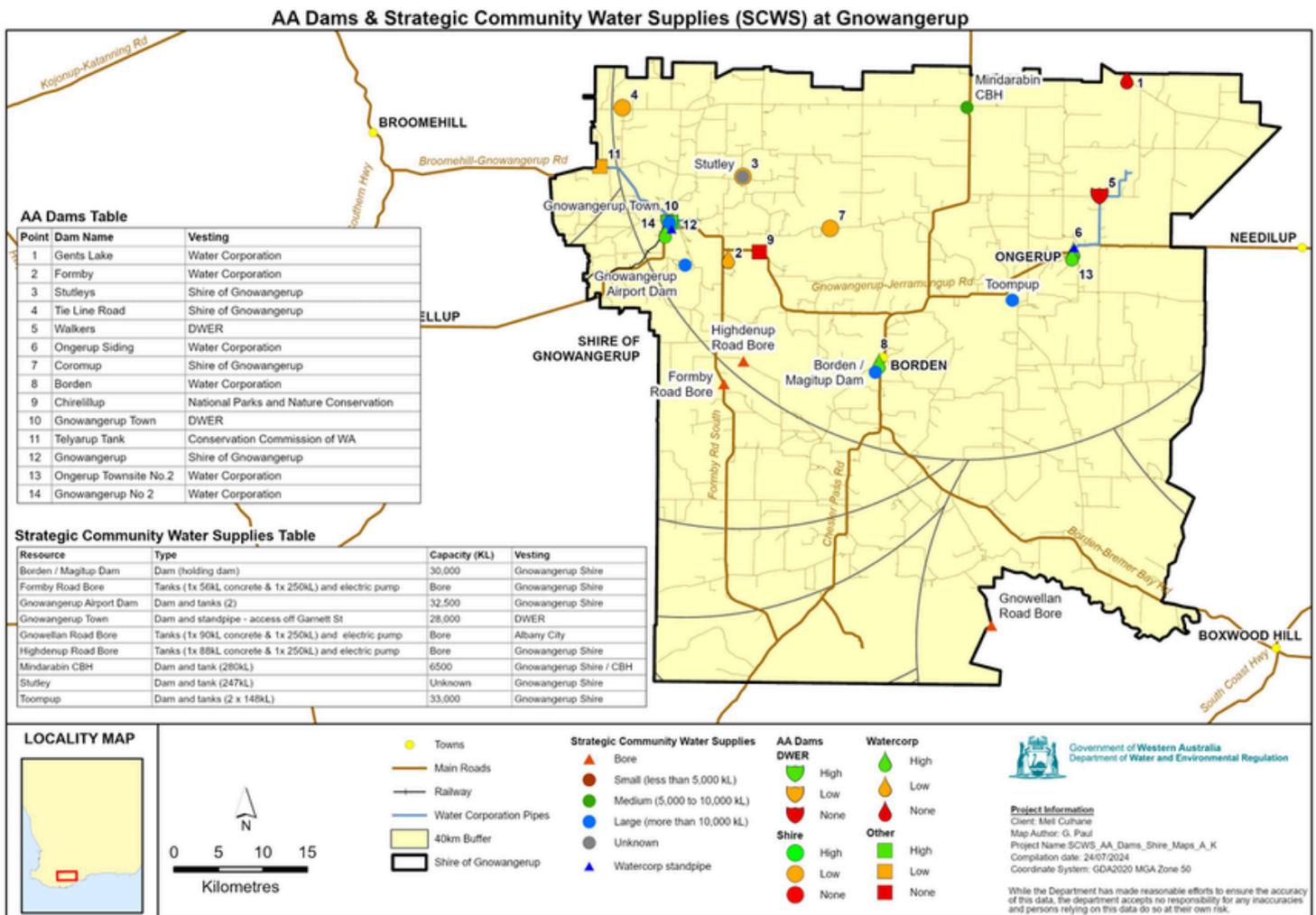


## Water (non-potable) Security for the Future - Shire of Gnowangerup

The Shire has been working for several years to develop a reliable non-potable water supply network in rural areas across the Shire. This initiative has required strong collaboration and participation from multiple stakeholders, including farming communities, local government authorities, and State Government agencies. Together, they form an integrated approach to ensuring a sustainable water supply for the future.

A link to the Strategic Community Water Supplies (SCWS) is now available on the Shire’s website. This resource provides farmers, emergency bushfire services, and Shire staff with detailed information on the location of nine SCWS sites. It also explains how to access non-potable water for emergency stock watering and firefighting purposes, as well as the facilities available at each site.

In addition to the SCWS network, the Shire manages another six locations that also supply non-potable water for community benefit. These sites support a variety of essential activities, including irrigating sporting ovals, firefighting operations, and road construction.



## Water (non-potable) Security for the Future - Shire of Gnowangerup

The Shire of Gnowangerup has been focusing on upgrading and developing water resources across the Shire after the last severe drought. These projects have included:

- The Construction of the 32,500 kL Central storage dam and two 250kL tanks from the Gnowangerup Aerodrome in 2021.
- Construction of a 247kL tanks at the Stutley Dam in 2024
- Construction of a new 6,500 kL Dam on the Mindarabin CBH site and one 280kL tank within the road reserve in 2025
- Construction of an additional 58 kL tank at the Gnowangerup Aerodrome for Fire Fighting Water Bombers in 2025
- Installation of a water pipeline from the Central Dam to the Fire Fighting Water Bomber Tanks for automatic recharging in 2025
- Installation of swipe card system at the Central dam tanks to monitor use, so the water resources is not depleted by overuse. 2026
- Renewal works on the Magitup Dam including eroded catch clearing, Desilting the silt catchment dam and re-battering the main dam banks. 2026



*New tank installed on Moores Dam Road in 2024*



*New Standpipe controller at Central Dam next to the Gnowangerup Aerodrome.*

Other works being developed include

- Clearing around the Gnowangerup Town Dam, installation of tanks and upgrade fill point.
- Talking with Water Corp and Dept. of Water and Environment Regulation (DWER) on options to develop new water resources for the community.

All these projects have been jointly funded by a partnership between DWER and the Shire of Gnowangerup.

## **Water (non-potable) Security for the Future - Shire of Gnowangerup continued.**

The Shire is also part of the Coastal Great Southern Regional Drought Resilience Plan. The Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program (the RDRP Program) sits under the FDF Investment Theme 'Better Planning'. It involves funding the development of Regional Drought Resilience (RDR) Plans, to prepare for and manage, future drought risks.

The RDR Plans:

- Are community-owned and led, involving local governments, regional organisations, the agricultural sector and local Drought Hubs;
- Identify actions to prepare for future droughts based on evidence;
- Build on existing planning; and
- Draw out regional needs and priorities to inform future investment.
- They support regional communities to:
  - build their economic, environmental and social resilience to future droughts;
  - be in a stronger position to adapt to climate change;
  - form stronger connections and networks within and beyond regions; and
  - apply best practice data and information to make better decisions.

This Coastal Great Southern RDR Plan has been developed by the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) under the RDRP Program. It is the second RDR Plan to be delivered in the Great Southern region.

The Inland Great Southern Regional Drought Resilience Plan was released in late 2023, and involved the GSDC partnering with DPIRD to support delivery across the inland Shires of Jerramungup, Kent, Gnowangerup, Katanning, Kojonup, Cranbrook, Woodanilling and Broomehill-Tambellup.

The GSDC has again partnered with DPIRD to support delivery across the coastal subregion. This will greatly assist the Shire in seeking additional funding for all new projects as we move forward to securer the community's future and growth.



*Loader and Excavation used to clean out the silt trap at Magitup Dam, Borden*

## Roads with Rick – Infrastructure and Assets

### What's happening around the roads ?

General maintenance grading, repairs and drain cleanouts were some of the activities for the following roads in February 2026: Boxwood/Ongerup Rd, Wellstead Rd, Haxby Rd, Jamvale Rd, Greaves Hill Rd, Toompup Rd South, Corackerup Rd, Cowalellup Rd, Holden Rd, Kybelup Rd, New Country Rd,, Bungey Rd, Highdenup Rd, Magitup Rd, 6 Mile and Gnowangerup Town site fire breaks.

### Gravel Resheet Program

Gravel resheet upgrade works is when we place extra gravel on roads and water and roll it to give a nice compacted surface for driving on. Sometimes it does takes a season to settle so you to still need to exercise care. This will improve and extend the life of gravel roads, we will see 26.4 kms of resheets upgrades carried out this financial year. Some changes were made to the program to treat 6.4kmof Nightwell Rd due to the rapid deterioration in some sections over the harvest period. Roads completed include Old Ongerup Rd, Tieline Rd, Oakdae Rd, Cowalellup Rd, and Sandalwood Rd. Magitup Rd and Nightwell Rd will be finished by about mid March.

### Gravel Road Maintenance Through Summer and Winter

The Shire of Gnowangerup manages about 836 km of gravel roads, forming the backbone of our transport network for residents, farms, school buses, and emergency services. Seasonal conditions have a significant impact on unsealed roads, and our Infrastructure team works year-round to manage these challenges.

### Summer Maintenance

Hot, dry conditions often cause corrugations, loose gravel, and dust, especially on heavily used freight and harvest routes.

- Regular grading to smooth and reshape road surfaces.
- Additional gravel where required to treat road blowouts through to the sand.
- Gravel re-sheeting to restore road depth and extend road life.
- We are reviewing alternative treatments to better respond to treatment of road corrugations.



## Roads with Rick – Infrastructure and Assets

### Winter Maintenance

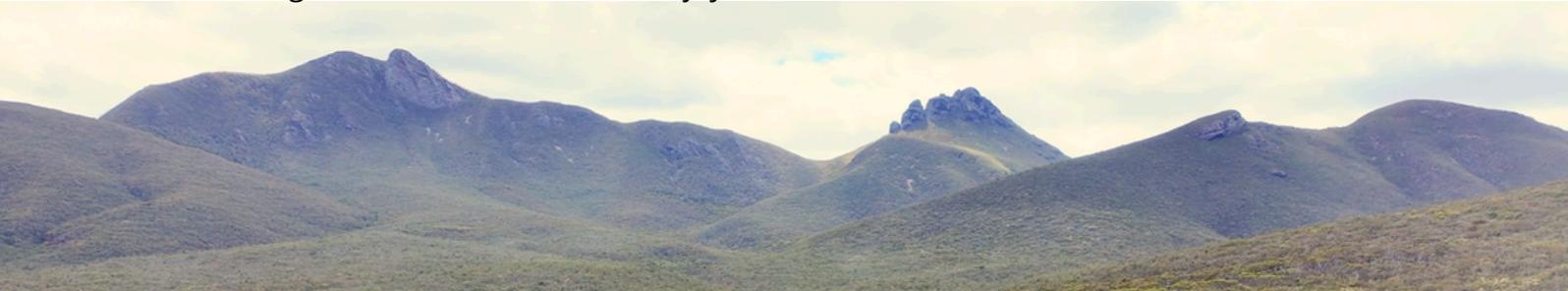
Winter rainfall helps bind gravel naturally but also contributes to soft patches, potholes, and erosion. Our winter maintenance includes;

- Drainage maintenance, ensuring table drains and road profiles shed water effectively.
- Moisture-assisted grading, timed to achieve good compaction without damaging wet roads.
- Timely storm-response to fix washouts, scouring, and road hazards.

### How the Community Can Help

- Drive to conditions, especially when dusty or rough in summer or after rain in winter.
- Avoid heavy-vehicle use on soft, wet roads where possible.
- If you have ideas or suggestions to better maintain or improvements you would like to see, let us know.
- If you have gravel or know where some is, let us know as this helps the community to look after our roads as cost effective as possible.
- Report hazards/suggestions or storm damage on 9827 1007 or via shire website/email or via the free phone app ‘Snap Send Solve’.

*Take care around graders and road crews – enjoy the view and slow down.*



### Snap Send Solve

Snap Send Solve is a simple, easy-to-use app that lets community members report issues directly to local government and service organisations. With a few taps you can take a photo, add a location and description, and send it straight to the right team for action.

### How Local Governments Use It

Local governments use Snap Send Solve to streamline customer feedback and maintenance requests. Reports are received with photos and precise location data, helping teams prioritise and schedule repairs, clean-ups and other maintenance work more efficiently. It replaces slower methods like phone calls or emails and provides a clear digital record of community issues.

### Why It Matters for the Shire of Gnowangerup

For the Shire of Gnowangerup, Snap Send Solve is the quickest way for residents, businesses and visitors to let us know about maintenance items – from potholes and broken signage to parks and footpath concerns. It ensures your feedback goes straight to the right team so we can respond and resolve issues as promptly as possible.



# Dandjoo Day Community Celebration

 **Friday 13 March** • **Borden Pavilion**

*Dandjoo means “together” in Noongar language, reflecting the spirit of the evening*

Dandjoo Day is a community celebration recognising the people and groups who go the extra mile to support and strengthen their community. On the night, four awards will be presented:

- Community Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Community Group or Event of the Year

This event is an opportunity to pause, come together, and acknowledge the effort, care and commitment that make the community a great place to live. It is a chance for the Shire and Council to formally say thank you to those who quietly contribute their time, energy and leadership for the benefit of others.

## Who Can Be Nominated?

Community members, young people (under 25yrs), seniors (over 65yrs), or local groups and events that have made a positive impact through volunteering, leadership, kindness or community involvement.

## How to Nominate

Community members are encouraged to submit a nomination for someone who deserves recognition. Nomination details and forms are available through the Shire’s website. Visit [www.gnowangerup.wa.gov.au](http://www.gnowangerup.wa.gov.au) and click on Community - Our Community - Dandjoo.

Everyone is invited to attend and be part of an evening that celebrates community, connection and the people who make a difference – together.

Buses will be running from Ongerup and Gnowangerup return.

Please RSVP to [gnpshire@gnowangerup.wa.gov.au](mailto:gnpshire@gnowangerup.wa.gov.au) by March 6 for catering purposes

## Ongerup Hall

The Town Hall floor at Ongerup has been in poor condition for a number of years. After a community meeting in early 2024 it was requested that the floor be repaired and resealed. Maintenance money was reallocated from external painting of the building to undertake this work and quotes obtained from several contractors.

Work was programed for 2025 but due to delays the work was not completed until Feb 2026.



As part of the work the old sports badminton court line marking were removed, and a new pickleball court was installed prior to the floor being sealed. This new surface sealant will be easier to maintain compared to the old wax polishing that was required in the past.

## Weir Park

On Friday 27 February, Penny Wells from the Community Development team visited Ongerup to speak with the community about the future of Weir Park, starting at Ongerup Primary School, students shared their ideas. Their creativity was impressive, and they also provided valuable insight into what they already enjoy about the park.



Afterwards, Penny met local mums and community members at Weir Park. There is strong support for the existing equipment, along with practical suggestions to enhance the space. A number of minor issues were identified, many of which can be addressed without major works.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to be involved. Updates will be shared as the project progresses.

If an opportunity to contribute was missed and there are ideas to add, please email

[penny.wells@gnowangerup.wa.gov.au](mailto:penny.wells@gnowangerup.wa.gov.au).



# Consultation Invite

## Economic Development Planning

The Shire is developing an Economic Development Strategy and will be hosting community workshops in Gnowangerup, Borden and Ongerup. These sessions will be facilitated by Ascentive Consulting.

The community is invited to attend and share their experiences, ideas and potential solutions. Your input will help shape a Strategy that is practical, achievable and aligned with local priorities.

By understanding what is working well, what challenges exist, and opportunities, the Shire can develop a clear and realistic direction for future economic development.

### Workshop Details

#### Gnowangerup

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March | 5:30 -7:30 PM | Town Hall**

#### Borden

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Borden Pavilion**

#### Ongerup

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March | 3:00-5:00 PM | Yongergnow**

**RSVP to Stuart Drummond:**

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BORDEN ♦ GNOWANGERUP ♦ ONGERUP

*Heart of the Stirlings*

# Community Preparedness Monthly Topic

## Safe Tradies & DIY – reduce the risk

### Fire risks from welding, grinding & outdoor hot works

- Sparks from welding, grinding, or cutting can ignite dry grass, leaf litter, or nearby materials within seconds.
- Avoid undertaking hot works on days with High Fire Danger Ratings or above.
- Always clear the area of flammable materials before starting work.
- Keep firefighting equipment close by. A hose, extinguisher or water source can stop a small spark becoming a fire.
- Stay at least 30 minutes after finishing to check for hidden smouldering spots.
- If the weather becomes hot, windy, or dry, postpone your work. Conditions can change rapidly.

### DFES permits & safety guidelines

- Some hot works require a permit depending on the location, time of year and local fire conditions.
- Check DFES and local government guidelines before starting any hot work outdoors.
- Ensure everyone on site understands the conditions of the permit, including supervision, spark control, and suppression equipment.
- On a Total Fire Ban Day, it is illegal to light an open-air fire or conduct any activity that could start a fire. For a full list of prohibited activities, visit the DFES website.

### Safe use of power tools & lithium-ion batteries.

- Lithium-ion batteries are increasingly linked to house and shed fires.
- Always use the charger supplied with the device.
- Charge batteries on hard, non-flammable surfaces, away from sleeping areas.
- Replace damaged, swollen, or overheating batteries immediately.
- Don't leave tools or batteries in hot vehicles or direct sunlight.
- Store batteries away from flammable liquids and materials.



### Let's take action this month!

*Stay aware:* Check Fire Danger Ratings daily through Emergency WA.

*Use tools safely:* Choose cooler times of day for outdoor work and avoid high-risk weather.

*Refresh your plan:* Does your household know what to do if a fire starts while you're working outside?

*Check in with your community:* Support tradies, hobbyists, and neighbours by sharing safe-work messages.

*Seek support:* Your local CPA or the Community Preparedness Directorate can assist with resources or engagement ideas.

Every safe decision you make while working outdoors helps protect your home, your neighbours, and your community.

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## Local leaders and Curtin University unite to explore Carrolup artworks as living history

Great Southern Shire Presidents aim to bolster the role of community-led research in guiding the future of the Carrolup artworks.

Shire Presidents from Katanning, Kojonup and Gnowangerup joined representatives from the John Curtin Gallery for a guided tour and research discussion centred on the Carrolup artworks currently on display as part of the *Once Known* exhibition.

Held at 139 St Georges Terrace – Old Perth Boys’ School – *Once Known* showcases reproductions of the fragile artworks created by Aboriginal children forcibly taken from their families and detained at the Carrolup Native Settlement in the 1940s.

The meeting marks an important step in building ongoing partnerships that support community-centred research, cultural stewardship and the continued recognition of the Carrolup artworks’ enduring significance.

Borden local and PhD candidate, Curtin University, Phoebe Milne whose research explores the cultural, historical and emotional significance of the Carrolup artworks, said the opportunity to speak with the Shire Presidents was an important step in strengthening regional dialogue around the works and their future.

“My PhD looks at the role of respectful, community-led research in shaping the future of the Carrolup artworks,” she said. “This was an opportunity to consider the Carrolup works not only as historical artefacts, but as living histories that continue to hold deep meaning for communities across the Great Southern.”

Central to the meeting was the identification of opportunities to expand awareness of this work more broadly across the Great Southern region and their respective communities. Shire President, Shire of Gnowangerup, Kate O’Keefe said one of the most valuable aspects of the session was the opportunity to participate alongside the Presidents from two of our neighbouring Shires, Katanning and Kojonup.

“It reinforced that we are all on the same journey towards reconciliation, that we have much to learn, and that sharing stories and experiences strengthens our collective awareness, acknowledgement and understanding of this important process,” she said.

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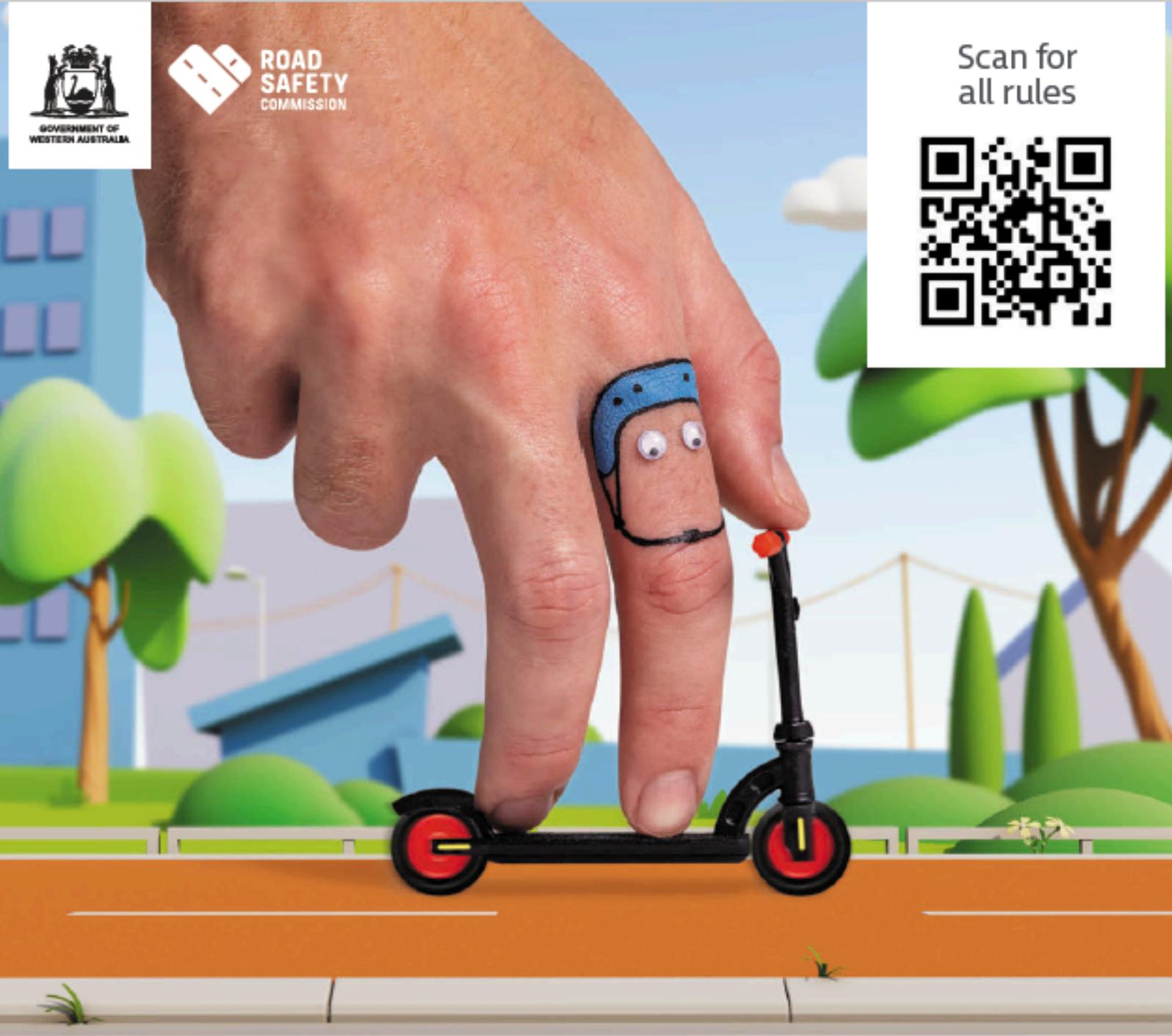
The visit has not only strengthened collaboration between local government leaders, researchers and cultural institutions, but has also paved the way for a shared understanding of Carrolup as history held by communities, not solely by institutions.

ENDS.



ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION

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# Let's roll together, **safely.**



One person per device



Max speed on footpaths



Max speed on bike paths, shared paths and local roads



Roads > 50km/h



# Are you ready for an EARTHQUAKE?

Earthquakes do happen in WA, and they are impossible to predict. Learn how to reduce the impacts of earthquakes to your family and property.

## BEFORE AN EARTHQUAKE HITS



### Prepare your home

Anchor large furniture to walls. Store heavy or fragile items on low shelves (under 1.5m).



### Make a plan

Identify safe places in your home and select meeting points. Don't forget to plan for your pets.



### Have a kit

Have an up to date emergency kit and check it regularly. Make sure everyone knows where it is.

## DURING AN EARTHQUAKE



**DROP!**



**COVER!**



**HOLD ON!**

## AFTER THE SHAKING STOPS



### Prepare for aftershocks

Aftershocks are unpredictable and can go on for weeks.



### Check for injuries

Make sure everyone is safe. Provide first aid or call 000.



### Look for damage

If the building is badly damaged, leave for a safer place.



### Leave coastal areas

Earthquakes can cause tsunamis. Quickly leave coastal areas.



You are not going to receive an earthquake warning. Ground shaking will often be your first warning that an earthquake has begun.



Scan to find out more

# What would you do in an EARTHQUAKE?

Earthquakes do happen in WA, and they are impossible to predict.  
Learn how to reduce the impacts of earthquakes to your family and property.

## Before an earthquake



### Secure heavy objects or tall furniture

Store heavy or fragile items on low shelves (under 1.5 metres). Anchor tall furniture into the wall studs.



### Check and upgrade your property

Engage with a building professional to inspect and maintain key structural elements where earthquakes cause the most damage.



### Make a plan

Identify safe spots at home and other frequented buildings. Designate an alternative meeting point for your household in case your home is damaged or you are separated.



### Have an emergency kit

Include a battery-operated AM/FM radio, torch, spare batteries, mobile phone and charger, medication, first aid kit, toiletries, sanitary items, water and food. Don't forget to prepare for your pets too.

## STAY INFORMED:



[emergency.wa.gov.au](http://emergency.wa.gov.au)



Local ABC Radio



@dfeswa



13 DFES (13 33 37)



[earthquakes.ga.gov.au](http://earthquakes.ga.gov.au)

## FOR LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCIES:

Call 000 (Text Emergency Relay Service : 106)



Scan to visit  
Emergency WA  
and download  
the app.

## AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE:

If you need help to make your property safe,  
call the State Emergency Service on 132 500



# What to expect after an **EARTHQUAKE**

## Who are the SES?

The State Emergency Service (SES) is made up of dedicated volunteers trained to respond to a range of different hazards. They can assist community to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies.

## What do the SES do?

The SES are vital after an earthquake. They assist with emergency repairs to houses or businesses, proactively assess the impacts of the event and support any search and rescue activities required.

## When to call the SES

Call the SES if you have damage to your house requiring emergency assistance or have fallen trees impacting a building or access.

For life threatening emergencies call 000.

## Earthquake @ GA

Geoscience Australia monitor earthquakes in Australia. You can find out about an earthquake and tell the scientists about your experience. This helps them improve their models.

Submit a Felt Report at Earthquakes @ GA website.

## Aftershocks

Aftershocks are typically smaller earthquakes that follow the main earthquake for days and even months afterwards. In some cases aftershocks can be bigger than the first recorded shock. Drop, Cover, Hold On during aftershocks too.

## Swarms

An earthquake swarm is a sequence of lower magnitude earthquake events in a local area. There is typically no main event but each shock may have aftershocks. Swarms can go on for months with many events being felt.

## Ask for support

Earthquakes can be frightening and it is normal to experience a range of emotions after an emergency.

It is important to check on your family and friends, and ask if you need help.

## Support Contacts

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636

Disaster Response Hotline:  
1800 032 965

Mental Health Emergencies:  
1300 555 788

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Your GP or local doctor.

## Important Contacts

SES: 132 500

DFES: 133 337

Western Power: 131 351

Main Roads WA: 138 138

Water Corporation: 131 375

Text Emergency Relay  
Service : 106

## **STAY INFORMED:**



[emergency.wa.gov.au](http://emergency.wa.gov.au)



Local ABC Radio



13 DFES (13 33 37)  
132 500 (SES)



@dfeswa

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Call 000 (Text Emergency Relay Service : 106)



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