



The project will investigate upgrading sporting and community facilities, tourism features, and housing options with a vision for a strong future in Nannup.

**Welcome to the first edition of the quarterly Newsletter for the Shire of Nannup! Our aim is to keep you updated on the activities of the Shire, and there has been lots of activity in Nannup over recent years. With over \$8 million in planned and delivered externally funded projects, we have been able to deliver a world class mountain bike park, improved road safety upgrades and many other projects that support vibrancy in Nannup.**

**We hope you enjoy reading the inaugural quarterly newsletter, where we can share with our community the projects being delivered to support the Nannup Strategic Community Plan, build community vibrancy and connect and grow our shire.**

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## MINISTER SUPPORTS A LIVEABLE NANNUP

**On Friday 3rd March 2023, as part of the iconic Nannup Music Festival weekend, the Honourable Don Punch, Representative for the City of Bunbury and Minister for Regional Development, announced \$50,000 of funding to assist the Shire of Nannup in creating a Master Plan to shape the town's development into the future.**

The \$50,000 from the South West Development Commission, along with matched funds provided by the Shire of Nannup, will be utilised to build the Arts, Recreation, Tourism and Liveability Master Plan. Regional Development Minister Don Punch states that "a focus will be identifying the future land and infrastructure development required to adequately cater for growth of the arts, recreation and tourism industries — as well as enhance liveability — in order to support opportunities for economic and community development."

The 3rd March announcement occurred at the Blackwood Café with over 70 community members and stakeholders present, including different sporting groups, Shire Councillors, non-for profits, community groups and local government. Shire of Nannup CEO, David Taylor, states "that it was wonderful to see so many sectors of the Nannup community represented". He urges the community to stay involved throughout the consultation process as community aspirations will be the key driver to the direction and outcomes of the Master Plan.

The Master Plan concept will explore all the possibilities that will enhance the arts, recreation, tourism and liveability in

Nannup within the study area. This could include, but not be limited to, sporting facility upgrades, tourism features, housing options, community facilities or cultural and heritage investment.

The Shire of Nannup welcomes the funding and is thrilled to be able to build on previous work done building the Liveable Nannup concepts and Investment Prospectus to provide a vision directly influencing any future changes. Shire President, Cr Tony Dean, states that "it is great to see all levels of Government aligning to provide opportunities to diversify Nannup's industry base and create a cohesive, vision for a strong Nannup; now and into the future".

With the recent closure of the Native Forest Timber Industry, this project is key to the future prosperity of Nannup and attracting more investment, relocations and visitors alike to our community. Warren-Blackwood MLA Jane Kelsbie states "No one knows the community better than the people who live there, and I'd encourage locals to get involved in this opportunity to guide the future of Nannup."

## CONNECT AND GROW

**In January, we celebrated together with our community, honouring those who volunteer their time, expertise, knowledge, and kindness with a willingness to help others at the Australia Day ceremony.**

The Shire of Nannup recognised the outstanding contribution of Charlee Morton-Sharp as the 2023 Youth Citizen of the Year, Jo Douglas as the 2023 Citizen of the Year, and Sue Smith and Warren Smith, for their roles at the Nannup St John Ambulance as the Senior Citizens of the Year. The Event or Community Group of the Year was awarded to the Nannup Community Kitchen. These awards recognise the invaluable work done for the community, and we are grateful for all their hard work.



The Community Grants program has once again been successful with the Shire of Nannup supporting more than 15 community projects over the last twelve months. More than \$30,000 has been invested in the grant program, building vibrancy within our community. The Shire of Nannup looks forward to further applications for consideration in the upcoming budget.

Since 2020, the Shire has focused on new infrastructure projects enabled through State and Federal funds. Some of these projects include branding Nannup as the Munda Biddi Trail Halfway Town, the upgrade of the Recreation Centre Sports Hall roof, installation of the Water Stand Pipe and refurbishment of the accessible toilets for Shire facilities and the lowering of the Shire front reception counter. All projects hope to better support the needs of our community.

The Emu Nature Playground has been a wonderful attraction for our young people at Marinko Tomas Park and the recent installation of the Flying Fox is another great addition to the community infrastructure.

In 2022 the Shire of Nannup successfully opened the Nannup Tank 7 Mountain Bike Park, named one of the best mountain biking experiences in the South West. The park will feature in season 3 of the SBS series Trail Towns TV. The segment "Road Tripping WA" features Nannup together with Dwellingup and Collie as the trail towns and will screen in August of this year.

Other exciting promotional opportunities presented in 2022 included the Southern Forests and Valley's collaboration with A State on a Plate. Aired in June of that year, featuring local Nannup producers the episode promoted trails and the Experience Nannup App.

Last year, the Shire of Nannup's Economic and Community Development team were awarded three awards and one highly commended for the Living with Emu's Project targeting road safety messages, and Nannup Tank 7 Mountain Bike Park was awarded the Partnership and Collaborative award through the Local Government Professional awards. These accolades are well deserved by the hardworking team at the Nannup Shire Council.

We are excited to announce that the Nannup Shire has completed the upgrade of Centenary Lane. These works included widening, sealing and curbing in order to accommodate heavy traffic during events. The widening of this road allows three-way traffic and reduces road congestion during heavy trafficable times. The project was successfully completed prior to the 2023 Nannup Music Festival on the March long weekend.

This year is looking exciting, with the completion of more infrastructure work, including the Trail Town projects. The bridge crossing project, connecting Cockatoo Valley residents to town and realigning the Munda Biddi Trail and the Warren Blackwood Stock Route off Vasse Highway, will make the trails safer for bikers, walkers, runners and horse riders. The Town to Tank link is now sealed with bitumen, connecting town to Nannup Tank 7 Mountain Bike Park. The new Freestyle Jump Park, on corner of Vasse Highway and Mowen Road, will commence construction in the coming months, providing another great asset for the bike enthusiast to better their skills.

The Shire of Nannup has been working on a number of road improvement projects. Roads to Recovery is a federally funded program that supports the construction and maintenance of Australia's local road infrastructure assets, which facilitates greater accessibility and improves safety. Funding allowed the Shire of Nannup to complete the safety improvement work on Stacey Road in Jalbarragup. The works included widening the road from 4.5metres to 6.2metres as well as adding seal shoulders and drainage improvement.

As well as working on road safety on a federal level, the Shire of Nannup partners with the State Government through Main Roads to deliver the Roads Program Grant. This program works on a five year road improvement schedule, and contributed to more than \$400,000 in road improvements within our Shire this financial year, including sections of

Fouracres Road and Governor Broome Road in Scott River and the resealing of Cundinup South Road and Brockman Highway (Bridgetown Road). These roads are heavily utilised by the agricultural sector, logging haulage and are part of the school bus routes.

The Shire of Nannup excels in road conditions. Recently a visitor to the Shire of Nannup stated how beautiful it is to drive to, and through, the Shire of Nannup. They said the roads are generally the best in the state and wanted to pass on their appreciation for the great work and planning to the respective teams/people concerned. They said the roads are such a delight and always comment "Great roads, we must be in the Nannup Shire!"

The Shire is also seeking better car parking options within the CBD and is investigating

locations for this to occur. Other improvements include the construction of a new Cundinup Fire Shed with state of the art stand-alone solar system and improvements to the Scott River Bush Fire Shed.

We are also working on the Liveable Nannup project to increase the population through sustainable development informed by the Nannup Investment Prospectus, which was launched to our community on February 20 at the Nannup Function Centre, attended by more than 70 interested members of our community. Stay tuned for more updates on this exciting project!

This has been an interesting time for the development of the Shire of Nannup. The schedule of works is additional to the day to day operations for Shire officers, and accolades and awards indicate the outstanding contribution they deliver for the local community.

## SENIORS HOUSING PRECINCT

**The Shire of Nannup has commenced an exciting project to create a Seniors Housing Precinct in the heart of our community. The preferred location identified for this precinct is in the area which is bounded by Cross Street, Adam Street and Walter Street.**

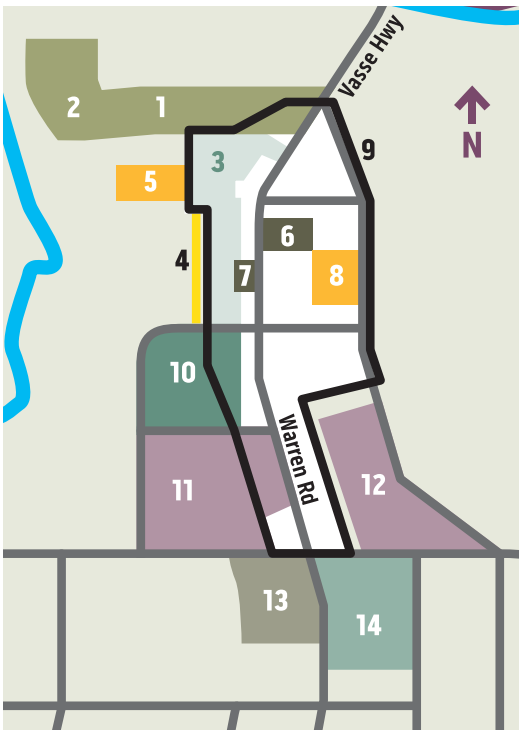
This strategic project will provide a much needed service for the ageing population in Nannup. We understand that our senior community is growing and that there is a need for accessible and affordable housing options. Our goal is to develop independent senior housing, specifically for Nannup residents who are seeking to downsize due to their age. We are aware that no housing product exists within our shire, and we are committed to addressing this gap.

A Concept Design will be developed in consultation with stakeholders. This will help us to understand the project to identify parcel yields and cost estimates. The project development is expected to be staged and will be determined through the consultation process.

A Seniors Housing Precinct will be a valuable addition to our community, providing seniors with the opportunity to live in a safe and accessible environment, surrounded by like-minded individuals. It will also be a great investment opportunity for the Shire, creating new jobs and economic growth.

The Shire of Nannup will be hosting a workshop on Monday 17th April 2023 at the Nannup Function Centre in the Nannup Sport and Recreation Precinct on Warren Road, Nannup commencing at 5:00pm to initiate community consultation regarding this project.

### NANNUP CENTRAL



- 1 Festival Precinct
- 2 Trail Hub
- 3 Short term accommodation infill
- 4 Jephson Street to be sealed\*
- 5 Potential car park
- 6 CBD area
- 7 Main Street vacant block: infill potential
- 8 Seniors' housing precinct
- 9 Housing density increase
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\*Jephson St seal may include developer contribution

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# INVESTMENT PROSPECTUS

Throughout 2022, the Shire worked on developing an Investment Prospectus which was officially launched to the community in February 2023. This guide was created to showcase the many opportunities available in Nannup and to attract new business and investment to our area.

We believe that investment is crucial to the growth of our community, and we're dedicated to ensuring Nannup remains a vibrant and thriving place for years to come. By attracting investment, we can create new job opportunities, support local businesses, and improve the services and amenities available to our residents.



### Sustainable

Like our surrounding environment, we are here to thrive in every way. We value businesses that are environmentally sustainable, that have robust business plans, and who make our community a better place.

### Diverse

We encourage businesses and investors large and small to bring new ideas and new industries to enhance our diverse economy. There's so much opportunity, and the future is bright for all types of products, services and industries.

### Supported

Starting a business or investing in Nannup means you'll have a wide range of support – from the Shire, from regional development and tourism bodies, and from the community.

### Connected

Be easily connected to the region thanks to our central location as the heart of the South West. With continued improvements to our telecommunications capacity, Nannup is striving towards advanced connectivity.

To access the complete investment prospectus, please visit [nannup.wa.gov.au](http://nannup.wa.gov.au). Then, navigate to the 'Living Here' section and select 'Economic Development' from the 'Events and Notices' tab. Alternatively, please pick up a printed copy from the Shire of Nannup office.

# SMALL BUSINESS FRIENDLY PROGRAM



The Shire of Nannup Administration team successfully completed the Small Business Approvals Program.

As a result of participating in the Small Business Development Corporation's (SBDC) Small Business Friendly Approval Program in July 2022, the Shire of Nannup is now more equipped to help small businesses succeed in our community. The four-week program equipped our staff with the skills and knowledge needed to improve our systems and processes in order to better support small businesses.

By exploring problems from the customer's point of view, we have gained insights and developed solutions that better meet the needs of small businesses in our community. The program has helped us to better understand the challenges faced by small business owners and enabled us to create a more supportive environment for them to thrive.

Our new approach is aimed at making it easier for small businesses to establish, grow, and thrive in Nannup. The Shire immediately instituted reforms such as establishing a dedicated Business Support Team to oversee approvals. This has resulted in streamlining events and event application process, better distribution of information to the community through strategic communications and face to face inception to develop small business.

It also formalised its event approvals process, streamlined and standardised application information, and created a visual guide of the approval process and application requirements.



The team busy working through the small business approval processes.

We have also developed a number of business tools to support the program, including The Experience Nannup brand, our Blueprint, the Nannup Investment Prospectus and the BST.

By participating in this program and making changes to better serve small business, the Shire of Nannup is taking a significant step towards creating a more vibrant and successful business community. We encourage all small businesses in the area to get in touch with us to find out more about how we can support their growth and success.

For further information, or to discuss any enquires please feel free to contact the business support team on (08) 9756 1018 or [nannup@nannup.wa.gov.au](mailto:nannup@nannup.wa.gov.au)

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## KAYA

The Shire of Nannup acknowledges the Wardandi and Bibbulmun people as the native title holders of the lands and waters in and around Nannup together with all native title holders throughout the Shire.

We pay respect to the Elders, past, present and emerging, and of the Wardandi and Bibbulmun people and extend that respect to all Aboriginal Australians living within the Shire of Nannup.

Nannup, also known as the “Stopping Place” in the local Noongar language, and the Blackwood River is significant for the Wardandi people as it is the place where the Pibelman and Wardandi people came together.

