

# WELCOME

Welcome to the Bunuru edition of the quarterly newsletter for the Shire of Nannup, where we aim to keep you updated on the activities of the Shire.

We hope you enjoy reading about the projects being delivered to support the Nannup Strategic Community Plan, build community vibrancy, and connect and grow our shire.

# CONNECT AND GROW

January is a month filled with community spirit, and the Shire of Nannup is proud to host several annual events that bring people together.



Build Up Skateboarding workshop was a hit with the local youth

As part of the Summer School Holidays, the *Build Up* Skateboarding workshop engaged around 20 young participants, offering lessons suited to various skill levels. From beginners learning the basics to more experienced skaters mastering tricks and jumps, the workshop was a valuable opportunity for local youth to develop new skills. The Nannup Skate Park continues to be an essential community asset, fostering coordination, confidence, and connections among young skaters. Holyoak, a partner of the Nannup Local Drug Action Group, funded this initiative with support from the Shire of Nannup.

Another outstanding event was the annual Nannup Family Fun Day. The event featured live music curated by the Nannup Music Club, fairy magic, water slides, arts and crafts, information stalls showcasing community resources, and emergency services displays. Tickets included a delicious lunch supplied by the Nannup Lions Club. The Shire of Nannup extends its sincere



Cultural sharing at the annual Australia Day breakfast



Cooling down with a splash at the Family Fun Day

gratitude to the volunteers, local businesses, community groups and sponsors, including Talison Lithium, that helped make the day so vibrant and inclusive.

Over 250 community members gathered to celebrate Australia Day 2025. Local businesses, community groups, sponsors and volunteers all contributed to making the event a resounding success. A special feature of the day was the Welcome to Country, delivered by the Nala Boodja Eco Clan Aboriginal Corporation custodian Mitchella Hutchins. A range of activities complemented this cultural ceremony, including music, face painting, and a land art circle. These activities offered attendees a meaningful opportunity to engage with Indigenous heritage fostering respect, understanding, and reconciliation. The Shire of Nannup thank the local elders for their generosity in sharing their culture with the community on this day.



The beautiful floral decorations supplied by the Nannup Garden Village Committee



Sustainable dream catcher art workshop at the Family Fun Day

The morning's festivities were further enhanced by live music from Black Stump Project, setting a lively and welcoming atmosphere. The Keynotes' rendition of the Australian National Anthem and the proud flag-raising ceremony by RLS helped mark the significance of the day, bringing the community together in a shared moment of celebration.

The Shire of Nannup also expresses its thanks for the support from the Australia Day Council and acknowledges the hard work of the Australia Day Committee, councillors, and staff, whose dedication brought the event to life.

As part of the Australia Day celebrations, the Shire recognised the tremendous contributions of local individuals through the Nannup Citizen of the Year Awards. James Scott (Youth Citizen Award), Mark White (Citizen of the Year Award), and Mike Vasey (Senior Citizen of the Year Award) were all recognised for their outstanding contributions this year. The Friends of the Cemetery received the Community Group of the Year Award for their dedication to maintaining and beautifying the cemetery.

The Shire of Nannup congratulates all recipients of awards, as well as all those nominated. Their contributions make Nannup a stronger, more connected community.

The Shire of Nannup supported the following projects through Round Two of the 2024-2025 Community Grants Program.

- Nannup Markets: Fortnightly winter markets in the Nannup Town Hall
- Nannup Community Cinema: Outdoor cinema at the Foreshore Amphitheatre in January and February 2025 and regular monthly screenings in the Nannup Town Hall.
- Nannup Family Collective: Monthly Toddler Jam program, led by Leanne White.
- Friends of Donnelly River Village: Development of three additional video vignettes from their oral history interviews, to be displayed in the museum.
- Blackwood River Arts Trail: Assisting in the production of the Art Trail Guide booklet design.
- Nannup Bowling Club: To assist with catering, the installation of a glass washer and dishwasher.
- Nannup Arts Council Inc: Replacement of the Supper Room Gallery floor.



The Shire President celebrates the Citizen of the Year Awards with the awardees

It has been wonderful to witness some of these projects come to fruition. The Under the Stars Outdoor Cinema experiences have been popular with the community and the Toddler Jam has provided a positive new experience for 0–5-year-olds in Nannup.

The 2025-2026 Community Grant Program Round One is open now, closing on the 30 April 2025. For more information, visit our website: Community > Connect > Community Grants or contact the Shire Office at 9756 1018 or nannup@nannup.wa.gov.au.

For the past four years, the Shire of Nannup's Economic and Community Development Coordinator has teamed up with students from Servite College to encourage entrepreneurial thinking during the Year 9 camp. This year's project focused on addressing challenges outlined in the Nannup Arts, Recreation, and Tourism Liveability (NARTL) Masterplan, considering the town's history, culture, environment, and economy.

The students received a presentation on Nannup's strategic direction and strengths, and then conducted fieldwork, speaking with local businesses and community members. They worked in groups to develop practical solutions for local issues. Eight student teams presented unique projects, including ideas such as a Blackwood River Twilight Trail, an Observatory Glass Dome, a Glamping Park, and more. The judges selected the Glamping Park project as the winner for its comprehensive solution to multiple challenges.

This collaboration, requested by Servite College, is a valuable initiative for fostering strong community ties within Nannup.

The Shire of Nannup has welcomed several new staff members to the team.

- Geoff Allam joined the Shire as the Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM). A local resident with extensive experience in emergency services, Geoff's knowledge and commitment to public safety will be invaluable in ensuring the safety and well-being of the community.
- Clint Conner was appointed as Environmental and Sustainability Officer. With a background in conservation and land management, Clint is passionate about sustainable practices and will lead efforts in promoting eco-friendly policies and programs within the community.
- Nicky Barker stepped into the role of Governance Officer. Nicky brings a wealth of experience in governance, ensuring that the Shire maintain the highest standards of transparency and accountability within the Shire.

- Lisa Atkinson joined the Shire in June 2024 as Executive Support Officer. With a background working with State Government leaders, Lisa's experience will enhance the team's effectiveness.
- Michael Snart joined in February 2025 as the Trails and Grants Officer. With ten years working in the City of Belmont's Leisure Services Team, together with a background in Events, Sports and Recreation Management, Michael brings a wealth of knowledge to the Economic and Community Development team.

The Shire Works Department also welcomed three new members to the team. Melanie Grant and Shane Christie have started as Plant Operators, and Kale Gallop has been appointed as the Trainee General Hand and Plant Operator. The Shire welcomes them onboard and are confident that their enthusiasm and skills will benefit the team.

Construction works to widen Leschenaultia Drive have been completed, with sealing of the reconstructed portion underway. Jalbarragup Road gravel resheeting has also been completed. Helyar Road Intersection widening has commenced.

Asphalt sealing works on the Bridgetown Nannup Rd, Cundinup South Road, East Nannup Road culverts and Graphite Road pavement repair have been completed.

Maintenance grading has continued on Mount Leeuwin Loop, Coronation Road, Pneumonia Road, Jangardup Road, Woodarburrup Road, Governor Broome Road, Jalbarragup Road, Agg Road and Milyeannup Coast Road.

Pothole patching was carried out on Sears and Donnelly Mill Roads, Hitchcock Drive, Warren Road, Balingup-Nannup Road and Bridgetown-Nannup Road.

Signs were replaced or installed on Buckley Road, Miller Road, King Road, Helyar Road, Donnelly River Bridge, Halley's Form, Stacey Road with speed advisory signs on River Road and Jalbarragup Road. Additionally, the Old Kindy Building carpark had signage installed and 'Emergency Vehicles Entering' signs have been installed on Felspar Road.

The Parks and Gardens team has been busy mowing and slashing the verges, parks, and ovals around the town. Slashing of road verges along Balingup-Nannup and East Nannup Roads has been completed. Regular watering of gardens, street trees and planter boxes has been occurring.

The Recreation Centre foyer upgrades are complete, as is the roof replacement at the Old Kindy Building.

Works to extend/complete the perimeter fence at the Waste Management Facility have commenced and arrangements are being made with contractors for collection of the stockpile of tyres.

The Shire Works Department assisted with the chimney fire at the Nannup Mill as well as assisting with setup of the Family Fun Day. Dead eucalypt trees have been removed from the Arboretum. Fallen trees were cleared from River Road — near Nevermann Road and another near Nickoloplas Road. A tree was also cleared from Agg Road.

# BE STORM READY

While the dangers of a storm can't be prevented, you can prepare and reduce the amount of damage a storm can cause.

Most damage is caused by flying objects, fallen trees and flooding from blocked gutters. As storms can happen at any time and sometimes without much notice, it is best to prepare and maintain your property throughout the year.

Further information on how to be storm ready can be found at <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/storm/prepare>  
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Recovery training at the Nannup Tank 7 MTB park



SES volunteers undertaking flood boat recovery training



Preparing the volunteers with high ropes rescue training

## NANNUP SES: VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, LOCALLY AND BEYOND

**The Nannup State Emergency Service (SES) is a team of dedicated volunteers whose commitment to helping others is truly inspiring. From local rescues to statewide and even national deployments, the group's efforts reach far beyond Nannup's borders.**

Recently, Brian Gatfield and Graham McMahon volunteered in the Kimberley and Queensland respectively, demonstrating the reach of their commitment.

The Nannup SES plays a vital role in supporting the community during emergencies. They assist St John Ambulance with rescues and provide support to airwing services during bushfires by reloading water bombers. They take part in search efforts and help with storm and flood damage, offering vital logistical support during various emergency events.

Volunteers love the variety and challenges that come with being part of the SES. As Geoff Allam, a long-time volunteer, explains, "You learn great life skills, work as a team, and many of the skills are transferable to other careers." Volunteers gain experience in areas like Flood Rescue Boat operations, chainsaw handling, compass skills, and vehicle maintenance. There's also a wealth of training opportunities, with the potential to become a Trainer Assessor

The Nannup SES are actively seeking new members, with cadets aged 14-18 encouraged to join. Being an SES cadet

provides valuable life skills and is an impressive addition to any CV. Lilika Allam, a local cadet, received multiple award nominations for her outstanding work, including being nominated for Nannup Youth Citizen of the Year 2024.

The group meets every Tuesday at 6.30pm, with additional training held on specified weekends. Volunteer Ian Gibb highlights the range of roles available: "There's really a job for everyone—whether it's social media, logistics, radio operations, or becoming a maintenance officer." Anyone interested in joining can contact Brian Gatfield, Nannup A/Local Manager, on **0427 561 322** or email **nannupses@gmail.com**.

Nannup SES is part of the Lower Southwest Region, training alongside units in Margaret River, Busselton, Donnybrook, Bridgetown, Manjimup, and Walpole. This regional collaboration ensures support for both individual communities and the wider area.

The Shire of Nannup extends its heartfelt thanks to the Nannup SES members for their tireless efforts, making our community safer.

## CONNECTING SENIORS: FORTNIGHTLY MORNING TEA AND NEW TRANSPORT INITIATIVE



St John's Ambulance Volunteer, Warren Smith, with Shire President and CEO celebrating the launch of the Shire's new transport initiative.

**The Shire of Nannup, in collaboration with the Community Working Group, is now hosting a Senior Citizens fortnightly morning tea.**

These events offer seniors a chance to connect with one another, enjoy fellowship, and engage in a range of activities. Participants also have access to valuable community information tailored to their needs.

The first morning tea, held on Monday, 20 January 2025 at the Nannup Function Centre, was a great success, attracting 81 attendees. During the workshop,

participants shared their ideas for future activities. The second session, held on Monday, 10 February 2025, saw over 25 attendees who discussed the future direction of a centre to support seniors based on the feedback from the previous gathering.

The Shire is pleased to support the venue hire and the Nannup Function Centre has been booked for the remainder of the year. The morning tea sessions are scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. In addition to the morning tea initiative, the Shire has purchased a non-urgent patient transfer vehicle to assist

residents who can no longer drive due to age, health, or other reasons. St John Ambulance member, Warren Smith, says "the purchase of the vehicle means that friends and neighbours are no longer using their own cars to take residents long distances to appointments."

The vehicle, available for bookings from February 2025, provides transport to non-urgent medical appointments. Shire President, Tony Dean, says "the Shire thank Warren Smith and Ross Croft for bringing the idea to Council for inclusion in the budget. We are following the model that the Shire of Denmark has used to great success, providing a low-cost travel solution."

St John Ambulance Sub-Centre Nannup have contributed \$2,000 worth of equipment by providing an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and First Aid Kit to be kept in the vehicle.

The Shire is managing this service and is seeking volunteer drivers to help facilitate the initiative. Volunteers must hold a current driver's license, first aid certificate, medical clearance, and police clearance. The Shire will cover all relevant requirements.

**For more information, or to register as a volunteer driver, please contact the Shire at 9756 1018 or email [nannup@nannup.wa.gov.au](mailto:nannup@nannup.wa.gov.au).**

## NANNUP MUSIC FESTIVAL 2025: ENHANCING CONNECTIVITY

**The Nannup Music Festival 2025 was a tremendous success, drawing crowds and energising the local community.**

A key focus this year was improving connectivity. The Nannup Music Club provided festival stallholders with reliable Wi-Fi for transactions. The Shire of Nannup, in partnership with Younifi, offered free public Wi-Fi along Brockman Street, ensuring that both visitors and locals could stay connected throughout the event. These initiatives greatly improved the festival experience and eased the telecommunications burden in Nannup.

The festival has proven to be a powerful economic driver for the town. Local businesses reported a boost in trade, with the influx of visitors supporting shops, accommodations, and eateries.

Beyond its economic impact, the Nannup Music Festival enriches the cultural landscape of the town. By showcasing a diverse range of established and emerging artists, the festival fosters an appreciation for the arts and celebrates

Nannup's heritage. With free activities like vibrant market stalls, food vendors, and street performances, the festival provides an experience for everyone.

In line with the Shire's strategic objectives, the Nannup Music Festival continues to drive community engagement, economic growth, and cultural diversity, making it a key event that benefits Nannup year after year.



## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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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 Bibbulmun and Wardandi people came together.**



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