



Welcome to the birak (first summer) 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.

## YEARS OF SERVICE TURNING THE WHEEL OF CHANGE, CHARLES GILBERT

In 1948, Charles' father became Secretary at the Roads Board, and held this role for nearly twenty years. Growing up in a household that valued community involvement ignited a lifetime of service, with Charles serving as an elected member of the Shire Council for seventeen years over a thirty-three-year period.

As an elected member Charles has been involved in many projects that have helped shape the culture of Nannup. These include the extension of the Shire Administration building in 1992, planning for a combined Sports and Recreation Association, approving underground sewerage and power installation and the sealing of Mowen Road.

Charles has supported, and been active in, almost every area of life in the Nannup community, outside his role as an elected member. In 2001 he was a founding member of the Nannup Historical Society. He took on the role as president for several years, and twenty-two years on, Charles finds himself in the role as president once again.

In 1999 Charles received the Nannup Citizen of the Year Award for his involvement in setting up the Tourism Association.

He has been an active member of Friends of the Foreshore. He was treasurer for Danjangerup Cottages and was involved in the cottages being built. At the startup of the Nannup Music Festival, Charles was a member and then chair of the committee for a period.



Charles Gilbert and Bill Evans helping out at the Community Kitchen dinner

His recent accolades include the activation of several projects including the Senior Housing Precinct. He is an active member of the Nannup Sport and Recreation Association and supports the Nannup Community Kitchen.

Charles has also supported the relocation of historical graves at the Nannup Cemetery. This work is ongoing with Charles actively sharing information with the Friends of the Cemetery group.

Today Charles can be proud of his influence in building the local community, advocating for senior housing, and supporting the Country Women's Association at Community House.

What is most profound is Charles ability to enable teams of people to be actively involved in the community for the betterment of everyone. His decades of community service, as a business owner, an elected member and across various committees and passions are outstanding.

Charles, we thank you for your many years of service to the Nannup community.

## CONNECT AND GROW

During the year (January to December 2023), the Shire of Nannup granted 31 event permits. 8 of these events were identified as high traffic, with between 500 – 10,000 attendees. The Shire of Nannup also facilitated 6 corporate / community engagement events and organised 26 School Holiday events throughout the year.



The new garden on display at the St Thomas Moore church



The Bibbulmun Track Foundation celebrating 25 years at the Donnelly River village in August 2023

Overall, the event team has supported 63 events in 12 months with 23,620 participants recorded over 57 event days. Tourism WA data indicates that visitors to Nannup spend \$101 per day per person. The Shire of Nannup event team calculated an economic spend of \$7.8 million into the local Nannup economy from major events held.

There were 9 cycling events held within the Shire of Nannup in 2023: an additional three to 2022. In its first year of being open, the Nannup Tank 7 MTB Park generated \$200,675 in economic spend for Nannup through events held and raised \$5,547 in fees and charges.

If you are a new business or event in Nannup, there are free promotional opportunities available for you to utilise. The Experience Nannup App is the mobile visitor service sharing everything there is to see and do in Nannup. Please ensure you are listed on the App. The application form for new listings is available on the Shire of Nannup website under 'Visiting Here'.

Further to the Experience Nannup App, the Southern Forests and Valleys also accepts new businesses and events for promotion on their website. The Southern Forests and Valleys website details all the

region has to offer while also suggesting trip ideas, trails on offer and each town's individual attractions. When you visit their website, scroll to the bottom of the front page to add your business or event.

The Shire of Nannup 2023-2024 Community Grants have been granted to the following groups:

- Southern Forests Arts
- The Southwest Food Bowl Association Inc. (includes Waiver of Fees)
- Nannup Golf Club Inc.
- Blackwood River Arts Trail Inc.
- Nannup Amateur Basketball Association
- St Thomas More Catholic Church
- Nannup Tigers Cricket Club
- Community Markets

This year, the Community Grants program has supported 15 projects to a combined amount of \$30,000. The Shire of Nannup enjoys witnessing the outcomes this grant funding enables. One example of funding benefiting the community is through the new garden at St Thomas Catholic Church. Over time, the shrubs

planted will grow, adding further beauty to our town.

The Shire of Nannup were thanked for supporting the half-way Donnelly River Village event for the Bibbulmun Track 25 Year celebration in August 2023. The event was a chance for Bibbulmun Track walkers to celebrate the incredible track and its 25-year history. Donnelly River Village provided the perfect half-way meeting place for walkers to come together for the milestone.

Thank you to everyone who nominated someone for the 2024 Australia Day Awards. These awards celebrate the invaluable work done for the Nannup community in the categories of Youth Citizen of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year and Community Group of the Year. The Shire of Nannup looks forward to recognising the award winners on 26 January 2024.

Trail counters installed at the Nannup Tank 7 MTB Park demonstrate that 35% of users attend the park over the weekends with Fridays also indicating high usage. During the months between May and June, Fun Guy was the most used trail, followed by Easy Tiger and The Local. This data demonstrates the users at the park as moderate to advanced riders.

New maps have been updated and installed at both ends of town. A new design was included for the current map and the large regional map showing the Southern Forests and Valleys region. New community assets were added, including the Nannup Tank 7 MTB Park, the MTB Freestyle Jump Park, the Town to Tank link and new information about trails and gravel routes. Some trail alignments were edited for further accuracy. Information regarding the Experience Nannup App was also included.

The Nannup Local Drug Action Group (Nannup LDAG) has been successful in securing funding for its ninth Community Action Plan (CAP). The funding amount of \$23,815 from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation, along with in-kind support from businesses and other funding streams, will be utilised for a 2024 youth program. The program will build on the strength of the Nannup Youth Zone, running since 2020, to include Long Table Dinners.

The dinners will be a chance for youth to cook for themselves and their community, providing valuable life skills. The 2024 youth program will also include School Holiday events, activities and workshops to increase skill development and regional social networking. The Nannup youth program partners with regional organisations such as Blackwood Youth Action, Shire of Manjimup, Head Space, and the Boyup Brook's Community Mental Health Action Team (COMHAT) to deliver regional events ensuring all organisations are working towards a common goal of supporting our youth and community.

The Shire of Nannup is responsible for over 220 kilometres of unsealed roads and 250 kilometres of sealed roads. The Shire of Nannup, Works Department have implemented a Road Maintenance Map to advise the public of its unsealed road grading schedule and any important road information, conditions or issues within the Shire of Nannup. It is a great source

of information that is easily accessible on the Shire of Nannup website. Along with the map, information is provided, explaining road grading hierarchy, which explains the different classes of gravel roads based on road construction, use and traffic density.

The Works Department have completed resheeting works on Guthridge Road. Installation of pipes and headwalls for culvert replacements on Fouracres Road and Governor Broome Roads have commenced with resheeting also planned for both roads before the end of January 2024. Brockman Highway and Cundinup South Road are both scheduled for resheeting works. Surveys have been completed and design drawings begun for the land allocated for the Grange Road carpark and the Jephson Street reconstruction. Design drawings have been completed and sent to Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) for review of the Southern Entrance shared path.

### 2023 EVENT EXPENDITURE

	EVENT	Nannup Music Festival 3 Days	Blackwood River Arts Trail 7 Days	Tiger Tracks 2 Days	Bolwell National Rally 1 Day	SEVEN 2 Days
	PARTICIPANTS	9000	300	175	80	2500
	SPEND	\$2,727,000	\$212,100	\$35,350	\$8,080	\$505,000
	EVENT	Forest Rally 3 Days	Nannup Flower and Garden Festival 9 Days	XCO State Championships 1 Day	Antique Fair 1 Day	WA Gravity Enduro 2 Days
	PARTICIPANTS	1800	3000	150	230	800
	SPEND	\$545,400	\$2,727,000	\$15,150	\$23,230	\$161,600
	EVENT	LifeCycle for CanTeen 4 Days	Gravity Girls 1 Day	The TOUR 3 Days	Blackwood Valley Wine Show 2 Days	
	PARTICIPANTS	100	125	2500	80	
	SPEND	\$40,400	\$12,625	\$757,500	\$16,160	



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## TRAIL TOWN UPDATE — MTB FREESTYLE JUMP PARK/ MUNDA BIDDI DREAMING PROJECT

The construction of the MTB Freestyle Jump Park has now been completed with final signage to be installed. The park is scheduled to open mid-January 2024.



The jump lines were built by Three Chillies Design, using a local Western Australian product called poly pave to seal the gravel. This will give the tracks about a ten-year life cycle. The MTB Freestyle Jump Park is the next asset available in Nannup's Trail Town journey.

The park consists of two downhill mountain bike jump lines, both 160metres in length, and one return trail. There is one intermediate (Blue) Jump Trail and an advanced (Black) Jump Trail with a return trail that sees upgrades to existing tracks and roads along Miller Road including the Old Timberline Trail alignment.

The Push to Pedal program with the Nannup Mountain Bike Club included a free community event linking with the Munda Biddi Dreaming project. The event included a ride at the MTB Freestyle Jump Park on Tuesday 28 November 2023 followed by an inspirational presentation with Jack the Ultra Cyclist. Jack had just completed the Fastest Known Record on the Munda Biddi Trail, riding the 1067km trail in 50 hours, with only two 10-minute naps.

While in Nannup, Jack the Ultra Cyclist also shared his experiences with the students at Nannup District High School. The messaging of his presentations revolved around mental health and dreaming big.

## SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Since its inception in August 2022, the Shire of Nannup has been a part of the Warren Blackwood Alliance of Councils — Climate Change Action Plan Implementation Reference Group.

The purpose of this group is to oversee the implementation of the Warren Blackwood Alliance of Councils (WBAC) sub-regional Climate Change Policy and Action Plan. It considers the different Climate Change initiatives Shires can implement.

In July 2023, the Shire of Nannup instigated the Sustainability Advisory Committee, to support local Climate Change efforts. At the same time, the Shire of Nannup signed a Climate Change Declaration.

The purpose of the Sustainability Advisory Committee is to look for proactive and achievable items that can be actioned. The members of this committee have a lot of combined knowledge and expertise in sustainability and are able to guide action in areas such as waste avoidance education, waterway protection and sustainable energy sources.

Efforts in sustainability and climate change are important to the Nannup community as outlined in the Nannup Strategic Community Plan 2021-2036.

'Environmental management and sustainability' was the only item listed in each of the top 3 community priorities.

The Shire committed funding in the 2023/24 budget, and applies for grant opportunities, for sustainability initiatives. These include a solar system for the Waste Management Facility and solar power for the Shire Depot, Town Hall, and Recreation Centre. The Shire is also focusing on waterwise plants for parks and gardens.

## NANNUP STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN — OUR FUTURE NANNUP 2021-2036

The Western Australian State Government requires all local governments to develop an integrated planning and reporting framework.



The Strategic Community Plan is part of the integrated planning and reporting framework and is the most significant document for setting the Shire's direction. It expresses the community's vision and priorities for the next ten years, and beyond, and provides a method for establishing priorities and aligning them to operational functions. It also supports the development of improved services and outcomes for the community and will continue to evolve to support the needs of our community.

The strategic themes that underpin this document were identified through community consultation and cover the top community priorities identified for further investment. The themes are Our Community, Our Economy, Our Built Environment, Our Natural Environment, Our Health and Our Shire.

The ever-growing visitor economy and people wanting to relocate to our magnificent community creates a range of different pressures on the way things currently exist. This plan plays an integral role in Council's decision-making processes and will help create real benefits to our community's priorities and future.

For further information, please download a copy from the Shire of Nannup website or get in touch at [nannup@nannup.wa.gov.au](mailto:nannup@nannup.wa.gov.au) or (08) 9756 1018. Alternatively, please pick up a printed copy from the Shire of Nannup office.



The Flying Fox at the Marinko Tomas Park

Rest, Connect, Grow

# 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 Pibelman and Wardandi people came together.

