

# WELCOME



A beautiful display of the natural character found in Nannup during the winter months.

Welcome to the second 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 recent months.

We hope you enjoy reading the makuru (winter) 2023 edition of the quarterly newsletter, where we 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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## CONNECT AND GROW



The Shire of Nannup is thrilled to have taken part in the Wardandi Song Project, also known as the 'Spirit of the Heart-Djanga Koornt,' supported through the National Australia Day Council. The project was launched at the Nannup Go for 2 & 5 Family Fun Day, further developed at the iconic Nannup Music Festival and, after filming and recording took place with Nannup youth, was completed in June 2023.

Proud local Wardandi traditional custodian Mitchell Hutchins with cultural leader for the Yamitji Region, Richard Nelson and proud spokesperson for the Indigenous groups, singer /songwriter Dianna Gee developed the project through each of its stages. You can find the video and reels on the Shire of Nannup vimeo account.

The Senior Housing Precinct Community Consultation Forum was held on 17 April 2023. The turnout for this event was fantastic with over 70 attendees present. A lot of valuable discussion and input occurred on the night that highlighted items of importance. The feedback from the community has been valuable and captured in a report for council. Included were a number of recommendations, in

which all eight were adopted by council at the Special Council Meeting held on 1 June 2023. Implementation of the recommendations is now underway that includes seeking formal approval from landowners and developing concept plans. The Shire of Nannup has put together a working party to implement recommendations.

Another successful 'Business after 5' event occurred on 29 May 2023 focusing on Visitor Information Services in Nannup. More than 50 participants attended the event that highlighted the capabilities of the Experience Nannup App and opened the conversation regarding the Visitor Information Services Expression of Interest (EOI). Participation in group brainstorming on the evening identified some Nannup specific itineraries that can support the new Southern Forests and Valleys website.

The Experience Nannup Visitor Information Services Expression of Interest was open from 1 June to 29 June 2023. We thank all six local businesses and organisations who submitted an EOI for their interest in participating in a collective Visitor Information Service for Nannup. The Shire of Nannup is now collating information in preparation for Stage Two in the coming month.

During the last quarter of the Financial Year and as part of the 2022/23 Financial Year Budget the Shire Works Team carried out a number of infrastructure projects, including:

- Improvements to Guthridge Road, reforming and re sheeting 500 metres adding additional gravel and carrying out drainage improvement as works proceeded.
- At the Nannup Tank 7 MTB Park - reformed and gravel sheeted sections of slippery road or those with exposed rock. Improved drainage crossing/s with additional culvert pipes and road infill and graded access roads.
- Repaired and replaced sections of footpath by removing trip hazards and replacing sections of broken pathway

throughout the Nannup town site.

- Carried out general road maintenance on Baker Road, Governor Broome Road, Fouracres Road, Jalbarragup Road, Coronation Road, Milyeannup Coast Road and Jangardup Road replacing guide posts and signs, maintenance grading and drainage repairs.
- The Old Kindy Building had some minor maintenance repairs carried out to it, including replacing a section of floor, removal of broken plaster and repairs to the veranda structure.

The Bunbury Region Prison Community Work Team visits Nannup most weeks and has carried out Timber Art wood sealing throughout town which includes the Old Rail Bridge and assisted construction of the new Skate Park Shelter.

Thank you to everyone who submitted name ideas for the 'Nannup Adopt a Name Competition.' The Shire of Nannup received 15 submissions with great ideas for names along with some very interesting historical reasoning. The Shire of Nannup will now communicate with Landgate to ensure all guidelines and processes are completed before returning to the community for further consultation.

The Nannup Flying Fox officially opened on 26 April 2023. The flying fox which spans 40 metres, has been a great addition to the Marinko Tomas Nature Playground and has been very popular since its opening. In initial consultation regarding the playground, a flying fox was identified by Nannup District High School students as their number one wish list item.

The Shire of Nannup as part of the Trail Town project, is constructing a Freestyle Jump Park for mountain bike enthusiasts at the Old Motocross Track on the corner of Mowen Road and Vasse Highway. The project involves the construction of two jump lines, Blue – moderate difficulty, and Black – difficult. Three Chillies Design are the trail construction company who were awarded the contract and commenced work in late June

2023. The project forms part of the riding infrastructure the Shire is working on delivering with state and federal funding. It provides a great opportunity to repurpose a degraded site within Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) lands. The construction of the jump park is expected to be completed by September 2023.

Nannup will once again feature in Season 3 of the upcoming Trail Town TV series. The episode, due to air in August 2023 will showcase the "WA Road Trip" alongside Dwellingup and Collie. This is the second episode that Nannup features in with the first episode showcasing the Munda Biddi Trail within the Southern Forests and Valleys region. Being part of this TV series is great exposure for Nannup with the last episode clocking up 1.5K views on YouTube.

On Friday 23 June 2023, Jackie Jarvis MLC visited the Shire of Nannup to celebrate the launch of the Small Business Portal. Jackie said 'I commend the wonderful team at the Shire of Nannup for their willingness and enthusiasm in reviewing their processes and improving outcomes for small businesses in the area.' The Small Business Portal on the Shire of Nannup website is a great place to visit if you are looking for information on starting a business in Nannup.

Since the last edition of the Quarterly Newsletter, there have been a number of major events in Nannup. The Blackwood River Arts Trail was bigger than ever before with over 70 local artists and 30 different venues. In May, the SEVEN Gravel Race returned with record numbers of participants and the Quit Smoking Forest Rally once again made the most of our challenging and diverse terrain. Although June and July are quieter months with events in Nannup, the Shire of Nannup are continuing to take event applications for later in the year and into next year. Preparations are well underway for the annual Nannup Flower and Garden Festival running from 12-27 August 2023.

## YOUR TRAIL AWAITS – MARKETING BLUEPRINT

The Shire of Nannup invested in a marketing blueprint that helps to define marketing goals, strategies and key elements moving forward. This blueprint can be utilised by local businesses and organisations for collaborative partnerships in a collective visitor information model.

The campaign's tagline 'Your Trail Awaits,' targets a vast array of individuals and families who are searching for experiences and adventure. It evokes a sense of discovery and exploration. It is designed to invite and entice people to find out more about our Shire.

As critical stakeholders, the Shire of Nannup encourages the local community to be actively involved in promoting the campaign and promote the benefits of Nannup. This can be through encouraging visitors to download the Experience Nannup app, partnering with the Shire of Nannup for marketing or promotion of the Experience Nannup brand through merchandise.

The marketing blueprint links to the work being done regionally by Southern Forests and Valleys who are currently creating a new website to promote our region. This website will be launched with a formal event so watch out for information on this in coming weeks.

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.



## WORKING FOR A BEAUTIFUL NANNUP

The Shire of Nannup Parks and Gardens Team do an incredible job beautifying our town. A particular area we are focusing on is 'Autumn Trees' that will soon become a trail on the Experience Nannup App.

The trail will have over 24 different varieties of trees that visitors to our region can come and enjoy. The trail will be set up to visit various spots throughout town, either as a driving or walking trail, to take in all the splendour of autumn colours.

The types of trees you can enjoy in Nannup in autumn include Chinese Pistachios, Liquid Ambers, Crepe Myrtles, Golden Elms, London and Oriental Plane, Japanese Maple and many more. In previous years, the Parks and Gardens Team have planted more trees in key spots through town. As they mature, these trees will add to the display of autumn colour throughout town, making Nannup a stunning place to visit.

The Parks and Gardens team are also responsible for the ordering and planting of 13,000 tulip bulbs each year. The bulbs are planted in all the Shire garden beds and some of the barrels down the street so they are full of tulips to support the annual Nannup Flower and Garden Festival. After each of the garden beds were prepared in June, the team planted all 13,000 tulip bulbs and now, hopefully the weather plays its part in creating another spectacular showcase of tulips for Nannup.



## NANNUP TIMBER MILL PROJECT

The Nannup Timber Mill story has been captured in a video and is now available for viewing on the Shire website. The video shares the story through a range of interviews with some of the mill's longest employees, and details how one employee started work there in 1971 and another two in 1975.



Chimney under construction



Single men's quarters between 1920-1950



Workshop at Nannup Mill

The video details to great extent the history of the mill as well as how the mill was operating until the Timber Industry's closure in 2023. It is a fantastic, educational video that shares a huge part of Nannup's history.

The Nannup Mill was built in 1925 after the closure of the Barrabup and Ellis Creek Mill. The mill was owned by the Kauri Timber Company until 1963, followed by Douglas Jones Pty Ltd, Millars, Bunnings, Nannup Timber Processing and then Parkside Timber in 2020. Historically, the mill had its own town built around it but then, as the timber industry changed, the mill altered its operations and Nannup grew out and began to diversify.

The Shire of Nannup would like to thank everyone who was involved in making this film such an amazing documentation of our important history.

An opportunity has been identified to support liveability in Nannup. Co-funded with the South West Development Commission a Liveable Nannup Master Plan will be coordinated for a study area inclusive of the mill site lands. It will explore all the possibilities to enhance the arts, recreation, tourism and liveability in Nannup. This could include but not limited to sporting facility upgrades, tourism features, housing options, community facilities, cultural and heritage investment and similar.

## FRIENDS OF THE FORESHORE VOLUNTEERS



Members of the Friends of the Foreshore, Keith (L), Jo (R) and Janie (below) undertaking rehabilitation work by the Blackwood River Trail.

May 15-21 2023 was National Volunteer Week and it was great to acknowledge the huge commitment volunteers make to the various groups, committees and services that benefit our community. The Shire of Nannup would like to thank all Nannup volunteers for contributing their time and energy to the wellbeing and success of our community, as Nannup would not be where it is without you.

One of the volunteer groups that we would really like to highlight is the Friends of the Foreshore. The original members of this group founded the Friends of the Foreshore in 2010, with a mission to beautify the old railway reserves, remove pest weeds and revegetate with native species.

Thirteen years later, the group is still going strong with a couple of founding members still participating. The group meet weekly on a Wednesday; in winter from 9-10am and summer from 8-9am, and all the work they do is noticeable along the river walk.

Jo says the group is open to more volunteers if anyone is interested in joining. She says 'even one more pair of hands, for one hour a week, makes all the difference.' Janie, Steve, Sharon, Jo, Laura, Rhonda and Keith are regular volunteers who still work to the original mission of the group.

They remove large dead debris, dig out pest weeds and replant with native species.

The group is also greatly assisted by the enthusiasm and energy of participants from Cyrenian House. Speaking to the group members they say how important the Cyrenian House help is in being able to achieve more, sometimes doing blitzes of areas.

The group state that they have noticed a difference in the number of birds and frogs in the areas they work to rehabilitate. The natives are purchased with grant funding from Geographe Community Landcare Nursery, who also supply identification cards for each plant. These cards are then utilised when Rod from the Geographe Community Landcare Nursery does tours along the river walk as part of the Nannup Flower and Garden Festival.



Rest, Connect, Grow

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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.

