

# NARTL MASTERPLAN

The Shire of Nannup recently awarded the contract for the Nannup Arts, Recreation, Tourism and Liveability (NARTL) Masterplan to OTIUM Planning Group.

The 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 is not limited to, sporting facility upgrades, tourism features, housing options, community facilities, cultural and heritage investment and similar.

It will identify demand drivers for population growth, assess the impact of the timber industry decline and diversify the local economy through residential housing growth strategies. It will assess

the liveability of Nannup, to attract more residents, visitors, workers and businesses in a sustainable manner and compatible with the aspirations of the community. It will identify future growth strategies such as festival and event attraction through the development of the project area.

The consultation process for this project commenced in March 2024 with key stakeholders. Consultation is expanding further with community consultation booked for Monday 29 April 2024 at the Nannup Function Centre from 5:30pm. Further community consultation and

feedback sessions will be booked later in the year. Please keep an eye on Shire of Nannup communication channels to stay up to date. You can sign up to the Nannup Connect e-newsletter on the front page of the Shire of Nannup website.

The consultation process ensures key stakeholders, and the wider community, can contribute to the NARTL project outcomes, ensuring a realistic and implementable NARTL Masterplan. This is a very exciting project for the future of Nannup.



## TRAIL TOWN UPDATE — NGOOLARK FREESTYLE MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

The Shire of Nannup is pleased to finally open the Freestyle Mountain Bike Park to the community in the coming season.

The project was delayed while endorsement was sought to name the mountain bike jump park in aboriginal language to represent the White-Tailed Black Cockatoo.

Early in the project, an Aboriginal heritage assessment was completed, and from that, the name 'Ngoolark MTB Freestyle Jump Park' was considered. Ngoolark is the Noongar name for the white tail black cockatoo. The location

of the park was identified as culturally significant as it is a nesting ground for the white tail black cockatoo. The recommendation from the assessment was to name the park after the white tail black cockatoo.

The local aboriginal cultural heritage advisory committee, Karri Karrak Aboriginal Corporation, were engaged in the naming process. After further consultation with Karri Karrak and local



Knowledge Holders in February 2024, the Shire of Nannup further understands the significance of the 'Ngoolark' name.

The park will open once final signage has been installed. 'Ngoolark' has been utilised to create a striking logo that continues the branding and colour scheme of Nannup Trail Town assets. The Ngoolark MTB Freestyle Jump Park is the next asset available in Nannup's Trail Town journey.

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023 HIGHLIGHTS

The Annual Report is part of the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework required of all local governments. It is a document that reports on progress towards the goals outlined in the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan. Together, along with the Annual Budget, these documents set the Shire's direction and expresses the community's vision and priorities.

The 2022-2023 Annual Report was aligned to the Strategic Community Plan and specifically linked operational activities of the Shire to the priority areas outlined.

The Annual Report is available for download through the Shire of Nannup website under About Us – Strategic and Corporate Documents – Annual Reports. Alternatively, print copies are available at the front counter at the Shire Administration building. Should one not be available when you come in, one can easily be printed for you.

Some key highlights from the 2022-2023 Annual Report are outlined below:



OUR COMMUNITY

- The Shire of Nannup supported the 'Spirit of the Heart-Djanga Koornt' Wardandi Song Project
- A new Community Action Plan (CAP) was submitted to support youth programs



OUR ECONOMY

- The Nannup Investment Prospectus was launched
- The Shire of Nannup was acknowledged in three awards for the 'Living with Emus' project
- The Nannup Tank 7 MTB Park received the Local Government Professional Honour awards
- The Nannup Timber Mill story was documented
- The Shire of Nannup was awarded \$50,000 funding to assist in creating the NARTL Masterplan
- The Town to Tank pathway was completed
- Three Chillies Design were awarded the contract for the Freestyle Mountain Bike Jump Park



OUR HEALTH

- Family Fun Day increased its event space and had 700 people attend
- Local Service Providers and Emergency Services participated in education stations
- The Shire of Nannup, in partnership with the Nannup Mountain Bike Club, were awarded funding for the 'Push to Pedal' program



OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- The Local Planning Scheme 4 was approved
- The Shire of Nannup commenced the Seniors Housing Precinct project
- The town oval stalker pump was refurbished, installed and reconnected
- Marinko Tomas Emu Nature Playground had a flying fox installed
- Centenary Drive was upgraded
- Safety improvement work on Stacey Road was completed



OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- The Shire of Nannup sponsored free community fire wise garden presentations as part of the 2022 Nannup Flower and Garden Festival
- A South West Catchments Council grant provided education around the endangered Numbat at Family Fun Day
- Flora and Fauna surveys and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Surveys were undertaken for key projects
- Bushfire safety initiatives were shared regularly to encourage the community to prepare for bushfire



OUR SHIRE

- The Shire of Nannup participated in organisational training with the Small Business Friendly Approvals Program
- The Community Grants Program supported the investment of projects that build community vibrancy and align with the Nannup Strategic Community Plan.



## 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.





# WELCOME

Welcome to the Djeran 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.

## FRIENDS OF THE CEMETERY

The Friends of the Cemetery are an amazing group of volunteers giving the Nannup Cemetery 'some love.' Speaking with the group sparks an array of emotions, as reasons for joining the group range from deeply personal to being for the community as a whole.

It was warming hearing connections the group have to the cemetery through various family members. Something that really struck a chord is the belief that the people buried at the Nannup Cemetery deserve a nice place to rest after a life of hard work. It was wonderful to hear, and see, the respect, the group have for those who have passed. Speaking with the group as they worked, it is obvious that the cemetery is an important place of contemplation, connection and closure, and the work the group is doing is important for a variety of reasons.

The group is made up of dedicated volunteers. They meet every second Tuesday, weather permitting, at 9am. Jobs completed by the group include headstone cleaning, general weeding, pruning, raking and picking up rubbish. Since the group have been 'showing the cemetery some love,' it is noticeably tidier, even when driving past. The group said people driving past wave to them while they are working. They also said people who visit the cemetery, while the group are there, say thank you, noting the difference. It shows that the community cares about the cemetery and the work the group are doing.

The group also acknowledge the great work that the Shire of Nannup Parks and Gardens team do at the cemetery. The rose gardens are beautiful, the wisteria slowly creeps up the gazebo, the trees are flourishing and the lawn is regularly mowed.



Present: David, Tracy, Gil, Suzie, Peter. Absent: Rose, Anne, Wendy, Janet, Charles, Gale and Lorraine

The group extended their acknowledgements to Lorraine Learmond as the person behind getting the group together. They say she is key to driving the whole idea and has kept it going for almost a year now, after concerns were raised on the maintenance of the Nannup Cemetery. Lorraine says, 'she absolutely loves the group and the respect they have for the cemetery and the work they do.'

If you are interested in joining this amazing group, please get in touch with Lorraine at the Shire of Nannup on (08) 9756 1018 or [nannup@nannup.wa.gov.au](mailto:nannup@nannup.wa.gov.au)



Friends of the Cemetery volunteers

# CONNECT AND GROW

The Shire of Nannup events team had a very busy start to the year, with multiple events scheduled as well as new event applications submitted. The 2024 Family Fun Day showcased the strength of the Nannup community with so many local sponsors, service providers and emergency service personnel participating in the success of the event. More than 500 tickets were purchased, making it a sold-out event.



Lions Trail – Family Fun Day 2024

The Australia Day celebrations occurred over three events. Bran Nue Dae was screened to 150 people as an Outdoor Movie Night at Foreshore Park. The Australia Day community breakfast brought together 300 people and Nala Boodja Custodians created a yarnning circle with 100 participants.

The Australia Day Awards honoured volunteers in the community. Tiana Bornatici was the recipient of the Youth Citizen Award, Denise Green the recipient of the Citizen Award and John Thompson the Senior Citizen Award. The Nannup Amateur Basketball Association were awarded the Event or Community Group of the Year. This year, Charles Gilbert was also honoured with the Honorary Freeman award for his substantial and significant service to the Shire of Nannup. The title of the Honorary Freeman is the highest local honour that can be awarded to a citizen of the Shire.

The Nannup Music Festival once again brought thousands of visitors to town and offered a range of experiences in both the ticketed and free venues. Black Dog Ride visited Nannup with over 200 riders to raise awareness for suicide prevention. The 2024 Great Cocky Count occurred at the Community Meeting Room at the Nannup Recreation Centre, raising awareness of the

charismatic south west black cockatoos. The Blackwood River Arts Trail also returned to the region with the work of over 65 artists being showcased and more than 35 venues opening their doors.

The Shire of Nannup has ordered new Experience Nannup collateral for distribution including brochures and coasters. Further to the Experience Nannup products, the Southern Forests and Valleys maps have been restocked and are available for businesses to share. If businesses would like some of these, as part of a collective visitor information experience in our town, please get in touch with Nicole at the Shire on (08) 9756 1018 or [nannup@nannup.wa.gov.au](mailto:nannup@nannup.wa.gov.au).

Nannup also features in the Australia's South West 2024 Map and 2024 Holiday Planner. Both of these are available for download and can be added to business websites for increased promotion. Alternatively, hardcopies can be organised through the Blackwood Café.

If you are a new business or event in Nannup, make sure you are listed on the Experience Nannup App; the mobile visitor service sharing everything there is to see and do in Nannup. The application form for new listings is available on the Shire of Nannup website under Experience Nannup – Listings on Experience Nannup App.

Round One of the Shire Community Grants for 2024 is open until the last day in April. The Shire of Nannup seeks to support grassroots projects through this program and community groups and sporting associations are encouraged to apply for funding.

### FUNDING PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO PROJECTS THAT:

- align with the Shire of Nannup Vision
- have benefit to the community of Nannup as a major outcome
- promote community involvement, groups / individuals working together
- incorporate a variety of sectors for example: youth, seniors, parents, sports people, artists, people with disabilities, families
- promote sustainability (rather than reliance on grants)
- initiatives that demonstrate a creative approach

The application form can be found on the Shire of Nannup website under Community – Connect – Community Grants.

On Tuesday 9 January 2024, the Nannup Bowling Club Green and Clubhouse Facilities lease was signed. The lease is for 7 years with a 7-year option to extend at the discretion of Council on application by the Lessee. The Shire of Nannup is thrilled to see the lease go ahead. Further leases are in negotiation for other community groups and facilities.

The Shire of Nannup wish all applicants to Round 2 of the Community Small Grants Fund through the Native Forestry Transition Fund good luck. The second round of funding, closing on 24 April 2024, supports community groups and businesses within Western Australia's native forest regions as diversification from the timber industry occurs.

An application for funding has been submitted to the Department of Local Government Sports Culture and Industry's Community Trail Planning Grants Program for a shared use trail concept at the Kearney Block Native Forest. If the application is successful, funding will be utilised to develop the detailed design of play pockets, providing opportunities for family, couples, friends or individuals to experience nature. Play pockets can be based around a lineal pathway and include places to sit, stop and play, as well as include art installations and educational opportunities. Play pockets cater for a range of ages and are walkable, bikeable and adaptive. The detailed design is Stage 6 in the trail planning process to ensure potential construction meets standards.

Over the past several months, the Shire of Nannup has welcomed a number of new staff, for both existing and new roles. Debbie Wittle started as the Administration Officer for Works and Services. BJ Richards and Gavin Dickinson

joined the Works Department as Plant Operators/Maintenance Hands. Brent Pope joined the team as Ranger. Chris Buckland commenced in the Customer and Administration Coordinator role. The Shire of Nannup would like to thank Chris for his time as councillor, acknowledging that he has resigned from this position. Julie Priddy was appointed as the new Finance Officer. Apryl Longford has been recruited as the Community Development Officer and Kim Dolzadelli returns to the Shire of Nannup later this month as the Executive Manager Corporate Services. The Shire of Nannup extends a warm welcome to all new employees and looks forward to working with each of them.



Family Fun Day 2024

The Sustainability Committee has been busy with community consultation to support the development of a Sustainability Action Plan. On Monday 19 February, 30 representatives from the community participated in consultation, focusing on realistic outcomes, specific to our unique community. A follow-on consultation also occurred in Scott River, focusing on the viability and sustainability of the area while protecting the environment. Key themes from the consultations included regional water needs, waste management and feral animal control, communications, beach access and verge clearing.



Mitchella Hutchins ochre face painting



Nannup Lions Club Breakfast Cooks



Shire President, Tony Dean, with recipient of Honorary Freeman Award, Charles Gilbert, and past recipient, Barbara Dunnet

The Shire of Nannup website has undergone a refresh. This refresh went live on Wednesday 6 March 2024. The focus of the refresh was to make the website easier to navigate. The Shire of Nannup, as an organisation, spent time reworking the site map for optimum ease, allowing for new tourism assets and investment documents to be ready accessible. The website now has two online forms. There is the original 'Contact Us' form and an additional 'Report an Issue' form. The Report an Issue form allows community members to add more specification information on issues, including location and photos.

The Works Department have been working on a number of major projects, as well as keeping busy with a lot of ongoing maintenance. There is now a monthly update on the Works Department in the Shire Notes in the Nannup Telegraph. These monthly updates provide great information and images from the Works Department working throughout the Shire. The major projects reported on for the quarter include:

- Jephson Street reconstruction works commencing, to improve drainage and seal the unsealed portion of Jephson Street.
- Culverts were replaced on East Nannup Road.
- Guideposts and concreting of headwalls on Governor Broome Road were also completed.
- The Mowen Road drainage project was completed
- Resheeting of Fouracres Road was completed

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