

WELCOME

Welcome to the Birak 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.

NANNUP WA GEOPARK

Since the Nannup WA Geopark Inc. became incorporated on 8 June, 2022, a lot has happened. What has been billions of years in the making, geologically speaking, is now being brought to light by a passionate and dedicated group of volunteers.

Their focus is on turning the Nannup WA Geopark into the first UNESCO accredited Geopark in Australia; the last continent in the world without one.

The group took on the quest to educate the broader community about what a Geopark is, share the unique aspects of the Nannup WA Geopark 'set area,' and explain the benefits a UNESCO accredited Geopark can bring to a community like Nannup. The group was successful in securing over \$100,000 in funding through the Native Forest Transition Grants to create the Nannup WA Geopark app and website, as well as create a detailed design of the static display.

The Shire of Nannup provided the land next to the Nannup Recreation Centre for the static display. What was an old fire track will be transformed into an incredible attraction that will explain the history and evolution of the area.

Along with these accomplishments, key members from the group attended the 8th Asia Pacific Geoparks Conference



Artist impression of the proposed static display. Image supplied by Nannup WA Geopark

Network Symposium in Vietnam, with Chairman Mark White presenting. On 8 November, 2024, the Nannup WA Geopark officially launched with the Honourable Jane Kelsbie, Member for Warren Blackwood.

The launch provided insights into Nannup's natural assets and explained how a Geopark can provide a collection of information across geology, plants and culture, telling the story of interrelation between the three. Ross Dowling, Australian Geoparks Network Chairman, stated that 'Geoparks bring sustainable regional economic development, pride in community and the power of the UNESCO marketing brand.'

The Shire of Nannup commends all involved for the tremendous efforts in bringing the Nannup WA Geopark to fruition and looks forward to supporting the group as they aspire to UNESCO accreditation.

For further information, visit the Nannup WA Geopark app and website: nannupwageopark.com.

NANNUP TRAIL TOWN

World Trails have been awarded the tender for Concept Planning of the Native MTB Park. This is set to start early in 2025, at the Pine Ridge site off Milward road in the Jarrahwood Forest, as described in the Nannup Trail Town Business Case.

The site has several constraints to consider, inclusive of phytophthora, phytophthora free areas as well as old growth forest.

The 'Play Pockets' at the Kearney Block, are progressing through the planning stage, with no immediate construction budget or timeframe. Flora and phytophthora target surveys have been

undertaken and the fauna survey is still to be completed, along with Aboriginal Cultural Heritage surveys. Some unique flora species and phytophthora free zones were identified which may impact trail alignments. The conceptual trails are designed for hikers, bikers, walkers, and the mobility-assisted community.

CONNECT AND GROW

It has been another busy quarter in the Shire of Nannup events calendar. The Nannup Flower and Garden Festival saw another successful year with high profile presenters sharing the love of gardening. The Shire of Nannup had Naming Rights with the Experience Nannup branding shared throughout the festival.

Hosted by the Nannup Music Club, the Festival of Small Halls Winter Tour visited the Nannup Town Hall. The intimate concert features singer songwriters - Jed Parsons (NZ), Alana Wilkinson (AUS) and local talent, Maya Ixchell.

Life Cycle, off road, for Canteen was held on 6 and 7 October, 2024. There were approximately 16 riders who enjoyed the lovely weather over the weekend. Canteen is an Australian not-for-profit organisation that provides free and tailored support to young people aged 12-25 who are impacted by cancer. Over \$15,000 was donated to Canteen WA from this event.

Once again, the Antique Fair visited the Nannup Town Hall on the 14-15 September and on the 14-15 September, the WA Gravity Enduro event was held at Tank 7 MTB Park. This event was successful once again, with lots of action created both at the event site and in town.

Other events included the Blackwood Classic 250 Power Dinghy Race, Minijet WA, Slow Seven, Agricultural Awareness Days,

run by the South West Foodbowl. The Cape to Cape MTB Race visited Nannup for the first time on 18 October for Stage 2 of the race. This event drew thousands of visitors to town. The Nannup Community Cinema and Nannup Music Club teamed up to present the Rocky Horror Picture Show for Halloween in the Secret Garden.

The Tour of Margaret River once again graced Nannup's roads on Saturday 2 November and Spare Parts Puppet Theatre provided a wonderful opportunity for young people to see live performance with Puppet Playtime on 21 November.

The Shire of Nannup is experiencing growth in event scale and attendance, accompanied by continuous improvements in the event management processes. As part of the Shire's commitment to being Small Business Friendly, practices are continually being refined and improved, to ensure the process is consistent and fair for all event holders.

Carols by Torchlight will complete the 2024 event year before Family Fun Day and Australia Day kick off the 2025 calendar. The Shire of Nannup was successful in securing funding through the National Australia Day Council (NADC) Community Events Grant Program and will once again have an outdoor movie screening in partnership with the Nannup Community Cinema. The 2025 movie will be *The Sapphires*.



The Town Hall coming alive during the Festival of Small Halls



LifeCycle for Canteen participants savouring a well-deserved meal after their long ride



2025 SOUTHERN FORESTS & VALLEYS HERITAGE FESTIVAL

THE SHIRE OF NANNUP IS SEEKING LOCAL SUBMISSIONS FOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

2025 Southern Forest & Valleys Heritage Festival is coming to Nannup in April



C2C participants celebrating after a weekend of mountain biking in the region

The Shire of Nannup is excited to announce the Women on Wheels project, funded by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Active Regional Communities Initiative Grant program. This initiative, in partnership with the Nannup Mountain Bike Club, aims to increase the number of locals who ride regularly, with a special focus on encouraging female participation. It offers guided rides, with coaching and skill sessions, to build confidence and improve skills.

The 2025 Southern Forests and Valleys Heritage Festival will be held from 19 April – 4 May 2025. The purpose of the festival is to discover the nature, culture and heritage that has shaped the region through engaging historic tours, family friendly activities, workshops, heritage walks and much more.

The Shire of Nannup sent an Expression of Interest (EOI) to all community groups to participate in the Heritage Festival. Nine replies have already been received from Nannup Arts Inc, Nannup Historical Society, Friends of Donnelly Village Inc, Nannup Community Cinema, Blackwood River Arts Trail Inc. and RSL Nannup, Nannup Community Resource Centre, the Catholic Church and the Friends of the Cemetery. The EOI asked groups to nominate an activity to showcase Nannup and its history at the 2025 Heritage Festival.

Thank you to everyone who filled in a nomination for the Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award. The Shire of Nannup received a record number of nominations and looks forward to celebrating our local heroes at the 2025 Australia Day Breakfast.

The Shire of Nannup Community Grant Program 2024-2025 Round 1 supported some fantastic community initiatives as detailed below:

Auskick; support for the seasonal hire of the sports oval

Friends of the Nannup Foreshore; funds to maintain the Foreshore Park with native plantings.

Friends of Darradup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Inc; funds to purchase a replacement SatKing DVBS2-980CA Twin Tuner VAST Satellite TV Receiver

Nannup Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc; funds to support the annual Christmas Lights competition, the Carols by Torchlight and the annual Nannup business Awards.

Nannup Community Cinema Incorporated; Funds to host a season of Outdoor Movies at the Foreshore Amphitheatre.

Friends of Community House Nannup Inc; Funds to support the purchase and install of a Colourbond pitched roof garage with roller door, with concrete pad.

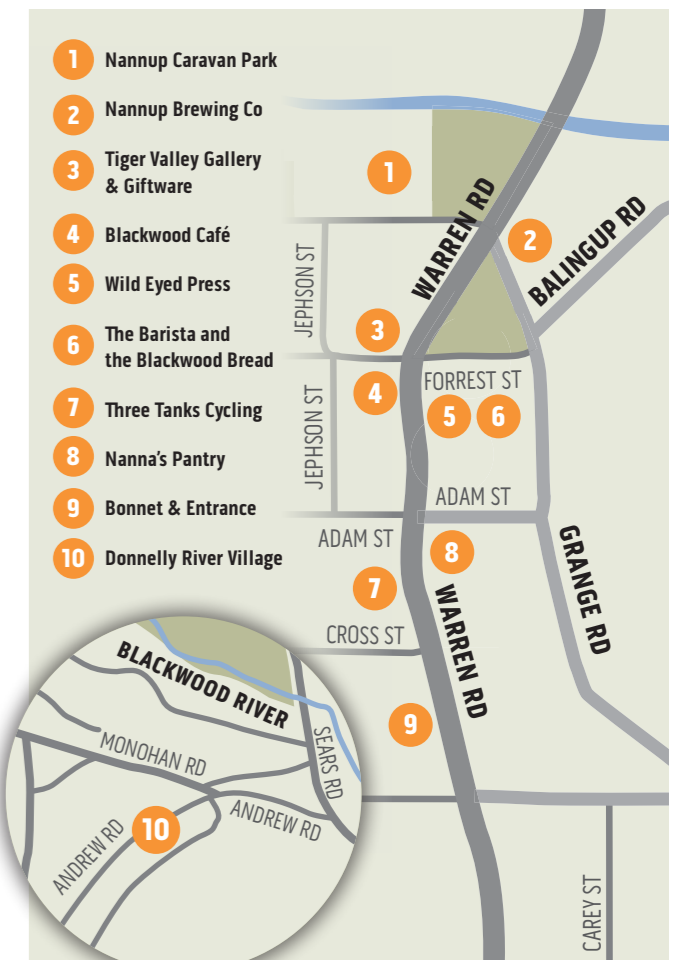
Round Two of the Community Grants has closed and groups will be notified of their success in January 2025. Round One for the next financial year will open in March and will close in April, with successful recipients notified in August 2025. More information can be found on the website: www.nannup.wa.gov.au/community/connect/community-grant.aspx.

The Shire of Nannup, in partnership with the Nannup Family Collective, was successful in securing a Native Forest Timber Transition Community Small Grant Fund for \$99,733 to upgrade of the Old Kindy building and surrounds at the Early Years precinct. The funding will be used for the creation of a nature play environment, a Toy Library and a mural on external walls of the existing shed as well as hardscaping and landscaping

Also secured was an Age Friendly Grant (Stream 2) for \$15,000 to document Oral Histories. This project is proposed to develop a documentary / podcast to capture the oral histories of 15-20 of the older generation in the form of a 8-10 minute film.

The Shire of Nannup Chief Executive Officer and Economic and Community Development Coordinator, attended the Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia (SEGRA) - National Regional and Economic Development Summit in October 2024. As part of the program, one off site tour attended Nannup. Twenty-five people representing regional development organisations visited Nannup for the tour. Shire staff presented information on how Nannup has evolved from a timber town, pivoting to become an aspiring Trail Town, and destination for mountain biking, while keeping the 'Nannup charm.'

Ten businesses within the Shire of Nannup share information through the Experience Nannup collective Visitor Information Services. These businesses can be utilised over the holiday season to support a positive visitor experience. Make sure you download the free Experience Nannup app for all Nannup has to offer.



SHIRE WORKS DEPARTMENT: ENHANCING COMMUNITY EVENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The Shire Works department have been busy with event assistance. The Parks and Gardens team once again delivered planter barrels and planted thousands of tulips throughout the town gardens, creating a stunning display of colour for the Nannup Flower and Garden Festival.

The Works department assisted with Traffic Management for the Gravity Enduro event held at the Nannup Tank 7 MTB Park. The Parks and Garden team trimmed the trails behind Foreshore Park in readiness for the Cape to Cape MTB event. Cleaners prepared the Recreation Centre for the South West Foodbowl, including high pressure cleaning the outside concourse.

In addition to event assistance, the Works department also assisted with Traffic Management for Mitigation Activity Fund (MAF) work on Barrabup Road, supporting a safer Shire this fire season.

The Parks and Garden team have kept busy mowing and slashing the towns verges, parks and ovals, and planting up the town planter boxes for summer displays.

The Waste Attendants at the Nannup Waste Management Facility have moved into a transportable office. This transportable supports a safer work

environment for staff in extreme weather conditions. In other building updates, the Nannup Foreshore stage cover replacement is currently being manufactured. A new State Emergency Service (SES) shed construction has been completed. A replacement kitchen has been installed at the Old Kindy Building and line marking in the car park has been completed. The Nannup Recreation Centre foyer has undergone repairs with carpet being replaced.

With an increasing demand for gravel, the Shire submitted a Clearing Permit to clear 3.68 ha within Lot 300 Cundinup South Road for the purpose of gravel extraction. After engaging an ecologist to address DWER's concerns regarding the environmental impact of the pit, the permit has been deemed valid and has gone out for public comment. The Shire has also been in consultation with landowners at Scott River to purchase more gravel from that area.

The Shire has engaged a contractor to carry out a Rehabilitation Plan and a Fauna and Flora survey at the Cundinup Gravel pit and is also busy cleaning up Gracillis and Bird pits in preparation for rehabilitation.

Bridge 3950 West Cundinup Road has finalised preliminary design.

The Shire's Works and Services department has submitted a Clearing permit to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) and sort advice from DPLH regarding Aboriginal Cultural Heritage. (ACH) The Bridge will be funded through the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure program. (SLRIP)

Street name signs have been replaced on Miller Road, King Road, Helyar Road, Stacey Road, Don Road and Donnelly River bridge sign. Pothole patching has been completed on Balingup-Nannup Road, Sears Road, Graphite Road and Bridgetown-Nannup Road.

Continued grading maintenance has occurred on Gold Gully Road, Mt Leeuwin Loop, Coronation Road, Story Road, Pneumonia Road, Jangardup Road, Jalbarragup Road, Johnson Road, Rodda Road, Fouracres, Governor Broome, White Road, Halley's Form, Barrabup Road, Monaghan Road, Agg Road, Old Cundinup Road, Six Mile Road, Milyeannup Coast Road and Woodarburrup Road.

The Works crew have also completed extensive work on Milyeannup Coast Road, Foreacres Road and Black Point Road shoulders.



NARTL MASTERPLAN

On Wednesday 23 October 2024, consultants, OTIUM Planning Group shared the blueprint for the Nannup Arts, Recreation, Tourism and Liveability (NARTL) Masterplan during a community consultation.

The draft documents showcased the potential concepts for the Masterplan set area, taking into consideration the constraints of the site, as well as the extensive community consultation that occurred earlier in the year.

The draft documents are available on the Shire of Nannup website and at the Shire Administration Building for public comment with feedback welcome. These documents are directly informed by

community input and provide a working plan for Nannup's future looking at housing options, retirement village, sporting upgrades, a skills and learning precinct and tourism elements, all of which enhances Nannup's liveability.

The Shire of Nannup encourages residents to continue to be actively involved in the conversation.

NANNUP GEARS UP FOR MAJOR INTERNATIONAL GRAVEL CYCLING EVENT IN 2026

Excitement is building as Nannup prepares to host a major international gravel cycling event in 2026, brought to us by the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI).

With 4,000 competitors expected, this event promises significant opportunities for local businesses and the community. Three information sessions have already been held, covering logistics like parking and camping, as well as business activation and volunteering opportunities.

Organisers are also planning the G7 (Gravel Seven) Festival, featuring competitive and non-competitive cycling events for all skill levels, along with themed activities to engage the

community. In October 2024, delegates from Nannup attended the UCI gravel race in Brussels, Belgium, to gain insights for the 2026 event. Local cyclist Vanessa Johnson competed, finishing as the fastest Australian woman aged 50+.

The visit highlighted Nannup's unique race route, which is 95% pure gravel with a 3,000m elevation. The Shire of Nannup encourages businesses to get involved and help promote this exciting event.

Rest, Connect, Grow

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024

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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.



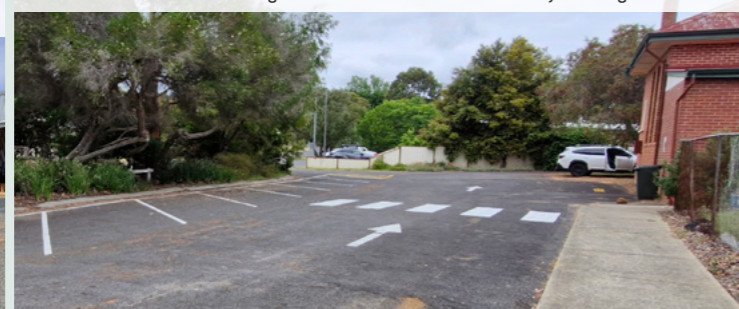
Some of the beautiful tulips planted by the Parks and Gardens team



The new transportable office at the Nannup Waste Management Facility



New line marking has been installed at the Old Kindy building



The newly constructed SES shed



Shire officers, local MP Jane Kelsbie, and the Nannup Family Collective celebrate funds received to revitalise the Old Kindy Building



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