

## Project Update

As we move through March and approach April, the year has already proven to be a productive and eventful one for our ongoing projects. Here's an update on key initiatives:



### Talison Lithium Funded All-Ages Playground

The much-anticipated all-ages playground, funded by Talison Lithium, is beginning to take shape, and we are excited to report significant progress. Footpaths are now being laid, marking a pivotal step towards completion. Additionally, our Boulder Apostles have arrived on-site all the way from Victoria, adding a unique and artistic touch to the project. The team is working diligently, and we look forward to seeing this community space come to life in the coming months. Please remember, entry to the construction site is strictly not permitted.



### LRCI Funded Footpath Project

The footpath project funded by the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program is currently 60% complete. While progress has been steady, labour shortages have led to some delays. However, we are optimistic the project will be finished by the end of April. Once completed, this project will enhance accessibility and improve connectivity for the local community. **Graffiti.** Some of the new footpaths have been defaced during construction. Please note if you are caught you will be liable for the cost to re-lay. This includes parents/guardians of children.



### Flax Mill Water Tank Installation

In another positive development, we are pleased to announce the Shire has been successful in a grant from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) to install three new 250,000-litre water tanks at the Flax Mill. These tanks will capture additional water from the large sheds, which will be used for reticulating the Flaxmill Caravan Park, as well as being available for firefighting purposes. This initiative supports both sustainability and safety in the region.



### Roads

The Regional Road Group Project on Cranbrook Road is now 90% complete. The estimated completion date for this project is late March/early April 2025. The Regional Road Group Project on Arthur River Road has just commenced and is already 8% complete. The estimated completion date for this project is late May 2025. As always please be aware of roadwork signage, obey the road rules and drive to the conditions.

**Shire Office**  
Monday - Friday  
8:30am - 4:30pm



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✉ shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au  
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**Department of Transport**  
8:30am - 4:00pm

**Medical Centre**  
Monday- Friday  
8:00am - 4:30pm  
9765 1026

**Recycling Dates**  
Wednesday 9 April 2025  
Wednesday 23 April 2025  
Wednesday 7 May 2025

**Transfer Station**  
Thursday 10:00am - 2:00pm  
Saturday 10:00am - 2:00pm  
Sunday 11:00am - 2:00pm

**Waste Collection**  
Every Wednesday  
**After Hours**  
**Trees on Road**  
0448 833 102  
**Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban**  
9765 1543



## Rylington Park Storm in a Teacup



A big thank you to all of our sponsors.







ANZAC Day Boyup Brook is proudly supported by RSLWA Boyup Brook Sub-Branch, Shire of Boyup Brook and Lotterywest.

## ANZAC Day Memorial Services

Everyone is welcome to attend ANZAC Day Services on Friday 25th April 2025.

**Pre-Dawn Service:** Coffee will be served at 5:30am with the Dawn Service commencing at 5:45am. A Gunfire Breakfast will follow the service. Location: War Memorial, Abel Street.

**Main Service:** Commences with the Parade at 10:45am followed by light refreshments in the Lesser Hall/Council Chambers. If you are part of the parade, please assemble outside the old Commonwealth Bank on Abel Street at 10.30am. Location: War Memorial, Abel Street.

**Hospital Service:** A service will be held at 1:00pm at the Boyup Brook Soldiers Memorial Hospital. Location: Hospital Road.



## The Shire of Boyup Brook Community Grants are now open

Community Grants provide assistance to promote and support community-based initiatives that are beneficial to the community and support the Shire of Boyup Brook's Strategic Community Plan. Grants opened on 4th March 2025 and will close on Friday 25th April 2025. For more information visit the Shire website <https://www.boyupbrook.wa.gov.au/.../community-grants.aspx> or contact the Shire on 9765 1200 or email [shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au)



## Off-leash dogs: preventing trouble

Walking your dog is meant to be a nice casual and calming experience, however sometimes things can go wrong that are out of our hands.

What do you do when you are enjoying your on lead walk with your pooch and an off-lead dog runs towards you? Many people are unsure what to do in these situations and sometimes our actions can make it worse.

### Why put a lead on your dog?

It is the law, unless you're in a designated off-lead area. Even if you have the friendliest dog in the world, not everyone does. A friendly dog running at a nervous or fearful dog will cause long-term side effects for the unsuspecting dog.

### Local councils can charge owners for walking their dogs off-lead.

If you are aware of regular dog owners who disregard the rules, or refuse to leash their dog when asked, please report it to the Shire. Penalties under the *Dog Act 1976* range from \$200 to \$5000. Walking your dog off-lead is like saying, "I don't need to wear a seatbelt because I am a perfect driver". You cannot control what the other cars do, and similarly, you cannot control what other dogs do.

For more information visit <https://www.rspcawa.org.au/blog/off-leash-dogs-preventing-trouble?>



## Regional Airports Program

The Shire has been successful in receiving a grant to complete upgrades to the airstrip. Works are scheduled to begin in April with a completion time by mid-year.

This project is funded by the Department of Transport, Infrastructure and Regional Development, and the Shire of Boyup Brook.



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Regional Development and Communications

## Autumn's Gentle Shift: Preparing for storms, school holidays, and the next fire season



As the heat of summer fades, Boyup Brook welcomes the gentle transition into autumn. With school holidays upon us and visitors exploring our beautiful shire, it's a timely reminder to continue to focus on safety and preparedness.

Now that the scorching heat has subsided, autumn will bring its own set of weather considerations. Get prepared for potential storms and rainfall! Now is the perfect time to inspect and secure any loose items that may have come loose on your roof over summer, clean gutters ready for rain and make sure you stay informed regarding weather forecasts.

With school holidays in full swing, many residents and visitors will be taking to the roads. Remember these essential safety tips whilst hitting the road. Plan your trip and allow plenty of time for rest stops, have your vehicle checked or serviced before you leave and take those breaks that you planned for on your journey. Fatigue can have life long consequences!

While autumn offers a welcome respite, it's never too early to start planning for the next bushfire season. Consider this a perfect time for reviewing your Bushfire Survival Plan, tackling property maintenance, fuel reduction or upgrading those firebreaks, start that fire-resistant garden you've always thought about and investigate water tank or sprinkler system options to make your home and assets more defensible for the next bushfire season.



Please remember that the restricted burning period remains in effect until April 30th. Permits are still required for campfires and other burning activities. Always practice safe campfire management and ensure you have adequate water on hand.

## Have you ever considered becoming a part of something bigger?

Our local emergency services are dedicated to keeping our community safe, and you can play a vital role. Stay informed by attending upcoming community information sessions on bushfire preparedness and storm safety.

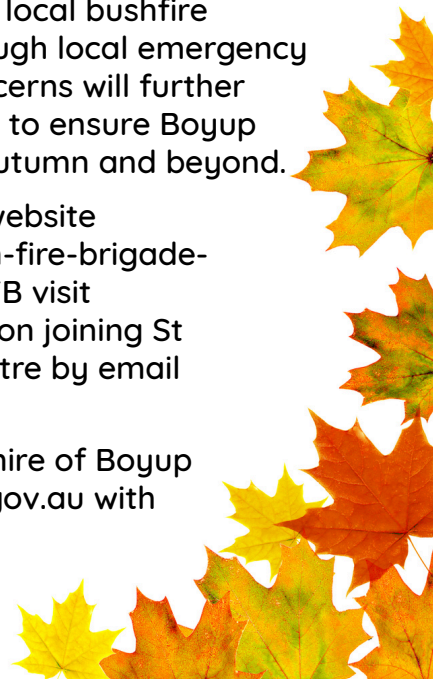


Consider supporting our dedicated volunteers by joining the local bushfire brigade, St John Ambulance or SES. Staying connected through local emergency service updates and reaching out with any questions or concerns will further strengthen our collective preparedness. Let's work together to ensure Boyup Brook remains a safe and resilient community throughout autumn and beyond.

Information on joining the Bush Fire Brigade can be found on the Shire website <https://www.boyupbrook.wa.gov.au/services/emergency-services/bush-fire-brigade-members-forms.aspx> or for information on joining the VFRS, SES and BFB visit <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/careers-and-volunteering>. For information on joining St John Ambulance Boyup Brook, please contact the Boyup Brook Sub Centre by email [boyupbrook.subcentre@stjohnwa.com.au](mailto:boyupbrook.subcentre@stjohnwa.com.au)

If you have any questions regarding these articles, please contact the Shire of Boyup Brook either by phone on 9765 1200 or by email [shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au) with Attention Emergency Services Officer in the subject line.

Until next time, stay safe and stay informed.  
Shire of Boyup Brook Emergency Services Officer







# SHIRE NEWS

## WORK WITH US



*Great team, rewarding work*

**Are you looking for an exciting career path that allows you to make a meaningful difference in your community?**



### Farm Hand

Rylington Park - Part Time Position

2-3 days per week, flexible working arrangements.

Livestock, pasture and cropping duties.

Details including the job description can be found on the Shire website [www.boyupbrook.wa.gov.au](http://www.boyupbrook.wa.gov.au)

To apply, please email a covering letter and current resume to [shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au)

For further information please contact Carolyn Mallett on 9765 1200.

*The Shire of Boyup Brook is an inclusive and equal opportunity employer that values and respects diversity in the workplace.*

## Important information about rates



If you are a pensioner or senior who would like to claim the Government's Rate Rebate Scheme, you must pay the required portion of your rates by 30 June 2025. If the required portion is not paid by the 30 June of each year, the rebate for that year will not apply. This year the rebate is capped at \$750 for pensioners and \$100 for seniors and is only applicable to rates and the Emergency Services Levy (ESL). ESL rebates are 50% for pensioners and 25% for seniors meaning all other charges like rubbish and waste are not part of the rebate scheme and must be paid in full.

If your rates are deferred, they remain as a debt on the property until paid; are not required to be paid until the entitlement to defer ceases (that is, the applicant moves out, sells the property, or passes away with no surviving spouse/de facto); may be paid at any time however a rebate cannot be claimed, and do not incur interest charges.

If you have any questions, please contact the Rates Officer either by phone on 9765 1200 or email [shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au) with Attention Rates Officer in the subject line.



## Ordinary Council Meetings 2025

Shire Council Chambers  
55 Abel Street, Boyup Brook



All Council meetings (unless otherwise decided by Council) are open to the public. Residents, ratepayers and other interested parties are welcome to attend. Meetings commence at 6:00pm.

24 April

29 May

26 June

31 July

28 August

25 September

30 October

27 November

*\*Dates correct at time of publication, please check the Shire website for any changes*

## Your Councillors

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(Shire President)  
Cr Sarah Alexander 0417 941 744  
Cr Charles Caldwell 0418 913 531  
Cr David Inglis 0418 651 088

Cr Helen O'Connell 0427 653 146  
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