



SHIRE NEWS

Exciting progress is underway on the Evacuation and Recreation Centre upgrade!

Following our first on-site meeting with Barna, the project schedule is looking fantastic, and things are moving ahead at a great pace. You may have already noticed the new project signage installed on the fencing around the site.

The building has now been completely gutted, marking a major milestone in the project. A huge thank you goes to our local sporting clubs who generously gave their time and effort to help clear everything out, it was a big job, and your support made a real difference.

Demolition and civil works commenced this month, and contractors are now hard at work with procurement, planning, and the next stages of construction. It's exciting to see the transformation beginning to take shape.

For everyone's safety, please remember that the site is an active construction zone. We kindly ask the community to avoid the construction area and not enter the fenced zone. We look forward to sharing more progress with you next month as work continues.



Australian Government
National Emergency Management Agency



FOR A SAFER STATE



You may have noticed the new seating recently installed along Abel Street.

These seats were made possible through a \$5,000 grant received via the Streets Alive program, a collaboration between Main Roads WA, WALGA and the Town Team Movement. The program supports projects that improve local streets and road safety in neighbourhoods.

During community consultation, residents told us that additional seating along our main street would be helpful, particularly for those attending appointments at the Medical Centre or collecting medications from the Pharmacy who may need somewhere to sit while waiting to be picked up.

Four new seats have now been installed outside the Medical Centre, the Pharmacy, the cafés, and near the sundial. We hope they provide a comfortable place for people to rest while doing their shopping or errands and help create a more welcoming streetscape for our community and visitors.



Boyup Brook Pharmacy



Boyup Brook Medical Centre

Shire Office
Monday - Friday
9:00am - 4:30pm



✉ PO Box 2 Boyup Brook 6244
☎ (08) 9765 1200
✉ shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au
🌐 www.boyupbrook.wa.gov.au

Department of Transport
9:00am - 4:00pm

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

Recycling Dates
Wednesday 8 April 2026
Wednesday 22 April 2026
Wednesday 6 May 2026

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
0429 403 487
Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban
9765 1543

Looking after our public BBQ facilities

Our public BBQ facilities are a wonderful community asset, giving families and friends the opportunity to gather and enjoy our beautiful outdoor spaces.

Unfortunately, there have been incidences of the BBQ at Sandakan Park being left in an extremely unclean condition, making it unpleasant and in some cases unusable for the next people wanting to enjoy the space. We kindly remind everyone to please clean the BBQ after use. Taking a few extra minutes to wipe down surfaces and dispose of rubbish properly helps ensure these facilities remain safe, hygienic and enjoyable for the whole community.

More concerningly, Shire staff were recently alerted to a stripped power lead that had been plugged into the double power outlet located beneath the BBQ at Sandakan Park and switched on. This appears to have been a deliberate act of vandalism.

Fortunately, the park's electrical safety devices worked as designed, with the Residual Current Devices (RCDs) automatically tripping and shutting off power to prevent a potential electrical incident. As a precaution, the power to this outlet has now been turned off to prevent a similar incident from occurring again. If power is required for an organised event in the park, please contact the Shire.

Acts like this not only create safety risks but can also impact the community's ability to enjoy shared spaces. We encourage everyone to take pride in our public facilities and report any suspicious behaviour or vandalism to the Shire.

Together, we can help keep our parks safe, welcoming and enjoyable for everyone.



ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Main Service

The community is warmly invited to gather for the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the War Memorial on Saturday 25 April 2026, as we come together to honour and remember those who have served.

Tea and coffee will be available from 5.30am, with the Dawn Service commencing at 5.45am. A traditional Gunfire Breakfast will be shared following the service.

Later in the morning, the ANZAC Day Parade will step off at 10.45am, followed by the Main Service at 11.00am. Light refreshments will be available afterwards.

Participants in the parade are asked to assemble outside the old Commonwealth Bank on Abel Street at 10.30am.

ANZAC Day in Boyup Brook is proudly supported by RSL WA, Shire of Boyup Brook and Lotterywest.

Catering at social clubs and events - legal requirements in WA

In Western Australia, catering at social clubs and events is subject to specific legal requirements to ensure food safety and compliance with the Food Act 2008. Here are the key requirements:



Food Safety Supervisor: Every food business that serves food must have at least one designated Food Safety Supervisor on staff at all times. This supervisor must have completed specific nationally recognized Food Safety Supervisor training.



Registration: Food businesses must register with the relevant local government, including temporary food businesses like market stalls and mobile food vans.



Food Allergen Management: It is legally required to manage food allergen risks, including ensuring that food is safe to eat and that consumers are informed about allergen content.



Compliance with Food Standards: All food businesses must comply with the Food Standards Code, which includes regulations on food handling, storage, processing, and display.



Community Events: For community-run food-related activities, the primary purpose and inherent risk of the event must be considered when assessing which aspects of the Food Act apply.

These requirements are designed to protect public health and ensure that food served at events is safe and suitable for consumption. It is essential for caterers to be aware of these legal obligations and to seek guidance from local government.

The above requirements apply to salads and meat prepared and cooked on site. If an approved kitchen or food preparation area is available, the organisation may obtain a food business licence and provide training for committee members who are involved in catering.

Want to sell eggs? Here's what you need to know...



Harmful bacteria like Salmonella can be found in chickens and the egg laying environment contaminated by their faeces.



There have been food-borne illness outbreaks suspected of being linked to eggs and egg products.



It is **ILLEGAL** to sell eggs in WA without first being registered under the *Food Act 2008*. You **MUST** register as a food business with your local government. This includes selling eggs roadside and on the internet.

Unique Identifier Code - The Basics



A unique identifier can be a code, symbol or a number stamped onto each individual egg or package of egg product/s.



This unique code helps with traceability if there is a food-borne illness outbreak.



You cannot sell dirty or cracked eggs unless they're going to be cleaned or pasteurised first.

For more information
scan the QR Code



or email
foodsafety@health.wa.gov.au



Citizenship Ceremony

On Tuesday, 17 March 2026, a Citizenship Ceremony was proudly held in the Council Chambers of the Shire of Boyup Brook. The occasion marked a very special milestone for Lisa Kochoer, who was joined by her family to celebrate the moment.

Shire President Helen O'Connell had the honour of conducting the official proceedings, welcoming Lisa as Boyup Brook's newest Australian citizen.

Becoming an Australian citizen is a significant and meaningful milestone. We wish Lisa every happiness as she continues her journey as part of our community.

Far left: Lisa and Shire President Helen O'Connell. Left: Lisa and family.

Help Shape the Future of Your Local Waste Transfer Facility

The Shire is reviewing the operating days and hours of the Waste Transfer Facility to better meet the needs of our community. We're seeking your feedback on preferred opening days, times, and services to ensure the facility is convenient, accessible, and working well for everyone.

The survey will take approximately 3-5 minutes to complete, and all responses are anonymous. Please scan the QR code to access the survey, alternatively a link is available on the Shire website and hard copies are available at the Shire Administration Office. Survey closes 19 April 2026.



Your input will help guide future decisions and improvements.

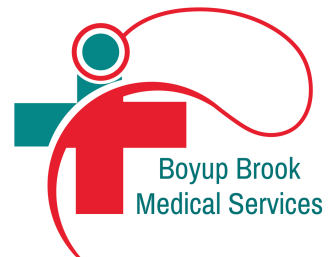
We bulk bill every eligible patient

medicare

Bulk Billing Practice

Brook Medical Services is proud to offer 100% bulk billing for all Medicare-eligible services, meaning Medicare-eligible patients will have \$0 out-of-pocket costs for MBS items such as:

- ✓ GP consultations
 - ✓ Health checks & assessments
 - ✓ Chronic disease management plans
 - ✓ Care plans, immunisations, procedures & more
- Our nurse is here to help every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
- Ph: 9765 1026 for an appointment



LOST
AND
FOUND



Lost property at the Shire Administration Office

A number of items have been placed in the Lost and Found at the Shire Administration Office, including hats, shoes, clothing, and a couple of electronic devices (held safely behind the counter).

If you think you may have misplaced something, please drop in during office hours to check the box or speak with staff.

Any unclaimed items remaining after the end of April will be donated to charity.



SOUTHERN FORESTS & VALLEYS *Heritage Festival*

From Saturday 18 April to Sunday 26 April 2026, residents and visitors are invited to take a journey through time and experience the rich heritage of the Southern Forests & Valleys region. This special festival celebrates the stories, landscapes and traditions that have shaped our unique part of the world.

To discover what's happening in Boyup Brook and surrounding towns, simply scan the QR code. Many events and attractions are free or offered at a discounted rate, making it a wonderful opportunity for everyone to get involved and explore.



When out and about in the community, please ensure your dog is kept on a lead in public areas, unless signage indicates otherwise. Keeping dogs on a lead helps ensure the safety and comfort of everyone, including other pets. Please note that fines may apply for dogs found off-lead in designated on-lead areas.



Thank you for helping keep our community safe and enjoyable for all.



Community Notice - Community Grants program on hold

The Shire of Boyup Brook wishes to advise the community that the 2026 Community Grants Program has been placed on hold until further notice.

This decision has been made due to the ongoing issue regarding the Forest Products Commission (FPC) rates being paid to Treasury and not currently being passed on to the Shire. As this matter remains unresolved, it has created uncertainty around available funding for community programs and initiatives.

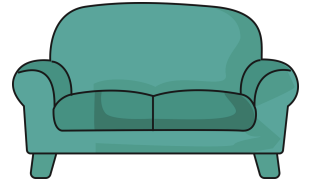
We understand how important the Community Grants Program is to our local community groups and volunteers, and this was not a decision made lightly. The Shire remains committed to supporting our community and will review the program as soon as there is greater clarity around the financial situation.

A media release issued on Friday 27th February 2026 by Shire President Helen O'Connell provides further information regarding the impact the FPC rates issue is having on the community. It can be read on the Shire website <https://www.boyupbrook.wa.gov.au/news/community-grants-on-hold/723>

We appreciate your understanding and patience and will provide updates as more information becomes available.



Have you recently purchased a new bed or lounge suite and need to dispose of your old one?



If you need to dispose of your old mattress or lounge suite, please note that the transfer station no longer accepts complete mattresses and lounge suites. Please make sure you disassemble your mattress and lounge suite prior to taking it to the transfer station, this includes ensembles.

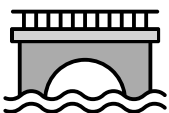
Please ensure you:

- Remove the cover, fabric and filling
- Separate the springs and the wood

The attendant will direct you to the correct location for each different section of the mattress or lounge suite. The general waste section of the mattress or lounge suite will be charged as per Shire of Boyup Brook Fees and Charges.

Mattresses and lounge suites that have not been fully disassembled will not be accepted at the Boyup Brook Transfer Station. Cleanaway in Dardanup accept mattresses for a fee of approximately \$70 each by pre-arrangement. Please phone 13 13 39 for more information.

CCTV surveillance operates at the site, and any person found dumping mattresses or lounge suites will be issued with an infringement. These requirements are in place to protect the facility, manage our landfill site and disposal costs, and ensure the Transfer Station remains accessible and well-maintained for the entire community.



Bridge Works in Boyup Brook

Fulton Hogan will be undertaking bridge works within the Shire over the coming months.

Works are scheduled for Bridge 3306 (Jayes Bridge) Jayes Rd: 8th December 2025 – 19th June 2026. A road closure will be implemented 12th January 2026 onwards.



Ordinary Council Meetings 2026

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.

30 April	28 May	25 June	30 July
27 August	24 September	29 October	26 November

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

Your Councillors

Cr Helen O'Connell (Shire President)	0427 653 146	Cr Darren King (Deputy Shire President)	0417 796 298
Cr David Inglis	0418 651 088	Cr Philip Moore	0429 939 412
		Cr Michael Wright	0427 191 785

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