

Sandakan Park All Ages and Abilities Play Space Grand Opening

On Friday 27th June the brand-new all ages and abilities play space at Sandakan Park was officially opened by Talison Lithium CEO Rob Telford. This \$1.716 million project was generously funded by Talison Lithium through the Talison Community Investment Program (CIP).

The park buzzed with energy and excitement as families gathered for an unforgettable community event bursting with food, fun, laughter, and live music. Local band Broken Horses kept us entertained with their cool tunes, Tammy painted up a storm on the kids' faces and there was plenty to eat with pizzas from Postcode Pizza 6255, Mr Soft n Scoop ice-creams, sausage sizzle from the Shire Councillors and to finish off hot coffee from the Earlie Birdie Coffee Van. It was a celebration to remember, a true showcase of community spirit, flavour, and fun!



There were a few short speeches to mark the occasion with Shire President, Cr Richard Walker saying "This family-friendly play space has something for everyone, regardless of age or ability - from the massive 8m tower reflecting our heritage, to the amazing slides, inclusive swings, dual cableway, table tennis table, climbing rocks, and accessible BBQ area. And not to forget the soon-to-be-completed ninja warrior course, exercise equipment area, and dog park. This

inclusive space is something our community will continue to enjoy for many years to come. Thank you Talison Lithium for your valuable investment in the community of Boyup Brook. We look forward to continuing our partnership and friendship with you into the future."

After a few words, Talison CEO Rob Telford cut the ribbon and swung open the gate, welcoming excited and happy kids in to explore and enjoy the long-awaited, action-packed new playground!



The Shire commenced work on this major project in 2019 and would like to thank everyone involved including previous Shire staff Joanna, Grace and Lauren, the Sandakan Park Playground Working Group and Boyup Brook CWA. The combined efforts of so many have made this play space a legacy for our community. The biggest thank you of course goes to Talison Lithium for their contribution and trust in our Shire to bring this play space to life. THANK YOU Talison Lithium for making this dream a reality.



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



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Department of Transport
8:30am - 4:00pm

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

Recycling Dates
Wednesday 13 August 2025
Wednesday 27 August 2025
Wednesday 10 Sept 2025

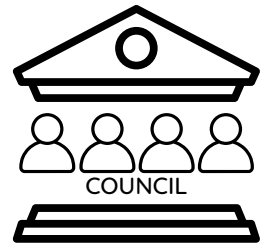
Transfer Station
Thursday 10:00am - 2:00pm
Saturday 10:00am - 2:00pm
Sunday 11:00am - 2:00pm

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

Are you thinking about standing for Council?

WALGA, together with the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (LGIRS) and the WA Electoral Commission, will be hosting an Election Candidate Information Briefing webinar on Monday 18th August at 6.00pm.

Presenters will cover a range of topics, with the aim of preparing successful candidates for life as an Elected Member.



If you are interested in this webinar but do not have the facilities to view it, the Shire of Boyup will be hosting a group viewing in the Council Chambers. If you would like to attend the group viewing, please contact the Shire of Boyup Brook by email to register your name. Registrations close at 4:30pm on Thursday 14th August. Further information about presenters, topics and how to register to view from your own device will be available soon.

This year's Local Government Election is being held on 18 October 2025. Four Council positions will be open, offering community members the opportunity to step forward and represent Boyup Brook. Nominations open 28 August 2025 and close at 4:00pm on 4 September 2025.

If you're interested in making a difference, we encourage you to find out more:

- <https://www.elections.wa.gov.au/candidates-and-parties/local-government-candidates>
- <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/local-governments/council-elections/nominating-to-be-a-council-member>

Mobile Food Bank is visiting the Boyup Brook Town Hall on the second Friday of the month from 10:00am - 10:45am. Purchases are EFTPOS only, cash is not accepted. Please remember to bring your shopping bags. Referrals can be made on the day.



Ambulance Cover for Boyup Brook Residents

Did you know the Shire of Boyup Brook is the only Shire in WA that provides all permanent residents with free Emergency Ambulance Cover?



For a number of years, the Shire of Boyup Brook has made an annual financial contribution to St John Ambulance Boyup Brook Sub Centre.



This contribution ensures all PERMANENT RESIDENTS of Boyup Brook are covered for 000 EMERGENCY CALLS.



Once a patient has been transported to the nearest PUBLIC hospital, should they need to be transferred to another PUBLIC hospital, the cost of transport is covered by the sending hospital.



If a resident chooses to be transferred to a PRIVATE hospital, they will be held personally liable for the costs of their transfer.



If the resident has private insurance which includes full ambulance cover, the cost of their transfer may be covered by their insurance provider.



SHIRE NEWS



If you are using the Town Hall, please remember to turn the lights off before you leave. This will help to conserve energy, reduce electricity costs, and minimize environmental impact.



Do you have an upcoming event? If so don't forget to let the Shire know so we can advertise it for you on the Shire website events page. It's quick, simple and best of all it's free!



If your general waste bin has not been picked up by 10.30am, please call Veolia on 1800 260 033, let them know Boyup Brook is serviced by Veolia in Picton and provide your address. Please also advise the Shire your bin was not emptied.

Winter works are under way on our gravel roads and verges with

28%

Winter grading 28% complete and

33%

Roadside verge spraying for sealed roads 33% complete



The Rylington Park Scholarship, founded by the Rylington Park Management Committee Inc., embodies Eric Farleigh's vision of engaging and nurturing Boyup Brook's youth in agricultural endeavours. Supported by the Shire of Boyup Brook, which continued its commitment after assuming management of Rylington Park farm, the scholarship aims to sustain the agricultural heritage of the community. This exclusive scholarship will be awarded to two deserving year 10 students who currently reside within the Boyup Brook Shire and who have been accepted to attend, or are currently attending an Agricultural College for Years 11 and 12.



Applications for the Scholarship open Monday 1st September 2025 and close Friday 26th September 2025. For more information visit the Shire website

<https://www.boyupbrook.wa.gov.au/community/education/rylington-park.aspx>

The Shire of Boyup Brook has been working with Regional Early Education and Development Inc (REED) to transfer the Boyup Brook Early Learning Centre, to REED from the 14th July 2025.

REED is a not-for-profit provider whose cluster model provides a centralised management system that reduces the financial burden on individual services. REED's core business is regional community based early childhood education and care, and by merging with REED, regional services are more financially viable, costs to families remain affordable, educators are provided with ongoing industry specific professional development and support, and children receive the highest quality of care.

The Shire of Boyup Brook is proud to have supported the Boyup Brook Early Learning Centre over many years and is pleased to see the service transition to REED. This transition ensures that local families continue to have access to high quality early childhood education and care, supported by an organisation with deep experience in regional communities. Importantly, existing Centre staff have remained with the service, ensuring continuity for children and families. We thank the educators, staff, and families for their ongoing commitment and look forward to seeing the service thrive under REED's guidance.

Queries about the merger can be directed to project.management@reedwa.org.au or 08 6832 3825.



Tuesday 9th September 2025

Thursday 18th September 2025

Tuesday 11th November 2025

Friday 5th December 2025



Sandakan Memorial Service

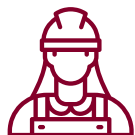
Rylington Park Field Day

Remembrance Day Service

Community Christmas Celebrations

Is Your Bushfire Plan "Hot" Enough?

As the cooler weather settles over Boyup Brook, it might seem counterintuitive to think about bushfires. Yet, this mild season is the absolute perfect time to turn up the heat on your bushfire preparedness! Don't wait until the smoke is on the horizon – proactive planning and upgrading your bushfire management strategy now can significantly improve your chances of protecting your home, your family, and everything you value.



Book Your Contractors Early Your annual Firebreak Notice will soon be distributed with your Rates Notice. This notice outlines the specific requirements for your property. If you plan to use local firebreak contractors for mechanical clearing or chemical treatment, now is the time to book them in. Their schedules fill up quickly as the deadline approaches, so getting in early ensures your property will be compliant in plenty of time.



Harden Your Home Beyond clearing around your property, consider small upgrades that make a big difference. Think about ember protection for your vents, sealing gaps under doors, and maintaining gutters. Simple changes can stop embers from finding a way in.



Create Defendable Space Look beyond the immediate perimeter. Are there trees overhanging your house? Is there dense vegetation close to your shed or other assets? Creating layers of reduced fuel around your property significantly decreases the intensity of a fire if it reaches your home.



Know Your Triggers When will you enact your Bushfire Ready plan? Is it when a "Watch and Act" alert is issued, or earlier? Have a clear understanding of the conditions that will prompt you to act.

The Financial Firebreak: Is Your Insurance Up to Date?

It's not the most exciting part of planning, but it's a critical one.

1

Review Your Policy: Is your home and contents insurance adequate to rebuild and replace everything if the worst happens? Construction costs and replacement values change.

2

Understand Your Coverage: What exactly does your policy cover regarding bushfire damage? Are there specific exclusions?

3

Keep Documents Safe: Store copies of your insurance documents, and other vital papers, in a secure, fireproof location, or digitally in a cloud-based service you can access remotely.

This time of year offers a golden opportunity to have robust plans ready. It's not about fear; it's about empowerment through preparedness. Use these quieter months to have those important conversations, check your property, and refine your plans.

Remember to:



Stay safe.



Drive to the road conditions.



Always be aware of what's going on around you. Your proactive planning today could save lives and livelihoods tomorrow.



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 – Part Time – Flexible Hours **Rylington Park Institute for Agricultural Training and Research**

This role offers a flexible roster and the opportunity to contribute to meaningful agricultural outcomes.

We are seeking a reliable and motivated Farm Hand to assist the Farm Manager in a range of agricultural activities, including:

- Operating plant and machinery (including cropping trials)
- Pasture and livestock production and management
- Fencing, water management, pest control, and general maintenance tasks



Nurse Practitioner or Practice Nurse – Part Time - Flexible Hours **Boyup Brook Medical Services (AGPAL Accredited) - Immediate Start**

This is a fantastic opportunity for a nurse who is passionate about rural health to join our friendly and professional team in delivering high quality, coordinated care to support the health and wellbeing of our community.

In this flexible part time role, you will be responsible for:

- Preparing and conducting health assessments
- Developing and supporting chronic disease management plans
- Assisting in the coordination and delivery of patient wellness clinics
- Collaborating with GPs and allied health professionals to provide integrated care

Applications for both positions close 4:30pm, Monday 12 August 2025.

For further details or to request a Position Description, please contact the Shire of Boyup Brook on (08) 9765 1200 or visit www.boyupbrook.wa.gov.au.

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



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.

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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