

Boyup Brook Evacuation and Recreation Centre Continues to Gather Momentum

Construction of the new Evacuation Centre and Sporting Clubrooms continues to progress well, with the project remaining on schedule and several important milestones reached over the past month.

Major concrete slab pours for the main building areas have now been completed, creating a strong foundation for the next stage of construction. Waterproofing and termite treatments have also been finished, while additional site levelling has been approved to ensure the building meets its final design requirements.

Behind the scenes, work is continuing on the building's essential services, with engineers finalising the wastewater system and reviewing the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems to ensure the facility is comfortable, efficient and ready to meet the community's needs.

The next stage of construction will bring some exciting visual changes, with the structural steel framework expected to begin taking shape in the coming weeks. This will give the community its first real look at the scale and shape of the new facility. Despite the recent wet weather, construction has continued with minimal disruption, keeping the project on track.

The Shire thanks the Boyup Brook Sporting and Recreation Association, and the wider community for their ongoing support and patience during construction. We look forward to sharing more updates as this exciting new community facility continues to take shape.



Stay Alert – Help Protect Our Wildlife and Poultry

There have been recent detections of H5 bird flu (avian influenza) in parts of Australia. There are no reported cases in the Shire of Boyup Brook, however we encourage everyone to remain vigilant.

If you see sick or dead birds, do not handle them. If safe to do so, record the location, take a photo and report it to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888.

You can also help protect local wildlife and backyard poultry by keeping pets away from wildlife, preventing contact between wild birds and poultry, and maintaining good hygiene around bird enclosures and equipment.

For more information, visit <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments/department-of-primary-industries-and-regional-development/avian-influenza>

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

Find us on
 Facebook
 Instagram

 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

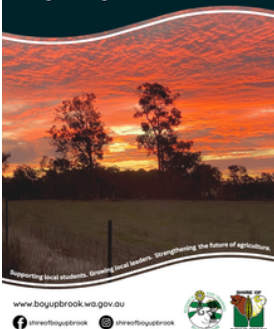
Medical Centre
Monday- Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm
9765 1026

Recycling Dates
Wednesday 12 August 2026
Wednesday 26 August 2026
Wednesday 9 September 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

RYLINGTON PARK SCHOLARSHIP Growing Future Agricultural Leaders



Rylington Park Scholarship Encouraging the Next Generation of Agricultural Leaders

Local students considering a future in agriculture are encouraged to start preparing for the Rylington Park Scholarship, with applications set to open in September.

Established by the original Rylington Park Management Committee Inc. and now proudly administered by the Shire of Boyup Brook, the scholarship continues to support the educational aspirations of local young people pursuing careers in the agricultural sector.

The scholarship reflects the vision of Eric Farleigh, whose commitment to agriculture and the Boyup Brook community inspired the creation of a program that invests in the district's future. His vision was to provide opportunities for local students to gain valuable skills and knowledge that could one day be brought back to benefit the community.

Each year, the scholarship provides financial assistance to Year 10 students from Boyup Brook who have been accepted to attend an Agricultural College for Years 11 and 12.

The Shire encourages interested students and their families to review the scholarship information early and begin preparing their applications ahead of the September opening date. Further information, including eligibility requirements and application details, is available on the Shire website <https://www.boyupbrook.wa.gov.au/community/education/rylington-park.aspx>



Responsible Dog Ownership

Ranger Services has seen an increase in wandering dogs and dog attacks within our community. Please help keep everyone safe by ensuring your dog is securely contained at home, kept on a leash when in public, and registered with the Shire if over three months of age.

Wandering dogs may be impounded and fees apply. If your dog is involved in an attack, significant penalties may apply, including fines, seizure, or being declared a dangerous dog, depending on the circumstances.

For more information on responsible dog ownership and registrations, visit the Shire website or contact Ranger Services via shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au.

For urgent after hours matters such as dog attacks, please phone on 0459 678 154.



We're introducing a new waste recording system at the Boyup Brook Transfer Station and appreciate your patience while we make the transition to a more efficient, paperless process.

The new system will improve the way we collect and report waste data, making the process more accurate and efficient. It will also streamline the reporting we are required to provide to various government agencies, reduce manual data entry, improve our record keeping, and significantly reduce our reliance on paper.

As with any new system, there may be a short adjustment period while our team becomes familiar with the technology. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

Thank you for your support as we continue to improve our services while reducing our environmental footprint.

Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Independent Members Appointed



The Shire of Boyup Brook has established its new Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) in line with recent amendments to the *Local Government Act 1995*, strengthening governance, accountability and oversight within local government.

Council is pleased to have appointed Richard Walker as Independent Presiding Member (Chair) and Alan Lamb as Independent Deputy of the Presiding Member (Deputy Chair).

Together, Richard Walker and Alan Lamb bring extensive experience in local government leadership, governance, financial management, audit and strategic oversight. Their combined knowledge and independent oversight will provide valuable support to Council as it continues to strengthen its governance practices and meet the expectations of the new legislative framework.

The ARIC is an advisory committee that supports Council by providing independent oversight and advice on financial reporting, risk management, internal and external audit, governance, internal controls and continuous improvement. The Committee plays an important role in strengthening Council's governance framework and supporting informed decision making.

Council looks forward to working with both independent members as the Committee commences its role.

Seeking Community Members for New Advisory Committees

The Shire of Boyup Brook is seeking Expressions of Interest from community members to join two newly established Council advisory committees.



Three community members are sought for the Independent Living Unit Development Committee, which will provide strategic advice to help guide the planning and development of future independent living accommodation in Boyup Brook.

Two community members are also sought for the Medical Services Governance Committee, which will provide strategic advice and governance oversight to support the long-term sustainability of the Boyup Brook Medical Service.

If you have an interest in contributing to the future of our community and can provide strategic input, we encourage you to apply. Further information, including committee terms of reference, eligibility requirements and how to submit an Expression of Interest, is available on the Shire of Boyup Brook website.



Go Paperless - Receive your Rates Notice by Email

The Shire of Boyup Brook is encouraging ratepayers to choose a safer, faster and more environmentally friendly way to receive their rates notices by switching to email delivery.

Benefits include quicker delivery, easy online access anytime, reduced paper waste, and savings on printing and postage costs.

It's quick and easy to sign up, simply email shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au with your name as shown on your rates notice, Assessment Number and/or property address, and your preferred email address.



Planning for Boyup Brook's Future

The Shire of Boyup Brook continues to progress a range of initiatives aimed at strengthening our community, supporting essential services and making the best use of community assets. Council is committed to keeping the community informed about the work being undertaken and the decisions that will help shape Boyup Brook's future.



Progressing Our Priorities

Council and the Administration continue to progress a number of important initiatives, including:

- progressing the Independent Living Units development to increase housing options for senior residents
- strengthening the long term sustainability of local medical services
- delivering the new Evacuation Centre/Sporting Clubrooms
- maintaining and improving community infrastructure
- improving the management of Shire owned buildings and public assets
- supporting initiatives that assist in attracting and retaining essential workers

These projects represent an investment in the future of our community and will continue to be delivered in a planned, responsible and transparent manner.

Making the Best Use of Shire Housing

One example of these priorities in action is Council's approach to managing Shire owned housing. Like many regional communities, Boyup Brook faces ongoing challenges in attracting and retaining essential workers. Access to suitable accommodation remains an important factor in securing key professionals, particularly in health, education and other essential services.

The Shire has recently reviewed how its residential properties can best support essential worker accommodation. Rylington Park Homestead was offered to government agencies for this purpose; however, due to its distance from workplaces and local services, the property was not considered suitable.

With Council endorsement, the Chief Executive Officer relocated to Rylington Park Homestead, enabling the Shire owned residence within the townsite to become available for essential worker accommodation. The relocation was at the Chief Executive Officer's own expense and at no cost to the Shire.

As part of this broader review, another Shire-managed property was also made available for essential worker accommodation following the mutual conclusion of an existing tenancy. These initiatives ensure Shire owned housing is being used where it can provide the greatest benefit to the community by supporting the attraction and retention of essential workers while making responsible use of community assets.

Like all Shire owned buildings, Rylington Park Homestead requires ongoing care and maintenance to protect its condition, heritage values and long term use. While residing at the Homestead, the Chief Executive Officer will undertake appropriate general maintenance and refurbishment tasks that do not require specialist qualifications or licensing, helping to reduce the ongoing cost of maintaining the property. All electrical, plumbing and other regulated works will continue to be undertaken by appropriately qualified contractors in accordance with legislative requirements and the Shire's procurement processes.

Our Community Matters – Staying Connected with Council

Council values open communication and encourages community members to ask questions, share ideas and stay informed about the work being undertaken.

Community members can connect with Council by attending Our Community Matters informal sessions, Council meetings and participating in Public Question Time, or by making an appointment with the Shire President, Councillors or the Chief Executive Officer.

To assist with providing informed responses during Public Question Time, community members are encouraged to submit questions a few days prior to meetings where possible. Council agendas, minutes and audio recordings are available on the Shire website, providing another way to stay informed about Council decisions.

Community members are encouraged to come to the next Our Community Matters session on Wednesday 5 August 2026 at 5.00 pm in the Council Chambers, 55 Abel Street, Boyup Brook (rear of the Town Hall).



SHIRE NEWS

Following the recent Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) meeting held on 10 June, I would like to take a moment to extend a heartfelt thank you to our volunteer bush fire brigade members.

Congratulations to the Captains, Deputy Captains and X-Ray Team members appointed for the upcoming fire season. We thank you for stepping into these important leadership and support roles.

A special thank you also to our X-Ray Team members. Your support behind the scenes and on the fireground provides the vital backbone our frontline volunteers rely on during incidents. We also acknowledge those who have stepped aside from leadership positions. Your dedication, experience and service have made a lasting contribution to the safety and resilience of our community, and we sincerely thank you for your commitment.

Finally, to every volunteer member across our local brigades, thank you. Whether you are on the end of a hose, operating equipment, supporting logistics or assisting in other ways, your commitment, professionalism and community spirit are invaluable.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated network of volunteers supporting our Shire. Whether you give your time to emergency services, sporting clubs, community groups, events, service organisations or other local causes, your contribution helps make Boyup Brook the strong, connected and vibrant community we are proud to call home.

Helen O'Connell
Shire President

Fire Control Officers 2026-2027				
Brigade	Name	Surname	Position	Call Sign
Boyup Brook Shire	Ben	Thompson	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Hotel XRAY
Boyup Brook Shire	Tristan	Mead	1 st Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer	XRAY1
Boyup Brook Shire	Wayde	Robertson	2 nd Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer	XRAY2
Boyup Brook Shire	David	Fortune	Communications Officer	XRAY3
Boyup Brook Shire	David	Nield	Deputy Fire Weather Officer	XRAY4
Boyup Brook Shire	Wayde	Robertson	Fire Weather Officer	
Boyup Brook Shire	Donna	Forsyth	ESO/Training Officer	
Benjinup	Robert	Imrie	Fire Control Officer	Benjinup 1
Benjinup	Clinton	Westphal	Deputy Fire Control Officer	Benjinup 2
Chowerup	Luke	Harding	Fire Control Officer	Chowerup 1
Chowerup	Brooks	Evans	Deputy Fire Control Officer	Chowerup 2
Dinninup	Wayne	White	Fire Control Officer	Dinninup 1
Dinninup	Matthews	Brown	Deputy Fire Control Officer	Dinninup 2
East Boyup Brook	John	Ritson	Fire Control Officer	East 1
East Boyup Brook	Ken	Holland	Deputy Fire Control Officer	East 2
Gibbs Road	Ronald	Bingham	Fire Control Officer	Gibbs 1
Gibbs Road	Paul	Goerling	Deputy Fire Control Officer	Gibbs 2
Kenninup	Geoffrey	Dalton	Fire Control Officer	Kenninup 1
Kenninup	Tyson	Introvigne	Deputy Fire Control Officer	Kenninup 2
Kulikup	Bradley	Fairbrass	Fire Control Officer	Kulikup 1
Kulikup	Anthony	Marsh	Deputy Fire Control Officer	Kulikup 2
Mayanup	Benjamin	Creek	Fire Control Officer	Mayanup 1
Mayanup	Mathew	Francke	Deputy Fire Control Officer	Mayanup 2
McAlinden	Kieran	Power	Fire Control Officer	McAlinden 1
McAlinden	Glenn	Kirk	Deputy Fire Control Officer	McAlinden 2
Nollajup	Marcus	Gifford	Fire Control Officer	Nollajup 1
Nollajup	Robert	Introvigne	Deputy Fire Control Officer	Nollajup 2
Scotts Brook	Darren	Chapman	Fire Control Officer	Scotts 1
Scotts Brook	Dylan	Roney	Deputy Fire Control Officer	Scotts 2
Tonebridge	David	Turner	Fire Control Officer	Tone 1
Tonebridge	Matthew	Della-Gola	Deputy Fire Control Officer	Tone 2
Tweed	Scott	Nix	Fire Control Officer	Tweed 1
Tweed	Cameron	Clark	Deputy Fire Control Officer	Tweed 2
West Boyup Brook	Brian	Cailes	Fire Control Officer	West 1
West Boyup Brook	Damon	Treloar	Deputy Fire Control Officer	West 2



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?



Pool Operator – Casual Boyup Brook Swimming Pool

The Shire is seeking an enthusiastic, reliable and friendly Pool Operator to assist the Pool Manager during the 2026/27 pool season. Key responsibilities include:

- Monitoring and maintaining the daily operations of the Swimming Pool
- Ensuring correct pool chemistry and water quality
- Supervising and mentoring lifeguards

Requirements of the role are strong awareness of safety practices, adequate swimming ability and physical fitness. Pool Operator qualification training is available for the right applicant. Flexible hours and rostering are available to suit the successful applicant.



Pool Lifeguard – Casual Boyup Brook Swimming Pool

The Shire is seeking enthusiastic, reliable and friendly Lifeguards to join the team at the Boyup Brook Swimming Pool for the 2026/27 pool season. Key responsibilities include:

- Monitoring pool users to ensure a safe and enjoyable environment
- Assisting with general pool operations and customer service

Requirements of the role are strong awareness of safety practices, adequate swimming ability and physical fitness. Lifeguard qualification training is available for the right applicant. Flexible hours and rostering are available to suit the successful applicant.

To find out more or request a Position Description, contact the Shire Office on (08) 9765 1200 or email shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au. Alternatively, visit our website www.boyupbrook.wa.gov.au

To apply, please submit a covering letter, current resume, and two contactable referees to shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au.

Applications are anticipated to close at 4.30pm Thursday 27 August 2026.

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



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.

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 Helen Hack

0427 673 032

Cr David Inglis

0418 651 088

Cr Darren King
(Deputy Shire President)

0417 796 298

Cr John Matthews

0439 920 717

Cr Philip Moore

0429 939 412

Cr Michael Wright

0427 191 785



Use your smart phone camera or a QR Reader to scan this code and open the Shire website.