



SHIRE NEWS



New Shire President and Deputy Shire President for Boyup Brook

At the October Ordinary Council meeting, Cr Helen O'Connell was elected as the new Shire President, with Cr Darren King appointed as Deputy Shire President.

The Shire extends its sincere thanks to Richard Walker and Helen O'Connell for their outstanding leadership and commitment, and congratulates Cr Helen O'Connell and Cr Darren King as they step into their new roles. We wish you both every success and look forward to the positive contributions you'll make as you represent and support our community.



Shire President
Cr Helen O'Connell



Deputy Shire President
Cr Darren King

We also extend a warm welcome to our new Council member Cr Philip Moore and returning member Cr Helen O'Connell as we commence working together in the term ahead. A heartfelt thank you is extended to outgoing Councillors Richard Walker, Philippe Kaltenrieder and Charles Caldwell for their service and dedication to the Shire.

Ordinary Council Meeting dates for 2026 can be found on the last page of the Shire News in the Gazette and on the Shire website.

Message from the Shire President

It's a privilege to serve as Boyup Brook Shire President, and I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to the community. Some of you may know me and some may not, so I'd like to share a little about myself and my connection to our town.

Since moving to Boyup Brook in 2002, I have felt completely at home. With two daughters at the local school, I quickly became involved in volunteering and over time joined other community groups, which strengthened my connection to the town.

In 2017, I successfully nominated for Council and since April 2020, served as Deputy Shire President. This experience has given me a solid understanding of our Shire and the many people who contribute to it. I am grateful for the support shown in my nomination and look forward to working closely with my fellow Councillors, the Shire CEO, staff and the wider community. Boyup Brook is strengthened by its volunteers, local groups and committed residents. I would like to acknowledge the important role you all play in shaping our town.

My focus will be on listening, being accessible and helping ensure Council decisions reflect the needs and aspirations of our community. I am dedicated to working for Boyup Brook and advocating for initiatives that maintain the vitality, warmth and progress of our Shire.

I look forward to my term ahead and to catching up with many of you around town and at local events. I would also like to thank Richard Walker for his hard work and dedication during his term as Shire President. His commitment is an inspiration.

Helen O'Connell
Shire President

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



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

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

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

Recycling Dates
Wednesday 3 December 2025
Wednesday 17 December 2025
Wednesday 31 December 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
0429 403 487
Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban
9765 1543



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Great team, rewarding work

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



Trainee Customer Service/Administration Officer

Immediate Start – Part Time 12 month Fixed Term

(Flexible roster and hours with a possibility of ongoing full time employment)

The Shire of Boyup Brook is seeking a motivated and enthusiastic individual to join our team as a Trainee Customer Service/Administration Officer. This part time traineeship offers an excellent opportunity to gain hands-on experience in business administration and customer service while completing a Certificate III in Local Government or Certificate III in Business, or other eligible qualification.

About the Role:

- Customer service duties, administrative and finance support, records management
- On-the-job training and mentoring in a positive, community focused workplace
- Support to achieve a nationally recognised qualification
- Great career pathway opportunities

Apply Now:

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 the 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 4th December 2025.

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



New Opening Hours

The Shire of Boyup Brook Administration Office will have a new opening time from 5th January 2026. The office will be open to the public from 9:00am with the closing time staying the same at 4:30pm.



New After Hours Phone Number

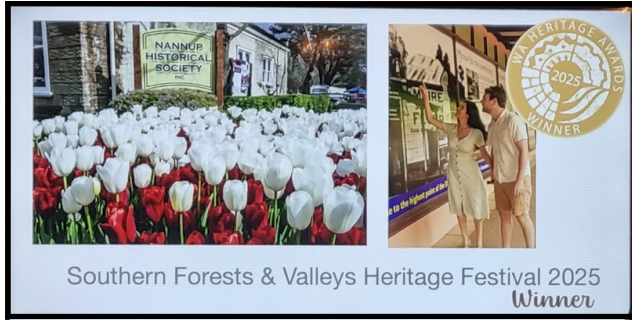
The Shire of Boyup Brook has introduced a new after-hours phone number for Shire-related matters, like trees on roads: 0429 403 487. Please continue to contact the Administration Office during business hours, and remember to call 000 for life-threatening emergencies.



Rylington Park and the Shire of Boyup Brook advises that the Storm in a Teacup event will no longer be delivered by Rylington Park and the Shire. This decision was made at the Rylington Park Committee meeting held on 20 November 2025. We are incredibly grateful for the support the volunteer committee have shown this event over the years, and we recognise the value it has brought to local women and our wider community.

We would love to see Storm in a Teacup continue. Community groups or organisations interested in taking on the event are encouraged to contact the Shire to discuss what's involved and explore the possibilities.

For more information, please contact the Shire either by email shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au or phone 9765 1200.



Southern Forests & Valleys Wins Heritage Tourism Award

The Shire of Boyup Brook is delighted to share that the Southern Forests and Valleys have been awarded the 2025 Western Australian Heritage Award for Tourism for the Southern Forests & Valleys Heritage Festival held in April this year.

This is a wonderful achievement that reflects the passion, commitment and collaboration of communities across the region. In Boyup Brook, the success of the festival was made possible thanks to the valuable contributions of the Boyup Brook Community Resource Centre, the Boyup Brook District Pioneers' Museum, and the Boyup Brook Visitors Centre. Their dedication to showcasing and celebrating our rich local heritage played an integral role in this recognition.

Building on this momentum, the Shire has applied for funding to support Boyup Brook's involvement in next year's festival, with the hope of delivering an even bigger and better celebration of our unique stories and history. We look forward to keeping the community updated as planning progresses.

To view the winners in all categories, visit <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/western-australian-heritage-awards>



Boyup Brook Medical Services - Bulk Billing

As of 11 November 2025, Boyup Brook Medical Services is 100% bulk billing all Medicare-eligible services — that means \$0 out-of-pocket for:

We bulk bill every eligible patient



- ✓ GP consultations
- ✓ Health checks & assessments
- ✓ Chronic disease management plans
- ✓ Care plans, immunisations, procedures & more

Quality healthcare, completely free for everyone with a Medicare card.

We're also thrilled to welcome our new nurse Nicola to the team! She's here to help every Monday and Tuesday.

Ready to book? 📞 Call (08) 9765 1026

Appointments are 15 minutes for 1-2 issues. Need more time (mental health, multiple concerns, procedures etc.)? Just let our friendly reception team know when booking so we can give you the time you need and keep wait times fair for everyone. Come and see us — your health matters!

Measles typically develops 10 days after being exposed to the virus, but this can vary from 7 to 18 days.

Measles is highly infectious and can spread via airborne droplets to people close by. Droplets in the air may still infect people entering a room up to 30 minutes after an infected person has left it. Persons who have received two measles vaccinations and those born before 1966 are considered immune to measles, on rare occasions, vaccinated individuals may develop a mild illness.

For more information including exposure sites, please visit:

<https://www.health.wa.gov.au/news/2025/measles-alert>

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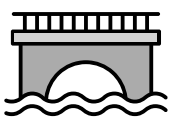
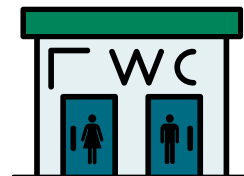
Protecting Our Public Toilets

The Shire of Boyup Brook is asking for community support after recent damage and misuse of some of the public toilets.

These facilities are provided and maintained, at the expense of ratepayers, for the benefit of everyone – both locals and visitors – and we all have a part to play in keeping them clean, safe and in good condition.

To help prevent further issues, the Shire is considering after hours closures at some locations and will be installing security cameras outside selected public toilets.

We thank everyone for their support in helping us look after our public facilities.



Upcoming Bridge Works in Boyup Brook

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

Works are scheduled for:

- Bridge 3314A Jackson Street: 24th November 2025 – 19th December 2025.
- Bridge 3306 (Jayes Bridge) Jayes Rd: 8th December 2025 – 19th June 2026. A road closure will be implemented 12th January 2026 onwards. Please note there will not be any works during the Christmas/New Year period from 20th December 2025 – 11th January 2026.

Updates to scheduled times will be advertised on the Shire website and social media.

Community Christmas in the park

Friday 5th December 2025 from 3:30pm
Sandakan Park All Ages & Abilities Play Space
FREE event for everyone

Face painting Sausage sizzle Ice-creams
DJ Razza Visit from Santa Laser Tag

Don't forget your chair, picnic blanket and mozzie repellent!



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Christmas

LUNCH

Monday 8th December 2025

11:30am at the Town Hall

Details and registration forms are available at the Shire Administration Office, Boyup Brook Medical Services, Boyup Brook Pharmacy and Boyup Brook CRC.

Registrations close Tuesday
2nd December 2025



Boyup Brook Swimming Pool

Opening Hours are:

Monday	10:00am – 5:30pm
Tuesday	10:00am – 5:30pm
Wednesday	10:00am – 5:30pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	10:00am – 5:30pm
Saturday and Sunday	12:00pm – 5:30pm
Public Holidays	12:00pm – 5:30pm

Water Aerobics

Monday and Wednesday 8:45am

Early Morning Swimming

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:30am - 7:15am

For entry fees including season passes please visit the Shire website.

This year adults can purchase an Adult Swimming Pool Pass Plus 12-month Gym Membership at a discounted price. For entry fees including season passes and gym memberships, please visit the Shire website.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Friday 5th December 2025

Friday 19th December 2025

Monday 26th January 2026

Monday 26th January 2026



Community Christmas Celebrations

Food Truck Night

Australia Day Breakfast

Community Awards



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.

29 January	26 February	26 March	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)
Cr David Inglis

0427 653 146
0418 651 088

Cr Darren King
(Deputy Shire President)
Cr Philip Moore
Cr Michael Wright

0417 796 298
0429 939 412
0427 191 785

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Shire of Boyup Brook

Boyup Brook Medical Services
will be closed from 2:00pm Wednesday
24th December 2025 and will re-open
on Monday 5th January 2026

For emergencies during this time contact Boyup
Brook Hospital on 9765 0222, present in person
to the hospital or call 000 for an ambulance.
Alternatively phone Health Direct
1800 022 222

The Shire of Boyup Brook
Administration Office will be
closed from 12:00pm Wednesday
24th December 2025 and will
re-open on Monday 5th
January 2026

The Shire of Boyup Brook
Works Depot will be closed
from Tuesday 23rd December
2025 and will
re-open on Monday
5th January 2026

The Boyup Brook
Swimming Pool will be closed
from 2:00pm Wednesday 24th
December 2025 and will
re-open Sunday 28th
December 2025

The Transfer Station
will be closed Thursday
25th December 2025
and Thursday
1st January 2026

Christmas Closure