

Boyup Brook Evacuation and Recreation Centre Project Continues to Take Shape

The Shire's new Evacuation and Recreation Centre is continuing to progress, with the site changing noticeably each week and the building now starting to take shape.

Last week, Shire Councillors had the opportunity to visit the construction site and see the progress firsthand. The site visit provided a great opportunity to walk through the project, discuss the work completed so far and look at the next stages of construction. It was particularly exciting to see the building's layout becoming more defined and to get a real sense of the finished facility.

The timber framing is now nearing completion, and the access pathways around the building are also taking shape. In the coming weeks, we expect to see further visible progress, including the erection of the structural steel, roof trusses and additional brickwork.

It has also been fantastic to see our community sporting groups continuing to operate successfully around the construction site. Their cooperation and flexibility throughout the project have been greatly appreciated, and we thank the clubs and the wider community for their patience and support while construction is underway.

With the building progressing well, there is plenty to look forward to as the project moves into the next stages. The Shire looks forward to continuing to share progress with the community as this important new facility takes shape.

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Booking the Right Appointment for You

To help our medical team give you the time and care you need, please keep the following in mind when booking your appointment.



We bulk bill every eligible patient

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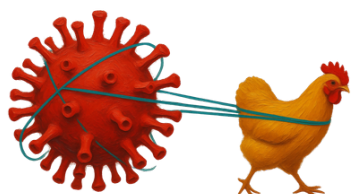
Our standard appointments are 15 minutes and are generally suitable for one or two health concerns. Some appointments, such as prescription renewals, can require the full 15 minutes.

If you have several things you would like to discuss, or your health concern is more complex, please consider booking a long appointment so you have plenty of time with your doctor.

When making your booking, it's also helpful to let our reception team know the general reason for your visit, for example, a prescription renewal, referral, minor medical issue or more complex concern. This helps us make sure the most appropriate appointment time is booked for you.

Thank you for helping us keep appointments running smoothly and allowing our medical team to provide the best possible care to each patient.

78 Abel Street, Boyup Brook WA 6244 | reception@boyupmedical.com.au | Ph: 9765 1026 | Monday to Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm



New Bird Flu Dashboard Available for Western Australia

Western Australians can now access a new interactive dashboard providing up-to-date information on H5 bird flu detections and testing activity across the State.

Available through the WA Government's bird flu website, the dashboard maps confirmed H5 bird flu detections as well as locations where birds have been tested and returned negative results. This provides the community with a clearer picture of where surveillance and testing are taking place across Western Australia.

While no local transmission has been detected in WA, the risk of H5 bird flu spreading among wild birds remains, making continued surveillance and awareness important.

The website also provides current advice and resources for poultry owners and producers, veterinarians, wildlife carers and members of the community, including information on what to do if you find sick or dead birds.

For the latest information, advice and to access the interactive dashboard, visit www.wa.gov.au/birdflu.

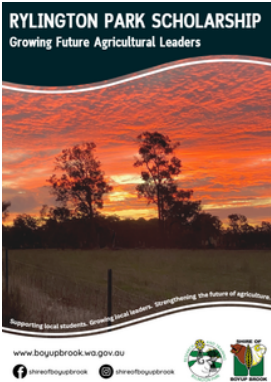
Successful Mitigation Activity Funding for Boyup Brook



The Shire of Boyup Brook has been successful in its application for \$77,393.34 through the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Mitigation Activity Fund (MAF).

This funding will support important bushfire mitigation activities to help reduce risk and protect our community, including planned burning, slashing, firebreak installation and fence upgrades.

Bushfire preparedness and risk reduction is a shared responsibility. The Shire works collaboratively with the DFES Rural Fire Division to deliver mitigation activities across Boyup Brook, helping to make our community safer and more resilient.



Rylington Park Scholarship Now Open

Encouraging the Next Generation of Agricultural Leaders

Applications are now open for the Rylington Park Scholarship, providing local students with valuable financial support to pursue their education and future careers in agriculture.

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.

Eligible students are encouraged to submit an application and take advantage of this opportunity to receive support as they begin the next stage of their agricultural education.

Further information is available on the Shire of Boyup Brook website:

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

Expressions of Interest Close Wednesday 9th September 2026

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.

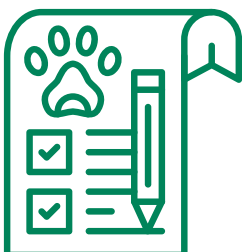
Two community members are also sought for the **Medical Services Governance Committee**, which will provide strategic advice and governance oversight to support the long-term sustainability of the Boyup Brook Medical Service.



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.

Dog and Cat Registration Renewals Coming Soon

Dog and cat owners are advised that registration renewal notices will be sent out in the coming weeks. The annual registration period runs from 1 November to 31 October each year. Further information about registrations and fees is available on the Shire of Boyup Brook website - <https://www.boyupbrook.wa.gov.au/services/council-services/cat-and-dog-registrations.aspx>





Gabriel and Carol Russell with
Shire President Cr O'Connell

Welcoming Our Newest Australian Citizens

On Tuesday, 21 July 2026, a Citizenship Ceremony was proudly held in the Shire of Boyup Brook Council Chambers, marking a very special occasion for Gabriel and Carol Russell as they officially became Australian citizens.

Shire President Cr Helen O'Connell had the honour of conducting the ceremony and welcoming Gabriel and Carol as Boyup Brook's newest Australian citizens.

Becoming an Australian citizen is a significant and meaningful milestone, representing a commitment to Australia and the community they now call home. We warmly congratulate Gabriel and Carol and wish them every happiness as they continue their journey as proud Australian citizens and valued members of the Boyup Brook community.

2026/2027 Rates Notices and Rural Tip Passes



The Shire of Boyup Brook advises that 2026/2027 Rates Notices have now been raised and issued to all ratepayers at their last known postal or email address.

If you have not received your Rates Notice by the end of September 2026, please contact the Shire Administration Office on 9765 1200 or email shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au.

Rural Tip Passes

2026/2027 Rural Tip Passes are now available for collection from the Shire of Boyup Brook Administration Office.

Rural landowners are entitled to two passes, with each pass allowing for 20 x 240L MGBs or equivalent. Passes must be collected by the landowner and proof of ownership will be required.

A reminder that Rural Tip Passes are valid for 18 months. If you still have a 2025/2026 Rural Tip Pass, it remains valid until 31 December 2026, so make sure you hold onto it. For residents who have purchased a Transfer Station Tip Pass, these passes no longer have an expiry date.

Make the Switch to Email

The Shire is encouraging ratepayers to consider receiving future Rates Notices by email – a safer, faster and more environmentally friendly option.

Receiving your Rates Notice electronically provides quicker delivery, easy access when you need it, reduced paper waste and savings on printing and postage costs.

Signing up is quick and easy. Simply email shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au and include:

- your name as shown on your Rates Notice
- your Assessment Number and/or property address
- your preferred email address

Making the switch to email is a simple way to reduce paper use and costs while ensuring your Rates Notice arrives conveniently and securely in your inbox.



Bushfire Season Ready: Don't Wait Until November

As spring growth kicks off, it's time to prepare your property for the upcoming bushfire season. Firebreak installation and hazard reduction works must be fully compliant by 30 November and maintained through to 1 April.

The Shire is taking a strict approach to non-compliance. Property inspections will be conducted, and non-compliant owners face immediate infringements, prosecution, or contractor works completed at their expense.

Beat the Rush – 3 Steps to Take Today

- **Spray Early:** Spray firebreak lines now while plants are actively growing to make later grading or slashing much easier.
- **Book Contractors:** Schedules fill up weeks in advance—secure your machinery operator early.
- **Chip Away:** Spread out branch pruning, gutter clearing, and firewood relocation over the coming weekends.

Compliance Specifications At-A-Glance

1. Bare Earth Firebreaks (3m Wide x 4m High)

- **Bare Earth Standard:** Soil must be completely clear of all flammable material, living plants, and dead vegetation. Spraying herbicide alone is not compliant—dead plant material must be removed to bare dirt.
- **Dimensions & Access:** Minimum 3m wide immediately inside property boundaries, with 4m vertical clearance for heavy appliances, forming a continuous 4WD-trafficable loop.
- **Wet Ground or Terrain Issues?** If seasonal wet spots and terrain issues prevent machinery access, apply in writing for a Variation to Firebreak Notice prior to 15 October.

2. Asset Protection Zone (APZ)

- **10m Buffer:** Required around all homes, homesteads, and major farm sheds/fuel stores.
- **Grass & Fuel:** Keep grass under 50mm (5cm) and clear leaves, twigs, and bark.
- **Vegetation Pruning:** Pruning lower tree branches up to 2m off the ground. Maintain a 2m clearance between building walls and trees/shrubs over 2m tall.

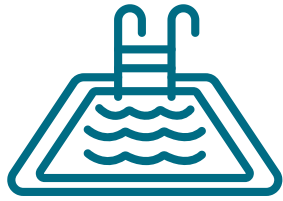


Why Compliance Matters

Firebreak notices set the minimum legal standard. Proper preparation provides safe access for volunteer firefighters, prevents grassfires jumping boundary fences, and reduces radiant heat and ember attack on your home.

For full details on Townsite, Rural, or Plantation requirements, view the Firebreak Notice at the Shire Office or online.

Questions? Contact the Shire or your local Fire Control Officer early.



Swimming Pool Repairs and Maintenance Works

While the Boyup Brook Swimming Pool is closed for the winter season, the Shire will be taking the opportunity to undertake important repair and maintenance works in preparation for the 2026/27 swimming season.

Works commenced on Sunday, 16 August, with the pool being drained. Pumps will operate throughout the draining process and are expected to be fairly quiet, with minimal to no noise impact on surrounding residents.

Once the pool has been drained, further testing will be undertaken to check the structural condition of the pool. Subject to positive results, works will then progress to include:

- Repairing and patching cracks
- Painting the pool surface
- Replacing damaged waterline tiles as required

Following painting, the new pool surface will need time to properly cure before the pool can be refilled. At this stage, refilling is anticipated to commence in late October, with the pool expected to reopen in early to mid-November, ready for another summer of swimming.

We'll keep the community updated as the works progress and look forward to welcoming everyone back to the pool for the new season.

South West Sports Awards



Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their contribution to our region's sporting community? Nominations are now open for the inaugural South West Sports Awards. The South West Region is comprised of the following Local Government Areas: City of Bunbury, City of Busselton, Shire of Augusta–Margaret River, Shire of Harvey, Shire of Manjimup, Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Shire of Capel, Shire of Collie, Shire of Dardanup, Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup, Shire of Boyup Brook and Shire of Nannup.

For more information please visit <https://www.bunbury.wa.gov.au/play/community-recreation-and-sport/south-west-sports-awards-2026>



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.

24 September

29 October

26 November

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

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