

Exciting progress continues on the Boyup Brook Evacuation and Recreation Centre

There is plenty happening at the Boyup Brook Evacuation and Recreation Centre project, with construction continuing to move ahead smoothly and on schedule.

Over the past month, some major milestones have been reached. The large-scale earthworks are now complete, transforming the site and paving the way for the next exciting stages of construction. The site is now prepared for the upcoming concrete slab pours, while work has also commenced on the retaining walls and building footings that will form the foundation of the new facility.

While much of the work happening at the moment is below ground, it represents an important part of the project and lays the groundwork for the community building that many local residents are eagerly looking forward to using in the years ahead.

The renovation will deliver a modern, welcoming community facility designed to support a wide range of activities, events and gatherings, from meetings and workshops to celebrations and social events, providing a valuable space for people of all ages.

It has been fantastic to see the interest and support from local residents, community groups and stakeholders throughout the project. Community infrastructure plays an important role in creating vibrant and connected towns, and this investment will help ensure the facility continues to serve the community well into the future.

Over the coming months, residents can expect to see visible progress as the building takes shape above ground, with each stage bringing the project closer to completion and reopening.

We look forward to sharing more updates as construction continues and celebrating the many milestones still to come.



Congratulations to Richard Walker on WALGA Merit Award



The Shire of Boyup Brook proudly congratulates former Shire President Richard Walker on receiving a Merit Award at the 2026 WALGA Local Government Awards. The Merit Award recognises Richard's outstanding contribution to Local Government and his many years of dedicated service to the Boyup Brook community.

Richard served as an Elected Member, Deputy Shire President and Shire President. Throughout his time in office, he demonstrated strong leadership, integrity and an unwavering commitment to serving our Shire. His dedication, together with his advocacy for rural communities has made a significant contribution to Boyup Brook.

The Shire Council and staff extend their sincere congratulations to Richard on this well-deserved recognition and thank him for his lasting contribution to our Shire.



Upgrades to Boyup Brook Medical Services Building

Significant renovations have recently been completed at the Medical Centre, improving both accessibility and functionality for patients and staff.

The main entrance has been relocated to the corner of the building and now features a wide automatic door, providing easier and more convenient access to the facility for all visitors. The renovations have also created a more efficient and comfortable workspace for Medical Centre staff, helping to support the continued delivery of quality healthcare services to the community. While a few finishing touches remain, these works are expected to be completed in the coming weeks, marking the successful completion of the project.

These improvements represent an important investment in local healthcare infrastructure, and thanks are extended to patients, staff and visiting allied health practitioners for their patience and understanding during the renovation works.



Commercial Waste Disposal

We'd like to reassure the community regarding commercial waste disposal at the Boyup Brook landfill site.

Commercial businesses such as Hastie Waste will continue to operate in Boyup Brook as normal, including providing commercial waste services to local customers. There is no change to the way residents and businesses engage with Hastie Waste.



The only change relates to access to the landfill site itself, which needs to be arranged by appointment with the Shire. This ensures we meet Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) minimum security requirements for waste facilities. These bookings can be set up as a regular scheduled time (for example, the same day and time each week) or arranged as needed to suit the business' operational requirements. This applies to all commercial businesses who access the Shire landfill site. This does not apply to domestic waste at the Transfer Station.



New Tobacco and Vaping Laws to Help Protect the Community

New tobacco and vaping laws have come into effect across Western Australia, strengthening efforts to protect the health and wellbeing of local communities.

A key change under the new legislation is that all smoke-free public places are now also vape-free. This will help reduce exposure to second-hand vape emissions and create healthier public spaces for everyone to enjoy.

The reforms are designed to safeguard the health of children and young people, while supporting a healthier future for all Western Australians. Stronger enforcement measures and increased compliance activity will target the illegal sale, supply and possession of tobacco and vaping products, with significant penalties applying to those who break the law.

Importantly, the changes are aimed at illegal activity and will not affect licensed tobacco retailers who continue to comply with legal requirements.

For more information about the new tobacco and vaping laws, visit the Department of Health website <https://www.health.wa.gov.au/News/2026/New-tobacco-and-vape-laws-now-in-effect>

Road and Maintenance Works Completed Across the Shire

The Shire of Boyup Brook is pleased to announce the completion of the resurfacing works on Boyup Brook–Arthur River Road, marking the successful conclusion of all three Regional Road Group projects scheduled for the 2025/26 financial year.

These important road improvement projects help maintain safe and reliable transport links for residents, visitors, local businesses and the agricultural sector. The resurfacing works will enhance driving conditions and contribute to the long-term sustainability of the Shire's road network.

In addition to the completion of the Regional Road Group projects, the Shire has also finalised its annual bridge spraying and townsite spraying program for the financial year.

The completion of these works reflects the ongoing commitment of the Shire's Works and Services team to maintaining local infrastructure and public spaces to a high standard. Their efforts help ensure our roads, bridges and townsites remain safe, functional and well-presented for the community.

The Shire thanks residents and road users for their patience and cooperation while these works were undertaken.



Left: works being completed on the Boyup Brook–Arthur River Road.

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?



Governance & Compliance Manager

Immediate Start | Full Time or Part Time | Flexible Work Arrangements (including Remote/Work from Home)

The Shire of Boyup Brook is seeking an experienced and motivated Governance & Compliance Manager to lead the Shire's governance, compliance and procurement functions.

Applicants will have demonstrated knowledge and experience in governance and procurement, excellent organisational and analytical skills, exceptional attention to detail, and the ability to manage competing priorities. A commitment to teamwork, continuous improvement and delivering high quality governance outcomes are essential.

Key responsibilities include:

- Providing governance and legislative advice to Council and management
- Managing governance, risk, audit and compliance requirements
- Leading procurement, tendering and contract administration processes.
- Supporting transparent, accountable and compliant decision making

The Shire offers an attractive salary package, flexible working arrangements and the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to a progressive regional local government.



Practice Nurse

Immediate Start – Part Time 3 days per week

A unique opportunity has become available in our welcoming country community, for a part time Registered Nurse, AHPRA registered, to join the Shire of Boyup Brook Medical Services to assist in the provision of quality patient care.

You will work in a friendly, supportive environment with the doctors and administration team to prepare health assessments, chronic disease management plans, patient wellness clinics, liaising with the doctors and allied health professionals.

Good interpersonal and administrative skills are essential.



Transfer Station Operator

Part Time 3 days per week (including weekend days) Shared Role considered

The Shire of Boyup Brook is seeking a dependable Transfer Station Operator to support operations at our Transfer Station.

This hands-on role is responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the Shire's Transfer Station, providing excellent customer service while maintaining a clean, safe and compliant facility.

Essential: White Card, current WA "C" Class Driver's Licence, strong customer service skills.

If you enjoy working outdoors and contributing to your local community, we'd love to hear from you.

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 23 July 2026.

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

Connecting Boyup Brook When it Matters Most: The STAND Program

When a natural disaster strikes, staying connected isn't just about convenience—it is a lifeline. To ensure our community remains safe and informed during future emergencies, the Shire of Boyup Brook has been actively participating in the Federal Government's Strengthening Telecommunications Against Natural Disasters (STAND) program.



What is the STAND Program?

During major emergencies like bushfires or severe storms, regular mobile coverage and landlines can go down due to power outages or damaged infrastructure. The STAND program fixes this by installing specialised Disaster Satellite Services at critical community hubs.

Using nbn's Sky Muster™ satellite service, these setups provide a reliable backup internet connection. If a disaster cuts off our standard communications, this emergency satellite system can be switched on immediately, keeping vital communication lines open for emergency services and residents.



Building a Safer Boyup Brook

To strategically prepare our region, the Shire has been rolling out this infrastructure at key locations across the district. These sites have been specifically chosen because they serve as vital community gathering points or potential evacuation centres during a crisis.

We already have this emergency infrastructure ready to go at:

- The Boyup Brook Town Hall
- The Shire Depot

Thanks to the most recent funding rounds, we have successfully expanded this safety net by installing the satellite backup systems at two more critical locations:

- Dinninup Showgrounds
- Mayanup Hall



Peace of Mind for the Future

By securing these satellite connections across both our central town facilities and our surrounding halls and showgrounds, the Shire is working to ensure that no matter where you are in Boyup Brook, a backup lifeline is never far away.

While we hope we won't have to use them, these installations mean our community is stronger, better prepared, and ready to stay connected through whatever comes our way.

But wait there's more!

You're hopefully all aware of the Firewise Garden Guide, helping West Australians to build gardens that reduce the risk of bushfire to their homes and properties.

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The team at the Bushfire Centre of Excellence have recently expanded on the Guide, creating a three-part video mini-series. The videos aim to make firewise principles even more accessible by translating the detailed guide into engaging visual content. Each episode breaks down firewise concepts into easy-to-understand segments, perfect to share with your community via your brigade, group or unit facebook page.

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The first episode explores the initial four chapters of the Firewise Gardening Guide. It begins with an introduction to firewise gardening and explains bushfire behaviour and its impact on properties. The episode also provides practical strategies for bushfire preparedness, as well as guidance on planning a firewise property and designing a resilient garden layout.

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Episode two delves into applying firewise principles directly to your garden. It introduces the core principles of firewise garden design and shows viewers how thoughtful planning can reduce bushfire risk. Viewers will also learn about the characteristics of firewise plants and receive planting guidelines to help create gardens that are, both safe and sustainable.

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Episode three brings everything together by focusing on the design of your firewise landscape tailored to the firewise principles. It also outlines essential maintenance practices that help keep gardens fire resilient, reinforcing the importance of ongoing maintenance.



You can find the mini-series on the DFES YouTube channel. The videos are short and easy to follow and can be shared to your Facebook page using the YouTube share button. Alternatively, if you would like an offline copy of the videos, or hard copies of the Guide, please let the Emergency Services team at the Shire know.



AusAlert

New National Emergency Warning System Coming Soon

A new national emergency warning system, AusAlert, will soon be available across Australia, helping emergency services deliver urgent warnings directly to mobile phones in affected areas.

Using internationally recognised cell-broadcast technology, AusAlert can send fast, reliable and location-specific alerts during emergencies such as bushfires, floods, cyclones and other serious incidents. Unlike SMS messages, alerts can still be received when mobile networks are congested and may sound even if a device is on silent mode.

One of the key benefits of AusAlert is its ability to target specific locations, meaning only people within an affected area will receive the warning. Alerts can provide important information about the emergency, its severity, and the actions people should take to stay safe. The system does not collect or store personal phone numbers or location data, helping to protect privacy and reduce the risk of scams.

As part of the rollout, a community test will take place in Goomalling, Western Australia, during June 2026. A national test is also scheduled for Monday, 27 July 2026, with compatible devices across Western Australia expected to receive a test alert at 12.00pm AWST.

For more information about AusAlert, including what to expect during testing and how the system works, visit <https://www.nema.gov.au/our-work/risk-reduction/ausalert>

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.

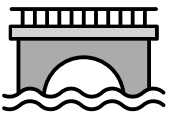
Established by the original Rylington Park Management Committee Inc. and now proudly administered by the Shire of Boyup Brook, the scholarship continues to support the educational aspirations of local young people pursuing careers in the agricultural sector.

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>



Bridge Works in Boyup Brook

Fulton Hogan are currently undertaking bridge works within the Shire of Boyup Brook.

Works are currently underway on Bridge 3306 (Jayes Bridge) on Jayes Road. Motorists are reminded to follow all road closure and traffic management signage in place for the safety of workers and road users.

The Shire appreciates the community's patience during these essential works and will provide an update once the project has been completed.



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 July 27 August 24 September 29 October 26 November

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

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