



# SHIRE NEWS

## Local Government Extraordinary Election

The Shire of Boyup Brook has received five nominations for the upcoming Local Government Extraordinary Election to be held on 28 March 2026. There are two vacant positions available, each carrying a four-year term, expiring October 2029.

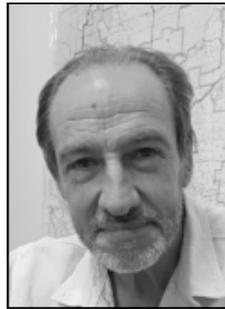
The names of all candidates for the 2026 Shire of Boyup Brook Local Government Extraordinary Election are listed below in the order they were received.



John Matthews



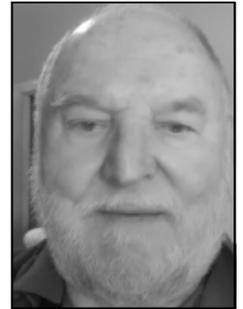
Eric Muncey



Johan Brits



Helen Hack



Alan Lamb

We encourage you to read the candidate profiles and contact the nominees directly should you have any questions or require clarification on the information provided. Candidate profiles are available on the Shire website at <https://www.boyupbrook.wa.gov.au/councillor/your-council/elections.aspx>.

Postal voting papers will be sent to all residents on the Electoral Roll in late February, if you have not received your papers by the end of the first week in March, please contact the Western Australian Electoral Commission on 13 63 06 (WA only) or (08) 9214 0400.

To ensure you have the Council representation you would like, remember to cast your vote in the 2026 Local Government Extraordinary Election.

### Boyup Brook Evacuation & Recreation Centre Upgrade



The much-anticipated redevelopment of the Football Clubrooms has officially commenced, with the area now securely fenced off as works get underway. This important project will see the facility transformed into the new Boyup Brook Evacuation and Recreation Centre creating a modern, welcoming space for players, members, and the wider community to enjoy for years to come.

The project is being delivered by Barna Constructions. For everyone's safety, please do not enter the fenced construction zone until works are completed.

We appreciate your patience and look forward to sharing updates as the redevelopment takes shape!



Australian Government  
National Emergency Management Agency



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



✉ 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 11 March 2026  
Wednesday 25 March 2026  
Wednesday 8 April 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

The Shire would like to respectfully make contact with families who have placed a rose bush at the Baby Memorial Garden in Sandakan Park. If your family has contributed a rose bush, we warmly invite you to contact the Shire to discuss the potential refurbishment of the Memorial and share any thoughts you may wish to provide. Please phone Nicki Jones at the Shire Administration Office on 9765 1200 or email [shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au)



## A Gentle Reminder for Park Visitors

We kindly remind families visiting the park to please take care around the sheep display. While they may look inviting to climb or sit on, the sheep are fragile and can be easily damaged.

Visitors are more than welcome to take photos standing beside the sheep and enjoy them up close, however we ask that children and adults please do not climb or sit on them. Signage is in place to help protect this special feature, and we greatly appreciate your support in preserving it for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you for helping us look after our shared community spaces.

## Grant funding available for local community groups to apply

The Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR) has opened its 'Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) Small & Vital' funding stream providing small remote, rural and regional communities access to funds for a broad range of initiatives that directly benefit their local communities.

There are two tiers of funding available.

- Small grants up to \$10,000 are available for grassroots, community-led initiatives that will directly benefit local communities with a preference for smaller communities with populations of less than 15,000.
- Larger leverage grants of up to \$50,000 are available for projects that focus on strengthening adults' digital skills, confidence and online safety, enabling them to build social connections and access services, information, education and employment through training. This grant may also assist with acquiring the digital and connectivity infrastructure where needed.

All projects funded through FRRR's SRC Small & Vital program must be delivered in 12 months.

In the first instance, if you are interested in applying for a grant, please check your eligibility at <https://frrr.org.au/funding/src-small-vital/>

If you're confident that your group is eligible to apply, our Grants Officer is happy to provide a second pair of eyes before you submit your application. Grant applications are submitted online and applications close on 24 March 2026.

## Fruit Fly



When pruning fruit trees, please remember to remove all infected fruit from the cut branches before disposal. The fruit should be double-bagged, in a well-sealed garbage bag and disposed of in the general waste. Once the fruit has been removed, the pruned branches can then be placed in the green waste pile.

Thank you for helping keep our waste streams clean and our community spaces well maintained.

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## Ways to Outsmart an Emergency Situation

### A Boyup Brook Emergency Ready Cheat-Sheet

You can't stop a storm, but you can certainly stop your trampoline from becoming a low-flying aircraft.

### 1

#### The "Loose Ends" Audit

Whether it's a summer wind change or a winter cold front, loose items are basically missiles.

- Summer: Keep your woodpile at least 20 metres from the house.
- Winter: Check for overhanging branches that could take out your power lines in a gale.
- Anytime: Secure the trampoline and outdoor setting. If it's not bolted down, it's a flight risk.

### 2

#### The "Gutter Gala"

We know, it's everyone's least favourite Saturday morning job. But clean gutters are the MVP of home defence. In summer, they prevent embers from finding a home; in winter, they stop the Blackwood rains from flooding your eaves.

### 3

#### Pack the "Grab-and-Go" Kit

Don't wait for the power to go out to find your torch (only to realise the batteries leaked in 2022). Keep a waterproof tub in the shed or laundry with:

- A battery-powered radio (for ABC Local Radio updates).
- Spare batteries and a power bank for your phone.
- Woollen blankets (better for fire protection than synthetics).
- Bottled water and a first-aid kit.

### 4

#### Know Your "Watch Zones"

Technology is a great tool—if you know how to use it. Download the Emergency WA app and set up a "Watch Zone" for Boyup Brook and your specific property. It's the fastest way to get official info on bushfire levels or storm warnings.

### 5

#### The Neighbour Network

If you had to leave in a hurry, who has the spare key? Who's checking on the horses? Have a quick "What if?" chat with your neighbours. Knowing that someone has your back (and you have theirs) is the best recovery tool there is.

Local Yokel Tip: During Prohibited Burning Times (typically November - February), remember that even a whipper-snipper can spark a fire. Always have a mobile water unit or a hose ready to go if you're doing property maintenance!

## Golden Rule



The Golden Rule of Emergencies:

You can't control the weather, but you can control your woodpile, your water tank, and your plan!





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## Increase in Illegal Dumping



There has been an increase in illegal dumping across the Shire, particularly green waste being dumped in Shire reserves. Please remember that dumping green waste or any other rubbish in bushland, Shire reserves or on private property is an offence and may result in an infringement if you are caught.

Did you know it's free to dispose of green waste at the Shire Transfer Station? The Transfer Station is open Thursday and Saturday from 10.00am to 2.00pm, and Sunday from 11.00am to 2.00pm.

Together, we can help look after our Shire and keep it tidy, safe and welcoming for everyone.



## Red Cross TeleRedi

Feel safe, informed and well connected when extreme heat hits.

How TeleRedi helps:

TeleRedi provides critical support for people living in Australia who may be at risk during extreme heat events. When extreme heat events keep you indoors, TeleRedi connects you with a friendly Australian Red Cross volunteer who will:

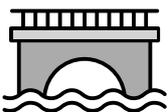
-  call you to check in on your wellbeing
-  provide helpful advice and reminders
-  link you to additional support if needed.

This is a simple online registration and we are willing to assist if you need help at the Shire!

<https://www.redcross.org.au/teleredi/>



Over the past couple of months, several bottles have been left in public toilets around town. We kindly ask that bottles are not left in these facilities. Instead, please place them in one of the Containers for Change collection baskets located throughout the townsite. Your cooperation helps keep our public spaces clean and welcoming for everyone.



## Bridge Works in Boyup Brook

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

Works are scheduled for Bridge 3306 (Jayes Bridge) Jayes Rd: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

A road closure will be implemented 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 onwards.



## 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.

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)	0427 653 146	Cr Darren King (Deputy Shire President)	0417 796 298
Cr David Inglis	0418 651 088	Cr Philip Moore	0429 939 412
		Cr Michael Wright	0427 191 785

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