

Boyup Brook Evacuation and Recreation Centre Update

Progress on the Boyup Brook Evacuation and Recreation Centre project is gaining real momentum, with plenty happening on site throughout April.

One of the standout moments this month has been the demolition of the external toilet block, and it certainly didn't go down without a fight! Built many years ago, the structure proved just how solidly it was constructed. Crews have had to work hard to bring it down, a true testament to the quality and effort put in by those who originally built it.

Demolition across the site is now well underway, including the careful removal of asbestos-containing materials (ACM) under strict safety controls. With these works progressing, the site is being steadily cleared and prepared for the next stage of the redevelopment.

Looking ahead, bulk earthworks will soon begin, along with the installation of in-ground services, exciting steps that will start to shape the future of the new community facility.

It's great to see the project moving forward, with more milestones on the horizon as works continue over the coming months.



Local Government Extraordinary Election 2026

The Shire of Boyup Brook is pleased to announce the successful outcome of the Local Government Extraordinary Election held on Saturday, 28 March 2026, with Helen Hack and John Matthews elected to serve as Councillors.

The Shire extends its sincere appreciation to all five candidates—John Matthews, Eric Muncey, Johan Brits, Helen Hack and Alan Lamb—who nominated for election. Standing for local government reflects a strong commitment to community service, and the willingness of each candidate to contribute to the future of Boyup Brook is warmly acknowledged.

Helen Hack and John Matthews were officially sworn in as Shire Councillors at a Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 15 April 2026. This formal occasion marked the beginning of their roles representing and advocating for the community.

The Shire looks forward to working with Cr Hack and Cr Matthews as part of the Council team, continuing to support the Boyup Brook community.



Cr Helen Hack



Cr John Matthews

Pensioner Concession Rebate

A gentle reminder to the community that the ratepayer portion of annual rates must be paid in full by 30 June each year to be eligible for the Pensioner Concession Rebate. If payment is not received by this date, the rebate will be forfeited and the full amount of rates will become payable.

Pensioners are eligible to defer their rate and Emergency Services Levy (ESL) charges, however, all other charges listed on the rates notice must still be paid by 30 June.

Please note that Seniors are not eligible to defer any charges.

Deferred Rates

For eligible pensioners, rates and service charges will automatically be deferred if the required payment is not made by 30 June.

Deferred rates and charges:



remain as a debt against the property until paid



are not required to be paid until eligibility ceases (for example, if the property is sold, the owner moves out, or passes away without a surviving spouse or de facto)



can be paid at any time, however rebates cannot be claimed on deferred amounts when they are paid



do not incur interest charges

If you are unsure about your eligibility or would like more information, please contact the Shire Rates Officer for assistance.



SHIRE NEWS



Did you know that Boyup Brook Council meeting agendas, minutes and attachments are available for the public to view on the Shire website?

These documents provide a transparent look at the decisions being made, the topics under discussion, and the projects shaping our community. Whether you're interested in local developments, community initiatives, or simply want to stay informed, this information is readily accessible at your convenience.

Council meetings are also open to the public, and community members are welcome to attend. It's a great opportunity to see local decision-making in action and gain a deeper understanding of how Council represents and supports the community.

Staying informed and involved has never been easier, jump online or come along to a meeting and see what's happening in your Shire.



The trestle tables and chairs at the Town Hall are a shared community resources for everyone to use and enjoy.

We kindly ask that after using them, you please return all tables and chairs to the designated storage area. Taking a few extra moments to pack them away properly helps keep the space tidy, safe, and ready for the next group.

Currently, there are several tables missing, and we ask that if you have borrowed any, please return them to the Town Hall as soon as possible so they are available for others to use.

Thank you for helping us look after our shared facilities.

Culvert Replacement Program

The Shire is pleased to advise that the 2025–2026 culvert replacement program is now in full swing, with works progressing efficiently across the road network and on track for completion by mid-May.

This program focuses on renewing ageing and underperforming culverts to ensure the continued safe and effective movement of stormwater. By upgrading these critical assets, the Shire is improving road resilience, reducing the risk of localised flooding, and protecting the long-term condition of road pavements.

Residents may notice construction activity in various locations as works continue. The Shire appreciates the community's patience during this period and reminds road users to follow all traffic management signage to ensure the safety of both workers and the public.

Once completed, the program will deliver improved drainage performance, reduced maintenance requirements, and greater reliability of the road network during heavy rainfall events.



New Culvert Zig Zag Road.



SHIRE NEWS



Dr Nilesh continues to support the Boyup Brook community while undertaking further training in Rural Medicine, strengthening the care he provides in a rural setting. During this period, Dr Nilesh will continue to provide medical care to permanent residents at the Boyup Brook Soldiers Memorial Hospital during his regular rounds. He will also remain available for on-call emergency medical services as rostered, including after-hours coverage.

At times when Dr Nilesh is not on call, Emergency Telehealth Services (ETS) will be available to ensure the community continues to have access to timely medical care. The Boyup Brook Soldiers Memorial Hospital remains a 24-hour emergency service, providing both acute care and ongoing care for permanent residents.

We sincerely thank Dr Nilesh for his continued dedication and appreciate the community's understanding and support during this time.



For general appointments during business hours, please contact Boyup Brook Medical Services on 9765 1026.



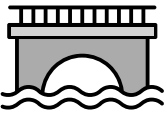
For emergencies, please present directly to Boyup Brook Soldiers Memorial Hospital or call 000 for an ambulance.



For non-emergency health advice, you can also contact Healthdirect on 1800 022 222.

Shire of Boyup Brook & Boyup Brook Medical Services

Looking after our community



Bridge Works in Boyup Brook

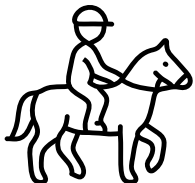
Fulton Hogan are currently undertaking bridge works within the Shire of Boyup Brook.

Works are scheduled for Bridge 3306 (Jayes Bridge) Jayes Rd: 8th December 2025 – 19th June 2026. A road closure was implemented 12th January 2026 onwards. For more information and to view the detour map, please visit the Shire website <https://www.boyupbrook.wa.gov.au/news/bridge-works/709>

Our beautiful town is something we all take pride in, and keeping our shared spaces clean is a simple way everyone can help. Recently, there have been a few reminders of the importance of picking up after our animals.



Dog owners are encouraged to always carry bags and clean up after their pets when out and about. For convenience, dog waste bag dispensers are available at several locations around town, including the Dog Park at Sandakan Park, the bus stop behind the Visitors Centre, Music Park, and at the sports ground near the cricket nets.



Horse riders are also reminded to be mindful when using roads and public areas. While horses aren't required to wear manure collection bags ("bum bags"), riders are expected to ensure that roads and public spaces are left clean and safe for others. A recent incident on Forrest Street highlighted how important this is for both community amenity and safety.

By working together and doing our part, we can keep Boyup Brook looking its best for everyone to enjoy.

Autumn Ready: Keeping the Home Fires Burning Safely

As the crisp autumn mornings settle into the Shire and the woodsmoke begins to drift across our valleys, it's a clear sign that the cooler seasons are officially here. While we all look forward to the comfort of a warm home, the transition to winter brings a different set of safety priorities for our households.

Before you settle in for the season, the Shire of Boyup Brook encourages every resident to take a few simple steps to ensure your coming winter is safe and snug.



1. The "First Light" Fire Safety Check

Most home fires in winter start in the kitchen or lounge. Now is the time for your annual safety audit:

- **Smoke Alarm Batteries:** If you didn't change them on 01 April, do it today. A working alarm is your only voice when you're asleep.
- **Chimney & Flue Sweeping:** After a long summer, bird nests or soot buildup can cause chimney fires. Ensure your fireplace is cleaned and your hearth is clear of rugs or kindling.
- **The "Metre" Rule:** Keep anything that can burn—curtains, clothes, furniture—at least one metre away from heaters and fireplaces.



2. Electric Blankets and Heaters

Dusting off the electric blanket? Give it a flat inspection first. Look for frayed cords or scorch marks.

- Never leave an electric blanket on overnight; use it to warm the bed, then turn it off before you climb in.
- Always turn off portable heaters before leaving a room or going to sleep.



3. Could You Find Your Way Out?

Smoke is thick, black, and disorienting. In a fire, you often can't see your hand in front of your face.

- **The Challenge:** Tonight, turn off the lights and see if you can navigate from your bedroom to your designated exit by touch alone.
- **Practice the Drill:** Ensure everyone in the house, especially children and seniors, knows at least two ways out of every room. If your primary exit is blocked, what is Plan B?



4. Look Out for Your Neighbours

Boyup Brook thrives on community spirit. As it gets colder, check in on your elderly neighbours or those living alone. A quick chat over the fence or a check to see if they need help moving a heavy heater, getting blankets ready, bringing in the wood, can make all the difference in their safety and wellbeing.

Let's keep Boyup Brook safe this winter. Stay warm, stay smart, and stay prepared.

Testing Your Fire Alarms

Testing your smoke alarms is one of the simplest but most critical tasks you can do to protect your home. It should be done once a month. Here is the safest and most effective way to test them:



1. The "Push-to-Test" Method

Most modern smoke alarms have a dedicated "Test" button on the cover.

- Press and hold the test button for about 5 seconds.
- You should hear a loud, piercing siren. If the sound is weak or non-existent, it's time to change the battery or replace the unit.
- If your home has interconnected alarms, pushing the button on one should trigger all of them. Walk through the house to ensure every unit is sounding.



2. The "Visual" Inspection

While you are up there, do a quick visual check:

- Dust and cobwebs can settle in the sensor chamber, causing false alarms or preventing the alarm from "smelling" real smoke. Use a vacuum attachment to gently clean around the vents.
- Most units have a small LED that flashes every 30–60 seconds to show the unit has power. Check the light is working.
- Smoke alarms generally have a 10-year lifespan. Check the manufacture date on the back; if it's older than 10 years, the whole unit needs to be replaced, regardless of whether the battery still works.



3. Quick Winter Maintenance Tip

This the perfect time to do a "Battery & Clean" session.

- If your alarm uses a 9V battery (the rectangular ones), replace it once a year.
- If it is a "10-year lithium" model, you don't need to change the battery, but you still need to push that test button monthly!



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.

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

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