

# SHIRE NEWS

**Next Council Meeting:**  
**Thurs June 16**  
**5.30pm**

## Council Resolutions 24 May Ordinary Council Meeting



- Council endorsed the draft Rating Strategy to be advertised for community consultation, to enable submissions to be considered at the June 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting.
- The Annual Report for the 2020/21 Financial Year was adopted, with 6.30pm Thursday 23 June 2022 being endorsed as the time and date for the Annual Electors Meeting.
- Council endorsed the following projects to be submitted for funding consideration under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program
  - Toddler play area within the Hotham Park precinct \$100,000
  - Boddington Main Street Revitalisation planning and Stage 1 construction \$141,192
  - Hotham Park Playground Shade Sails - \$100,000
- Council authorised the change (increase) to the current lease land area with the Boddington RRR.
- Council adopted the following criteria for the Independent Housing on 36 Hotham Avenue Boddington:
  - *Be in receipt of a pension from Centrelink or Veterans Affairs*
  - *Not own a property*
  - *Council endorsed places to be allocated in chronological order of application, subject to applicants meeting the eligibility criteria, and*
  - *a rental charge of \$165 per week for new tenancies effective immediately; and following a minimum notice period of 60 days for existing tenancies.*
- Council deferred any decision on the matter of a lease with the Boddington Sport and Community Club, pending further information regarding the details contained within the lease.
- Council deferred making a decision to approve the inclusion of \$47,000 within the 2022/23 budget to the next Council Meeting, to seek further information regarding the grant application.

## Opening Hours & Contact Details

### Shire of Boddington

Monday to Friday

9:00am – 4.30pm

Licensing Closes 4.00pm

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Email: [shire@boddington.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@boddington.wa.gov.au)

Web: [www.boddington.wa.gov.au](http://www.boddington.wa.gov.au)

### Boddington Tip

Tuesday 10.00am - 4.00pm

Thursday, Saturday and Sunday

11.00am - 3.00pm

Located on Robins Road

### Ranger Services

Josh Potts - 0428 838 025

### Boddington Swimming Pool

**CLOSED** until 15 October 2022

18A Pollard Street

Phone: 08 9883 9165

### Boddington Library

Wuraming Avenue

Tuesday – Friday: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am – 1.00pm

Email: [library@boddington.wa.gov.au](mailto:library@boddington.wa.gov.au)

Mobile: 0418 952 166

### Boddington Early Learning Centre

23 Pollard Street

Monday - Friday: 6.00am - 6.00pm

Email: [melc@boddington.wa.gov.au](mailto:melc@boddington.wa.gov.au)

Mobile: 0418 230 740

### Boddington Youth Centre

Wuraming Avenue

Every Thursday:

3:00pm – 6pm

Every Friday:

3:00pm – 8:00pm

Email: [youth@boddington.wa.gov.au](mailto:youth@boddington.wa.gov.au)

Mobile: 0438 372 109

### Boddington Caravan Park

Wuraming Avenue

Phone: 08 9883 4999 (Shire)

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## Draft Rating Strategy

The Shire of Boddington has undertaken a review of the current rates structure, in order to provide an overarching framework for rate categories, minimum rates and differential rates. The resulting draft Rating Strategy considers the principles of objectivity, fairness and equity, consistency, transparency, and administrative efficiency.

The review was carried out by an independent consultant, and included extensive benchmarking across Western Australia. The draft Strategy does not address the amount of rates to be raised, but instead, how the total rates are distributed across residential, rural, commercial and mining categories.

### Background

The Shire of Boddington currently utilises differential rates to redistribute the rates burden in the Shire by imposing a higher rate in the dollar on some uses of land in comparison to others. This rate in the dollar is multiplied by the State Government valuation to arrive at the rates billed for each property. Gross Rental Value (GRV) valuations are used for properties where improvements have been made to the land and

a rental valuation can be calculated, whereas Unimproved Value (UV) valuations are applied to predominantly rural and general mining land, and are based on the land value only.

### Key Findings of the Review

- The GRV rate in the dollar for residential and commercial properties is very close to the average of the benchmarked local governments.
- Generally, local governments differentially rate commercial/industrial properties at a higher rate than residential properties.
- The GRV rate in the dollar for mining is significantly lower than the average of the benchmarked local governments.
- The GRV average rate revenue per assessment for residential properties is similar to the benchmarked local governments, however, the GRV average rate revenue per assessment for commercial/industrial properties is significantly lower.
- Minimum rates for GRV residential and commercial align with the benchmark averages.

- The UV rate in the dollar aligns with averages, however, the average assessment is significantly lower than most of the benchmarked local governments due to a large number of hobby farms being incorrectly classified to this category.
- The UV rate in the dollar for mining, is significantly lower than other local governments.

### Summary recommendations

- Implement a single (uniform) rate in the dollar for GRV properties, including residential, commercial/industrial and mining
- Review the UV Rural properties method of valuation, to ensure the basis of valuation is appropriate, that is, the land is being used for rural purposes.
- Consolidating UV differential rates to two categories, being mining, and rural.
- Increase the UV Mining rates to align with sector averages.

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## Draft Rating Strategy continued

**What will this mean if the recommendations are implemented?**

- There will be no change to properties classified under the GRV residential and commercial categories
- The GRV Mining rate in the dollar would increase to that of the GRV residential and commercial level
- Small landholdings (hobby farms), and other non-rural holdings that are currently valued under the UV method would transition to a GRV valuation to reflect that the use of the land is not predominantly rural

- UV Mining rates will be reviewed against benchmarks, with potential increases to the rate in the dollar.

Council adopted the draft Strategy on 24 May 2022 for community consultation. A copy of the Strategy is available on the Shire website. Submissions on the proposed Strategy are open until 4pm Thursday 16 June 2022.



## Walk to School Safely Day for National Road Safety Week

With support of the Road Safety Commission and RAC, the Shire of Boddington was successful in obtaining funding to facilitate a Walk to School Safety Day to raise awareness of road safety, as well as recognise the role of the whole community in reducing road trauma as part of National Road Safety Week.

Over 50 community members comprising students, parents, grandparents, teachers, Police and Shire representatives joined together at Hotham Park for a complimentary breakfast, before embarking on a collective walk to Boddington District High School as a public gesture of support. RAC also provided specialist teachers to facilitate



## Ranford Playground

The Shire of Boddington is excited to unveil the chosen design for the new Ranford Playground.

After recent community consultation, option 1 (images above) was the clear winner for the Christie Street park, with over 70% of the votes.

The park is anticipated to be completed for beginning of October.



road safety education classes with students throughout the day.

The Shire extends its appreciation for the collaboration with Boddington Police and Boddington District High School to make the day a success!



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## Reconciliation Week

The Shire of Boddington, with support from the Boddington Community Resource Centre and South32 Worsley Alumina, recently hosted a community breakfast to acknowledge National Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Following a Shire address and Welcome to Country, community members were treated to a breakfast and virtual screening of Reconciliation WA's breakfast event featuring a Welcome to Country from Elders across the state, cultural entertainment, a powerful Keynote presentation, and a panel discussion with guests from across the regions of WA.

The Shire looks forward to continuing to partner with South32 Worsley Alumina to support reconciliation with the Youth Centre set to acknowledge NAIDOC Week as part of the July School Holiday Program. Stay tuned in future editions of Shire News and the Boddington Youth Centre Facebook page.



## The Winner is Hotham Park!

Hotham Park was recently awarded winner of the Park of the Year Award and Playspace Award (>\$0.5M). Congratulations to Emerge Associates, Skate Sculpture, Common Ground and all involved in delivering this amazing asset for Boddington!



JUNE 2022

## BODDINGTON YOUTH CENTRE



THURSDAY 2 JUNE	FRIDAY 3 JUNE
<b>Lab Rats</b> 3pm - 6pm DIY Bouncy Balls	<b>Friday Night Party</b> 3pm - 8pm Party Time
<b>THURSDAY 9 JUNE</b> <b>Lab Rats</b> 3pm - 6pm Elephant Toothpaste	<b>FRIDAY 10 JUNE</b> <b>Board Game Night</b> 3pm - 8pm Join in a variety of board games
<b>THURSDAY 16 JUNE</b> <b>Lab Rats</b> 3pm - 6pm Balloon Science	<b>FRIDAY 17 JUNE</b> <b>Crafty Night</b> 3pm - 8pm Choose from a variety of activities
<b>THURSDAY 23 JUNE</b> <b>Lab Rats</b> 3pm - 6pm Rock Candy	<b>FRIDAY 24 JUNE</b> <b>Go with the Flow</b> 3pm - 8pm Head in and enjoy hanging with your friends, a game of pool, table tennis or one of the many other activities at the Centre.
<b>THURSDAY 30 JUNE</b> <b>Lab Rats</b> 3pm - 6pm Rocket Science	

The Boddington Youth Centre is a safe and supervised space for young people aged 10 and above (children under 10 are welcome when accompanied by parent or guardian) to hang out, learn new skills, connect with other young people and try a wide range of activities. Programs are free unless otherwise stated and will be facilitated from the Youth Centre, information is correct at the time of printing.

Friday Nights : 3pm-6pm 10+ 6pm - 8pm High School aged



# From the Library

## Boddington Library

Wuraming Avenue

Tuesday – Friday: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am – 1.00pm

Email: [library@boddington.wa.gov.au](mailto:library@boddington.wa.gov.au)

Mobile: 0418 952 166

## Lego Club continues to stack up!

The Lego Club is going strength to strength with young people recently enjoying a free building day. The young builders teamed up with their friends to create a variety of habitats for animals, as well as create a Minecraft inspired world.

The Boddington Lego Club is a free weekly program for young people to explore their creativity, challenge themselves and meet new friends. Each week there is a different theme or challenge to encourage teamwork, cooperation and exploring new ideas. Join us from 3pm – 4pm at the Boddington Library every Tuesday afternoon during the school term. Contact the Community Development team for more information on 9883 4999 or [shire@boddington.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@boddington.wa.gov.au)



## Homeschool Group

The Homeschool Group are settling well into a weekly routine with activities hosted from the Library and Youth Centre. This term has been themed around exploration with young people looking into space exploration and recently into the origins of their family history which has revealed an array of interesting stories. Outdoors, the Homeschoolers played Capture The Flag with teams created based on which hemisphere their families originate. The young people developed their teamwork and strategy building skills to claim victory.

The Homeschool Group is a new, free program for families to form connections and young people to interact in a safe and inclusive environment with educational and fun activities. Contact the Community Development team for more information on 9883 4999 or [shire@boddington.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@boddington.wa.gov.au)



## Have you been to the Library recently?

Check out the new layout changes at the Library! The children's area has some new and bright additions with more books and games available.

Be sure to also check out the new cupboard in the backroom displaying the Lego masterpieces from Lego Club.





### **Position Available**

#### **Community Development Officer**

The Shire is seeking a motivated individual to join our Community & Economic Development Team. The Community Development Officer is responsible for community engagement including developing effective relationships and networks with relevant community members, agencies, community and sporting groups, government organisations and internal stakeholders that develop the community capacity and improve wellbeing within the Shire.

This is an excellent opportunity for someone looking for work/life balance, with the position offered on a flexible basis, up to 76 hours per fortnight.

Please visit our website for the Job Advertisement and Application Package. For information about the role, please contact Sam Kempton, Coordinator Community & Economic Development on 9883 4999. For further information about the application process, contact Deb Lang on 9883 4999 or [hr@boddington.wa.gov.au](mailto:hr@boddington.wa.gov.au).

Applications, including a cover letter, CV and responses to the selection criteria, are to be submitted to [hr@boddington.wa.gov.au](mailto:hr@boddington.wa.gov.au), and close at **4:00pm on Friday 17 June 2022**.



### **Notice of Annual Meeting of Electors**

In accordance with Section 5.27 of the Local Government Act 1995, notice is hereby given of the Shire of Boddington Annual Meeting of Electors. The Purpose of the meeting is to present the Shire's 2020/21 Annual Report and other general business.

Date: Thursday 23 June 2022

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Council Chambers  
39 Bannister Road  
Boddington

A copy of the 2020/21 Annual Report is available on the Shire website.

Julie Burton  
Chief Executive Officer

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