

— APRIL 2025 —

# Shire of Moora Update

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## Moora Hay Bales Concert a spectacular evening!

Perth Symphony Orchestra and the Shire of Moora, with funding from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, have been working together to bring Green Shoots Moora to our region over the past 9 months. The program saw PSO musicians guide local musicians and culminated in a spectacular concert on Saturday 29th March in a 'theatre' made of hay bales.







It was a spectacular evening, which showcased our local talent, a truly once in a lifetime experience for all participants, aged 8 to 82 years. The choirs of Moora Primary and St Joseph's Schools have been given a huge boost due to the magnificent Moora Hay Bales Concert.

"The performers were tremendous," said Tracy Lefroy, Shire President. "As a result of the event – and all the practice leading up to it – dozens of Moora children and adults have had the opportunity to embrace additional music learning and fun. Not only did the community experience the joy of the performances at the actual event, the Moora Hay Bales Concert activated a range of musical endeavors – from reigniting primary school choirs to inspiring other regional singers and musicians."

For many of the school children, performing on stage in front of a large audience was a life-changing and unforgettable experience.

"On behalf of Moora Shire, I would like to congratulate all involved, including the Perth Symphony Orchestra, the performers (young and old), and all those who travelled from Perth and the whole Wheatbelt region to join us for this magnificent event. We hope to host many more of these types of initiatives in future. They are fantastic for the kids and whole town."

Perth Symphony Orchestra's professional musicians, who accompanied the local performers, travelled from Perth to take part. Perth Symphony's Green Shoots initiative has delivered a year-long engagement with Moora Shire to create community engagement and enhance musical and creative capabilities within the region.

We would like to say a big thank you to our official sponsors Minderoo Foundation, Perth Symphony Orchestra, Shire of Moora, Wheatbelt Development Commission, Healthway, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Lotterywest, Laing O'Rourke, Zeff Energy, Fair Dinkum Builds, RSM, CSBP, McIntosh & Son, Moora Toyota, Maradah Farm, Farmco, Bendigo Bank Bindoon, Topp Dogg, and Pascoe Partners Accountants.

And a big thankyou to all staff, volunteers and community members who helped make this event happen.



## 2025 Moora Triathlon

The 2025 Moora Triathlon, held on Sunday, March 16th, marked the third event since its return post-COVID, attracting 77 registrations and around 110 participants. The event saw a slight increase in participation compared to last year, with many local and Perth-based families returning to Moora for the weekend. One group of dedicated participants has been attending for over ten years, and this year, 13 members from the North West Tri Club joined after a single participant attended in 2024.

The event was praised by visitors, with many commenting on the friendly atmosphere and the excellent organization, making it a perfect experience for families. Local hero Jack Crago, fresh off his Osaka Marathon finish, triumphed in the Men's Open Sprint, with Milan Kucera taking second place.

Support from sponsors such as the Shire of Moora, Nutrien, RSM, Iluka, Topp Dogg, Rainbow Water, Foodworks, and the Moora Lions Club was essential in making the event a success. A big thank you to the volunteers and everyone who contributed to this community event.

For updates on next year's event, follow us on our Facebook page: The Moora Triathlon.



## The Shire of Moora is now a proud partner of Act Belong Commit

As an Act Belong Commit partner we provide opportunities for people to do mentally healthy activities. Encourage people to prioritise their mental wellbeing and highlight the mental wellbeing benefits of the things we offer by including a simple message. It will give people another reason to get involved and help them to see the opportunities to 'Act Belong Commit'.

For inspiration or tips on how you can do something meaningful or challenging to you, check out the Activity Finder that has hundreds of ideas that may suit you. <https://www.actbelongcommit.org.au/>

It's FREE for businesses and clubs to become a partner!! Your organisation can help create a mentally healthy community. As Act Belong Commit partners, hundreds of community groups, not-for-profits, government organisations, and businesses are helping to share our vital health message, and are providing opportunities for people to live mentally healthy lives. Become an Act Belong Commit partner and be a champion for mental health in your community.





# Moora Playgroup Community Play Space

Moora Playgroup Community Play Space at the Moora Bowling Club is coming along nicely. The group have raised the amount needed for the park.

Last year, Phil Manning cleared the old fence and the site. In February, Brian Cummings from BK Fencing installed the new fence, supplied by Bill Hobden from Central Midlands Steel. Moora Rotary Club and a farming sponsor paid for the fencing supplies.

The bike track has been laid thanks to James Porter, ready for line marking, and signs are on the way (both to be undertaken by the Shire of Moora). Greg Reilly has generously donated a 3x3m shed which will have bikes stored in it for use by the community.

Play equipment was picked up last week thanks to Emma Spong, Jesse Errington and Central Midlands Steel.

Moora Playgroup held a Busy Bee on Sunday 13th April from 8.30am – 11.30am at the Bowling Club to get the equipment installed, it was a wonderful turnout, and the equipment is all in place! Mulch will be delivered the week after Easter (to be spread – any helpers welcome).

Sponsors that have made this play space possible, along with the hard work of the Moora Playgroup committee and the Shire of Moora, include McIntosh & Son Moora, Moora Rotary, Nutrien Ag, Rumbold Ford, Lewis Motors, Ingelby Farm, RSM Moora, Pascoe Partners Accountants, Lawson Grain, Wandena Farm, Maradah Farm, NuSteel Moora, Phil Manning, Breakaway Earth Moving, Brando's Mobile Truck Services, Moora Chiropractor, Little Mick's Electrical, Moora CRC, Farm Co, The Hair Shoppe, Moora Knights Cricket Club, Moora Mavericks, Sponghaul, Topp Dog, Australian Seed & Grain, Erich's Transport, Bits & Bobbins, Westgrow Tree Farm, Moora Lions, St Joseph's School, Action Outdoor Sheds, Recycle Moore, Central Midlands Shearing, Moora Police, Sanapar Noi Moora Maui Thai, Pursers Gourmet Butcher, Serenitee Beauty, and DG Cabinets.







# 2025 - 2026 Community Budget Submissions APPLY NOW

## Shire of Moora Community Budget Submissions

Each financial year, the Shire of Moora assists a range of community groups with projects, facility upkeep and events by offering a pool of up to \$80,000 of shared funding. Applications are now open for the 2025/2026 round of funding, and Council invites interested community groups to apply.

**Applications are due by 4pm Friday 2 May 2025.** Please visit the Shire website for an application form and guidelines, email [mcd@moora.wa.gov.au](mailto:mcd@moora.wa.gov.au) or call 9651 0000. Hardcopy forms are available at the Shire admin office.

In 2024 – 2025, the Shire gave over \$70,000 to Community Budget Submission recipients. Funding and in-kind services are provided and benefit so many.

Central Midlands Agricultural Society (the team behind the Moora Show) received over \$7,000 in in-kind support – including hire fee waiver, forklift hire, generator hire, and bin hire.

Central Midlands Senior High School received fee waivers for multiple events including their swimming carnival, and the school ball, as well as prizes (gym pass and pool passes) to use as fundraising prizes for the P&C to the value of \$4,700.

Hire fee waiver for the Miling Christmas Tree, for Miling Primary School for multiple events including their presentation night, swimming lessons and interschool activities, and for the P&C Quiz Night to \$1,300.

Over \$14,000 to the Moora Bed Race & Street Festival Organising Committee for hire of the rides, sound system, and in-kind traffic control/ road closures.

Just under \$11,000 to the Moora Historical Society for a new floor at the Moora Museum.

Over \$5,000 to the Moora Hospital Auxiliary for benches and a water feature in the new Moora Hospital Serenity Garden.





Over \$7,000 to the Moora Lions Club for a flash new generator for their food van and fee waivers for their Twilight Markets at the Moora Performing Arts Centre.



Moora Primary School received fee waivers for multiple events including the swimming pool, and the ovals, as well as prizes (gym pass and pool passes) to use as fundraising prizes for the P&C to the value of \$4,000.

Over \$6,000 to the Moora Triathlon Committee for public liability insurance and sundry expenses such as course marshals, timekeepers, shirts, medals etc, plus hire fee waiver of the pool and Apex Park, and in-kind traffic management.

\$2,000 to Moora Youth CARE Council for chaplaincy support for Moora Primary School & Central Midlands Senior High School.

\$2,000 to the NAIDOC Committee for hire fee waiver, speakers, catering and entertainment at their annual NAIDOC Event.

\$2,000 to the Rotary Club of Moora for the Australia Day Awards breakfast and vouchers (gym, pool pass, tip passes, hydro pool tickets, MPAC tickets) up to \$1,000 for their Auction night.



\$2,000 of hire fee waiver and in-kind support to Rural Health West for their Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program.

\$2,600 to the Watheroo Development Association for the purchase of a defibrillator for the Watheroo pavilion.





# Moora War Memorial Swimming Pool, another season done!

A message from Tom and Wendy...

‘Thank you to the Shire of Moora for an enjoyable and pleasant season once again. It has been great representing Royal Life whilst working very smoothly with the public and the Shire of Moora. A couple of highlights this year for Wendy was that she very much liked how the 50m Pool looked with the new liner, and how visitors often commented on how pleasant the facility and surrounds looked, whilst also touching the Moora Triathlon.

Personally, I have enjoyed creating a renewed-looking pool with Wendy and maintaining it to a high standard, and I also enjoyed seeing the improvements of the younger kids both in their manners and behaviour. Another highlight was also running the Albany to Exmouth event, and the results have been posted on the front door of the building! A great achievement by all involved!

Royal Life look forward to this ongoing partnership and will strive to keep making the Moora Swimming Pool a better place.’



## Final results of the Albany to Exmouth Event!

As a Shire, the goal was to swim the distance from Albany to Exmouth, which is a total of 1900km via the coast, by end of the pool season. Everyone who signed up contributed to this achievement, whether a little or a lot, together we DID IT!!

The team swam a grand total of 39,972 laps which is a distance of 1988.7 kilometres!!!

1	Luke	279.1km	11	Matt H	80.9km	21	Matt Hump	23.9km
2	George	240km	12	Henry	70.5km	22	Mareta	14km
3	Ange	175km	13	Fran	69.5km	23	Sheryl	13.5km
4	Martha	118.8km	14	Ollie	67.5km	24	Ben	13.1km
5	Kristin	98.2km	15	Trish	53.2km	25	Kari-Lee	9.3km
6	Wendy	94.4km	16	Ross	49.5km	26	Izzy	6km
7	Cheyenne	84.6km	17	Muzza	46.8km	27	Emalin	5.3km
8	Jimmy	82.5km	18	Michelle	45.6km	28	Susie	5km
9	Eve	82.2km	19	Jean	41.2km	29	Isla	3.5km
10	Lisa	81km	20	Ronnie	32km	30	Audrey	1.6km
						31	Blair	1km



# Central Midlands Hydrotherapy Pool

In our current busy life physical and mental health care is extremely important for everyone, and the Central Midlands Hydro Pool caters for both. The warm water is beneficial in soothing the body and mind, loosens tight muscles and encourages relaxation. Water-based exercise offers numerous benefits, including low-impact workouts that are gentle on joints, improve cardiovascular health, increase strength and endurance, and enhance flexibility and balance, all while promoting relaxation and stress reduction. Water based exercise can assist in reducing pain in joints and arthritis.

Over the last 12 months we have seen the growth in the usage of this facility and witnessed some amazing improvement in our patrons. With their consent, we would like to share some of their stories:

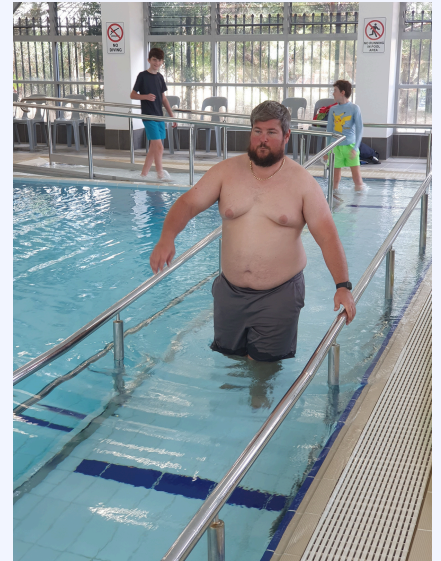
## Rhys Howard

My journey with the Moora hydrotherapy pool has gone from needing to be supplied with an aquatic wheelchair to get in and out of the pool, and struggling to stand on the spot let alone walk, without stumbling in the deeper end, to being able to walk myself into the pool using the handrails down the ramp and walking many laps. have been attending the hydrotherapy pool, travelling from Wongan Hills since late May 2024. When I first attended for a therapy session due to a spinal cord injury that I obtained in January 2024.

I was very impressed with the facility. The pool has great egress as well as shower and toilet facilities that suited the wheelchair that I was using.

To everybody that got this facility up and running you have done an incredible job. I cannot thank the crew at the Moora Hydrotherapy pool enough, without their support and the facility, I would not be this far advanced in my recovery.

I recommend anyone with an injury or not, to get in the warm water and do come use the hydrotherapy pool.



## Bronwyn Juhren

Following back surgery in December, I have attended the pool 3-5 times a week for the past 8 weeks.

At the onset I used a walking frame with assistance to get into the pool when I arrived. The rails around the edges gave me security, now I'm able to walk unassisted in the pool without relying on the rails. We have watched the strength return to my body as I complete my exercises. I have enjoyed the friendly, helpful atmosphere and watching the progress others have made. My right foot is unresponsive, so I enjoy the freedom of walking in the pool without the fear of falling. We are blessed to have such great facilities in our town.

## Debbie Gard

People are still asking me after two and half years, why have you moved from the coast to Moora. Well one of the main reasons was, I was able to use the Hydrotherapy pool. After starting out with 3 days a week going to the pool for 6 months when I could hardly walk, to 5 days a week and can now walk, and the aches in my body are sufferable to what they were. After my hours exercise, I can try and get through my day. I'm telling you if you ache, can't exercise, come to our pool it is wonderful for your body and your mind. It helps, and you meet some lovely people.



The facility offers early morning, seniors, parent/child and public sessions. (Refer to our timetable on the Shire website). Feel free to come down to the facility during our opening hours and speak to the friendly staff (Angela, Ken, Isla) who are there and ready to help you. No bookings required.



# Moora Youth Centre

Avon Community Services have appointed a new Youth Worker who will be at the centre 4 days a week, Cameron Wilkes.

Cameron moved back to Moora last year with his wife and kids and is very excited to get the Moora Youth Centre back to its former glory.

The centre cannot open to the public until they find additional casual staff because two adults need to be present to open. If you're interested in applying for a casual role, please contact Dayane Mardesich at Avon Community Services on 0499 507 452 or email [ceo@avoncs.org.au](mailto:ceo@avoncs.org.au).

School Holiday Programs will be run on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April (Volleyball & Basketball) and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April (Laser tag and Cultural Games) - see the Upcoming Events page for more info.

## Join the Moora Skate Park group

We have started getting things cleaned up around the skate park but there are plenty more things we would love to do. If anyone is interested in joining a Moora Skate Park group - with Shire reps and Avon Community Services reps - so that we can work together to fundraise and find grants to progress the area please contact Amy Watts at the Shire on 0439 935 091 or [mcd@moora.wa.gov.au](mailto:mcd@moora.wa.gov.au) or Cameron Wilkes at Moora Youth Centre on 0407 142 697 or [moora.youth@avoncs.org.au](mailto:moora.youth@avoncs.org.au)



## Moora Seniors Games

Thanks to funding from the Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries, we will be facilitating an 8 week program with a physiotherapist which is designed to improve functional movement skills among seniors living in Wheatbelt Residential Aged Care or assisted living environments or for any seniors in the 'low activity' category. The program will utilize games to increase mobility, strength, and confidence, enabling seniors to engage in active recreation and social participation.

The first Moora Seniors Games took place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April at the Delmoor Centre. Beck Hefferon, physiotherapist, ran the morning by assisting with some exercises, breathing drills, and coordination skills before moving on to some low impact games like Ring Toss, Beanbag Toss and Pass Ball. It was great to see the encouragement from one another, working together to win the challenge and smile.

We are looking forward to the next session taking place on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we hope to see you there!





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**MOORA RECREATION CENTRE - OVAL**  
**TUESDAY 22 APRIL @12.00PM-1.30PM**



**ANZAC DAY SERVICE**



**JOIN US IN HONOURING OUR HEROES**

Moora RSL Sub-Branch and the Shire of Moora invite serving and ex members of the armed forces and all members of the community to honour the courage, sacrifice and legacy of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

**25 April 2025**

5.55am **Dawn Service**  
Moora War Memorial

6.30am **Gun Fire Breakfast**  
\$5 (donated to Moora RSL)  
Moora Performing Arts Centre cooked by Moora Rotary Club

8.30am **Memorial Service to Mortar Soldiers killed in Moora**  
3km East of Moora on Moora - Miling Road

9.30am **Morning Tea**  
Gold Coin Donation  
Moora Performing Arts Centre catered by Moora Lions Club

10.15am **Memorial Service**  
100<sup>th</sup> year of commemoration of the Moora War Memorial  
Moora Performing Arts Centre

11.00am **March Past and Wreath Laying Service**  
Wreath laying by families, organisations and individuals  
Moora War Memorial

For more information please contact Arthur Tonkin 0428 518 166

**Moora Historical Museum, Clinch Street**  
Open ANZAC Day, 25 April, 8.00 am – 2.00 pm.  
Free entry. Complimentary cuppa and Anzac biscuit.  
Moora Historical Society will exhibit items of military significance and interest in Clinch House, Historical Building, Clinch Street.





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**MOORA RECREATION CENTRE - OVAL**  
**TUESDAY 22 APRIL @12.00PM-1.30PM**



**MOORA SENIORS GAMES**

Ten Pin Bowling  
Bean Bag Toss  
Physio Exercises  
Pool Noodle Hockey

**2nd May 11am**  
**Delmoor Centre Moora**

contact Kaylum - 0486 175 754 for any information.



**Upcoming Dates or Events**

Moora Youth Centre School Holiday Program Volleyball, 17 April, 10am – 12pm, Moora Rec Centre  
Moora Youth Centre School Holiday Program Basketball, 17 April, 1pm– 3pm, Moora Rec Centre  
Moora Youth Centre School Holiday Program Laser Tag, 24 April, 10am – 12pm, Moora Oval  
Institute of Indigenous Wellbeing & Sport Cultural Program, 24 April, 10am – 12pm, Moora Oval  
ANZAC Service, 25 April, 5am, Moora War Memorial  
Moora Hospital Auxiliary Mothers Day Morning Tea, 2 May, 9.30am, Delmoor Centre Moora  
Seniors Games, 2 May, 11am, Delmoor Centre Moora  
Federal Election, 3 May, 8am – 6pm, Central Midlands Senior Highschool Gym  
Seniors Games, 7 May, 11am, Delmoor Centre Moora  
Cluedunnit: Murder at the Manor, 10 May, 7pm, Moora Performing Arts Centre