

Community Update

JUNE 2025



President's Column

National Reconciliation Week 2025 is held from Tuesday 27 May to Tuesday 3 June. This is a time for all Australians to reflect on our shared and diverse histories, and to consider how we can contribute to reconciliation in our everyday lives.

In York, a number of local events took place throughout the week, including activities at the Environment Centre which was held on Saturday 31 May and Sunday 1 June. For a full list of Reconciliation Week events in York, please visit the Events section of the Shire's website.

As part of reconciliation efforts across the country, many public events now include a Welcome to Country or an Acknowledgement of Country. These are important cultural protocols that show respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

A Welcome to Country is delivered by a Traditional Owner or Elder and formally welcomes people onto their Country. An Acknowledgement of Country can be given by anyone and respectfully recognises the Traditional Owners of the land and their enduring connection to it.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land, who have lived here around 60,000 years. They were here long before us, and their connection to Country remains strong today.

Participating in these practices, and understanding their meaning, is one small but meaningful way we can all support reconciliation.

Take Care on Roads and Footpaths

Recent rainfall has caused gravel and loose stones to wash onto some roads and footpaths around York. While the Shire has engaged a commercial street sweeper to address some of the issues, some areas, particularly along roads with adjacent footpaths, may still have debris present.

We encourage pedestrians to take extra care and report any hazards via the Report It section on the Shire's website.

Cr Kevin Trent
Shire President

Quick News

- ⇒ The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 24 June 2025, at 5PM in Council Chambers
- ⇒ The next Audit & Risk Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10 June 2025, at 3PM in Council Chambers
- ⇒ Agenda Briefings are open to the public and held on the third Tuesday of every month (excluding January) at 5PM in the Council Chambers.



YORK 2035
TOGETHER WE THRIVE

Council Plan 2025–2035 Now Available

The Council Plan 2025–2035, endorsed at the April Council Meeting, is now available online.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their ideas during the York 2035 engagement process, your feedback helped shape the direction of this 10-year plan.

Scan the QR code or visit:
□ News Story - York 2035 - Together We Thrive » Shire of York

Hard copies are available from the Shire Administration Office or the CRC.



SHIRE RECOGNISED FOR SAFETY COMMITMENT



On Tuesday 27 May, the Shire of York was proud to receive a *Tier 2 Diligence in Safety Award* from LGIS, acknowledging strong improvements in workplace health and safety.

The award is part of LGIS's *3 Steps to Safety* program, which supports local governments in improving safety performance and reducing claim costs.

Every three years, LGIS conducts a safety assessment to evaluate against WHS best practice standards. In December 2024, the Shire achieved a score of 87 percent, which was a significant improvement from the previous result in the mid 60s.

This achievement reflects the ongoing commitment of Shire staff to building a strong and proactive safety culture across the organisation.

The award was presented by LGIS CEO James Sheridan, with staff and Councillors invited to attend the presentation.

Macartney Street Redevelopment

Acting CEO Alina Behan has shared an update on the Macartney Street redevelopment (the former Home Hardware site), outlining the future plans for this key town centre location.

To learn more, watch the short video and explore the project details by scanning the QR code or visiting the Shire's website under Major Projects > Macartney Street/Old Home Hardware Site.



Development Services Appointment Only Times

Due to high demand and limited staff, the Development Services team is now available by appointment only on Mondays and Tuesdays, between 10:00am and 12:00pm.

If your enquiry doesn't require an in-person meeting, please email records@york.wa.gov.au and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding.

Pensioner Rebate Reminder

Eligible pensioners are reminded to ensure their rates are paid in full by 30 June to receive the State Government Rates Rebate.

Letters with further details have been sent, so please check your mailbox.

If you have any questions, we're here to help.

New Seasonal Hours for York CRC

From 1 June, the York Community Resource Centre will move to seasonal hours, open **Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 2.00pm.**

All usual services remain available. Call our friendly team on 9641 0541 if you need help or want to check if an appointment is required.

Access and Inclusion Expo a Success

The Shire of York hosted its first Access and Inclusion Expo at the Town Hall on Friday 16 May. The event was well attended and received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the community.

The expo brought together a wide range of service providers, support organisations and community members, creating an opportunity to share information, ask questions and connect.

Sincere thanks to all the contributors and volunteers who supported the event and helped make it such a success.

Below: Picture from the Access & Inclusion Expo on 16 May



Shire Updates on the Radio

Stay connected with what's happening in the Shire of York through regular radio interviews on Voice of the Avon 101.3FM.

Senior Shire staff are on air the third Monday of each month, sharing updates on projects, services, and community news. Shire President Cr Trent joins the program on the fourth Monday of each month, around 10.30am, with the latest from Council.

If you're a regular listener, let us know if there are any topics you'd like us to cover.



For a full list of upcoming events in York, scan the QR code below.

To promote your own event, use the other QR code to get involved and add it to the calendar.



ALL EVENTS



PROMOTE YOUR EVENT

All events web address:

<https://visit.york.wa.gov.au/events/>

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<https://visit.york.wa.gov.au/forms/promote-your-event/15>

Roadworks Complete

Following three months of construction, major works on Quellington Road and Goldfields Road have now been successfully completed.

On Quellington Road, a 1.8km section has been reconstructed, and the seal width has been increased to improve safety. Additionally, new shoulder works and drainage construction have been installed, providing safety enhancements to the area.

Similarly, on Goldfields Road, problematic bends have been addressed, and a 3.4km section has been widened. New line markings and wider lanes will reduce risks for drivers, particularly on those curves.

These upgrades will improve driving conditions and overall safety for all road users. We appreciate your patience and understanding during the construction period.

Planning for the 2025/26 road program will seek to continue this work.

Let's Rethink Youth and Ageing

We're shaping the future for both our youngest and oldest residents and we need your input. Community consultation is now open for the Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan (60+ years) and the Youth Development Strategy and Action Plan (10-24 years).

This is your chance to tell us what matters most. How does our town better support older adults and young people?

We'll be gathering ideas through online surveys, drop-in sessions, and by visiting community and sporting groups that represent or include youth and/or older residents.

Whether you are part of these age groups or care about someone who is, your perspective matters. Help us build a stronger, more inclusive community for all.

Keep an eye on our socials and posters around town, or check out the dedicated Shire webpages via the relevant QR code below to find out how to have your voice heard.



Youth Strategy



Age Strategy