

MEDIA RELEASE

Tuesday 14th January 2025



Relocation of Australia Day in Brookton – Reflect, Respect & Celebrate Breakfast Event 7.30am to 10.30am Sunday 26th January 2025

We regret to inform the community that, due to the current poor condition of Memorial Park, the Australia Day Breakfast event will be relocated to the WB Eva Pavilion.

The Australia Day celebration, organised with Brookton Girl Guides and Seabrook Aboriginal Corporation, will still include all the planned activities including:

7.30am to 10.30am

Breakfast at WB Eva Pavilion (Brookton Girl Guides)

Noongar food

Art displays

Live music

8.45am

Australia Day Awards Ceremony

10.30am to 2.00pm

Brookton Aquatic Centre Pool Party

Free sausage sizzle

Music

Pool inflatables

Sack races

Tug of War and more

The continuing reticulation issues at Memorial Park have resulted in this change of venue. The turf in Memorial Park is in very poor condition and has died in many places.

The latest reticulation failing was a failure of the variable speed drive of the pump supplying water to the Oval, Brookton DHS, caravan park and Memorial Park on Friday 3 January 2025. This failed drive has now been replaced and the system is now again operational.

Previously reticulation issues at Memorial Park have included defective solenoids and silted water lines. Also, the thirty-year-old submersible pump at Happy Valley bore field that provides the Shire with water for reticulation across Brookton failed without warning. This left the Shire without any water for reticulation for over two weeks in very hot weather in early October.



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The challenges we are currently facing with the water supply from Happy Valley, has impacted the quality of our parks. To address this issue, we are taking several steps:

- Conducting weekly checks on the watering reticulation system to ensure it is functioning properly.
- Using wetting agents to aid in the repair of affected areas.
- Initiating manual watering and arranging for soil probing.

The water pumped from Happy Valley operates for 22 hours out of 24 to ensure an adequate water supply for all our parks. We will continue to explore solutions to restore our parks to the expected standard.

While we take full responsibility for the current condition, the Shire of Brookton, and particularly the staff involved in working in the parks, gardens and ovals of Brookton, are committed to improving the reticulation and returning the parks, gardens and ovals to the high standard that the community rightly expect.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time.

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