

MOSQUITO NOTICE

Mosquitoes are out in full force! Getting bites from mosquitoes is itchy and uncomfortable, but can also be a source of disease in the Kimberley region.

These include **Ross River Virus, Barmah Forest, Murray Valley Encephalitis** and **Kunjin virus**. (See your doctor, nurse or health worker if you are worried).

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Cover up – Wear long, loose fitting clothing, stay indoors when mosquitoes are at their worst and apply insect repellent.

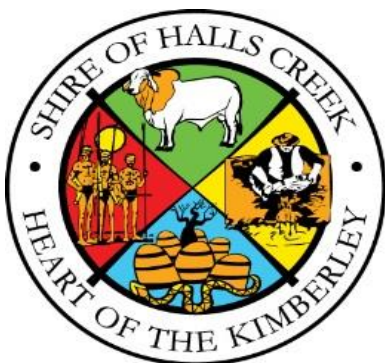
Clean up – Cut long grass, empty any containers that might hold water, throw away rubbish and report any broken plumbing or leaks, to reduce the number of places where mosquitoes breed. A single female may lay up to 400 eggs.

WHAT IS THE SHIRE DOING?

The Shire is placing 'slow release' larvicide blocks and granules in wet, swampy areas and '**mist fogging**' adult mosquitos around town and in the communities. Fogging is most effective when conditions are suitable. Calm and warm with a light breeze helps carry the mist a fair distance.

The Shire is now fogging about twice a week. The machine carrying out the fogging makes a loud buzzing noise and emits a fine mist. The vehicle carrying it will have its hazard lights flashing and be travelling quite slow. (08 9168 6007)

We cannot fog if it is raining or too windy. Fogging works best in the *early morning* or *in the evening* when mosquitos are about looking for a blood meal.



FIGHT
the **BITE**

