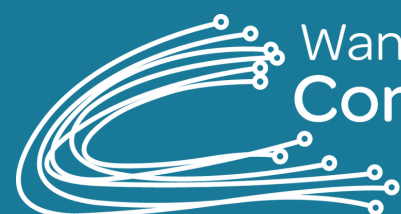


APRIL 2023

THE WANDERING ECHO



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Wandering
Community Resource Centre

Your local connection



WELCOME

To Our Monthly Community Newsletter

NEXT EDITION IS MAY 2023.

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION DUE BY 27TH APRIL 2023

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50 hard copies printed per month
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1/2 page: \$23.00

Full page: \$52.00

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Contact the Wandering CRC

Phone: 08 9884 1561

Email: crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

Monday - Thursday

9am - 4pm

Closed public holidays

KEEP UP TO DATE

The best way to stay up to date with all the happenings of the CRC & Wandering Shire is to follow us on Facebook.

CRC - <https://www.facebook.com/wanderingcrc>

Shire - <https://www.facebook.com/Wanderingshire>



The Wandering CRC will be operating from the Wandering Community Centre on Down Street for another couple of weeks while we get the carpet installed and reset the building ready for use once again.

These services are NOT available while we are at our temporary location:

- Library
- Services WA self-help
- Collective

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates as we will need to close the CRC service while we move back into the CRC building.

We thank everyone for their understanding during this time and hope to see you all once we are back up and running.



Beverley Gas + Plumbing Services

**** Now Servicing The Wandering Area.****

Beverley Gas and Plumbing is now regularly servicing Wandering and surrounds.

- **Renovations**
- **Septic + Leach drains**
- **Hot Water**
- **Blocked drains**
- **Gas Maintenance**
- **Dripping taps**
- **Backflow prevention**
- **Sewerage Conversion**

For all your Plumbing and Gas needs please contact

Kodie Fleay : 0418929141

Email : beverleygandp@gmail.com

"KIDS IN THE KITCHEN"

Learn to make a Pizza!

WEDNESDAY 19th
April

@ WANDERING
COMMUNITY CENTRE
11.00 AM

COST: \$5.00 P/P

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

0429961697 OR 0410302128

CRC@WANDERING.WA.GOV.AU



Clean Up



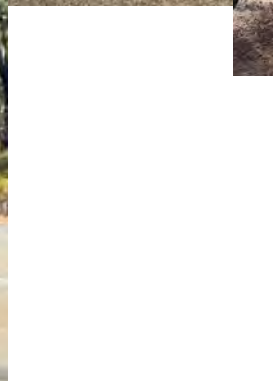
STEP TO CLEAN - UP -

WANDERING CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

On Sunday 19th March, we headed to North Bannister to clean up the entrance to the shire. We collected a truck load of rubbish of all sorts then headed back to the CRC for lunch.

Thank you:

Shire of Wandering crew
Theresa Wigham for driving the bus
Wandering Camp Out Weekend committee for the bus to get us there and back.
Wandering CRC for the lunch & drinks
To all the amazing volunteers for helping to collect the rubbish and clean up our shire.



You're invited to

Celebrate the hope of Easter



2pm Good Friday

7th April at St Martin's church.

Also **10am Sunday 30th April**

To listen to a recent talk
*Why do bad things
happen to good people?*
scan this QR code:



Office 9885 1174

Email paul@gatewayparish.org

Wandering Through the Lens



2023 PHOTO COMPETITION

Enter your photos of Wandering!

Up to 4 entries per person

Entries close 6th April 2023

A selection of photos entered will appear in the 2024 Wandering Calendar and on the covers of future editions of the Echo.

Contact the Wandering CRC for an entry form:

crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

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PLANT SWAP

20th March 2023

We shared morning tea, gardening tips and tricks and cuttings and plants.

Proceeds go towards the Community Garden Project. Keep an eye out for the next Plant Swap.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A Farm Machine Collides With the Codjatotine Footbridge

On the 8th March the historic Codjatotine footbridge was damaged beyond repair. A tractor towing a pinwheel rake ran into the bridge smashing several sections. It is understood this footbridge was built when the Codjatotine - Mooterdine Road crossing was moved upstream to its present site. The date being the late 1930's.

With the road crossing not being all weather, the footbridge was needed so children could walk across to attend the Codjatotine School.

This bridge has been used continuously for school children and collecting mail when water levels make the road impassible.



CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Ladies NIGHT

2023 WANDERING LADIES NIGHT

Wednesday 8th March was International Women's Day and 21 ladies celebrated with a 3 course meal and guest speaker - Ms Stella Jinman who is the Principal of Cecil Andrews College.

Thank you to the kitchen helpers and everyone who came along to enjoy the evening.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE WANDERING

CRC PLANNING FORUM SUNDOWNER

Your help is needed to shape the future of the Wandering CRC
and its services and activities.

NEW DATE

TUESDAY MAY 2, 2023 | 6:00 PM

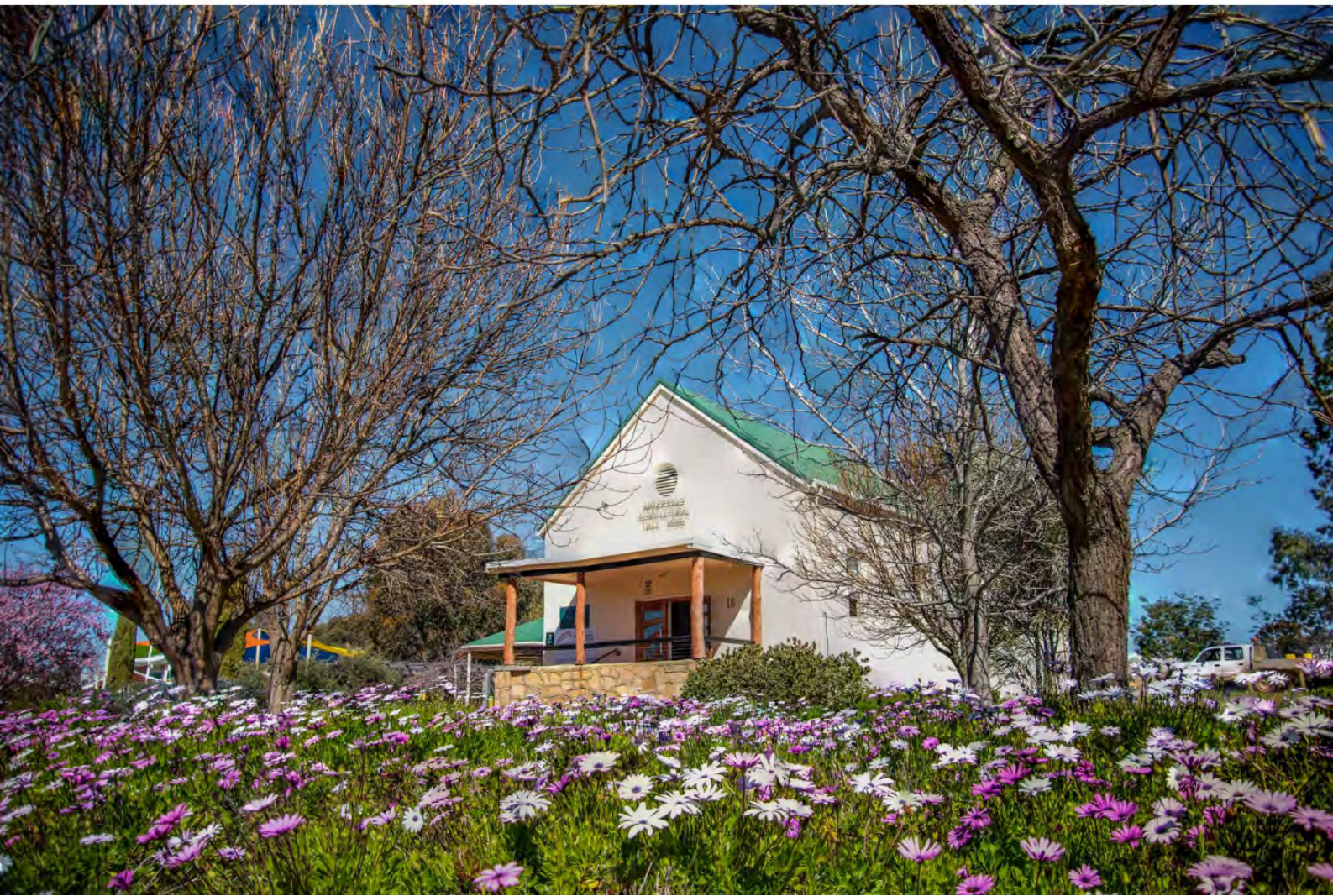
WANDERING CRC

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

PLEASE RSVP FOR CATERING

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CRC@WANDERING.WA.GOV.AU



WANDERING COMMUNITY GARDEN BUSY BEE & LUNCH

This busy bee will get the garden ready for the new season of planting and finish the painting and trellis.

Saturday 29th April

10am

Wandering Community Garden (next to the CRC)

Please RSVP for catering

9884 1561 crc@wandering.wa.gov.au



GLOW IN THE DARK GOLF

School Holiday Programme
Celebrating Youth Week

8th - 16th APRIL 2023

FRIDAY

14TH APRIL 2023 @ 6:00pm

WANDERING GOLF CLUB

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE & DRINKS
PROVIDED**

***** Registration Essential *****

**TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT**

**THE CRC - 089884 1561
crc@wandering.wa.gov.au**



POLICE NEWS

Pingelly Police Station, 25 Queen Street, Pingelly, WA 6308
Phone : (08) 9887 2300



CRIME NEWS

Pingelly Police have in the past two weeks dealt with incidents of Domestic Violence which has resulted in serious charges . Domestic Violence continues to be problematic and will not be tolerated . We will continue to make people accountable for their actions and protect the community against this violence .

Most recently Police executed a drug search warrant on a residence in Pingelly which resulted in a male being charged with drug offences and a day in court .

As Easter is approaching and a long weekend . Please take care on the roads and abide by the road rules . If you are planning a trip away remember to lock up and don't leave valuables lying around .

We wish everyone a safe and happy Easter and I hope the Easter Bunny is kind to you.

Stay safe

Pingelly Police



Shire of Wandering Annual Electors Meeting For the 2021/22 Financial Year

will be held on Thursday 20 April 2023 at 7pm at the
Wandering Community Centre



All welcome

For a copy of the annual report for 21/22 please go to
www.wandering.wa.gov.au or collect one from the
front counter in the Shire office

Happy Easter



HEAVY VEHICLE PILOT REFRESHER COURSE

HAPPENING SOON IN WANDERING

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!

WE NEED 8 PEOPLE REGISTERED TO RUN THIS COURSE!

If you attended a Heave Vehicle Pilot training course in 2019 or 2020,
your license now needs to be renewed.

This course will run in a couple of weeks with a final date to be advised shortly.

To register your interest please contact the Wandering CRC -
0429961697 (Alana) or crc@wandering.wa.gov.au



**EMPLOYMENT
TRAINING
SOLUTIONS**





Opening Hours

Shire Office

(including Australia Post agency)
9am to 4.30pm weekdays

CRC (including Department of
Transport agency)

9am to 4pm Monday to Thursday

all closed on public holidays

Transfer Station

Sundays 8am to 4pm
Mondays 8am to 3pm

Waste Collection

Every Tuesday

Recycling Dates:

11/04/2023

25/04/2023

Ranger

24 hours / 7 days
0459 678 154

Wandering Community Centre Proposed Upgrade

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent community feedback session!

The Committee have noted all of the comments received, the main ones being:

- The verandah, kitchen and ablutions are the priorities.
- The kitchen design requires more work, an expert will be called in to finalise this design.
- Redesign the verandah roof so that it extends the whole way along the front of the centre.
- A reminder to source local trades before trying elsewhere – The Shire has a 'buy local' section in the Shire Policy Manual.
- Concerns about any cost blowouts and where the money will come from if this happens – The upgrade will happen in stages and the money will be sourced before anything goes ahead.

Would you like the option of your rates notices emailed to you?

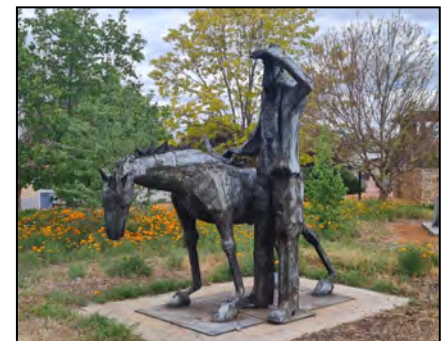
We are getting more requests for rates notices to be emailed out. If this is something that you would prefer please let us know! Email csc@wandering.wa.gov.au or call 6828 1800. Please make sure to give us your assessment number or property address.

Restricted Burning Period



Restricted burning is currently permitted. Permits are required - please contact your Local Fire Control Officer. Please plan ahead - do not ring a Fire Control Officer on the day you want to burn and expect a permit as it may not be granted. You must give notice to your neighbours and the Shire once the permit is granted.

**NO BURNING WITHOUT A PERMIT
CAMPFIRES AND BONFIRES ARE PROHIBITED**



Shire of Wandering | 22 Watts Street, Wandering WA 6308 | (08) 6828 1800

www.wandering.wa.gov.au | reception@wandering.wa.gov.au  www.facebook.com/wanderingshire

Wandering Community Resource Centre | 18 Watts Street, Wandering WA 6308 | (08) 6828 1820

crc@wandering.wa.gov.au  www.facebook.com/wanderingcrc



Council Meeting Dates 2023

- 16 February 2023
- 16 March 2023
- 20 April 2023
- 18 May 2023
- 15 June 2023
- 20 July 2023
- 17 August 2023
- 21 September 2023
- 26 October 2023
- 16 November 2023
- 14 December 2023

Meetings commence at 3.30pm, public are welcome to attend.

Shire Chambers, 22 Watts Street Wandering. Please arrive at reception by 3.15pm and submit questions at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.



Did you know?

We receive copies of the West Australian Newspaper on weekdays

Come into the Shire Office between 9am and 4.30pm to purchase your copy.



Council Meeting Notes

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 March 2023 the following items were discussed:

- Compliance Audit Return 2022
- Shire of Wandering Policy Review and New Policies
- Lease with Department of Communities for 5 Dunmall Drive
- Amendments to the CEO's Key Performance Indicators
- Financial Reports and Payments
- Application for Development Approval, Redgum Court Wandering
- Wandering Community Centre Upgrade Committee Terms of Reference



Shire of Wandering Elected Members

Elected Members Contact Details

Cr Ian Turton (President) 0428 876 033
Cr Paul Treasure (Deputy President) 0428 506 553
Cr Gillian Hansen 0488 911 902
Cr Sheryl Little 0414 586 893
Cr Graeme Parsons 0428 876 631
Cr Max Watts 0428 841 069

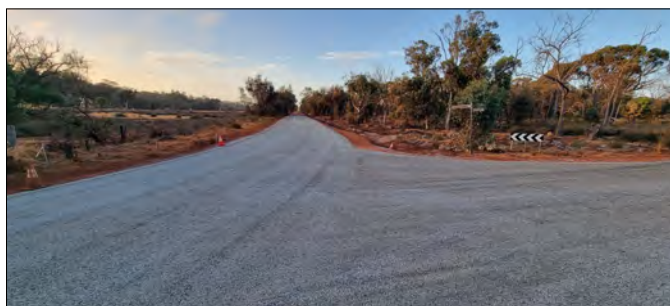
<https://www.wandering.wa.gov.au/council/councillors.aspx>

Works Update

- With summer coming to an end, winter grading will be approaching and continue over the next few months, please contact the Shire if your road needs attention.
- Road construction on the Moramocking Black spot is near completion with only some minor drain work and signage to install. Stabilisation work was also completed along North Wandering Road and also two patches along Moramocking Rd prior to sealing works . The second coat of bitumen on York-Williams Rd was completed along with the other works.
- Road side vegetation works will recommence in the winter months due to the potential fire risk during summer.
- Tanks behind the machinery shed have been installed. These tanks will collect rainwater which will be used in the public toilets on the main street.
- Wandering Fire Station upgrade - Has commenced with work rapidly progressing as per plans. This will give the Wandering Brigade an office, training room, toilets and a kitchen for our current and future volunteers . The plans can be viewed on our website.
- If you have any concerns with Roads, Parks or Shire Buildings please lodge a request by going to our website

<https://www.wandering.wa.gov.au/forms/feedback-form/6> or contact the Shire on 6828 1800

Use the camera on your phone to scan the QR Code



Community Assistance Program Applicant Guidelines



GRANT ROUND 1 2023

The Newmont Boddington (NBG) Community Assistance Program (CAP) offers financial support to incorporated not-for-profit organisations, community groups, local government authorities, and business organisations. Our aim is to support Newmont's priority and affiliated communities in a way that aligns with the company's principles of shared value.

Our priority and preferred assistance areas are:

- **Local economic development;**
- **Human capacity & capability development;**
- **Infrastructure and services;**
- **Natural Resource Management & protection; and**
- **Culture and Heritage.**

ELIGIBILITY

NBG will consider applications from the following:

- Local organisations, groups, or Authorities located within a **50 kilometre radius of NBG**. This may include groups that deliver programs to communities within this radius;
- Organisations, groups, or Authorities that have recognised affiliations with NBG including membership of the Gnaala Karla Booja Native Title Claimant Group;
- Organisations, groups, or Authorities that deliver programs, activities or services that impact upon the greater south west region and its communities.

We do not support:

- Professional fees, conference expenses, travel and other expenses, unless specially authorized by NBG prior to application;
- Individuals;
- Ongoing project costs, salaries or wages; and
- Planning documentation such as feasibility studies, cost benefit analyses, marketing plans and economic impact studies.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must complete a signed **Community Assistance Program Application Form** that includes all relevant detail and documentation to support the application. **NOTE:** Applicants are required to provide proof of incorporation and/or registration for GST purposes where applicable.

Community Assistance Program Applicant Guidelines



GRANT ROUND 1 2023

ASSESSMENT AND APPROVAL PROCESS

The application, assessment and approval process is designed to ensure accountability, transparency and impartiality. On receipt, all applications are reviewed for completeness and compliance with Newmont Policies and Standards.

Compliant applications are evaluated by the Social Responsibility (SR) team then recommends applications to the NBG Community Investment Committee which comprises three (3) NBG managers including the General Manager (GM) who makes the final decisions and provide approvals. All applicants are notified in writing of the outcome of their application within six weeks of close of funding round. The decision of NBG is final.

The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all information required to support the application is accurate. The provision of false or misleading information will result in the termination of any existing agreement and may impact future funding consideration.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Recipients of NBG Community Assistance Program grants are required to acknowledge the support received from Newmont. This may comprise, for example, inclusion of the Newmont logo on printed material or signage relevant to the funded project, or promotion in local media.

PAYMENT OF FUNDS, REPORTING AND ACQUITTAL

Successful CAP applicants will be advised in writing of the grant payment, reporting, and acquittal process at the time of notification of application outcome.

The following reporting guidelines apply:

- Sponsorships and donations up to the value of \$2500: provide a report detailing the program or activity outcomes including details of external recognition of NBG support.
- Sponsorships and donations over the value of \$2500: complete a NBG-CAP Grant Acquittal Form including a statement of income and expenditure or audited Financial Statement at the conclusion of the program, project, or activity demonstrating that grant monies have been expended in accordance with the application and agreement.
- An Evaluation Report may also be required demonstrating the effectiveness of the project against set outcomes.

Compliance with the appropriate reporting and acquittal for grants is a condition of future Community Assistance Program Grant Funding decisions.

Health and Wellbeing

Kaylor Andrews
Wheatbelt Regional Education Officer
Cancer Council Western Australia
Kaylor.Andrews@cancerwa.asn.au



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

This May, Cancer Council's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is turning 30 and people in the Wheatbelt region are being encouraged to gather friends, family or workmates for a cup of tea and a bite to eat whilst raising money to fund research, new treatments and education that saves lives.

This year Cancer Council WA is hoping to raise more than \$1.3 million to continue its life-saving cancer research, prevention, advocacy and support programs.



It doesn't need to be fancy - your Biggest Morning Tea could be at home with friends or family, a simple morning tea in the office with workmates, a virtual get-together, or a gathering in the local community or at school. Simply register online at biggestmorningtea.com.au, set a date in April, May or June and start sending out your invites.

Every dollar raised helps support those impacted by cancer.

Anyone unable to host a morning tea can still get involved by donating directly to Cancer Council via biggestmorningtea.com.au. The official date is Thursday 25 May 2023 but you can register to host an event at any time from now until June.

Healthy Apple Crumble Recipe



Ingredients

- 2 apples, chopped
- 50 g margarine
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar (or regular sugar)
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup plain flour
- 1 cup rolled oats

Method

1. Preheat oven to 200°C (180°C fan forced).
2. Place the apple pieces in a small baking dish.
3. Cook apples on HIGH in microwave for 5 minutes or until soft.
4. In small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients.
5. Mix with fingertips until it has an even crumb texture.
6. Top the apple with the crumb mixture and bake in the oven for 20 minutes or until the crumble is golden brown.



View recipe here: <https://livelighter.com.au/recipe/352/apple-crumble> and visit livelighter.com.au for more recipes and information.

For cancer information and support call 13 11 20

Citizen of the Year 2023

I have been given the honour of presenting a few words for this years' Citizen of the Year

She arrived in Wandering in 1956 with her parents and siblings.... Marrying her local farmer in 1959.

From an early age she became active within the communitybecoming a member of a local Junior Farmers group where she was awarded Female Junior Farmer of the Year.

She was a founding member of the Wandering Golf Club, and one of their first female committee members.... It was only in fairly recent years she retired from the game.

For 20 years she was the scorer for the Wandering Cricket Club, plus helped organise and run their annual Cricket Cabaret during that time.

She joined Wandering CWA in 1956, and has been a dedicated member ever since. ...holding many office bearing positions throughout her time. To this day, she is still representing Wandering CWA at their Annual Conference..

She was involved in the Wandering P&C - assisting with fundraising, organising cabarets and was also a parent volunteer for school camps when the children attended Pingelly District High School. Her association with Wandering Primary continued until a few years ago teaching the children new craft skills. Her passion for craft work is well known and over the years taught silversmithing in the area.

She was involved in reinvigorating the Wandering Tennis Club twice over the years, and assisted Bill Munday with coaching tennis to the local children.

She also played and taught badminton to the Wandering school children during their weekly Phys-ed classes.

For many years, at the State and Federal elections – this person was always there with a welcome smile, to mark you off the electoral role.

Come Census time, she took to the road and somehow managed to hand deliver the relevant documents right to your door. .. only a local could have achieved this feat.

Every ANZAC day – the hours spent creating beautiful floral wreaths (post raiding a few local gardens) she presents local families/ groups/committees with a personal wreath to be laid. Remembrance Day is also marked with her floral wreath donations.

Not to sit back and just listen to the local radio....she has become a well known contributor on the ABC - providing local weather conditions and rainfall for the area.....She actively promotes Wandering events, plus sporting results. Her knowledge of Wandering, past and present is quite remarkable.

As you have heard this morning in her CWA Welcome address, she welcomes new residents to town, providing information on activities and sporting/community groups. Over the years she has assisted many community members when in need.

May I present our worthy winner of this years' award to

Jacquie Cornish



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23 February 2023

With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annetta Bellingeri

Don't fret over a new pet – know your rights

Buying a pet is a decision many people make with their hearts as well as their heads, meaning it can be a particularly devastating experience when things go wrong with a new companion.

The issues we hear about can vary – from new pets with significant health issues or not matching their description (such as size or pedigree), to breeders taking upfront deposits for litters that are never born.

That's why we have launched a new campaign to help empower new pet owners to understand how the Australian Consumer Law protects them in the same way as it does for other purchases.

Buying from a shop or breeder (that is a business) entitles you to receive an animal that matches its description, be of acceptable quality, free from significant health issues and have a healthy lifespan relative to the breed or species. Any additional promises made about the pedigree, condition, performance or other characteristics must also be upheld by the trader.

This means if you encounter a genuine pet purchase issue, you may be entitled to receive a remedy (such as financial compensation or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses) while still being able to keep the animal.

These protections are unlikely to apply to private sales when someone sells a pet on a one-off or ad hoc basis, so extra caution is advised if buying this way.

Ask if you can visit where the pet was born and meet its parents to check it has been well cared for, see how big it is likely to grow and what its temperament may be like.

Avoid pet scams – or inadvertently supporting a puppy farm or poor breeding practices – by not buying online if you can't meet the animal first.

If buying a pet isn't for you, consider adopting a new companion from an animal shelter or rescue.

For more information about your pet-buying consumer rights, visit the Consumer Protection [website](http://www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au) at www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au. If you have a genuine issue with a new pet and have been unable to negotiate a remedy, contact us on 1300 30 40 54 or email consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au



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02 March 2023

With Senior Regional Officer for South West, Annetta Bellingeri

How to avoid hiring a shady tradie

Whether you need a qualified tradesperson to tackle a home project or a handyman for a quick repair, it's important to know the operator you've hired is trustworthy and reliable.

While the majority of tradies do the right thing, we are contacted by disgruntled consumers about the minority that don't.

In the past 12 months, we have received 579 complaints about those working in trades industries, mostly to do with them failing to exercise due care and skill, as well as wrongly accepting payment.

One trader we strongly urge consumers to avoid doing business with is Kyle John Graham Feisst (also known as Chris Johnson or John Miller), an air-conditioning installer and builder of custom vehicle trailers.

Mr Feisst, who advertises under numerous business names on Facebook Marketplace – including Perth Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Repairs; Wat4Now Customs (also spelt Wot4Now Customs); Perth Air Services; and Aim Mechanical – has so far refused to resolve the 42 outstanding complaints we have received from consumers claiming to be owed \$62,000 for incomplete or no work.

To avoid being left in the lurch if a tradie fails to deliver or goes broke, we always recommend only paying a minimal deposit of about 10 per cent or, for larger jobs, negotiate progress payments as stages of the work are completed.

Paying by credit card is a good option as it provides the protection of getting a chargeback if the goods or services aren't delivered.

Pricing and overcharging are other common issues reported to us, so always get several quotes to compare prices and avoid any surprises once the job is complete. Ensure tradies are licensed (if required) or accredited by trusted industry bodies and search online for positive or negative reviews. Verify claims by asking to see previous work and speaking to past clients.

Ask to see a certificate of currency for public liability insurance, which will protect you or third parties against any damage the tradesperson may cause.

Conduct a licence search for professions such as an electrician, builder or plumber, on Building and Energy's website at www.dmirs.wa.gov.au. More information and advice about hiring tradespeople is on our [website](http://www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au) at www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au

WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

We Are Not The Same – Is It Embedded In Our Masculinity?

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
April 2023

Quite often as blokes we have been told to get in touch with our feminine side. Over time this narrative has been part of the language barrier that has put bloke's positive approaches to wellbeing issues and help seeking in reverse.

There are three parts to our health: physical, mental and social/spiritual wellbeing. The latter is where we find: our identity, our individuality, our own sense of self, our sense of belonging, our passions and interests and our emotional *context* (not a feminine side!)

We are the same species but putting it simply men and women have evolved differently. Our DNA is 99.6% similar but it is that 0.4% difference that we need to talk about and address, because it helps explain why blokes have a warrior attitude to life and in turn helps explain why we seek help differently.

There are three main areas of difference that we talk about in the work we do:

1. Communication

- On average blokes will talk one third less than ladies per day (7,000 words to 21,000 words) this starts from a young age from boys through to men. Anyone with a wife, mother, mother-in-law, daughter, or partner will know this. Ladies, talking is a good thing as it helps address/highlight a whole lot of issues.
- It is perfectly normal for blokes to talk in dot points or even just grunt!

2. Risk-taking

- Blokes are hard wired to take risks from an early age. Some of this is linked to our brain development. The brain development stage for a lady is roughly between the ages of 18 to 20 years, whereas for a bloke it is between the ages of 25 to 28 years (some may say 45 to 50 years!)
- As we get older, we get wiser, but we are still hard wired to take risks.

3. Winning (an important part of the warrior culture)

- The majority (90%) of Aussie men think winning is important (a trait that can be traced back to our true warrior days, hunting for survival);
- An alarming statistic is that 50% of blokes think winning is all that matters. So quite often blokes don't take a backward step when it comes to finances, relationships and/or business matters.

The importance blokes place on winning, explains why a loss event and/or a sense of loss becomes problematic and can be hard to deal with. Combine this with the lack of understanding of our emotions and we may be a ticking time bomb.



As blokes we need to be more aware of our emotions and that it is alright to show them. We will all experience emotional issues throughout our lives. During these times we should openly express our emotions maybe through a hug or a cry and/or use language that is foreign to us i.e. I am sad, and/or I am struggling here.

Talk to a Mate®!! It is beneficial, and you will realise that it's not just you that may be struggling, there's a lot of other blokes out there feeling the same way.

**Remember... *before it all gets too much...*
Talk to a Mate**®!!

 @RMHI_4blokes

 Working with Warriors Podcast

 regionalmenshealth.com.au



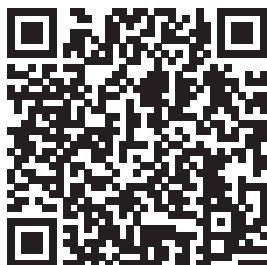
PATS process and forms have changed

(Patient Assisted Travel Scheme)

Your GP no longer needs to sign your PATS application form

What is the new process?

- 1** You complete a PATS application form and include any requests for consideration outside the current guidelines.
- 2** You submit your PATS application form in person, by post, fax or email to your local PATS office.
- 3** Your application will be assessed internally by WACHS. Your GP may be contacted for additional information, as required to support the decision.



Ready to get started?

Contact your local PATS team or scan the QR code to visit the PATS internet page.

Great Southern Region

(08) 9892 2226

PATS.Albany@health.wa.gov.au





REGIONAL TRAINING SCHEDULE MAY – DECEMBER 2023
HR & MC

Note: dates subject to changes

LOCATION	CLASS	DATES	TRIP #	STUDENT #
ALBANY	HR	8-11 May	Trip A 3	6
MOORA	HR	19-22 June	Trip 7	6
WONGAN HILLS	HR	24-27 June	Trip 7	6
ALBANY	HR	24-27 July	Trip A4	6
DOWERIN	HR	29-2 July	Trip 7	6
NAREMBEEN	HR	10-13 July	Trip 8	6
MERREDIN	HR	15-18 July	Trip 8	6
BEVERLEY	HR	20-23 July	Trip 8	6
NARROGIN	HR	31-3 Aug	Trip 9	6
WAGIN	HR	5-8 Aug	Trip 9	6
KATANNING	HR	10-13 Aug	Trip 9	6
MOORA	HR	21-24 Aug	Trip 10	6
DALWALLINU	HR	26-29 Aug	Trip 10	6
WONGAN HILLS	HR	31-3 Sept	Trip 10	6
DOWERIN	HR	5-8 Sept	Trip 11	6
CORRIGIN	HR	10-13 Sept	Trip 11	6
NARROGIN	HR	15-18 Sept	Trip 11	6
PINGRUP	HR	29-2 Oct	Trip 12	6
NEWDEGATE	HR	4-7 Oct	Trip 12	6
KULIN	HR	9-12 Oct	Trip 12	6
QUAIRADING	HR	14-17 Oct	Trip 13	6
NAREMBEEN	HR	19-20 Oct	Trip 13	3
MERREDIN	HR	22-25 Oct	Trip 13	6
KELLERBERRIN	HR	27-28 Oct	Trip 13	3
NARROGIN	HR	2-5 Nov	Trip 14	6
WAGIN	HR	7-10 Nov	Trip 14	6
KATANNING	HR	12-15 Nov	Trip 14	6
ALBANY	HR	27-30 Nov	Trip A5	6



REGIONAL TRAINING SCHEDULE MAY – DECEMBER 2023
HR & MC

Note: dates subject to changes

LOCATION	CLASS	DATES	TRIP #	STUDENT #
ALBANY	MC	18-21 May	Trip A3	6
MOORA	MC	19-22 June	Trip 7	6
WONGAN HILLS	MC	23-26 June	Trip 7	6
DOWERIN	MC	27-30 June	Trip 7	6
NAREMBEEN	MC	10-13 July	Trip 8	6
MERREDIN	MC	14-17 July	Trip 8	6
BEVERLEY	MC	18-21 July	Trip 8	6
NARROGIN	MC	31-3 Aug	Trip 9	6
WAGIN	MC	4-7 Aug	Trip 9	6
KATANNING	MC	8-11 Aug	Trip 9	6
ALBANY	MC	18-21 Aug	Trip A4	6
JERRAMUNGUP	MC	23-24 Aug	Trip A4	3
MOORA	MC	21-24 Aug	Trip 10	6
DALWALLINU	MC	25-28 Aug	Trip 10	6
WONGAN HILLS	MC	29-1 Sept	Trip 10	6
DOWERIN	MC	5-8 Sept	Trip 11	6
CORRIGIN	MC	9-12 Sept	Trip 11	6
NARROGIN	MC	13-16 Sept	Trip 11	6
PINGRUP	MC	25-27 Sept	Trip 12	6
NEWDEGATE	MC	29-2 Oct	Trip 12	6
KULIN	MC	3-6 Oct	Trip 12	6
QUAIRADING	MC	16-19 Oct	Trip 13	6
MERREDIN	MC	20-23 Oct	Trip 13	6
KELLERBERRIN	MC	24-27 Oct	Trip 13	3
NARROGIN	MC	31-3 Nov	Trip 14	6
WAGIN	MC	4-7 Nov	Trip 14	6
KATANNING	MC	8-11 Nov	Trip 14	6
ALBANY	MC	27-30 Nov	Trip A5	6

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Wandering CWA

Your local Country Women's branch is always ready to welcome new members to our small but passionate group of ladies but did you know there are a few different ways to help out?

If you would like to help in the community but just don't have the time or are unable to commit to attending regular meetings and events - there is a way you can be involved!

You can volunteer to help as an extra pair of hands at an event (e.g. assist with set up prior to an event or tidy up afterwards or help serve drinks or food at events) - Volunteer for an hour or two, or more - it's up to you!

Contact Jacquie (0407 241 004) or Leanne (0417 097 149) for further info

Hire the Wandering CWA Rooms

The Wandering CWA Rooms are available for hire for your next event

Half Day hire (up to 4 hour block) \$30

Half Day hire (4 hours or more) \$50

Contact Leanne (0417 097 149) for further info

Next meeting of the Wandering CWA

Wednesday 17 May 2023

(Please note no April meeting)

10am meeting with morning tea to follow

(Please note our change of meeting time to morning!)

Come along and find out what we're all about - everyone welcome!



One woman can make a difference
but together we can rock the world.

Find us on 
Wandering CWA



Wandering Lions Club

President: Peter Warburton 0429 366 617

Secretary: Stephen Bullock 0428 251 979

Treasurer: Sheryl Little: 0414 586 893

LONG TABLE LUNCH

Wandering Lions were once again active in the community supporting the 'Long Table Lunch' committee with the preparation and function of the event.

The 'Long Table Lunch' was a successful and popular event, complex in nature to bring together, however most rewarding in its' outcome and being immensely enjoyable for those who patronised the day.

Chef, Sofie Budd and her wonderful crew presented a copious, wonderful meal prepared from Western Australian and local produce.

Sofie was able to explain to the guests how and what she had prepared for the meal which gave the patrons more understanding and appreciation.

Approximately 160 sat down for lunch. Buses collected diners from around the district and a contingent from a wider field including some of our political representatives.

Lions were particularly pleased to be involved and help this event to a successful conclusion which definitely show cases the community of Wandering and produce of our region.



BATTERY DRIVE

Do you have any unused and dead vehicle and machinery batteries lying around? The Wandering Lions are currently undertaking a battery drive. Send us a message via our Facebook page or get in touch with one of our awesome Members to arrange collection.



DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ The Wandering Lions meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Wandering Tavern. Dinner from 6.30pm and the meeting commencing at 7pm.
- ◆ The Wandering Lions support charities who support our local community. Recent donations include BlazeAid, Farmers Across Borders—Hay from WA

5th THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

Lions spend much of our time at our dinner meetings in planning and reporting so when five Thursdays appear in a month we take the opportunity on the 5th Thursday to gather and socialise. To this end we invited Narrogin Lions to the Wandering tavern for some fellowship and shared stories of Lion's activities over a meal.

Another great gathering with a beautifully presented meal by Charlie and Janet at the Tavern.

An Italian Themed Wandering Autumn Graze

Saturday 25 March saw the annual congregation of excited foodies from far and wide. Chef Sophie Budd from Taste Budds and her team of capable chefs, prepared an afternoon of epicurean delights, which produced an ongoing stream of 'oohhs', 'aahhs' 'yums' and 'wows'. The event centres around showcasing local and regional produce and promotes our little corner of the world.



Chef Sophie doing what she does best

As you can probably imagine, a day like this is not just plucked out of a hat. It takes a village, many volunteers and volunteer hours and months of meticulous scheduling, planning, organising and problem solving to perfect the vision. The organising committee consisted of Max and Virginia Watts, Andries and Eugene Smalberger, Bob and Sheryl Little, Ian Price, Stephen Bullock and Lucie Tota. In July 2022 we started our monthly meetings which became fortnightly meetings and then weekly meetings closer to the due date. There was the search for a chef, a band, a Master of Ceremonies, accommodation bookings, ordering the marquee, tables, chairs, hire equipment and even a luxury loo! We approached sponsors and suppliers, organised wait and bar staff, purchased decorations, set up an on-line ticketing system, to name but a few tasks.

Chef Sophie and her team were a delight to work with. Greg Pearce kept the afternoon flowing as the Master of Ceremonies and a band made up of WAPA students kept the music coming.

The committee would like to thank every person, group, business and company who contributed to our successful event. Your donations, help and dedication are much appreciated and do not go unnoticed.

The many volunteers who gave freely of their time and skills need a very special mention and a very special thank you.

To our patrons, new and returning, thank you for attending our event. We know you had a great day and we look forward to seeing you again in 2024.

Lucie Tota



Chef Chris on the cusp of a career change

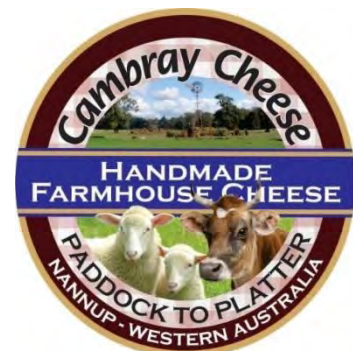
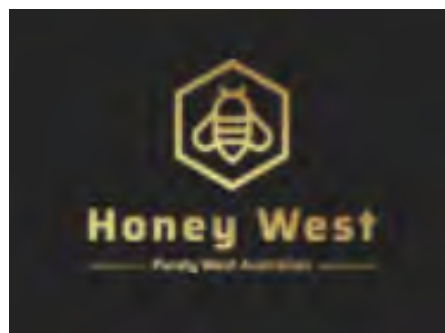




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NRM is the management of natural resources such as land, water, soils, plants and animals. It brings together land use planning, water management, biodiversity conservation and sustainability of industries such as agriculture, mining, tourism, fisheries and forestry.



To weed or not to weed...That is the question!

This is often a difficult question, especially when restoring a large natural area with several weed species and a limited budget.

Symphotrichum subulatum (previously *Aster subulatus*), or bushy starwort, is being targeted at a number of restoration sites in the upper catchment. This species looks a bit like fleabane but prefers to grow in wet, saline soils. It is dispersed by both wind and water and has the nasty habit of producing ongoing germinations throughout summer as water along creek lines recedes and drops seed. As it grows and sets seed throughout summer, it is often left to proliferate because of the more traditional weed control seasons of autumn and spring.

Bushy starwort has been prioritised in a number of restoration areas, including Tunbridge Gully and the Williams and Quindanning River Action Plan Sites. This is the case for a number of reasons, the foremost being its growth form and density interfering with restoration efforts. The tall, spindly nature of the plant means that several thousand individuals can grow side by side within a degraded area, easily taking up residence and spreading to the detriment of native species.

Its eradication will therefore likely result in some regeneration of native species, complimented by revegetation efforts.



Weed!
BUSHY STARWORT

Dryandra Woonta project results workshop

Recently 23 local landholders and community members attended the Dryandra Woonta Project Results Workshop where we shared the results of the Dryandra Felixer™ trial and feral cat DNA analysis. Dr Karen Bettink spoke about the non-toxic Felixer™ trial which involved 6 Felixer™ units set up in photo-only mode and trialled on farms surrounding Dryandra Woodland and within the National Park itself. Once the trial has finished and the report is finalised we will share the results of the trial with the community.

Dr Heather Crawford spoke about feral cat biology and the diseases that feral cats spread. Heather also spoke about the study she completed about the gut contents of feral cats culled around Dryandra.

Dr Kim Ottewell and Robyn Shaw, who are Research scientists from DBCA, shared the results of DNA analysis of feral cats culled in and around Dryandra. The findings from this study will help to guide management actions into the future.

Tamara Wilkes-Jones discussed the numbat dig survey where she quantified numbat digs on a number of Dryandra satellite blocks. Peter Lacey from DBCA was able to provide a fauna update including graphs of the mean daily camera data showing a steady increase of numbats.

Thank you to all of the guest speakers and to the landholders who attended the event.



Above: Dr Heather Crawford presenting at the Dryandra Woonta event

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Saltbush fodder ready to graze

On 16th March, PHCC's Greening Farms team ran a Saltbush Field Day on two farms in the Wandering/Pumphrey's Bridge district, looking to provide local farmers with the knowledge and experience to make the most of their saltbush fodder plantings.

The event couldn't have come at a better time, as food resources in some paddocks are dwindling, the saltbush is ready and waiting to be grazed.

With between 12 -24 months of establishment behind them, new plantings of deep-rooted saltbush fodder in the Hotham-Williams catchment are ready for grazing.

Guest speaker Dustin McCreery from Chatfields Tree Nursery explained the importance of grazing saltbush once they were big enough not to be pulled-out by animals feeding on the leaves, as well as the need to retain about 15-20% of the leaf-cover, so plants can recover quickly.

The Greening Farms project has been in operation since 2018, with the goal of increasing green cover on farms to provide food, fibre and shelter for livestock in the Hotham-Williams area. To date, more than 170,000 seedlings have been provided to landholders, over 120,000 of those are various forms of saltbush.

It's great to see that the species PHCC have supported to be planted in past years are now being used by farmers for grazing in the region, helping them fill the Autumn feed gap and contributing to improving their bottom line, as well as improving landscape function.

As well as providing food for stock, these plants also shade the ground, increasing soil health and provide habitat for many native species that benefit farms, like insects, fungi and birds.

Different species of saltbush can tolerate different levels of salinity, waterlogging and grazing, so it's important to understand where in the landscape each species is suited. This is where Dustin and his expert knowledge comes in. As the nation's only licensed supplier of Anameka saltbush, there were lots of questions for him in the paddock.



Above: Local landholders hearing about the value of grazing Anameka saltbush



Right: Dustin McCreery showcasing leaf-variability in Old Man Saltbush

Coming up...

Easter Holidays

The Boddington office will be closed Friday 7th April and re-opening Tuesday 11th April

Black Cockatoo Crisis

Local film screening at the Boddington Community Resource Centre

13 April 2023 at 7.30pm

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/boddingtonoldschool>

Williams Expo

15 April 2023 at 10am

Be sure to visit the PHCC stall on the day

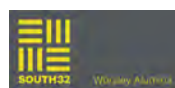
Event News...

Boddington Youth Centre School Holiday Program

PHCC will be facilitating an interactive session on Thursday 13 April in celebration of Earth Day

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President - Peter Warburton - 0429 366 617
Secretary - Stephen Bullock - 0428 251 979

WANDERING CWA

Check this month's Wandering CWA page in this edition of the Echo
for the next meeting date - we meet at the Wandering CWA Rooms
on Watts Street.

President - Jacquie Cornish 0407 241 004 Secretary - Leanne Rose
0417 097 149

PUMPHREYS CWA

Meet the second Tuesday of the month at 9am at Pumphreys Bridge
Hall.

President - Raelene Warburton 0428 877 038
Secretary - Shirley Wasley 0427 988 702

WANDERING VIRTUAL VILLAGE

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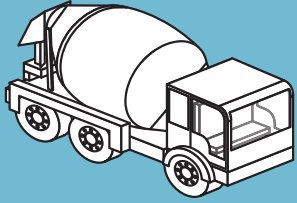
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9AM | TUESDAY 11TH
PUMPHREYS CWA MEETING

7PM | THURSDAY 13TH
LIONS CLUB MEETING

6PM | FRIDAY 14TH
GLOW IN THE DARK GOLF - YOUTH WEEK

11AM | WEDNESDAY 19TH
PIZZA MAKING - KIDS ACTIVITY

3.30PM | THURSDAY 20TH
COUNCIL MEETING

7PM | THURSDAY 20TH
ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

10AM | SATURDAY 29TH
COMMUNITY GARDEN BUSY BEE & LUNCH

10AM | SUNDAY 30TH
CHURCH SERVICE ST MARTINS CHURCH

6PM | TUESDAY 2ND MAY
CRC PLANNING FORUM SUNDOWNER

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

AT THE CRC (COMMUNITY CENTRE)

MONDAY - VIRTUAL VILLAGE - 10AM - 12PM

THURSDAY - CRAFT GROUP - 10AM - 12PM