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Email: crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

Monday - Thursday

9am - 4pm

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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>



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to local Formula 500 driver, Glenn Carstairs, who won the New Year Title race at Kwinana Motorplex on Tuesday 2nd January.

Well done Glenn and crew!

Article provided by Rob Curtis



Beverley Gas + Plumbing Services

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

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

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Kodie Fleay : 0418929141

Email : beverleygandp@gmail.com

Wandering Fox Hunt

Friday 9th February 2024

Fox Hunt will run on Friday night followed by a breakfast on Saturday morning at the count and awards. We hope you can all support us in helping to protect our native species in and around Wandering.

Registrations and enquiries to Leisa Turton 0428 599 854

Wandering Fox Hunt



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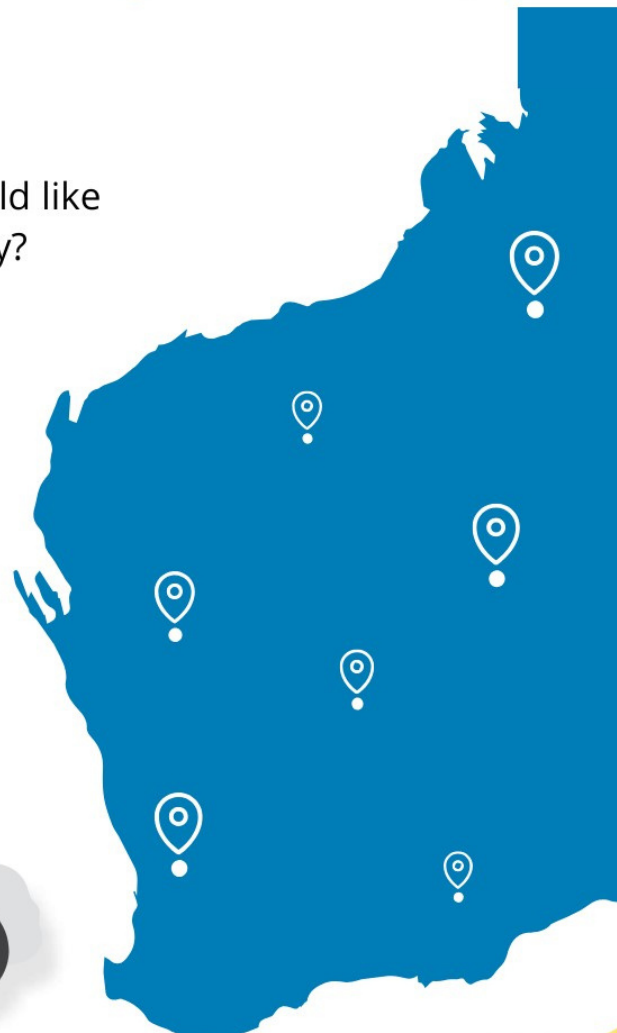


Priscilla Pop-Up: Wandering

Meet the Carers WA team in Wandering

Are you an unpaid family or friend carer who would like to learn more about Carers WA and Carer Gateway?

Join the Carers WA team and our community engagement van, Priscilla, to find out more about Carers WA services and supports and how we can help you in your caring role.



Where: Priscilla will be parked at:
Wandering Community Resource Centre
18 Watts Street, Wandering WA 6308

When: Monday, February 26th | 10.00am - 12:00pm

If you have any questions, please contact the Community Capacity Development team on 1300 CARERS (1300 227 377) or email ccdteam@carerswa.asn.au.

WANDERING



Thank A Volunteer Day

Let's celebrate all of our wonderful
volunteers across our community!

ALL VOLUNTEERS & THEIR FAMILY WELCOME!

BBQ dinner

Friday 23rd February 2024

6pm

Wandering Community Centre

Registrations essential for catering

crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

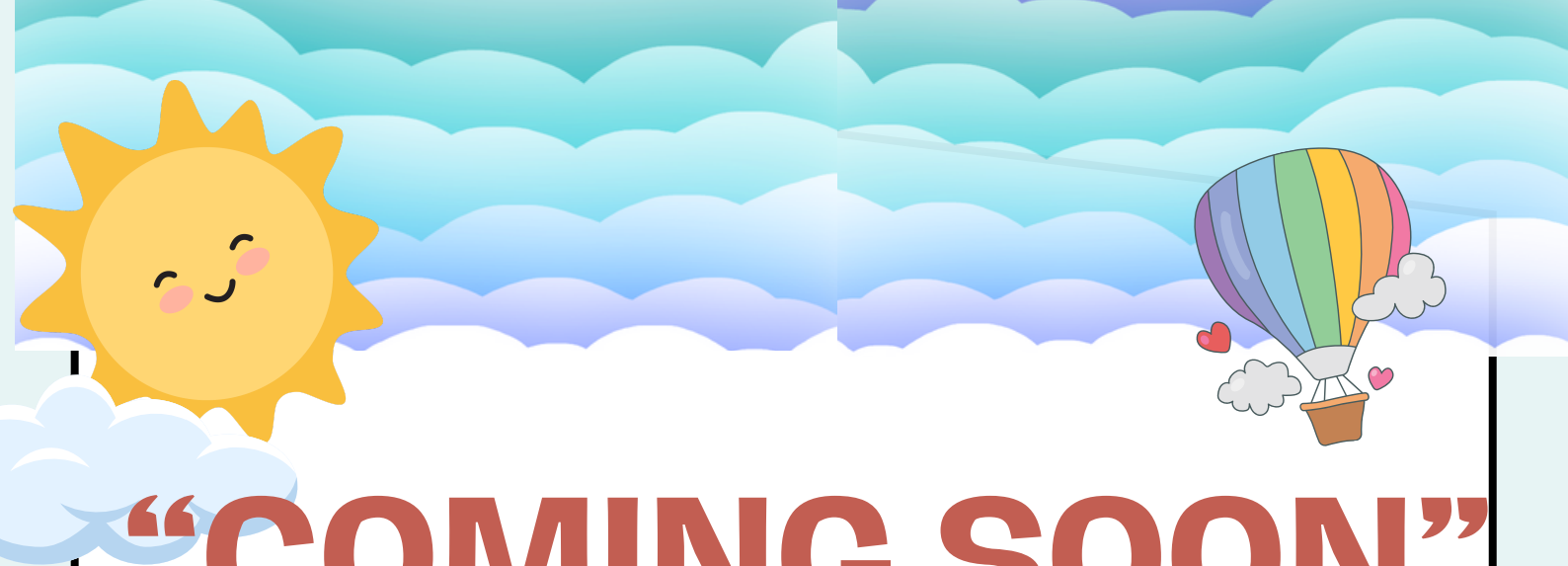
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PROMOTING:

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- PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Wandering CRC will be running several after school fun activities.

Keep an eye out on our socials for updates.

Don't forget to register your child on 0898841561 or crc@wandering.wa.gov.au



Wandering
Community Resource Centre



We're hiring in Wandering

We believe our staff are our greatest asset as we work together to deliver the very best in Home Care in the Wheatbelt.

We are looking for caring and passionate nursing and Home Care support workers in the Wheatbelt.

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FREE WORKSHOP ▶

Presented by Jenny Reid
RSM Business Local Advisor

Working for yourself as a Support Worker



Tuesday 6th February | 10am to 12pm
Wandering CRC, 18 Watts Street

This workshop will cover the key steps to working for yourself as a support worker; from initial start-up, organising your business and managing your customers information.

You'll also receive lots of hints and tips on where to find more detailed information about the NDIS and My Aged Care.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



rsmbusinesslocal.com.au/workshops

Phone: 1800 249 562



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Visit www.ireaustralia.com.au





Wandering Lions

Lions and members of the shire council and their partners teamed up to prepare and serve an Aussie breakfast to over one hundred patrons who attended Australia Day celebrations.

Given the day being a Friday attached to a weekend the numbers of breakfasters was very encouraging and a great atmosphere was enjoyed by all. It is definitely great way to celebrate being Australian, living as we can and to propel our community into the coming year. There was some weighted anticipation as to how the new verandah at the Community Centre would enhance the occasion. The general consensus was that given the perfect day the new structure is a great asset.

Lions are very pleased to be strongly involved in this event with our members being available to cook and serve breakfast, welcome those who had come to celebrate and generally make the day a success. Well done Alana and crew as much planning goes into such an event.

Lions continue to raise significant funds through the containers for change programme and these monies are directed to cancer research along with other Lion's institutes of research and support. The battery drive was also successful and a thank you goes out to the supporters of that effort. Both of these fund raisers are on going and Lions are always thankful for the support.









My dad and his family purchased Fernhill on Australia Day 1970 and mum, dad and myself then shifted to the farm from Cannington in April/May of that year with my siblings Paul, Alison and Tim making Wandering their home as they left Bentley Hospital.

I went to Boddington District High School for my primary schooling. The ABC 7.45 am music was the cue to be out the door on the pushbike to ride to the front gate to catch the school bus, while waiting for the bus there were many waves from passing cars and trucks and we would always ask mum and dad who was driving WD.... As they waved to us, the old-fashioned community hello. I remember getting off the bus one afternoon and mum was waiting to pick me up which I couldn't understand why, she then told me that someone had borrowed my bike without authorisation but dad, Uncle Malcolm and our neighbours Mr Watts (Max), Mr Ferguson (Danny) and Mr Stewart (Peter) were out looking for it. Mr Ferguson found it a couple of days later parked up behind some rocks at Lazy B. There are many fond memories of travelling on the school bus each day – throwing Mr Ziowski's paper out the bus window, eating the centre out of Mrs Ferguson's loaf of bread (poor Bayden), the school bus was the community delivery service. There were also a few antics at trying to remove grumpy bus drivers that would not be allowed today.

The annual CWA Christmas Tree was held in old hall which is now the CRC. I remember the trestle tables down the centre of the hall with large plates and platters of food being provided by our mothers and grandmothers, there were lots of kids running everywhere and the metal playground equipment that was between the shire offices and CRC was the central attraction until Santa rocked up. Our fathers and grandfathers stood outside boasting who had the best harvest yields something's never change.

I completed my high school years at boarding school in Perth coming home for long weekends and school holidays. Communication home to mum and dad was via a letter each week. During the holidays I was able to visit Mr Charlton (Barkie) at the post office and go through his book of postage stamps to purchase a few for my stamp collection (gone are those days). During high school I started playing tennis at the Wandering Tennis courts which were located within this community centre footprint. The tennis courts had been unused for several years and needed refurbishment and the community reestablished the club by revamping the tennis courts and building a shelter. Community members came together to prepare the shearing shed at Fernhill for a Barn dance. The shearing board was polished within an inch of its life for The Keith Stewart Band to play music for the adults to dance to the Waltz, Pride of Erin, Foxtrot, Gypsy Tap, many of us would not know what these dance moves were. These were then removed when the decision was made to replace the hall to this new location. Many local farmers and town people, trucks, farm and shire machinery were used to cart sand and prepare the site for the building construction which was officially opened on 30 January 1987 with a cabaret held in the evening to celebrate. Now most likely this work would be completed by contractors.

I spent 5 years working in Perth before getting married and returning to Wandering. After having my 2 boys I was involved with the Wandering Playgroup and in 1999, over morning tea at playgroup Kylie Brand and myself suggested that Wandering should recognise the turn of the century and the potential impact that the Y2K bug where the computer systems inability to distinguish dates correctly had the potential to bring down worldwide infrastructure for computer reliant industries (boy did they get that wrong). We reached out to numerous community groups to form a committee to arrange a Millenium Ball. I had heard about New Year's Eve cabarets held by the Wandering Cricket Club but never old enough to go so this was an ideal opportunity to come together as a community. Funds leftover from this event were then distributed amongst the organising committee groups.

The Lions Club whenever they see the need whether it is beautifying our shire, cooking our breakfast or hamburgers at the evening community events show their care for our community. Our shire councillors volunteer their time and knowledge to represent us in many ways to improve our area and lifestyle. For many years, councillors would adjourn to the Wandering Tavern for a couple of drinks and unofficially gave the community opportunity field questions and feedback.

Whenever there is that sight or smell of smoke our local volunteer firefighters come armed to assist and it is amazing at how far they travel at any time of the day or night. Previously the CWA ladies as well as other community members would be in the background preparing and delivering food for our hardworking volunteer fireies, it is a shame that this is now not encouraged as people just want help in whatever way they can. We are lucky to have such committed volunteers in our community.

When our boys were old enough to play football, I became involved in local Boddington junior football as treasurer and fundraiser and as well the Upper Great Southern Junior Football Association for a bit over 10 years. This was a rewarding time watching them and other young boys grow in confidence and see how the community and business supports junior sport financially and emotionally. Family and community members were there to train the team, drive the bus or offer lifts to those that didn't have transport, wash football jumpers and work in the kitchen to provide meals for the players and spectators.

The Wandering Primary School P&C was on hand at every State & Federal Election holding a cake stall, sausage sizzle or raffle to raise funds for the students. You could not get away without opening your wallet to release a few dollars.

I went back to fulltime work in 2002 and have continued where possible to volunteer with community groups. This would not have been possible without support from our parents.

David and I have been fortunate to travel within WA and then to Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania where we have seen and experienced some awesome places and have wondered to ourselves what it would be like to live somewhere else but when we drive around the farm and then see our 2 awesome sons, 2 beautiful daughter in laws and 2 gorgeous little granddaughters there is nothing like home and Wandering.

Throughout my life the community support for each other, looking out for each other and our children makes small communities an awesome place live and raise a family. The proverb 'It takes a village to raise a child' resonates in regards to Wandering.

In closing, I believe small towns like Wandering area beautiful place to live and raise a family and encourage anybody to volunteer or get involved with local groups and clubs to contribute in making our community a great place to live.



Wandering Lions Club

Sustainable Community Award

This person was linked into the Wandering community in 2011, when his daughter and son in-law moved their young family to town. They would visit regularly when on break from their working in the north of the state. During 2013 they became more connected to the community while they assisted for caring for their grandchildren while their daughter and newborn granddaughter were in hospital for 6 months.

He quickly established new connections with the people in Wandering. In 2015 commenced working for the Shire in a position that was seemingly made for him. Gardener/handyman and later that year they purchased property at Blackboy Springs. From then to now, he has been a very active member in the community,

A dedicated member of the Wandering Lions Club for 8 years and secretary for 6 years. One of the main drivers in the containers for change program from the Tavern to the depot in Narrogin, which is a significant fundraiser for the club. He was Lion of the Year in 2023.

He is actively involved in the Wandering Annual Fair committee since 2015 and is the current chairperson.

He is a committee member of the Wheatbelt Wine Awards. Prior to joining the WAG group he was very active in assisting in all areas of the Long Table Lunch.

He gave an Australia Day address in 2022 and is actively involved in the setting up of the event.

He is the MC for the ANZAC Day service.

A regular attendee at Friday night bowls

A lover of art and music - he is an active member of the Williams Repertory Club.

Designed and assisted with the building of the disability ramp at the community centre. Always keen supporter of future development to enhance our wonderful community.

One would often find him assisting, chatting to those visiting the caravan park. A great advocate for our town.

The person chosen by the selection panel for this year's award is - Stephen Bullock. He has always been an outstanding contributor to the Sustainability of the Wandering Community, so is a very worthy recipient. The family have been a real asset to the community, as daughter Janet and husband Wade also won this award in 2018.



Bullock/Gowland Family



Wandering INTERNATIONAL **WOMEN'S DAY** *Sundowner*

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 6PM

GUEST SPEAKERS:

FLEUR MCDONALD - AUTHOR

**MARY NENKE - CAMBINANTA YABBIES, MARY'S FARM COTTAGES,
INAUGURAL RIRDC RURAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR FOR WA 2000**

Wandering Community Centre

\$30 per person, inc champagne and dinner

Bookings essential - Wandering CRC - 9884 1561

crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

Men welcome to attend!



Wandering
IWD 2024
Sundowner
FLEUR MCDONALD

Regional fiction writer Fleur McDonald currently lives in Esperance, on the far south coast of Western Australia with her energetic Kelpie, Jack. As well as writing two books a year, Fleur still owns a farm and works on the land.

Her debut novel *Red Dust* made her the highest selling debut author of 2009. Since then, she's gone on to write 16 novels and two children's books. She writes about what she knows, stories set in regional areas around Australia with salt-of-the-earth characters.

In her personal life, Fleur put a lot of the money from her book sales into something else close to her heart – a charity to help people in regional areas who are experiencing domestic and family violence. Fleur drew on her own experiences to establish DVassist (formerly *Breaking the Silence*), a not-for-profit which has set up an online directory of domestic violence services in regional areas of WA, and has recently launched a phone counselling service.

Fleur is an authentic, down to earth and engaging speaker, who can talk about rural fiction, writing, autism, domestic violence, overcoming hurdles and country life.



Wandering **IWD 2024** *Sundowner* **MARY NENKE**

Mary Nenke is a woman of many firsts. She is an aquaculture pioneer, founder and driving force behind Cambinata Yabbies where she's intrinsically involved in all aspects of the Yabby Industry in Western Australia, from production to post harvest handling to marketing and exporting. She's also a mother of six adult children and grandmother of seventeen. She was an accredited teacher of Billings Natural Family Planning for over twenty years and taught sex education until 2018.

Cambinata Yabbies started off as a small family concern but evolved into a sophisticated and integrated business, marketing yabbies purchased from large groups of growers across the WA wheatbelt and Great Southern. It has also expanded into an agri and eco-tourism business after securing a grant in 2014 to build an ecofriendly village on their farm.

Over the years the Nenke's created a unique Wheatbelt experience transforming their shearing shed into a function centre with polished boards candle lit by chandeliers where they hosted the 'Cambinata Extravaganza' for fifteen years. This annual evening of fine food and wine promoted all that is wonderful about regional fare, attracting visitors Australia wide, and even internationally and led to Mary recognising the need for modern quality accommodation in the region.

Article by Agrifutures



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RFDS



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WANDERING TAVERN

31 WATTS STREET, WANDERING

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2024:

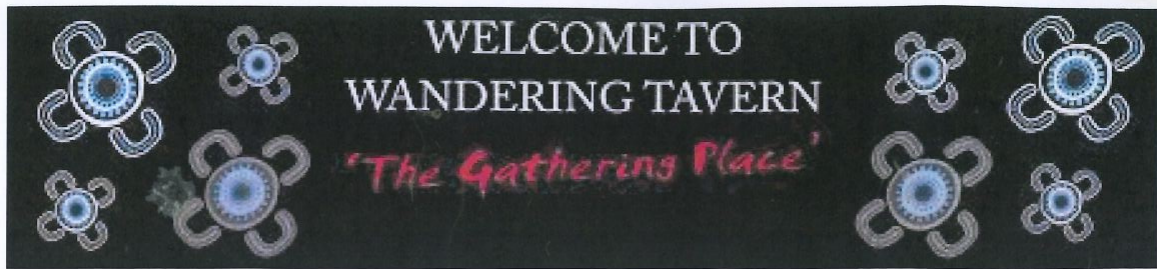
10am – 3pm

{Public Entry: gold coin donation}



contact: Jane Bowen 040 386 5401

email: keithjane1@bigpond.com



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2nd PRICE - LOAD OF FIREWOOD

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RAFFLE DRAWN



17TH MARCH 2024 2pm @ WANDERING TAVERN

INFO CONTACT: JANE BOWEN 0403865401

email: keithjane1@bigpond.com

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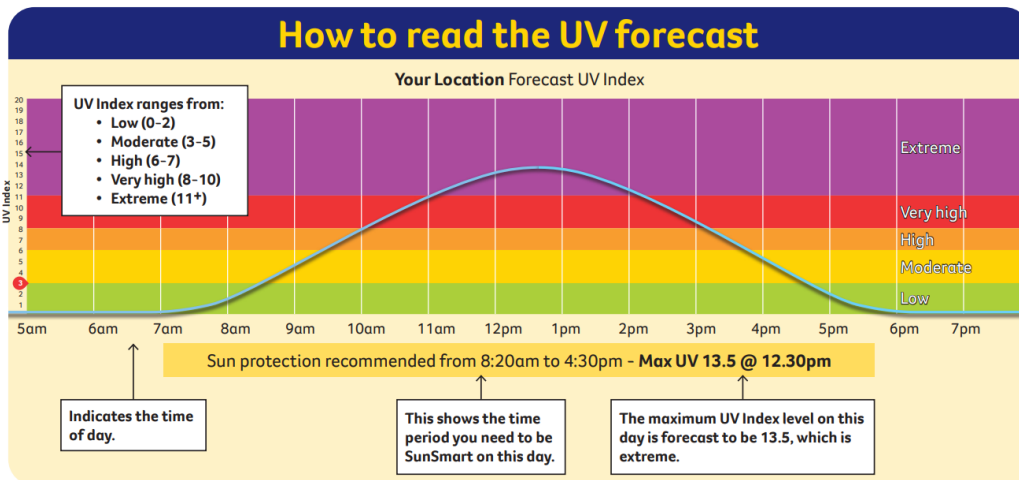


How to be SunSmart

Australia is the skin cancer capital of the world. Two in three Australians will develop skin cancer in their lifetime, and every year around 2,000 people die from this disease. The good news is that skin cancer is largely preventable by minimising exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. Being SunSmart is a simple and effective way to reduce your risk of developing skin cancer.

There's more to sun protection than sunscreen. Protect yourself in five ways:

-  **Slip**
on sun protective clothing
-  **Slop**
on SPF 30 (or higher) sunscreen
-  **Slap**
on a broad-brimmed hat
-  **Seek**
shade
-  **Slide**
on wrap-around sunglasses



Find Skin Cancer Early

Common skin cancer symptoms:

- A new spot or mole on your skin that is red, pale or pearly in colour
- A spot that is different from other spots on your skin
- Any crusty or non-healing sores
- Any spots, freckles or any moles changing in size (width), thickness (height), colour, or shape

Get to know your skin and what's normal for you, particularly if you're over 40 years of age. If you notice any of these symptoms or any other unusual changes tell you doctor without delay.

If it's skin cancer, the earlier it's found, the greater the chance of successful treatment.

Visit <https://www.findcancerearly.com.au/cancer-symptoms/skin-cancer/> for more information.

When UV is 3 or above be SunSmart.

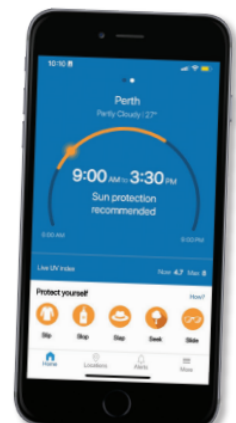
But how do you know when?

Use the free SunSmart Global UV App!

The sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the major cause of skin cancer. UV cannot be seen or felt and can damage your skin on cool or cloudy days. The sun protection times tell you when UV is forecast to reach 3 and above, **that's the time to be SunSmart.**



Scan to download the SunSmart app



Download the app or go to myUV.com.au



Expanding our groundwater and ore knowledge

As part of Alcoa's ongoing commitment to continuous improvement, we are working to enhance our understanding of groundwater, rehabilitation and ore across targeted areas of our mineral lease using non-ground disturbance technology.

What is a geophysical survey?

Aerial geophysical surveys are non-ground disturbing surveys conducted using aerial technology (such as planes, helicopters, drones), that provide a spatially continuous, three-dimensional dataset which can be used to improve understanding of environmental, geological and hydrological features in the landscape.

About this survey

Aerial surveys are planned over areas associated with Huntly mine, including the proposed Myara North and Holyoake mine regions. Surveying will also include areas that we do not propose to mine to support a cumulative understanding of groundwater and environmental factors.

The surveys will involve one fixed wing aeroplane and one helicopter flying over our mineral lease from the south-east of Jarrahdale to the east of Dwellingup.

We have engaged globally recognised aerial survey contractors, Thompson Airborne and SkyTEM, to complete this important work. The aircraft will fly in accordance with Civil Aviation Safety Authority and International Airborne Geophysics Safety Association requirements.

There is potential for those living or working in, or visiting the survey area to see and hear the aircraft that will fly Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays, during February, March and April 2024. Flying will occur from 7am to 4pm.¹

¹The survey duration may change, depending on weather conditions.

Project delivery

Fixed Wing Aeroplane Survey

February / March 2024

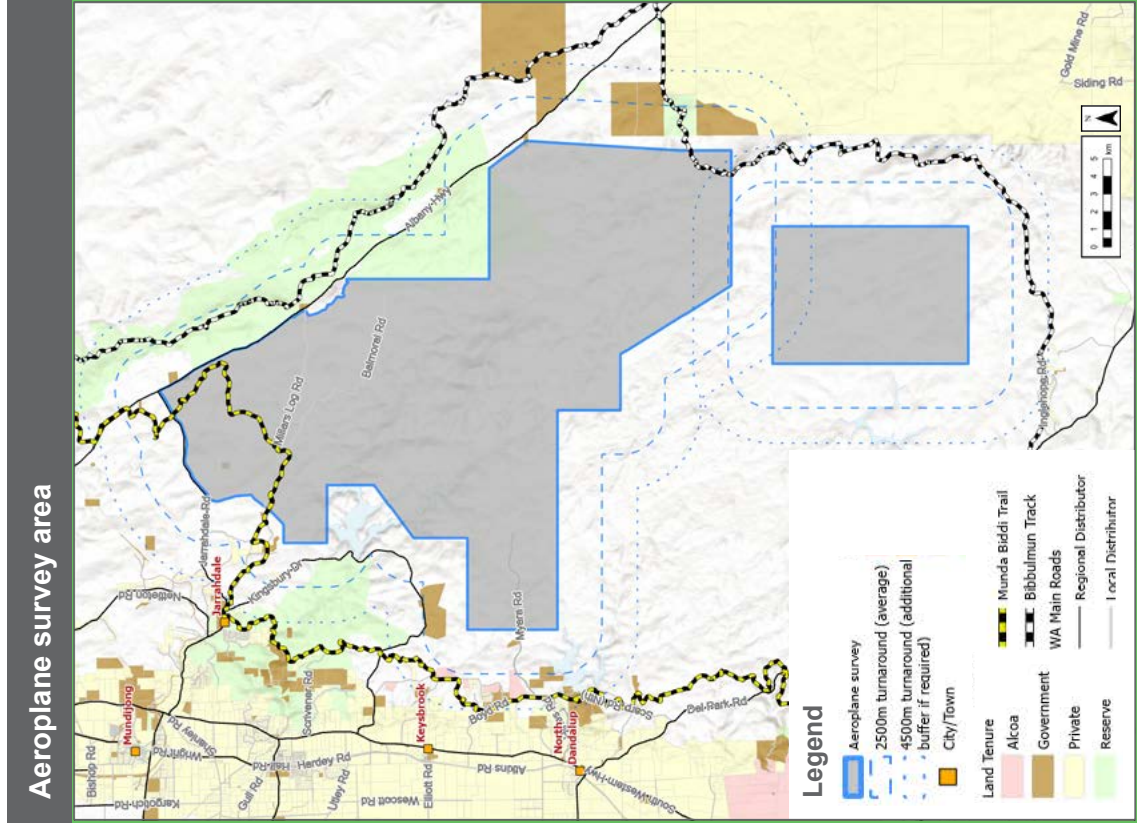
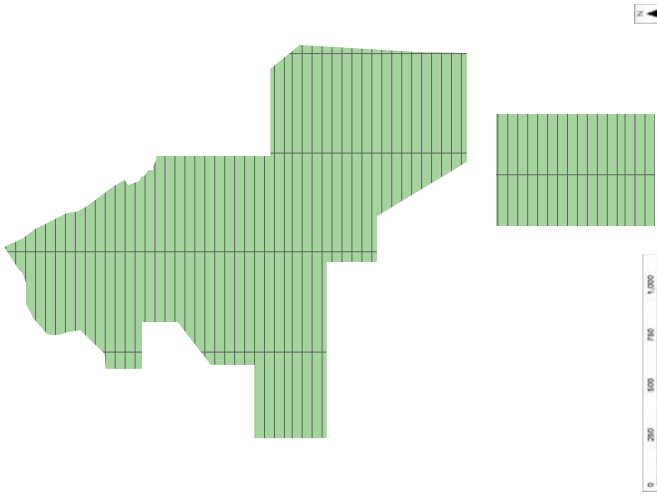
A fixed-wing aeroplane will conduct an Airborne Magnetic and Radiometric (AMR) survey for a period of about 25 days, weather permitting. This survey will tell us more about the type of below ground rocks and near surface soil types.

To collect the data, the aeroplane will be flying at a height between 60 and 100m in parallel lines. Two passes will occur to create a grid. The first pass will be with parallel lines flying in an east-west direction spaced at 50m. The second pass will be with parallel lines flying in a north-south direction spaced at 500m.



The aeroplane will undertake two flights per survey day. Each flight will be approximately five hours in duration. The aeroplane will take off, land, and refuel at a selected public aerodrome likely once per day. Use of Murrayfield Airport in Nambeelup is planned with alternative aerodrome options such as Serpentine Airfield if circumstances require.

Aeroplane flight pattern



Helicopter Survey

March / April 2024

A helicopter will conduct an Airborne Electro-Magnetic (AEM) survey using a specific system designed for shallow hydrogeological mapping, for a period of about 45 days, weather permitting. This survey will tell us more about the depth of rock and earth in the landscape.

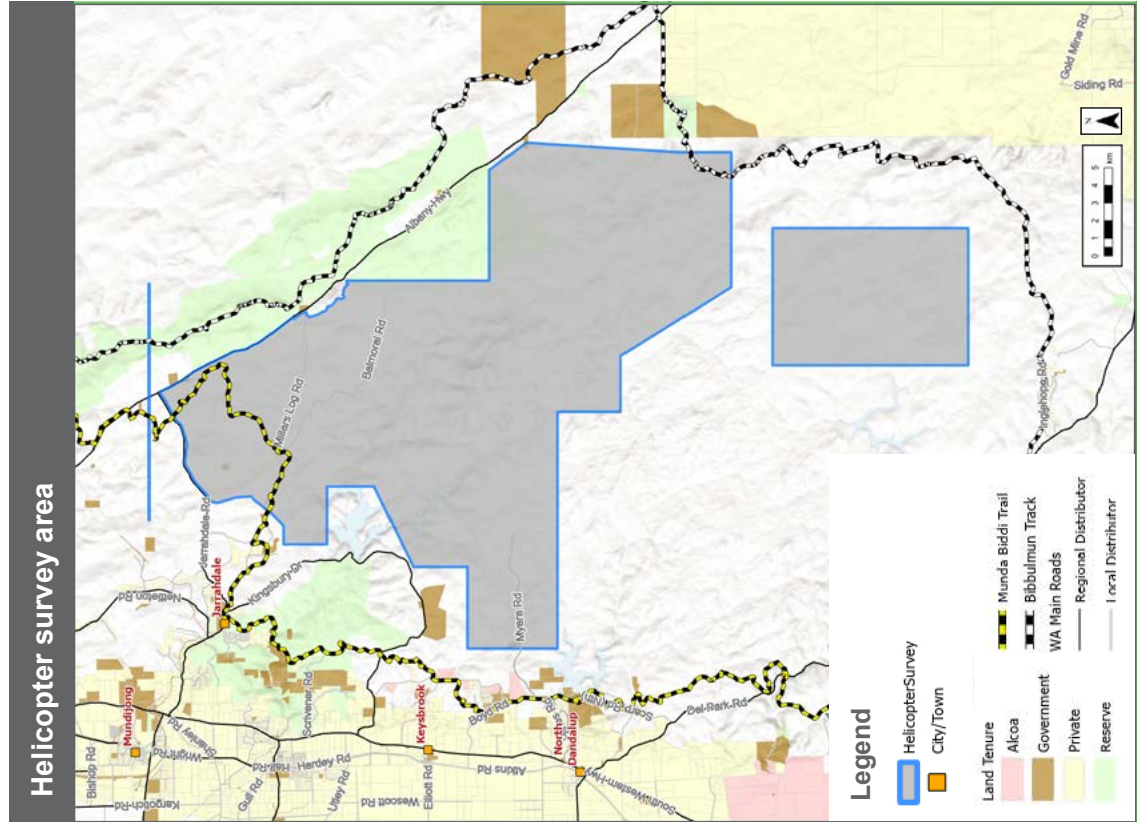
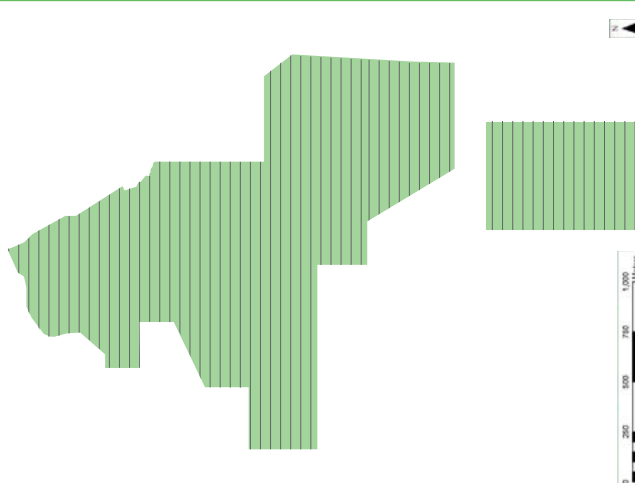
AEM data is collected using an instrument on a hoop that is towed beneath the helicopter. A current is generated in the hoop, which sends an electromagnetic signal into the subsurface. This current is equivalent to the output of about four standard fluorescent light globes.

To collect the data, the helicopter will be flying at a height between 90 and 120m in parallel lines. The hoop will sit 55m beneath the helicopter. The helicopter will fly in parallel lines flying in an east-west direction spaced at 100m.



The helicopter will undertake two to three flights per survey day. Each flight will be approximately two to three hours in duration. The helicopter will take off, land and refuel at a selected public aerodrome likely twice per day. Use of Murrayfield Airport in Nambeelup is planned with alternative aerodrome options such as Serpentine Airfield if circumstances require. The helicopter will land to refuel at an Alcoa private landholding to the north of Dwellingup for about five days when surveying areas to the south.

Helicopter flight pattern





For more information

If you have any questions or would like further information about this survey, please email: mincommunityrelations@alcoa.com.

You can also view the Geoscience Australia (Australian Government) video [here](#).

For urgent contact during the active survey period, please contact Alcoa Huntly Mine Security on 9530 2800.

January 2024

Newmont Boddington's Community Assistance Program (CAP) is an important part of our commitment to local communities, and is one way we deliver on our purpose to create value and improve lives through sustainable and responsible mining.

We are interested in community programs and initiatives that support our sustainable development principles of:

- Conservation and preservation of our natural environment;
- Fairly sharing the benefits of economic activity; and
- Enhancing the wellbeing of the community.

Specifically, we would like to hear about programs and initiatives that are in line with the following criteria:

- Local Economic Development;
- Human Capacity & Capability Development;
- Infrastructure and Services;
- Natural Resource Management & Protection; and
- Culture and Heritage.

Applications for Round 1 of the 2024 program are now open and close **Friday 8 March 2024**.

To discuss your project and for applicant guidelines, please email NBGcommunity@newmont.com. Unfortunately, late applications received after the deadline will not be considered for funding this round.

We look forward to receiving and considering your CAP grant application.



Community Assistance Program Applicant Guidelines



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



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.



Community Survey - Have Your Say!

Thank you to everyone who has already filled in their survey on line or dropped their paper version back to the office. There is still a bit of time - it closes on Friday 9th February 2024.

Lodging Parcels with Star Track

Please note that it is only possible to lodge parcels for Star Track if you hold an account with them. You will need to contact them directly to open an account.

Shire Rates Due Dates

If you elected to pay your rates in four instalments, the final instalment is due by 25/03/2024.

If you are having difficulty paying your rates please contact us and we can put a payment plan arrangement in place.

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:

13/02/2024

27/02/2024

Ranger

24 hours / 7 days
0459 678 154

Works on York - Williams Road

The sealing of York - Williams Road has finally been completed, thanks to everyone who worked on this project, it looks great!



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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

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Council Meeting Dates 2024

- 15 February 2024
- 21 March 2024
- 18 April 2024
- 16 May 2024
- 20 June 2024
- 18 July 2024
- 15 August 2024
- 19 September 2024
- 17 October 2024
- 21 November 2024
- 12 December 2024

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.

Council Meeting Notes

At the Council Meeting held on the 14th December 2023 the following was discussed:

- Shire of Wandering Policy Manual Review
- 2022/23 Annual Report and Financial Statements
- Development Application - Single Dwelling
- Development Application - Single House, Out building and lean to

Have any Issues for Council ??

Please put any requests or issues in writing addressed to the Shire so they can be actioned.

If we do not know about issues affecting the community, we cannot action them.



Shire of Wandering Elected Members (absent Cr Hansen)

Elected Members Contact Details

Cr Ian Turton (President) 0428 876 033
Cr Sheryl Little (Deputy President) 0414 586 893
Cr Lou Cowan 0490 808 044
Cr Gillian Hansen 0488 911 902
Cr Dennis Jennings 0403 126 763
Cr Alan Price 0428 996 457
Cr Max Watts 0428 841 069

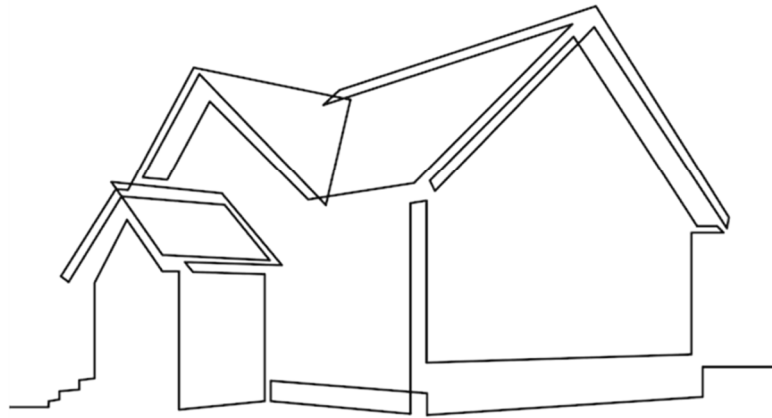
Annual Electors Meeting



Helping to Solve WA's Housing Crisis

A lot has been said about the housing shortage in WA.
Not just in Perth or regional centres but throughout WA.

Businesses would like to employ more staff, but they can't find housing. A recent survey found one in five houses in the southern Wheatbelt is unoccupied. A lot of these vacant houses are on farms or rural properties.



Many are vacant for a reason. They are well on their way to rack and ruin. They are not needed for the farm, or they are too far out for anyone else.

But what about the rest? Still liveable with a modest investment. Not too far out, with access to power and water.

Farmers generally are not in the real estate business, but if you could rent it out to a good tenant with guarantees from the Shire or a local employer or both, and there is someone else to co-invest in any works needed, would you consider it?

The Shire of Wandering is investigating the possibility of a housing pilot using existing rural housing stock.

It is a lot quicker to refresh existing housing stock than to build new houses.

Do you have one and what would it take for you to make it available?

We need your input, your ideas, your suggestions - and your houses.

Drop me an email or call me for a chat.

Alan Hart, CEO
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AGM



AGENDA

- Welcome.
- Attendances/apologies
- Acceptance of Previous AGM
- Treasurers Report
- Chairpersons Report
- Election of New Committee Members
- General Business
- Date of next meeting
- Close

Please be advised of the
Wandering Fair AGM
to be held on
Tuesday 27th February 2024
@ Wandering Tavern
6pm

Committee positions *need* filling.

All welcome

Enquiries to Jacqui (secretary) 0428 301 895

Locals for Environmental Action and Protection (LEAP)



LEAP formed to provide our local community members with information and an avenue to voice concerns about the loss and destruction of our natural heritage.

COMMUNITY MEETING

DATE: Sunday 4th February, 2024

TIME: 3.00pm

VENUE: Quindanning Hotel

Recent dramatic changes to the environmental assessment system are of major concern. These changes would seriously undermine the integrity of the process and the independence of the EPA. It seems the Office of the Appeals Convener will be closed.

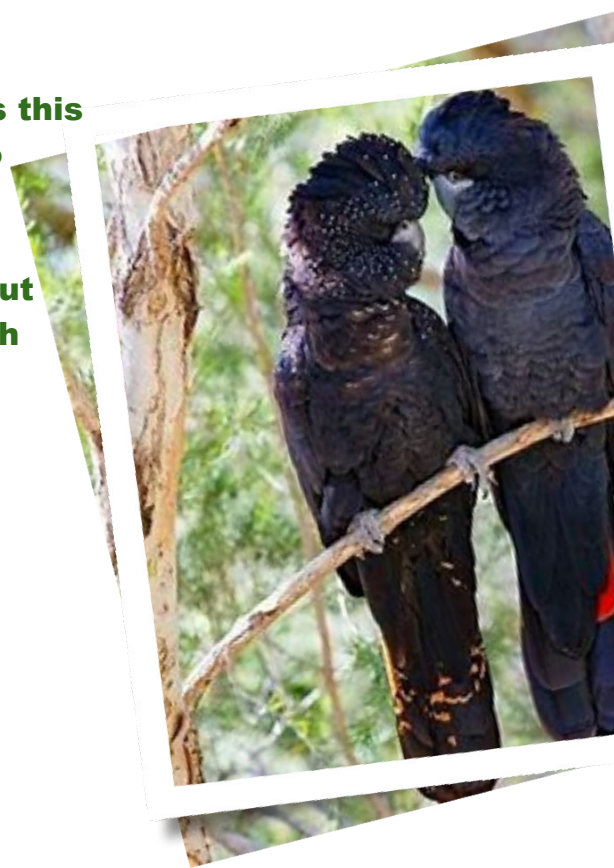
How does this affect our rights as land holders and the general public?? How does this change our rights and options to say NO to Industry and mining companies?

Come along to discuss and learn more about these issues, the ongoing approval of South 32 mining expansions, silicosis and more!!

Contact Us

Email: Leap4locals@outlook.com

FB: Locals for Environmental Action & Protection (LEAP)



Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



PHCC
Peel-Harvey Catchment Council

Edition 83
February 2024



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.



Landscape Rehydration Workshop - this March

PHCC and the Mulloon Institute are planning a local Landscape Rehydration workshop in the Hotham-Williams on Thursday 21st March, in Quindanning.

With increasing variability to climate predicted, PHCC is keen to support landholders looking to retain on-farm water to understand what can be done through understanding water conservation techniques and good landscape planning.

The workshop will introduce attendees to the principles of Landscape Rehydration, showcase some techniques for managing water in the district and highlight opportunities for interested producers to plan for and resource future on-ground works.

Landholders keen to attend should register their interest for this free local half-day workshop by emailing Hotham-Williams@peel-harvey.org.au to be

placed on the registration list. View the flyer [here](#).

Further details of the event will be broadcast in coming weeks and it is sure to be popular.

For those interested to learn how to do their own Landscape Rehydration project, the Mulloon Institute is also offering a very well-priced boot camp program at Muresk from 23rd – 25th March. Check out the flier overleaf for more information and to register.

To find out more about the Mulloon Institute check out their website at <https://themullooninstitute.org>

This workshop will be delivered by the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council in partnership with the Mulloon Institute and RegenWA with funding from Lotterywest. RegenWA is powered by the Perth NRM Collective Impact Program with funding from Lotterywest and Commonland.



Structures like contour banks help retain water in the landscape, reduce water logging/salinity and make it available for production purposes

Have your say about Feral Cats

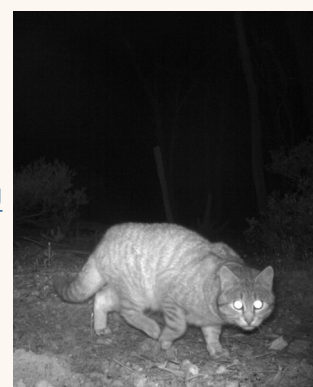
The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions as part of their Feral Cat Strategy, have released a survey to gauge the public perception and acceptance surrounding the management of feral cats. Feral cats have played a significant role in 27 of the 47 extinction of Australia's native fauna.

Every 24 hours feral cats in Australia kill about 3 million mammals, 1.7 million reptiles and 1 million birds. We are very lucky to have a number of iconic native animals in our patch including numbats, woylies and chuditch and these animal

are all at risk of being predated by feral cats.

Please complete this survey to have your say on feral cat management www.surveymonkey.com/r/237X87J

To read the Western Australian Feral Cat Strategy 2023-2028 visit <http://www.dbca.wa.gov.au/management/threat-management>



Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update

Hotham-Williams River Restoration Updates

We are thrilled to announce that after much planning and consulting with the community we are almost ready to start bank stabilisation works at Pumphreys Bridge and Williams townsite. We are 99% of the way there with approvals and plan to start these works over late February/March, which will be focused on specific locations at those sites. We thank everyone for their input so far into these plan. We will be working very closely with the Shires of Wandering and Williams for both of these sites and thank them for their support.

Stay tuned for more updates on our PHCC and the Shires Facebook pages. Please get in touch if you would like to know more by phoning (08) 6369 8801 or emailing kristy.gregory@peel-harvey.org.au



Pumphreys Bridge. Image by Andrew McKenzie



Williams River. Image by Andrew McKenzie

Whats happening...

Read all about the renewal of our long term partnership with Newmont Australia known as the Hotham-Williams Rivers and Tributaries' Natural Resource Management and Conservation Project via <https://peel-harvey.org.au/hotham-williams-river-partnership-continues/>

For more project information visit our website: <https://peel-harvey.org.au/what-we-do/projects/>

The partnership will enable the great work of the last 5 years to continue!

Spot the spots

Our office is receiving an increase in reports of chuditch sightings within the Hotham-Williams sub-catchment.

If you see a chuditch please report to Christine Townsend by phoning (08) 6369 8801 or emailing christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au with a location and time of sighting.



Image by John Lawson

Events...

Landscape Rehydration Workshop

Hosted by PHCC this workshop, presented by Mulloon Institute, will be held in Quindanning

Date: 21st March 2024

For more details and to register: <https://peel-harvey.org.au/events/landscape-rehydration-workshop-quindanning/>

Rehydrate Your Farm Landscape Bootcamp

Presented by Mulloon Institute this bootcamp will be held in Carrolup

Date: 25th to 27th March 2024

For more details and to register: <https://themullooninstitute.org/events/2024/3/25/rehydrate-your-farm-landscape-bootcamp-wa>



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These projects are supported by the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council through funding from Newmont Boddington, South32 Worsley Alumina and the Shires of Boddington, Cuballing, Wandering and Williams



WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE



Alcohol - Taking Time to Consider Our Drinking Behaviours

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
February 2024

When a new year comes around it gives us a chance to focus on ourselves, our drinking habits and the importance of a healthy balanced lifestyle. Speaking with a group of blokes about this, I asked them to have a think about their attitudes towards drinking which one bloke replied, "I just love the taste". This is a fair enough response, and it's also the same problem I have with my kids, who love ice cream and chocolate, but trying to teach them that you don't have it every day takes effort.

The fact that going alcohol-free for a month is seen as a challenge for many, highlights just how prevalent alcohol use is in Australia. Alcohol is our most widely used and most accepted drug, and over time it has formed part of our Aussie culture and identity. Its use and associations are many, including advertising, sport, social occasions, celebrations and within the workplace culture. Peer pressure does not only happen to teenagers! Think of the last time you were encouraged to have a drink when you were not planning to. As Joe E. Lewis once quoted "I distrust camels, and anyone else who can go a week without a drink". There seems to be an underlying normalisation, glamorisation and justification for drinking which is also present in pop-culture, movies (The Hangover) and social media (my friend who posts it's beer o'clock').



Now I am not saying I'm a shining light leading by example when it comes to abstaining from having a drink, my arm is often twisted a bit too easily. We should all take the chance to have a think about our own individual drinking habits, behaviours and attitudes:


- What example do I set when I drink?
- How often/how much am I drinking?
- Is it to relax?
- Is it to cope or deal with stress?
- Is it habitual or has it become a dependency?

For those who do enjoy a night out, here are a few points to help reduce unhealthy drinking behaviours:

- What mood/state of mind am I in before I drink? Alcohol is a depressant but can also enhance negative behaviours i.e. anger, aggression and reckless risk taking;
- What sort of situation/crowd am I drinking with? Personal safety is up to us! Am I with people I know and trust in a safe environment or am I out with random individuals in a public space?
- Self-regulate by knowing your limits and plan ahead. Organise a designated driver, take a swag, don't risk it!
- Harm minimisation could involve having a decent meal before going out, serve finger food at parties and remember alcohol dehydrates so drink water before, during and after drinking alcohol;
- Having alcohol-free days is important. At least 2-3 days per week will show two benefits: 1, I can go without a drink and 2, has regenerative effects on the liver (along with many other health benefits).

I recently saw a creative post showing a picture of our political leaders with the caption *No matter who wins they will not fix your life, better plan on doing it yourself*. Like a lot of things in life, and especially alcohol, we can't expect governments and multimillion dollar ad campaigns to reduce the risk, control our use and fix alcohol related problems. Moderation, awareness, responsibility, and balance is the key to our alcohol use.

 @RMHI_4blokes

 Working with Warriors Podcast

 regionalmenshealth.com.au





Wandering CWA

Our first meeting for 2024
(which will include our Annual General Meeting)
will be held on
Wednesday 21 February
from 10am at the
CWA Rooms, Watts Street in Wandering.
Everyone is welcome!

Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.



Wandering CWA

New Members Needed!

Happy New Year from the ladies of your local Wandering CWA!

As another year begins, so do our monthly gatherings. Our first branch meeting is fast approaching (Wednesday 21 February) after which we will hold the AGM where we will be electing our President, Treasurer and Secretary for 2024.

Over past years, we have had members come and go. **Without new members we are in the very real situation of the branch not being able to continue.**

If you've ever thought of joining the CWA, then this is the perfect time to do so. You do not have to be "old" or "retired" to join the CWA! We have members of all ages, from 20s to 80s! Our existing members have done (and still are doing) such a fantastic job but we now have a very real need for some new members to come along. We need helpers at events and ideas at our meetings of how to continue to help within our community.

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at the CWA Rooms in Wandering at 10am. The meetings usually go for no more than about 2 hours, depending on how much there is to discuss. We discuss correspondence received, any upcoming events, anything that is going on in the community that we can help with and other random things. After the meeting we have a cuppa, a bit of a natter and there are usually a few laughs to be had as well. If you'd like to come along as a guest to see what the CWA is all about, please get in touch or come along to a meeting. There is no obligation to join. Our numbers are dwindling, and we need some new members to both help at events and bring some new ideas to the table. So, if you have a few hours free in a month and would like to be involved in your local community, please come along and please help by spreading the word to others.

Thank you.

President: Jacquie Cornish 0407 241 004

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

BRIGHTER FUTURES TOGETHER



At South32 Worsley Alumina we're about supporting our communities to thrive.

The Worsley Alumina Community Grants Program provides funding for local organisations, projects and programs that provide a benefit to people in Southwest communities, creating positive impacts.

Grants of up to \$5000 are available to eligible applicants that support community projects within the Shires of Boddington, Collie, Murray, Wandering and Williams, or in Greater Bunbury and surrounds.

Applications will be open from 1 February - 29 February.

To apply for our Community Grants
<https://www.south32.net/worsleycommunitygrants>

Email address: worsleycommunity@south32.net



OUR MISSION IS TO CREATE A POSITIVE IMPACT

COMMUNITY GROUPS

WANDERING CRAFT GROUP

The Wandering Crafters meet at the CRC weekly on Thursdays from 9am
New members welcome.
Come learn, come for a chat, or just come for a cuppa.

Room 7, Boddington CRC at the Old School, Bannister Road Boddington.

Full Gospel Church. 9.30am Prayer, Main service 10:00 AM Sundays. Includes Children's church.

- Tuesdays fortnightly: Ladies group.
 - Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. Bible Study, Study notes provided.
 - Counselling and personal prayer available.
 - Contact Julie Naylor on 0436407763 Pastor Joshua Andrews on 0425410254
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EMPOWERED NATIONS CHURCH

Public worship every fourth Sunday of the month, from 2pm at the church.

Enquiries to Revd Paul Bartley 0431 849 169 or Clive Lindner 9884 1535

Latest info online at www.gatewayparish.org.

New people welcome and expected! Always up for a chat.

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH WANDERING

WANDERING LIONS CLUB

Meet second Thursday of the month. 7pm at the Wandering Tavern

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

Virtual Village activity every Monday at the Wandering CRC at 10am.
Contact Lee Muller

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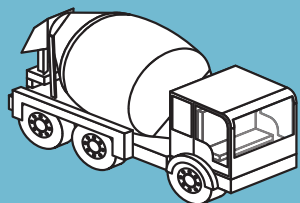
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2024

10AM | TUESDAY 6TH
SUPPORT WORKER WORKSHOP

7PM | THURSDAY 8TH
LIONS CLUB MEETING

FRIDAY 9TH
FOX HUNT

9AM | TUESDAY 13TH
PUMPHREY'S CWA MEETING

12.30PM | WEDNESDAY 13TH
WANDERING CHRISTMAS LUNCH

10AM | WEDNESDAY 21ST
WANDERING CWA

2.30PM | THURSDAY 15TH
COUNCIL MEETING

10AM | MONDAY 26TH
CARERS WA VAN @ CRC

6PM | TUESDAY 27TH
WANDERING FAIR AGM

Regular Events

Friday evenings: Tennis & Bowls

Thursday morning - Craft Group @ CRC

Monday morning - Virtual Village @ CRC

Wednesday - 8.45am - Exercise Class @ Community Centre