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To Our Monthly Community Newsletter

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Email: crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

Monday - Thursday

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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.

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**JOIN US TO
CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF THE WANDERING SHIRE
13TH AND 14TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

The establishment of the Wandering Roads Board was
constituted on 6th October 1874

Friday 13 September 2024

- Evening Celebration with food, drinks, music and dancing
(more details and ticket sales coming soon)

Saturday 14 September 2024

- Free family day in Wandering
- Celebrations at the Wandering Primary School
- Shire and community buildings open for viewing
 - Food vans
- Old fashioned games on the Wandering Oval
 - History display boards
- Cutting of the 150th Anniversary Birthday Cake
 - Live music
- Fireworks Extravaganza

Start putting together your family, business, sporting or
community history with photos to display on the day.
(more details coming soon)

Invite friends and family who no longer reside in the district
back to Wandering on the 13th and 14th of September to
celebrate with us.

Check out our Facebook page and the Wandering Echo for
regular updates.

www.facebook.com/Wanderingshire



COUNTRY KLUB PILATES



COUNTRY KLUB PILATES along with **WANDERING CRC** are having Pilates sessions held here. STARTING after Easter Weekend, Wednesday 3rd APRIL 2024. Bookings are essential.

WHEN: Monday OR Wednesday

TIME: 6:00 PM SESSIONS

PLACE: WANDERING CRC

email: crc@wandering.com.au or Phone:

089884 1561

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"Organic, holistic, the wild sound of freedom" Midwest Records - USA APRIL 2024

GORDIE & JAXON TENT TREES HALDANE



WESTERN

AUSTRALIA & TASMANIA TOUR

SUNDAY SESSION

7 APRIL - GATES 11AM, 12PM START

TICKETS
\$40

Outdoors at Rosedale Farm, Cuballing - BYO Chairs

Featuring local support act Don't Tell Daisy!

Licensed Bar, Light finger food catered by Jesse Layman

Free return bus from Narrogin

WWW.ARTSNARROGIN.COM.AU



Holiday Movie & Popcorn

Wednesday

10th April 2024

Wandering CRC

2:00 PM

***** GOLD COIN ENTRY FEE *****

***** Drinks available for purchase***!**

Register your interest:

crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

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Wandering CRC & Harvest Me are proud to be able to offer a double workshop.



Harvest ME Presents A Double Workshop

SUSTAINABLE GARDENING/ GROWING VEGGIES ON A BUDGET & WICKING BEDS/ POTS

Wandering Community Garden

DATE: 16TH APRIL 2024 (TUESDAY)

**TIME: 10:30AM TIL 1:30PM (30min break
(Light Lunch provided with tea/coffee)**

COST: \$30.00 P/P (Discount offered for pensioners)

Tickets available through event bookings.

<http://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/harvest-me-growing-veggies-on-a-budget-wicking-beds>

Please contact:

[crc@wandering.wa.gov.au/](mailto:crc@wandering.wa.gov.au)

***Ph: 089884 1561 for any further
booking enquiries.***



**Workshop Facilitation/
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Come along to a free workshop

Scams Awareness

and learn more about how to protect yourself and your loved ones online.

Don't miss a great opportunity to have your questions answered.

Topics covered include;

- A close look at online scams
- How to detect common scams
- What to expect from nbn
- Tips to stay safe - Become Scam Fit
- Helpful links

Place

Wandering Community Resource Centre

Thursday 18th April 2024

10am - 11am

18 Watts Street, Wandering, WA, 6308

To attend, you will need to RSVP with the Wandering CRC on **(08) 9884 1561** or email crc@wandering.wa.gov.au



KIDS

Healthy Living & Eating

PROGRAM

TERM 2 PROGRAM

\$10 per child/fortnight

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL

PHONE: 089884 1561

EMAIL:

CRC@WANDERING.WA.GOV.AU

****STARTING MONDAY 22ND APRIL 2024****
3:30 PM - 4:30PM



**Wandering CRC - 18
Watts Street,
Wandering**



**Physical activities,
Healthy Food learning
& tasting, Gardening**



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Wandering ANZAC Service

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL 2024

5.45am - meet at the CWA for the march

6am - Service to be held at the Memorial - next to CRC building
Gunfire Breakfast to follow at the Wandering Tavern.

*Please park at the CWA or Wandering Tavern
if you are attending the march.*

We encourage everyone to join us at the Wandering Tavern for a complimentary breakfast. Breakfast is proudly sponsored by the Wandering Tavern.



LEGO Wine and Cheese Night!



LADIES, lets celebrate us for a Mothers Day get together, a FUN night with some laughs as you build a LEGO kit while enjoying some Wine and Cheeses.

- *DATE: THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2024*
- *TIME: 5:30 PM*
- *LOCATION: WANDERING CRC*
- *COST: \$30 per person (Includes Lego Kit)*

Register your interest : crc@wandering.wa.gov.au or

Ph: 089884 1561



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HOW TO USE A KINDLE: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE



kindle

Bookings Essential: Phone: 089884 1561
crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

Learn how to download books,
adjust settings, and more.
Feel free to bring your own or some will be
available.

**\$5.00
each**

Thursday 16th May @6.30-8.30pm

Coffee & Chocolate supplied.
COMING SOON: Wandering CRC Book Club



Experience VIRTUAL REALITY EVENING FOR ADULTS

23rd May @6.30-8.30pm
at Wandering CRC - 18 Watts Street

- Interactive games
- Game competition
- Evening Snacks

Register NOW at the Wandering CRC Ph: 089884 1561

OR Email: crc@wandering.wa.gov.au



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**\$15.00
TICKET**

AURA PARKER

BOWERBIRD BLUES



ALIA NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2024



Community Resource Centre
22nd May 2024 @12pm #LibraryStorytime

Register NOW at the Wandering CRC Ph: 089884 1561
OR Email: crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME (NSS) IS HELD ANNUALLY BY THE AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION (ALIA). EVERY YEAR A PICTURE BOOK, WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY AN AUSTRALIAN AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR, IS READ SIMULTANEOUSLY IN LIBRARIES, SCHOOLS, PRE-SCHOOLS, FAMILY DAY CARES, CHILDCARE CENTRES, FAMILY HOMES, BOOKSHOPS AND MANY OTHER PLACES AROUND THE COUNTRY



READ

Read the book aloud with your child.

TALK

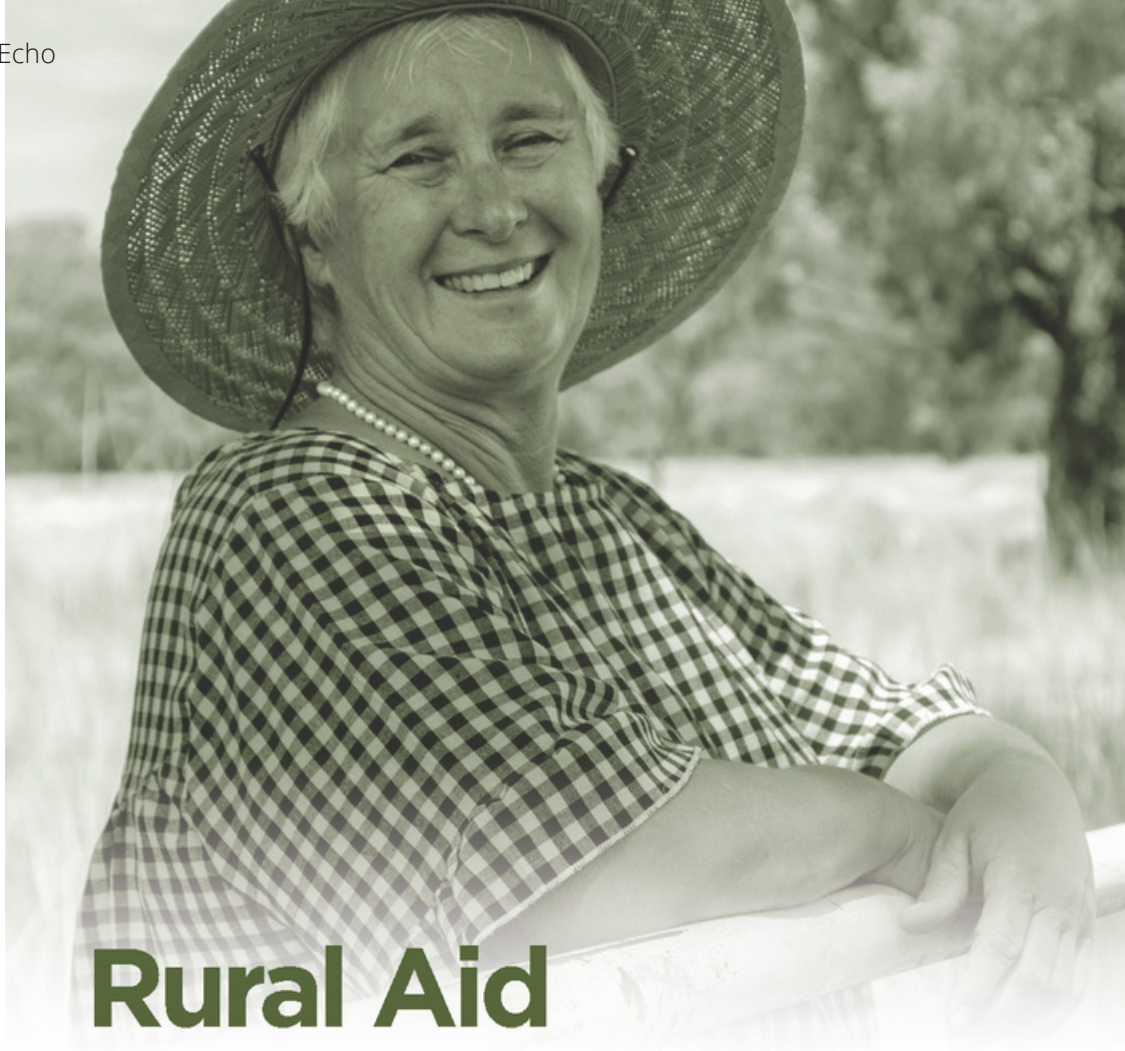
Talk together about the story & illustrations.

PLAY

Play to help build early literacy skills.

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Rural Aid

Rural Aid stands with farmers when they need us most.

Rural Aid provides critical support to farmers affected by natural disaster through financial, water, fodder and volunteer assistance.

Rural Aid also offers free, confidential counselling to registered farmers and their families. Our vision is to help safeguard farmers by supporting their sustainability to endure the many challenges they face.

We work with community groups and industry to deliver programs that help connect and sustain rural centres. All we do is to support farmers - our mates in the bush.

Registering with **Rural Aid** is free and easy to do. More than 16,500 farmers have done so already.

How can we support you?

ruralaid.org.au | **1300 327 624**

For our mates in the bush





The Boddington Progress Group
proudly presents the annual



Boddington Medieval Fayre & Feast

6 April 2024

FAYRE: 10am to 4pm

FEAST: 6pm to 11pm

Book your tickets on line at

<https://www.trybooking.com/CNJMD>



ewe world record attempt

Last month Heiniger Management from Switzerland took the opportunity to visit Al Price's farm, who donated his shearing shed to host a shearing fundraiser in support of Luke Vernon's 8 hour Ewe World Record Attempt, which is on the 12th of April in Wandering.

It was a great day with about 10 top shearer's and an equal number of shed staff donating their time in support of Luke's upcoming record attempt.



Luke Vernon



**Daniel Schmid - Board Member,
Gary Lyons - MD Heiniger
Australia, Alan Price,
Daniel Heiniger CEO
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Wyssmann, Board Member.**



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18TH - 20TH OCTOBER 2024

WANDERING CAMP OUT WEEKEND



**GRASSDALE FARM
WANDERING, WA**

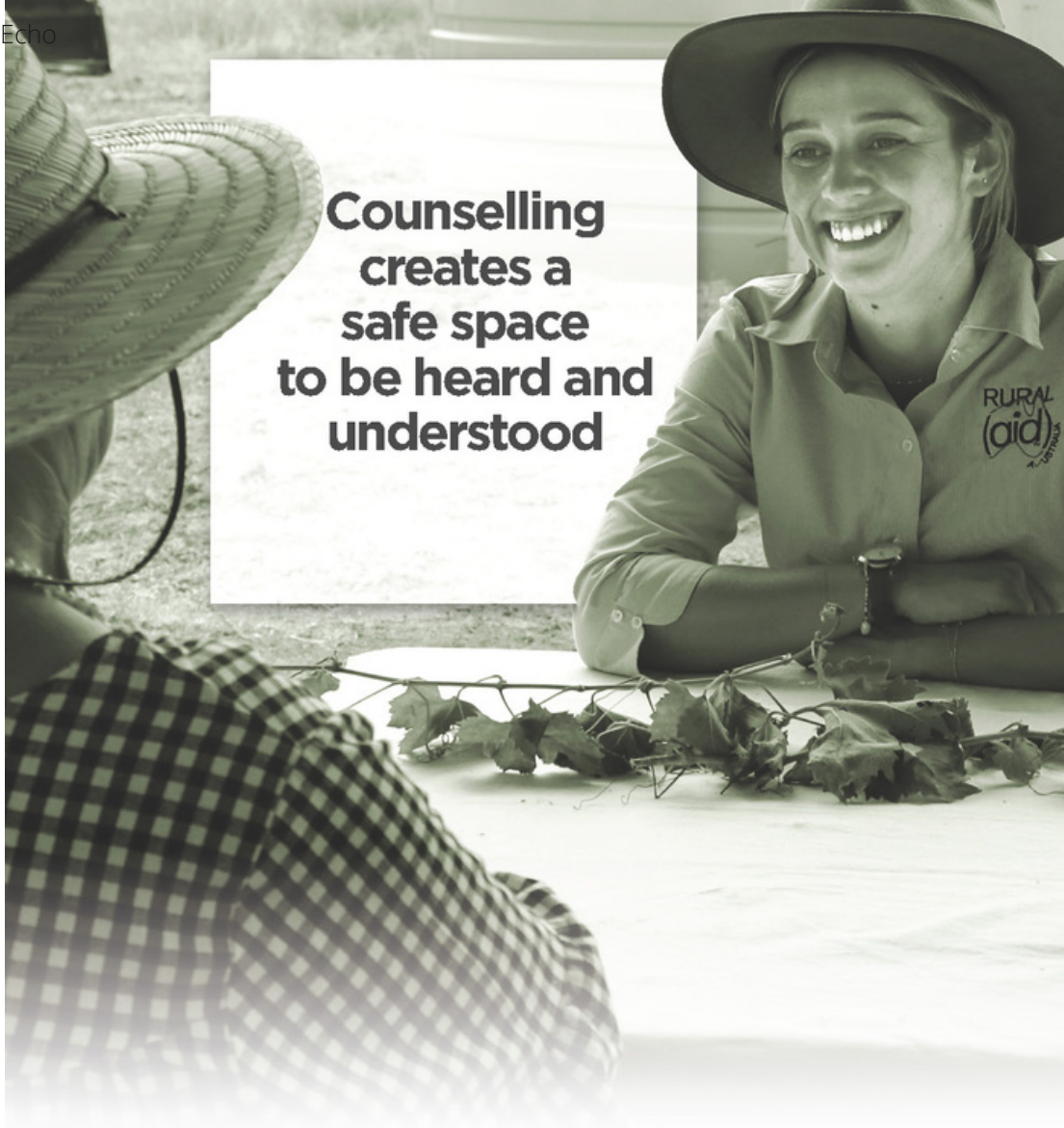
**LIVE MUSIC | AG SHOW | HELICOPTER FLIGHTS
CAMPING UNDER THE STARS | WINERY TOURS
ENTERTAINMENT ALL WEEKEND | COLOUR RUN
HEADLINE ACTS - FRIDAY - RETRO INC
SATURDAY - PROUD MARY
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For our mates in the bush



WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE



Too Strong and Too Silent

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
April 2024

It is common for us to be called to help men in the country with what is a seemingly without notice separation that leaves a dumbfounded male struggling to make sense of what just happened. Today women are more likely to be career-oriented, more independent financially, more educated and empowered. Divorce no longer carries the stigma it once did and rightfully women no longer are as accepting of abuse or not having their needs met.

Given this societal change there is an even greater need now for effective communication in relationships. Getting men to talk more is slowly changing, however, too often men tend to be stoic and un-communicative about how their relationship is going: *Too Strong and Too Silent*.

Relationships breakdown for many reasons. For example, emotional disconnection, differing views on finances, too much work, not enough time with the family, stonewalling, lack of respect, or not being appreciated to name just a few.

If we don't communicate what is going on within us, we are not resolving our issues and setting up our relationships to fail. A common quote is 'I tried but he just never listens', or 'I work hard every day, dawn to dusk to provide, I thought I was doing the right thing'.

If we talk about things as they arise, resolution is more likely. Men tend to be too silent but again women can be bad at communicating as well. I often hear comments like 'if only she had said something', or 'I didn't know'. Chances are maybe we were told or didn't want to deal with it or simply didn't listen. We need to learn to communicate more and listening to our spouse is paramount.

Here are 4 tips to improve listening skills:

1. *Body language*: we may say we're listening to our spouse, but the body language says otherwise. Body language accounts for 93% of communication. Face each other, look into our spouse's eyes. Be cautious about our pose, things like being fidgety or folding your arms, tends to give a message of disinterest.
2. *Ask questions*: asking questions shows that we are interested and heard what was said i.e. 'so, then what happened?' or paraphrase 'so what you're saying is...'
3. *Avoid one-upmanship*: listen to the bad day story without jumping in with your worse bad day. Instead ask questions, listen, and show interest, otherwise the message our spouse gets is we don't really care.
4. *Don't try and fix it*: this is a vital thing to remember for blokes. Men will often offer a solution to the problem and try to fix it. We just need to listen and be engaged. Women prefer that blokes don't jump in with their best solution unless asked. Good effective communication is essential for a healthy relationship, don't be too strong and too silent.

As always, remember ... before it all gets too much...Talk to a Mate®!!

 @RMHI_4blokes

 Working with Warriors Podcast

 regionalmenshealth.com.au



I can no longer be silent about the way in which the frail aged in our community are being treated by our own World Class Health Department. I believe we have a World class health system which is by far, second to none in this world. We have excellent, well trained, passionate, dedicated people who go to enormous lengths to do the best they can when it comes to looking after us and our loved ones. And we can all know this by our own, very, very well equipped local hospital in our Boddington, with just as well equipped, staff. But seriously people, we are missing the mark when it comes to the care of our most vulnerable, frail, elderly, somewhat silent residents. I say silent because even though they can still obviously speak, accessing and navigating the internet and even mobile phones can be very problematic for them. They are no longer being heard as they don't speak this language. They are for the most part the forgotten.

Why is it that over the years we have cared for our elderly, here in Boddington, in our own hospital, when they were not able to look after themselves any more, and done it very well. Now we send them away as if they are a problem to us, a risk that cannot be managed at local level.

They certainly weren't a problem when they were able bodied, taught our children, nursed in our hospital, built our town and passed down their knowledge to us.

Please let us not forget the Golden Rule...'So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them....'.

How would you personally like to be sent away from the community where you were born and raised , lived , brought children into the world, grew, loved, worked and payed taxes, to be sent away at the frailest time in your life to a place where you are no longer known. You are now a stranger. And you are old and don't speak the language any more. Nothing makes sense to you.

Are our elderly such a problem to us that we have to move them along so that others can take care of them? Don't you think we should be taking care of our own? Here. Now.?

Whether we like it or not, one day we will be judged on how we treat each other. And how we live our lives will be reflected in our generations to come. What are we teaching our younger generation that will one day be caring for us? You will need to get out of town, you are now a problem for us , too big for us to manage.? Move out. Who will visit you when you are out of sight and too far for your friends and loved ones drive? (don't forget they get old as well?).

This nightmare has very sadly become reality for our frail aged in our own community, and I consider this a privilege to speak on their behalf, an honour.

What is the issue? And what has been the issue of not being able to now look after elderly in our own hospital.? (it's OUR hospital!!) Do you know that some of the people that once cared for you we can no longer care for here?

If lack of suitable staff is the issue,,, Let's buy some!!!!

We live on a GOLD mine!!!! Our country is RICH!!!! Our health department is WORLD CLASS!!

So I sincerely would ask what is our problem.?

For a long time groups of dedicated, concerned, locals have done a lot of work on trying to establish an Aged Care Facility in Boddington. This news is not new, most of you are aware.

I pray that this becomes a reality as we desperately, desperately need it. But in the interim, and in the years to come whilst we wait for bureaucrats to make up their minds up about our futures...

Where will our precious elderly go? When our indigenous elders have to leave home (here) to live in someone else's town (there). Isn't that disgraceful?

When someone tells you that they would rather die than leave their home town, to go to have strangers care for them because they can't stay here, people we seriously need to sit up and ask the question, Why and how have we allowed this to happen?

WE have a voice. Let's use it people.

Please consider signing petitions that will be around your town soon.

I am not going to be silent any more.

Liz Nairn



REGIONAL COLUMN

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21 March 2024

With Senior Regional Officer for the South West Annetta Bellingeri

Living by the law: what you need to know before share housing

Splitting a rental with mates or even people you find through an advert can be a smart way to tackle soaring rent prices and low vacancy rates. But before you start dividing up chores and discussing furniture options, it's important to understand your legal rights and responsibilities when it comes to share house arrangements.

In co-tenancies, there is a shared tenancy agreement, but all tenants are jointly responsible for the full rent amount, bond and condition of the entire property. This means if your house mate misses a rent payment, for example, the whole household could be at risk of breaching the tenancy agreement unless they can cover the outstanding amount.

When it comes to paying the bond, each contributor must be listed against the bond as a tenant. The private landlord or agent then has 14 days to lodge the bond with the Bond Administrator.

Consumer Protection has recently had two real estate agencies and directors fined and reprimanded for failing to lodge tenancy bonds within the required timeframe. Renters deserve peace of mind knowing their bonds are being handled by landlords and agents in accordance with the law.

It is important tenants receive an immediate receipt of their payment. The Bond Administrator will also send the tenants and the private landlord/agent a record of the payment directly from the department. This also ensures each tenant is returned their correct share of the bond when the tenancy ends.

If you move out of a share house, negotiate to have your name removed from the tenancy agreement. If you fail to do this, you can still be held responsible for the rent and other obligations. Also ensure you are provided with an outgoing property condition report. If anything needs to be addressed the cost will be recovered from your share of the bond.

Similarly, if you move into a share house ask for the tenancy agreement to be varied to list you as a co-tenant and add your name to the bond. The landlord/agent should provide an up-to-date property condition report. As the new co-tenant, you cannot be held responsible for the condition of the property before you moved in.

We advise only entering into shared tenancy agreements with people you trust and communicate well with. We know this can be difficult to gauge when replying to an ad looking for a house mate, so we recommend putting everything of importance in writing to protect yourself. This may include agreements about how and when rent and bills are paid, responsibility for everyday cleaning and maintenance of the property, ownership of any shared belongings and use of common areas.

If one tenant has paid another tenant's share of rent or other money owed to the landlord, the tenant can apply to the court for an order they be repaid by the other tenant. If you need assistance with money owed by a co-tenant or other similar dispute, reach out to your local community legal centre for more advice.

When everyone decides to move out of a share house the tenancy ends in the typical way.

If you do not receive a record of bond payment from the Bonds Administrator in the first few weeks of moving in, please contact us on 1300 30 40 54 or consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au so we can follow up.



REGIONAL COLUMN

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14 March 2024

With Senior Regional Officer for the South West Annetta Bellingeri

Don't sweat it! How your fitness journey is protected by WA law

How's that new year fitness resolution going? Maybe the January eagerness to get to the gym has worn off or you're nearing the end of a 12-week fitness challenge and you're feeling the pressure to sign up for another one. The good news is, no matter what you decide to do with your fitness goals, you are protected by Western Australian law when it comes to using fitness service providers.

In July 2021 the rules governing WA's fitness industry changed to provide better protection for consumers. The Fitness Industry Code of Practice applies to providers such as personal trainers, group exercise organisers and yoga classes.

Despite this, we have seen a 33 per cent increase in complaints from 103 in 2022 to 137 in 2023. The vast majority involve disputes over membership cancellations, and payments and refunds.

The Code has been in place for nearly two years. There is no excuse for flouting the rules, so Consumer Protection is putting the fitness industry on notice.

Charging over \$1,000 to cancel membership within the seven-day cooling off period is not what we consider to be reasonably reflective of the administration costs incurred. Using high pressure sales tactics to get people to sign up to expensive "12-week fitness challenges" is breaking the law. Providers cannot make people physically come into the gym to cancel membership contracts. These are just some of the types of complaints Consumer Protection is still seeing.

Consumer Protection has a few training tips for when it comes to engaging a fitness service.

Your membership agreement must include a summary statement to help you understand your responsibilities and it should also state whether it involves an ongoing month-to-month renewal or is a fixed term contract of no longer than 12 months. You must be notified before your membership is automatically renewed.

Should you decide the fitness service is no longer for you, you won't need to arrive in-person to cancel your membership. Cancellations can now be made by email, with direct debits required to stop immediately. High pressure sales tactics and harassment are banned.

After first signing-up, you have up to seven days to cancel your membership and you should only pay for administration costs or services used. If you want to cancel at any point after this seven day period, the most you can be charged on your membership is 30 days after your notice of cancellation.

Take the time to re-assess your new year resolutions and fitness goals. Consumer Protection is your cheer squad.

For more information on the Fitness Industry Code of Practice visit:

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/publications/was-fitness-code>

If your fitness service provider is breaching the code, call 1300 30 40 54, email consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au or visit consumerprotection.wa.gov.au.

WA Federal MP's & Senators must support introduction of new vaping laws

Cancer Council WA is urging the WA community to contact [their Federal MP or Senator](#) asking them to support the introduction of new vaping laws that will assist in putting an end to the current teen vaping epidemic. Ashley Reid, Cancer Council WA's CEO, states that Federal politicians need to hear first-hand the devastating effects that vaping is having on young people.

- The figures for teen vaping are staggering. Between 2019 - 2023, vaping increased five-fold among teenagers aged 14 to 17 years
- The Federal Government plans to introduce a draft law, which, if passed, will end the domestic manufacture, supply, advertising, and commercial possession of non-therapeutic vapes
- This means people with a medical prescription would still be able to buy vapes from a pharmacy, but they would no longer be in easy reach for kids and teens
- As vaping has become more common, schools are grappling with disruptive behavioural issues and how best to support students who have unwittingly become addicted to nicotine
- We know that vaping poses serious health risks, including nicotine addiction, poisoning, seizures, burns and acute lung injuries from inhaling harmful chemicals.

Whether you are a parent, teacher, health professional or concerned member of the public, we have all witnessed the insidious uptake of vaping by young people in our community. Now is the perfect time to tell decision makers that enough is enough. We urge the WA community to download the [Cancer Council letter template](#) and email their Federal MP or Senator to let them know why this issue is so important.

Registrations are now open for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea 2024



This year in May, Cancer Council's **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea** turns 31! People are being encouraged to gather friends, family or workmates for "a cuppa and a bite to eat" whilst raising money to fund cancer research, new treatments and education, all to save precious lives.

This year our signature event aims to raise more than \$1.5 million to continue with life-saving cancer research, prevention, advocacy and support programs. Since it began in 1993, Cancer Council's generous community of supporters across Australia have raised more than \$224 million by hosting morning tea events. Whichever way you choose to celebrate Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, every dollar raised will make a huge difference.

Remember, 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. Anyone unable to host a morning tea can still get involved by donating directly to Cancer Council via biggestmorningtea.com.au.



Rural Aid Counselling Service

Rural Aid's counsellors are based across Australia. Our counsellors are qualified and nationally recognised. We can connect with you via telephone or in person. **Rural Aid** counsellors regularly travel to properties for 'farm gate' sessions.

The benefits of counselling can include improved communication between you and your family, increased confidence, stronger boundaries, trauma and grief support, and finding solutions to personal challenges as a team.

Farmers, their family members, and their employees can access this free service. Retired and hobby farmers are also eligible.

Counselling line:

1300 175 594 | ruralaid.org.au/counsellors

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Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



PHCC Working Together
Peel-Harvey Catchment Council

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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.



Rabbit control - What you can do

European rabbits have a huge impact on the natural environment and agricultural activities. It is estimated that rabbits cost Australian Agriculture \$216 million in production losses each year. Rabbits are one of the most widely distributed and abundant animals in Australia. They have a rapid rate of reproduction with a female rabbit becoming sexually mature at just 4 months of age and they can have 5 or more litters per year with up to 5 young in each litter.

To control rabbits on your property you first need to assess and understand the problem and to plan your control methods. There are a number of control methods to choose from including warren destruction, ground shooting, 1080 baiting, RHDV1-K5 rabbit virus release and trapping. Warren destruction can be quite effective as rabbits depend on warrens to shelter from the heat and to provide protection from predators. There is no silver bullet for rabbit control, control efforts need to be coordinated and ongoing with the greatest success achieved when neighbouring property owners are involved.

The Pestsmart website has some great resources on rabbits and their control including the comprehensive Glovebox Guide which is available on their website or you can pop into PHCC's Boddington Office for your free copy.

Link: <https://pestsmart.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/03/CISS-Glovebox-Guide-Rabbit-web.pdf>



Image: European rabbit, DAFWA

River restoration works commence

Pumphreys Bridge and Williams River Restoration site works have commenced and are anticipated to be completed by the end of March, 2024.

With over 5 years of consultation, planning and collaboration with stakeholders and we are excited to begin the initial stages of restoration work at two of the priority sites, Pumphreys Bridge and Williams River.

Be sure to keep an eye out for updates on social media. PHCC will keep the community up to date with the projects' progress and share with you each milestone as they occur.



Rehabilitation material at Pumphreys Bridge and Williams
Rocks kindly donated by Newmont

Coming up...

Mulloon Institute Landscape Planner Lance Mudgway and PHCC are holding an interactive workshop on Landscape Hydration.

This workshop will be held on Thursday 21 March at 9am.

Register to secure your place: <https://peel-harvey.org.au/events/landscape-rehydration-workshop-quindanning/>



Thursday 21 March 2024 | 9am - 12 noon | Morning tea provided | Quindanning | RSVP essential



This Regenerative Agriculture event is made possible thanks to RegenWA and funding from Lotteryst and NAB Foundation. Community Grant RegenWA is powered by the Perth NRM Collective Impact Program with funding from Lotteryst and Communities.

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





18 March 2024

COOK LABOR GOVERNMENT DESERTS LIVE SHEEP EXPORT INDUSTRY

Premier Roger Cook has deserted farmers and shown his true intentions after admitting in Parliament last week to talks with Federal Agriculture Minister Murray Watt to end the live sheep export industry.

Deputy Nationals WA Leader and Member for Roe Peter Rundle MLA asked the Premier in Question Time last week to explain why the Minister for Agriculture had been in secret talks with Canberra around a transition package for farmers.

“Instead of fighting for WA farmers and ensuring our \$132 million live export industry continues, the Premier confirmed the State Government has been meeting with the Federal Government around plans to shut down the industry.

“Members of the Labor Party also denigrated Parliament, making loud animal noises when questioned about their support for live export until they were chastened by the Speaker,” Mr Rundle said.

“It was an absolutely disgraceful response from the Premier and further proof that the Cook Labor Government is no friend to our live export sector or our primary producers.”

Mr Rundle called on the Premier to sack the Minister for Agriculture for her failure to stand up to Canberra and support live export.

“The Minister refused to stand up and demand the Prime Minister meet with representatives from the live export sector during his recent visit to WA, and the Minister was also silent during the MV Bahijah debacle,” Mr Rundle said.

Candidate for Central Wheatbelt Lachlan Hunter said WA farmers deserved better than an arrogant and dismissive Labor Government. “I attended several of the live export forums around regional WA in recent weeks, and farmers are frustrated by the lack of support they have received from the Cook Labor Government,” Mr Hunter said.

“The decision to close down the live export trade threatens hundreds of jobs in WA, and will have disastrous flow on effects to our sheep and wool industry, and potentially to our cattle exports as well.”

Mr Hunter also called on the Federal Government to release its Independent Panel Report into the phasing out of live sheep, which was completed in 2023.

“It’s becoming more and more obvious that Labor doesn’t want to release it’s so called scientific and economic evidence behind closing the live export trade because it simply doesn’t exist.”

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Lachlan HUNTER

Nationals for Central Wheatbelt

MEDIA RELEASE



(Leader of The Nationals, Hon David Littleproud MP, and Deputy Leader of the Opposition and The Nationals WA, Mr Peter Rundle MLA in Katanning)



(Mr Peter Boyle, sheep farmer in York with Lachlan Hunter, Nationals candidate for Central Wheatbelt)

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THE NATIONALS
for Regional WA



19 March 2024

THE NATIONALS WA SUPPORT LAW-ABIDING FIREARM OWNERS

The Nationals WA have opposed the new Firearms Act 2024 proposed by the Cook Labor Government.

Lachlan Hunter, The Nationals WA candidate for Central Wheatbelt, said The Nationals WA had taken a common sense approach to assessing the legislation and would not support it in the current form. "The changes lack proper justification or evidence, and ignores recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission, which conducted an in-depth review of the existing legislation," said Mr Hunter.

"Despite the assertions made by the Police Minister, these laws will not effectively reduce gun crime. Instead, Labor's persistent attacks and fearmongering have made law-abiding firearm owners feel like criminals."

While The Nationals WA supported certain aspects of the Bill, they have expressed significant concerns about several provisions affecting regional stakeholders, as well as sporting and recreational shooters.

"Arbitrary limits on firearm ownership, minimum standards of trade for dealerships that may impact small businesses, license categories that only permit owners to perform only one activity per firearm and unintended consequences from the introduction of mandatory health checks are issues we are seeking clarification on in the legislation," Mr Hunter said.

Hon Mia Davies, Member for Central Wheatbelt, said the Government was once again taking an arrogant approach to legislation.

"Last week Labor voted against our motion to send the legislation to a committee for review," Ms Davies said.

"This Government believes they've got the Bill perfect, yet over the last four years they've had to patch up 21 pieces of their own legislation after they've introduced them to Parliament.

"The Legislation Committee has looked at just one Bill in the last three years, and on that occasion, they found the Government had introduced the legislation into the wrong House!"

Ms Davies said The Nationals WA would oppose the legislation saying law-abiding firearm owners should not be penalised because the Labor Government has lost control of law and order in the State.

"This is a significant reform for the State and the Government should be using every avenue to get the legislation right," she said.

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Could your organisation benefit from some financial assistance?

Applications for the Shire's financial assistance grants program can be submitted all year, the closing date being the 30th of May each year. These will be considered at the June Ordinary Council Meeting.

Minor Community Grants (up to \$2,000) which may be used for any purpose, including minor building construction, maintenance or repair, equipment purchases or hire, events or functions, relief from Council fees and charges etc.

Major Community Grants (\$2000+) which may be used for any purpose, but are generally provided for purposes such as building purchase or construction, purchase of equipment, ground-works etc.

All applications should be made on the appropriate forms available from the website, or collect one from the Shire office.

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:

09/04/2024

23/04/2024

Ranger

24 hours / 7 days

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Australia Post stamp price increase

Please be advised stamps are increasing in price from \$1.20 to \$1.50 as of the 3rd of April. This increase does not affect the concession stamps. A booklet of five stamps will still cost \$3.00 and the seasonal greeting card price will remain at 65 cents each.



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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 15th February 2024 the following was discussed:

- Shire of Wandering Policy Manual Review
- Wandering Town Dams 1 & 2-Grant of Easement
- Wandering 150 Year Celebrations Working Group
- Financial Report February 2024
- Accounts for Payment February 2024

To read the entire agenda or minutes please go to our website www.wandering.wa.gov.au

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

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

Wandering Town Dams

Council are one step closer securing the Water Corporation dams which will ensure water supply for the community oval.

Wandering's 150th Year Celebration

A working group has been formed for the upcoming 150th celebrations for Wandering, with the initial meeting taking place on Monday 11th March.

Brendan Whitely was elected Chairperson. The other working group members are Judith Price, Bruce Dowsett, Sheryl Little, Stephen Bullock and Stephanie Cornish.

On behalf of Council and the Community we thank you for volunteering to make this event a success.

Watch this space and keep an eye on our Facebook page for any updates.





Have you registered your dog / cat?
We get regular calls from people who
have found dogs roaming, please
register your pets so we can return
them to you as soon as possible



Dog owners are required by law to
have all dogs over the age of three
months registered with Local Councils.
Registrations are also valid throughout
Western Australia so you can
transfer your dog registration to
another Council if you choose to move
home or location.



In November 2013, the Cat Act 2011 took effect.
The Act requires all cats that have reached six
months of age to be microchipped, sterilised and
registered with the relevant Local Government.



Restricted Burning Period - 22 February 2024 to 19 April 2024 inclusive

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

Burn With Care - 20 April 2024 to 30 September 2024 No Permit Required

Due to unseasonal weather conditions these dates may be extended or shortened. You must check with the Shire of Wandering 6828 1800 for details.

Please call 000 in an emergency



Wandering Lions.

Wandering Lions have recently had their office bearer nominations put forward and accepted. Office bearers will take up their positions upon the changeover night event in July at which the Wandering club will host our neighbouring Lions from Boddington.

This is a great night with much fellowship the exchange of ideas and comarardery.

Wandering Lion's office bearers nominated for the year '24/'25 are as follows:

President, Gillian Hansen, Secretary, Stephen Bullock and Treasurer, Vanessa Ward.

First V. President, Bob Little and second V. President, Peter Warburton.

Lions are an International organization and support a wide range of research institutions, charities and local needs.

Wandering Lions have been a very successful club formed in 1979 and featured strongly in the community ever since.

All clubs, particularly service clubs will have their members move on or retire and this is a something we manage by recruiting members who are community minded and comfortable supporting local events.

Wandering Lions is a very satisfying and progressive club celebrating a broad membership, enjoying comradeship and achievement.

New members are always very welcome.

If you are interested in joining contact a local Lion or secretary Stephen Bullock. 0428251979



Locals for Environmental Action and Protection (LEAP)

More local meetings...and upcoming submissions...

LEAP held community meetings in Wandering & Williams over the weekend, which were well supported and pro-active. It's so important that everyone who lives in our gorgeous part of the world are privvy to what is happening right on our doorstep!!



The maps of the proposed expansion are always a hot topic, but also this week, many residents learnt for the first time about a works approval being assessed by the EPA regarding construction of 2 HUGE mobile crushers and an oily-water separator within cooee of town and the Hotham River. Stakeholder consultation has apparently been covered, but no-one we spoke to had heard anything about it. There is still time for anyone concerned about dust, noise, water pollution, rights to a healthy environment to comment, with comments closing 29th March. The link to follow is <http://www.der.wa.gov.au/.../licences.../lwa-applications> and you should see the application listed (W6887/2024/1).

It is interesting to note that in the application, the box was ticked for 'no breaches, in Australia or elsewhere'. These headlines tell another story.

The collage consists of several overlapping screenshots from various news sources:

- ABC News (top left):** "South32 agrees to record payout after admitting to draining drinking water without a licence".
- ABC News (top middle):** "South32's legal Wollongong creek discharge 'exceeds safe levels' of heavy metals, scientist says".
- Technology.com (top right):** "Mining Technology" section.
- ABC News (middle left):** "South32 Dendrobium coal mine fined \$15,000 for pumping sludge into Mount Kembla creek".
- Mining Weekly (middle right):** "South32 to pay \$2.9m for diverting drinking water to coal mine without licence for five year".
- Mining Weekly (bottom middle):** "South32 ordered to undertake community water project in NSW".
- ABC News (bottom left):** "Residents recorded the environmental impacts of the coal sludge on Brandy and Water Creeks. (ABC)".

Text overlays on the right side of the collage include:

- "member today to get instant access to our top analyst recommendations, in-depth research, investing resources, and more. [Learn More](#)"
- "The South32 Ltd (ASX: S32) share price struggled today amid reports that dust from the company's Gemco mine could be causing 'concerning' levels of manganese in nearby residents."
- "According to reporting by ABC News, the Anindilyakwa Land Council – representing the traditional owners of Groote Eyland, an island in Arnhem Land – is working with South32 to lessen the dust coming from the manganese mine."
- "As of Tuesday's close, the South32 share price is \$3.66, 1.08% lower than it was at the end of Monday's session."

Contact us:
leap4locals@outlook.com or join us on FB 'Locals for Environmental Action & Protection (LEAP)'.

Stock Crossing

Do you Know the Technical Guidelines

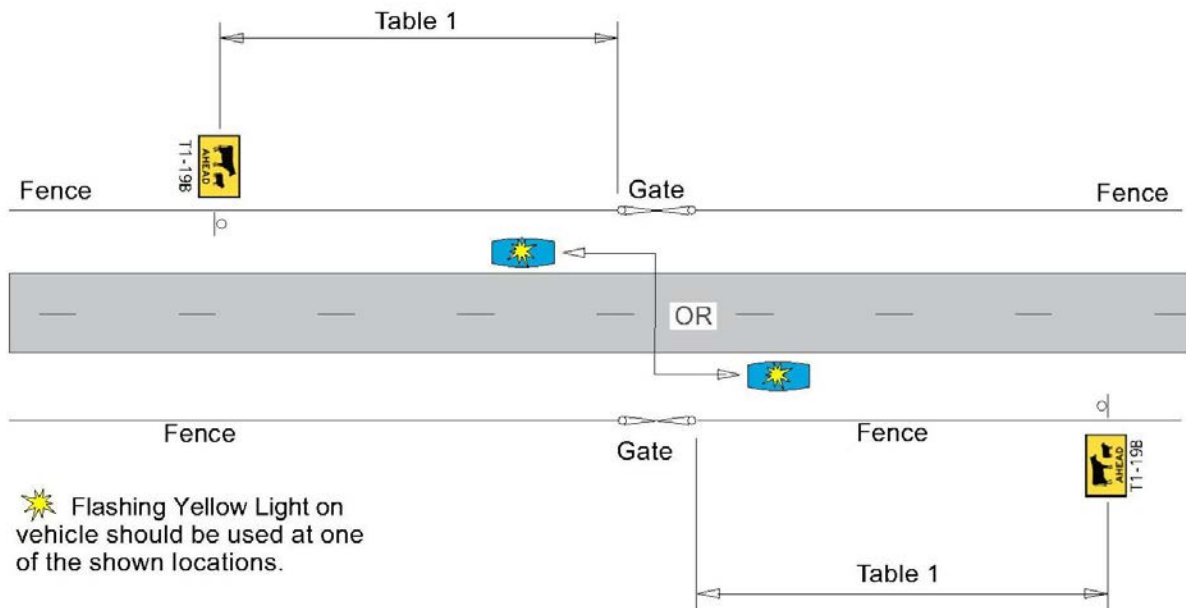
General

The removal or covering of stock crossing signs when not in use is mandatory. Signs that are displayed while not in use may bring all signing into disrepute and may result in motorists disregarding important warnings. Signs should be covered such that they are not visible in all light conditions.

Reasonable Warning

Stock Crossings with Sight Distance Greater than 300 Metres.

Where a stock crossing is located such that approaching motorists can see the stock crossing point from more than 300m away, signing should be as per Figure below:



Typical Stock Crossing Site

The crossing should desirably not be used when sun glare will interfere with drivers' view of the traffic signs or stock on the road.

Where stock movements are adjacent to or encompass an intersection, STOCK AHEAD and ON SIDE ROAD signs should be used on the side roads, to alert motorists entering the road that there is stock on the road.

The location of the STOCK AHEAD sign should be based on posted speed limit which determines distance from the stock crossing as shown in Table Below:

Posted Speed Limit km / hr	Minimum Spacing Distance
60	120 m
70	120 m
80	180 m
90	180 m
100	250 m
110 / State Limit	250 m

The signs and any flashing yellow lights should be displayed or installed immediately prior to the stock being driven on to the road reserve and covered or removed as soon as the stock are no longer in the road reserve, as per Section 6.1. of Main Roads Western Australia Road Traffic Code 2000



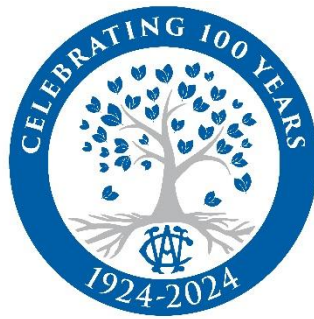
"STOCK AHEAD"

T1-19B

'B' Sign Size: 1200 x 900mm

Please go to Main Roads web site below for more information:

<https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/technical-commercial/technical-library/road-traffic-engineering/roadside-items/stock-crossings/>



COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
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Wandering CWA

With our first few branch meetings under our belts, as well as our AGM,
we are ready for another year filled with friendship and support,
food and crafting and everything in between!

And we would like to begin by confirming our office bearers for the year ahead;

Wandering CWA 2024 Office Bearers

President – Jacquie Cornish

Vice President – Deonne Kingsford

Secretary – Neta Parker

Treasurer (Acting) – Starr Cornish

And we would also like to extend a great big welcome to our new branch members;
Deonne, Lee, Linda and Michelle!



If you would like to know more about the
Wandering branch of the CWA, please feel free to join us at our
meetings held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the CWA Rooms,
Watts Street in Wandering from 11am.

Next meeting of the Wandering CWA

Wednesday 17 April 2024

11am meeting

with morning tea to follow

(please note the change of meeting time!)

Everyone welcome!



Find us on 
Wandering CWA

I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot;
together we can do great things.
Mother Teresa

1. TRANSPORT AND WORKS REPORT

CAPITAL WORKS:

BLACKSPOT-INTERSECTION YORK WILLIAMS ROAD

Seal now completed, waiting online marking, and some new signage.

Before



After



MAINTENANCE GENERAL:

Bitumen Patching

Road patching has been also completed along Wandering-Pingelly Road, Fourteen Mile Road and, Crossman Dwarda Road. There is still some holes and edges to be filled but will require traffic management to be safe while completing the works.

Drainage Works

Drainage maintenance has been carried out on the following:

- North Wandering Road
- Moramocking Road
- Cheetanning Street
- York Williams Road
- Deans Road
- Bannister Road

Bridge Repairs

The emergency repairs on Wandering Narrogin bridge (0425) are now complete. The next repair is on Carabin bridge (3066).



Maintenance Grading

Roads Graded this Month

Bannister Rd

Kubbine Rd

Ricks Rd

Stevens Rd

York Williams Rd

Moramocking Road

Dwarda East Road

Fourteen Mile Brook Road

Nth Wandering Road

Noombling Norrine Road

Oleary Road

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COMMUNITY GROUPS

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The Wandering Crafters meet at the CRC weekly on Thursdays from 9am

New members welcome.

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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

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

Mia DAVIES MLA

MEMBER FOR CENTRAL WHEATBELT



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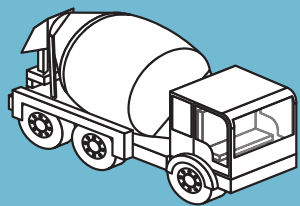
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 2024

9AM | TUESDAY 9TH
PUMPHREY'S CWA MEETING

2PM | WEDNESDAY 10TH
KIDS MOVIE & POPCORN

7PM | THURSDAY 11TH
LIONS CLUB MEETING

10.30AM | TUESDAY 16TH
HARVEST ME GARDEN WORKSHOPS

11AM | WEDNESDAY 17TH
WANDERING CWA

10 AM | THURSDAY 18TH
SCAMS AWARENESS WORKSHOP

3.30PM | THURSDAY 18TH
COUNCIL MEETING

3.30PM | MONDAY 22ND
KIDS HEALTHY EATING & ACTIVITY PROGRAM STARTS

5.45AM | THURSDAY 25TH
ANZAC SERVICE

Regular Events

Friday evenings: Tennis & Bowls

Thursday morning - Craft Group @ CRC

Monday morning - Virtual Village @ CRC

Wednesday - 8.45am - Exercise Class @ Community Centre