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To Our Monthly Community Newsletter

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Phone: 08 9884 1561

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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>





Hastings Fire December 2024

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As a GP working in the Wheatbelt since 1998 I have watched this country become significantly worse.

The main parties all seem to be taking us down the wrong path, and it's time for us to fight for what's right for all of us.

If you'd like to meet up please get in touch. The election is on 8th March, so let's get ready.

Dr Peter Lines

One Nation candidate Central Wheatbelt District
WA Legislative Assembly



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REMEMBRANCE DAY 2024

The Wandering community commemorated Remembrance Day 2024 with a one minute silence and then laying of the wreaths by the Wandering War Memorial.





WANDERING CRC SERVICES

Our Services:

- ✓ Photocopying, scanning and printing, laminating
- ✓ Public library
- ✓ Public WiFi – free use
- ✓ Meeting Space
- ✓ Coffee café
- ✓ Public computer access
- ✓ Equipment hire – outdoor movie cinema, popcorn machine, projector, laminator, Electronic Livestock Scanners
- ✓ Visitor & Tourism Information
- ✓ Department of Transport Services
- ✓ Access to Government Services
- ✓ Wandering Echo Newsletter
- ✓ Special Events – See Calender
- ✓ Vinyl Cutting
- ✓ Wandering Collective
- ✓ Video Conferencing
- ✓ I-PAD & Lap top loan
- ✓ Wandering Community Garden



Phone:

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18 Watts Street, Wandering WA 6308

Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm





Please join us for the annual

Wandering CWA



Community Christmas Tree

in conjunction with the

**Wandering Primary School
Presentation Night**

Friday 6 December

- * Wandering Community Centre
- * School Presentation Night begins at 5.30pm
- * Santa Arrives at 6.30pm
- * Dinner provided free of charge and to be served after Santa from approx. 7pm
- * Sausage Sizzle, Cold Drinks Only
- * Raffle being held on the Night



All festive presents, which we encourage to be to a maximum of \$20,
are to be delivered to the Wandering CRC
by no later than Wednesday 4 December

- * Please ensure all gifts are clearly labelled with name and age *

This is a Smoke and Alcohol Free Community Event





CODING WORKSHOP



**WE ARE SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF
INTEREST!**

**After-school CODING WORKSHOP program
Term 1 of 2025.**

This is a 10 week course. Snack and drink provided.

Tuesdays @ 3:00PM - 4:00PM at the CRC
\$70per child for the term. Payable in advance.

We would be keen to hear from you, please email -
marina.corkery@wandering.wa.gov.au/ Ph: 089884 1561
for further details.



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Farming Services Info Session



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to those who attended our recent informative session on sustainable practices for land management. It was truly a pleasure to have such an engaged and passionate group of local farmers and community members come together to learn and share insights.

A special thank you to our guest speakers from the Peel Harvey Catchment, the Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development, DFES, and our own Max Watts, for their valuable contributions. Your expertise and dedication to sustainable land management are inspiring, and we are grateful for your time and effort.

We hope that the information shared will be useful in supporting your ongoing work in land management, and we look forward to continuing to work together for the betterment of our farming community.

Sundowner

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO JOINED US AT THE PRE-HARVEST SUNDOWNER AT THE WANDERING COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE. IT WAS A FANTASTIC EVENING OF GREAT COMPANY, DELICIOUS REFRESHMENTS, AND OF COURSE, PLENTY OF FARM TALK!

WE WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS FROM CARBON SYNC AND WORKSAFE SHARE THEIR VALUABLE INSIGHTS WITH US, AND WE HOPE YOU FOUND THEIR PRESENTATIONS BOTH INFORMATIVE AND INSPIRING AS WE GEAR UP FOR THE HARVEST SEASON.



Fundraiser

Fundraising for Breast Cancer Care WA & CureCancer

Auction

BBQ

Live Music

Kids Activities

Saturday 18th January 2025

from 3pm

Wandering Tavern

To donate items for the auction or for further info contact
Alana Rosenthal 0429 961 697 alanarosenthal@hotmail.com



**General Waste and Recycle Collection
Christmas Week 2024**

There will be no changes to the collections within the
Shire during the week of Christmas 2024, bins will be collected as per normal.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact our office. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your custom and wish you the best for the festive season.

Yours Faithfully,
Avon Waste.

2025 Wandering AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION

Community Breakfast

7am

Sunday 26th January 2025

Wandering Community Centre

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.





Christmas CRAFT



WEDNESDAY

18 DECEMBER | 11.00 AM

WANDERING CRC
18 WATTS STREET WANDERING



**\$15.00 PER CHILD
(INCLUDES CRAFT KIT,
SNACK & DRINK)**

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact us on:

Ph: 089884 1561 or Email:
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WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

Give Credit Where Credit Is Due – What Are Our Expectations?

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
December 2024

The world operates on the back of the people who show up! This saying is so true, and we see it in action throughout so many of the amazing communities we visit in regional, rural and remote Western Australia. Our small but durable communities are filled with individuals that have a huge capacity to endure the multiple challenges of working and living in the bush. That's why it's especially important to recognize our community champions who go above and beyond to keep things ticking over so everyone can enjoy a bit of work/life balance in their patch. We all do things daily without expecting a pat on the back, but it's not hard to show a little appreciation to those who spread themselves too thin.

A field known as *Positive Psychology* (focusing on one's strengths) has come up with findings that this aids in increasing wisdom, satisfaction and a sense of purpose. It's common sense really: how good do we feel when someone tells us we have done a good job?

There are three main areas where we can have a direct influence and use some positive psychology: in our family lives, in and around our working lives and in our community groups (sporting clubs, rotary/men's sheds, church groups).

The interesting thing is that it's almost a social and personal expectation to continually commit ourselves to our family, working, and community lives, and rightly so. These are all important areas and putting time and effort in gives us satisfaction.

Getting the balance right, however, between these three commitments is tough, especially when *expectations* are not understood. In the work we do we come across a lot of misunderstanding and distress caused by individuals not communicating what their expectations are. For example, a husband and wife discussing personal versus relationship expectations, a parent and teenager discussing boundaries, a boss and staff member discussing working conditions/priorities, and/or a footy coach discussing positions/roles within his team.

Some simple tips:

- Challenge negative thoughts and behaviours; is this helpful to me and my situation or only going to make it worse?
- I can't control what happens around me, but I can choose how I respond to things.
- Focus on and encourage the positive things in ourselves and others. Studies have shown that gratitude is linked to positive emotions, satisfaction and overall wellbeing.
- Provide feedback in private. Best and fairest, employee of the month and the school certificate presented in front of all our peers is fine, but to give someone individual feedback and let them know they're doing a great job will have a longer lasting impact.
- People can't hear what we don't say. Express our feelings and expectations and be willing to not only discuss these but we may need to be open to negotiation.

Having high expectations can be positive. They can help us grow as individuals and/or as a collective, reach achievements and hit our targets. However, many of us can also take this too far. We can easily become cynical about ourselves and others, especially when it comes to making mistakes. Shaming and blaming doesn't help! Look for the strengths in others and yourself and don't forget to give credit where credit is due.



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Working with Warriors Podcast

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THINK LOCAL.
VOTE NATIONAL.



Water supply in a bushfire

This information could save your life



While leaving high-risk bushfires is the safest option, if you plan to stay and defend your home, you must have an **INDEPENDENT** water supply and pumping capability. This typically requires water tanks of at least 20,000 litres, pump and generator.

This is required as mains water supply and pressure cannot be guaranteed during a bushfire due to the risk of power cuts, fire damage and extreme demand.

Use the Department of Fire and Emergency Services resources to develop your personal bushfire plan: mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au
You can also download the My Bushfire Plan app via the App Store or Google Play to access your bushfire plan anytime - even without an internet connection.

To support bushfire plans, if you have groundwater bore access to surface water, you can take and store emergency water without it counting against your annual entitlement. For more information on this, and for the location of emergency bushfire water supplies in dryland agricultural areas, visit the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation website.

Drinking water

We recommend you keep a supply of drinking water on hand throughout summer in case your water supply is interrupted.

Assistance for customers affected by bushfire

After a bushfire, we can assist you with issues such as damaged water meters and payment difficulties. If you have been affected by bushfire please call us on **13 13 85**.

The Emergency WA website emergency.wa.gov.au provides emergency information and community safety warnings. Call **000** in a life-threatening emergency or the SES **132 500** for emergency assistance.



Wandering Christmas Service



Sun 22 Dec 2024

2pm start

at St Martin's

All are welcome to come and
Celebrate the Birth of the Saviour!



**Singing, Bible readings, Prayer
& Christmas Arvo Tea**



www.gatewayparish.org



Shire Opening Hours for the Festive Season

The Shire and CRC will close at 12pm on Tuesday 24th of December.

Please note the Shire office will be open for Australia Post services only as follows:

Wednesday 25 December CLOSED (Christmas Day)

Thursday 26 December CLOSED (Boxing Day)

Friday 27 December CLOSED

Monday 30 December 10am – 2pm

Tuesday 31 December 10am – 2pm

Wednesday 1 January 2025 CLOSED (Public Holiday)

Thursday 2 January 2025 – Shire/Aus Post open as per normal 8.30am to 4.30pm



Thursday 2 January 2025 - CRC open as per normal 9.00am to 4.00pm

A few staff will be available for emergencies, undertaking rubbish removal and watering of plants over this period.

For any emergencies during this time, **please phone 000**

For fuel station issues or urgent works requests phone 0403 110 833 or 0429 684 217

For ranger issues please phone 0459 678 154

The Councillors and Staff at the Shire of Wandering would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year!

Opening Hours

Shire Office

(including Australia Post agency)
9am to 4.30pm weekdays
(SEE XMAS OPENING HOURS OPPOSITE)

CRC (including Department of Transport agency)

9am to 4pm Monday to Thursday
(SEE XMAS OPENING HOURS OPPOSITE)
all closed on public holidays

Transfer Station

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

Waste Collection

Every Tuesday

Recycling Dates:

3/12/2024

17/12/2024

31/12/2024

Ranger

24 hours / 7 days

Letters for Santa

Don't forget to post your Santa Letters into the **BIG RED POST BOX** outside of the shire office by the 20th of December.

Make sure your name and address/post box number is on the front of your letter so Santa knows where to send your letter.



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Shire President's Christmas Message

My message 12 months ago included the terrible conflict in some parts of the world and as you all know this continues leaving unbelievable destruction, death, hunger, health concerns and utter misery for many in those countries. When will those communities be able to return to a calm and acceptable life with their homes and infrastructure rebuilt? All this continues while we prepare for our annual festive season in Australia and more particularly at home here in Wandering. Not wanting to diminish these celebrations in any way, it is worth giving a few moments of thought for those far less fortunate than ourselves. How do we preserve this social environment that we love and enjoy? Perhaps it starts right here in our own community by continuing to develop a culture of respect and fairness.

The 2024 year has been particularly busy for your Council and many of our community. The extremely successful celebration of our 150th year of Local Government was appreciated by many who attended over the two days. I particularly thank the small working group for the many hours and dedication put into the planning of this project, while not underestimating the great contribution by many community members. I thought the creation of the history boards was excellent and a great way to begin accumulating and storing facts from Wandering's past. The Community Centre upgrade continues with the completion hopefully on track for next year.

The Christmas holiday break will be appreciated by all the Shire staff with the various extra events held and the continuation of normal annual operations both in the office and outside. I thank them for all their effort. I often observed some staff contributing above and beyond what is expected. Thank you. It has been a challenging year for Councillors and no doubt a few weeks without meetings is well deserved. I thank them for their many hours served before, at and following meetings as well as on the various committees.

To date our summer has been mild, however please be very fire conscious and careful on our roads particularly as harvest is now well underway. Failure to take the appropriate care can lead to outcomes not fit for a restful and festive period. Over the early months of the coming year Council will be keen to hear your vision of a future Wandering Shire so that we can begin to update our community direction where necessary. I wish you all an enjoyable Christmas and New Year period that will see you return full of enthusiasm.

Enjoy the festive period,

Ian Turton, Shire President.

Council Meeting Dates 2024

- 15 February 2024
- 21 March 2024
- 18 April 2024
- 16 May 2024
- 20 June 2024
- 18 July 2023
- 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 21st November 2024 the following was discussed:

- Draft Plans—Amenities Upgrade
- Financial Report October 2024
- Accounts for Payment October 2024
- Reports from Councillors

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

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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

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 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

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

If you are stuck for a Christmas gift idea why not call into the Shire office and purchase a gift voucher from Australia Post? We stock a HUGE range of vouchers suitable for everyone.



Cash out is available at the counter (most banks) and of course stamps for your Christmas cards.



Could Your Organisation Benefit From Some Financial Assistance?

Applications for the Shire's financial assistance grants program can be submitted year round, but will close on the 30th of May each year and be considered at the June Ordinary Council Meeting.

There are two categories available:

Minor Community Grants (up to \$2,000)

Major Community Grants (\$2000+)



Shire Rates Due Dates

The next instalments dates are as follows:

If you are paying in four instalments, your third instalment is due by 02/01/2025 and the final instalment by 03/03/2025.

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

OFFICE CLOSURE 9am–10am

Please be advised that the Shire office and the CRC will be opening at 10am on Tuesday 10th December.

Apologies for any inconvenience.



Media release

20 November 2024

WA eID Tag Incentive Payment extended to 2025

The Western Australian Tag Incentive Payment (TIP) discount will be extended to include 2025 white electronic identification (eID) tags to support the State's sheep and goat producers transition to the new national traceability system.

The first step in the phased introduction of the mandatory system in WA will commence on 1 January 2025, moving to full operation by 1 July 2026.

The system is being introduced to enable traceability and enhance a rapid response to an emergency animal disease or food safety incident, as well as underpin valuable trade relationships and export markets.

Since the TIP scheme inception in April 2023, more than 4 million eID tags have been sold under the WA program, administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).

The 75 cent discount per eID tag will remain unchanged for all National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) accredited white eID tags from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

Each eID tag contains a microchip that is read via a scanning wand or panel reader, which is uploaded to the NLIS database to record an individual animal's movements between Property Identification Codes.

DPIRD Chief Veterinary Officer Michelle Rodan commended producers on their uptake of the new eID tags, which she said would aid a smooth transition to the new mandatory system.

"The early adoption has enabled industry to start using the eID technology and test the complete system before it becomes mandatory," Dr Rodan said.

"I congratulate WA producers who have been proactive in adopting the eID tags and moving to better protect their businesses and the broader industry from the impact of an emergency animal disease."

Under the staged implementation of the scheme in WA, sheep and goats born from 1 January 2025 onward will be required to be fitted with a year-of-birth eID tag.

Those born before 1 January 2025 will require an eID tag when departing any property or facility from 1 July 2026.

Visual tags for stock born prior to 1 January 2025 can still be used for movement purposes until 1 July 2026.

Saleyards and abattoirs will be required to scan any eID tagged sheep and goats from 1 July 2025.

The WA eID system will come into full operation by 1 July 2026, when all sheep and goats will be required to be eID tagged before leaving the property and scanned at the point of arrival.

For more information about the Tag Incentive Payment visit www.agric.wa.gov.au/EID-sheep-and-goats.

ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?



PHONE-BASED SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH:

LIFELINE - 13 11 14

BEYOND BLUE - 1300 224 636

HERE FOR YOU - 1800 437 348

SUICIDE CALLBACK SERVICE - 1300 659 467

1800RESPECT - 1800 737 732 (Family & Domestic Violence)

RURAL LINK - 1800 552 002

MENSLINE - 1300 789 978

13YARN - 13 92 76

PHONE-BASED SUPPORT FOR ALCOHOL & DRUG USE:

ALCOHOL & DRUG (AOD) SUPPORT LINE - 1800 198 024

(AOD) PARENT & FAMILY SUPPORT LINE - 1800 653 203

METH HELPLINE - 1800 874 878

GAMBLING HELP ONLINE - 1800 858 858

WEB-BASED SUPPORT:

LIFELINE - www.lifeline.org.au

BEYOND BLUE - www.beyondblue.org.au

MENSLINE - www.mensline.org.au

1800RESPECT - www.1800respect.org.au



IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY CALL 000

How the Financial Information Service can help

The Financial Information Service (FIS) provides free, independent and confidential education and information.

FIS is available to everyone, including people who are:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- from a culturally and linguistically diverse background (CALD), including migrants and refugees
- living in a rural or remote area
- young, including students starting work
- older and considering retirement or accessing aged care
- women returning to the workforce.

FIS can help you make informed decisions about your finances. We can also refer you to other services and groups that can help.

What FIS can't do

- FIS Officers aren't financial planners, advisers or counsellors.
- They won't tell you how to invest your money.
- They can't deal with other agencies or businesses for you.
- They don't make decisions about your government payments.

How money works in Australia

FIS can help you understand how money works in Australia.

You can get information online or talk to a FIS Officer. They can show you how finances and government services work together and how you can improve your situation.

What FIS can do for you

- Explain the following and how they work together:
 - social security
 - tax
 - wages and salary
 - superannuation
 - budgeting
 - credit, loans and debt
 - investments, risks and returns.
- Help you understand how these can work for you and what your options are.



Australian Government



Services
Australia

Taking control of your money when you start work

FIS can give you information about building your financial future when you start or return to work.

You can get information online or talk to a FIS Officer. They can show you different ways to build up your savings and achieve your money goals.

What FIS can do for you

- Help you understand:
 - how to budget and save money
 - how working affects your payments and benefits
 - superannuation and why it's important
 - how income tax is worked out
 - different types of loans and how to use credit well
 - different types of financial investments, risks and returns.

Making your lump sum payment work for you

FIS can help you understand your options when you get a lump sum. This can be an inheritance, a compensation payment or a redundancy.

You can get information online or talk to a FIS Officer. They can show you different ways to use your money to build a more secure future.

What FIS can do for you

- Help you understand how different types of lump sum payments may affect Centrelink payments.
- Talk to you about the different options to use your lump sum including:
 - investing
 - superannuation
 - providing an income.

Planning to retire well

FIS can talk to you about your retirement options. FIS can help you plan no matter when you plan to retire, tomorrow or in 20 years.

You can get information online or talk to a FIS Officer. They can show you ways to build a stronger financial future in retirement.

What FIS can do for you

- Help you understand different options to get your money working for you when you retire, like:
 - superannuation
 - income streams
 - annuities
 - allocated pensions.
- Explain how financial products work with government payments.
- Discuss your options for accommodation and downsizing.
- Discuss what to look for when choosing financial experts and how to use the information they give you.

Understanding aged care costs

FIS can help you understand your options to fund your aged care.

You can get information online or talk to a FIS Officer. They can explain how aged care costs are worked out. They can talk to you about home care, respite care and residential aged care costs.

What FIS can do for you

- Help you understand how the aged care system works.
- Explain the meaning of financial words used in aged care.
- Explain the aged care fees you can expect.
- Explain how aged care may affect your government payments, including the Age Pension.
- Talk to you about different options to pay for aged care based on your circumstances.
- Show you options if you're thinking about selling or transferring property.
- Help you understand your finances if your partner has died.

How to contact us

You can have someone with you when you speak to a FIS Officer. You can have an authorised representative act on your behalf.



You'll find information and videos on our website. Go to servicessaustralia.gov.au/fis



Call us on **132 300** and say 'Financial Information Service' when we ask why you're calling. A FIS Officer will answer your call.

Locals for Environmental Action and Protection (LEAP)

As we near the end of 2024, we thought it would be a good time to reflect on what we have all achieved for the positive health and future of our community and our local environment. With the increasing support of local communities, below is a list of just some of the events, articles and actions taken this year....



1. Commissioned silos to be painted at Quindanning by Sobrane Simcocky
2. Held informative meetings with Quindanning community regarding changes to environmental assessment system and government possibly closing the Office of the Appeals convenor
3. Attending rally at parliament house to save our EPA
4. Community meetings with Wandering and Williams communities to ensure they were well informed of expansion area and issues associated with this
5. Put together submissions to DWER regarding concerns of South32 applying for works approval to construct 2 mobile crushers and oily water separator very close to Hotham River
6. Galvanising community support and contributing to submissions to Boddington council against permanent road closures by South32
7. Held community meetings with Quindanning & Wandering regarding information on our rights to appeal the recommendation by EPA to approve South32's mining expansion
8. Submitting a huge, very extensive appeal document!
9. Helping many in the community put together their appeals documents (over 130 appeals submitted!!)
10. Media articles regarding community concern over ever-growing footprint of South32
11. Joining End Forest Mining Alliance
12. Starting petition to be tabled in parliament ensuring all surveys (water, biodiversity, Aboriginal Heritage) are done at the highest level before any ground disturbance occurs
13. Bus tours with The Wilderness society and WA Conservation Council to show them the impacts of South32 on our community
14. Public rally at Quindanning – teaming up with First Nations and all locals to voice concerns, celebrate our achievements and keep raising awareness of the issues of mining our precious jarrah forests
15. Many, many emails and phone calls to agencies such as DWER, EPA and South32 themselves trying to hold all to account that our environment is actually being considered
16. Input to South32's shareholder meeting
17. Working with The Wilderness Society on broader campaign to stop the destruction of our forests and to protect the values of the Hotham River



While we wait with bated breath the decision the Environment Minister makes after the appeals process is finished, it is **MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER** to make sure your views are heard!! Please take 5 minutes to email Minister Whitby (Minister.Whitby@dpc.wa.gov.au) or ring him (61 8 6552 6300) and let him know if you have concerns about the impacts an ever expanding footprint of South32 will have on water, black cockatoos and other fauna, flora, public health issues or climate change. Everyone deserves a say on our future, not just industry and mining lobbyists.

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

Day out at the Wandering Fair

A sunny day and the Wandering Fair created a special day for the community and surrounds

The fair attracted over 700 visitors this year, featuring rides, show bags, and entertainment, including a Creedence Clearwater Revival cover band. It was a spectacle that was enjoyed by all, serving as a hotspot for people within and outside of the community, giving great social benefit to the whole community.



A maze game, a bike and a Clydesdale horse

Newmont's stall had a game much similar to the game 'Operation', where if the sides are touched, a loud buzzing sound is made. The winner of the copper obstacle course was able to navigate the maze in 18 seconds, scoring himself a mountain bike to take home. Events such as the Wandering Fair are events Newmont loves to support to help foster community involvement and community connectedness. Newmont's Community Assistance Program contributed funding for the fair, including the Clydesdale horse cart and the band.

The Community Assistance Program runs twice a year and aims to support local community groups with one off payments for things or events that contribute and give back to the local community.

For more information on how and when to apply or any queries, please contact at: nbgcommunity@newmont.com



WANDERING LIONS



Wandering Lions At Work

Members hard at work keeping up with the demand for refreshments at the annual Boddington Rodeo.

Wandering Lions support our fellow Boddington Lions with the evening bar work. Each year the Rodeo is growing more popular, attracting many thousands of patrons.

Wandering Lions provided 22 members and other helpers to manage the bar and our thanks go out to those who 'volunteered' to make up our team which was well lead by our manager, Gillian Hansen.



Interesting Facts About Lions at Large

- There are 1.38 million members around the world.
- In the financial year to June '24 there was a growth of 3% globally.
- There are 49,779 clubs globally.
- Lions reached out and supported 144,450,000 people throughout the world through LCI and LCIF 'Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation'. This included many local and national relief efforts. Fires, floods and other disasters.
- Lions began in America in 1917 to promote welfare and now has a presence in 200 countries.
- Lions began in Australia in 1947 in Lismore and now there are 30,000 members belonging to 1300 clubs.
- Lions motto is "To Serve".

Interesting Facts About Wandering Lions

- Although we are a 20 member club, we are proud of our achievements as contributors to the community.
- We have been involved in 18 functions, events and fundraisers already in this calendar year.
- In the last financial year we were able to donate to local and national institutions to the tune of \$19,547.
- This included \$3,500 to Lions research and support institutions and \$8,400 for an ice making machine and freezers for the local fire brigade.

Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



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December 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.



Secret River

Signs of Rakali, or Australian Water Rat (*Hydromys chrysogaster*) have been found in the upper catchment on the Hotham River

This intriguing semi-aquatic species is typically secretive and reclusive, so they are rarely seen except by chance. Their natural habitat is in burrows along waterways where there is lots of low-lying fringing vegetation, logs and branches to hide and feed in.

Clear prints of at least one adult Rakali were found on the Hotham River near Wandering. Trail cameras were installed in various locations over several weeks, resulting in a partial image which has also been confirmed as Rakali. This is one of very few inland and wheatbelt records over the past decade, due to reduced fringing vegetation on streams and rivers, reduced surface water flows and declining water quality such as salinity (which impacts on food sources as well as habitat for Rakali).

Unfortunately, a few feral cats have also been captured on camera (and footprints identified), and predation on our local fauna contributes significantly to declining numbers, which highlights the importance of projects such as 'Defending Dryandra' featured in the last issue of Landcare Matters!



The most important conservation action for Rakali is restoration and rehabilitation of the river environment, which is the primary aim of the River Action Plan activities being carried out by PHCC at eight priority sites on the Hotham and Williams Rivers. We hope to closely emulate the ideal Rakali habitat, by using woody debris on the banks of the rivers (check out the photos for examples), as well as ongoing planting of fringing vegetation.



Top: Camera image of a Rakali. Above: Rakali tracks



Celebrating Farmers and Healthy Soil

We take a moment to celebrate National Agriculture Day (15 November) and World Soil Day (5 December).

National Agriculture Day recognises our important farmers, landholders, their families and support teams who continue to provide fresh, sustainable food and resources to our communities as well as their incredible work protecting a wide array of natural assets. World Soil Day was established by the United Nations, to raise awareness of the importance and relationship between soil and water in achieving sustainable and resilient agrifood systems.

PHCC will be part of the 'Talkin' Soil Health Event' which is coming up in March 2025. For more information visit www.soilhealth.com.au

Meet our new Sustainable Agriculture Facilitator (SAF) – Georgina!

We are thrilled to introduce you to our new Sustainable Agriculture Facilitator (SAF), Georgina Warden. Georgina hails from a broadacre farming background and most recently was working as a Technical Officer, Agriculture training high school students in Cert II and III Agriculture. Georgina is passionate about Australian Agriculture particularly regenerative agriculture and permaculture, syntropic agriculture and all these practices encompass. The SAF's role is to engage and inform farmers, landholders, community groups, and agriculture industries across the

Peel-Harvey catchment about climate-smart, sustainable agriculture practices, including best practice Natural Resource Management, biodiversity and carbon markets, and practices that support emissions reduction and build climate resilience on-farm to help achieve climate-smart sustainable agriculture outcomes. Georgina will also be assisting with the delivery of projects that support landholders with on-ground activities as well as capacity building events. More information on these projects to come in our next Landcare Matters!



If you'd like to know more about how PHCC can support you please get in touch with us.

The Sustainable Agriculture Facilitator position is funded and supported by the Australian Government as part of the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program (CSAP) under the Natural Heritage Trust.

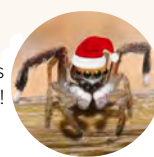


Newmont

These projects are supported by the PHCC through funding from Newmont, South32 Worsley Alumina and the Shires of Boddington, Cuballing, Wandering and Williams.



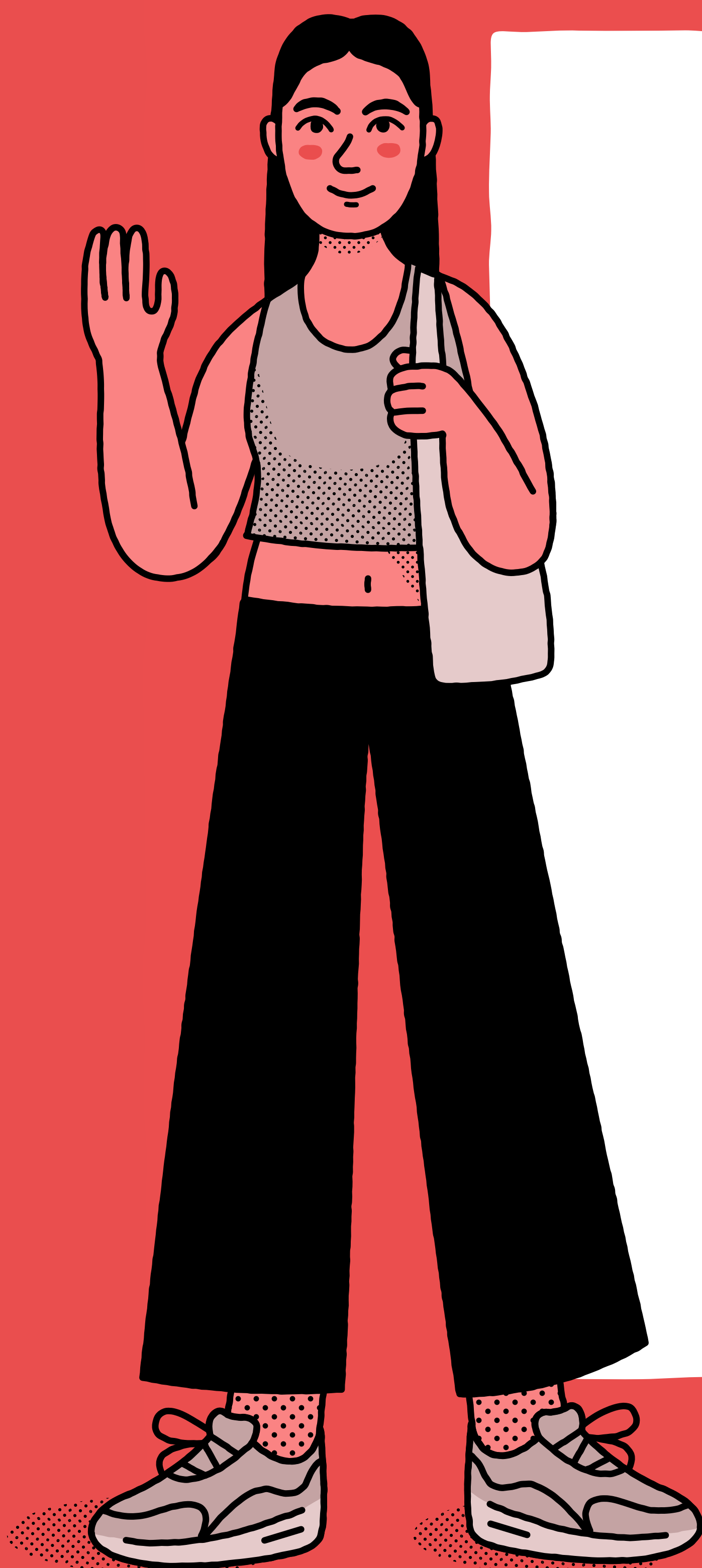
Have a safe and happy Christmas
See you in again in 2025!





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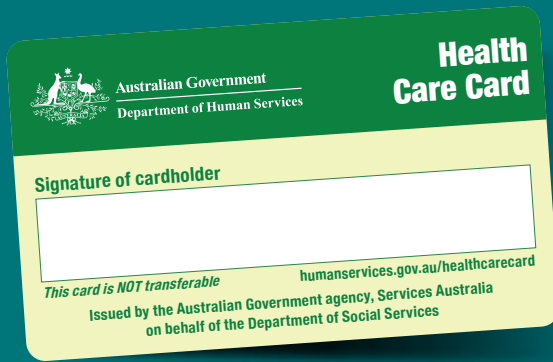
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Senior Finance Officer

The Shire of Wandering has an excellent opportunity for a highly skilled and experienced Senior Finance Officer to join our dynamic team. The successful candidate will play a pivotal role in our finance department, contributing to the efficient processing of journals, reconciliations, and financial reports. If you have a passion for finance, excellent attention to detail, and a desire to make a difference, we want to hear from you.

Responsibilities include:

- Daily bank statement processing and complete the bank reconciliations
- Complete and coordinate the completion of month end general ledger reconciliations
- Process assets, plant and associated transactions
- Coordinate day to day investment transactions
- Assist with audit preparation and compile required documentation
- Provide the team with general accounting support and guidance
- Providing backup support to the Finance Officer – Creditors and Payroll
- Providing backup support to the Rates Officer
- Providing backup customer service support for the Shire and Australia Post

The successful candidate should have relevant finance experience with general journals, general ledger reconciliations, general accounting and financial reporting, ideally with a Diploma or Degree in Accounting or a business-related qualification, however this is not essential.

To be considered for this role you must include:

- a written application of no more than two pages, demonstrating your suitability for the role outlining your experience
- an up to date resumé
- the names and contact details of two referees

This is a part-time position, the hours are flexible depending on experience, minimum two days per week.

The benefits of working with us

- Salary package range of \$69,430 - \$72,561 per annum, pro rata dependent on qualifications and experience. In addition up to 16% superannuation (with Council superannuation contribution).

The Shire also provides:

- 4 weeks' annual leave
- Ongoing training and development
- Uniform allowance
- Other generous allowances

The position description can be viewed on our website www.wandering.wa.gov.au . If you wish to discuss this position or require additional information, please contact Alan Hart on (08) 6828 1800 or email reception@wandering.wa.gov.au.

Applications should be marked 'Private & Confidential – Senior Finance Officer', addressed to the undersigned.

Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until a suitable applicant is found, therefore there is no closing date. The Shire of Wandering is an equal opportunity employer.

Alan Hart
Chief Executive Officer

Better Business in the Wheatbelt
with Ben Cole, The Free & Practical Business Advisor

I meet with small business owners across the Wheatbelt. I believe that an important issues that deserves attention from small business owners across the Wheatbelt is taking care of yourself.

I've founded two businesses over the last two decades – the last one started in Fortune Street in Narrogin. Over those 20 years, I crossed the line a few times in prioritizing the success of my business over my own physical and mental health. I regret cross that line and I'm keen to share a few ideas with you to help you look after yourself (and your business). Some of these techniques are well-known but I've put them into a perspective for businesses operating in the Wheatbelt.

Exercise: There is nothing more energizing or rejuvenating than exercise. Whatever exercise you choose, make sure you enjoy it. For me, I love a morning walk with my dog along the local river (with the water disappearing fast in the summer months).

Talk it out: As a business owner it can be lonely at the top (particularly if you are the only person in the business). I believe that speaking about a challenge can help – solutions don't always come quickly - but sharing your challenge with an independent person is a great step forward. It could be with a business advisor or a friend (ideally not in your local town so that you don't fall into the trap of holding back too much).

Keep perspective: This is the toughest one, but it is a great tool, keep a good grip on what really matters to you. For me it is family, health and friends. Business now comes in later down on my priority list. I always try to now hold myself to that priority list.

Podcasts: There are some great podcasts that explore the drama, fun and stress of running a small business. I listen to a lot of them and we all have plenty of driving time in the Wheatbelt.

My current favourite podcast is The Australian Business Podcast produced by Rask – it's chock full of practical tips on marketing, financing and does some great interviews with small business owners -

<https://www.raskmedia.com.au/podcasts/australian-business-podcast/>

Have a great week ahead and give me a call if you are keen to chat.
Ben

Ben offers free, confidential support for new and existing businesses in the Southern Wheatbelt.

You can reach Ben on ben.cole@ipsau.com.au or 0427 982 411

IPS is a provider of Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC) Regional services in the South West, Peel, Mid-West/ Gascoyne, Pilbara and Wheatbelt regions.

These services are free and funded by the Government of Western Australia through the Small Business Development Corporation. To learn more about these services, visit:

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<https://www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/>

Photo 1: Alison Slys (A/Director Business Skills Development, SBDC Regional) with Ben Cole, Business Advisor for Southern Wheatbelt.



COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

If you need to update or add your details to the Community Directory, please contact the Wandering CRC - 9884 1561 or crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

The Community Directory is printed free on request, from the CRC or Shire Office.

FAMILY HISTORY BOARDS

As part of the shire's 150 year celebrations, the Wandering CRC compiled a collection of local History Boards. These were displayed at the event and again at the Wandering Fair. This collection will be used at other community events and a small collection of them will be displayed on rotation at the CRC.

Some families missed the cut off time to have theirs included. We are now seeking all families who were unable to submit their history information to do so by the end of the year, so we can include it in the collection. This includes all families, whether you have been here only a few years or decades, we'd like to capture every family that has been part of our community.

Once the collection is complete, it will be turned into a book next year and also loaded to the shire's website.

If you require assistance to compile your information, please contact the Wandering CRC - 9884 1561 or crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

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Wandering CWA

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of our branch this year. Whether you enjoyed a Devonshire Tea on the Fair weekend or bought something from our fabulous produce and baked goods table.... your support has indeed been much appreciated.

But more support is needed! To ensure the continuation and growth of our branch, we are always looking for new members.

If you would like to know more about the Wandering CWA please join us at one of our meetings.



Join us for the annual Wandering CWA **Community Christmas Tree** **Friday 6 December 2024**

in conjunction with the Wandering Primary School Presentation Night



The ladies from your local Wandering CWA branch wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. May this time bring love, laughter, friendship, and peace to you all.

Next meeting of the Wandering CWA

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 19 February 2025

11am meeting including morning tea

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



Strong women don't have attitudes, we have standards.

Marilyn Monroe

Find us on 
Wandering CWA

Youth Support Services

Do you or someone you care about need someone to talk to?



Phone-based support:

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mindspot - mindspot.org.au

reachout - au.reachout.com

MOST - most.org.au

QLife - qlife.org.au



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

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WANDERING CRAFT GROUP

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH WANDERING

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.

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 - Neta Parker - 0449 537 553

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 - 0429 390 626

WANDERING PLAYGROUP

Meet Thursday's during school term at 9am at the CWA Rooms.

Contact Starr Corinish - 0447 778 657

WANDERING CAMP OUT WEEKEND

Wandering Camp Out Weekend Inc. Committee usually meet on the first Wednesday of each month - subject to changes - at the Wandering CRC. Committee ONLY - 6pm. Other representatives and community members welcome at 7pm. No meeting December and January

Contact:

Event Officer - Alana Rosenthal - 0429961697

President - Jane Baxter - 0428831004



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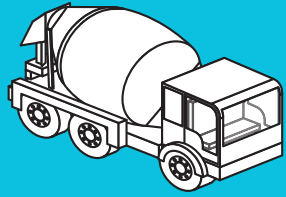


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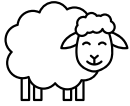
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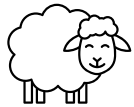
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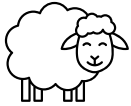
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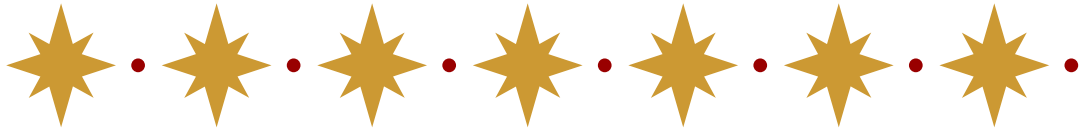
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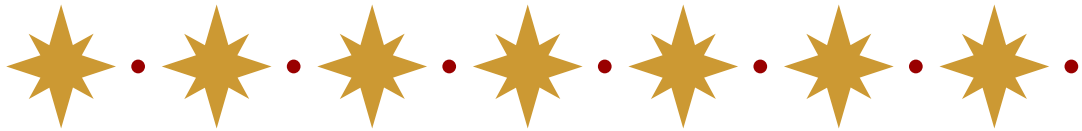


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PRESENTATION NIGHT AND CHRISTMAS TREE

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KIDS CHRISTMAS CRAFT

3.30PM | THURSDAY 12TH
COUNCIL MEETING



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