

THE WANDERING ECHO 2025 *April*

 **HAPPY EASTER!** 

Wandering ANZAC Service

FRIDAY 25TH APRIL 2025

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To Our Monthly Community Newsletter

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9am - 4pm

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





Kids Easter Activity

BASKET & CHOCOLATE MAKING

Note change of Date

~~Monday 7th APRIL | 3:30pm~~

Wednesday 9th APRIL | 3:30pm

At the Wandering CRC

COST: \$5 PER KID

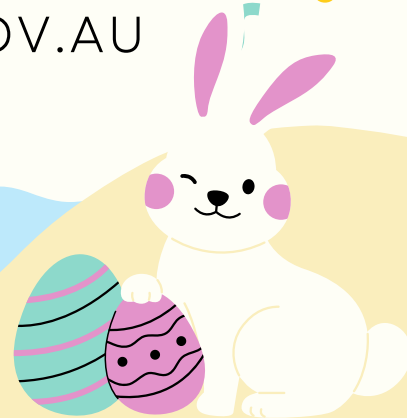
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**CONTACT STARR CORNISH
FOR MORE INFORMATION
0447778657**

Wandering ANZAC Service

FRIDAY 25TH APRIL 2025

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.



National Simultaneous Storytime 2025



Date: 21st May 2025

Place: Wandering CRC

Time: 10:00 AM

(Activity to follow after storytime)

All children welcome!

Enquiries : crc@wandering.wa.gov.au/Ph: 089884 1561

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Wandering Tennis Club – Thank You for an Amazing Break Points & Burgers Night!

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for the Break Points & Burgers night on Friday, March 28th! The weather couldn't have been better, setting the perfect stage for some healthy competition on the court. We were treated to stunning Wandering skies and a beautiful sunset, making it an unforgettable evening to celebrate our little club.

We were thrilled to feed around 50 bowlers and tennis players, thanks to the generous support from Wandering Smash Repairs and WD Auto. It was fantastic to see so many new faces on the courts—who knows, they might be back for another match soon! Congratulations to David Turton for winning the night and to Steph Cornish for organising the official competition. Something our little club hasn't seen in far too long.

The new lines on court 3, which were carefully coordinated this season, got a great workout on the night. And for those of you who thought the season might be winding down... you heard wrong! Our tennis season is far from over. As a social tennis club, we'll keep showing up for a fun hit every Friday at 6 PM as long as the weather stays nice.

Stay tuned for updates on Wandering News & Notes on Facebook, or, if you'd like to receive a weekly reminder, text 0417 924 836 to get added to the list.

Good game, everyone – and see you on the courts soon!

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WANDERING WHEATBELT WINE AWARDS AGM **(LONG TABLE LUNCH)**



7PM
SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
13TH MAY 2025



PRE-SEEDING BREAKFAST

The Wandering CRC hosted the Pre-seeding Breakfast on Thursday 20th March. We enjoyed a cooked breakfast and Roger from Rural Aid presented about the importance of looking after yourself during the busy seeding season.

Thank you to everyone who joined us.

Keep an eye out for the Pre-Harvest Sundowner that will be happening in September.



G'day!

I'm Ben, your local small business advisor, working with IPS Management Consultants to deliver free advice on behalf of the Small Business Development Corporation (a WA State Government Initiative). I'm based in Dumbleyung and work from our office in Narrogin, but I support small businesses throughout the Wheatbelt. Our services are offered either face-to-face or online, as needed.

How I Can Help You:

- **Business Start Up Planning**
- **Business Health Check and Capability Reviews**
- **Website Design, Digital Marketing, and Social Media**
- **Financial Guidance**
- **Grant/Tender Writing**
- **Winning Pitches and Capability Statements**

I'm particularly passionate about supporting businesses in sectors like Professional Services, Manufacturing, Transport & Logistics, Product Development, and Trade-Based Service Industries. However, I'm open to supporting small businesses from all industries and at all stages of development.

I also offer specialized expertise in navigating government processes, advising businesses on effective strategies for tendering and securing lucrative government contracts/grants.

Driven by a passion for empowering small businesses and fostering regional economic growth, I'm eager to partner with you and help your business thrive. Let's connect for an informal chat over coffee to explore how I can contribute to your success.

Book a meeting or get in touch with me on the details below:

Looking forward to meeting you all!



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The Williams Gateway Expo



SATURDAY 12TH APRIL 2025

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MARKET STALLS

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

LIVE MUSIC

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WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

Understanding Our Prostate

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
April 2025

Recent ABS data indicates prostate cancer is the 2nd most common cancer to cause death in Aussie males, with around 3700 deaths each year. In the work we do, great importance is placed on educating men and hearing their individual stories around early detection & diagnosis, treatment options, post-surgery & other treatment recovery, and most importantly being a prostate cancer survivor.

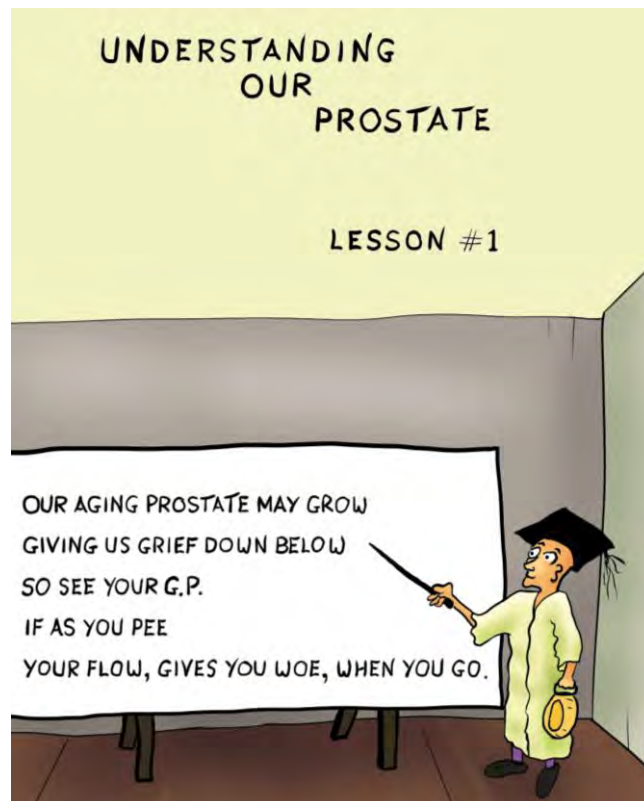
However, there is also a much broader and holistic conversation that needs to be had at the same time about this little gland that makes up an important part of our manhood. Because along with prostate cancer there are two other major issues that can affect the prostate:

- Prostate enlargement (BPH: benign prostatic hyperplasia) – the most common prostate disease in men is enlargement of the prostate gland
- Prostatitis (inflammation of the prostate gland that can cause pain)

The prostate gland is an important part of our reproductive system, it is about the size of a walnut (in a young man) and makes the fluid that protects, transports and feeds the sperm produced.




This little gland is shaped like a donut and the tube we pee with (the urethra) passes right through its centre. The problem is that as part of the ageing process the prostate keeps growing, trebling in size over our life, and as the prostate enlarges it can restrict the urethra, inhibiting our ability to urinate properly.

Most of us know that some older men have trouble emptying their bladder. Sometimes this means getting up often during the night and not being able to urinate when they need to, which is a nuisance and can be embarrassing. Something more serious could be happening such as a blockage, which can cause repeated urinary tract infections or result in bladder or kidney problems, or it could be prostate cancer. Unfortunately, the symptoms of several prostate conditions are similar.



As men, we need to act on any prostate issue that is affecting us and find out if it is part of the natural ageing process or something else. If troubled by urination problems, see a doctor (no matter what our age). If the doctor agrees that our symptoms need further investigation, we may need to undergo a few tests.

Diet is important to prostate health, we know that eating about 150 grams of nuts a week and incorporating natural red foods such as beetroot, tomato and watermelon into our diet, helps keep our prostate and the rest of our body in good condition. Regular low to moderate intensity exercise also plays a big role, a brisk 30min walk can not only make us feel great but can help reduce the risk of prostate problems. Exercises that strengthen our pelvic floor (yes, we do have one!) are not only important for dealing with issues surrounding our prostate health, but also the bowel, bladder and even our sexual function.

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 Working with Warriors Podcast
 regionalmenshealth.com.au



RURAL AID

Recently from the 13th March to the 21st March I went on a networking and community visit trip where the little Mazda clocked 1970kms. Hard job I know and even through not very green the wheatbelt still delivers with great scenery reminding me of how lucky I am to call this region home.

Those who I met and spoke to on my trip, the stories shared good and bad reminded me of how our people in this region are also amazing, welcoming and passionate about their communities.

This trip saw me going from Narrogin through Quairading, Bruce Rock to the Mount Marshal show, on to Dalwallinu, Perenjori, Mingenew, Morawa down to Moora through Carnamah and Coorow, home then on to Wandering, Cunderdin and Kellerberrin. Most towns had received rain which varied from over 70mm to 5mm in no specific pattern.

I have listed where I went as the concerns and worries raised by people in each town were very similar. On top of the usual stressors and concerns that regional living and farming presents the conversations I had all included the following. Concerns about the sheep industry, the election results where country people are feeling even more 'them and us' from those in cities; The firearm legislation and how no one really knows what is what feeling they are being treated like criminals; rising costs and how even though a lot of people are trying their towns have people leaving resulting in less and less services. Another big subject the 3g to 4g network debacle and now having less service.

So please everyone here's a reminder. What I also saw were amazing people all getting together sharing their concerns, looking out for each other and talking to each other. CRCs and shires were organising or had held events for community. The Wandering breakfast and the Mt Marshal show saw just as much laughter as concerns raised. Most importantly people were able to be there for each other, support each other, remind each other that we are not in this alone and don't need to be in this alone.

We can do what we have control over, we can voice our opinion through a grass root movement or write to a minister. We can also ensure that we every day remind ourselves to be there for others, every day is an 'R U OK' day, be there for our Family, mates and our community. Most carry phones so call a mate. Or we can organise a get together.

Most importantly be a bit selfish, be there for yourself, listen to your whole self and act. When you, your mind or your body has 'that feeling' I'm not OK reach out. Even though one of the hardest things to do, taking a lot of strength, I can tell you people do really care and are there for you. You do matter to more than you realise.



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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 2025 Office Bearers

President – Jacquie Cornish

Vice President – Sarah Kaye

Secretary – Neta Parker

Treasurer – Linda Barge



Next meeting of the Wandering CWA

Wednesday 16 April 2025

11am meeting

with morning tea to follow

Everyone welcome!



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

Mother Teresa

Find us on 
Wandering CWA

Thank you!

Thank you for your support, it's an honour and privilege to represent Central Wheatbelt in the State Parliament.

How to keep in touch.

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🏢 Northam Boulevard, Fitzgerald St, Northam

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New Chief Executive Officer Appointed

The Shire of Wandering is very pleased to announce the appointment of our new Chief Executive Officer – Dr. Alistair Pinto.

Council was pleased to receive applications from many suitably qualified people and went through a very thorough recruitment process that involved the short-listed applicants going through 2 in-person interviews with the second interview including a 20-minute presentation to Council.

Dr. Pinto is currently Director of Corporate and Commercial with the City of Karratha, a position he has held since October 2023. Prior to joining the City of Karratha Dr. Pinto filled a number of senior positions with WA Country Health across various regions of the state..

Dr. Pinto stated “I am excited and honoured for the opportunity to work with the Shire President, Deputy President and Councillors in the beautiful Shire of Wandering. My family and I are looking forward to the move and getting to know the community.” A recent photo of Dr. Pinto with his wife Kally and son Elias has been included below.

Shire President Sheryl Little said “We are very happy to be welcoming Alistair and his family to the Shire of Wandering as our new CEO. Apart from being very highly qualified in many academic areas, Alistair impressed us with his warm and engaging personality during the rigorous recruitment and interview process. He has lived and worked in country WA for over 11 years, so knows what it’s like to live in a rural community. We look forward to his arrival with great anticipation and hope for the future “.

Dr. Pinto will be commencing with the shire on the 26th of May 2025 and in the interim Ian Fitzgerald will continue in the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer

Cr Sheryl Little
Shire President

31 March 2025





Staff Update

Recruitment is under way for our new Chief Executive Officer. Interviews have commenced and we hope to have someone appointed by the end of March.

We were successful in obtaining funding from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Regional Traineeship Program which enabled us to offer a traineeship for 12 months.

The traineeship was advertised and the successful applicant is Sophie Egerton-Warburton. Sophie will work between the Shire Office and the CRC and also spend a day at Wandering Smash Repairs who have also joined the Shire in this traineeship opportunity.

Welcome Sophie!

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+)

Application forms can be found on the Shire website
www.wandering.wa.gov.au



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:

8/4/2025

22/4/2025

Ranger

24 hours / 7 days

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Council Meeting Dates 2025

- 20 February 2025
- 20 March 2025
- 17 April 2025
- 15 May 2025
- 19 June 2025
- 17 July 2025
- 21 August 2025
- 18 September 2025
- 16 October 2025
- 20 November 2025
- 11 December 2025

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 20th March 2025 the following was discussed:

- Compliance Audit Return 2024
- Financial Reports and Accounts Paid for February 2025
- Update of Fees and Charges—the Wandering Echo
- Mid Year Budget Review
- Wandering Community Centre Upgrade Committee—Gazebo and Barbeque installation
- Loan No.11 – Light Industrial Area Power Installation

Agendas and Minutes can be found on the Shire website.

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.

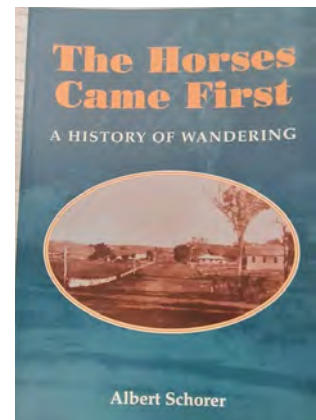
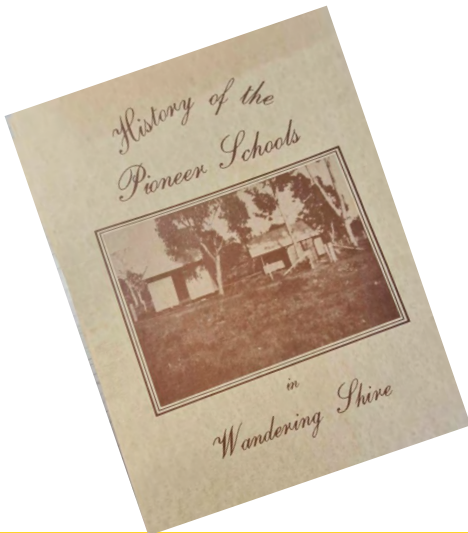


Shire of Wandering Elected Members

Elected Members Contact Details

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

For sale at the Shire Office - Pingelly Times and Bodd News as well as the West Australian Newspaper. Also available are a couple of history books - "The Horses Came First" and "History of the Pioneer Schools". Be sure to grab your copies next time you visit!



Shire of Wandering Public Notice Amendment to Fees & Charges

Council wish to advise of the change to its Schedule of Fees and Charges in accordance with the requirements of s6.19 of the *Local Government Act, 1995*.

The adjustment is the addition of a charge of \$2 per copy for the printed edition of the Wandering Echo

Ian Fitzgerald
A/Chief Executive Officer



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 2025 to 19 April 2025 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 2025 to 30 September 2025 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 or call the Harvest Ban Line on 6828 1802.

If you see a fire, please do not call the Shire—please call 000 so DFES can coordinate fire crews.



Wandering Lions

Wandering Lions conducted a significant meeting in March where office bearers for the 25/26 Lion's year were nominated and nominations accepted. This undertaking always causes much discussion as the shared management of the Lion's activities is most important for the Club's effectiveness.

For the 25/26 year Lions will be led by President Gillian Hansen, secretary Lou Cowan and treasurer, Bob Little. A big thank you from the members for those stepping up for these positions.

The 'Changeover Night' for these positions will be held in Boddington along with our fellow Boddington Lions on the 28th of June. This is traditionally a shared event and creates an atmosphere of comradery, fellowship and celebration of service to our communities and beyond.

Wandering Lions at the Apex Barrel Racing

Lions troops at work feeding the patrons at the at the Apex Barrel racing. A selection of appetising burgers available under the watchful eye of Lion Raelene Warburton.

The Apex barrel racing event has grown from a relaxed training and practice weekend just a few years ago to a more competitive event having more than 50 riders. The rising popularity of the sport is welcome in Wandering. It is an opportunity to show case our community and a big thank you to the White family for making the facilities available.

99 competitors took part in the weekend event as the sport is strengthening in it's growing participation.

Horse and rider must circuit the three barrels that are set in a clover leaf pattern with two left hand turns and one right or visa versa. The ride is timed and a five second penalty is applied for a barrel knocked over.





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THURSDAY 15th MAY 2025

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With Senior Regional Officer for the South West Annetta Bellingeri

Stay compliant: is your association at risk of being shut down?

If you're involved in running an incorporated association, it's really important you're aware of the reporting responsibilities. Understanding these responsibilities reduces the risk of the association being cancelled. Given the role associations often play in communities, this could be a devastating loss due to a simple oversight.

An incorporated association can be something like a sport club, a citizens or rate-payers group, a car club, an animal rescue volunteer group, a school P&C ... or maybe an environmental group. There's lots of reasons people want to form an association.

The key point is the group is not-for-profit and any money it does make goes back into the association.

Incorporated not-for-profit groups in Western Australia are administered by Consumer Protection and are required to submit an annual information statement (AIS) every year. This simple online form asks a few questions about the association's activities, the annual general meeting (AGM) and basic financial information.

Information statements must be submitted within six months after the end of an association's financial year. Associations and clubs can choose their own financial year, so the due date for submitting will differ between groups.

When an association does not submit its AIS, Consumer Protection may believe it is no longer operating and take action to cancel its incorporation.

Around 2,000 associations are currently at risk of being cancelled after not submitting their AIS. Consumer Protection has attempted to contact them over a number of years, but often the mail is returned meaning the contact information is not up-to-date. The Department has made attempts to find contact details for these clubs, which have been unsuccessful. This is one reason it's crucial associations keep these details current.

Consumer Protection will never cancel an association without plenty of warnings and attempts to contact committee members, but it's important this contact is not ignored.

The quickest way to complete the AIS and submit forms on behalf of an incorporated association is via AssociationsOnline. If you are responsible for an incorporated association you can register for access to AssociationsOnline to manage its registration and other obligations at – www.demirs.wa.gov.au/associationsonline.

The Consumer Protection website has a tonne of information to help people start and run an efficient association. It's also worth subscribing to the Associations Newsletter for the latest updates on laws, events, news and reminders.

Consumer Protection has published a list of associations that are at immediate risk of being cancelled. Check if your association is listed by visiting - consumerprotection.wa.gov.au/AIS

Please contact our team on 1300 30 40 74 or email associations.branch@demirs.wa.gov.au for any further information and advice.

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With Senior Regional Officer for the South West Annetta Bellingeri **Want out of your gym membership? Here's how to flex your rights**

You signed up to a gym, bought the fancy water bottle, and maybe even attended a few classes. But now your enthusiasm for early-morning gains or after-work downward dog is running on empty.

Before you resign yourself to months of paying for a membership you never use, you'll be pleased to know you are protected by Western Australian law when it comes to fitness service providers.

The Fitness Industry Code of Practice (the code) applies to gyms and fitness centres, and providers such as personal trainers, boot camps and yoga classes.

Issues with cancelling memberships is the most common complaint Consumer Protection receives when it comes to fitness service providers.

Should you decide the gym is no longer for you, you do not need to attend in-person to cancel your membership, and you will not be required to use a specific form. Cancellations can be requested by a simple email, with the membership to finish no more than 30-days from the date you gave notice.

You should receive written confirmation of your request to cancel within seven days and the provider should let you know the amount and date of the last payment, which could include a reasonable termination fee. After this, any direct debits should automatically stop. It's also up to the fitness provider to cancel the direct debit with any third party they use to collect fees.

If you can no longer continue your membership due to illness or injury, then your written notice to the provider must also include a medical certificate. In this case, the cancellation will occur immediately, and you can only be charged for any fitness services you have already used but not paid for.

Cooling off periods are in force for new memberships meaning you have up to seven days to cancel and you should only pay for administration costs or services used.

High pressure sales tactics and harassment can sometimes follow a cancellation request, but these practices are banned under the code.

Keeping up training? Then it's worth giving your membership agreement a health check to make sure it includes 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.

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

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

If you think your fitness service provider is breaching the code, try and resolve it with them first. Otherwise, call 1300 30 40 54 or email consumer@demirs.wa.gov.au for advice.

Wandering History



THOMAS HENRY PRICE

Thomas Henry Price was born in Newcastle (NSW) in 1873, the son of Thomas and Mary Price (nee Dixon) of Merewether, Newcastle. Tom was a coal miner in Newcastle before moving to Kalgoorlie in 1897. He worked on building the railway to Menzies, then later as an underground miner and a boiler stoker to make steam for the mine.

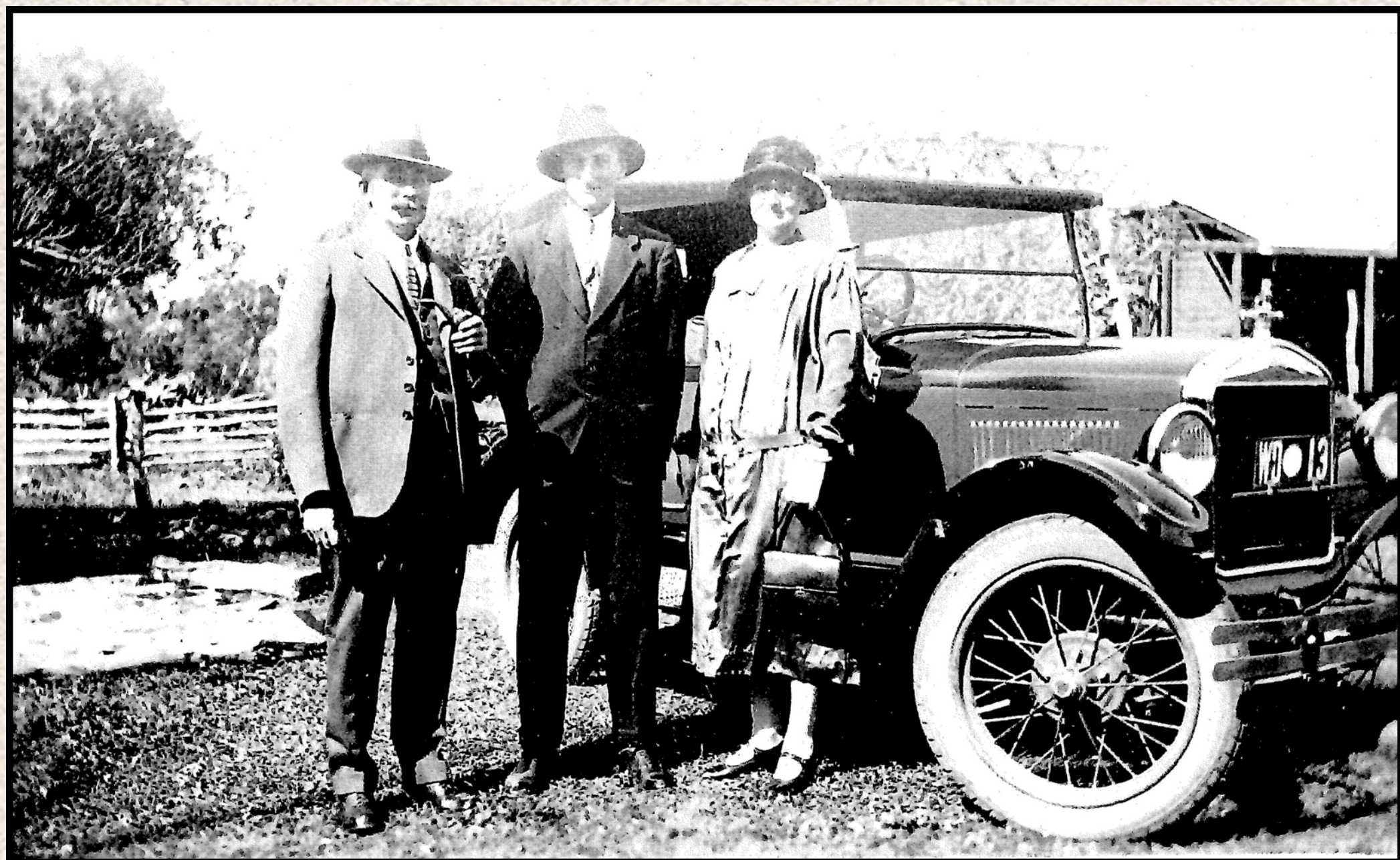
Tom's future wife, Janet Grieves, was born at Rheola, Victoria, in 1877. Janet came to Kalgoorlie in 1900, and was working in a boarding house in Boulder when she met Tom.

In 1900 the Western Australian Government was enticing miners with offers to take up farm land. The offer was for a homestead block for one pound. This appealed to Tom, and in 1902 he accepted a 160 acre homestead block 10 miles east of Wandering on the Hotham River. This block was chosen site unseen from a map. The Location Number 5142 runs alongside the Hotham River just west of Codjatotine.

Tom and Janet travelled to Perth where they married at the Fremantle Wesleyan Church on February 12th 1903, before returning to Kalgoorlie. Nine months later they travelled back to Perth, purchasing a spring cart, horse and supplies before heading to their block at Codjatotine. This journey took four days, with two nights sleeping under the cart on branches broken from trees.



Tom & Janet Price on their Wedding Day
12th February 1903



Tom, Jack, Janet

Left to right
Back - Jack, Alice
Front - Ken, Janet, Tom

Tom had no family backing for his farming venture, so in 1904 he returned to Kalgoorlie to earn money to supplement their income. At the same time, Janet returned to Rheola to be with her family. While in Victoria, her son, Thomas Kennedy Price was born in September 1904. Later that year, Tom and Janet returned to their block at Codjatotine.

Their block was bush which made life tough for Tom and Janet. Initially they lived in a tent near the river. Next Tom built a pole structure which Janet called their "Shelter Shed". They bought a stove, table and chairs from Perth to improve their situation.

Tom had very little farming knowledge. Firstly he had to clear some land for cropping. With the help of Jack Thomas of Codjatotine, they purchased a mouldboard plough, stripper harvester and horses, in shares. This assisted Tom to move forward with his farming venture.

In 1912, Tom and Janet moved into a four roomed mud bat house with a central passage and verandah all around. They had three children; Ken (1904), Alice (1906) and Jack (1913).

Their farm was named Kia-Ora, and Tom was improving his block. As the children grew up, he was wanting to acquire more land. Several blocks nearby were purchased. Tom loved to play music, having great ability with the euphonium. He had played in the Boulder City Band and received many medals. He was also a member of the Pingelly Brass Band and played music at dances. Tom was a member of the Wandering Roads Board for 28 years from 1918 to 1946. He was Chairman for several years during this period.

Janet was a great homemaker and supported the Red Cross war effort, knitting socks for soldiers during World War 2. She supported the Pingelly Agricultural Show with many exhibits entered. The Codjatotine Telephone Exchange was located at Kia-Ora, and Janet ran the switch board from 1923 to 1951.

Tom succeeded in his dream to be a farmer, and upon his death had acquired enough land for each of his two sons to have a farm. However, life was hard and Janet often felt isolated and lonely. She was quoted as saying "We always had good food, but no money".

Tom passed away aged 77 in June 1950. Janet passed away aged 86 in July 1963



Homestead of Tom & Janet Price



Wandering History



MARSH

Owen Henry Marsh and Elizabeth Amina successfully tendered for 1655 acres in the Noombling estate previously held by Bernard Ernest Buckley. This area was adjacent to the adjoining Mooterdine Siding, which was part of the original Noombling Soldiers Settlement Program. The land was described as 480 acres cleared and 170 acres part cleared. Owen and Amina took possession of this land in 1932, which they named Bellah. They settled in an established house alongside the Hotham River with their two little boys, Colin Owen (b. 1929) and Edward (Ted) Robert (b. 1931). Together with Amina, Owen worked the farm as best they could in very difficult times. Original cash book entries indicate the selling of fresh cream, that Amina had separated, was a significant part of their income. Over the years, the reliable cash book shows evidence that they raised sheep and sold the wool, ran cows and pigs, as well as growing crops of wheat and oats and selling hay. During the war years, they also made and sold charcoal for fuel and trapped rabbits, which were sold.

Owen was a member of the Wandering Roads Board and an instructor with the Pumphreys Volunteer Defense Force Unit. Colin and Ted attended Coranning school briefly until it closed in 1936. They then had to move to Codjatotine School, which was a daily bike ride of 8 miles each way. Many a story has been shared from their time at this school.

Colin and Edward (known as Ted) worked alongside Owen on the farm. Colin married Wilma Bowron from Popanyinning in 1948. A small cottage was built by Owen and the boys, for them to live. Two boys were born. Darryl (b.1949) and Russell (b.1950). Colin enjoyed farming but unfortunately suffered from asthma and was eventually forced to seek alternative employment off the farm. Their daughter Colette was born in 1960 and Colin had a successful career with Ready Mix, being State Production Manager for South Australia and the Northern Territory.

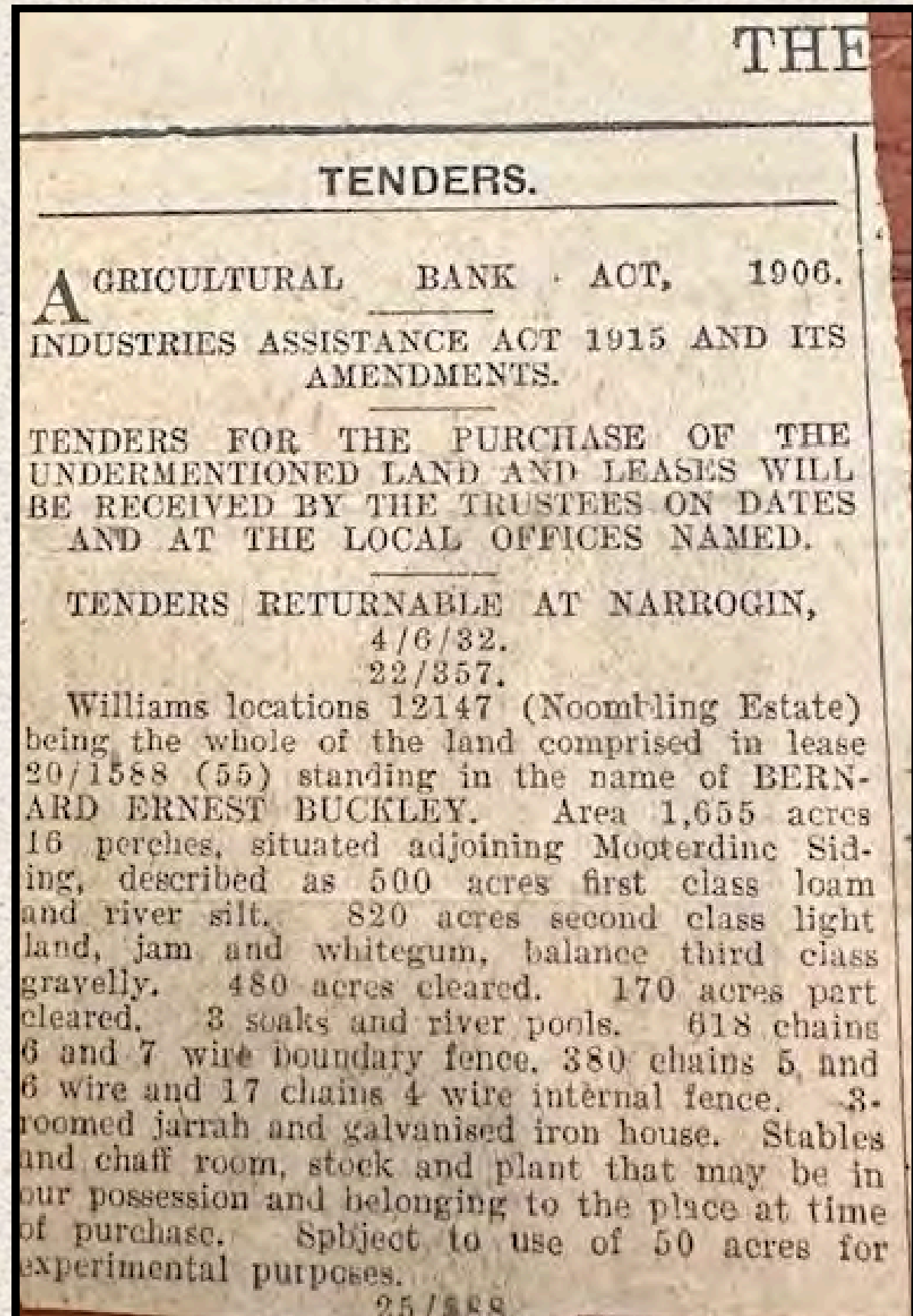
Ted met Joan Elizabeth Byfield and they married in Pingelly in January 1956. They lived in the small cottage, originally built for Colin and Wilma, whilst they were on the farm. Four children were born - Karen (b.1957), Geoffrey (b.1958), Stephen (b. 1960) and Jenny (b. 1962) and they lived happily in this little two bedroom cottage. It was during this time Ted purchased a D4 Bulldozer. He used this to finish clearing the remainder of their land and he dug a dam in every paddock. The acquisition of the bulldozer enabled him to supplement the farm income by clearing land and digging dams around the district. Ted continued to farm alongside his father until Owen and Amina retired to Pingelly in 1960.

The family had grown and Ted and Joan then moved to the family home. This home was built using sand bricks that Owen and the boys had built from the river sand, whilst living in the original homestead. They continued to successfully farm and in 1976 purchased 1210 hectares previously owned by Eon Brand. In 1984, they then purchased a neighbouring 577 hectares from John and Helen Lee. This land was originally owned by Alfred Marshall.

Ted and Joan raised their family on the farm and were involved in the community sporting clubs, namely the Wandering Cricket Club and the Wandering Golf Club.

On leaving school, Stephen joined Ted and they continued to successfully work the farm. Geoff was given the opportunity to pursue his career playing cricket, returning to work alongside his father and Stephen whenever possible.

The farm was sold in 2000 and Ted and Joan retired to Mandurah. They hold many happy memories of their life spent in Wandering on the farm.



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Back row:

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Marsh family with Wandering registered car



Owen and Amina having a tea break



Owen with
Colin and Ted



Owen with Colin and Ted
next to the well they built

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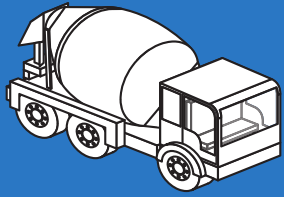
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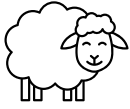


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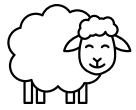
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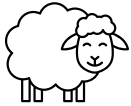
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WANDERING CRAFT GROUP

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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 - Gillian Hansen - 0488 911 902

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 Manager - Alana Rosenthal - 0429961697

President - Jane Baxter - 0428831004

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL

3.30PM | WEDNESDAY 9TH
KIDS EASTER ACTIVITY

9AM | TUESDAY 8TH
PUMPHREYS CWA MEETING

7PM | THURSDAY 10TH
WANDERING LIONS CLUB MEETING

11AM | WEDNESDAY 16TH
WANDERING CWA MEETING

8.30AM | MONDAY 14TH
CHEM CERT TRAINING

3.30PM | THURSDAY 17TH
COUNCIL MEETING

8AM | TUESDAY 22ND
FIRST AID COURSE

5.45 AM | FRIDAY 25TH
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