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9am - 4pm

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

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TENNIS & GLOW IN THE DARK GOLF

THURSDAY 8th May 2025

**Meet at the Wandering Tennis Courts at 3:30pm
After tennis we will transport the kids to the
Wandering Golf Club via the community bus**

\$10 per Kid

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

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



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Tiny Tots First Aid

A FREE information session with St John



Join us for a FREE information session to learn about the skills necessary to provide first aid to your toddler or infant.

Topics covered include CPR, managing burns, and a range of other childhood related illness and injuries.

Bookings Essential. No Cost.
Light Refreshments Provided.
Parents/Caregivers only.

For Bookings: Wandering CRC
E: crc@wandering.wa.gov.au
T: 9884 1561

When: Tues 9am - 12:30pm
13 May 2025

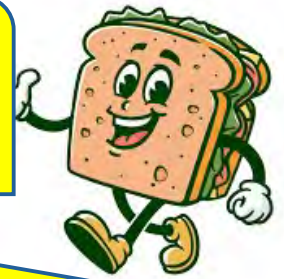
Where: Wandering CRC
18 Watts St, Wandering

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THURSDAY



15th

MAY 2025

CUPPA 4 CANCER

COMMUNITY CENTRE

DOWN ST, WANDERING



10am – 2pm



School children singing

Support Jane Edwards with head shave



*Tickets \$2.00 each
available at the
post office, CRC
or on the day*



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Australia's Biggest
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Join us at our Biggest Morning Tea or donate online to help us reach our fundraising goal! Together, we can help Cancer Council raise much needed funds that go towards vital cancer research, support services, prevention programs, and advocacy.

Produce
Stall
Food
Soup
Tea
Coffee

WORKSHOP

HAT BURNING

COST

\$150 p/person -
includes light
refreshments, a hat, &
a macrame hat clip

WHEN

Saturday 17th May 2025

@11am-1pm

VENUE

Wandering CRC

**payment required at
booking**



Hat Burning
Workshop



Register your interest at
crc@wandering.wa.gov.au or on 68281820

National Simultaneous Storytime 2025



Date: 21st May 2025

Place: Wandering CRC

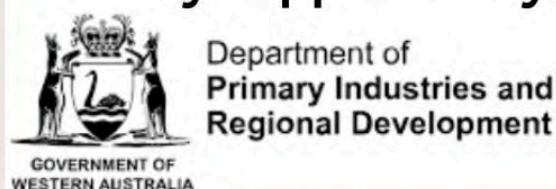
Time: 10:00 AM

(Activity to follow after storytime)

All children welcome!

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

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SAVE THE DATE!



CARD GAME NIGHT

WEAR YOUR FLANNY AND UGGS

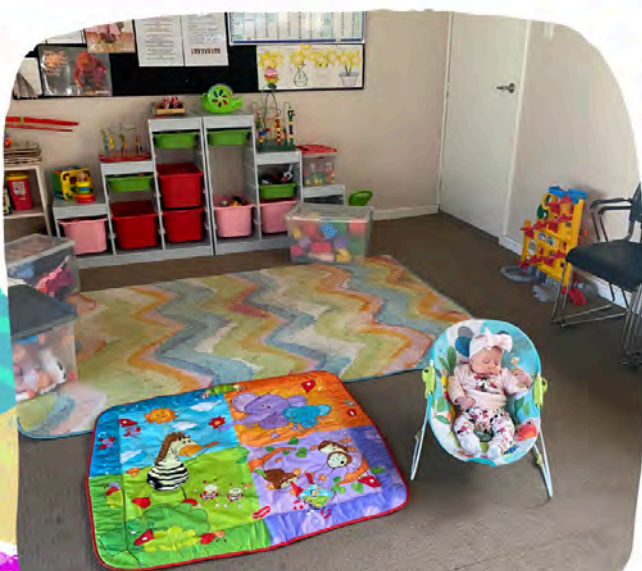
BEER, WINE & DINNER

WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2025

MORE DETAILS TO COME!

Wandering Playgroup

A PLACE OF FUN AND ENJOYMENT



**EVERY THURSDAY
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
AT THE CWA ROOM**

**CONTACT STARR CORNISH
FOR MORE INFORMATION
0447778657**



EOFY BUSINESS BREAKFAST

**** SAVE THE DATE ****

THURSDAY 26th JUNE - 7am - 9am
Wandering CRC - 18 Watts Street
\$10.00 per person

Special Guests to be confirmed.

A casual chat and Breakfast as we head for the end of the financial year,
with your business in mind, including farming.

Special guest can have a little insight for you & for you to ask those
questions you just keep putting off.

REGISTER NOW



08 6828 1820 OR EMAIL - CRC@WANDERING.WA.GOV.AU

Party in a Paint Box

"PUT ON YOUR BEST PJ'S LADIES"

Join us for a fun evening of
sipping 'n' painting.

Create your best masterpiece!

*"Everything is provided,
YOU JUST BRING YOUR PARTY!"*

Date: Tuesday 8th July 2025

Place: Wandering CRC

Time: 6:00PM

Cost: \$70.00 p/p (inc. wine'n'nibbles)

Payment required upon booking please!

Contact us on:



089884 1561



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Learning your *phone!*

We are looking for interest from Android users to attend a series of short 1 hour workshops to learn about usage of your phone.

Register your interest by contacting the Wandering CRC on -
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RURAL AID - MAY ARTICLE

First and foremost is a reminder to ensure you take valuable 'me time' in these busier than usual months of the year. Whether a day, half day or an hour a day.

Last night browsing through varying sites I came across a post about mental health issues and how loneliness is a very common theme attributing to poor Mental Health. Loneliness and the resulting feeling of disconnection from others can result in feelings of hopelessness. Hopelessness can result in unpleasant emotional responses and lead to bad health physically, mentally and spiritually. There can be an increase in stress, anxiety and sadness.

These days because of technological advances we work long hours on our own. Spending long hours alone on machines that mostly drive themselves. These are also times when we have a lot of time to think. For some these thoughts when negative can sometimes take over and begin to seem to be our reality. We can feel disconnected, isolated seeing our world from the outside in.

As a counsellor I have learnt a lot through study and experiences of what are effective ways to work through or to be better placed to cope in hard times. This includes certain types of proven therapeutic methods that can be utilised to assist others to move forward. But I can say with confidence that the most effective therapy (for want of a better word) is being connected to others and being valued by others.

People I have assisted move through hard times all do so better when they are valued, respected and never judged. When we openly judge someone and verbally brand them, we are pivotal in hindering that person's ability to get back on track. The bush telegraph works to well.

The most effective therapy is connection, real connection to others. For whatever reason some now feel we are entitled to do what we want without considering others. 'Not my problem?' The power of belonging and being reminded by others that we matter is extremely uplifting mentally, physically and spiritually. The feelings we personally receive when asking after others and going out of our way to say RUOK also is powerful, yet we are often wary to do so.

One seemingly simple exercise or habit which a lot of people find hard is to say 'thank you'. Even when someone gives them praise or asks how they are going. A perception of being judged or branded by agreeing to some well earned praise seems to stop us from saying 'Thankyou'. Not easy when not a habit. But acknowledging the other for noticing and thanking that person for their concern or praise ensures this person will do this with others more often. Win Win.

Keep connected, reach out and make a habit of calling or calling in on others. Don't think that others will call if they really want. You don't need a reason just do it. Arrange get togethers. This get together doesn't have to be a conversation about Mental health. The connection, conversations and hopefully some humour about whatever automatically helps others and your own mental-health and wellbeing very effectively. And its fun.

The people I have worked with now have the realisation that the best thing they did when not feeling themselves was to ask for help, there is nothing but strength and positivity in doing so. To these people who trusted me I say 'Thank you'.



Roger Hitchcock
Counsellor & Community Representative West Australia based in Narrogin
(Wagin and Surrounding Region)

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Wandering Lions

ANZAC DAY dawn service was very well attended in the quiet and chilling morn of Wandering. 40 patrons chose to march, ably led by Bobby Whitely, to suitably honour those who marched and fought on our behalf in all conflicts.

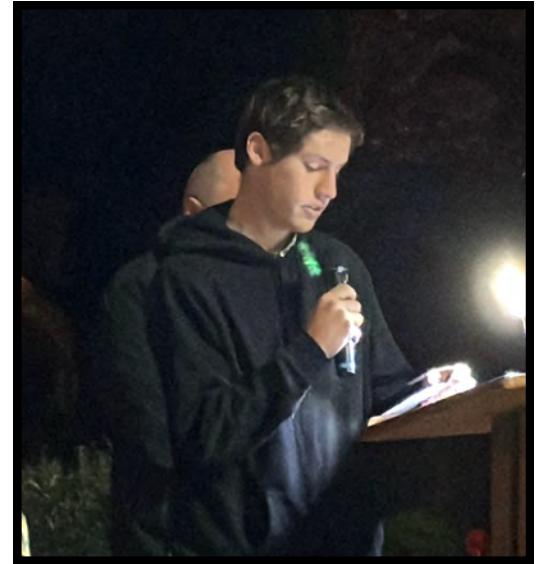
Some 100 visitors and locals then congregated at the Wandering memorial gates to remember the ANZAC's solemnly before the sun rose.

The service included an ANZAC poem read by David Kelliher and the commemorative address was presented by Andrew Blair within which Andrew recited the ANZAC requiem.

Once again the tavern invited all to partake of a "Gunfire" breakfast. This has been a welcome haven from the chilly morning and an opportunity for patrons to connect and imbibe in the Tavern's complementary breakfast. Thank you Charlie and Janet.



Marchers in step from CWA rooms to the Memorial Gates



David Kelliher reading an ANZAC poem to those gathered, remember those who have served in all theatres of war.



Attendees gathered at the Wandering Gazebo for the dawn service.

Jacque Cornish keeping up the tradition of a shot of rum in her coffee at the Gunfire Breakfast. Rum with milk and coffee known as "Gunfire" was served to British troops before battle to keep them warm and boost morale. Australian and New Zealand soldiers adopted the tradition and so continued to this day.



Wandering Fair

Stall Holder Registrations Open NOW

<https://form.jotform.com/240898267449878>

Sat 18.10.2025 9:00am - 3:00pm



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Running in conjunction with the Wandering Camp Out Weekend



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

7PM

SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

13TH MAY 2025



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**MR RICK WILSON MP
SHADOW ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR TRADE
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR O'CONNOR**

10 April 2025

Coalition launches Regional Australia Future Fund

Federal Member for O'Connor, Rick Wilson MP, has announced a ground-breaking *Regional Australia Future Fund*, to deliver a guaranteed annual funding stream in perpetuity for regional, rural and remote Australia.

Mr Wilson said the Fund is in recognition of the contribution regional Australians make in growing our national economy and the unique challenges faced now and into the future.

A Coalition Government will preserve a portion of commodity windfall receipts towards the establishment of *Regional Australia Future Fund* to grow this Fund to \$20 billion.

"This is about putting regional people of O'Connor first and leaving a legacy for future generations," Mr Wilson said.

"Once established the Fund will invest a fair share of the profits created through the hard work of regional Australians back into my electorate of O'Connor. It means we don't have to fight for funding shortfalls to provide infrastructure in regional areas.

"The Fund will deliver sustainable long-term funding to tackle challenges that hold back regional communities and invest in building the long-term economic foundations of regional Australia to address future challenges."

The Fund will be legislated in perpetuity, to establish a fiscally responsible way to invest in the future generations of regional Australians.

"It will have clear investment principles and will sit under the Future Fund structure and grow through their proven investment strategy.

"The Fund will be transparent and benchmarked with a legislated State of the Regions review by an independent committee, which will inform each four-year investment plan."

Following extensive consultations with local communities, the Dutton Littleproud Coalition have identified initial key priorities of the *Regional Australia Future Fund*, which include:

- Fixing local road and transport networks to save country lives and drive economic productivity.
- Growing the regional health workforce so families can access health and aged care – local and affordable.
- Developing regional industries to drive economic growth and create secure jobs.
- Delivering flexible childcare solutions for families in regional, rural and remote areas.
- Growing tourism industry opportunities for regional communities and economies.
- Supporting regional businesses to market and export their product to new and expanded markets.
- Improving regional mobile and internet services for country communities.
- Building and upgrading economic and community infrastructure, facilities and services.

The funding stream will supplement – not replace – normal government funding across these critical areas where regional Australia faces unique challenges.

“This is an historic moment for the one third of Australians who live outside the big capital cities – a perpetual fund to future-proof regional Australia against short-termism and governments who leave regions behind.

“This will give confidence to regional communities, by investing in their economic future over coming decades, not just each electoral cycle.

“Geography should not be a determinant of success. Families and businesses in O’Connor contribute significantly to our national story and economy.

“This Fund will ensure towns such as Esperance, Collie, Albany, Kalgoorlie, Manjimup and everywhere in between can take advantage of opportunities and overcome the challenges that the coming decades bring.”

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WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

Finding Ourselves in Solitude

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
May 2025

We live in a world where there seems to be an increasing need to be busy and connected all the time. We are trying to pack more and more into our lives, and it is no wonder many of us often find ourselves feeling over-extended with our work and personal commitments. In a rapidly changing society are we forgetting the benefits a bit of solitude can bring to our lives?

For many people, having quiet time alone is often not on the radar. In fact, these days it is almost developing a reputation as time that is in effect, wasted! It's realistic to imagine that a lot of people would find it difficult being alone with their thoughts for too long. The struggle not to think about deadlines and commitments or reaching for our mobile phone to get the latest newsfeed, email or Facebook update is persistent. Our constant focus on the need to stay connected to the outside world could be leading us to a disconnection with our true inner self and a sense of peace.




We often talk about the importance of looking out for our mates but first and foremost we need to start with ourselves. Taking quiet reflective time out *even to do nothing* can be good for our wellbeing.


It gives us the chance to reconnect with our innermost thoughts and enhance our self-awareness. This is by no means a new philosophy, many religions such as Buddhism have long practiced exercises like meditation and mindfulness to promote the virtues of being alone and still in the moment. As human beings, we are simply not designed to be going full tilt all the time, we need regular down time to help restore energy and give us the space to adjust to life's situations and demands. In his book *The Call of Solitude: Alone time In a World of Attachment*, Ester Schaler Buchholz sums this up beautifully with the simple statement *alone time is fuel for life*.

The social and spiritual aspect of our health is fundamental to our general wellbeing. The experience of solitude can allow us to really delve into our sense of self and purpose, enabling a broader understanding of our identity. It unlocks our curiosity about the world around us giving us space to explore our individual hopes and dreams. Importantly, it can also foster the development of a good relationship with our self which in turn helps us to connect with others in healthy and meaningful ways.

Building some alone time into our lives can be a challenge. How often do we hear the saying there is never enough hours in a day! There are also those periods of time when it's head down bum up as any farmer or small business operator will tell you. Nonetheless if we are to achieve a healthy balance in our lives and given the way everything seems to be speeding up, then now more than ever we need moments of solitude.

 @RMHI_4blokes

 Working with Warriors Podcast

 regionalmenshealth.com.au





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Boddington Medieval Fayre & Feast

3 MAY 2025

FAYRE: 10am to 4pm

FEAST: 6pm to 11pm

Book your tickets online at:

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

3 May is also
Federal Election Day.
Please consider an early vote
or a postal vote.





Wandering CWA



Happy Mother's Day
The Wandering CWA would like to wish everyone a Happy Mother's Day on Sunday 11 May!

ANZAC Day in Wandering
It was wonderful to see so many people at the recent ANZAC day ceremony. Our President Jacquie makes the lovely wreaths each year on behalf of the CWA, so thanks to her for her efforts.



Hire the Wandering CWA Rooms

The Wandering CWA Rooms are available for hire for your next event
Half Day hire (up to 4 hour block) \$30
Half Day hire (4 hours or more) \$50
Contact Neta (0449 537 553) for further info

Next meeting of the Wandering CWA

Wednesday 21 May 2025
11am meeting
with morning tea to follow.
Everyone welcome!



Here's to strong women.
May we know them.
May we be them.
May we raise them.

Find us on 
Wandering CWA

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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.



PHCC Launches 2025–2027 State NRM Community Stewardship Grant: Resilient Farms, Nature & Communities

PHCC is excited to announce the launch of its 2025–2027 State NRM Community Stewardship Grant, Resilient Farms, Nature & Communities. This initiative aims to support landholders in building more resilient and sustainable farming systems by enhancing skills, strengthening capacity, and promoting the sustainable management of land resources tailored to local needs. The project also focuses on conserving and restoring biodiversity through a range of on-ground actions.

Activities will include fencing, revegetation, event facilitation, invasive species management, and the development of best-practice methodologies to guide sustainable land management.

This project will be delivered across the Hotham-Williams sub catchment and the Swan Coastal Plain within the PHCC region. In these areas eligible farmers will have access to a fencing subsidy, seedlings to boost farm ecosystem health and enhance permanent vegetation cover as well as targeted weed control programs with a focus on spiny rush (*Juncus actutus*). In collaboration with local groups in PHCC's upper catchment (the Hotham-Williams) the project will also continue targeted feral pig control efforts. Additionally, PHCC will consult with specialists to review and update existing restoration guidelines for degraded and saline land with a focus on the Hotham-Williams sub catchment.

There will be a variety of events open to the community over the 3-year period that will increase landowners opportunities to learn about sustainable growing systems, increasing biodiversity and ecosystem function along with maintaining or improving productivity.

Partner organisations for these events include Birdlife Australia, Peel-Harvey Biosecurity Group, SJ Food and Farm Alliance and RegenWA.

If you have areas or issues on farm that you think may be improved through this project, we encourage you to contact us with an expression of interest, detailing what on-ground work you would like to undertake.

You can do so by reaching out to the Healthy Farms Project Officer Gen Harvey at genevieve.harvey@peel-harvey.org.au or calling 6369 8801 or 0438 605 112.



This project is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program.

River Warriors

PHCC has been hanging out on the Williams River with the local Wildlife Warriors for 4 years, and credit goes to the Williams CRC, who organise the regular activities, and also the kids and parents who come along to learn about our natural environment.

The timing has been perfect to include them with the project on the Williams River, which has been backdrop to all of the Warrior sessions that PHCC has been involved with since 2021. When we were asked to do the same in March this year, the bank rehabilitation had just been completed, and the kids were able to have a walking tour of all the structures on the banks, around significant trees, and in the bed of the river.

While they were there, the warriors checked on the seedlings that they have helped to plant since 2022, and completed a hilariously high-speed and enthusiastic 'treasure' hunt of natural features.



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Exploration surveys for Carnaby and Baudins Black Cockatoos

PHCC and Birdlife Australia have been undertaking exploration surveys for Carnaby and Baudins Black Cockatoos around the Hotham-Williams area. We traversed bushland areas around Wandering (Timber Reserve), Boddington, Dryandra, Dwellingup, Montague State Forests and Quindanning, searching for signs of recent Black Cockatoo foraging and breeding. Thank you to our volunteers who provided more eyes on the ground, but particularly to the Wilman Elders (Jock and Nick Abraham) who joined our Dryandra surveys and provided important historical information about bush tucker and the significance of Dryandra for Wilman People. Stay tuned as we collate our results following 15 days of intensive field surveys.

Following recent droughts and consecutive years with lower than average rainfall, there seems to be a shortage of good quality seed in most bushland sites. As a result, we observed fewer signs of foraging at bushland sites previously known to be important sites for Black Cockatoos, but found increased signs of foraging and roosting around farmland and pine plantations. These findings reinforce the importance of preserving all large

forage trees in the catchment and also supports a staged approach to clearing pine plantations.

If you suspect Black Cockatoos are foraging, roosting or breeding on your property, please report your findings to Birdlife Australia via their Birddata App (<https://birddata.birdlife.org.au/>) or email Birdlife at greatcockycount@birdlife.org.au.



This project is funded by the Australian Government Natural Heritage Trust and delivered by PHCC, a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel.

Field Day at Cuballing with Mulloon Institute

On Monday 31 March participants gathered at a farm in Cuballing for a Landscape Rehydration Field Day. The event included technical, theoretical, and practical in-field demonstrations exploring how water moves through a landscape.

Mulloon institute Landscape Planner and Hydrologist Lance Mudgway delivered a comprehensive explanation of the water cycle, highlighting the relationship between water, plants, solar radiation, and gravity. In the field, participants had the opportunity to assess the landscape, identify patterns and processes, and deepen their understanding of soil and water interactions. Key discussions focused on salinity, erosion, and how these challenges can be addressed through planning and design to achieve sustainable water conservation.

A special thank you to Mike Burges for hosting us for this event. For further information and resources, visit Mulloon Institute <https://www.themullooninstitute.org/>.



This project is supported by the Sustainable Agriculture Position and the Australian Government through funding from the National Heritage Trust under the climate-Smart Agriculture Program.

Save the date

SJ Food & Farm Fest

Date: Saturday 3 May

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Tickets and more details can be found here: www.foodandfarmfest.com.au



Newmont



victoria.brockhurst@peel-harvey.org.au

www.peel-harvey.org.au

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Magical Night at Barna Mia

We had a lovely night at Barna Mia in Dryandra Woodland National Park with members of the Wilman community, the Traditional Owners of Dryandra Woodland.

The night began with a special Welcome to Country from Wilman Elder, Travis (Jock) Abraham, followed by a lovely dinner. We then took a tour of the sanctuary to look out for bilby, woylie, mala, quenda and boodie. Of these five species that once called Dryandra Woodland home, only woylies and quendas can still be found in the woodland today.

We learned about the threats these species face, including predation by foxes and feral cats, as well as habitat loss. It was an amazing night under the stars.

Thank you to everyone who came along!

Find out more about Barna Mia here <https://exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/site/barna-mia-nocturnal-wildlife-experience>

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Image: Jock (Travis) Abraham Wilman Elder conducting Welcome to Country



Image: Barna Mia presentation by DBCA guide, Veronica

Rabbit Control

European Rabbits are Australia's most destructive and widespread environmental and agricultural pest animal. The most effective approach to rabbit control uses a combination of control techniques applied in a strategic manner which needs to be ongoing to be effective.

- 1080 baiting
- Trapping
- Shooting
- Warren destruction
- Fumigation
- Removing harbour
- Monitoring and adapting



Working with your neighbours is important to have the greatest impact on the rabbit population.

PHCC has in the past coordinated the release of the RHDV1-K5 rabbit virus. This year due to concerns around population immunity PHCC will not be coordinating the release. We are currently investigating if we may be able to release the virus again in future years in a more targeted manner. To find out more about how to control rabbits on your property visit: <https://pestsmart.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/09/>

Wandering Fox Shoot 2025

Numbats are safer after the Wandering Fox Hunt with 45 participants culling an impressive 135 foxes, 3 feral cats, 1 feral pig and 10 rabbits at the Wandering Fox Hunt 2025. These activities help to reduce the risk of predation and habitat destruction to threatened species.

PHCC funded the breakfast and were able to thank and provide vouchers to the attendees for the hard work they do protecting local threatened species including numbats, woylies and chuditch.

PHCC is proud to have supported this event through the Numbat Neighbourhood Project since 2020 and in those 6 years 908 foxes, 32 feral cats, 82 rabbits and 14 feral pigs have been culled and are no longer preying or destroying the habitat of threatened species.

We'd like to say a big thank you to the event organisers and participants.

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Image: Christie Stewart winner of the Wandering Rural Voucher with Christine PHCC's Farmers for Fauna Coordinator

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Williams River Bank Rehabilitation

You all know the drill by now...

We've been working hard in specific areas on the Hotham and Williams Rivers. During the first week of March, we completed another section of the Williams River downstream of the town weir next to the Lions Rest Area. If you're passing through and want to have a look, follow the

dirt track heading north west from the car park, and pop down to the river where you will see access points. There are several structures along that stretch, ranging from re-sloping and using primarily rocks to reinforce the banks, and use of logs to enhance habitat and compliment the rock material. There are also a couple

of in-stream structures that aim to help maintain and build up the pools, which are becoming more and more important in the drying climate. The biodegradable jute mat placed on all the re-sloped banks will provide good spots for planting seedlings later in the year.

Here's a bunch of photos to check out the treated banks.



In-Stream Structure



Strategic Re-Sloping



Partnership with Wilman (Dryandra) People Corporation

Soil Health Workshop with Mark Tupman

On Wednesday 19th March we hosted a Soil Health Workshop with Mark Tupman from Productive Ecology at Qunidanning Community Hall as part of our Future Ready Farming Project. This project is run over 4 years with funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program.

We learnt the Fundamentals of Functional Soil Fertility, including the basic characteristics of soils, understanding plant/microbe/soil systems, optimising plant growth to build soil, leveraging plant diversity, the benefits of animals in our paddocks and how taking care of our soil life is crucial to a healthy planet. After a delicious morning tea and lunch from

Boddington Bakehouse we then discussed how building healthy soil systems can be managed by establishing multi species pastures and cover crops, managing grazing to improve pastures, making high quality compost, getting things off to a good start with planting treatments, targeting nutrition to maximized returns.

The workshop concluded by getting our hands dirty by making a compost to use as a seed coating prior to sowing a paddock as well as making up a foliar fertiliser mix. We also tested the sugar levels in orange and apple juice and compared the results to the sugar levels in freshly picked pasture using a Refractometer.

The Future Ready Farming project will see us working with a number of farmers over 4 years on multispecies pastures and cover crop demonstration sites. For this upcoming sowing season we are working with four farmers, two on the Swan Coastal Plain and two within the Hotham-Williams subcatchment. We plan to invite another four farmers each year to join the project. More information can be found at <https://peel-harvey.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Future-Ready-Farming.pdf>

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Expressions of Interest – Independent Members to sit on Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

The Shire of Wandering invites expressions of interest for experienced professionals to join its Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee as Independent Members, in the positions of Presiding Member and Deputy Presiding Member.

This committee supports the Shire in fulfilling its responsibilities for oversight in areas such as financial audit, risk management, and continuous improvement, in compliance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and associated regulations.

About the Successful Candidate:

The Independent Members will preside over the committee meetings (approximately 2/3 per annum) and will be required to have experience and knowledge in the following areas:

- Financial reporting;
- Audit and assurance;
- Principles of good organisational governance; and
- Risk management and internal control principles.

Additional desirable skills and experience include:

- Strong leadership qualities to guide effective committee discussions;
- Analytical skills to assess complex information;
- Knowledge of the local government sector;
- Familiarity with meeting procedures and Local Law Standing Orders; and
- Awareness of emerging risks such as climate adaptation and cyber security.

To be classed as an Independent Member, applicants must meet these criteria:

- a) Must not be employed by the Shire of Wandering;
- b) Must not be an Elected Member of the Shire of Wandering or any other local government authority; and
- c) Must not be related to any person in categories a) or b).

What We Offer The role includes remuneration aligned with determinations by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal for Band 4 local governments. The Council has set the fee at \$150 per meeting.

Reimbursement of expenses for training, travel, and meals is also available as applicable.

How to Apply:

Applications should include a statement of interest and a brief outline (no more than three pages) demonstrating experience in the Key Areas listed above. Applications should be marked 'Private & Confidential - Independent Members for Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee' in the subject heading and be addressed to reception@wandering.wa.gov.au.

Application Deadline: Submissions close at 4:30 PM AWST, Wednesday 14th May, 2025.

Should you require further information or clarification on the above, contact Ian Fitzgerald, Acting Chief Executive Officer via email ian.fitzgerald@wandering.wa.gov.au or telephone 6828 1800.

Ian Fitzgerald
Acting Chief Executive Officer



Could Your Organisation Benefit From Some Financial Assistance?

Last Call!

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



If you have packages to collect and they are not at the Shire, please try Wandering Rural on 0428 002 387 as they are now receiving deliveries from Toll. Some phone numbers have not been included on the packages so they may not be able to contact you to advise you have a delivery.

The Shire are still receiving packages from Star Track and Australia Post.

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

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www.facebook.com/wanderingshire

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

crc@wandering.wa.gov.au



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Our new Shire CEO, Dr Alistair Pinto, will be commencing work on Monday 26th May 2025. We look forward to welcoming Alistair and his family to town!

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 17th April 2025 the following was discussed:

- Amendments to the Terms and References of the Audit and Risk Committee
- Appointment and Endorsement of Presiding Members for Council Committees
- Financial Reports and Accounts Paid for March 2025
- Fees and Charges - 2025/26 Budget
- Councillor Sitting Fees - 2025/26
- Bank Overdraft Facility - Municipal Fund
- Bush Fire Advisory Committee AGM April 2025

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

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 April 2025 the Council endorsed the BFAC recommendations for appointment of office bearers as listed below, pursuant to Section 38 (1) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, for the financial year 2025/2026.

Chief Fire Control Officer :

Graham Treasure 0427 841 083

Deputy Fire Control Officer:

Tim Treasure 0458 653 521

Hastings:

Captain: Anthony Turton 0428 876 042

Wandering

Captain: Tim Treasure 0458 653 521

Codjatotine:

Captain: Cameron Hardie 0428 249 799

Wandering Town:

Captain: Shaun Brand 0429 433 452

BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS:

Hastings

Anthony Turton (Capt)

Richard Bostock

Chad Ferguson

David Parsons

Adam Watts

Brendon Hardie

Wandering

Tim Treasure (Capt)

Jon Hardie

Brook White

Richard Watts

Codjatotine

Cameron Hardie (Capt)

Mark Browne

Dean Warburton

Brendan Hardie

Wandering Town

Shaun Brand (Capt)

Graham Treasure

Brad Hunt

Darron Hatton

Andrew Blair

Mothers Day

The Shire office (Australia Post) has a wide range of gift cards to spoil your mum this Mothers Day.



Notice of Intention to Impose Fees and Charges

In accordance with Section 6.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Shire of Wandering hereby gives notice of its intention to impose Fees and Charges for the 2025/26 financial year to be effective from 1 July 2025.

Details of the fees and charges for the 2025/26 financial year will be available from the Shire Administration Office and on the Shire of Wandering website at www.wandering.wa.gov.au.

Please note the Shire's Fees and Charges are updated every year prior to the new financial year



Thank
you!

A huge thank you and well done from Council to those that helped with the Anzac Day commemoration and Gunfire Breakfast.

Burning Permits no Longer Required

Burn With Care - to 30 September 2025



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 CWA PROJECT

Some of the CWA ladies have been busy for several Wednesdays, cutting and sewing quilts for Comfort Quilts Against Cancer.

There were several strips already sewn together from past projects so we have joined them together to make them large enough to make knee rugs for cancer survivors and patients.

We were also gifted some material from past member, Maxine Whitely's estate by her children.

Our Secretary Neta, has already delivered some, complete with bags to carry them in, to the office in Northam.

We have more to do and have had the help from Merle who lives out near Pumphreys Bridge.

Anyone who would like to assist at any time please feel welcome to come along to the CWA Rooms when we will continue to put some more together.

Contact our President Jacquie on 0407 241 004 for more information.

Check out Comfort Quilts for Cancer on Facebook or their website



New Cancer Council WA campaign empowers young people to break free from vaping

Cancer Council WA, with funding from Lotterywest and Healthway, has launched a new Clear the Air campaign, 'You can break free from vaping', to help young West Australians aged 14-24 who currently vape to quit.

The campaign involves real young people sharing their stories and experiences on the negative impact vaping had on their health, and the positive impact quitting has had on their lives. This campaign's message is that quitting vaping is possible and many others are doing the same. It aims to empower young people to take control of their health by recognising the signs of addiction and providing them with the resources they need to quit.

People are encouraged to visit cleartheair.org.au to access tips to quit, take the 'Am I addicted' quiz, and use the quit savings calculator to see how much they can save by quitting vaping. For more information, please contact cleartheair@cancerwa.asn.au.

Registrations are now open for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea 2025

This year in May, Cancer Council's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea turns 32! 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 \$1.6 million to continue with life-saving cancer research, prevention, advocacy and support programs. 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. The official date is **Thursday 22 May 2025** but you can register to host an event at any time from now until June. Simply register online at biggestmorningtea.com.au.

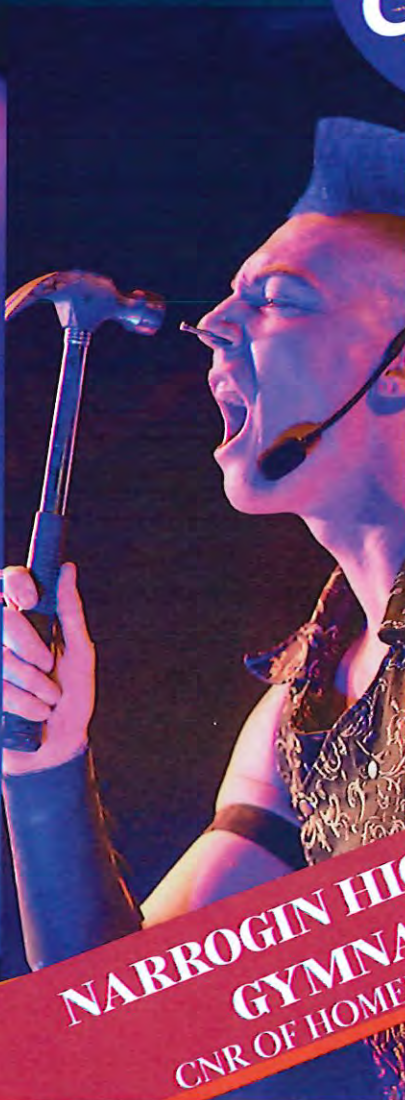


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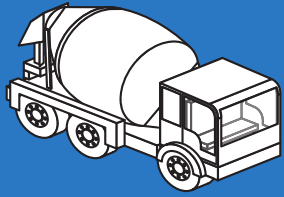
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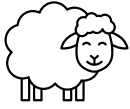
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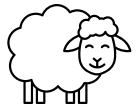
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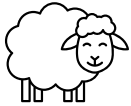
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COMMUNITY GROUPS

WANDERING CRAFT GROUP

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

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH WANDERING

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

Enquiries to Revd Dale Appleby, 0405 451 228, dale@gatewayparish.org

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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Your Church in Wandering



Every fourth-Sunday at 2pm
and in Williams every Sunday 10:30am

Q: How can I get support?

Answer: Whether you need spiritual guidance or just a **listening ear**, we're here. We offer **prayer**, home visits, and support for those going through tough times. Reach out to us through someone at church, the **website** (QR code below), on 9885 1174 or by email to office@gatewayparish.org

Q: What's unique about Sundays at St Martin's?

Answer: Worship is a blend of traditional Anglican and contemporary elements, aiming to make it meaningful and accessible to all. **We focus on Jesus Christ.** It's all on the screen, with no prayer-book page-flipping! Our services include a mix of hymns, modern songs, and a relevant, inspiring message from the Bible. We celebrate Holy Communion most Sundays. You can participate as much or little as you like! There's always time for fellowship over a **cuppa afterwards**, and kids have activities available.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

7PM | THURSDAY 8TH
WANDERING LIONS CLUB MEETING

3.30PM | THURSDAY 8TH
KIDS TENNIS AND GLOW IN DARK GOLF

9AM | TUESDAY 13TH
TINY TOTS FIRST AID

9AM | TUESDAY 13TH
PUMPHREYS CWA MEETING

7PM | TUESDAY 13TH
WANDERING LONG TABLE LUNCH AGM

10AM | THURSDAY 15TH
CUPPA FOR CANCER

3.30PM | THURSDAY 15TH
COUNCIL MEETING

11AM | SATURDAY 17TH
HAT BURNING WORKSHOP

10AM | WEDNESDAY 21ST
NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

11AM | WEDNESDAY 21ST
WANDERING CWA MEETING