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Wandering Echo July 2025

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To Our Monthly Community Newsletter

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Contact the Wandering CRC

Phone: 08 9884 1561

Email: crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

Monday - Thursday

9am - 4pm

Closed public holidays

KEEP UP TO DATE

The best way to stay up to date with all the happenings of the CRC & Wandering Shire is to follow us on Facebook.

CRC - https://www.facebook.com/wanderingcrc Shire - https://www.facebook.com/Wanderingshire



"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

crc@wandering.wa.gov.au





CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY BOOK N CRAFT ACTIVITY

WEDNESDAY JULY 2025 @ 10:30AM

Wandering Public Library/CRC will be holding a reading session with craft activities to follow. We would love to see you then. "Happy holidays kids!!"

\$5.00 per child

Please register your child by:



089884 1561



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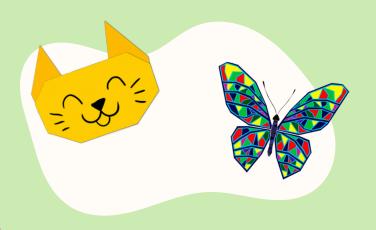


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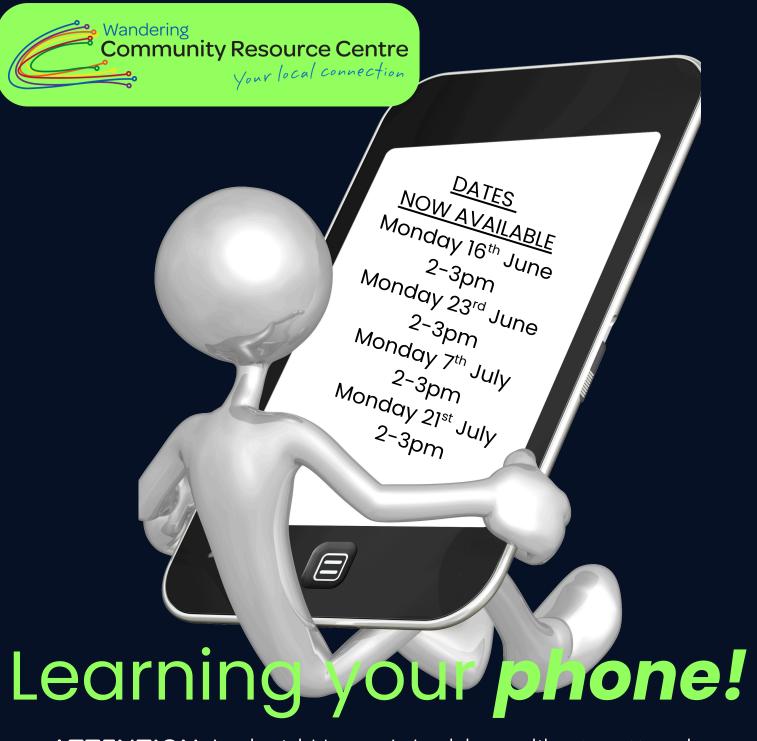
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15 JULY, 2025 - 10:30AM \$5 PER KID

> at the Wandering CRC Register at (08) 6828 1820 or crc@wandering.wa.gov.au



ATTENTION Android User - Would you like to attend a series of short 1 hour workshops to learn about usage of your phone?

Register by contacting the Wandering CRC on - 08 6828 1820 or email - crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

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UP COMING WORKSHOPS

26TH AUGUST - TUESDAY 10:30AM "Future Proofing our Gardens"

23RD SEPTEMBER - TUESDAY 10:30AM

"Growing Successfully in Pots & Hanging Baskets"

As part of the Wandering Community Gardens Grant upgrade, we are pleased to welcome back John Draper to run a series of workshops.

Cost: \$5:00 p/p for each workshop

Location: Wandering CRC

To register please contact the Wandering CRC 9884 1561

crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

Looking forward to your support for this wonderful opportunity!

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VENUE: WANDERING CARAVAN PARK
6pm



\$25 INC DINNER & DRINKS **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**PLEASE CONTACT: WANDERING CRC

9884 1561 OR

CRC@WANDERING.WA.GOV.AU







COMMUNITY ROADSIDE BREAKFASTS

The Wandering Community Resource Centre, Wandering Lions Club and Shire of Wandering are proud to bring you these Community Roadside Breakfasts.

We'll bring the BBQ & food. Let's gather together over breakfast, discuss community opportunities and issues and check on each other.

COMPLIMENTARY BACON & EGG ROLL COOKED FRESH! we encourage everyone to attend the one closest to you for a fun social gathering.

EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

TUES 23rd SEPT

7AM - 8.30AM Wandering Fuel Station

WED 24th SEPT

7AM - 8.30AM
Corner of Reid &
Moramockining Roads,
Blackboy Springs

THURS 25th SEPT

7AM - 8.30AM Codjatotine roadside parking bay Old School Site

Enquiries - CRC - 9884 1561 - crc@wandering.wa.gov.au







PERIOD POVERTY DONATION DRIVE

WHAT IS PERIOD POVERTY?

Period poverty is defined "as a lack of access to menstrual products, hygiene facilities, waste management, and education"

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are accepting donations at the Wandering CRC.

We will then package these products into Period Care Packs.

These will be available for collection from the CRC.

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HAVE STRUGGLED TO
AFFORD PERIOD
PRODUCTS DUE TO COST.

Wandering Statistics - Bloody Big Survey 2024

- 14% Completely uneducated about menstruation before first period
- **8%** Found it difficult to afford period products
- **55%** Missed work due to period
- 71% Missed sport due to period

WHAT CAN YOU DONATE?

Single Use Items

- Pads
- Tampons
- Liners
- Wipes

Re-usable Items

- Period Underwear
- Cloth Pads
- Menstrual Cups
- Menstrual Discs
- New Underwear (various sizing)
- Heat Packs

RESOURCES

For more information about Period Care & Education you can visit:

https://www.ubykotex.com.au/resources/periods



CARE PACKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE WANDERING CRC









THE OLD BAKERY - BODDINGTON ART'S & CRAFT'S SUPPLIES

YARN * HABERDASHERY * ARTS & CRAFT SUPPLIES * GIFTS *

TOWELS * SHEETS * HOMEWARES * BRIC A BRAC *

* CANDLES & SOAPS * SOUVENIRS



OPEN 7 DAYS!

9AM - 4PM MON - FRI 10AM - 1PM SAT - SUN

FIND US AT THE OLD BAKERY BUILDING IN BODDINGTON
43 BANNISTER RD. BODDINGTON

CONTACT US AT 0424 634 112





REGIONAL TRAINING CALENDAR JUNE TO NOVEMBER 2025

proposed dates TBC

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CORRIGIN		11-14		12-15
JERRAMUNGUP		26-27		
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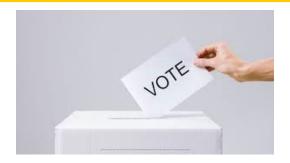
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Please note the above dates are estimated and for a range of training dates yet to be confirmed. Dates will be offered and confirmed once student numbers have been met in each location.

To register your interest in any of the above truck driver training offered by Busselton Advanced Driver Training, please contact the Wandering CRC - 9884 1561 or crc@wandering.wa.gov.au







Local Government Elections - Owner Occupier Roll

In Western Australia, the "Owner/Occupier roll" allows individuals who own or occupy property within a local government district, but reside elsewhere, to enrol and vote in local elections. This means if you live outside the Shire of Wandering but own or rent property within it, you can apply to be added to the owner/occupier roll to vote in Wandering's local government election this October.

Expiry of Applications

If you have previously been added to the Shire's Owner/Occupier roll as an owner, you will remain on the roll until you or the corporation no longer own the property.

If you have been added to the Shire's Owner/ Occupier roll as an occupier, your application will expire six (6) months after the holding of the second ordinary election after your claim was accepted, and you must re-apply to be added to the roll.

Checking if you are on the Owner/ Occupier Roll

If you are already on our owner / occupier roll, you will receive an email to confirm whether you wish to stay on it. To check if you are on the Shire's Owner/ Occupier electoral roll, please contact Lisa on (08) 6828 1806 or via email lisa.boddy@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

> both closed on public holidays

Transfer Station

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

Waste Collection



Every Tuesday

Recycling Collection



Tuesdays 1/7/2025 15/7/2025 22/7/2025

Ranger

24 hours / 7 days 0459 678 154

Shire of Wandering | 22 Watts Street, Wandering WA 6308 | (08) 6828 1800

www.wandering.wa.gov.au | reception@wandering.wa.gov.au



www.facebook.com/wanderingshire

Wandering Community Resource Centre | 18 Watts Street, Wandering WA 6308 | (08) 6828 1820 crc@wandering.wa.gov.au www.facebook.com/wanderingcrc









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 19th June 2025 the following was discussed:

- Financial Report and Accounts Paid for May 2025
- Independent Members of Audit Risk and Improvement Committee
- Update of Fees and Charges to Include Changes to Caravan Park Fees
- Community Financial Assistance Grants Program Applications
- Councillor Sitting Fees 2025/26
- Development Application Biodiverse Environmental Planting Project using Carbon Sequestration - Lots 200, 12148, 12150, 12729 and 15231 (No. 7642) York-Williams Road, Pumphreys Bridge

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









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 and Star Track. 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 Australia Post.

Shire Rates

Shire rates for the 2025/26 financial year are due to be issued in the middle of August.

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.

Transport and Works

Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network (WSFN)

The Shire of Wandering had WSFN development works programmed for North Bannister-Wandering Road, his financial year, we have replaced and upgraded all the culverts from SLK 9.10- 13.6 (4.5) This work also includes clearing, batter works, and subsoil drainage, which will all be completed in the coming weeks. The WSFN program designed to increase freight efficiency, productivity, and safety. The major aim is to reduce freight input costs and increase Australia's international competitiveness in agricultural markets.

Grants Program 2023-24-2024-25 on Gnowing Street shared foot path

We have now completed the installation stage 1 & 2 of (WABN) Grants Program)2023-24 - 2024-2025 on Gnowing Street shared foot path funding.

The aim was to connect the Wandering Caravan Park to the Town Centre. This will enable visitors and the Local Community better access to more public services like the Shire office, the community resource centre, post office, the Wandering Tavern, the skate park, the town oval, and to community-based activities and events





The shire also received funding again for fire mitigation works around the town site

The parks and gardens team have been working with the tree loppers. they have been clearing shrubs, small trees, and grasses. The mitigation works this year was focused on the township to ensure safe evacuation points.



Farmers' forum: Safety in agriculture

This **free forum** provides ideas and practical approaches for establishing good safety practices on farms. WorkSafe Commissioner Sally North, along with agricultural and WorkSafe experts will introduce a range of priority topics in the agriculture sector.

For in-person attendees, the presentations will be followed by a light lunch and opportunity to network.



Friday, 18 July 2025



9.30 am - 12.15 pm



Cummins Theatre 31 Bates Street, Merredin









Program

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9.00 am	Registration
9.30 am	MC's introduction – Andrew Ballam, General Manager Regulatory Training and Business Services, WorkSafe
9.35 am	Welcome address – Sally North, WorkSafe Commissioner
9.45 am	Keeping kids safe on farms – Tracy Blaszkow, Manager, KidSafe WA
10.05 am	Unguarded machinery – David Sullivan, Projects and Membership Manager, SAFEFARMS WA
10.25 am	Dangerous goods on farms – Dragana Vukmirovic, Senior Dangerous Goods Officer, WorkSafe
10.45 am	Morning Tea
11.05 am	Safety is always in season. 700 claims. \$40M in payments — Rebecca Harris, General Manager Regulatory Services, WorkCover WA
11.25 am	Electrical hazards – Joseph Byrne, Inspector, WorkSafe
11.45 am	Psychosocial hazards in agriculture – Terence Chia, Senior Inspector Scientific Officer, WorkSafe
12.05 pm	Closing remarks – Jaime Rebelo, Director WorkSafe Industrial and Regional WorkSafe
12.15 pm	Forum concludes with a light networking lunch



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Lions News

JULY

What's New

Each year about this time in the Lion's year, office bearers are installed in a changeover ceremony. Newly elected officers are asked to commit to the running of the ensuing year's undertakings. 'Lofty', Mark Shaw from Boddington Lions was the Installing Officer and Gillian Hansen, Lou Cowan and Bob Little were installed as President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively.



Wandering Lions have had continued success in the 'Containers for Change' scheme and the club gathered for a busy bee at 'Warby's' to upgrade and increase the number of collection bins. IBC,s and eco drums were washed and prepared and will be stationed about at collection points.



Battery Collection

Lions are once again calling out for your old batteries.

There have been considerable funds raised in the past by the collection of used batteries kindly being made available by members of the community.

For collection, contact:

Gillian Hansen: 0488911902 Stephen Bullock: 0428251979



May2025 Article

Carl Yung famously quoted "Life begins at 40. Up until then, you are just doing research." This quote is often interpreted as suggesting that the first 40 years of life are a period of preparation and exploration, while the true meaning and potential of life begin after this point. Interestingly in my counselling sessions this is reinforced time and time again.

Societies engrained expectations that success is material-based drives us to not be who we really are, away from our true selves. Most seek happiness and success over everything else that really matters. Happiness as the main goal is rarely achieved. Life is actually a mixture of all experiences good and bad. Having hard times and testing times are an unescapable reality of life.

What do you, as the unique individual you are, see as your core life value? Who is the real you? What gives your life meaning? How are you ensuring you live to being your true self? These are very hard questions to answer and entail a lot of deep honest reflection. The answer is unique and only you know the answer for yourself. No one else can answer these questions for you.

I truly believe that in midlife the realisation and crisis of being who you really are and want to be seen as, becomes your focus. This can cause some confusion and question what the hell am and have I been doing with myself. Why have I felt the need to be the person with the most toys, what have I actually won? The resulting emotions can adversely affect us causing self-doubt. When analysed these thoughts can become enlightening. But focus on who we truly are results in success and happiness naturally.

Somone I was talking to said that a person they had recently got to know and met a few times told them that they were 'Understated in their manner'. When this person read what this means they said, 'I cried, this is exactly who I really want to be personally and want others to see me as, this means that I have changed and am being who I know I truly am'.

Past occurrences that cause us guilt can't be undone, but we accept this a lesson and never intentionally do anything like that again. In counselling when someone is able to look past their negative thoughts, those around them who are concerned and care come back into focus. This is both uplifting and humbling. They are not alone, never have been, they are valued. Others have been concerned about you, others are there for you and need you as much as you need them. They want you not what you own.

We are always the expert on ourselves including when times are tough; knowing when we need to step up, be strong and ask for help. So act on this knowledge, be true to yourself.

June 2025 article Roger Rural Aid.

As a counsellor I'm required to be registered with what is known as a peak body which in my case is the Australian Counsellors association or the ACA. The ACA provides information, training and very importantly a code of ethics or code of conduct for counsellors. A long list that includes always be professional, have no bias or be discriminatory, do not use your position or perceived power inappropriately, ensure that strict confidentiality of those you work with is maintained. All assist to ensure people are receiving professional un biassed guidance.

Another part of being counsellor is that I have to undertake a minimum of 15 hours relevant recognised training every year as well as undertake a minimum of 10 hours of professional supervision. That is receive counselling by a registered supervisory counsellor. All of these requirements are in place to ensure that the counselling people receive is professional and ethical. As with all industries there are some who do not comply, but this is what I have to do and is a requirement to be employed by Rural Aid as a counsellor. If I breach the code of ethics I could lose both my registration and my job.

Recently I went to the ACA annual conference in Adelaide over two days. Great networking and great learning in areas I have an interest in. These entailed presenters talking about their counselling and the modality or therapeutic model they use.

One of my take aways, was that in each of the talks there was a consistent message that the focus has to be on the individuality of the person sitting with you as a counsellor. The person who has come to counselling has the knowledge of what they want to change or to achieve by engaging a counsellor. Through a collaborative approach, that is working together, the person can begin to have more clarity of their situation. Through discussion and suggestion then being enabled to begin to see an alternative story or pathway forward. That everyone has inner strength was also a common theme. Strengths that can usually be bought back where diminished. This is achieved by valuing the person, respecting the person and accepting that what the person sees as their desired goal is the goal to worked towards. This personal journey is taken with the person side by side, not the person being led by the counsellor.

This reinforced for me that the expert on the person seeking counselling in the counselling room, is that person themselves. This requires that person to receive advice on the process required to get back on track in a safe confidential trusting environment. The counsellor holds the expertise on the process, but the direction and path taken belongs and is driven by the individual sitting with the counsellor.

So, if you aren't feeling yourself, listen to yourself and use your strength to ask for help. Counselling is a journey taken side by side and in my case will follow the path you require. Its about you not me.



Shire of Wandering Recycle Calendar 2025-2026

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WHAT CAN GO INTO YOUR RECYCLE BIN

- Glass All glass and ceramics, whole and broken
- Plastic All plastic containers and plastic wraps (empty with lids off)
- Paper All paper, junk mail and glossy magazines
- · Cardboard All cardboard products
- · Aluminium & Steel All metals, steel & aluminium excluding aerosol cans
- · Liquid Paperboard Milk, juice and laundry detergent cartons.

WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE before it all gets too much... TO A Market Property of the propert

Ego - It's Okay to Talk

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE *July 2025*

A bloke's ego is made up of all those things which help us define who we are as individuals, it is a construct of our personality, character, self-image, self-esteem and self-worth.

In some conversations that we have, we may think "That man has such an enormous ego - I've never known anyone so full of themselves!" One dictionary definition states someone's ego is their sense of their own worth. For example, if someone has a large ego, they think they are very important and valuable. "He had a massive ego; never would he admit he was wrong." It is the latter part of this definition that often leads blokes into spaces they would rather not be i.e. not talking about the stuff which is important to our wellbeing. This can be personal issues such as relationships, finance, family, work and/or any other challenges.

Perhaps part of this ego equation for blokes is enshrined in the main things we worry about, which quite often are about the traditional expectations of society, our place in society - career-wise and success wise. As a collective us blokes are still perceived by how much we are earning and how well we are doing, that is being defined by the work we do. We are more than this.

Additionally, social/spiritual wellbeing needs to be better understood and made a higher priority by all blokes and society. We talk about it in all our education sessions, it is where we find: our identity, our individuality, our culture, our own sense of self, our sense of belonging, our passions and interests. It is what each of us wants it to be.

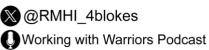
In practical terms this is us blokes talking about and being more than our work. In

conversations with each other we should be talking about the fact that we are a great dad, a brother, a grandfather, an uncle, a husband, a family man, a rally driver, BBQ king, handyman, and/or chef. By talking about what makes us tick (in part, our ego) we can put a positive spin around the meaning of ego, the main one being admitting when we are wrong and/or when we are struggling with life.



Culturally blokes in general are fixers "I'll fix this myself", so we must always question what we are fixing, how we are fixing it, and when we are fixing it? We know all men need to talk, the million-dollar question is to whom and where? Everyone needs their personal space, for blokes to engage and have a conversation we need a safe place and quite often a place with a masculine vibe. This can be the men's shed, a sporting club, a social club, just leaning over the back of the ute or even the barber shop.

We need to have this conversation now; Our ego is not that complex, it is part of our DNA so remember our saying... before it all gets too much... Talk to a Mate®!!



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Wandering CWA

The State Conference of the Country Women's Association of Western Australia is held annually, this year it was held in June, and includes the Annual General Meeting. This year's 101st State Conference was held regionally at the Albany Entertainment Centre. Delegates from all branches throughout WA are invited to attend for a few days of business mixed with networking and catching up with friends from around the State.





Any community member who would like to join with the Wednesday CWA sewing group at 10 am to sew Comfort Quilts Against Cancer is very welcome! And if sewing is not your thing, you can come and crochet scarves and beanies that are donated along with the quilts. Wool provided.



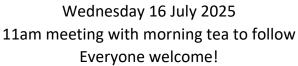
We hope you have the date for this year's Wandering Fair marked on your calendar!

Saturday 18 October



Come and visit the Wandering CWA for your Devonshire Tea!

Next meeting of the Wandering CWA





Strong women stand together when things are rough, hold each other up when they need support, and laugh together when there is no reason to.



WANDERING CWA UPDATE

Wandering CWA members have been busy making quilts to donate to the Comfort Quilts for Cancer Northam. This group sends comfort packs to people who are suffering from cancer all over Australia. During their treatment it is a pleasant surprise for them to be nominated to receive one of these handmade quilts, beanie and scarf to cheer their day and to know they are being thought of through their journey.

This has been Wandering CWA's project this year as we have been donated some lovely fabric and completing past quilt projects that will go to a good cause. And it is not just CWA members embarking on this project. We have had community members coming along on a Wednesday to help with the task which has been a great help.

Not all our helpers are sewers but have been helpful with cutting out the material and putting colours and patterns together. Even making the cup of tea or coffee as needed. Every little bit helps. If you would like to join us on a Wednesday from 10am at the CWA Rooms, please feel welcome to come along.

If you would like to knit or crochet scarves beanies, let us know as we have some wool and that can be provided for these projects too.

CWA's Community Coordinator has asked branches to assist in making blue poppies for the WA Police Department which will be used at the Police Memorial for officers who have taken their own life, died in the line of duty or have now passed on. We have 50 ready to be posted to assist with this project.









For any more information call:

Jacquie 0407 241 004

Linda 0448 331 954



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.



Kaya, Wandju

We loved having local Darminning Elder Debbie Thorne at the annual Tunbridge Gully planting day, where her family member Wayne Ninyette Welcomed us to Country and shared memories of his childhood in Boddington. Debbie was happy to have her brother the late Elder Greg Thorne remembered, with photos of his involvement in local projects, and recorded recollections from him about local areas such as Tunbridge Gully and Camballing Reserve.

The gorgeous artwork of the Wagyl was created by 'Miss Debbie' and the year 6's at the Boddington District High School. The Wagyl is the maker and protector of waterways and winds its way through Dreamtime and more recent reimagining of Noongar cultural stories, reminding us of the never-ending connection between water, land and people.

PHCC aims to work with our Noongar people and communities in identifying and protecting sites of cultural significance. Both the Camballing Reserve and Tunbridge Gully projects are located in a landscape rich in Noongar cultural sites of

significance, and the rehabilitation of those areas to remove invasive plants and revegetate with species that belong there will help to acknowledge and pay respect to Country.



The project "Regeneration of Camballing Reserve and Surrounds" is funded by the Western Australian Government's State Natural Resource Management Program









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COMMUNITY CENTRE REFURBISHMENT OF BBQ AND PLAYGROUND FENCING



Dear Community Members,

As your local government, we are committed to keeping you informed about the latest updates and initiatives that impact our shared community spaces and contribute to our well-being.

We value the contributions of every resident, in making our community a better place to live, work and thrive.

The Community Centre Upgrade Project which is proudly funded by Local Roads and the Community Infrastructure Program, is scheduled to be completed in the coming days.

This Community Centre Upgrade Project has been a key project on which the Community Centre Committee and Council have worked tirelessly, over several years, and which is now finally near completion.

With the new veranda completed and the extension to the kitchen, bar, and storeroom area, nearly completed, the committee's focus has now moved to the refurbishment of the outside area.

The garden and groundwork at the rear of the Centre building, between the existing building and the tennis courts, will be refurbished by Council.

If the rest of the outside area is to be refurbished, then the first step in this next project is the installation of a new BBQ which the committee and council have cleverly managed to secure by utilising some of the funding from the Community Centre Upgrade Project. This unit, pictured below, will replace the old existing BBQ unit.



In collaboration with the Community Centre Committee, it was decided that a shelter over the new barbecue was needed, and additionally Council, was also approached by Playgroup requesting the instillation of a fence around the main playground at the community centre.

These parts of the project are unfortunately not funded, as they were not part of the original Community Centre Upgrade Project funding.

However, the Committee and Council members believe it would be a fantastic opportunity to initiate a community-based project to complete these additional requested works. To this end, donations/contributions are being sought from community groups, businesses and any other interested parties who may wish to contribute towards, costs of a new fence and the installation of a shelter over the BBQ.

Aside from any monetary donations, the Committee is also seeking in-kind donations in the form of assistance with the erection of the shelter during a community busy-bee event.

Any sponsors of the project will be recognised with a plaque attached to the shelter as well as mentions of thanks on the Shire website, our social media platforms and the Echo newsletter.

Once completed, an official Grand Opening community event will be held, which will showcase the kitchen extension and upgrades. All project sponsors and members of the community will be invited to enjoy the evening and this upgraded facility.



SKILLION DOUBLE (4M X 7M)

The committee has decided that a skillion-shaped shelter, as above, would tie in well with the new veranda's style and colouring.

The fencing will surround the outside of the playground and have two gates to allow access from both sides of the park.

The estimated cost for both the shelter, pictured above, and fencing is approximately \$30,000. Costs could be reduced based on the type of fencing used around the playground. This is still undecided and will depend on the total funds raised.

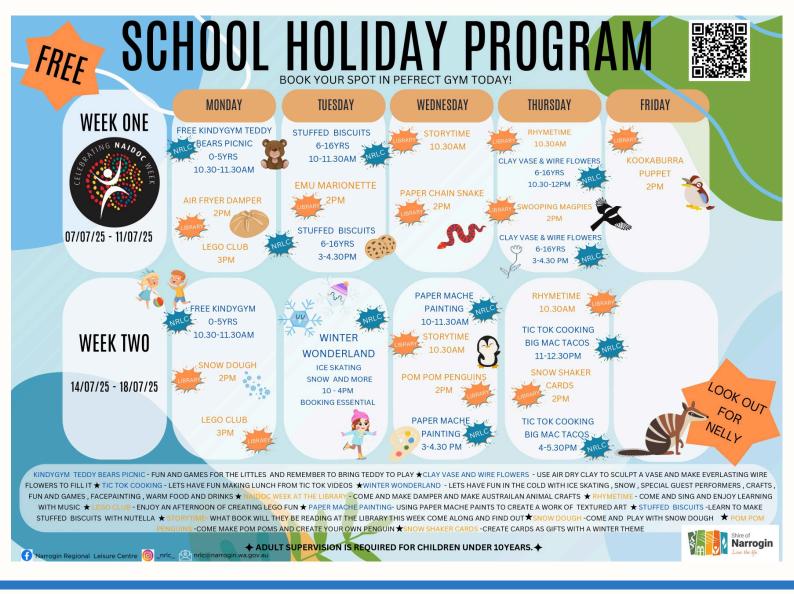
The Shire and the Committee's priority will be the shelter over the BBQ in the first instance, if funds raised are not able to cover the costs of both the shade and the fencing.

The Wandering Lions Club have very generously offered to match every dollar donated, up to the amount of \$10,000. It's now up to the community to rise to this challenge!

As mentioned, we are now seeking any additional sponsors to contribute towards this project and be a part of our efforts to improve and upgrade our community amenity and town.

Any interested group or individuals are asked to contact the Community Resource Centre to discuss their donation or availability to construct the shelter. The Committee would like to thank supporters in advance for being an integral part of this community. Together, we can ensure that our town remains a wonderful place to live, work and raise our families.





21 HEARTS

On Saturday night 14th of June, my sister Judith and I took mum (Deborah Schorer), Margaret White and Emma Sands to the Theatre 180 production in Beverley of '21 Hearts'. The story of Vivian Bullwinkle. The Octogenerians had a wonderful night out at a terrific stage production of 21 Hearts, which will be heading to the war memorial celebrations in Canberra later in the year.

It was a chilly but very pleasant night in Beverley with a sell out crowd. Also We safely managed to dodge all kangaroos on the way home.

Alison Mclernon





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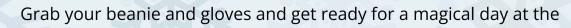
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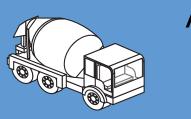
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COMMUNITY GROUPS

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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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY

2PM | MONDAY 7TH ANDROID PHONE WORKSHOP

6PM | TUESDAY 8TH
PAINT AND SIP EVENING

9AM | TUESDAY 8TH PUMPHREYS CWA MEETING

10.30AM | WEDNESDAY 9TH KIDS HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

10.30AM | THURSDAY 10TH KIDS HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

7PM | THURSDAY 10TH WANDERING LIONS CLUB MEETING

11AM | WEDNESDAY 16TH WANDERING CWA MEETING

3.30PM | THURSDAY 17TH COUNCIL MEETING

2PM | MONDAY 21ST ANDROID PHONE WORKSHOP

