

COMMUNITY CENTRE RE-OPENING

FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST New kitchen and store room













Brendan Whitely cutting the ribbon

Committee



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Wandering Echo September 2025

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To Our Monthly Community Newsletter

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Phone: 08 9884 1561

Email: crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

Monday - Thursday

9am - 4pm

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KEEP UP TO DATE

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

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



VENUE: WANDERING CARAVAN PARK
6pm



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

9884 1561 OR

CRC@WANDERING.WA.GOV.AU







WANDERING TENNIS CLUB



Notice of 2025 AGM

Date Thursday 4th September 2025

Venue Wandering Community Centre

Time 6.00pm start

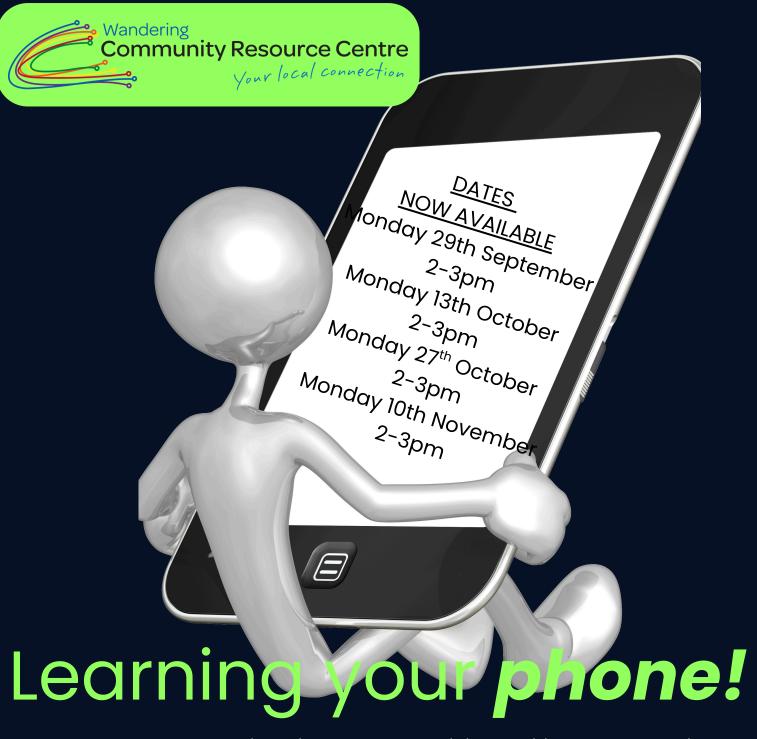
AGENDA

- 1. Apologies
- **2.** Confirmation of previous minutes
- **3.** Business arising from minutes
- **4.** President's report
- **5.** Secretary's report
- **6.** Treasurer's report
- 7. Committee nominations/elections
- **8.** General business

Agenda Items to be received by: Thursday 28th August, 2025 in writing to:

The Secretary Wandering Tennis Club 324 Fourteen Mile brook Rd WANDERING WA 6308

jacjoe1@bigpond.com 0428301895



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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You are invited to come and discover a whole galaxy of great books with us at

BOOK FAIR!

To be held at the Wandering Primary School Library

MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

8.30 am - 3.30 pm

We look forward to you joining us as we launch into this stellar reading celebration soon!

Every purchase made during the Fair earns learning & literacy resources for your local school!

Reading is Out of This World!

₩SCHOLASTIC

CANVA FOR BEGINNERS

Step by step guide for beginners.

Join us and through handson learning we nurture creativity, critical thinking, in a fun and supportive journey.

TUESDAY 9th September 2025 @10am Wandering CRC \$10.00 PER PERSON







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Department of
Primary Industries and
Regional Development

Register now on 9884 1561 or at 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.



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







Wandering Bowling Club Inc. AGM

The 2025 AGM for the Wandering Bowling Club will be held on Wednesday 24th September, 2025 At

Wandering Tavern @ 7pm
Please come along and show your support for the club. Season will commence in late October.

Enquiries: Lee 0429 390 626



UP COMING WORKSHOPS 26TH AUGUST - TUESDAY 10:30AM

"Future Proofing our Gardens"

23RD SEPTEMBER – TUESDAY 10:30AM "Growing Successfully in Pots & Hanging Baskets"

28th OCTOBER - TUESDAY 10:30AM Wicking Beds/ Pots

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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Wandering Vouth Group

We are after 10 enthusiastic youth to help get our Youth Strategy and Youth Group started. If you are aged 12 - 25, reside within the Shire of Wandering and keen to come along to an informal meeting to brainstorm ideas and share inspiration, we'd love to hear from you!!

You will be helping us to:

- Shape the way forward for youth in our community, now and into the future
- Provide important direction for our strategy and program planning
- Guiding the way to start the WANDERING YOUTH GROUP for all youth in our community and surrounding areas to participate in. Providing an important outlet for all youth.

TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025
10AM
WANDERING CRC
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
RSVP: crc@wandering.wa.gov.au or 9884 1561









** SAVE THE DATE **



Harvest Me Workshop

"All Access Gardening"

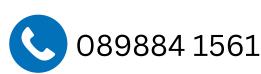
As part of Senior's Week and the Community Garden Program - Please join the Wandering Virtual Village for special Workshop being held here at the Wandering CRC/Community Garden.

MONDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2025 @ 10:00am

\$5:00 per person, coffee & biscuits provided.

ALL WELCOME

**Please register your interest:





crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

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REGISTER YOUR CHILD AT CRC@WANDERING.WA.GOV.AU OR 98841561

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RSVP: CRC@WANDERING.WA.GOV.AU







TAX & BOOK KEEPING WORKSHOP

Understanding basic bookkeeping principles, knowledge to set up and maintain effective record keeping practices, ensure compliance with tax laws

✓ Wednesday 29th October 2025

Wandering CRC

10.30am - 12.30pm

Presented by Ben Stangoni from IPS Small Business Support

Ben is available for one-onone sessions on day 1-3.30pm

Register to attend NOW:

9884 1561

crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

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Wandering Community Centre * Gold Coin Donation Food & drinks for sale

Register your child at crc@wandering.wa.gov.au or 98841561

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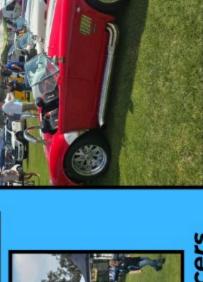


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17-19TH OCTOBER LILLIAN D LILLI

Grassdale Farm, Wandering, WA

FRIDAY ARVO SESH 12-4pm • AG SHOW
CAMPING UNDER THE STARS
MOWER RACING • COLOUR RUN
HELICOPTER FLIGHTS • DISPLAYS
KIDS ENTERTAINMENT • DEMOS
FOOD VANS • WANDERING FAIR
CWA DEVONSHIRE TEA • BAR

WITH SPECIAL DIC PETER ROWSTHORN

EVENINGS IN THE PADDOCK

WALTER WHIP AND THE FLAMES
FRIDAY NIGHT VIP AREA

SATURDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS

FRIDAY NIGHT STAGE LINE-UP:

ANNIE JOHNSON EN QUE BROTHERS IN ARMS Dire Straits Tribute
MURPHY BROTHERS WHAT YOU NEED INXS Tribute

SATURDAY NIGHT STAGE LINE-UP:

JAMES WILSON & NATHAN GAUNT DUO | MOTEL CALIFORNIANS RENEGADE | FILTHY HABITS

TICKETS: on sale 16th March TRYBOOKING.COM/CYZMU

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

E: EOWCOW@OUTLOOK.COM W: 0429 961 697

FACEBOOK: WANDERINGCAMPOUTWEEKEND W: WCOW.CO

W: WCOW.COM.AU Car



SATURDAY 18TH OCT

PART OF THE WANDERING CAMP OUT WEEKEND 911 SALLY JANE



DEMOS TRUCK DISPLAY

WANDERING VELLOW TRAIL COLOUR RUN LOG CHOPPING MOWER RAGING

Grassdale Farm, Wandering, WA



PARK AND RIDE Shuttle Bus running to the Fair at town oval

WANDERINGCAMPOUTWFFKEND





Wandering CWA

Wandering Fair – Saturday 18 October

We will once again be hosting delicious and delightful Devonshire Teas from our very own Wandering CWA Rooms.

We're looking forward to seeing you on Saturday 18 October!



The sewing group making the Comfort Quilts Against Cancer will be on a small hiatus until the end of October. Looking forward to seeing you in a few months time again.



A huge thank you to everyone that assisted the Wandering CWA with the catering for the Humes funeral.

Your contributions were very much appreciated.

Next meeting of the Wandering CWA

Wednesday 17 September 2025 11am meeting with morning tea to follow Everyone welcome!

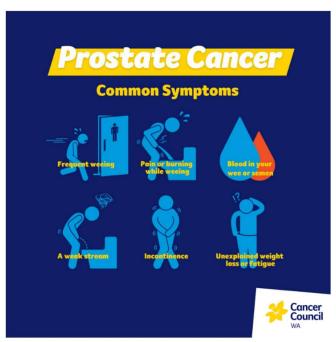


When women support each other, incredible things happen.





It's Prostate Cancer Awareness Month



September is Prostate Cancer
Awareness Month, so it is a good reminder to blokes in the
Wheatbelt community to familiarise themselves with the common symptoms of prostate cancer.

In 2019, there were 2,372 new cases of prostate cancer and 258 men died from it, which means that thousands of Western Australian men are successfully treated for prostate cancer. In the Wheatbelt region, 104 men were diagnosed with prostate cancer,

and nine men died from it.

Common symptoms of prostate cancer include:

- blood in your wee or semen, or the following for more than four weeks:
 - waking a lot at night to wee,
 - a sudden or urgent need to wee,
 - problems starting or stopping weeing,
 - · needing to wee more often,
 - a slow or weak flow when weeing,
 - dribbling at the end of weeing or
 - losing weight without trying.

You can give yourself the best chance to find prostate cancer early, by going to see a doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker straight away if you have symptoms, so that treatment is easier, and you can be around longer to do the things you love doing with the people you love. If you have any of these symptoms, it doesn't mean you've got cancer, often it turns out to be something less serious, but it's important to get them checked straight away just in case, as treatment works best when cancer is found at an early stage.

To find out more, visit www.findcancerearly.com.au



Funding Opportunity

Applications open 25/08/2025 to 30/09/2025





Funding is available for eligible landholders and community groups in the Peel-Harvey Catchment for landcare and bushcare works including:

- Fencing to protect bushland
- Fencing to protect waterways and drains*
- Weed control
- Feral animal control
- Restoration and revegetation (seedlings and seed)
- On farm native fodder/forage plantings
- Innovative native pasture plantings

*Drains are relevant to Swan Coastal Plain landholders only.

Interested?

Contact us at PHCC to discuss your project ideas and eligibility against funding priorities

P: 6369 8801

E: grants@peel-harvey.org.au







natural resource management program







Continue the journey in shaping the future of agriculture careers!

Building on the discussions from the AgriSkills Roundtable in February, this follow-up forum will explore the key issues and opportunities identified by stakeholders to ensure a skilled, adaptable workforce for the future of agriculture.

The forum will:

- Provide an update on the Ag Trade apprenticeship
- Introduce members of the SAC Advisory Group
- Share details of the new Recognition of Prior Learning program for experienced agriculture workers
- Workshop the development of a Farming Summer School to strengthen urban-rural connections
- Offer a tour of Cunderdin Ag College facilities
- Hear from key presenters on the future of the Ag workforce



Key presenters are:

Roger Lawes CSIRO

Ag2050 Scenarios Report, Implications for Ag Workforce

Andrew Horgan, Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Skills Insight Agriculture Trade Apprenticeship

Ros Hegarty, Portfolio Manager, Central Regional TAFE Skills Recognition for Experienced Ag Workers

Peter Lowen, CEO Wheatbelt Business Network

Economic Development and the Wheatbelt Jobs Plan

RSVP by: Friday, 5 September, 2025 Email: diane@fftitc.com.au (please indicate dietary requirements)

Phone: 0419 292 404



Free webinars for Parents & Carers

What is the Teen Mental Health Matters Webinar about?

Parents and carers play a pivotal role in recognising the wellbeing of their teen, yet many struggle to understand how they can support their young person with their mental health.

Co-designed with parents and co-delivered by a clinical psychologist facilitator and youth lived experience advisor, our parent presentation is an opportunity for high-school parents and carers to learn more about adolescent mental health and how to best support and connect with their young person during tough times.







Who is this for?

Parents, Carers, and Guardians of teen-aged youth.

What will parents learn?

- Understanding mental health in adolescence, including insights from the Future Proofing Study
- What is mental health and when to be concerned
- Key strategies to support adolescents
- Having the conversation what to say and how to create a supportive environment
- Getting help health professionals, online and digital support for parents and adolescents
- Promoting healthy habits including building connections, sleep, and screen use



How long is the webinar?

90 minutes, including Q&A.

Available dates

Wednesday 27th August @ 7PM (AEST)

Register here

Thursday 11th September @ 7PM (AEST)

Register here

Thursday 9th October @ 7PM (AEDT)

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Monday 20th October @ 7PM (AEDT)

Register here

Thursday 30th October @ 7PM (AEDT)

Register here

Wednesday 12th November @ 7PM (AEDT)

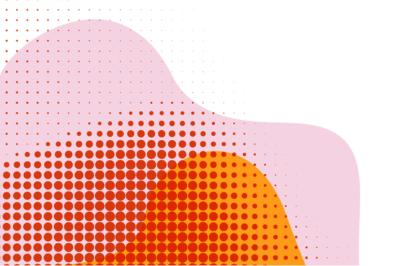
Register here

Thursday 27th November @ 7PM (AEDT)

Register here

Wednesday 10th December @ 7PM (AEDT)

Register here





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With Senior Regional Officer for the South West Annetta Bellingeri

Have your say: Is WA's funeral pricing code working?

Saying goodbye is never easy. The last thing families need is confusion or stress about how much a funeral will cost. Whether it's a joyful tribute or a solemn farewell, the pricing must be clear and upfront.

In Western Australia, the Funeral Pricing Code of Practice means funeral directors must publicly display their prices for all services and packages on their website and each place of business so you can compare the costs yourself in the comfort of your home or with friends and family.

A basic package of the least expensive combination of essential goods and services must also be included in the public pricing. This is so people have a better understanding of the costs for the minimum legal requirements for a burial or cremation.

Once you have decided on what sort of sendoff your loved one will have and ask for a quote, you should receive a full breakdown of prices within two business days to know exactly what the total cost will be, so there are no surprises later on.

Grieving friends and family deserve to be protected when they are at their most vulnerable.

Those consumers who decide to pay for their funerals upfront before they are needed should know they are protected by the mandatory Prepaid Funerals Code of Practice. This requires a detailed contract, prices to be fixed at the time of signing, a 30-day cooling off period and payments to prepaid funeral funds to be managed within secure investments under the name of the client until they are required.

It's important to note that prepaid funeral cover is different to funeral insurance, which should be treated with caution given ongoing payments are required for the rest of a consumer's life. This means they could pay significantly more than the actual payment their family will receive.

Funeral bonds are an investment product where you make regular payments over time and the value grows. When the time comes, the money can only be used for a funeral.

Funeral insurance and bonds are not covered by either Code of Practice, they are regulated by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) as they are financial products.

Reforms to the funeral industry began in 2022 to stamp out unscrupulous sales practices and overcharging.



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Before the Funeral Pricing Code of Practice came into effect on 1 May 2023 the cost sometimes wasn't known until after the funeral was held, leading family and friends of the deceased to believe they had been overcharged.

Some people ended up with bells and whistles they didn't want or need, or couldn't afford. Confusing 'bundles' with no itemised prices meant comparing costs between funeral directors was impossible.

From time to time, State Government departments must conduct reviews of laws. That time has come for the Funeral Pricing Code of Practice and Consumer Protection would like your help by filling out the survey here: https://consumerprotection.wa.gov.au/funeralpricing

The purpose of the survey is to get feedback on whether the code is working and if consumers are getting upfront knowledge of the prices of funeral goods and services and other funeral information.

If you believe you have been misled about funeral costs, report it to Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54.



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With Senior Regional Officer for the South West Annetta Bellingeri

One year on: WA's rental reforms

It's been one year since major rental reforms moved into Western Australia. With them they brought stronger protections for renters and more clarity for landlords.

These reforms recognised the fact renting is a more permanent living solution for many Western Australians, and they deserve stability, fairness and the ability to make their rental feel like a home.

Since July 2024, four major changes have reshaped the renting experience. Tenants are allowed to keep pets and make minor modifications to the home in most cases, rent increases are limited to once a year and a process called 'Commissioner's Determination' means the Commissioner for Consumer Protection can decide disputes over a request to have pet or make small changes at a rental home.

If you're living in a rental home and considering getting a family pet or thinking about hanging some artwork in your loungeroom you may have forgotten about the changes to the law.

A landlord is only allowed to refuse a pet or a small change to the home for very specific reasons. For example, a request to have a dog could be refused if it would break a strata by-law to keep one. A minor change to a property that would disturb asbestos can also be refused.

If they want to refuse your request for a pet or minor modification, the landlord may have to apply to the Commissioner for Consumer Protection to make a decision. This simple online process allows both you and the landlord to submit your views without the stress and formality of going to court.

If you're concerned this process will mean the Commissioner will likely decide in favour of the landlord, remember that you are allowed to keep pets and make small changes to the home unless the landlord can prove, with evidence, that one of the grounds for refusal listed in the legislation applies. That's right, the law backs you up. In fact, less than five per cent of applications were decided in favour of the landlord.

You should feel confident in being honest with your landlord about keeping a pet or making a change to the home. No more hiding the pets during rent inspections or moving a bookshelf in front of a picture hook.

From time to time some of the Commissioner's decisions are published on the Consumer Protection website (https://www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au/commissioners-decisions).

These provide both tenants and landlords with valuable information and insights into the decision-making process regarding applications for both pets and minor modifications.

The big changes in July 2024 followed on from a ban on rent bidding and giving tenants stronger rights to fight back against retaliatory action by landlords.

If you require more information on your rights as a tenant head to consumerprotection.wa.gov.au or call 1300 30 40 54.

WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE REGIONAL MENS HEALTH Looking After Our Back

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE September 2025

As blokes we are all guilty of just wanting to get the job done and we sometimes throw our bodies on the line without considering the possible consequences. We see this with both young and old blokes alike, and injuring our back is one possible consequence. In fact, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare suggest that 70% – 90% of the population will experience lower back pain in some form during their life.

Back problems can be caused by a multitude of factors ranging from: a pre-existing issue or weakness we may have from childhood; wear and tear caused by the physically demanding jobs blokes undertake; or just a fact of life due to our modern-day sedentary lifestyle (i.e. hours sitting in trucks/tractors, office chairs and on the couch). There are also those situations where we push ourselves that bit too hard or things just go pear shaped. It's important to recognise that our back is a precious commodity, just ask anyone who has suffered a back injury resulting in chronic pain... it can be debilitating!

A neglectful attitude is something else a lot of blokes are guilty of, and this attitude can exacerbate many health conditions. This is a common attitude that underpins the often unspoken but hardwired attitude that I am a warrior and it will not happen to me. How many times have you heard a bloke experiencing pain say, she'll be right, I'll see how it goes? and puts up with his issue for weeks, months, and even years. If we're lucky we do 5 minutes of stretching and remember to sit up straight for the rest of the day, but that's about as far as it goes.

Proper back care should be part of our regular routine and there are simple steps we can take that will not only decrease the chances of back problems but also benefit our overall wellbeing, such as:

Exercise and stretching; the better shape our body is in with a good range of movement decreases the risk of putting our back under

unwanted pressure. Try some yoga!

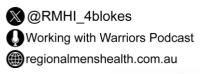
Proper posture; whether it's sitting in a tractor, behind a desk or with our feet up enjoying Saturday arvo footy, our body is not designed to be in a seated position for extended periods. Get up and stretch out as often as possible and make sure we don't slouch or slump in our chairs. Place a rolled-up towel behind the lower back for good lumbar support.



Bulging belly; we can't all have a raging six pack like some of the pin up boys out there but losing a few kg's off the guts and increasing strength around our core muscles, especially our pelvic floor, takes unwanted pressure off our lower back.

Lifting logically; we need to bend our knees, keep our back straight, and keep the load centered to our body. Also, when we are helping our mate lift those heavy loads or rearranging furniture for the wife remember **P**rior **P**lanning and **C**ommunication **P**revents **P**iss **P**oor **P**erformance.

If back pain is not resolving itself with some of these basic back care tips consult a GP or book in to see a physiotherapist for more specific treatment and back care exercises.







A Free Interactive Seminar with Rachel Russell from Quite Frankly Coaching

Join us for a FREE interactive seminar for parents and educators of children living with ADHD.

- Learn about ADHD and the developing brain
- Gain strategies and techniques to support learning and emotional development - at home and at school
- Discover how ADHD affects emotions and behaviour
- 2 separate workshops that run for 5 hours each, come to one or both!

Session 1: Sat 13 Sep 2025 | 9am - 2pm
The Scout Hall - 7 Furnival St, Narrogin
To book: https://AmityADHDworkshop1.eventbrite.com.au

Session 2: Wed 17 Sep 2025 | 9am - 2pm
Narrogin Town Hall - Reception Centre, 7 Fortune St, Narrogin
To book: https://AmityADHDworkshop2.eventbrite.com.au

Enquiries: Emmalee 0428 929 550 or Hannah 0437 858 079 E: egardner@amityhealth.com.au or hfranz@amityhealth.com.au









Beat the Bedtime Battles

A FREE session for parents and carers of young children

Learn how to develop good bedtime routines and combat some of these common delay tactics like.....

"I'm not tired, I don't want to go to bed, I need a drink, I need to go to the toilet, I'm hungry....."

Join us and learn strategies to help reduce the bedtime battles.

Monday 15 September 2025 | 9am - 11am CRC Williams - 5 Brooking St, Williams Creche & Morning Tea Provided.

Bookings Essential: CRC Williams

E: reception@williamscrc.net.au | T: 9885 1378 or 0439 446 528









WILLIAMS CHURCH OTH Lebrations

1925 - 2025



Sat 13 Sept - lpm to 4pm

- OPEN HOUSE -

- Music Kids' Craft
- Art Display
 Site Tours
- Historic Displays Devonshire Tea

Sun 14 Sept - 10am to 1pm

- THANKSGIVING -

- Coffee 11am Celebration Service
 - Tree Planting Time Capsule
 - Sparkling Wine Light Lunch
 - Art Winners Announced



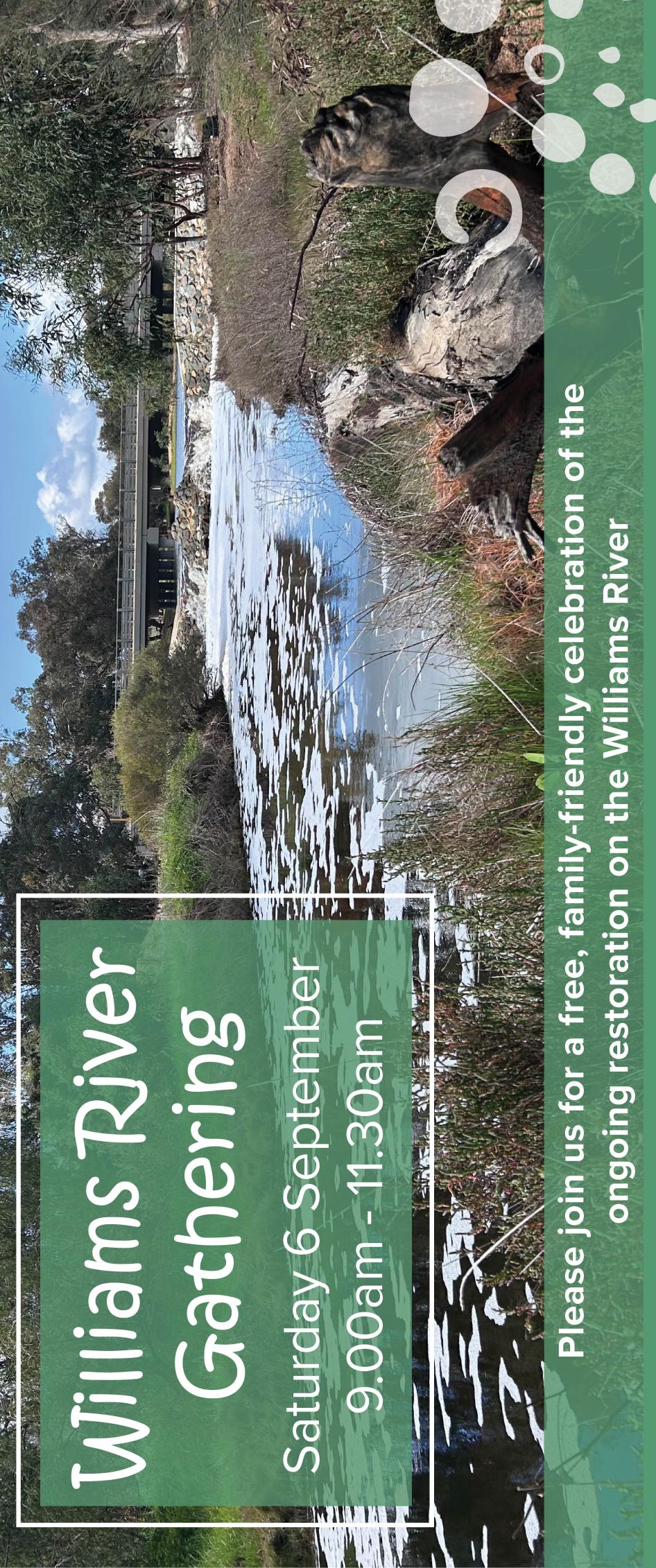
www.gatewayparish.org/100

Come and celebrate the centenary of the beautiful Williams church, Holy Trinity.

And come along for a regular service at St Martin's Wandering 2pm 28 Sept - Every 4th Sun







and take part in a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony led by local Wilman Elders. There'll be cultural demonstrations, nature chance to get your hands dirty and plant a seedling or two) based crafts for all ages, and of course, a delicious Lions Club BBQ and coffee van to keep you fuelled throughout the morning Enjoy a ride on the Lions mini-train to see nearby restoration sites (with a

Bring your friends, your family, and your curiosity

Location: Riverbank beside the Williams Rest Area and adjacent carpark

Contact: karen.lyons@peel-harvey.org.au













LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTION CALL FOR NOMINATIONS Shire of Wandering

An Ordinary Postal Election will be held on Saturday, 18 October 2025 in the Shire of Wandering to fill the following vacancies:

District 3 Councillors 4 year terms

Nominations Open on Thursday, 28 August 2025

Nominations Close at 4:00pm Thursday, 4 September 2025

Nominations must be lodged with the Returning Officer:

- at any time during the above period by arrangement; or
- between 2:00pm and 4:00pm Thursday, 4 September 2025 (close of nominations) at the Shire of Wandering,
 22 Watts Street, WANDERING.

Nomination Requirements

Candidates are required to lodge with the Returning Officer:

- The Commission's preferred method for candidates to nominate is through the Commissions Nomination Builder. This tool assists candidates in completing their nomination form, including their profile and additional information. The Nomination Builder can be accessed via https://lgportal.waec.wa.gov.au/noms. Candidates can complete their nomination details and profile, print the completed form with the allocated reference number, and lodge it with the Returning Officer. Alternatively, a copy of the prescribed nomination form is available from the Returning Officer or via www.elections.wa.gov.au/LGE25Candidate-Information
- a single A4 page profile of not more than 1,000 characters (including spaces) containing information about the candidate.
- a nomination deposit of \$100 (cash, EFT, bank cheque or postal order).
- a recent passport-sized photograph (optional).
- every candidate must complete the online course titled Local Government Candidate Induction, available at <u>Induction for prospective candidates | LGIRS</u>, prior to nominating and prove the course code on the nomination form; and
- in addition to your A4 profile, you may provide additional information that you consider to be relevant to your candidature. This written statement cannot be more than 2,000 characters (including spaces), must be in the English language and is for publication on the local government's official website only. (optional)

Please Note:

Where an agent lodges a nomination on a candidate's behalf, it must be in the prescribed form with a written authorisation signed by the candidate. The documents may be hand delivered or posted to the Returning Officer and must be received by the close of nominations.

Information

Full details about eligibility and nomination procedures for prospective candidates can be obtained by contacting the Returning Officer, **Geoffrey SMITH** on **0459 340 093** or the Western Australian Electoral Commission on 13 63 06.

Electoral Commission

DENNIS O'REILLY

ACTING ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER 13 63 06





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.



Shire Rates

Shire rates for the 2025/26 financial year are in the process of being issued.

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 9/9/2025 22/9/2025

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2025 Local Government Elections

Local government elections in Western Australia will take place on Saturday 18 October 2025. The Shire of Wandering has nominated to undertake a postal election.



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What if you could help guide the future of the Shire of Wandering and make big decisions that shape our community?



Want to help grow Wandering into something amazing?

Now's your chance to be part of something meaningful and make a real impact!



Not sure what being a Councillor actually involves?

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Let's chat!

Come have a relaxed, no-pressure conversation with your Shire CEO. It's confidential, it's casual, and it might just spark something exciting!

Nominations Open – 28 August 2025 / Close of nominations - 4pm 4 September 2025

Local Government Candidates

Who can be a candidate?

Under the Local Government Act 1995, to be eligible to nominate as a candidate for a local government election, the candidate must be:

- an elector of the district (residential or owner/occupier) and
- over 18 years of age.
- Not disqualified by anything below.

A person cannot nominate to be a candidate nor remain a councillor if they:

- are a member of State or Federal Parliament
- are a member of the council of another local government
- are an insolvent under administration
- are in prison serving a sentence for a crime
- have been convicted of a serious local government offence within the last five years (unless the court waived the disqualification)
- have been convicted on indictment of an offence for which the indictable penalty was, or included:
- imprisonment for life, or
- imprisonment for more than five years
- are subject to a court order disqualifying them from being a member of a council because they have misapplied local government funds or property
- are a nominee of a body corporate
- propose standing for two positions on council (unless standing for mayor or president as well as councillor)
- are currently disqualified by the State Administrative Tribunal from holding office as a member of a council.







2025 Local Government Elections

Before nominating, all candidates must complete an online induction via the Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries - https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/local-governments/council-elections/induction-for-prospective-candidates

How to nominate?

To nominate as a candidate for a local government election, the candidate must submit an application consisting of: **a completed nomination form**. For elections being run by the WAEC, it is recommended that candidates use Nomination Builder to complete their nomination form and construct their candidate profile.

a candidate profile which must:

be in English

be no more than 1000 characters (including spaces)

not contain false, defamatory or misleading information

fit on an A4 page

include the candidate's full name and contact information

a photograph, no larger than passport-sized and taken in the last six months (optional).

a deposit of \$100

Candidates may also provide a written statement in English, of up to 2,000 characters (including spaces) with their nomination paper (optional).

All nomination applications must be signed by the candidate in front of a witness.

The nomination application must be submitted to the Returning Officer during the nomination period.

As the Returning Officer may ask candidates to amend their nomination, it is recommended that candidates ensure they have allowed sufficient time to finalise any required changes before the close of nominations.

Additional information for candidates can be found on the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries website.

https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/local-governments/council-elections/nominating-to-be-a-council-member





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 21st August 2025 the following was discussed:

- Shire of Wandering Policy Manual Review
- Draft Community Benefits Guidelines for Renewable Energy Projects
- 2025/26 Annual Budget

Agendas and Minutes can be found on the Shire website.

The new standardised Local Government Caretaker Provisions, introduced under the *Local Government Amendment Act 2023*, became effective on 1 July 2024 and will apply for the first time at the 2025 Local Government Elections.

The caretaker period will commence at 4:00pm on Thursday 4 September 2025 and continue until the declaration of election results. During this time, Section 3.73 of the *Local Government Act 1995* prohibits local governments from undertaking or deciding to undertake any 'significant acts', unless specific exceptions apply.



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

I've just got home from one of my 'Northern wheatbelt networking drives, really this encompasses the central wheatbelt. On these trips I stop in at the CRCs and shires along the way talking to staff as well as chatting to locals in the cafes, pubs and shops. Again, I heard the passion people have for their communities and also very importantly how people were also genuinely caring and concerned for each other.

I witnessed people being there for their friend. One instance was where someone openly thanked his mate for being there and listening to him stating 'I have managed to sort this out now thanks to you'. His mate said 'No probs mate'. Another described how he and a mate had been talking on a Friday for years about all sorts of bull... Then when he was going through a confronting hard time had said to his mate,' I just want to say thanks and sorry that I'm off-loading all my stuff on to you'. His mate being the legend he is answered,' We have been talking about all sorts of stuff for ages together so we can talk about anything anytime'. Positive signs that when someone reaches out in times of difficulty there is someone there.

Other conversations held was around people stating that they hear a lot of 'Mental Health stuff lately. To much where people get sick of hearing it and switch off'. Maybe this is true for those who are OK. But my belief is that there is still a silent crisis caused by the stigma of Mental Health; resulting in someone not seeking help through a fear of being branded or judged. Reaching out for help when we are struggling takes a lot of strength requiring us to be vulnerable. If the message we see and hear manage to reach that one person struggling at that time and that one person then hearing that message reaches out and receives assistance, then that message was essential.

This perceived belief that some emotions although natural should not be shown is a result of generations reinforcing the wrong message of what and who we should be. When we were a very young child watching, listening and learning, hearing our heroes as a child, that strong parental figure, hanging on their every word and action. We learnt from our heroes that staying silent is strength, don't be a sook, harden up and worse. How wrong our heroes were.

Now as adults we can role model to our children and to our peers how our emotions and feelings are there to be noticed and acted on. Struggling doesn't mean your broken it means you are human. We can role model that asking for help when not yourself mentally is as normal as going to a doctor when you feel sick with the flue. Breaking down the stigma of mental health happens one conversation and one person at a time. Each of us can be that change starting now.

Roger Hitchcock
Counsellor & Community Representative
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South32 – Almost certainly clearing more than 24 trees used by Threatened Black

Cockatoos for Breeding

South32 are almost certainly failing to identify all the trees within their area of impact that contain hollows suitable for black cockatoo breeding. Regardless of the confusing wording used in their spiel in Bodd News 24th July (see right), potential breeding trees are initially identified and ranked using ground-based surveys previous research has repeatedly shown that "counts of hollows made from ground level are inaccurate as estimates of the actual number of hollows in trees"1 and "all ground surveys underestimated hollow frequency"² Following these ground-based surveys, South32 then use pole cameras or drones to confirm the status of "high potential" trees (Ranks 1-3). Trees identified as Rank 4-5 during ground-based surveys are not routinely checked for hollows using pole cameras or drones and are likely to suffer the fate of the bulldozer, regardless of true rank. South32 have been permitted to clear 24 of the Rank 1-2 trees used for breeding by threatened black cockatoos, however it is almost certain they are clearing more than that – a fact that South32 personnel have readily admitted but effectively dismissed as "not their issue". The picture below shows a hollow visible from the canopy, but



As part of our recently approved project we are required to conduct pre-clearance surveys for potential cockatoo hollow usage in every area we plan to clear. This meticulous process involves:

- Identifying suitable trees: We first identify trees that meet minimum Diameter at Breast Height requirements.
- Hollow inspection: Each suitable tree is then checked using either a pole camera or a drone to obtain photo evidence of hollow characteristics and inspect the hollows for their level of usage by cockatoos.
- Ranking and protection: Trees are ranked based on their usage.
 Any rank 1 or rank 2 trees can be protected with a 30-metre buffer, unless it's absolutely essential for infrastructure. There's a limit of 24 such trees over the life of our new approval.











unchecked by a drone or pole camera and cleared without a second thought...

Other News – Have your say on ALCOA, like Boddington Shire Council did!

Submissions for ALCOA Public Environmental Review are open until Wednesday 21st August midnight. For more info look up wafa.org.au and consultation.epa.wa.gov.au

Congratulations to the Boddington Shire Council who voted to make a submission to the EPA on the ALCOA

PER, raising issues such as the proposal's significant negative impacts on threatened species, impacts on nature-based tourism and social impacts on communities through factors including air quality, dust emissions, noise and visual amenity. It also highlights the need for a cumulative assessment of impacts on our Northern Jarrah Forest from the numerous projects both proposed and already approved.

¹ Whitford, KR 2001, 'Dimensions of tree hollows used by birds and mammals in the jarrah forest - improving the dimensional description of potentially suitable hollows', *CALM Science*, vol. 3, pp. 499–511.

² Harper, MJ, McCarthy, MA, van der Ree, R & Fox, JC 2004, 'Overcoming bias in ground-based surveys of hollow-bearing trees using double-sampling', *Forest Ecology and Management*, vol. 190, no. 2–3, pp. 291–300.

Wandering Lions





Sunday the 31st of August finds the Ferguson family at Millfarm host the annual VMX SCRAMBLE for 2025. Enthusiastic competitors gather and camp the night before, ready for the next day's racing. The frosty morning finds competitors emerge from their camps, line up for a LIONS BREAKFAST then to nominate and have their veteran

motorbikes inspected. Each year the riders of the veteran bikes cut up the Millfarm hillside come mud or dust, spills and thrills. The echo of revving motors drifts through the stoic hamlet of Wandering near by, as the winter closes and spring has almost sprung. Such good company and such good fun. Thank you Chad, Julie and family.

Lions meeting at the FIRE SHED as plans are set for the coming events in the ensuing spring. The roadside breakfasts a topic for planning. Lions along with the Shire and the CRC provide breakfast for passes by locals on three different roadside locations. 23rd of September will be at the fuel facility in town, 24th at the intersection of Reid road and Moramockining road and 25th at the Codjatotine park up.





For a number of years now Wandering Lions have crutched the sheep at Chomleys' farm on the Bannister Road. Sometimes a few, sometimes many but always great teamwork and an enjoyable time.

Once again the call is going out to anyone with old batteries. Lions will come and pick them up. Funds raised go to very worthy Lion's research and service.

Call Gillian Hansen 0488911902 or Stephen Bullock 0428251979



Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



Edition 101 September 2025



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.



Campfire and Seedlings on the Hotham River

Following bank rehabilitation efforts earlier in the year, planting has begun on the Hotham River near the Old Pumphreys Homestead at Koompkinning/Pumphreys Bridge. by the Numbat Neighbourhood Project. These quandongs were grown with a glowing wattle hose tree as they are a parasitic spectometry. The quandongs were planted w

It's the next step in the process of improving health and habitat on the Hotham River. Establishing seedlings on the banks will help to stabilise them and create nooks and crannies for riverine species to feed and shelter in. Vegetation also helps to slow water down so it can soak into the soil instead of draining away very quickly, which happens in waterways with sparse or no vegetation on the banks.

Local species of samphire, paperbarks, blackbutt, flooded gum and more were planted, and quandongs were also contributed Project. These quandongs were grown with a glowing wattle host tree as they are a parasitic species. The quandongs were planted with the critically endangered woylies in mind as the quandong seeds are an important food source for woylies. This site is only 7km from Dryandra Woodland National Park which is one of only 3 remaining places that are home to a naturally occurring wild population of woylies. It was a special moment to have Wilman Elder Travis (Jock) Abraham plant one of the quandong trees looking out over the culturally significant site.

Elder Travis (Jock) Abraham conducted a Welcome to Country prior to planting and also brought with him other members of the Wilman (Dryandra) People Corporation. Yolanda Cool was also there representing the Ebner family who bought and restored the Old Pumphreys Homestead in the 1980's. It was fitting to bring everyone together around a campfire on the Hotham, and speak about the past whilst planning for the future of the river in that eternal meeting place Koompkinning – Plenty of Water (Pumphreys Bridge).

A week later, more plants went in near the Old Pumphreys Bridge ruins at the picnic and campgrounds, with helpers from the community and Newmont Australia (Boddington). The Wandering Lions provided a sausage sizzle and thanks also to the Pumphreys Bridge CWA for the scones!



Ebner family representative, Yolanda with the Wilman Crew



Yarns around the fire



Jock Abraham planting quandong tree by the Hotham River

Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



Successful Phascogale Nest Box Monitoring

This year's annual phascogale nest box monitoring has been our most successful yet! Out of the 8 boxes that are spread out across the Upper catchment 4 had phascogales present and an additional 3 boxes, that were vacant at the time of monitoring, contained phascogale scats.

The phascogale nest boxes were assembled by the Wandering Primary School Students in 2018 and installed between 2018-2020 and annual monitoring has occurred in July ever since.

To conduct the monitoring, we use a custom-made pole camera to make sure we didn't disturb any occupants. We are very quiet and conduct the monitoring in the late afternoon so that if the phascogales were to exit



A cosy phascogale

the box the sun would not be too bright, and it wouldn't be too long before dark. We monitor the boxes annually in July, the early mating period for phascogales. Not only are we checking for the presence of phascogales we are also checking to see if the nest boxes require any maintenance and if there is the presence of pest animals including feral bees and rats. If the box is empty, we clean it out and freshen up the sheep wool nesting material.

This annual monitoring is a highlight of our year.



Camera monitoring in action

What's happening...

Holistic Management Workshop Program

Hotham-Williams Workshops: Two in-person, two day workshops.

1st workshop: 24-25 September

Visit: https://peel-harvey. org.au/events/holisticmanagement-workshop/

Regenerative Food Systems

Collective responsibility for soil health, human wellbeing & food security. In September 2025 RegenWA Ltd and Perth NRM will facilitate international discussion on how we can drive change through our food systems.

17-18 September 2025

https://regenwapresents.com/

GROUNDED 2025

GROUNDED is a cross between a world class conference, an informative field day and a cracking food festival. GROUNDED 2025 will be hosted on a gorgeous farm near Bridgetown.

19-21 September

https://groundedaustralia.com.au/

Coming up in October...

Small Landholders Workshop

Carbon and Natural Capital Accounting Workshop

Dates and Location TBC

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Saturday 6 September 2025

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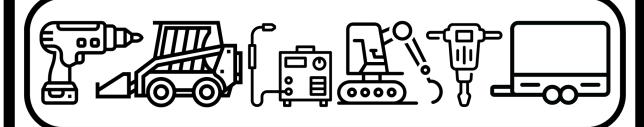


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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH WANDERING

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

Enquiries to Revd 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 Fire Shed

President - Gillian Hansen - 0488 911 902 Secretary - Lou Cowan - 0490 808 044

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

Meet the second Tuesday of the month at 9am at Pumphreys Bridge Hall.

PUMPHREYS CWA

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 SEPTEMBER

6PM | THURSDAY 4TH TENNIS CLUB AGM

6PM | THURSDAY 4TH
MEN'S NIGHT

8.30AM - 3.30PM | 8 & 9 BOOK FAIR @ PRIMARY SCHOOL

9AM | TUESDAY 9TH PUMPHREYS CWA MEETING

10AM | TUESDAY 9TH CANVA WORKSHOP

2PM | MONDAY 15TH & 29TH ANDROID PHONE WORKSHOP

7PM | THURSDAY 11TH WANDERING LIONS CLUB MEETING

11AM | WEDNESDAY 17TH
WANDERING CWA MEETING

3.30PM | THURSDAY 18TH COUNCIL MEETING

10.30AM | TUESDAY 23RD HARVEST ME WORKSHOP & PLANT SWAP

7PM | WEDNESDAY 24TH
BOWLING CLUB AGM

7AM | 23, 24 & 25 ROADSIDE BREAKFASTS

10AM | TUESDAY 30TH YOUTH GROUP MEETING

