

# THE WANDERING ECHO 2025 October

## SHIRE OF WANDERING GOES TO THE POLLS

5 candidates running for 3 positions on Council

**Candidates:**  
**Gillian Hansen**  
**Andrew Thompson**  
**Peter Latham**  
**Christine Egerton-Warburton**  
**Deonne Kingsford**

A big thank you goes to each of the candidates for stepping forward and making the courageous decision to represent our community.

Standing for Council is no small task and we appreciate the commitment and passion it takes to serve.

Now it's your turn, Wandering!

Voting packs are already in the mail, and this is your opportunity to have your say in shaping the future of our Shire.

Every vote matters and every voice counts.

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# WELCOME

*To Our Monthly Community Newsletter*

**NEXT EDITION IS NOVEMBER 2025.**

**ITEMS FOR INCLUSION DUE BY 27TH OCTOBER 2025**

## **Advertise in the Echo**

50 hard copies printed per month  
emailed to over 170 contacts

**NO JANUARY EDITION**

### **Per month**

1/4 page: \$16.00

1/2 page: \$23.00

Full page: \$52.00

### **11 editions - yearly**

1/4 page: \$96.00

1/2 page: \$137.00

Full page: \$309.00

## **Contact the Wandering CRC**

Phone: 08 9884 1561

Email: [crc@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto: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.

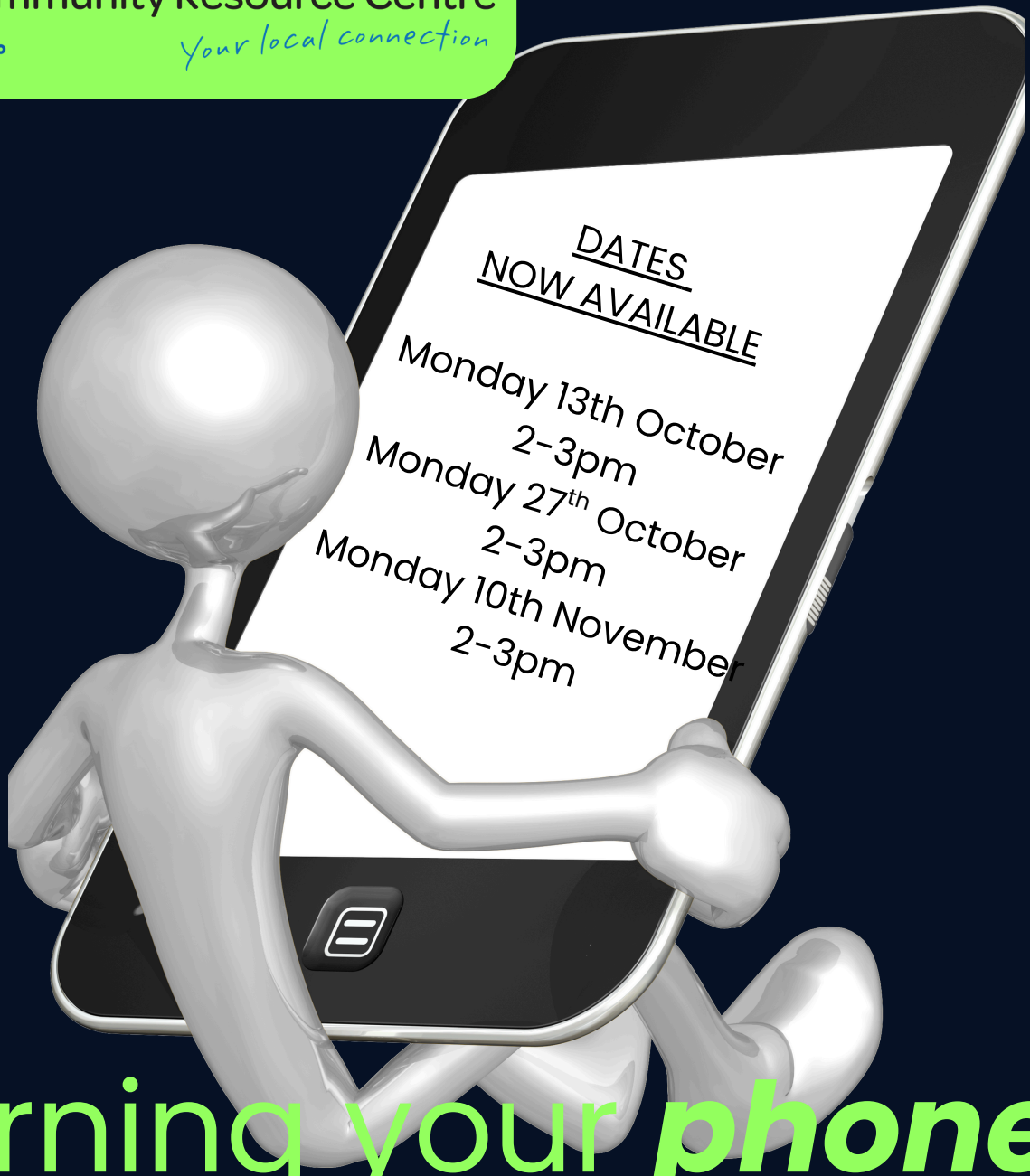
CRC - <https://www.facebook.com/wanderingcrc>

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





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# Learning your **phone!**

**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 9884 1561 or email - [crc@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@wandering.wa.gov.au)

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*Save The Date*  
International  
**Women's**  
Day

*Divine Elegance Lunch*

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

More details coming soon



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# FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL TENNIS

**Wandering Tennis Club Inc.**

Memberships are now available.

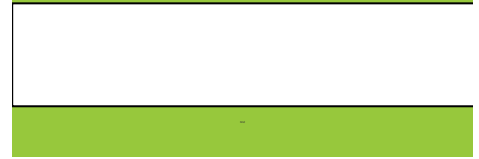
\$25 a season.

Children (17 and under) free.

**See you at the Tennis Courts**

Contact Jacqui Schorer 0428301895

**Starting  
Date  
Friday 24th  
October  
2025  
6PM**



**ALL  
WELCOME!!!!**  
Young and Old!!  
New and Experienced!!  
Wild and Tame!!



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# CREATIVE ART WORKSHOP

9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

AT 11.00 - 1.00PM

School Holiday Craft  
activity with the  
Wandering Craft Group

REGISTER AT:

Wandering CRC

[crc@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@wandering.wa.gov.au)

08 9884 1561

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# PUBLIC NOTICE



## CALL OUT TO COMMUNITY

**LOOKING FOR STALL  
HOLDERS TO ATTEND OUR  
OUTDOOR MOVIE & NIGHT  
MARKETS TO BE HELD  
FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**REGISTER AT [CRC@WANDERING.WA.GOV.AU](mailto:CRC@WANDERING.WA.GOV.AU) OR  
98841561**



  
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# TAX & BOOK KEEPING WORKSHOP

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

- ✓ Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- ✓ Wandering CRC
- ✓ 10.30am - 12.30pm
- ✓ Presented by Ben Stangoni from IPS Small Business Support
- ✓ Ben is available for one-on-one sessions on day 1-3.30pm

**Register to attend NOW:**



9884 1561



[crc@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@wandering.wa.gov.au)



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**SATURDAY 18TH OCT**

# WANDERING AG SHOW

**PART OF THE WANDERING CAMP OUT WEEKEND**

**9AM - 3PM**

## MAIN ARENA AM/PM

LIBERTY HORSE

SHEARING

CLYDESDALE WORKING HORSE

WOOL SPINNING - FELT LIKE IT

DOG TRAINING DEMO

WALTER WHIP

DOG JUMP 11AM

BINJARED MIDDARS

WELCOME TO COUNTRY 12PM

## AG SHOW BAR OPEN AT 11AM

## STALLS AND MORE

MICKEY BLU

OLD MACHINERY CLUB OF WA

OUTBACK LEATHER

RUSTIC FURS N LEATHER

VMXWA

BMRC

WOOD DISPLAYS

HIGGS DRILLING

HIPPOCKET WORKWEAR

## AROUND THE PADDOCK 9AM TO 3PM

WA FARRIERS

WA AXEMENS LEAGUE WOOD CHOPPING

SOUTHWEST VETS

CARMEL DISTILLERY

WORM SHED

CARNABYS CRUSADER

PEEL HARVEY CATCHMENT

ESPERANCE DISTILLERY

CODJI SPRINGS FARM - SHEEP DISPLAY

FOOD VANS

MASCOTS

TRUCK DISPLAY - JUDGED AT 1PM

## ON THE TRACK

from 9am

COLOUR RUN

LAWN MOWER RACING



## VOLUNTEERING

ST JOHNS PINGELLY

SES PINGELLY

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

WANDERING BUSHFIRE BRIGADE

## PARK AND RIDE

*Shuttle Bus running to the Fair at town oval*

# FREE ENTRY

*Grassdale Farm, Wandering, WA*

## FOR MORE INFORMATION AND STALL ENQUIRIES:

**E:** AGSHOW.WCOW@OUTLOOK.COM

**M:** 0429 194 122

**FACEBOOK:** WANDERINGCAMPOUTWEEKEND

**W:** WCOW.COM.AU



**Free Bus to and from the Agshow**



# **FREE ENTRY, ENTERTAINMENT AND RIDES ALL DAY**

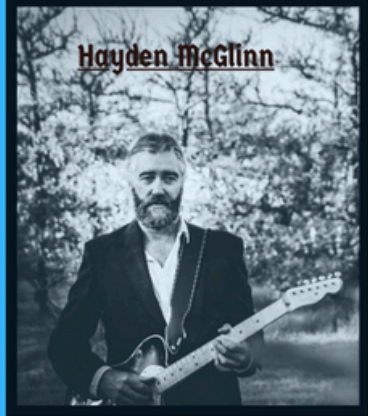
**Saturday 18th October 25**

**9am - 3pm**

**Wandering Community Centre  
Town Oval  
Down Street**



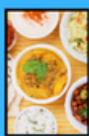
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WANDERING LIONS BREKKIE  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE**



**VINTAGE WEDDING  
DRESS DISPLAY  
CRAFT STALLS**



**GIFT STALLS  
CLOTHING STALLS  
FOOD VANS  
BUCKING BULL  
BOUNCY CASTLE  
FACE PAINTING**



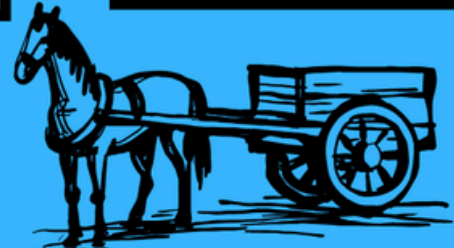
**COFFEE  
ICE CREAM  
SHOWBAGS**



**Sundowner Line Dancers  
Performance 10am  
Crowd participation 12.30pm**



**Amy Wild Reptile Adventures**



**Horse and Cart Rides**



**Kids Yellow Brick Trail Competition...win a Galaxy Tablet**

# Optimistic October 2025

MONDAY



6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better

TUESDAY



7 Look for the good in people around you today

WEDNESDAY

1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month

8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

THURSDAY

2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)

9 Share an important goal with someone you trust

FRIDAY

3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you

10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently

SATURDAY

4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list

11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward

SUNDAY

5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future

26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead

25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?

17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society

24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently

16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting

23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague

14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you

13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing

20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time



30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future

31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

# Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



**PHCC**  
Working Together

Edition 102  
October 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.



## Williams River Gathering

Despite the wet and windy weather, the Williams River gathering went ahead and those who braved the elements were treated to a great morning by the river! Everyone made the most of the Boddington Lions mini-train rides to nearby restoration sites, planted seedlings, and got hands-on with nature-based activities like building bee hotels and creating Hapa Zome (leaf-dye) flags.

The Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, led by local Wilman Elder Nick Abraham is always a highlight, setting the tone for a morning of connection to Country, community, and culture. With the Lions Club sausage sizzle and The Queen of Beanz coffee van keeping everyone fueled and warm, spirits stayed high throughout the morning.

Big thanks to our amazing volunteers and to everyone who came out – your support was really appreciated!



Welcome to Country by Nick Abraham



PHCC team

Top: Boddington Lions Train. Above: Activities by the River

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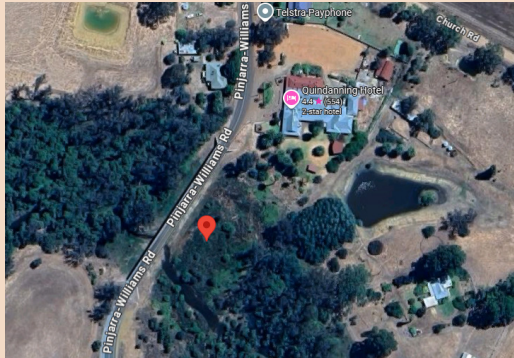
## Can you take a moment to think about the area of land on the Williams River next to the historic Quindanning Hotel?

PHCC is in the process of carrying out restoration activities in this location, and we would like to investigate the option of providing more formal access to the river. No doubt the area holds important community significance, and we would like to give you the opportunity to share this. If you would like to participate, please scan the QR code to access our online survey:



Alternatively, please email [kristy.gregory@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:kristy.gregory@peel-harvey.org.au) or call the office on 6369 8801 if you are unable to access via the QR code - we can send you a copy.

For more information the Hotham-Williams River Action Plan and Quindanning Site Restoration Plan can be found on PHCC website <https://peel-harvey.org.au/> – search under Resources and PHCC Publications.



## What's happening...

### Backyards for Black-Cockatoos Workshop

Presented by BirdLife WA

*Boddington*

Date: Thursday 16 October

Visit: <https://peel-harvey.org.au/events/backyards-for-black-cockatoos/>

### Different ways to make compost workshop

*Jarrahdale*

Date: Sunday 19 October

Visit: <https://peel-harvey.org.au/events/different-ways-to-make-compost-workshop/>

### Measuring and Managing your Farm Carbon Emissions

With special guest speakers Chris Wyhoon (Campfire Agri) and Bonnie Jupp (RegenWA)

*Williams*

Date: Friday 24 October

Visit: <https://peel-harvey.org.au/events/measuring-and-managing-your-farm-carbon-emissions/>

### Small Property Planning workshop

Presented by Chris Wyhoon (Campfire Agri)

*Cuballing*

Date: Saturday 25 October

Visit: <https://peel-harvey.org.au/events/small-property-planning-workshop/>

### Conservation Council of WA 2025 Annual Conference - Soliphilia

*Cockburn*

Date: 12 & 13 November

Visit: [https://www.ccwa.org.au/2025\\_conference](https://www.ccwa.org.au/2025_conference)

## Volunteer with us

Caring for our catchment is a huge task!

If you would like to volunteer to help in any way, from planting trees, assisting at events, or monitoring projects please contact us, we would love to hear from you.

Visit: <https://peel-harvey.org.au/get-involved/volunteer-with-us/>

## Soil CRC survey

Are you a landholder or property manager in the south-west?

Take the Soil CRC landholder survey and help shape the future of farming! Your input will be used to guide future support, research, and investment tailored to YOU.

- If you received a paper notice, use your serial number if completing the survey online. Didn't get one? You're still welcome to participate!
- Take the survey now: [https://murdochuni.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cUWMJo5uaPOwYYPs](https://murdochuni.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cUWMJo5uaPOwYYPs)

[victoria.brockhurst@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:victoria.brockhurst@peel-harvey.org.au)

[www.peel-harvey.org.au](http://www.peel-harvey.org.au)



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



# WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE



## Testosterone and Wellbeing

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE  
October 2025

We've all heard of the hormone testosterone, but we might not know just how important it is that we look after our testosterone levels for our physical and mental health and wellbeing. Hormones themselves are the chemical messengers that the glands in our body send through our blood to our organs. They are necessary for growth, reproduction and wellbeing. The ones that are particularly important to men are the male sex hormones called androgens. Testosterone is the most important androgen and affects everything from our metabolism, our recovery time after physical exertion, our mood and of course our sex drive, performance and health. All things that we care about, that help define us as men and that we don't want to compromise on.

As testosterone is such a vital part of living a full and healthy life, it's important to keep a lookout for signs of testosterone issues, most commonly testosterone deficiency. It is normal for men to have their testosterone peak between 20 and 30 years of age; and from there fall gradually as we get older to one third of our maximum amount. In fact, by 45 years of age 4 out of every 10 men have symptoms of male hypogonadism (lowering testosterone). Despite it being common it is still important to keep an eye on it as testosterone deficiency can have severe consequences.

In our youth it can present as failure to go through normal puberty, including not having our voice break, not getting a normal growth spurt or even developing breasts. This is all to be avoided if possible! In adults there are a range of potential symptoms including weight gain, mood changes, reduced strength, difficulty getting erections and a lower sex drive. These symptoms and others can have a detrimental impact on our health and quality of life so being aware of testosterone's role in our lives and the difficulties we can have with it is important to all men.

If we find ourselves experiencing these issues we should go to the doctor and have a simple blood test that will check our testosterone levels. If we are suffering from a severe deficiency it is likely we will be administered Testosterone Replacement Therapy (TRT) in the form of injections, gels, lotions, creams, patches and tablets; some of which can come with negative side effects. Fortunately, there are ways to increase our testosterone short of pharmaceutical help. Primarily through lifestyle choices. That is getting enough sleep, avoiding alcohol and drugs, staying active; especially through weightlifting, minimising stress levels and getting all our vitamins and minerals through a balanced diet, will all have a significant impact on our testosterone levels and general health.

Like with most aspects of our health the same fundamentals affecting everything else also affect testosterone levels. Good health is a holistic process and if we do these things to take care of our testosterone we will enjoy the benefits of healthy testosterone levels throughout our lives. As always if there is any doubt it's important to speak to your GP, especially when something as important as testosterone is involved.



 @RMHI\_4blokes

 Working with Warriors Podcast

 [regionalmenshealth.com.au](http://regionalmenshealth.com.au)



*The Fine Wool Specialists*  
**TILBA TILBA**  
MERINOS

**Annual**

**On-Property Ram Sale**

**119 Rintoul Rd, WILLIAMS**

**Monday 20th October 2025**

**Inspections from 10am**

**SALE STARTS 1pm**

**CONTACT:**

**Stuart: 9884 5235**

**Ben Keally**

**Andrew: 0447 945 255**

**Nutrien Ag Solutions**

**Kim: 9884 5095**

**0429 851 228**



# SAVE THE DATES



## UP COMING WORKSHOPS

**28th OCTOBER – TUESDAY 10:30AM**

**Wicking Beds/ Pots**

**10th November – MONDAY 10:00AM**

**All Access Gardening**

**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](mailto:crc@wandering.wa.gov.au)

**Looking forward to your support for this wonderful opportunity!**

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# MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH



**Tuesday  
4<sup>th</sup> November  
2025**



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11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Wandering Community Resource Centre

Dress in your most favorite outfit

Best dressed ladies & gents prizes.

Sweeps Available of \$2.00 & \$5.00

Enjoy a light lunch BYO Alcoholic Drinks.

[crc@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@wandering.wa.gov.au)/ph: 089884 1561

\$20.00 per person

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# PERIOD ACCESSIBILITY

## 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.



CARE PACKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE WANDERING CRC



## Resources & Support



### Rosie

<https://rosie.org.au/health-wellbeing/puberty-your-body>

Rosie offers an online space with resources to learn about periods, puberty and self-care down there.

### Get The Facts

<https://www.getthefacts.health.wa.gov.au/our-bodies>

A government website where young people can find information about periods.

### Jean Hailes for Women's Health

<https://www.jeanhailes.org.au/>

Provides information about the menstrual cycle.

### Health Direct

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/menstruation>

### Health Direct Helpline

**1800 022 222**

A registered nurse is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



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## ***Regional Column***

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**Consumer Protection** 140 William Street Perth Western Australia 6000

Email: [cpmedia@lgirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:cpmedia@lgirs.wa.gov.au) | [www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au](http://www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au) | [www.wa.gov.au](http://www.wa.gov.au)

11 September 2025

### **With Senior Regional Officer for the South West Annetta Bellingeri Boarders and lodgers' rights explained**

Knowing whether you're a tenant, boarder, or lodger isn't just about labels. It can make a big difference to your rights and responsibilities. While tenants are covered by Western Australia's tenancy laws, boarders and lodgers usually rely more on the terms of their agreement. The tricky part is that the difference isn't always obvious, and it comes down to the details of your living situation. Knowing what to look out for, and what questions to ask before you move in, can help you avoid headaches later on.

You're probably a boarder or lodger if you're living in someone else's home and they're still in charge of the space. This means the landlord, or someone they appoint, is living there with you, setting the house rules, and being able to come into your room or shared areas.

If the landlord also throws in extras like meals, cleaning or laundry, then you're a boarder. Otherwise, you're considered a lodger. While the Residential Tenancies Act doesn't apply to your living situation as a boarder or lodger, you do have rights and protections under both common law and the Australian Consumer Law (ACL). The property must be fit for purpose, meaning it must be safe, clean and meet your needs as discussed with the landlord at the beginning. You should be able to use your room and facilities without too much disturbance from the landlord and you can expect your room and belongings to be safe and secure. Any meals or services included in your agreement must meet consumer guarantees, such as be provided with care and skill.

Your responsibilities should be covered in your written agreement. Generally, you will need to follow house rules, keep your room clean and tidy, pay your rent on time and give around one week's notice if you plan to leave. Before you consider this living arrangement, there are some questions you might want to ask before moving in. Make sure you understand what is included in your rent, who else lives at the property, is there a safe place to park and who is responsible for cleaning common areas. House rules will differ between properties so make sure they are rules you can live with.

The landlord is also not allowed to make false or misleading representations about the property or services, such as claiming there is air-conditioning when there isn't, or agreeing to provide a wide variety of meals when they don't. Ensure you understand and agree to all the terms before you sign an agreement. You and your landlord can make changes to the agreement if you both agree in writing. Importantly, always keep a copy of the signed written agreement.

Be aware that as a boarder or lodger, the landlord can end your agreement at any time, unless otherwise stated in your agreement. They also don't have to give a reason to ask you to leave. You should be given reasonable notice, which means you have time to collect your belongings. If you don't have a written agreement with your landlord and there is a dispute, it will be up to a Magistrate to decide whether you're a tenant, boarder or lodger. This is why it's important to make sure you get a copy of your signed agreement.

If you have a problem with the property or the services provided, contact your landlord directly in the first instance to give them the opportunity to fix the problem. If this doesn't work, we may be able to help. If you are not sure whether you are a boarder, lodger or a tenant, or you have issue that can't be resolved contact Consumer Protection 1300 30 40 54 to discuss.



## **GRADER OPERATOR (FINAL TRIM) LEADING HAND** **Full-Time Position (9-day fortnight)**

An opportunity exists for a self-motivated, enthusiastic, team-focused individual to join our Works Crew. As a Leading Hand Grader Operator, the successful applicant will be primarily responsible for the Shire's annual works programme, including the construction and maintenance of the Shire's Road infrastructure and related assets, they will be expected to work safely and efficiently, under the supervision of the Works Manager and to a high standard to contribute to the Shire achieving its corporate goals. This position will also be responsible for performing final trim grading for the Wandering Shire's Roads.

A current HC license is essential, and Safety Awareness Training certificates and basic Worksite Traffic Management accreditation are also desirable.

The position offers great benefits, including:

- Fortnightly Rostered Day Off (RDO).
- Up to 17% employer contributed superannuation; (conditions apply).
- Adverse working conditions allowance.
- 4-bedroom house provided with subsidised rent.
- Performance allowance up to \$2500 annually.
- Overtime as approved.
- Training and development opportunities
- A great employee Health and Wellbeing Program, including flu shots, skin cancer checks, and an Employee Assistance Program.
- Working in a small team environment.
- PPE is provided upon commencement, and in-house training may also be provided if required.

Dependent on qualifications, skills, and experience, a Level 6 salary will be offered to the suitable applicant. With a starting hourly rate of \$40, plus the above allowance.

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the Operations Manager, Karl Mickle, by phoning (08) 6828 1800 to further discuss this position. The position description is available on the Shire's website at [www.wandering.wa.gov.au](http://www.wandering.wa.gov.au),

Please note there is no closing date for this position. Applications will only be considered **until the position is filled**. This means that the vacancy may close without notice. If you are interested in this position, we highly recommend you apply as soon as possible. Please email a covering letter and your resume detailing relevant experience to [karl.mickle@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:karl.mickle@wandering.wa.gov.au) or post/drop off at the Shire Office 22 Watts Street, Wandering.

The Shire of Wandering is an equal opportunity employer who is committed to providing an inclusive workplace. We encourage applications from people with disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, and people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

### RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD -

#### PERMITS REQUIRED

1 October 2025 to 31 October 2025 inclusive

### NO BURNING WITHOUT A PERMIT CAMPFIRES AND BONFIRES PROHIBITED

Contact your Local Fire Control Officer for a permit

### BURNING PROHIBITED

1 November 2025 to 21 February 2026 inclusive

### NO BURNING AND NO FIRES

### RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD -

#### PERMITS REQUIRED

22 February 2026 to 19 April 2026 inclusive

### NO BURNING WITHOUT A PERMIT CAMPFIRES AND BONFIRES PROHIBITED

Contact your Local Fire Control Officer  
for a permit

### BURN WITH CARE

20 April 2026 to 30 September 2026

### NO PERMIT REQUIRED

- Due to unseasonal weather conditions these dates may be extended or shortened. You must check with the Shire of Wandering for details.
- Burning is prohibited on days where the Fire Danger Rating is High or above and if either a Total Fire Ban or Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban is declared
- You can find the Fire Danger Rating on the Shire Website

### How to obtain permits

Burning permits can be obtained from your local Bush Fire Control Officer

#### CHIEF FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Graham Treasure 0427 841 083

#### DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Tim Treasure 0458 653 521

#### CODJATOTINE

C Cameron Hardie 0428 249 799

Mark Browne 0428 877 086

#### HASTINGS

C Anthony Turton 0428 876 042

Adam Watts 0419 949 223

#### WANDERING TOWN

C Shaun Brand 0429 433 452

Graham Treasure 0427 841 083

#### WANDERING

C Tim Treasure 0458 653 521

Jon Hardie 0466 662 615



# Shire of Wandering Bushfire Notice 2025-2026



## Firebreak Notice

### **BUSH FIRES ACT 1954**

As the landowner or occupier you are required under the provisions of the Bush Fires Act 1954 to carry out the fire prevention work on your property to the satisfaction of the Shire or its duly authorised officers on or before 31 October 2025. All land is to be maintained up to and including 26 April 2026.

All previous versions of this document are hereby cancelled. Properties subject to an approved Bushfire Management Plan must comply with the requirements of their plan.

Persons who fail to comply with the requirements of this notice may be issued with an infringement notice or be prosecuted. Where the owner fails to comply with the requirements of the notice, the Shire may carry out the required work at cost to the owner/occupier.

If it is considered for any reason impractical to clear Fire Access Tracks or remove flammable material as required by this notice, or if natural features render Fire Access Tracks unnecessary, you may apply to the Shire in writing no later than 30 October 2025 for permission to provide Fire Access Tracks in alternative positions or to take alternative action to abate fire hazards on the land. If permission is not given, you must comply with this notice.

### **Inspection and Compliance**

The requirements of this Notice are considered to be the minimum standard of fire prevention work required to protect not only individual properties, but the district generally. In addition to the requirements of this Notice, the Shire may issue separate special orders on owners or occupiers if hazard removal is considered necessary. As required, the Shire Fire Control Officer and Town Ranger will begin conducting onsite inspections from 31 October 2025.

### **SMS Alerts**

Broadcast of local Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans, Total Fire Bans and other information. Subscribe via [www.wandering.wa.gov.au](http://www.wandering.wa.gov.au). Fire and Emergency Services / SMS /Notifications. **Please Note:** SMS alerts do not include alerts about fires or other emergencies. For those updates see: [www.emergency.wa.gov.au](http://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)

### **Advice is Available**

Further advice on how to protect your home, when and how to burn, is available from Ranger Services or your local Fire Control Officer. If you have any questions please contact them.

### **Properties in Blackboy Springs, Wandering Downs Estate and Properties Less Than 10 hectares:**

- Firebreaks removed of all flammable material and obstructions, no less than 3 metres wide and no less than 4 metres of vertical clearance, within 20 metres of the external boundary.
- 3-metre-wide firebreaks removed of all flammable material and obstructions as close as possible to all buildings.
- Have on stand-by an operational mobile fire-fighting unit of minimum 450 litre\* capacity.
- Are to have all flammable matter slashed, mowed or trimmed down by other means to a height of no greater than 150mm across the entire property (living trees, shrubs, plants and agricultural crops under cultivation are accepted) or approved stock management of pasture by Local Brigade Fire Control Officer

### **All other Small Rural Holdings with an area of 10 - 80 hectares or less:**

- Firebreaks removed of all flammable material and obstructions, no less than 3 metres wide and no less than 4 metres of vertical clearance, within 20 metres of the external boundary.
- 3-metre-wide firebreaks removed of all flammable material and obstructions as close as possible to all buildings.

- Have on stand-by an operational mobile fire-fighting unit of minimum 450 litre\* capacity.

### **Town site land less than 1500m<sup>2</sup>:**

- Clear all flammable material likely to be conducive to the outbreak, spread or extension of a fire from the whole of the land; and/or
- Maintain grass to a height not greater than 100mm.

### **Barbeques**

Solid fuel barbeques are prohibited when the fire danger rating is high or above and/or when a Total Fire Ban has been declared. Gas cooking or electric barbeques are permitted for the purpose of cooking only. All Properties to be Fire Safe by 31 October 2025 if you do not meet your responsibilities as outlined in this brochure, you may be fined a minimum of \$250 and be required to meet the cost of the Shire's efforts to ensure compliance with this Notice. Ultimately you could be liable for a maximum penalty of

### **Combined Rural Holdings in the Shire of Wandering—greater than 80 hectares:**

Satisfy at least one of the following conditions:

- Have on stand-by an operational mobile fire-fighting unit of minimum 450 litre\* capacity. If you own more than one land holding in the Shire of Wandering, a minimum of one unit is required for the total land holding: or
- Firebreaks removed of all flammable material and obstructions, no less than 3 metres wide and no less than 4 metres of vertical clearance, within 20 metres of the external boundary.

### **You must also have:**

- 3-metre-wide firebreaks removed of all flammable material and obstructions as close as possible to all buildings.
- Firebreaks removed of all flammable material, not less than 20 metres wide, around the perimeter of any bush exceeding 10 hectares in area prior to carrying out a clearing burn.

**Recommended when conducting any groundwork eg stubble crunching, reeфинating, bulldozing or loader work:** minimum 600lt on hand between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 19<sup>th</sup> April

### **Plantations (Planted trees greater than 10 hectares in area):**

- Firebreaks removed of all flammable material and obstructions, no less than 10 metres wide, immediately inside all external boundaries of land.
- Firebreaks removed of all flammable material and obstructions, no less than 10 metres wide, to divide internal areas of no more than 100 hectares.



# Measuring and Managing Your Farm Carbon Emissions

With special guest speakers Chris Wyhoon (Campfire Agri) and Bonnie Jupp (RegenWA)

All participants will be provided with tools and resources to support 'on-farm emissions' specific to your own production.

The National Industry-led Carbon Farming Outreach Program is delivering unbiased, independent carbon farming knowledge to primary producers.

This workshop will cover:

- Greenhouse gas emissions and carbon storage calculations for your property
- What carbon farming means for farmers/you
- Deciding on carbon farming activities or practices for your operation
- Opportunities available
- Overview of the risks and obligations

For further details email [georgina.warden@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:georgina.warden@peel-harvey.org.au)

Friday 24 October at **Williams Woolshed**

101 Albany Hwy, Williams

8.30am

to

4.00pm

Morning tea and lunch provided



Register here



Australian Government



GROWER GROUP ALLIANCE  
Together we grow














## Council Election Update

This election is a POSTAL ELECTION - Ballot papers will be received in the mail shortly. There will be a ballot box in the reception area at the Shire Office so if you have a PO box you can to vote as soon as you receive your ballot paper, otherwise please post them back to us.

### Need to speak with Shire staff? Please book an appointment!



To help us provide the best service possible, we kindly ask that all community members book an appointment before visiting or to speak with Shire staff.

You might want to chat with us about:

-  Planning and building enquiries
-  Road maintenance or works
-  Waste and recycling services
-  Ranger services and animal control
-  Rates and payments
-  Council meetings or community projects
-  Local laws and permits
-  Parks, reserves, and public spaces
-  Event approvals or hall bookings



Booking ahead ensures we can prepare and give you the time and attention your matter deserves.

- To book an appointment, please contact us via:
-  Phone: 6828 1800 /  Email: [reception@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:reception@wandering.wa.gov.au)

Thank you for your cooperation and support!

## 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  
7/10/2025  
21/10/2025

### 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](http://www.wandering.wa.gov.au) | [reception@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:reception@wandering.wa.gov.au)  [www.facebook.com/wanderingshire](https://www.facebook.com/wanderingshire)

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

[crc@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@wandering.wa.gov.au)  [www.facebook.com/wanderingcrc](https://www.facebook.com/wanderingcrc)





## Burning Permits Required

### Burning Permits are required from 1 to 31 October 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.

Contact your local Bush Fire Control Officer for a permit.

<b>Permit to Burn Officers 2025/2026</b>	
<b>CHIEF FIRE CONTROL OFFICER</b>	
Graham Treasure	0427 841 083
<b>DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE CONTROL OFFICER</b>	
Tim Treasure	0458 653 521
<b>CODJATOTINE</b>	
C Cameron Hardie	0428 249 799
Mark Browne	0428 877 086
<b>HASTINGS</b>	
C Anthony Turton	0428 876 042
Adam Watts	0419 949 223
<b>WANDERING TOWN</b>	
C Shaun Brand	0429 433 452
Graham Treasure	0427 841 083
<b>WANDERING</b>	
C Tim Treasure	0458 653 521
Jon Hardie	0466 662 615

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



## 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
- **23 October 2025  
(date change)**
- 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 18th September 2025 the following was discussed (as per caretaker period note below).

- Financial Reports from July and August 2025
- Accounts paid for July and August 2025

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



# 2025-26

## RATES INFORMATION

### Message to Our Community – Understanding Your Rates

At its Ordinary Council Meeting on Thursday 21 August, the Shire of Wandering Council adopted the 2025/26 Annual Budget. This year's budget has been one of the most challenging in recent years, as a much-needed revenue reset - delayed in the years following the COVID-19 pandemic — was required to ensure the Shire's financial viability.

Councillors engaged in robust discussion to balance the impact on the community with the need to raise sufficient revenue to deliver essential services and secure the Shire's future. A key part of the budget process involved identifying the 'budget deficiency' to be made up through the levying of rates. The adopted budget reflects the priorities of Council while considering community needs and managing organisational risk.

In collaboration with Councillors, four Strategic Focus Areas have been identified and resourced in the 2025/26 Budget:

- Deliver key Capital Works Projects for 2025/26.
- Ensure the Shire is progressing towards a strong financial future.
- Manage organisational risk and improve regulatory compliance.
- Progress a review of the Shire's Long Term Financial Plan and related strategic documents.

The Shire of Wandering, along with other local governments across Western Australia, is facing significant financial pressures. The Shire of Wandering is part of the WA Local Government Association's (WALGA) Central Country Zone.

Across the WALGA Central Country Zone—made up of fifteen local governments—communities are being asked to carry more costs as responsibilities are increasingly shifted from Federal and State Governments to local government.

These challenges are made harder by:

- Rising costs of statutory and regulatory requirements.
- Increasing costs of materials, utilities, insurance, and contractors.
- Limited or no ability for local governments to raise new revenue or recover costs.

While the population and rate base vary greatly between local governments, the legislative and compliance requirements remain the same for all. For the Shire of Wandering—which has the smallest population and rates income in the Central Country Zone—this creates a disproportionate burden on our small community.

Despite these challenges, the Shire of Wandering remains committed to delivering services and projects that support our community's priorities. At the same time, we are required to dedicate significant resources to meeting State and Federal legislation and regulations without receiving adequate funding to do so.

### What are we doing about it?

Through the WALGA Central Country Zone, the Shire of Wandering is actively advocating for fairer funding arrangements, reduced cost-shifting, and more realistic compliance requirements. We will continue to work with other local governments to push for changes that recognise the unique challenges faced by small communities like ours.



# 2025-26

## RATES INFORMATION

We thank you for your understanding and ongoing support as we work to balance these pressures while planning for a sustainable future for the Shire of Wandering.

Your Council continues to place a high commitment and focus on maintaining our Shire's Road network as well as supporting and improving more general community requirements. The 2025/2026 Capital Works Programme includes a roads budget of \$4,041,963. This is made up of approximately \$3.6million of grant funding and over \$360,000 of Shire contributions.

Project List
York Williams Road - Reconstruct from SKL 3.00.6.00 and widening from a 6.2m gravel road, to a 7m sealed road
York Williams Road - Final Seal-for project approved in 2024-25 SLK 0.00-3.00(10mm CRM)
North Bannister Wandering RD - Upgrade and overlay pavement to type 6 with a 9-metre seal from SLK 9.10-13.60 (4.5km)
North Bannister Wandering RD Culvert works rollover from 2024/25
North Bannister Wandering and Wandering Pingelly road Seal Repairs - Seal Repairs (around 3000sqm)
Cheetaning St - Cheetaning St Shared Path (Design only)
Bridge Replacement - 0424A Wandering Pingelly RD

The 2025/2026 Annual Budget also includes Shire costs related to the provision of on-going Shire services such as the maintenance of our Shire roads, maintenance of our parks and gardens, utility and maintenance costs of Shire owned buildings, maintenance of our bridges, street lighting, footpath maintenance, supporting community groups and events, tourism promotion etc. and much more which comes at a cost of approximately \$1.7million.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors and Shire staff for their dedication, ongoing support and guidance in helping us meet our statutory and regulatory obligations. I look forward to working alongside them as we operate within the parameters of this new budget and continue to drive the steady growth and improvement of the Shire and its services.

Cr Sheryl Little  
**Shire President**



# Bin Calendar



## Shire of Wandering Recycle Calendar 2025-2026

**July 2025**

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**September 2025**

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**April 2026**

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**May 2026**

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**June 2026**

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- General Waste Only
- General Waste and Recycle



### 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.

# Rates Explained

## Step 1



Cost of running the Local Government



Minus non-rate revenue (grants, fees & charges, other)



To calculate rate revenue required

## Step 2



Divide the rates revenue required



By the combined rental value of all rateable properties



To calculate the rate in the dollar

## Step 3

Multiply the rate in the dollar



By your property's value as set by the Valuer General - either Gross Rental Value (GRV) or Unimproved Value (UV)



To calculate your rates for the year

Shire of Wandering

22 Watts Street

Wandering WA 6308

08 68281800

reception@wandering.wa.gov.au



**WA  
MENTAL  
HEALTH  
WEEK**  
2025

OCTOBER 4TH-11TH

**EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES, THRIVING WORKFORCES:  
A JOURNEY TOWARDS INVESTING IN OUR MENTAL HEALTH.  
FOR WA MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2025, WE'RE FOCUSING ON POWER.**

We're exploring the supports in our communities that help people who've experienced mental ill-health to empower themselves to take charge of their mental health within their everyday lives. How? By shining a light on real stories of lived experience, recovery and life beyond mental ill-health, diagnoses and labels.

We'll celebrate stories of people with lived experience, help communities empower themselves, and show that mental health is about thriving, not just surviving! We'll also pay particular attention to the role of employment as mental health promotion and its role in recovery.

Join us to challenge stigma, support individuals to chart their recovery, and tailor our efforts and support for lasting impact in our communities.

[mentalhealthweek.org.au](https://mentalhealthweek.org.au)

@MentalHealthWeekWA

#mhw2025



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OCTOBER 4TH-11TH 2025



# CREATE YOUR SELF CARE PLAN

## BY DOING ONE OF THESE THINGS EVERYDAY



### FUN

Doing things that we enjoy, that simply put these are things that make us feel happy, excited, or pleased.



### SOCIAL

Consider the people in our lives that make us feel happy, excited, or pleased or the things that we do with them that make us feel this way.



### FOOD

Those things we eat that we relish and look forward to eagerly. This can be any dish or cuisine you like, the focus is on enjoyment.



### TALK TO

About seeking support, venting, expressing emotion and listening to others. This can help us de-stress, problem solve, provide insight or validation.



### SLEEP

Things to do or things to avoid, that lead to positive sleeping experiences..



### EXERCISE

Physical activity that we enjoy, may be more leisurely or playful than our usual exercise goals eg we might enjoy going to the beach or having a walk-in nature

[MENTALHEALTHWEEK.ORG.AU](http://MENTALHEALTHWEEK.ORG.AU)



# Backyards for Black- Cockatoos



Join us for an evening  
full of information  
about Black-Cockatoos

Guest speaker: Merryn Pryor – BirdLife WA  
Black-Cockatoo Project Coordinator

- Hear updated information on the status of each species of Black-Cockatoo
- Learn about the conservation actions you can undertake in your backyard to help protect Black-Cockatoos and other native bird species



Register here

Thursday  
**16 October 2025**  
Light supper supplied

**4.30pm – 6.30pm**  
Boddington CRC

**Boddington CRC**  
(Gallery) 20 Bannister Road,  
Boddington



Australian Government



natural resource  
management program



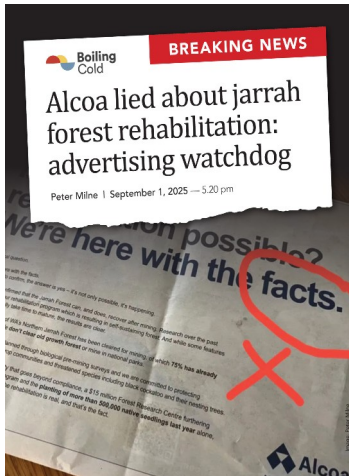
This project is funded by the Australian Government Natural Heritage Trust and delivered by PHCC,  
a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel.

**Registration essential by 14 October**

For more information contact PHCC  
P: 6369 8801 or E: [hotham-williams@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:hotham-williams@peel-harvey.org.au)

## Some good stuff happening for our environment.... Locals for Environmental Action and Protection (LEAP)

You've got to celebrate every small 'win' right!? Even if it is just a step in the right direction.....public comment closed on Aug 21<sup>st</sup> for ALCOA's expansion plans, and a record 59,000 submissions were sent to the EPA by that deadline!! The most submissions received by the EPA for any project! It feels like the tide is turning a little, and the public are really starting to question the senseless destruction of our beautiful forests and water catchments. Local shires such as Armadale, Mundaring, Boddington and Murray have also voted against the continued expansions unless strict conditions are put in place.



In another interesting development for ALCOA, Australia's advertising watchdog has ruled that Alcoa's claims to have rehabilitated 75 per cent of the WA jarrah forest it had strip-mined are unclear, overstated, without a reasonable basis, and not truthful or factual. It was also found that ALCOA did not have reasonable grounds to make the claims, the claims were not clear and failed to include important limitations, and the environmental claims were overstated.

The decision, made after a referral to Ad Standards by three environmental groups, is a crushing blow to the US miner's expensive public relations blitz in WA to shore up support for its current mining and a planned expansion that the state's Environmental Protection Authority is assessing.

Read more here: <https://www.boilingcold.com.au/alcoa-lied-about-jarrah.../>

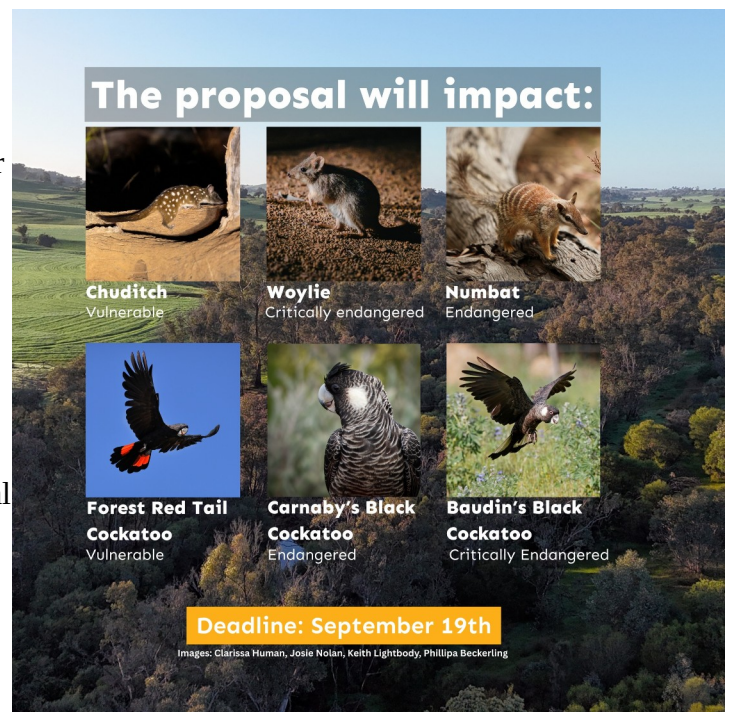
And of course, there are always more proposals to comment on, really really important to have your say....

Newmont Boddington Expansion proposal amendment requires a comment by 19<sup>th</sup> September - the proposal to clear a further 414ha of native vegetation will impact Matters of National Environmental Significance (MINES), in this case threatened species pictured here.

Go to

<https://epbcpublicportal.environment.gov.au/all-notices/>

and scroll midway down page 2 and you will find the link! Follow the prompts and demand a Federal Controlled Action.



Please don't hesitate to get in contact with us if you would like to join our email list, or like further information, including detailed maps and action we can take to preserve our home – our email is [leap4locals@outlook.com](mailto:leap4locals@outlook.com) or join us on facebook 'Locals for Environmental Action & Protection' (LEAP).



# Wandering Lions

Spring has sprung and Lions have found themselves on the ROADSIDE BREAKFAST campaign that is scheduled for the third week of September.

The mornings a little chilly however the days sublime.

Great opportunity to have a complementary breakfast of egg and bacon and a chat for the passing public and local residents.

The Shire, CRC and the Lions combine to provide the breakfast and this year as the day breaks the Lions BBQ trailer was seen at the fuel station on Tuesday, Moramocking and Reid road corner on Wednesday then the Codjatotine park on Thursday.

Gathering at Watts street for the first of three roadside breakfasts.

Travellers and locals alike enjoy the morning chat before the day gets well underway. September is a great time to gather for such an event before the hay and harvest seasons get underway.



Gathering under the marri trees on Moramocking road. Great place to drop by for a breakfast burger and a chat.



All hands on deck at the Codjatotine parking area as the annual ROADSIDE BREAKFAST gets underway. Beautiful September morning for gathering and a chat.



**Glen Graham 0438 278 076**

**BTM**

**Bout Time Mechanical**

**Mobile  
Hydraulics  
& Hose Repairs**

**ABN 92392192199 AU 60702 MR 15689**

## [International Volunteer Day](#)

### **SAVE THE DATE!!**

The Wandering CRC has been successful in securing funding to host a sundowner for the community to celebrate International Volunteer Day. This funding has been received from the Department of Communities.

Every volunteer within the community is invited to join us!

International Volunteer Day is held on December 5<sup>th</sup> every year. However, due to that being harvest season for our community, we have been approved to host our event in February 2026.

So please mark in your calendar THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026, 6PM @ THE WANDERING COMMUNITY CENTRE. More details will be made available closer to the time.



Government of Western Australia  
Department of Communities



## Wandering CWA

### Wandering Camp Out Weekend and Wandering Fair – Saturday 18 October

We will once again be hosting delicious and delightful Devonshire Teas from our very own Wandering CWA Rooms. Devonshire Teas to be served from 9.30 am, at a cost of \$8.00.

There will be a produce stall with cakes, biscuits, preserves, plants, CWA merchandise and more! (please note cash only – no card facilities available).

CWA memorabilia on display.

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.

### Next meeting of the Wandering CWA

Wednesday 15 October 2025

11am meeting with morning tea to follow

Everyone welcome!



Women are like teabags.

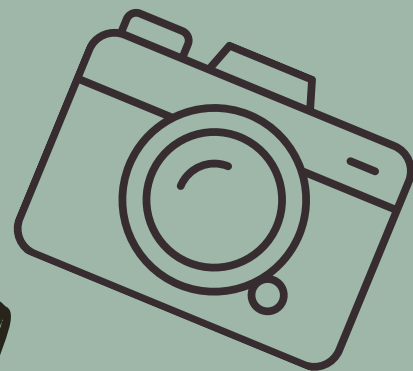
You never know how strong they are until they are in hot water.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Find us on   
Wandering CWA



# Hotham-Williams Photo Competition



6 September - 1 November 2025

## CAPTURE WHITE-TAILED BLACK-COCKATOOS

- ✓ COLOUR OR B&W
- ✓ ENTER AS MANY TIMES AS YOU LIKE
- ✓ ALL BIRDS MUST BE PHOTOGRAPHED IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT, WITHOUT BAITING, TRAPPING OR HABITAT DAMAGE
- ✓ T&C'S APPLY TO THIS COMPETITION

**WIN A  
\$200  
GIFTCARD**

Images must have been taken  
in the Hotham-Williams Region

*Submit your entries here*



## **Rural Aid**

This month I've been travelling our region, meeting people, catching up with other agency reps and more. Once again, I'm personally encouraged and left with a warm fuzzy feeling how the message of connection, community and looking out for each other is happening in conversations and at events. Whether a community event, sporting event or a BBQ communication and connection are a must to support ourselves and others enhancing our mental health and wellbeing.

An effective question to ask yourself, that assists with any situation we find ourselves in at any time is, 'What do I personally have control over and what do I not have control over? I can't control the weather but what I can do is be prepared for when the desired weather arrives or doesn't arrive.

'When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves. (Victor Frankl).

If we are faced with a relationship break down or loss we cannot control what the other person says or does. We can't control what others say about our situation. But we can ensure we maintain our personal morals and core values. If others come up with gossip or negativity about the other person, we are free to choose to not agree or respond. Where someone is treating us with disrespect, we are free to choose to not agree or respond. We keep to our true selves, and we ensure we respond respectfully. There is no need for justification of why we choose to not engage in negative conversation. Very hard choice, but very effective and results in no regrets in the future.

Core values? not sure what yours are? One way is using the 'Wise words to ourselves' exercise. This exercise helps highlight our individuality and our unique life journey so far. Imagine now at your age you are sitting with the younger you and giving some wise words to that younger you. Write this message down. Separate messages for each age. Wise words of wisdom about what you know now that would have helped you of then. Advise your 5year old self, then 15, then 25, then 35, then 45, then 55 and so on. ( Yes I'm over 55) This exercise should pick up what you have always felt is important and also some unique to yourself traits and life values.

The above may bring up some past oops moments as well. Even when feeling regret there was a lesson. Those times when we were not our finest also taught us and shaped us. We can't undo our past but we can choose to learn, move forward and do our best never to do that again.

I truly believe that every single person has good inside of themselves. Our thoughts and subsequent emotions maybe sometimes telling us otherwise. We are free to choose to be responsible not to just ourselves but to those we love as well. When everything is too much, ask for help, being true to yourself results in being true to those you love and hold dear as well.

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# Small Property Planning Workshop

Presented by Chris Wyhoon (Campfire Agri)

<b>Date</b>	Saturday 25 October
<b>Time</b>	9am to 4pm (concluding with a BBQ to 6pm)
<b>Where</b>	Cuballing Recreation Centre, Campbell St
<b>RSVP</b>	By Friday 17 October <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DGAE">https://www.trybooking.com/DGAE</a>



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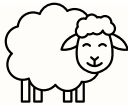
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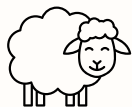
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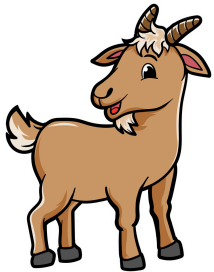
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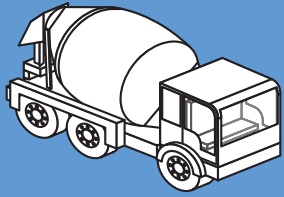
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# COMMUNITY GROUPS

## 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.

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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](mailto:dale@gatewayparish.org)

Latest info online at [www.gatewayparish.org](http://www.gatewayparish.org).

New people welcome and expected! Always up for a chat.

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## WANDERING VIRTUAL VILLAGE

Virtual Village activity every Monday at the Wandering CRC at 10am. Contact Lee Muller - 0429 390 626

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## WANDERING PLAYGROUP

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

Contact Starr Corinish - 0447 778 657

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## 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

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## OCTOBER

11AM | THURSDAY 9TH  
KIDS CRAFT

7PM | THURSDAY 9TH  
WANDERING LIONS CLUB MEETING

2PM | MONDAY 13TH  
ANDRIOD PHONE WORKSHOP

9AM | TUESDAY 14TH  
PUMPHREYS CWA MEETING

11AM | WEDNESDAY 15TH  
WANDERING CWA MEETING

17-19TH  
WANDERING CAMP OUT WEEKEND

9AM-3PM | SATURDAY 18TH  
WANDERING FAIR & WANDERING AG SHOW

10AM | MONDAY 20TH  
DONGIEMON RAM SALE

6PM | FRIDAY 24TH  
SOCIAL TENNIS STARTS

2PM | MONDAY 27TH  
ANDRIOD PHONE WORKSHOP

10.30AM | TUESDAY 28TH  
HARVEST ME WORKSHOP - WICKING BEDS/POTS

10.30AM | WEDNESDAY 29TH  
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