

THE WANDERING ECHO 2025 *November*

*2025 Wandering Camp
Out Weekend & Fair,
Another Success!!*



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To Our Monthly Community Newsletter

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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.

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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

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4 Dec

12 NOON

Christmas Lunch

at the CRC

COME & JOIN US!

For our final lunch with the CRC for 2025.

Takeaway & dine-in available.

Pre-orders required for catering purposes.

Contact the Wandering CRC to book your spot - 9884 1561 or

crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

BYO alcoholic drinks

**\$30 HAM OR CHICKEN AND SALADS
&
DESSERT - A CHOICE OF
CHRISTMAS PUDDING OR
OR PAVLOVA OR CHOCOLATE MOUSSE**



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FOR KIDS

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER

KIDS JOIN US IN DECORATING YOUR
OWN CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT
FROM 3.00-4.30PM \$10 PER CHILD

INCLUDES SNACK & DRINK

AT THE WANDERING CRC

RSVP TO

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089884 1561



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WANDERING LIONS



The Fair and Campout weekend was a huge success for 2025 and the evidence of a huge community volunteering support was very evident.

Lions were present at the fair, very visible as the team provided breakfast for the patrons and stall holders. Lions traditional egg and bacon breakfast burgers are always well received.

Great drawcard for the young climbers was the 'Scouts Climbing Wall' sponsored by the Wandering Lions.



Lions coordinated a used battery collection in the district to a wonderful response. A huge thank you to those who donated batteries to this cause.

A large proportion of the funds raised are used locally for the advancement and support of community projects and also a portion to the Lion's research institutions.

WANDERING FAIR



In time with the feet and keeping the rhythm.



Visiting Cobras eye catching in the sun.



Wedding dresses in abundance. Local contributions and many from the decades before.



The Fair management hub where all that is needed to know is known.



Save The Date
International
Women's
Day

Divine Elegance Lunch

Sunday 8th March 2026

Wandering Community Centre
11am

More details coming soon



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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



**6TH DECEMBER
2025**

*Hat Burning
Workshop*

**AT A LOSS FOR THE UNIQUE GIFT... TRY THE HAT BURNING
WORKSHOP SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 11-1PM -
\$150 P/ PERSON
INCLUDES LIGHT REFRESHMENTS, A HAT & A MACRAME HAT
CLIP
PAYMENT REQUIRED AT BOOKING**

REGISTER AT CRC@WANDERING.WA.GOV.AU/PH: 089884 1561

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**** 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:**



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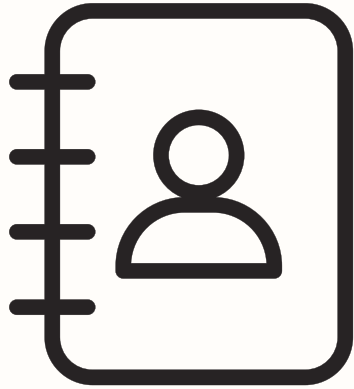


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WANDERING TENNIS CLUB



Wandering Social Tennis Club. Every Friday. 6pm.
Wandering tennis courts. No experience
necessary. Racquets available to use on the night.
Inquiries to Mel 0417 924 836.



UPDATE YOUR DETAILS IN THE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Are your details up to date in the Community
Directory? If not, please contact the Wandering
CRC, crc@wandering.wa.gov.au or 9884 1561.

Save the Date

Wandering Fox Hunt



Friday February 20th 2026

Helping to protect our native animals since 1992

Inquiries to

Shaun 0429 433 452

Mel 0417 924 836



Outback Brides

Thank you!

Outback Brides Bridal Collection of heritage and vintage gowns on the Bridal Trail was a huge success, enjoyed by many over the Wandering Camp Out & Wandering Fair weekend.

This wouldn't have been possible without the fantastic support from our Community.

Thank you for the support from the CWA Wandering, the Wandering Fair Committee for use of the Community Hall and the Wandering Shire for use of the Road Board Building.

It was a privilege to work with the CWA & Wandering Brides displaying your gowns and thank you for sharing your treasured wedding stories with the Community. It was even more incredibly special to see your families enjoying your gowns and the joy that these gowns brought!

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the Outback Brides displays throughout the weekend with a special mention to:

Anna Price, Chief Stylist & Fashion Consultant, Adrienne Yzerman, Apprentice Stylist both who worked tirelessly! Jan Price for providing all the beautiful floral displays which completed the show and Jacqui Cornish for supplying all pedestals, vases, additional props and flowers.

Good News! the Wandering Fair Committee have kindly invited Outback Brides back for next year's Wandering Fair 2026.

So wonderful Wandering Brides, get your gowns ready, you will make the show, it would be our pleasure, and you are more than welcome!

Here's to a ripper Bridal Trail next year!

Contact: Sarah Kaye 0422 847 711.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

SUNDOWNER

TO CELEBRATE

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY

Thursday 26th
February 6pm

Wandering Community Centre

- BBQ Dinner
- Entertainment
- Volunteer Certificate Presentation

To register yourself or someone else for a volunteer certificate, please visit:
<https://form.jotform.com/252948553791067>
or call into the CRC for a hard copy form

RSVP: by 23rd February
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9884 1561

crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

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2026 Wandering **AUSTRALIA DAY** Celebration

Community Breakfast
7am

Monday 26th January 2026
Wandering Community Centre

Everyone welcome!

Complimentary breakfast, proudly supported by
National Australia Day Council

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



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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Council Election Results

Local Government Election Results – Welcome to Our New Councillors Exciting News for the Shire of Wandering!

The Shire of Wandering is pleased to announce the results of the Local Government elections held on Saturday. We extend our sincere gratitude to all members of the community who participated—whether by nominating or voting. Your involvement played a vital role in shaping the future of our Shire.

Following the conclusion of the election, we are delighted to welcome three newly elected Councillors to the Council:

- **Elected 1st – HANSEN, Gillian.**
- **Elected 2nd – THOMPSON Andrew.**
- **Elected 3rd – LATHAM Peter.**

We look forward to working collaboratively with our new Councillors as we continue to build a vibrant, inclusive and forward-thinking Shire. Their contributions will be instrumental in guiding local decision-making and representing the interests of our community.

On behalf of the Shire, congratulations to our new Councillors and thank you to all candidates and voters for your commitment to local governance.

Our new Councillors will be sworn in prior to the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 30th October 2025.

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
4/11/2025
18/11/2025

Ranger

24 hours / 7 days
0459 678 154

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

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



www.facebook.com/wanderingshire

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crc@wandering.wa.gov.au



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Burning Prohibited

Burning is now prohibited from 1 November to 21 February 2026

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.










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



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

Thank you for your cooperation and support!

Dog Registration Renewals

Dog Registration renewals have been sent out. Please pay these by the due date.

Please advise us in the office if there are any changes to the registrations sent out. If you require to register your dog please pop into the Shire Office to get a form.



Shire Office Closure

Please note the Shire Office will be closed from 11.30am to 12.30pm on Tuesday 4th November 2025.

SHIRE OFFICE AND AUSTRALIA POST CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Wed 24th Dec 9am - 12pm - Shire Office and Australia Post open

Thu 25th Dec CLOSED

Fri 26th Dec CLOSED

Mon 29th Dec 10am - 2pm - **Australia Post only**

Tues 30th Dec 10am - 2pm - **Australia Post only**

Wed 31st Dec 10am—2pm - **Australia Post only**

Thurs 1st Jan CLOSED

Fri 2nd Jan CLOSED

Mon 5th January 2026 Back to normal hours

**THE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY 29TH DECEMBER,
REOPENING ON MONDAY 5TH JANUARY.**



Rates Payment Reminder

If you've chosen to pay your rates in **two instalments**, please note:

💰 **Second Instalment Due:**

📅 On or before **2 February 2026** or **two (2) months after the first instalment, whichever is the later;**

For those choosing the **Four Instalments** option here are your upcoming due dates:

💰 **Second Instalment Due:**

📅 On or before **2 December 2025; or two (2) months after the first instalment, whichever is the later;**

◇ **Third Instalment Due:**

📅 On or before **2 February 2026; or two (2) months after the first instalment, whichever is the later;**

□ **Fourth Instalment Due:**

📅 On or before **3 April 2026; or two (2) months after the first instalment, whichever is the later;**

☑ Make sure to pay on time to avoid any penalties.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

Shire Owner Occupier Roll

Do you own property or a business in the Shire, or occupy a property you do not own? Did you miss out on voting at the recent Local Government Election?

You might be eligible to be added to the Owner Occupier Roll.

This roll gives non-resident owners and occupiers a voice in local government decisions that affect their property or business. **You are not automatically enrolled** — you must apply to be added to the Owner Occupier Roll.

For more information / to access the enrolment eligibility form, visit our website:

<https://www.wandering.wa.gov.au/council/the-wandering-council/elections2025.aspx> or scan the QR code below.



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
- 30 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 30th October 2025 the following were discussed:

- Appointment of Delegates to Council and External Committees
- Delegations Review
- Shire of Wandering Policy Manual Review – Policies 10, 14, 22 and 84
- Transfer of Asset – Water Corp Dam 1 and 2
- Financial Report 30 September 2025
- Accounts for Payment 30 September 2025
- Request for Donation of Wood Chips – Wandering Primary School

Agendas and Minutes can be found on the Shire website.



Have any Issues for Council ??

Please put any requests or issues in writing addressed to the Shire so they can be actioned.

If we do not know about issues affecting the community, we cannot action them.



L to R: Cr Price, Cr Cowan, Cr Thompson
Cr Hansen, Cr Little, Cr Latham, Cr Jennings

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 Peter Latham 0488 224 143
Cr Andrew Thompson 0425 206 690



Saturday 18th October. What an amazing day. 250 scones sold at the Wandering CWA rooms and produce table emptied.

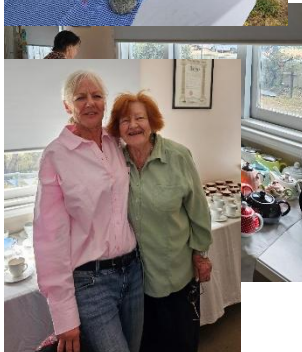
A huge thank you to our chief scone maker Leanne Rose. Amazing lady and her fantastic husband Bradley (brave man) And our CWA ladies of the day – Lisa Wreidt - chief plant and produce seller, Jacquie Cornish, Neta Parker, Linda Barge, Sarah Kaye, Deonne Kingsford, Christine Smith and Val Price. Unfortunately Lynne Parker was unwell and not able to be there.

A HUGE THANK YOU to our wonderful helpers the Wandering Lions who put up and took down all the gazebos in the yard, Steph Cornish - order taker and cashier and son Daniel, Sharon McNeill and friend Kaylene Shepherd - chief scone dispensers, Playgroup Mums Christine Warburton and Nicole Brand, teenagers AJ and his friend Felix, Lorraine Potter and daughter Jenna, Lucy Jones, Marie Passmore and Janet Gowland. Without these extra helpers we simply would not have coped. ...

And the amazing influx of patrons who supported us on the day. Our tables overflowed most of the day and a mad scramble to find more tables and chairs to accommodate the busiest time of the day. By 1pm we had to turn people away as our supplies were depleted (and so were we 🌈)

A huge WELL DONE to our Vice President Sara for presenting The Outback Bride Trail displays. She and her helper Anna did an amazing display at the Community Centre and old Roads Board building. She was able to locate local bride's dresses along with their stories and some CWA brides too.

Thank you to the WCOW/Fair teams for this great weekend where we get the opportunity to fundraise and promote Wandering CWA.



WANDERING CRC EID STICK READER HIRE

AVAILABLE
NOW



ABOUT STICK READER

The Wandering CRC now has the Shearwell EID Stick Reader for you to hire. It comes complete with rechargeable batteries, connection cord, car USB charging station & operating guide - everything you'll need to your animal IDs.

One person with this Stick Reader can quickly and accurately identify the electronic IDs of your livestock.

It has easy, single-button operation and a large display. And when you're done, just transfer the data wirelessly over to your office computer or even to your mobile. Access for this is also available at the Wandering CRC.

RATES INFO

\$20.00 per day per stick
Loan Agreement must be completed
before device is loaned out.
T & C Apply

INFORMATION

The **NLIS** is a permanent, whole-of-life identification system for cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and buffalo that enables animals to be tracked from property of birth to slaughter or export. NLIS identification and tracking requirements differ according to the species. For more information email eIDTeam@dpird.wa.gov.au or call 1300 NLIS (1300 926 547)



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WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

Keeping Safe – Everyone's Responsibility

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
November 2025

When we are nearing the end of the year, we are all busy trying to get jobs done and often feeling tired. Our nerves can be a bit raw and sometimes we are just *over it*. Everyone gets a bit tired and rundown, from kids at school to mums and dads at home and/or at work.

We all know there's lots of work to get done to get us through to the end of the year. This may include finishing the harvest, various stock work, that last FIFO swing before holidays, getting that last job finished and having kids end of year school events to attend. This can lead to us working beyond our limit.

We all have a varying capacity to both absorb those extra things thrown at us and our ability to get the job done, this can differ depending on an individual's work ethic and how we are hard wired (our DNA). We should never assume *what I can do is the norm*, then place that expectation on family members, employees or work colleagues.

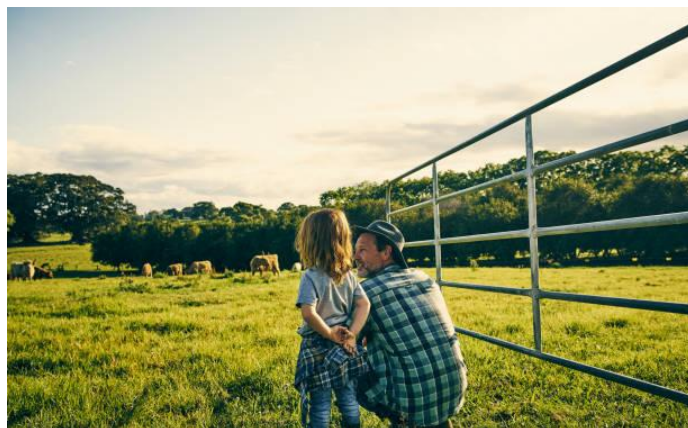
Work Health & Safety (WHS) gives us a legislative framework to guide us, but it doesn't allow for the cultural context in which us blokes sometimes operate. The cultural context for blokes means our approach to risk taking (we are hard wired risk takers); our need to get the job done (task orientated/deadlines); and our approach to winning, can cloud our judgement around keeping safe both in the workplace and in our personal life. We need to be aware and manage our behaviour otherwise we will invariably fail in our responsibility to stay safe.

Keeping safe needs to start somewhere, it is no different to our individual health. I always say that my health is my responsibility, it is not my doctors, my workplace or my wife's. However, my wife is very good at giving me a good kick up the backside (nagging) to get me to the doctor to do my annual service visit, my dentist appointment or my skin check.

Therefore, when it comes to keeping safe, both as an individual and collective it is everyone's responsibility. It is up to all of us whether we are in the workplace, belong to a community group, or within our family setting to be vigilant about working and keeping safe.

Some tips for keeping safe:

- Constantly remind ourselves about work protocols;
- As employers, have realistic expectations of our employees, including family members in the family business;
- Look out for work colleagues, be aware and respond to behaviour changes. Talk to them about it;
- Try and maintain a balanced life, we can only do so much before fatigue becomes an issue;
- Outside busy times take time out;
- Enjoy what we do.



When another year winds down, let's keep safe by staying focused on the job at hand, so we all can get to enjoy the holiday break when it arrives.

✕ @RMHI_4blokes

🎙 Working with Warriors Podcast

🌐 regionalmenshealth.com.au

Losing sleep over the threat of cyber attacks?



Free Cyber Awareness Webinar

Everyday scams and cyber attacks are an increasing risk to every small businesses.

Cyber Wardens is a free, national program supported by the Australian Government, Telstra, and Commonwealth Bank. It's designed to help small business teams build quick and simple, effective cyber safety habits.

We are hosting a 30-minute online meeting for all WA regional small business owners and employees at 10am and 3.30pm on November 13th 2025.

Spaces are limited. Please RSVP below
<https://cw1311.eventbrite.com>

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MORE good stuff happening for our environment!

Locals for Environmental Action and Protection (LEAP)

The Wilderness Society has succeeded in their landmark legal case against Australia's Environment Minister! In March, The Wilderness Society took bold legal action to fight for threatened species. Represented by Environmental Justice Australia, the Society filed a legal action, challenging the Environment Minister's failure to do his job and make recovery plans for threatened species.

In Federal Court proceedings, the Environment Minister conceded that he had failed to make mandatory recovery plans for key species and agreed to court orders to fix the breach.

Now he is legally required to make recovery plans for four of the species at the centre of their case: the greater glider, ghost bat, sandhill dunnart, and Australian lungfish.

But that's not all. Because of this case, the government must now treat existing recovery plans as ongoing, not expired. This is HUGE for many of the threatened species occurring locally that had no current recovery plan, including :

- Red-tailed Black Cockatoo and Baudin's Black Cockatoo (both of which had their most recent recovery plan expire in 2018);
- Carnaby's Cockatoo, Woylies, Chuditch (all three expired in 2022), Quokka (expired in 2023), our local cockatoos, the Baudins and the Carnaby's.

Furthermore, hundreds of threatened species have a guarantee for protection they were quietly losing.



Unfortunately, whilst it is a legal requirement to make recovery plans, the implementation of these plans are not enforceable. More often than not, big companies such as our local friendly mining giants are allowed to follow these plans 'where practicable', and we can all guess how 'impracticable' it would be to save habitat for these species. So, as ever, it comes down to all of us to hold companies and the government to account if we want these species around for generations to come.

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 or join us on facebook 'Locals for Environmental Action & Protection' (LEAP).

LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION – STANDARD AMENDMENT

Shire of Wandering Town Planning Scheme No. 3

Amendment No. 7

Notice is hereby given that the local government of the Shire of Wandering has prepared the above-mentioned planning scheme amendment for the purpose of incorporating provisions for Short-Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) within the Scheme Text to ensure regulatory alignment with state policies. Following some minor modifications, the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage has provided the Shire with consent to advertise the amendment.

The proposed amendment to Local Planning Scheme No. 3 incorporates the mandatory and additional updates to align with the recent Short-Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) planning reforms introduced by the State Government. These amendments are essential to ensure the local planning scheme is in compliance with the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* and to provide clarity and consistency in the management of STRA land uses.

Documents setting out and explaining the scheme amendment are available for view at the following locations:

- Shire of Wandering website www.wandering.wa.gov.au
- A hardcopy of the documents are available for inspection at the Shire's Administration Building – 22 Watts Street, Wandering and at the Community Resource Centre - 18 Watts Street, Wandering during business hours, 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Submissions on the planning scheme amendment may be lodged in writing and should include the amendment number, the name and address of the person making the submission, the property affected and details of the submission and be lodged with the Shire on or before *4.00pm Monday 15th 2025*

Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



PHCC
Working Together

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November 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.



Hollow logs for chuditch not foxes!

Hollow logs and fallen tree limbs provide important refuges for threatened species and are a great place to set up fauna monitoring cameras, unfortunately foxes and cats also frequent these to search for prey.

A large hollow log was installed by a landholder in an important linkage to Dryandra Woodland National Park and a monitoring camera was installed to find out what fauna were utilising the log. It was exciting to see that a chuditch *Dasyurus geoffroi* was captured on camera! Chuditch are a threatened species with a conservation status of Vulnerable and are one of the secondary investment priorities for the Numbat Neighbourhood Project. There are a number of factors that have contributed to the chuditch decline including land clearing, removal of suitable den sites and logs and also predation by feral cats and foxes.

The hollow log was also visited numerous times by foxes. One fox could be seen going into the log and also urinating on the log to mark its territory. Foxes in Australia kill about 300 million native animals each year including 107 million mammals. Foxes are also estimated to cost the Australian agriculture industry \$200 million each year. The fox sighting has been passed on to our pest animal control contractor who conducts 30 hours of fox and feral cat control on farmland surrounding Dryandra Woodland National Park each month. Hopefully next time the camera is checked we'll have more chuditch and less foxes!

If you need help controlling foxes and feral cats on your property or would like advice on hollows please contact PHCC's Farmers for Fauna Coordinator via email christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au

For more information on foxes and their control visit <https://invasives.org.au/meet-the-invaders/foxes/>



A chuditch captured on monitoring camera



Above and Below: Foxes captured on monitoring camera



Checking in at Koompkinning - Pumphreys Bridge

It's time to circle back to Koompkinning (Pumphreys Bridge), where we have continued to nurture the focal areas on the banks next to the campground, and downstream where the Hotham River winds through the Pumphreys Historic Homestead property.

After planting advanced trees along the river at the campground in June 2024, there have been a few losses via drowning during the first winter, and a tree-rustling (yes, a tree was stolen). But they are still hanging on, and using hardy local species like *Casuarina obesa* - sheoak, *Eucalyptus rudis* - flooded gum, and *Melaleuca raphiophylla* - paperbark - has helped. The smaller sedges and rushes that have also been planted in 2024 and 2025 are noticeably taller, which makes the ongoing weed control much easier than when individual seedlings need to be marked out so as not to accidentally spray them. We've also noticed some natural regeneration of samphires and saltbush, which is very encouraging because it tells us that there is viable seed in the soil, and regular weed control efforts will continue to nurture natural regeneration in the long term.

Weeds and long hot summers are always a challenge, and it certainly helps that people do the right thing when visiting Pumphreys Bridge – taking care when walking in the revegetation area next to the river, and even pulling out the odd weed or two.

PHCC continues to work with the Wilman (Dryandra) People Corporation, who are Elders and Knowledge-Holders for the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage site at Koompkinning. Over the coming months, we will be planning signs, and working with the Shire of Wandering on the installation of some new picnic infrastructure.

If you see us working on the river, come and say hi - we'd be happy to show you the little things at the site that are hard to see at the moment, but we hope will grow and thrive – like the little self-germinating samphire in the photo

This project is in partnership with the Wilman (Dryandra) People Corporation.



Revegetation on the campground



Revegetation on the banks



Self-germinated seedlings

What's happening...

**Conservation Council
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RURAL AID ARTICLE

Sympathy versus Empathy – We hear a lot about how it's better to use empathy rather than sympathy. Especially when we are supporting another who is struggling or experiencing hard times. But what is the difference between sympathy and empathy?

Empathy is to have the ability to understand and share the feelings of another person. Sympathy is feeling sorrow or pity for another person or to agree or respond in support of a point of view. To me sympathy is a personal feeling that does not need to be shared with the person you are supporting. Empathy is an ability to connect with a similar feeling to the other and is shared with the person you are supporting.

Sympathy fuels disconnection. How? With sympathy we may say 'hey don't worry you will get over this' - not helpful. Sympathy when verbalised may create an uneven power dynamic and can lead to the other withdrawing. Further isolating themselves and not speaking out because to them your comment means you don't understand or have no idea. 'Don't worry you'll get over this', or worse 'It's time to move on now eh'.

Empathy = Connection. With Empathy we walk in the other's shoes, we recognise the perspective of the other person. Using Empathy is a choice. I've stopped paused and will ensure I support rather than give a judgement. Empathy may make us vulnerable, because when we connect to the other it can bring up a similar feeling from our own past. With empathy it is OK and more powerful to admit when we don't know how to help. 'I don't know what to say right now I'm just glad you have told me'.

Empathy - I'm here with you, I'm here to support you and walk beside you. Empathy can just be sitting with the other and just being there for them, listening without the need to comment unless asked.

Sympathy is a response which rarely makes something better, but it does have its place. Sympathy to me should be viewed as a personal thought, something which pops into our mind, is real, but does not have to be verbalised.

Sympathy as with all emotions the resulting feelings are important. Even the so-called negative emotions are there to prepare us. Be curious pause, step back and analyse why you have this feeling. Your brain is trying to help you. It is never a good idea to say, "I know how you feel", because you don't. (sympathy) But you may think this and be aware of the similarities which enables you to be empathic.

Thoughts generated from strong feelings can become our reality. It is very important to listen to your feelings both mentally and physically. That gut feeling that something is not OK. As the expert on yourself listen to yourself and be that good strong example to others, that it's OK to not be OK, break your silence and seek help.

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Wandering CWA

Wandering Fair – Saturday 18 October

An enormous THANK YOU to everyone that visited us at the CWA Rooms as part of the Wandering Fair (and on the Saturday of WCOW) recently!

It was a wonderful day, and we were certainly kept busy serving our Devonshire Teas.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers that helped us on the day too, you made all the difference!



Next meeting of the Wandering CWA

Wednesday 19 November 2025

11am meeting with morning tea to follow

Everyone welcome!



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Wandering Fair – Saturday 18 October



Join us for the annual Wandering CWA **Community Christmas Tree** **Friday 12 December 2025**

in conjunction with the
Wandering Primary School Presentation Night

* School event begins at 5.15 pm, with food to be served from 6pm following the finish of the school presentation night.....with a visit from Santa afterwards!

* All festive presents, which we encourage to be to a maximum of \$20, are to be delivered to the Wandering CRC by no later than Wednesday 10 December. Please ensure all gifts are clearly labelled with name and age.

Listen to Your Lungs – know the symptoms of lung cancer

Cancer Council WA is using November's Lung Cancer Awareness Month to remind people in the (insert region) region of the symptoms of lung cancer and what to do if they notice any unusual changes to their bodies.

In the Wheatbelt in 2021, 48 people were diagnosed with lung cancer, and sadly, 43 people lost their lives to it.

It is important to visit your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker right away if you experience any symptoms such as:

- Coughing or spitting up blood (once or more)

Or, for more than four weeks:

- A new cough or change to your usual cough
- A lot of chest infections
- Finding it hard to breathe
- Losing weight without trying
- Not feeling hungry
- Pain in your chest and/or shoulder
- Feeling tired or lacking energy
- Changes to your voice, such as hoarseness or croaky voice

If you have any of the symptoms, it doesn't mean you've got cancer. Often, it turns out to be something less serious. You can give yourself the best chance to find 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.

Cancer Information and Support

To find out more about common cancer symptoms, visit www.findcancerearly.com.au, or if you're feeling overwhelmed and you need someone to talk to, call Cancer Council's information and support line on 13 11 20 and speak to one of our cancer nurses.



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Q: What are you on about?

Answer: We just want to **love God and people.** November is Mission Month and we'll be highlighting all our partners around the world like World Vision, YouthCARE, Samaritan's Purse and Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) that seek to shine the light and love of God abroad. We've got an extra service in Nov - the normal **2pm on Sun 23 Nov but also a special 5th Sunday 10:30am service on 30 Nov followed by lunch.** Our December mission partner is Compassion Australia, who change lives through child sponsorship including our own parish sponsor child in Sri Lanka, Rosli.





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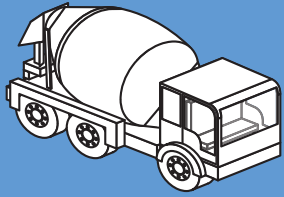
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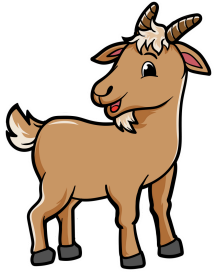
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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH WANDERING

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

PUMPHREYS CWA

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

President - Raelene Warburton 0428 877 038

Secretary - Shirley Wasley 0427 988 702

WANDERING VIRTUAL VILLAGE

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

WANDERING PLAYGROUP

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

Contact Starr Corinish - 0447 778 657

WANDERING CAMP OUT WEEKEND

Wandering Camp Out Weekend Inc. Committee usually meet on the first Wednesday of each month - subject to changes - at the Wandering CRC. Committee ONLY - 6pm. Other representatives and community members welcome at 7pm. No meeting December and January

Contact:

Event Manager - Alana Rosenthal - 0429961697

President - Jane Baxter - 0428831004



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10AM | MONDAY 10TH
HARVEST ME WORKSHOP

9AM | TUESDAY 11TH
PUMPHREYS CWA MEETING

7PM | THURSDAY 13TH
WANDERING LIONS CLUB MEETING

11AM | WEDNESDAY 19TH
WANDERING CWA MEETING

3.30PM | THURSDAY 20TH
COUNCIL MEETING

2PM | MONDAY 24TH
ANDRIOD PHONE WORKSHOP