

THE WANDERING ^{\$2} FECHHO 2026 March

WANDERING SELLS OUT IN 2.5HRS

800 campsites for the 2026 Wandering Camp Out Weekend sell out in record time. Another big weekend anticipated for October!



WELCOME

To Our Monthly Community Newsletter

NEXT EDITION IS MARCH 2026.

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION DUE BY 24TH MARCH 2026

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Contact the Wandering CRC

Phone: 08 9884 1561

Email: crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

Monday - Thursday

9am - 4pm

Closed public holidays

KEEP UP TO DATE

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

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

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





KIDS MOVIE DAY

[**\$5.00 WITH POPCORN
AND DRINK**]



**Wandering CRC - Register your child
at crc@wandering.wa.gov.au or on 08
98841561**

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AGM



AGENDA

- Welcome.
Attendances/apologies
- Acceptance of Previous AGM
- Treasurers Report
- Chairpersons Report
- Election of New Committee Members
- General Business
- Date of next meeting
- Close

Please be advised of the

Wandering Fair AGM

to be held on

Tuesday 17th March 2026

@ Wandering Tavern

6pm

All welcome

Enquiries to Jacqui (secretary) 0428 301 895



Kids Easter Activity

Come Join us and make a Sock Bunny door stop for your Easter Project
Thursday 2nd April @3.15pm

at the Wandering CRC

\$5.00 per child

light snack provided

Happy



Easter

Book your child at
crc@wandering.wa.gov.au
or on 08 9884 1561

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The Boddington Progress Group
proudly presents the annual



Boddington Medieval Fayre & Feast

18 April 2026

FAYRE: 10am to 4pm

FEAST: 6pm to 11pm

Book your tickets online at:

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



WANDERING
TOWN CENTRE

CLEAN-UP

DAY

Saturday 28th
March 9am

Meet at Wandering CRC

SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH SERVED AFTER CLEAN-UP



Proudly supported by:



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Department of Communities



CELEBRATE LIFE FUNDRAISER

**LETS CELEBRATE LIFE & HONOUR THOSE WHO
HAVE LOST, WON & STILL FIGHTING THEIR BATTLE**
as we come together to raise money for
Comfort Quilts Against Cancer.

BBQ dinner cooked by Wandering Smash Repairs,
Wandering Lions Club & Wandering Fire Brigade

WANDERING STYLE ETHICAL GOAT RACING

No animals are harmed or abused for our entertainment!
Come along and see what Janet has planned!



SATURDAY 14th MARCH 2026
from 3pm
WANDERING TAVERN

If you would like to donate items for the raffle, please get in touch!
alanarosenthal@hotmail.com
0429 961 697



CELEBRATE LIFE FUNDRAISER

WANDERING STYLE ETHICAL GOAT RACING

Goat Races - 6 races
6 goats per race - In remembrance of ones lost and our
Survivors
Double or nothing
Winner takes all
Bring CASH - NO CASH NO BETTING



No animals are harmed or abused for our entertainment!

Cant Attend? - Want to Donate?
Donation Details
Comfort Quilts Against Cancer
BSB: 633 000 ACC: 145772901
Reference: Wandering

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Virtual Village Activities



Monday morning is a time to come on down
to the Wandering CRC at 10am
to enjoy some company, fun and a cuppa
with others in the community.

We talk, play games, laugh and occasionally
go out on excursions.

You will be made welcome if you come along.

For any information phone

Lee on 0429 390 626

Thank You Volunteer Firefighters



On the 24th of February the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades of Wandering, Boddington, Crossman, Marradong and a DFES Representative were invited to Wandering Primary School for morning tea to say thank you for saving our towns (Wandering and Boddington) and houses from the fires in December and January. After the morning tea the firefighters let us look around the fire trucks and see what they do in a fire. We got to spray water from the cannons and hoses. Thank you for coming to our morning tea and giving us closure - WPS School Leaders.

Thank you, firefighters, for saving our houses and our pets. You are very brave for doing all of this for us. I was terrified because my house was close to the fires, even though I wasn't there at the time I was still scared but your effort and bravery saved everything. -Hannah



I am so grateful to you all, you don't know how much this means to us. On my block and my grandparent's block at Blackboy Springs it was all burnt. We lost lots of trees and plants, but thanks to you guys our houses are all fine. Also, our pets are so happy you didn't let them burn. Thank you for risking your life for ours. You must be so proud of yourselves, I feel like I can never stop saying thank you. -Esther



My Favourite thing today was the sirens, and I got to play with the hose. Thanks for visiting! - Cliff



Thank you for saving the houses and thank you for visiting today. I liked spraying the cannon! - Zuke



LOCAL HAY DONATION

Just after midday on 22 January, with a strong south-westerly wind, high temperatures and low humidity, we had the perfect conditions for a firestorm. The trigger in the form of a dry lightning storm with upwards of twenty ground strikes occurred, igniting five fires in the Wandering, Codjatown, Dwarda and Crossman areas. All our local brigades resources were rapidly deployed before the incident escalated to DFES control, providing additional fire trucks and aerial support.

The two major fires at Crossman and Wandering ran in parallel a kilometre or two apart, on either side of the Hotham River. The Wandering fire, pushed by the south westerly wind, tore through Blackboy Springs and the rural lifestyle properties, leaving behind scorched paddock, fallen trees, burned sheds, and ruined fences. A couple of houses were also lost.

The fires took a number of days to bring under control, but before the smoke had cleared Bayden and Michelle Ferguson from Namahay Pastoral Company had generously pledged fifty large rolls of hay to the residents of Blackboy Springs who had lost their feed to the fire. The hay was picked up and transported to Wandering by Pete Warby of Warby's Transport, where it was immediately available for distribution to property owners. The Blackboy Springs residents receiving the hay all extended a massive thanks to all involved with this operation.



PUMPHREYS CWA

Our President welcomed our members back for a new year.

At our AGM, all our positions were filled.

President Raelene Warburton

Secretary Shirley Wasley

Treasurer Marion Morrison

Vice President Barbara Parsons

Catering Committee Shirley Wasley 0427988702

Raelene Warburton 0428877038

Hall Hire remains at \$60 per day or night. Contact Raelene 0428877038.

We are all happy to be back to celebrate our 76th year. The catering committee operates with the help of all our members. Anyone wishing to join our happy little family band, we meet at our hall by the beautiful Hotham River on the second Tuesday of each month, at 9.00am. We would love to see you there!

Everyone who passes through these doors brings happiness



Wandering CWA

With our first few branch meetings under our belts, as well as our AGM, we are ready for another year filled with friendship and support, food and crafting and everything in between!

And we would like to begin by confirming our office bearers for the year ahead;

Wandering CWA 2026 Office Bearers

President – Sarah Kaye

Vice President – Jacquie Cornish

Secretary – Neta Parker

Treasurer – Linda Barge



For Loan

The Wandering CWA has 50 stackable outdoor chairs available for members of the community to loan for a small donation.

Contact either Linda Barge, Jacquie Cornish or Neta Parker to arrange pick up and return.



Next meeting of the Wandering CWA

Wednesday 15 April 2026

11am meeting

with morning tea to follow

Everyone welcome!



I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot;
together we can do great things.

Mother Teresa

Find us on 
Wandering CWA

Wandering Exercise Group



A dedicated and fun group of men and women meet at the Wandering
Community Centre on

Wednesday mornings at 9am.

We are hoping to welcome some new members who are keen to improve their
health and fitness.

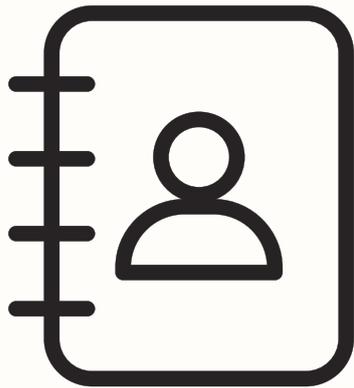
This is a low impact activity for over 55's. however everyone is welcome to
come along and have a go. It is run under the guidance of Narrogin Physio
and everyone is encouraged to exercise according to their ability and comfort
level.

For information call Lee on 0429 390 626

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.

Wandering Community Fox Hunt AGM & General Meeting

All Welcome

6:00pm Wed 25th March

Wandering Tavern

**Wandering
Fox Hunt**



Contact Shaun Brand 0429 433 452 or
Mel Browne 0417 924 836



save the date

Break points & Burgers

Friday March 27th 6:00pm

Wandering Social Tennis Club

Everyone welcome

Contact Mel 0417 924 836



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FOR REPAIR AND SERVICE BOOKINGS



After the Fires Community Roast

Sunday 22nd March, 2026 6 – 8pm

(meal served 6.30-7.30)

Free Event - Wandering Community Centre

A get together for the Wandering community to help with recovery.

Inviting Wandering Volunteer Bushfire Brigade, Volunteer Firefighting Farmers, Black Boy Springs Residents and all those involved in the fires.

A plain old style country meet, just bring your esky of drinks!

Roast lamb with vegies and a dessert spread will be served

Please RSVP your numbers only for catering by 15/3/26: 0422 847 711

Supported by the Wandering Country Womens Association (C.W.A.)



WANDERING COMMUNITY FOX HUNT 2026

The day started as many typical hunt days do; hot, humid, so sticky and still, no moon and the promise of a very, VERY long night. You could almost smell the gun powder in the air. You could nearly smell the scent of the fox musk on the breeze. Lucky for us we could actually smell the fragrant odours of the sizzling BBQ onions, beef sausages, fresh white rolls and red or brown sauce of your choice. Competitors chatted over the sweet sounds of the crack and fizz every time a sickly-sweet Schweppes cracked open. The sounds and smell of our Wandering Lions club members doing what they do best, cooking, serving and chatting carried on the breeze across our old oval, through the new first-class fire shed and over to our growing caravan park. More than once was mumbled, "I wonder if the fires will make a difference?" And before you knew it, the hunt; Was. On.

No sooner did it fall dark and the first shots were fired, the spotlights could be seen on each horizon from the pub, did the wind pickup. Blowing a gale! And all those that kinda coulda woulda shoulda wished they were part of the chase, part of the efforts to save our native animals, part of the hunt wished no more. They went home to bed and had a long, wonderful, sleep. As morning broke, and the shooters headed in with sand in their eyes, bags underneath and hair tossed from the nights hunt, Janet and Charlie were up madly putting together breakfast for us mob. With everyone home safe and plenty of foxes put to sleep and sent to 'the farm' we congratulate everyone who contributed.

Winners: Jacob & Bill Schorer, Bailey & Lewis Parsons.

2nd Place: Ross Jones, Logan Smith, Andrew Newton, Luke Newton, Stephen Williams.

3rd Place: Trent Stubberfield, Brendan McKeaig, Troy Munnings, Codey Dyer.

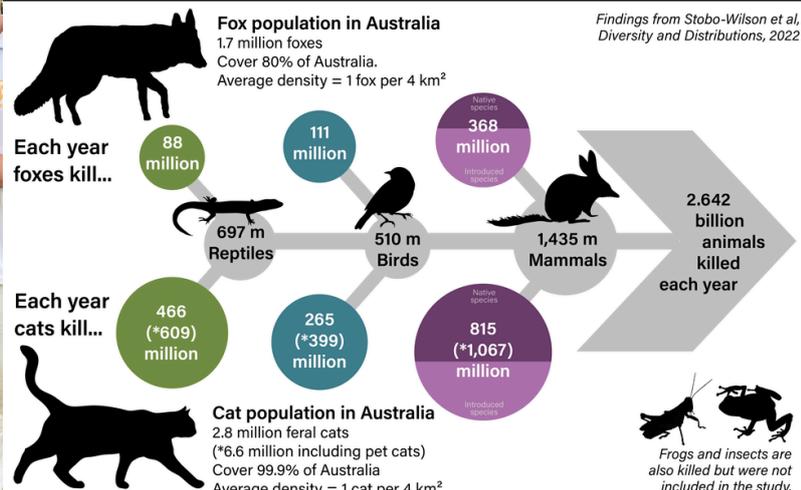
Wooden Spoon: Daniel Cornish, Steve Clutterbuck, Steven Ayres, John Leiper.

Winners of the competitors raffle were Adam Brooks, Ronan Crowe, Ethan Crowe, Grant White, Wade White, Steven Bowerman, Steven Ayres, Bushy, Courtney Buckley, Michael Correia, Jacob Schorer & Bailey Parsons.

Year	Total Foxes	Total Rabbits	Total Pigs	Total Cats	Total # of participants	Total number of teams	Avg. # of foxes / shooter	Date of hunt	Number of foxes shot by the winning team	Number of foxes shot by the 2nd team	Number of foxes shot by the 3rd team	Number of foxes shot by the wooden spoons	Number of animals saved over the next 12 months
2015	118	32	8	2	38	9	3.1	20/02/2015	33	24	21	1	183,386
2016	163	33	3	15	48	12	3.4	19/02/2016	32	29	27	0	253,321
2017	104	1	0	1	34	9	3.1	24/02/2017	27	18	13	4	161,628
2018	73	9	1	1	31	7	2.4	16/02/2018	16	15	15	3	113,451
2019	158	7	2	7	53	13	3.0	1/02/2019	34	30	19	0	245,551
2020	114	32	1	6	51	11	2.2	21/02/2020	29	22	21	1	177,169
2021	91	17	4	7	32	7	2.8	12/03/2021	35	19	10	5	141,425
2022	173	9	0	9	51	11	3.4	4/02/2022	33	22	22	3	268,862
2023	219	25	4	12	65	15	3.4	17/02/2023	41	30	29	1	340,352
2024	132	14	3	6	47	12	2.8	9/02/2024	43	26	15	0	205,144
2025	135	10	1	3	45	12	3.0	28/02/2025	40	25	15	0	209,806
2026	150	24	2	3	53	14	2.8	20/02/2026	29	19	19	2	233,118
30 year anniversary													



Animals killed in Australia each year



WANDERING LIONS



Fire.....

Wasn't 'if' a fire would threaten us, it was 'when'.

For those caught the blaze there was anxiety but much resolve.

Crossman, Blackboy Springs and Bannister became an inferno. Fire brigades, helicopters and locally manned fire units battled the blaze and smoke. The call to assist was instant and without question, an expectation of all rural communities around our great land.

Well done everyone!

No lives lost, and only minor personal injuries. Infrastructure lost and one home but otherwise let us celebrate all that is positive about our community, learn and live on.

Five and six weeks on we have accepted the burnt landscape and are well into the business of fencing and the management of fallen trees.



Lions members and community helpers take a break from the chainsaws and piling up of burnt timber debris in Blackboy Springs.



Amongst the thousands of burnt and fallen trees.



Welcome to new Lion Sean Martin. Since returning to Wandering Sean has involved himself strongly in community work.

WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

Sun Safety – Looking After Our Skin

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
March 2026

Us West Aussies love nothing more than getting outdoors and enjoying the abundance of sunshine that lathers our great state. A small amount of incidental exposure to sunlight, around a few minutes each day, is important for maintaining adequate levels of Vitamin D needed for strong bones, muscles and overall good health. Too much exposure however, places us at great risk of damage from Ultra Violet (UV) radiation which potentially could lead to the development of skin cancer. We need to get the balance right!



Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world mainly due to our very high UV levels. According to the Cancer Council WA, at least two in every three people will develop some type of skin cancer before they reach the age of 70.

Of the three main types of skin cancer most of these people will develop a Basal Cell Carcinoma which is usually a small, slow growing abnormal growth found mainly on the upper body, head and neck. They don't usually spread far but if left can result in facial and body disfigurement. The next most common is the Squamous Cell Carcinoma often found on the lips, ears and scalp. These grow quicker and if left can potentially spread into the lymph nodes of the neck and then to other parts of the body.

The last and most dangerous type is the Melanoma which accounts for about one to two percent of all skin cancers. It can be found anywhere on the body but is mainly on the upper back of men and lower legs of women. It is an aggressive type and if left untreated can spread quickly to other parts of the body and potentially be fatal! It was estimated that this year alone there will be over 14,000 new cases nationally of Melanoma skin cancer detected, with over 8,500 of those men.

By spending more time in the sun, we inevitably place ourselves at an increased risk of skin damage and potential skin cancer. Taking measures to be sun safe should be part of our daily routine especially if we are involved in outdoor work! It is important to remember that the UV levels can still be high even on a cool and cloudy day. Following these simple tips will get us well on the way to being sun safe ...

- Cover up with appropriate clothes
- Use sun-screen (don't forget to re-apply often)
- Wear a hat (the broader the better)
- Seek out shade
- Wear sunnies to protect your eyes

Early detection is always the key. Check your skin regularly all over for any unusual spots or growths (get your partner to help). You can visit the Cancer Council WA website for information about what exactly to look for and don't hesitate to get anything of concern looked at by your doctor. An annual skin check with your GP or at a reputable skin clinic is also a good way to keep track of any changes or developments.

 @RMHI_4blokes

 Working with Warriors Podcast

 regionalmensheal





Staff Update

Welcome to Jess! Jess commenced as our Customer Service Officer in February. She will be in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays and Lisa Hart will be in on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

We are still looking for a Grader Driver, General Hand and Senior Finance Officer so if you know anyone that might be suitable, please go to our website for all the details.

Restricted Burning Period – Permits Required

From 22 February to 19 April 2026, you will require a permit to burn.

Please call your local Fire Control Officer to obtain a permit.

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.

Codjototine – Cameron Hardie 0428 249 799
Mark Browne 0428 877 086

Hastings – Anthony Turton 0428 876 042
Adam Watts 0419 949 223

Wandering Town – Shaun Brand 0429 433 452
Graham Treasure 0427 841 083

Wandering – Tim Treasure 0458 653 521
John Hardie 0466 662 615



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
10/3/26
24/3/26

Ranger

24 hours / 7 days

0459 678 154

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



www.facebook.com/wanderingshire

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

crc@wandering.wa.gov.au



www.facebook.com/wanderingcrc



Rates Payment Reminder

If you've chosen to pay your rates in **four instalments** option the fourth instalment is 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!

Could Your Organisation Benefit From Some Financial Assistance?

Applications for the Shire's financial assistance grants program can be submitted all year round, however, close on the 30th of May each year for consideration at the June Ordinary Council Meeting.

There are two categories available:

Minor Community Grants (up to \$2,000)

Major Community Grants (\$2000+)



Application forms can be found on the Shire website: www.wandering.wa.gov.au or contact the office on 6828 1800 or reception@wandering.wa.gov.au.

Council Meeting Dates 2026

- 19 March 2026
- 16 April 2026
- 21 May 2026
- 18 June 2026
- 16 July 2026
- 20 August 2026
- 24 September 2026
- 22 October 2026
- 19 November 2026
- 10 December 2026

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 11th of December 2025 the following was discussed:

- Request to Waive Hire Fees at the Wandering Community Centre
- Request for Use of Community Centre Kitchen
- Shire of Wandering Policy Manual Review – Policies 43 and 50
- Shire of Wandering New Policy 95 – Dress Code and Personal Presentation Policy
- Financial Report 30 November 2025
- Accounts for Payment 30 November 2025
- Write Off Debtor Account
- Five-Year Preventive Maintenance and Bridge Replacement Plan
- Wandering–Pingelly Bridge Replacement (0424A)

At the Council Meeting held on the 19th of February 2026 the following was discussed:

- Financial Reports 31 December 2025 and 31 January 2026
- Accounts for Payment 31 December 2025 and January 2026
- Mid Year Budget Review
- Amendment No 7 to Town Planning Scheme No 3 – Short Term Rental Accommodation
- South 32 Bushfire Support Agreement

Agendas and Minutes can be found on the Shire website.



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



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.

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

SHIRE OF WANDERING

22 Watts Street, Wandering WA 6308

Ph: (08) 6828 1800

www.wandering.wa.gov.au



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; and
- 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,

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 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.

Canvassing of Elected Members will disqualify.

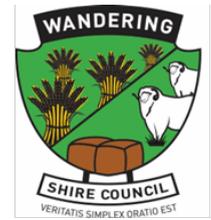
Dr Alistair Pinto
Chief Executive Officer

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR A GENERAL HAND IN OUR MAINTENANCE CREW – FULL TIME

An opportunity exists for a self-motivated, enthusiastic, team-focused individual to join our team. The maintenance position is responsible for the maintenance of the Shire's parks, gardens, roads verges and cemetery within the town site and surrounding areas. You will also be operating and maintaining trucks and other plant and machinery items to assist in the completion of road maintenance and construction projects when required. The role is required to regularly perform a range of labouring duties associated with road maintenance functions including pothole repairs, signage maintenance and general maintenance of roads, roadsides, footpaths, kerbs, drainage, bridge structures and other assets.

Our ideal candidate will demonstrate:

- Experience and skills in civil infrastructure related works such as plant operation, road construction and maintenance,
- Commitment to organisational values and associated behaviours,
- a 'HR' Class driver's license,
- a high work ethic, with the commitment to maintaining set standards.

A total salary package will be negotiated dependent on qualifications, skills and experience. The salary package includes working a nine-day fortnight with a starting hourly rate of \$30.67, plus industry and other allowances and 12% superannuation with the Shire matching payments up to an additional 5%. Personal protective equipment (PPE) is provided upon commencement and in-house training is provided, as required.

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, or by emailing admin@wandering.wa.gov.au.

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Dr Alistair Pinto
Chief Executive Officer

Put your health first: Find Cancer Early

Cancer Council WA is urging people over 40 years of age in the Wheatbelt to be aware of any new symptoms and get them checked, as evidence shows that delays in treatment can result in poorer survival.

Holiday season gets pretty hectic, so it's easy to forget about ourselves. Taking a little time to talk with your doctor about any symptoms can help you stay healthy for the moments that matter most.

The key message is to know your body and what is normal for you. If you notice a change that is not normal for you, you should see your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker, especially if you have coughed up blood or noticed blood in your poo or pee.

People should see a health professional if they have had any of these symptoms for more than four weeks:

- Problems peeing
- Runny poo or diarrhoea
- Unexplained weight loss
- Becoming short of breath
- A persistent cough
- A new or changing spot on the skin
- An unusual pain, lump or swelling anywhere in the body.

If you have any of these symptoms, it doesn't mean you've got cancer, often, it turns out to be something less serious. It's important to get them checked straight away just in case, as treatment works best when cancer is found at an early stage.

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 the Cancer Council Information and Support Line on 13 11 20.

Have you had any of these...

... for more than 4 weeks?

- Problems peeing
- Runny poo
- Unexplained weight loss
- An unusual pain, lump or swelling anywhere in your body
- Becoming more short of breath
- A persistent cough
- A new or changed spot on your skin

... once or more?

- Blood in your poo
- Coughing up blood
- Blood in your pee



If you have and you are over 40...

Tell your doctor

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With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annetta Bellingeri

How to avoid a holiday house horror

Staying in a holiday house can be like a home away from home. Unlike hotels and motels, holiday properties are often regular homes or apartments that haven't been designed specifically for accommodation. They may be hosted, where the owner lives onsite, or un-hosted, where guests have exclusive use of the property during their stay.

Travellers usually book these holiday houses through online "sharing economy" platforms like AirBnB and Stayz.

Just like with any product or service you buy, your rights are protected by Australian Consumer Law if things go wrong. This means your holiday accommodation must be safe and of acceptable quality, match the advertised description, provided with due care and skill and be fit for purpose. These rights don't change if you booked through a sharing platform, an app or directly with a provider, and they can't be taken away by terms and conditions.

However, it is important to still take the time to read the platform's terms and conditions and check how complaints are handled if something goes wrong and to know what your rights are should you need to cancel. Also make sure you agree with the house rules the host sets out in the listing before you hit the "confirm booking" button.

When you arrive at the holiday house take the time to look around and make sure everything is in order before you start unpacking the bags. If something is broken or not working, take a photo and send it to the host straight away.

Depending on what is wrong, the host should fix the issue within a reasonable time or offer you a remedy. A broken wine glass may not matter but it might be a different story if the pool is out of service.

The remedy you're entitled to depends on whether the problem is major or minor. A problem with a holiday house could be considered "major" if it creates an unsafe situation, or where an issue or series of issues can't be easily fixed or can't be resolved within a reasonable time. In these cases, you could be entitled to a refund or to cancel without losing any money.

If you paid extra for something like a highchair or beach towels and they're not there, contact the host in the first instance and if they can't resolve this quickly you may be entitled to a refund of that hire fee.

If you break something during your stay, honesty is always best and you should also let the host know.

If contacting the host doesn't resolve the issues, you should raise the matter through the platform's dispute resolution process, if one is available. The sharing economy relies on customers reviews, so leaving a factual review can also help warn other consumers.

When all other avenues have been exhausted and the issue remains unresolved, you can lodge a complaint with Consumer Protection for further assistance – 1300 30 40 54.

Since 1 January 2025, providers of short-term rental accommodation within WA must register their property and display the registration number on the listing. You can easily check the holiday house is correctly registered via <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departement-of-local-government-industry-regulation-and-safety/check-if-short-term-rental-accommodation-register-stra-registered>



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Where you stand when a business closes down

It's never good news when a business announces it's closing, or they have called in administrators. For many consumers, the first question is: what happens to the goods or services I've already paid for? And what about gift cards or credit notes still sitting in my wallet?

The answer depends on the circumstances.

In some cases, a business under administration may continue trading while efforts are made to save it. If you've paid in full and have proof of purchase, you may be able to collect your goods or have the service provided. If you've only paid a deposit, you might be asked to pay the remaining balance to receive the item.

Gift cards and credit notes can also be affected. An administrator may place conditions on their use, such as requiring you to spend additional money in the same transaction. For example, you may need to make a \$100 purchase to redeem a \$50 gift card. This is a way for the administrators to bring in extra money to save the business. If the business is sold, the new owners can decide whether they will honour outstanding gift cards or credit notes. That's why it's always wise to use gift cards sooner rather than later.

If the business closes up shop because it can't be saved, you may lose your money even if you've paid in full, paid a deposit, bought a gift card or have an item in for repair that was yet to be collected.

Unfortunately, customers are generally last in line to be paid when a business goes bust. After any assets are sold off, secured creditors such as banks and suppliers are paid first, followed by employees. If any money remains, unsecured creditors, such as customers, may receive a share. You can register your details with the administrator or liquidator, but there is a possibility you may only receive part of what you're owed, or nothing at all.

However, there is another way you could get your money back, but you will need to act quickly. If you paid by credit card, contact your card provider and ask about a chargeback. Strict time limits apply, so don't delay.

What about warranties or your consumer guarantees? You may still have rights under the Australian Consumer Law. If the manufacturer of your product is different from the retailer that went under, you can contact them directly about a remedy. And if the business continues trading under administration, it may still be able to meet its consumer guarantee obligations. However, if the business has been sold, the new owners can decide whether they will handle claims relating to products purchased before they took over.

To find out who has been appointed to manage a company in administration or liquidation, you can search insolvency notices through [Australian Securities and Investments Commission](http://www.asic.gov.au) (ASIC). Details may also appear in newspapers or on the company's website.

If you need advice about your situation, contact Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54 or visit consumerprotection.wa.gov.au



In the news recently - Bauxite miners in the news for all the wrong reasons:

Regulator investigates alleged breach of ALCOA's mining exemption conditions (15th Jan 2026; abc.net.au/news)

The Aluminium Company of America is being investigated by WA's environmental regulator over allegations it mined too close to a large Jarrah tree.

ALCOA fined \$55 million for unlawfully clearing WA Jarrah Forest (18th Feb 2026; abc.net.au/news)

The Aluminium Company of America did not seek relevant approvals when it cleared known habitat of nationally protected species between 2019-2025.

ALCOA under investigation for alleged breaches of state mining breaches (24th Feb 2026; abc.net.au/news)

Aluminium Company of America under investigation by WA Dept of Water and Environmental Regulation over more two more alleged tree-clearing breaches. The company is accused of clearing land approximately two metres from the base of a significant jarrah tree and allegedly destroyed a significant marri tree.

You simply can't 'offset' strip mining the only jarrah forest on the Earth Louise Morris for The Australia Institute (25th Feb 2026; thepoint.com.au)

“Australia’s environmental laws are meant to protect the irreplaceable, not offer accounting tricks that allow their irrevocable destruction. Yet the Albanese Government’s decision to grant ALCOA an 18-month “national interest” exemption to continue strip mining Western Australia’s Northern Jarrah Forest did exactly that. All in the service of global mining deals and critical mineral supply chains ahead of biodiversity.”

Its safe to say that all of these investigations and revelations occurred because of ordinary people who care about the forest and want to hold mining companies to account. These people kept asking questions, didn't accept bulls@#t answers and when necessary investigated things that government departments/regulators failed to. You can do that to!

Picture below from the **END FOREST MINING** snap action rally at WA Parliament House on the 24th Feb, the first day of both houses sitting – putting END FOREST MINING at the top of the WA governments priorities for the year.



Photo thanks to Tony Francis

Please don't hesitate to get in contact with us if you would 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).



The Newmont Community Assistance Program (CAP) is an important part of our commitment to local communities, and is one way we create value and improve lives through sustainable and responsible mining.

We are interested in community programs and initiatives that support our sustainable development principles of;

- Conservation and preservation of our natural environment;
- Sharing the benefits of economic activity, and;
- Enhancing community wellbeing.

Specifically, we would like to hear about programs and initiatives that align with the following;

- Local Economic Development;
- Human Capacity & Capability Development;
- Infrastructure and Services;
- Natural Resource Management & Protection, and;
- Culture and heritage.

Following the recent bushfires in Boddington and Wandering and surrounds, Newmont is also interested in funding opportunities that support bushfire recovery efforts and emergency preparedness.

Applications for Round 1 of the 2026 program are now open and close **Monday 9th March 2026**. Late applications received after the advertising closing date cannot be considered for funding in this round, however may be included in future grant rounds.

To discuss your project, or to request application guidelines and form, please email Social Performance Advisor Laura Meachim via laura.meachim@newmont.com

We look forward to receiving and considering your grant application.



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The Celebration of Wandering Crafter, Sharon Lemmers

Sharon and her husband, Theo came to Wandering around 2019. Spending many weekends renovating their new abode until deemed suitable to live in, then moved permanently into town.



She embraced Wandering with great force. Getting to know locals with many of her garage sales. Sharon came here with severe health problems but that never slowed her down with what she wanted to do and get involved with.



Her biggest involvement and support was our Wandering Crafters Group (R.U.O.K) which began at Tanglefoot Café then moved to the CRC. She brought new projects to the group and ideas. We began the Crafters Markets that were held at Tanglefoot Winery, the Community Centre and finally at the

Wandering Tavern. She was a great organiser and many a “deep discussion” was held with some of the other ladies as to how it all should be set out. Having 3 markets per year for 3 years was a strain on her at times but was excited like the rest of us when it all turned out a success.



Over the years she looked after our funds, assisted with Cuppa 4 Cancer, helped “man” the kids tent



over the WCOW weekend, made items for Comfort Quilts for Cancer, joined CWA for a short while and became Treasurer of the Boddington Arts Council and more. Yes, what do you do in a small country town????

She was always there for advice on how to do a stitch in crochet or how to sew bits together. If you ever said “I need a certain yarn, material, item of any description, you could guarantee Sharon would have one, or two or three.

She was our Op Shop Queen.





Never too busy to put the kettle on and have a chat or help with advice that wasn't always craft orientated. We laughed at her OCD and tried several times to swap seats around the CRC tables but somehow, we all were back where we first started.

Her health failed rapidly even though there were plans for when she was coming home. On the 7th February at 67 years of age, she passed at Royal Perth Hospital. On the 26th February we all said our last farewells to this remarkable lady. It was a beautiful service with family and friends looking back on an amazingly busy life. She had many good years with Theo who will continue working on his amazing garden and in company of their little dogs who will also miss Sharon terribly.





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- a one-hour session about when and how to introduce solid foods to your baby.

Let's Sleep:

- for parents and carers of babies aged **six to 12 months**
- this two-hour session is about sleep patterns, bedtime tips and establishing good sleep routines.

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- two 90 minute sessions for parents and carers of toddlers aged **one to three years**.
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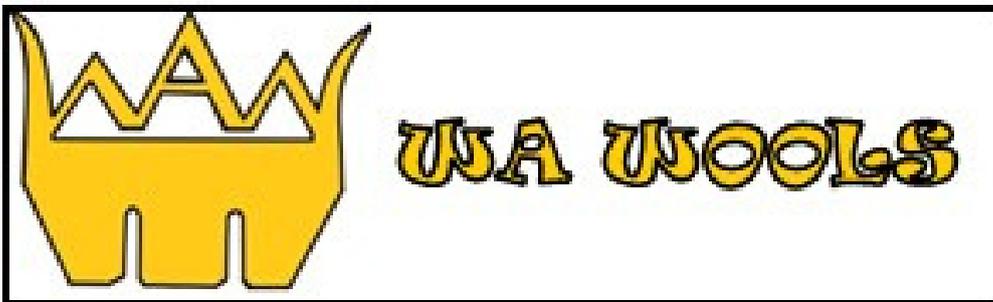
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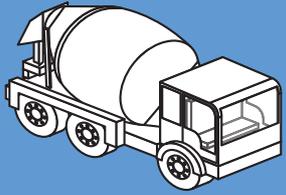
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WANDERING CRAFT GROUP

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.

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

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH WANDERING

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

Thursday 9-11am at the Wandering CWA Rooms
Christine Warburton on 0427899969

WANDERING CAMP OUT WEEKEND

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

Contact:

Event Manager - Alana Rosenthal - 0429961697

President - Jane Baxter - 0428831004

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

12PM | SUNDAY 8TH
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY LUNCHEON

9AM | TUESDAY 10TH
PUMPHREYS CWA MEETING

7PM | THURSDAY 12TH
WANDERING LIONS MEETING

3PM | SATURDAY 14TH
CELEBRATE LIFE FUNDRAISER

6PM | TUESDAY 17TH
WANDERING FAIR AGM

3.30PM | THURSDAY 19TH
COUNCIL MEETING

6PM | SUNDAY 22ND
AFTER FIRES COMMUNITY ROAST

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9AM | SATURDAY 28TH
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