

THE WANDERING ^{NSW} FECH 2026 July

THE BEATLES CAME TO TOWN



The final celebration of the Wandering Ageing Well Program was held on Thursday 25th June. 40 people enjoyed the evening with a 3 course meal, music by The Beatles Tribute band and dancing the night away!



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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.

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

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





Want to learn more about the NDIS?

Come and meet the NDIA

Take the opportunity to drop by and connect with the NDIA team to discover how we can support you



Wednesday 22nd July 2026



10.30am to 12.00pm



**Wandering Community Resource Centre
18 Watts Street, Wandering**

If you want to know more about the NDIS, the team will answer your questions and speak about what we do:



How the NDIS works



Am I eligible?



How do I apply?



Using your plan

THE WANDERING CRC INVITES YOU TO

BOOMBOX BINGO

&

70'S, 80'S, 90'S

DISCO PARTY

**BINGO WITHOUT THE NUMBERS &
DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY**

Prizes to win!

\$10 p/p entry

Dress in your favourite disco gear for your chance to win a prize!

HAMBURGERS, HOT CHIPS, COOLDRINK FOR SALE
BYO Alcoholic Drinks

**JULY
24**

6:00 PM

Wandering Community Centre

Bookings essential by 20th July

9884 1561 or crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

You will need a phone or ipad to play bingo.

We can supply one for you if you don't have one -
please advise when booking

WANDERING

Men's

NIGHT

CAMPFIRE, BEERS & BBQ

THURSDAY
AUGUST 27TH 2026



IT'S
okay to not be
OKAY

CHAT
to your
MATE

VENUE: WANDERING CARAVAN PARK
6pm

\$30 INC DINNER & DRINKS

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL BY 20TH AUGUST 2026

PLEASE CONTACT: WANDERING CRC

9884 1561 OR

CRC@WANDERING.WA.GOV.AU

YOU ARE INVITED TO

FATHER'S DAY ACTIVITY



MAKE DAD A ROCKY ROAD BUCKET



Wandering
Community Resource Centre

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SEPTEMBER
02
WEDNESDAY

PROGRAM RUNS
03:30-04:30PM

TICKET
10\$

Register at Wandering CRC | (08) 9884 1561
crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

Youth ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

LIFESTYLE COOKING

3 week program

Includes: healthy eating on a budget

basic cooking skills

meal planning

DATES:

THURSDAY JULY 30TH @3.30-5.00PM

THURSDAY AUGUST 6TH @3.30-5.00PM

THURSDAY AUGUST 13TH @3.30-5.00PM

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To register your interest, contact the Wandering CRC

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COMMUNITY ROADSIDE BREAKFASTS



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

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

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

EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

TUES 8th SEPT

7AM - 8.30AM

Wandering Fuel Station

WED 9th SEPT

7AM - 8.30AM

Corner of Reid &
Moramocking Roads,
Blackboy Springs

THURS 10th SEPT

7AM - 8.30AM

Codjatotine roadside parking bay
Old School Site

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



ENGAGEMENT

Youth

PROGRAM 2026

SO FAR.....

Pleased to update we have run 2 or the 4 workshops in our program so far - Vehicle Maintenance & Finance Literacy.



Everyone has enjoyed and participated fully in the program.



Would like to thank our

facilitators Shaun from WD Auto's & Sharlene from EverSharp Finance

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WANDERING LIONS CLUB

Changeover of Office Bearers.....

Wandering Lions shared their office bearers changeover night with our hosts Boddington Lions. Attending also Lion visitors from Narrogin and Waroona.

Much humour and good will was experienced by those attending, strengthening the wonderful relationships within the Lions club families.

The ethos of those who are Lion members is to serve and support their communities along with financial support for the many Lions foundations and research institutions.

There is recounting of the previous years amazing endeavours and events.



Wonderful meal enjoyed at the Changeover evening.



Sworn in office bearers for both Lions' Clubs.

There are many roles to play in the running of any Lions club and there is a general willingness to fill the positions to make the function of Lion's service effective and rewarding.

Peter Warburton will be Wandering Lion's president for '26/'27, Lou Cowan is to remain secretary and Bob Little to remain treasurer. There are changes to other less prominent roles however each with its purpose within the club.

WANDERING AUTUMN GRAZE

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Wandering Wine Awards

A call for interest in developing an event to showcase our wonderful community and environment in an autumn setting. The Wandering Autumn Graze group is progressing the idea of an twilight and evening event that has a unique format which could include music and lighting. Previous events have been most successful bringing patrons from far and wide to Wandering to experience great food and wine that had been locally sourced in an exquisite setting. There has been a recess since 2023 and now the WAG [Wandering Wine Awards] planners are keen to progress another attraction.

The group is calling for ideas and support, and to that end are holding an **evening gathering on Tuesday 25th of August 2026 at the Community Centre at 6.30pm** in the form of a wine and cheese night.

Save this date!

Please come along with ideas and enthusiasm.

Further information will follow in early August or call Stephen Bullock 0428251979



FARM BUSINESS TRANSITION FUNDING

The Australian Government has committed \$139.8 million over 5 years in transition assistance for individuals, businesses and communities to confidently plan and adapt to laws passed by the Australian Parliament to end live sheep exports by sea from 1 May 2028.

The Farm Business Transition Program was announced as part of the Phase Out of Live Sheep Exports by Sea – transition assistance. This program will support sheep producers who are impacted by the trade ending in 2028, to prepare and adapt ahead of the transition through the provision of funding to:

- §support the development of business plans tailored to individual farm business circumstances, and/or
- §incentivise increased on-farm adoption and uptake of alternative farming systems and practices identified within these business plans.

Through the investment and adoption of alternative sheep systems pre-farm gate, the ability of sheep producers to supply the volumes and specifications required for domestic sheep meat processing will be enhanced.

The objective of this grant opportunity is:

- To support sheep producers impacted by the phase out by enabling a range of planning, professional and technical advice, application of research and development innovations and extension activities, and investment in on-farm infrastructure and improvements to increase the uptake of alternative farming systems and practices.

The intended outcome of this grant opportunity is:

- Sheep producers impacted by the phase out of live sheep exports by sea access transition funding assisting them to obtain advice and make changes to their business operations.

There are 2 funding rounds for this program.

The Australian Government announced a total of up to \$30.0 million (GST exclusive) over 3 years from 2025–26 to 2027–28 for the Farm Business Transition Program. For this grant opportunity (Round 2), up to \$19.2 million GST exclusive is available over 2 years from 2026–27 to 2027–28.

The grant opportunity will run from 19 May 2026 to 15 July 2026.

There is no minimum grant amount.

Grant funding of up to \$75,000 (GST exclusive) per eligible applicant will be available to applicants to contribute to the future costs associated with the adoption and implementation of an eligible alternative farming system/s. No indexation applies.

The program has a matching funding requirement. Co-funding of \$1 is required from you for every \$1 of grant funding you are seeking from the Program. The grant amount will be up to 50% of eligible expenditure to a maximum of \$75,000 (GST exclusive). In-kind contributions will not be counted towards matching funding. You must provide details of co-funding in your application.

You cannot use funding from other Commonwealth, state, territory or local government sources to fund your share of eligible expenditure. You cannot use the grant funding to reimburse retrospective costs that have occurred prior to execution of the grant agreement or agreed activity start date.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/export/controlled-goods/live-animals/livestock/live-sheep-exports-phase-out/transition-assistance>

WANDERING

Camp Out Weekend

16-18 OCTOBER

CAMPING UNDER THE STARS
TWO NIGHT STAGE LINE-UP

2026

FRIDAY ARVO

SESH

with Jamie Hall

16TH OCT - 12-4PM
@ THE MAIN BAA

AG SHOW

17TH OCT 9AM-3PM

COLOUR RUN

17TH OCT 9AM

ON THE MAIN STAGE

FRIDAY - FROM 4.30PM

ROY ORBISON & FRIENDS - Tribute ● ANNIE JOHNSON & ROGUE PONY
OVER THE TOP - Angels Tribute ● FILTHY HABITS
WHAT YOU NEED - Inxs Tribute

SATURDAY - FROM 5PM

BROKEN BANJO BROTHERS ● SALLY JANE & HONKY TONK HEROES
PROUD MARY ● THE AUSTRALIAN ACDC EXPERIENCE

GRASSDALE FARM, WANDERING, WA
FOR MORE INFORMATION:

E: EOWCOW@OUTLOOK.COM

M: 0429 961 697

FACEBOOK: WANDERINGCAMPOUTWEEKEND

W: WCOW.COM.AU

Tickets
@ TRYBOOKING.COM

WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE



What We Need to Know About Nutrition

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
July 2026

We all know that there is a mountain of information available about nutrition, diets and food. It would be impossible to cover all the necessary information in one article so instead we'll talk about finding what works for each of us as individuals. The problem these days is deciphering which information is accurate and perhaps more importantly which information applies to us in our lives. It's vital to our health and wellbeing that we get the right information and apply it consistently. To do otherwise is selling ourselves short.



The thing to remember about health and wellbeing is that it is a holistic system, meaning that all aspects of our health have flow on effects to other important areas of wellbeing. This is especially true for diet which controls so many aspects of our health. Eating the correct amount of the right food directly improves our energy levels, concentration, physical appearance, mood, immune system and sleep. It also makes it easier to stay at a healthy weight and live longer without the adverse effects of high blood pressure, high cholesterol, a higher risk for numerous diseases and a weakened immune system. Most of us have been hearing about things like this since we were kids, remember the food pyramid and other public health campaigns?

While farmers and other physical workers who are

often on the move may have higher energy requirements from their food than office workers (that do very little physical activity) it is still clear that some foods cause us harm, regardless of how tasty they are or how much energy they give us. Unfortunately, these foods often happen to be among the cheapest, the tastiest and to some people, the most addictive. While food science is constantly changing there are some things that have always been a good idea; that is to eat a lot of healthy fish, meats and vegetables (especially leafy greens which blokes have trouble with sometimes, preferring meat with a side of meat) and avoiding highly processed food that comes with all sorts of additives and often excess salt and sugar.

The trouble however is that except for these staples, every time we look at a magazine, internet article or read a book on nutrition a large part of the public and scientific opinion seems to have changed almost overnight. Whether it's low fat and high carb or suddenly no sugar, low carb and high fat or any other combination we all know there will be someone credible disputing it in no time. It also certainly doesn't make things any simpler that everyone has their own individual requirements based on genetics but also on the daily activity.

The answer is that instead of dealing with nutrition as a group, individuals will have to discover what works for them personally so that they can take responsibility for their own wellbeing. Ways to do that include asking advice from a GP, dietitian or nutritionist, getting blood tests regularly to determine what nutrients are lacking. As well as regularly getting health checks to see if what we're currently doing is working for us and of course trial and error with the fundamental principle of moderation in all things at its heart.

 @RMHI_4blokes

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Regional Column

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19 June 2026

With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annetta Bellingeri

Voice your thoughts on home building contract laws

Building a home can be one of life's biggest milestones. Most projects go smoothly, but signing a building contract can be daunting and some homeowners experience unexpected price hikes, delays and other challenges during their build.

Western Australia's home building contract laws are designed to ensure these contracts are fair and that disputes between homeowners and builders, if they arise, are efficiently resolved.

These laws are now under review with the goal of ensuring they remain relevant, robust and practical in today's changing building landscape.

Whether you are a homeowner or builder, the State Government wants to hear from you as part of the review, which is led by Hon Dan Caddy MLC and supported by our building regulation colleagues at the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety's Building and Energy division.

Following earlier industry and public feedback, a survey and discussion paper are now providing a rare chance to have a say on specific ideas under consideration.

So, what changes are being considered?

Among the proposed reforms are clearer rules around price increases, improved dispute resolution processes, better knowledge for consumers and accreditation requirements for building inspectors. Increased contractual deposit limits and revised monetary thresholds and limits are also on the table.

Whether you've built, are currently building or renovating or work in the building industry, this is your chance to help shape the future of home building contract laws in WA.

To have your say on the proposed changes, search online for "review of WA's home building contract laws" or head to LGIRS.wa.gov.au/WAhomebuildinglaws.

Feedback via the survey or discussion paper must be submitted before 5pm (WST) Wednesday, 24 June 2026.



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19 June 2026

With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annetta Bellingeri **Cheap today, costly tomorrow**

'Bitumen bandits' and other travelling conmen continue to target households with cheap offers for home maintenance and repairs. From driveway sealing and roof repairs to painting and paving, these operators often arrive uninvited, sometimes claiming they were "working in the area" and have leftover materials they can use at a discounted rate.

While the offer may sound tempting, these deals can quickly turn into an expensive mistake.

Travelling conmen typically pressure consumers into making a quick decision, saying the cheap price is for "today only". They may demand cash payment upfront and even offer to drive people to the bank to withdraw the money, or push consumers into agreeing before they have had time to think it through.

In many cases, the work is left unfinished or completed to a shoddy standard. Once the money has changed hands, the traders are quick to leave town and can be impossible to contact again.

These travelling conmen are breaking the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) by ignoring the required 10-day cooling-off period for unsolicited work. During this time, no payment should be made, and no work is legally permitted. You can also change your mind without penalty.

Western Australians should be cautious of anyone who unexpectedly knocks on the door offering home repair services for cash at too-good-to-be-true prices. Instead, turn them away and let Consumer Protection know so they can track their whereabouts.

If it is safe to do so, try to collect helpful information for investigators, including vehicle registration numbers, the make and model of cars, descriptions or names used by the traders, and copies of any flyers or business cards they provide.

Consumers can also help protect their community by warning neighbours, friends and family members, particularly older relatives who may be more vulnerable to high-pressure sales tactics. Remember word-of-mouth is a powerful tool.

So, if you are looking for someone to do some jobs around the house, take the time to research and ask friends and family for recommendations. Getting multiple written quotes and checking any relevant licences can help avoid costly problems later.

It's worth considering displaying a "Do Not Knock" sticker at your front door, as it can also help deter unwanted sales approaches. A salesperson must leave immediately when asked to by the person who lives in the property – whether it's in-person or via a sticker on the door.

Report travelling conmen to Consumer Protection via consumer@lgirs.wa.gov.au or call 1300 30 40 54



MEDIA RELEASE

LACHLAN HUNTER MP

Member for Central Wheatbelt
Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Food; Racing and Gaming
The Nationals WA Whip

26 June 2026

Emergency services boost welcomed for Central Wheatbelt communities

Member for Central Wheatbelt Lachlan Hunter MP, has welcomed today's announcement that additional Community Emergency Services Managers (CESMs) will be allocated across several local governments within the Central Wheatbelt electorate.

The new shared CESM positions will support:

- Shires of Bruce Rock, Merredin and Narembeen;
- Shires of Boddington and Wandering; and
- Shires of Koorda, Mount Marshall and Mukinbudin.

Mr Hunter said the announcement was a positive outcome for regional communities and reflected the strong advocacy of local governments.

"I welcome today's announcement, which will strengthen emergency preparedness and support for our local volunteer emergency services right across the Central Wheatbelt," Mr Hunter said.

"I have been working closely with a number of our local governments on the need for additional emergency management support, and it is pleasing to see these communities recognised."

"Our region faces unique emergency management challenges, particularly during bushfire season. Having dedicated Community Emergency Services Managers will improve coordination, planning and support for our volunteers and local governments."

"I congratulate the local governments involved for their advocacy and look forward to seeing these positions rolled out as soon as possible for the benefit of our communities."

Media enquiries – 0457 721 949

Keep in touch!

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📧 @LachlanHunter



Join Our Team

Two Fantastic Opportunities at the Shire of Wandering

We are currently recruiting for:

1. **Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer.**
2. **Customer Service Officer (Part Time)**

These roles offer the chance to work in a supportive, close-knit local government environment while delivering essential services and professional support to the Shire and its community.

Whether you are an experienced local government professional or looking to take your first step into a rewarding local government career, we strongly encourage you to get in touch and apply.

Further information, including position descriptions and application details, can be found on our website: www.wandering.wa.gov.au/employment/

Come and be part of a team that values adaptability, accountability and service to the community.

Local Government Elections

Dear Community members, Electors and Rate payers,

An Extra Ordinary Election will be held on **Friday 31 July 2026** to fill a vacant Councillor position.

This election is an **in-person election**, which means that you must come in to a Polling Station to cast your vote (ballot).

Further details are on the next page and will be available on our website and Facebook pages at appropriate stages of this process.

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
02/6/26
16/6/26

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



No Burning Permit required
Burn with care – 20 April 2026 to 30 September 2026



Council Meeting Dates 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 any questions you may have for Council at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Please refer to the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda (page 3) for information relating to public attendance at Council meetings and Public Question Time guidelines.

Council Meeting Notes

At the Council Meeting held on the 18th June 2026 the following was discussed:

- Financial Report period ending 31 May 2026.
- List of Payments for the month ending 31 May 2026.
- Community Financial Assistance Grants Program.
- MOU Peel Harvey Catchment Council Inc. and Shire of Wandering
- IT Strategic Plan 2026-2029
- Policy Manual Review – Policies 6,13 & 94
- CEO Annual Performance Review

Agendas and Minutes can be found on the Shire website.

Elected Members Contact Details

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Cr Alan Price (Deputy President) 0428 996 457

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Cr Gillian Hansen 0488 911 902

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Cr Peter Latham 0488 224 143

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Cr Andrew Thompson 0425 206 690

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ELECTION NOTICE

Candidates (in the order they will appear on the ballot paper):

1. **TILBEE**, Shenae
2. **WHITELY**, Brendan

Election Day

Polling place will be in Council Chambers, located at 22 Watts Street, Wandering WA.

Open from **8:00am to 6:00pm on Friday 31 July 2026**.

Early voting will be available from Monday, 6 July until Thursday, 30 July, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm on business days.

You can obtain your ballot paper from reception at 22 Watts Street Wandering.

You must be able to prove your identity when presenting to a polling station.

Any form of legal ID that has your name on it is acceptable e.g. drivers' licence, bank card, pensioner card, Medicare card etc.

Postal vote application forms are available by contacting the Returning Officer.

GET TO KNOW YOUR CANDIDATE EVENT

Curious about who's standing for election? Don't miss your chance to meet them in person!

A 'Get To Know Your Candidate Event', will be organised for **Thursday 16 July** from **5:30pm onwards** in the **Shire Council Chambers**.

Following the success of last year's session, this is **your opportunity to hear directly from both candidates**, ask the questions that matter most to you, and gain the insights you need before casting your all-important vote.

Enquiries

For all election related enquiries please contact the Returning Officer, Dr. Alistair Pinto on (08) 6828 1800 or email ceo@wandering.wa.gov.au.

For information regarding our Extra Ordinary Election, please refer to the Shire website, notice board & Facebook page where information will be posted at appropriate stages of this process.

Candidate Details



Ballot paper name: **TILBEE, Shenae**

Candidate name: Shenae, TILBEE

District: Shire of Wandering

Nominating for: Councillor for Shire of Wandering

Election Type: Extra Ordinary

Enrolment status: TILBEE, Shenae is eligible to stand for election as an elector of the Shire of Wandering.

PROFILE

I have lived in Wandering for almost 10 years and feel very fortunate to call this community home. As a farmer's wife and a mother, I understand many of the different perspectives that make up our Shire, from families and local residents to farming businesses and community groups.

I care deeply about Wandering and want to be actively involved in helping shape its future. I believe I would be a good fit for Council because I am approachable, community-minded and passionate about seeing positive change. I would listen to local concerns, represent the views of residents fairly and work with others to support practical improvements for our town and wider Shire.

Wandering is a special place, and I would love the opportunity to contribute to its growth, strengthen community connections and help make decisions that benefit both current and future generations.

Email: Shenae.tilbee@outlook.com

Phone Number: 0437 495 024

Candidate Details



Ballot paper name: **WHITELY, Brendan**

Candidate name: Brendan WHITELY

District: Shire of Wandering

Nominating for: Councillor for Shire of Wandering

Election Type: Extra Ordinary

Enrolment status: WHITELY, Brendan is eligible to stand for election as an elector of the Shire of Wandering.

PROFILE

Hello, my name is Brendan Whitely and I am nominating for the vacant position of Councillor at the Shire of Wandering.

I have lived and worked in the Wandering community all my life and have a strong passion and commitment to Wandering and the Regions.

In the recent past I have served a eight year term as Councillor including 4 years as President.

I look forward to serving my community into the future.

MEDIA RELEASE

Shire of Wandering Welcomes Arrival of New Power Generators Funded by South32

The Shire of Wandering is pleased to announce the arrival of two new power generators, funded by a generous \$50,000 donation from South32, enhancing the Shire's emergency preparedness and response capability.

Following the January bushfires, Shire CEO Dr Alistair Pinto worked closely with South32's Principal External Affairs – Engagement, Ms Chrissy Harris, to identify a meaningful, long-term investment for the community. Feedback from Bushfire Brigades and community consultations highlighted the need for reliable back-up power to ensure essential services continue during outages.

The funding has enabled the purchase of a **stationary generator at the Shire Office** and a **mobile generator** that can be deployed across key locations, including the fuel station, Bushfire Brigade and Community Centre. These generators will support communications, maintain fuel access, and assist fire crews with critical operations such as refilling trucks during emergencies.

Shire President Cr Sheryl Little said the generators represent a significant step forward for community resilience.

“This support from South32 will have a lasting impact on our community. These generators ensure we can continue to operate, communicate, and respond effectively when it matters most.”

Deputy President Cr Alan Price highlighted the practical benefits during emergencies.

“Reliable power is critical in a crisis. These generators will directly support our Bushfire Brigades and ensure essential services remain available to our community during power outages.”

On behalf of the community, the Shire of Wandering extends its sincere gratitude to South32 for its generosity and commitment to supporting a safer, stronger future.

ENDS

Media Contact:

Dr. Alistair Pinto
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Wandering
(08) 6828 1800



Image 01: Stationary generator (L-R) Cr. Alan Price, Deputy President; Cr. Sheryl Little, Shire President; Chrissy Harris, Principal External Affairs – Engagement and Dr. Alistair Pinto, CEO Shire of Wandering.



Image 02: Mobile generator (L-R) Cr. Sheryl Little, Shire President; Cr. Alan Price, Deputy President; Chrissy Harris, Principal External Affairs – Engagement and Dr. Alistair Pinto, CEO Shire of Wandering.

Come hear the story *behind every human story*

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”

Genesis 1:27

“Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, ‘Where are you?’”

Genesis 3:8–9



Is pure naturalistic, unguided evolution... the **whole story?**

| Weekend | Topic | Bible |
|---------------|--|-------------|
| Sun 5 Jul 26 | One Flesh, No Shame | Gen 2:18–25 |
| Sun 12 Jul 26 | 2pm Marradong - The Lie We Believed | Gen 3:1–7 |
| Sun 19 Jul 26 | Judgment—and a Promise | Gen 3:8–19 |
| Sun 26 Jul 26 | 2pm Wandering - Clothed for Exile | Gen 3:20–24 |
| Sun 2 Aug 26 | Kept in the Wilderness- Revelation 12-14 | Rev 12:1-6 |
| Sun 9 Aug 26 | 2pm Marradong - How We Overcome | Rev 12:7–17 |





Wandering CWA

The State Conference of the Country Women's Association of Western Australia is held annually, this year it was held in June, and includes the Annual General Meeting. This year's 102nd State Conference was held at the Rendezvous Hotel in Scarborough. Delegates from all branches throughout WA are invited to attend for a few days of business mixed with networking and catching up with friends from around the State.



We hope you have the date for this year's Wandering Fair
(and the Wandering Camp Out Weekend too)
marked on your calendar!

Saturday 17 October

Come and visit the Wandering CWA for your Devonshire Tea!



Our branch member Leanne Rose was recently presented with a special badge to acknowledge her 10 year commitment to the Wandering CWA.



Next meeting of the Wandering CWA

Wednesday 15 July 2026

11am meeting with morning tea to follow

Everyone welcome!



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

Find us on 
Wandering CWA



In loving memory of

Brian Murray Cornish
"Bumba"

SEPTEMBER 1938 - JUNE 2026

Brian spent his whole life here in Wandering, alongside the people who were more than neighbours – many have been lifelong friends, building memories together, and very much a part of his story. There is something truly special about a life like that. It speaks of loyalty, of belonging and of a strength – the kind that doesn't need to travel far to make a lasting impact.

He knew his place, and the place knew him. He was the first to arrive and the last to leave. Whether it was through daily routines, friendly conversations, shared moments or simply being a steady, familiar presence, Brian has been a constant part of the fabric of this community. And in doing so, he will leave behind something incredibly meaningful – a lifetime of connections and memories that live on in all of us.

Brian Murray Cornish was born on 29/09/1938 in Narrogin, son of Ken and Tot Cornish and they lived at Wandering on what is currently called "Mill Farm"

Brian, his sister and parents moved to the farm called "Brookside" which he named when he was 7 years old, and there he would spend the rest of his life.

Brian married Jacquie on the 1st August 1959, at St Peters Church in Victoria Park. This date is also the horse's birthday, which Jacquie felt would be hard to forget a wedding anniversary, with his love of the horses at the time.

Brian is father to Rosemarree, Murray & David, Grandfather or "Bumba" as most know him, to 8 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Brian loved to play sport in his younger days. He played football for Boddington where he achieved winning the Fairest & Best B grade trophy in 1957.

Brian played cricket for Wandering, playing in the winning grand finals with bowling figures 5 for 18 in one grand final. Brian always used Brylcreem in his hair, it is not sure if this added to his bowling ability. Brian later played social (very social) cricket matches against George Mannings ABC radio cricket team. Brian would take a few days to recover, not sure if this was cricket or alcohol.

Brian was a founding member of the Wandering Golf Club, putting numerous hours helping with the course. Brian also attended many four-ball golf days around the area playing with his mate Alex Pollard.

Brian stopped playing sport to breed, train and break in racehorses, firstly with his father Ken and his son David. With a few winners, trophies and a lot of fond memories. Some of the horses Brian helped train, and some he bred and trained. Names some of you will know, like Young Alabama, Rodern, Paris Rose, Lade Bob's, David's Boy, Some Gold, Morgan Road, Young Bo and Speedy Jane. Speedy Jane was the 1st 2year-old he broke and trained. Sadly she broke her shoulder in a training incident and had to be put down.

All the horses he broke-in and trained lived out their retirement on the farm. He had a special bond with every one of them. Brian was one of the last people to ride a horse in training on the Wandering Racecourse, where the current Wandering Golf Club is located.

Brian returned to the farm from Narrogin Ag School and he began one of his great passions clearing land. He always said "if it's in the way, push it over and burn it up".

He farmed with his father Ken, then his sons David in 1983 and Murray in 1992. Even in his late 70's driving a bulldozer for many hours/days clearing land for Murray.

Brian didn't mind working long hours at seeding time, often heard going to start at 1am when some were just getting home from the pub.

Brian with his father Ken did contract clover harvesting and ploughing around the local area. Brian remained on the farm until breaking his arm just before Christmas 2025.

Brian had exceptional memory which allowed him to sit and yarn for hours with who ever came to the farm, or in the ute going to clearing sales with Alex Pollard or "Old Bod", as he referred to him. Not sure which they enjoyed more, the clearing sale where Brian would always get a bargain, or the drive out and back where the pair would debate/disagree on almost everything. It was a great banter for the mates of a lifetime.

Brain was a Wandering Shire Councilor for 12 years, a Masonic Lodge member for 62 years, Bushfire Brigade member holding positions, helping with share cropping fund raiser for the Wandering School P &C, Junior Farmers which he & Jacquie would attend together.

Brian felt like he was an honorary member of the Wandering CWA, helping maintain the building in Wandering, along with many trips away taking Jacquie to state conferences, from Geraldton to Esperance and lot of places in between.

As most people know he liked the occasional beverage and a good "piss up". He was well known for being the "first to arrive and last to leave".

Whether it was Molly & family coming to stay a few weeks from America, whom one made his home here in WA; or sitting around the drum, Brian loved to sit and tell stories for hours. Brain could recall - who had the Pub at the time.....who was Shire Clerk.....what the crops were like that year, and so on. Some stories and saying not for delicate ears. Everyone that visited the Farm seemed to have a story to tell whether drinking nights, breaking multiple rib's, catching coonacs, or falling out of the buggy shouting "we lost him".... That's a story for another day.

Brian love to have his grandkids and great grandkids visit whether it was in Narrogin or on the farm. He always had a big smile for them, always offering them lollies, ice-cream or whatever was their favorite food. He would take them for rides on his gopher, anything to make them smile.

Brian never left WA and never ventured far from the Farm, joking to Jacquie "the farm might not be there when I come back".

Brain, we remember that you lived your life your way and gave us unforgettable memories to keep. We know the time was coming and that we would have to say goodbye. No more nights around the fire telling stories, so I guess we will see you later.



Dad – Brian Cornish Sept 1938- June 2026

I didn't get the chance to say this at your funeral. To remember Dad — to honour his life, to share our sadness, and to smile at the memories that made him who he was to us. It is never easy to find the right words at a time like this, because, as the eulogy says, *"a life can never truly be summed up in a few minutes."* But what we can do is speak from the heart and hold onto the moments that still make him feel close.

When we think of Dad, we think of the simple, unforgettable times — the kind that become family stories because they reveal exactly who a person is. We remember summers spent on the back of the truck in the firefighting tanks, feeling the heat, the dust, and the seriousness of the job, but also the excitement of being there with him. Those days showed us his strength, his reliability, and his quiet willingness to do whatever needed to be done.

Some of our earliest memories are tied to farm life — the rhythm of work, the smell of the paddocks, and the sense of freedom that came with it. There were rides on the BSA motorbike, picking mushrooms, gathering mallee roots, building bonfires, stooking hay and watching the mice run out from the stooks. There was even the time spent driving the truck when we were very young, while Dad fed the hay off the back. They were practical, ordinary moments, but *"with Dad they became part of the story of who we are."*

From those working days came the adventures that were more about being together than anything else — catching coonaks, heading out water skiing on holidays, and enjoying the outdoors in the way Dad seemed to understand so naturally. He gave us memories that weren't polished or fancy, but real: muddy, sunny, noisy, funny, and full of life.

And of course, there were the holidays at Mandurah, catching crabs — or at least trying to. We may not have been the most successful crabbers, because more often than not we ended up sharing one crab sandwich between us. But that's exactly what makes the memory so special. It was never about how many crabs we caught. It was about the laughter, the teasing, the patience, and simply being together.

Dad's laugh was unmistakable — loud enough to be heard from the hotel across the road at Owen and June Woolfitts. It carried his whole character with it: warm, mischievous, and full of life.

His sense of adventure showed up in the everyday too — nights out spotlighting, spontaneous outings, and the little rituals that became family favourites. Felicity remembers her trips in the truck with Bumba to pick up fertiliser, sworn to secrecy about the stops at the Halfway House, where there was always a bag of chips and a can of Coke to keep the secret safe.

He made the best chips when Mum wasn't home — sometimes that was all we had for dinner, and we loved it. His "corn barrel" was legendary: extremely good, extremely salty, and guaranteed to require an extra beer. If he had his way, every cut of meat would have gone into that barrel. And he made the best kangaroo tail brawn — a recipe now sadly lost.

The grandkids have their own treasure trove of memories with Bumba. Gayelle, Brianna, and Felicity loved their school holidays with him — putting lackeys in his Brylcreemed hair, painting his toenails, and sending him off to the doctor still decorated. Jemma, Kaitlin, and Brandon share those same warm memories of a grandfather who was patient, funny, and always up for a laugh.

These stories — big and small — are the threads that weave together the life we are honouring today. They remind us that Dad wasn't defined by grand gestures, but by the everyday moments he filled with love, humour, and a quiet kind of strength.

So today, as we say goodbye, we do so with heavy hearts, but also with love, laughter, and gratitude. Thank you, Dad, for the life you lived, for the family you loved, and for the memories we will carry forever. Rose.

When I attend community events to be present and or to speak to people experiencing challenging times I often heard the word 'Resilience'. Country people are so resilient. But what is the meaning of resilience?

Resilience is often described as having an ability to bounce back after a challenging situation. But Resilience is much more than that.

Resilience is not where we pretend everything is fine, resilience does not mean avoiding emotion, never struggling or being silent about how we feel. Resilience is acknowledging the emotions we are having, feel the pain and still move forward. We make a decision to be hopeful of our future even when the road ahead appears to be a very long and hard one. Experiencing hard challenging times is a part of life everyone experiences at varying levels.

Resilience is not something some of us have and others do not. Resilience when nurtured within and across our community creates a collective strength where people can grow from hard times. People are connected, valued and support each other. We can be that listening ear, offer or set up a welcoming space, be part of a volunteer group, join in a local event and or we can be that person who asks others, 'How are you going RUOK'. Resilience grows where people feel that they are valued and belong, able to use their individual strengths and abilities to assist. Belonging is powerful. When as a community we create safe respectful inclusive spaces, people are better placed to feel OK to reach out early and support each other. Disaster Recovery Hubs are great examples of this.

This does not mean that a resilient community is perfect. We do not agree with everything others do or say in our community, we are all individually different and unique. This uniqueness adds to our community makes it the place it is. Even with differences we enhance resilience when as a community we accept our differences. We agree to disagree, respect each other and acknowledge that every person matters. We don't need to live in each other's pockets, but we do our best to get along with each other.

There are times when emotions are so strong and our ability to reason and cope is challenging. These challenging times can be so strong that we withdraw into ourselves and our thoughts become our reality. It is imperative that in these times we make ourselves vulnerable and ask for help. This takes strength. We maybe feeling that we will burden others, that others don't want to hear our problems and we bottle up our emotions making the emotion stronger. Ask for help, because as part of a resilient caring community you do matter, are valued and people do care about you.

In every society there are beliefs and expectations of what defines success, what defines happiness and what defines achievement. In the majority of the modern world this results in believing that we will find happiness through materialism and accolades. But somehow there's just something else, something we feel is missing.

Recently someone told me how they are 'doing what they can with what they have got, they said,' I'm making myself available a lot more for my wife and children, nothing amazing just the boring stuff'. "The Boring stuff"? What does that entail?" I asked. They replied, 'Just being much more aware and there. Making more time in my life to include my children such as when I go to feed the sheep I take my children with me. Stepping up at home and helping in the house; giving my wife a break. I'm not taking my kids to Disneyland or going away to a resort on the weekend; I'm doing what I can do rather than feeling guilty about not doing the things I can't do'.

The things I can't do? boring stuff? Somehow along the way the majority believe that in order to 'give' properly entails material things such as going to the movies, a holiday to Disneyland or a new gift for that giving to be meaningful. What the person above is giving their family is far more precious. They are giving their family their time, their love from their heart, wanting to physically be present. This does not need their wallet.

Somehow we have been ill informed to feel that we are not successful in life because we can't afford what we see others doing in the media, online and in our communities. Others seem to have everything, the nice car, nice house, regular overseas trips, their children have all the latest toys. But this is just Materialistic success. We look over the fence and feel that somehow our neighbours are somehow 'doing better' than ourselves? Are they Happier? Probably not; they too are keeping up appearances of material success. Is our neighbour looking back over the same fence thinking, 'I wish I had time to spend more regular time with my family like they do'?

This is not to say that we don't need to work and have money, we do. We have to eat. But what in our life gives you true personal meaning, what do you value personally above all else? Only you can answer this question, no one else can answer this for you. Once answered, how are you living your life to your true values and meaning? Make that first step and re focus on what really matters to you personally. Happiness and success redefined will naturally follow.



Electronic identification for sheep and goats

Electronic identification (eID) for sheep and goats is required in Western Australia under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (Identification and Movement of Stock and Apiaries) Regulations 2013*. From 1 July 2026, all sheep and goats must be fitted with National Livestock Identification System (NLIS)-accredited electronic tags, and all livestock movements must be recorded on the NLIS database.

Follow these 4 steps to meet your requirements

Registration and account set up



1. Register as an owner of livestock or, check your registration status

Livestock registrations in WA are managed by the department. See the website for more details on how to apply: www.dpird.wa.gov.au/livestockownership

Or check your current registration details: <https://brandssearch.dpird.wa.gov.au>

2. Set up a myMLA account and link your accounts

myMLA is a single sign-on access to your NLIS account, Livestock Production Assurance (LPA), National Vendor Declarations (NVDs) and more: www.myMLA.com.au

| Access your NLIS account | Become LPA accredited |
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| <p>The NLIS is Australia’s national traceability system for cattle, sheep and goats.</p> <p>Record livestock movements onto your PIC within 48 hours of arrival.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the receiver of stock to ensure this is completed.</p> <p>www.nlis.com.au</p>  | <p>LPA provides assurance for biosecurity, animal welfare and food safety, underpinning Australia’s access to local and export markets.</p> <p>LPA accreditation ensures your livestock can be sold through a saleyard or processed at an abattoir.</p>  |

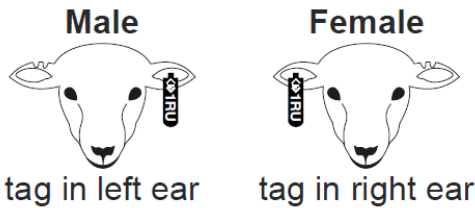
Identification requirements

3. Order your NLIS-accredited eID devices and identify your livestock

All sheep and goats born from 1 January 2025 must be tagged with a year-of-birth (YOB) colour eID device by six months of age or before moving off your property, whichever comes first. Stock not born on property and without an existing eID device must be identified with a pink post-breeder eID. Stock born on your property, before 1 January 2025 can be identified with a yellow or year-of-birth colour eID.

- Devices are species-specific. Ensure you specify the type of livestock when ordering.
- Ensure you have access to the correct type of tag applicator.
- Your eIDs will display the NLID ID on the outside. You can include other limited details like your stock brand or farm name, depending on the eIDs you choose to use.

Tag positioning



Pink eIDs are applied to the same ear as the existing visual tag.

Tagging tips

- Before tagging any livestock, check for existing eIDs – only one functional eID per animal.
- Do not remove any visual tags when applying an eID device.
- Remove non-NLIS accredited electronic management tags before sale to avoid scanning confusion.

Stock movements

4. A movement document must accompany all consignments of livestock

- LPA accredited producers can access the free eNVD web-based system, mobile app or purchase NVD waybills via their LPA account.
- The receiver is responsible for recording stock movements onto their NLIS account within 48 hours of the movement.
- Livestock agents or third parties can complete transfers on your behalf. You should request the 'upload ID' for your records.

Examples of scanning and transfer responsibilities

| Situation | Responsibility |
|---|--|
| Producer buys NLIS accredited eIDs | Tag manufacturer uploads eID device RFIDs to producer's NLIS account |
| Buying or selling at a saleyard or on-farm public auction | Saleyard operator or livestock agent scans and uploads |
| Buying or selling privately (e.g. a neighbour) | Purchaser scans and uploads |
| Buying at an online auction | Purchaser scans and uploads |
| Moving stock for agistment | Producer scans and uploads |
| Moving to and from an agricultural show/event | Agricultural show/event organiser scans and uploads |
| Selling to an abattoir or feedlot | Abattoir or feedlot operator scans and uploads |

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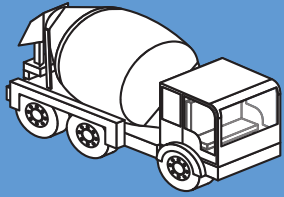
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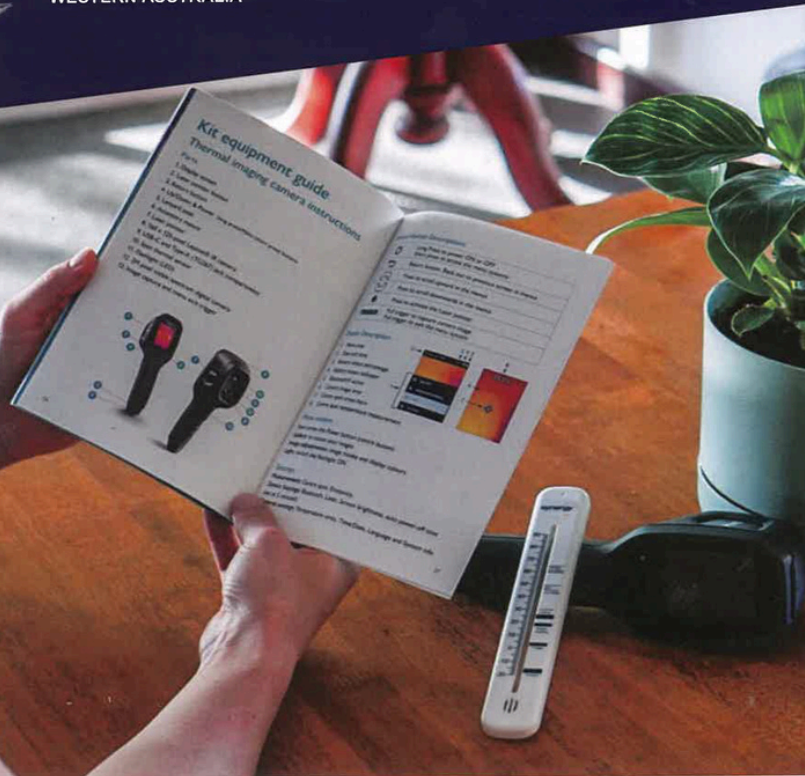

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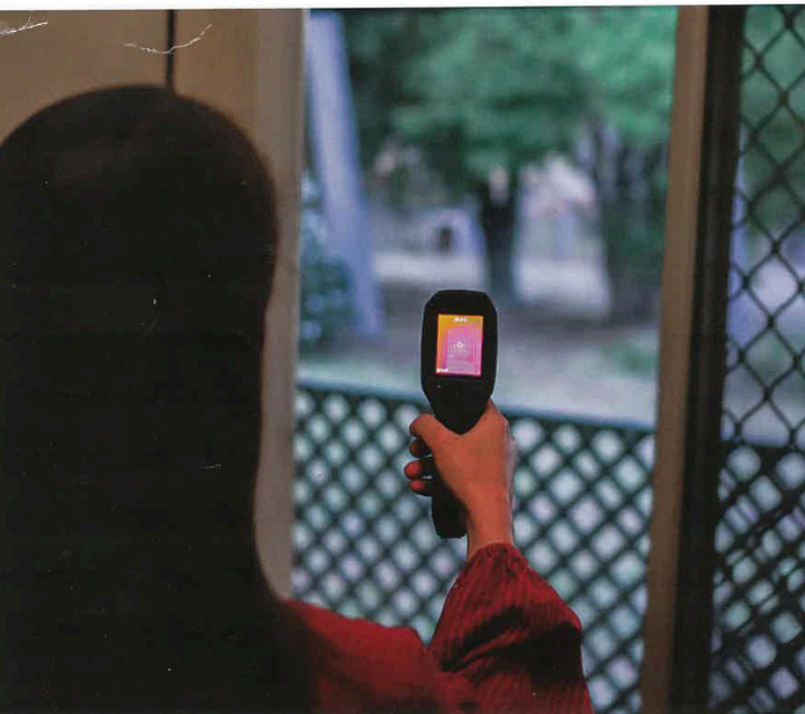


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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH WANDERING

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

Enquiries to Revd Paul Bartley 0431 849 169

paul@gatewayparish.org

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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 - Sarah Kaye - 0422 847 711

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:

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9AM | TUESDAY 14TH
PUMPHREYS CWA MEETING

11AM | WEDNESDAY 15TH
WANDERING CWA MEETING

3.30PM | THURSDAY 16TH
COUNCIL MEETING

10.30AM | WEDNESDAY 22ND
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