

# THE WANDERING <sup>NSW</sup> FECHOO 2026 June

## WANDERING AGEING WELL PROGRAM



*Trail Walk & Morning Tea*



*Bus Trip to Pumphreys*



*Memories Over Lunch*



*High Tea*



*Bus Trip to Pumphreys*



*Have A Go At Darts*



*Ballroom Fit*



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# WELCOME

*To Our Monthly Community Newsletter*

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**ITEMS FOR INCLUSION DUE BY 24TH JUNE 2026**

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Monday - Thursday

9am - 4pm

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## **KEEP UP TO DATE**

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

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

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



# Youth ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

## VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

### 4 week Workshop

**Includes: basics of looking after your vehicle  
what to look for when purchasing your first vehicle**

### DATES:

**TUESDAY MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> @3.30-5.00PM**

**TUESDAY MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> @4.00-5.00PM**

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> @4.00-5.00PM**

**TUESDAY JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> @4.00-5.00PM**

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# Youth ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

## LIFESTYLE COOKING

**3 week program**

**Includes: healthy eating on a budget**

**basic cooking skills**

**meal planning**

### DATES:

**THURSDAY JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> @3.30-5.00PM**

**THURSDAY AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> @3.30-5.00PM**

**THURSDAY AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> @3.30-5.00PM**

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# Youth ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

## FINANCE LITERACY

**4 week program.**

**Includes: Good credit rating**

**Applying for credit**

**Saving**

**Household budgeting and bill management**

**Wages, paying tax and superannuation**

### DATES:

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**WEDNESDAY JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> @3.30-5.00PM**

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> @3.30-5.00PM**

**WEDNESDAY JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> @3.30-5.00PM**

**WEDNESDAY JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> @3.30-5.00PM**

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# WANDERING AGEING WELL PROGRAM

## JUNE

### Intergenerational Cafe - DANCING - TUESDAY 2/06/2026

All children and Seniors are invited to come along for afternoon tea. Share different dances from the generations. If you know a dance, we'd love for you to share it, for a bit of fun and exercise. All abilities are encouraged to participate at your own pace. 3.30pm @ the Community Centre

### HAVE A GO @ BADMINTON - MONDAY 8/06/2026.

Join us for a bit of fun as we have a go at badminton and then enjoy afternoon tea.

1.30pm @ the Community Centre

### BUS TRIP TO DWELLINGUP - SUNDAY 21/06/2026.

Limited seats available. RSVP by 15/06/2026  
BYO lunch - bring with you or purchase there  
Meet at 9am @ the CRC

### Intergenerational Cafe - LIFE IN PICTURES - TUESDAY 23/06/2026

All children and Seniors are invited to come along for afternoon tea. Bring 5 pictures of your life to share the stories behind the photos with the other generation. 3.30pm @ the CRC

### DINNER & DANCE - THURSDAY 25/06/2026.

Live music & 2 course dinner for those who have participated in the Wandering Ageing Well Program.  
Free for participants of program  
\$20 for non-program participant seniors  
RSVP by 18/6/2026 5pm @ Community Centre

**FREE TO ATTEND**  
**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL ACTIVITIES**

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# Wandering Wheatbelt Wine Awards

*Alias.....*

## *Long Table Autumn Graze*

The Wandering event has been in recess since 2023 and now we need to reinvigorate the event of the 'Long Table Autumn Graze' that has in the past showcased our district and community of Wandering. For a number of years the Wine Awards were to promote wheatbelt wines and has recently morphed into a long table lunch that promoted local produce under the careful preparation and watchful eye of highly noted chefs.

Many thoughts have already been shared as to what format a reinvigorated Long Table event could take. Currently the committee is hoping an event can be organised for the autumn of 2028. However, this will require some additional support from the community. The May AGM was aborted and a subsequent AGM is to be held on the 17th of June at the Wandering Community Centre at 6pm. ALL WELCOME.

A following promotional and ideas evening is to be held during the next winter months. WATCH THIS SPACE.



# SENIOR'S DINNER DANCE!

To celebrate the end of the Ageing Well Program  
3 COURSE DINNER - LIVE MUSIC

6:00 PM

THURSDAY  
25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

WANDERING COMMUNITY CENTRE

PARTICIPANTS OF THE PROGRAM - FREE

NON-PARTICIPANTS OF THE AGEING WELL PROGRAM - \$20

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL BY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

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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 20<sup>th</sup> July

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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 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026

PLEASE CONTACT: 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 8<sup>th</sup> SEPT

7AM - 8.30AM

Wandering Fuel Station

### WED 9<sup>th</sup> SEPT

7AM - 8.30AM

Corner of Reid &  
Moramocking Roads,  
Blackboy Springs

### THURS 10<sup>th</sup> SEPT

7AM - 8.30AM

Codjatotine roadside parking bay  
Old School Site

Enquiries - CRC - 9884 1561 - [crc@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@wandering.wa.gov.au)



# WANDERING

Camp Out Weekend

16-18 OCTOBER

CAMPING UNDER THE STARS  
TWO NIGHT STAGE LINE-UP

2026

**FRIDAY ARVO**

**SESH**

*with Jamie Hall*

16<sup>TH</sup> OCT - 12-4PM  
@ THE MAIN BAA

**AG SHOW**

17<sup>TH</sup> OCT 9AM-3PM

**COLOUR RUN**

17<sup>TH</sup> 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  
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**W:** WCOW.COM.AU

*Tickets*  
@ TRYBOOKING.COM



## Wandering CWA

As the cooler weather finally begins to settle in, it's the perfect time to get into the kitchen and create something delicious, be it a heart-warming soup or a sweet dessert to finish off the day.

You simply can't go past some of the fantastic recipes and delightful treats found in The CWA Cookery Book and Household Hints.

If your copy of the much-loved recipe book could do with an update or you'd like to try out one of the many fabulous versions of the humble scone, contact the Wandering CWA branch to purchase your copy (they make awesome presents too!)



New Wandering CWA member Val Price recently received her membership badge, which was presented by our Vice President Jacque Cornish.



### Next meeting of the Wandering CWA

Wednesday 17 June 2026

11am meeting with morning tea to follow

Everyone welcome!



There are some people in life that make you laugh a little louder, smile a little bigger, and live just a little bit better.

Find us on   
Wandering CWA

# WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE



## Communication Differences

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE  
June 2026

As blokes we often get told *men just don't talk!* However, in the work we do we have come to realise that when given the right circumstances and a safe environment, blokes do talk. Sometimes this involves us disclosing personal issues or just telling our story.

In our modern society we seem to have increased life pressures to the point where we reach breaking point in our relationships. Relationships are more than just our partners and can include our workplace interactions, dealing with children or even our parents. We need to encourage understanding of the *need to listen and be heard* in all relationships. Sometimes we are guilty of misunderstanding someone of the opposite sex. We need to maintain the basics when communicating; talking, listening, taking time to hear and be heard and not just acknowledging and contributing a few fleeting words on the run.



Modern technology, even though it is part of the mix, can never replace the basic need for face-to-face communication. Most of our communication is non-verbal, so when we don't have access to a person's body language, messages are often misunderstood.

To achieve more effective communication, firstly we must acknowledge the differences between the genders (men are hardwired differently, are risk takers, winners and problem solvers), and secondly,

differ on how we go about communicating. There is no right or wrong, but we need to recognise the differences such as:

- Blokes generally talk less than ladies.
- Ladies speak in a narrative way.
- Single word answers (yes/no/good/ok) are often valid responses for blokes.
- Blokes find it harder to talk about their emotions, we are hardwired differently but over time have also been conditioned not to talk.

Men, in particular, are challenged by their lack of verbal skills, so we need to recognise when we are worried, be encouraged to seek help and importantly be asked what the problem is. We need to question, *has he resolved the problem and how has he resolved the problem?*

One of the most difficult things for men and women is the ability to discuss issues with the significant people in their lives. These issues can be about relationships, children, farm ownership, health and a range of other matters which affect our inner wellbeing. Often the *unspoken issues* create long term destructive relationship issues that are difficult to resolve.

We need to develop positive communication skills. Some useful tips aimed at assisting with a more productive outcome when communicating, include:

- Choosing the right environment.
- Timing is an important factor to consider - make time.
- When discussing an issue be open to alternate solutions and a realistic compromise.
- Be prepared to listen, listen, listen!
- Identify the relevant mates you can *trust* to discuss matters of concern.
- Getting help if all else is failing.

✕ @RMHI\_4blokes

🎧 Working with Warriors Podcast

🌐 regionalmenshealth.com.au



# SIGNS YOU'RE ADDICTED TO VAPES



YOU DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT YOUR VAPE

YOU GET STRESSED IF YOU CAN'T FIND YOUR VAPE

YOU FIND IT HARD TO SAY NO WHEN OFFERED A VAPE

YOU FEEL THE NEED TO VAPE IF YOU'RE STRESSED

YOU AVOID PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE YOU VAPING

YOU PRIORITISE VAPES, EVEN WHEN YOU'RE SHORT OF MONEY

YOU'D RATHER GO SOMEWHERE ELSE IF A VENUE DOESN'T ALLOW VAPING

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# 2026 WANDERING ANZAC DAY



A great effort by all involved, with organiser Bob Little receiving help with setting up the previous day from Jacquie Cornish and Shire staff, as well as Lou, Elaine and Sean from the Wandering Lions. The day began with another wonderful Dawn Service in Wandering to honour our past and present Service personnel. It was very cold, and so foggy we could barely see when leaving home at 4.45am!! The march from the CWA rooms had around 40+ marchers, ably led by Andrew Blair.

There were around 100 people in attendance at the service. Bob Little was MC on behalf of the Lions. Andrew Thompson, who is a Returned Serviceman and now Wandering local, gave a short but heartfelt and moving address. Thanks to Raelene Warburton for her contribution to the service. Shire President, Sheryl Little, led the wreath laying ceremony, followed by many others representing clubs and local families.

Jacquie Cornish as always supplied the beautiful wreaths and hundreds of her knitted and crocheted poppies and many others from the Wandering CWA. Hannah and Emma Wigham raised the flags on behalf of the community. Thanks to Theresa Wigham and Colleen Ovens for your wonderful help. (Sorry if I've missed anyone.) The amazing Gunfire breakfast at our Wandering Tavern was greatly appreciated again as was the warmth of the fire. Thanks Charlie and Janet. And what's a coffee without a bit of rum Alan Price and John Hansen???

Sean Martin's collection of wartime memorabilia on display in the Tavern dining room was another highlight.

So grateful for the peace we enjoy thanks to the sacrifice of so many. Lest we forget.

# Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



**PHCC**  
Working Together

Edition 107  
June 2026



NRM is the management of natural resources such as land, water, soils, plants and animals. It brings together land use planning, water management, biodiversity conservation and sustainability of industries such as agriculture, mining, tourism, fisheries and forestry.



## Cyclone Narelle in the Works

Cyclone Narelle threw a giant spanner in our Hotham River works scheduled for late March. While the cyclone itself didn't reach Boddington, projected water flows made us have a closer look and ultimately decide to defer works until next year.

**River rehabilitation is the modification of the banks using a combination of re-sloping, rocks and provide woody debris to create a surface over which water can travel safely without risk of erosion and to habitat for the flora and fauna that live in and near the river. 'Rehab' sometimes involves adding structures that can be used by humans without impacting the fragile environment in a negative way.**

The plan was to carry out our next stage of works for restoring the river, on the banks opposite to the public reserve area, focussing on over half a kilometre of compacted and largely bare banks, but for the paperbarks and flooded gums clinging to the edges.



*Riverbank at Ranford Pool – opposite public reserve area*

By mid-March the rocks and logs had been delivered, the contractor was booked, and the ground staff were poised for action. Most importantly, the local Elders and Knowledge Holders were ready to Welcome us and be part of returning a piece of the river to a healthier version of itself. Then came the forecast of 100mm local rainfall and a possible 1m rise in river levels. So, in the name of safety and caution, we called it – we should not go ahead with on-ground works at this time. But this certainly did not mean cancelling plans entirely - we will recommence next season when the water is at its lowest point.

How beautiful is the Hotham River? It's not often we get waterways this size in drier parts of the southwest. Just look at the wide-spanning and chilly-deep Ranford Pool, and the curving streams through the nest of paperbarks and flooded gums down to the town bridge and the pool above the weir. Notice the long, winding connection with Country upstream through farmland to Pumphreys Bridge - another Cultural place of meeting located on a Dreaming track. Not only do we need to protect these precious areas, but we also need to restore them – for acknowledgement of Culture & Country, for community access to natural areas, and for the flora and fauna that call it home.

In the coming months, take a stroll to the waterside at Ranford Pool and look towards the other

side of the river – notice the grandmother trees in need of care and attention, waiting for the next generation to grow around them. And then check it out again this time next year when we have begun the process of doing just that, starting with work on the riverbank itself.

Read the full article here:  
<https://peel-harvey.org.au/cyclone-narelle-in-the-works/>



*Example of using logs on riverbanks – Pumphreys Bridge*



*Example of using rocks on riverbanks – Williams*

*This project is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program. This project is also supported by Newmont (Boddington)*

# Landcare matters



Numbat – Photo by Rob McLean (Numbat Task Force)

## Great Results for April Numbat Drive Survey

PHCC is proud to jointly fund a twice-yearly numbat drive survey in Dryandra Woodland National Park coordinated by Dr Tony Freind with support from the Numbat Task Force.

The result from the recent April Drive Survey were 23 numbat sightings. The population is proving to be steady with previous year's results being 2025-24, 2024-19, 2023-24, 2022-23 and 2021-28 individual numbats.

This is great news for Dryandra's numbat population. We'd like to thank Dr Tony Friend and the Numbat Task Force for all of the volunteer hours they put in to carrying out this important monitoring of numbats in Dryandra Woodland National Park.

*This project is jointly funded by the Australian Government, PHCC, a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel, and Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species Ltd.*

## Field Walk in Quindanning Pasture Resilience in Practice

Field Walk in Quindanning  
Pasture Resilience in Practice

Friday 19 June  
9am to 11am



**Friday 19th June | 9am – 11am**

Join us for a walk and talk at a farm in Quindanning which has been trialling cover cropping & multispecies pastures through our Future Ready Farming Project.

Productive Ecology's Agroecologist Mark Tupman will run through the planning and implementation of the demonstration site and future plans.

- RSVP essential by 16 June
- Morning tea will be provided
- Address will be provided on registration
- Contact: Georgina Warden [georgina.warden@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:georgina.warden@peel-harvey.org.au) Ph 6369 8800

*This event is supported by the Australian Government through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program*

## Fox Traps to Loan

**Did you know that PHCC has fox traps to loan to landholders?**

There has recently been an increase in fox activity reported to PHCC by landholders in our region. Foxes are a huge threat to agriculture and native animals. Foxes injure and kill livestock, chickens and are a primary cause of decline and extinction of native fauna.

There are a number of management strategies to control foxes including trapping, baiting and ground shooting. The Glovebox Guide for Managing Foxes is a great resource to help you plan a management strategy for controlling foxes on your property. You can drop into the PHCC Boddington Office to grab a copy or visit <https://pestsmart.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/09/CISS-Glovebox-Guide-Fox-web.pdf>

If you would like to loan a fox trap contact PHCC's Farmers for Fauna Coordination christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au. If you have a property near Dryandra Woodland National Park contact Christine to learn how you may be eligible to have a contractor conduct free fox and feral cat control on your property. PHCC are able to support landholders with pest management through the Farmers for Fauna Project with funding from the Numbat Neighbourhood Project.



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

## Coming Up

**June 9**

Feral Pig Management  
Workshop – Williams

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

**June 19**

Field Walk in Quindanning –  
Pasture Resilience in Practice

[georgina.warden@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:georgina.warden@peel-harvey.org.au) or Ph 6369 8800



“News of another Federal probe piles more pressure on ALCOA's bauxite mining in south west WA, which threatens Perth's water supply, has destroyed about 280 sq km of jarrah forest (none of which the company has rehabilitated in sixty years), and when refined into alumina results in mercury-laden emissions, contaminated groundwater and millions of tonnes of unstable toxic bauxite residue”.

Full article by Peter Milne, [Boiling Cold](https://www.boilingcold.com.au/feds-probe-more-illegal.../): <https://www.boilingcold.com.au/feds-probe-more-illegal.../>

Petition to sign: [bit.ly/Stop-Alcoa-Petition](https://bit.ly/Stop-Alcoa-Petition)

Graphics courtesy of [Red Cloud Design - earth healing](#)



The Australian environment minister “considers that the action taken by Alcoa has contravened a civil penalty... (and) has had, or is likely to have had, a significant impact on listed endangered & vulnerable species.

US Miner under further investigation after destroying WA habitat of black cockatoos, quokkas and numbats

And don't forget that on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, we are collaborating with Eco Club and the Boddington CRC to show 'Black Cockatoo Crisis'. Dr Simon Cherriman will be in attendance, to do an author talk for his book 'Hollowed Out' and also to do a Q & A on the documentary.

Simon will also be running a nest-box workshop on the Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June in the morning – \$10/pp. Places are limited, please RSVP to Boddington CRC by June 3<sup>rd</sup> 9883 8246 or [reception@crcbt.org](mailto:reception@crcbt.org)



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](mailto:leap4locals@outlook.com) or join us on facebook 'Locals for Environmental Action & Protection' (LEAP).



## Regional Column

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21 May 2026

**With Senior Regional Officer for the South West Consumer Protection**

### Dealing with delayed building work

Each year, thousands of Western Australians take the exciting step of building a new home. Under usual market conditions, the vast majority of these projects go smoothly and families move into their new residences as expected.

However, because the building industry relies on multiple and sometimes unpredictable factors – different products, trades, supply chains and timeframes – it can be affected by disruptions near and far, including fuel price volatility.

In almost all cases, you and the builder will have the same goal of managing the challenges and completing your project in a timely and cost-effective way. Clear and cordial communication is key as an agreement between parties is often the best way to ensure projects are completed with minimal loss or disruption for everyone involved.

If you are facing delays or increased costs to your building or renovation project, advice is available from our colleagues at the State's building regulator, the Building and Energy division of the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety.

Timeframes for completion of building work are generally set out in each contract. If an extension of time is sought, the builder needs to specify the reasons and confirm the relevant contractual clause. You can lodge a home building work contract complaint with Building and Energy if you believe a delay or price increase is unjustified.

The Home Building Contracts Act 1991 sets out limited circumstances when a builder can increase the price of a fixed-price contract for home building work valued between \$7,500 and \$500,000, without the owner's consent.

This includes work not commencing 45 days or more after the contract date if the delay is due to a situation beyond either the builder or owner's control, or due solely to the owner's failure to comply with a condition imposed under the contract.

While terminating a building contract is an option, it is worth remembering that you may have to pay the builder for legitimate expenses or damages.

Useful resources on building or renovating your home, including updated fact sheets on [price increases](#) and other [building challenges](#), are available at [www.lgirs.wa.gov.au](http://www.lgirs.wa.gov.au) or you can phone the Building and Energy team on 1300 489 099.



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## **Do you know what your consumer rights are for restaurant surcharges?**

We've been hearing an increase in restaurants and cafes adding on a surcharge recently and if you have come across this you should be aware of the rules around surcharges.

We commonly see surcharges added during public holidays or weekends as restaurants must pay their staff penalty rates so they may choose to pass on these extra costs to you.

Food businesses are generally allowed to set their own prices, and we understand why they may choose to add a surcharge – staying afloat is tough, but paying a surcharge should never come as a surprise to you.

As a consumer, when you go to a restaurant or café, you should be made aware of any surcharges, and it must be displayed in an obvious way, so you are aware of it *before* you decide to order or buy any items.

This could be as simple as a sign on the door of the business that clearly states there is a surcharge on food.

Another way is for the business to add wording on the menu or price board that says there's a surcharge. This statement must be easy to see and noticeable, so every customer knows the price displayed for each item will not be the final price charged.

If your local restaurant or café fails to let you know your food is going to cost a little more this may be a breach of the Australian Consumer Law.

There's no limit on what the surcharge could be, but it should reasonably reflect the additional costs a business might be incurring, and if it doesn't, it could be challenged.

If a restaurant is adding on a credit card surcharge, this is different. They can only charge what it costs to process the payment on card. This would be for bank fees or terminal costs, and they must be able to prove those costs.

A lesser-known rule for restaurants and cafes to keep in mind is that if there is no other way for someone to pay without incurring a surcharge, then the business must include that fee in the displayed price.

For example, as a restaurant owner, you charge \$5 for side of hot chips, but you do not accept cash so that means all card payments will have a surcharge - then it is not possible for your customers to buy those chips for \$5. If the surcharge is 1% then the price displayed must clearly be \$5.05 so a customer can easily tell exactly how much the side of chips cost.

Passing on the cost of processing debit and credit card payments is not mandatory for businesses, and many incorporate these costs in their overheads.

However, it's important to note that from 1 October, 2026 the Reserve Bank of Australia will ban surcharges on debit, prepaid, and credit card transactions.

Remember, purchasing goods or services is entering into an agreement with a seller. You do not have to agree to make the purchase if the payment methods or final price aren't acceptable to you.

Surcharges must be clearly disclosed upfront and must not be misleading or deceptive. If you feel you have been misled by a business about surcharges, have a chat with the owner or manager first about it and see if they can help rectify it.

For further information or advice, contact Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54 or email [consumer@lgirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:consumer@lgirs.wa.gov.au)

## Rural Aid Article

The power of being polite and respectful. In the last month I was on holidays and travelled to the USA where I visited the southwest of the country. Amazing countryside and scenery. Before I left, I was told by someone that I would experience just how polite most USA people are and yes it took me aback just how nice they actually are. Their automatic polite, respectful responses made me feel good and welcome.

This reminded me that there is never a reason to be disrespectful to a person who is simply doing their thing or their job because we are personally annoyed or don't agree with what they are telling us. Especially now with the fuel crisis, farm chemicals being expensive, power bills soaring, Mice Plagues, baits hard to get and interest rates going up; we need to be aware that how we react is our choice and no one else's fault. The service station employee at the till is not responsible for the country wide fuel crisis yet some feel they have the right to vent to this person who can do absolutely nothing about it. What if this same person is also going through a personal crisis. The power of language and actions should not be underestimated; you may without even realising be adding to that persons frustrations and stress.

We all have the freedom to choose how we react in any given circumstance, its one freedom no one can ever take away. That ability to stop pause, step back before reacting or putting one's foot in one's mouth moment, is essential to ensure we remain respectful to each other. The difference is that your respect and thankfulness could be saving grace moment, reminding that person that people do care and give that person the hope they felt was not there. Just as powerful.

We all actually never know with people we encounter daily of what is happening for them personally, unless you ask and they are willing to share. But you can be aware of how powerful the spoken word is, how the power of this word is enhanced by the tone we use and the body language we portray. None of us are perfect and we will sometimes inadvertently show our frustration, even then we can say 'sorry that wasn't aimed at you I'm just annoyed personally'. Taking ownership of our actions.

The above doe does not remove our personal frustrations resulting from occurrences that we have little to no control over. Sometimes our frustrations result in stressful thoughts that if not checked, take over. When this happens, please reach out to each other, use that phone to call each other or pop in for a cuppa because you can. Going on that gut feeling that someone is not themselves and asking RUOK. Even if your gut feeling was not accurate its better to have asked and the person being asked appreciates your concern. It's what we country people do best.

Rural Aid counselling and other agencies are here to listen you are not alone.



## Join Our Team

Two Fantastic Opportunities at the Shire of Wandering

We are currently recruiting for:

1. **Waste Services Operator** – Wandering Transfer Station.
2. **Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer.**

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/](http://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,

Please be advised that the Shire must undertake an Extra Ordinary Election to fill a vacant Councillor position. This election will be undertaken as an in-person election, to be held on **Friday 31 July 2026**.

For information regarding electoral rolls, nominations and early voting, please refer to our Shire website, notice board & Facebook page where information will be posted 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  
16/5/26

### Ranger

24 hours / 7 days

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[www.facebook.com/wanderingshire](https://www.facebook.com/wanderingshire)

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

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



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**Burning Permits no longer required  
Burn with care – 28 April to 30 September**

Due to unseasonal weather conditions these dates may be extended or shortened. You must check with the Shire of Wandering **6828 1800** for details or call the Harvest Ban Line on **6828 1802**



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



*Figure above: Completion of the Community Centre children's play area shade sails install.*

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

## Council Meeting Notes

*At the Council Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 the following was discussed:*

- Financial Report period ending 30 April 2026.
- List of Payments for the month ending 30 April 2026.
- Bush Fire Advisory Committee AGM Minutes – Appointment of Bush Fire Officers and Bush Fire Notice 2026-2027.
- Bush Fire Risk Management Plan 2026-2028.
- Request to Modify Building Envelope – Lot 102 (No. 275) O'Connell Road, Wandering.
- Pumphrey's Bridge Signs.
- Policy Manual Review – Policy 1

Agendas and Minutes can be found on the Shire website.

## Have any Issues for Council??

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

We rely on your assistance to identify and address any issues affecting the community.



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

## Elected Members Contact Details

Cr Sheryl Little (President) 0414 586 893

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

Cr Andrew Thompson 0425 206 690

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

# Public Notice - Bush Fire Control Officer Appointments

The Shire of Wandering proudly announces the appointment of the following Bush Fire Control Officer appointments for our brigades.

**Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (CBFCO)** - Graham Treasure

**Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (DCBFCO)** - Tim Treasure

**Bush Fire Brigade Fire Control Officers (FCO):**

**Codjatonine BFB**                      Captain: Cameron Hardie\*  
FCO: Mark Browne\*  
FCO: Brendan Hardie\*  
FCO: Thomas Price  
Secretary: Blake Warburton

**Hastings BFB**                        Captain: Anthony Turton\*  
FCO: Richard Bostock  
FCO: Chad Ferguson  
FCO: David Parsons  
FCO: Adam Watts\*  
FCO: Brooke Hardie  
Secretary: Brooke Hardie

**Wandering BFB**                      Captain: Tim Treasure\*  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant: Jon Hardie\*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant: Brooke White  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant: Richard Watts  
FCO: Graham Treasure\*

**Wandering Town BFB**              Captain: Shaun Brand\*  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant: Brad Hunt  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant: Darren Hatton  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant: Andrew Blair

***\*Fire Permit Officer***

**HARVEST & VEHICLE BAN (Fire Weather) COMMITTEE:**

- Tim Treasure
- Mark Browne
- Adam Watts

**Clover Burning Officers –**

- Anthony Turton
- Graham Treasure

**DUAL FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS:**

Brookton:      Richard Bostock & Graham Treasure  
Pingelly:        Richard Bostock & Graham Treasure  
Cuballing:      Mark Browne & Graham Treasure  
Boddington:    Jon Hardie & Graham Treasure  
Williams:        Jon Hardie & Graham Treasure

**Delegates to the Upper Great Southern - Regional Operational Advisory Committee (ROAC) - CBFCO & DCBFCO**

**Delegates to the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) –**  
Shaun Brand & Graham Treasure

The Shire would like to acknowledge the contribution from these officers and all our other volunteer bushfire brigade members.

Our community is a safer place because of you.



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS Shire of Wandering

An In-Person Election will be held on Friday 31 July 2026 in the Shire of Wandering to fill the following vacancy:

**1 Councillor - Term until October 2027**

**Nominations Open** on Wednesday, 10 June 2026.

**Nominations Close** at 4:00pm Wednesday, 17 June 2026.

Nominations must be lodged with the Returning Officer at any time during the above period by arrangement.

**Where to Nominate:** at 22 Watts Street, Wandering WA 6308.

### **Nomination Requirements**

Candidates are required to lodge nominations with the Returning Officer:

- Nominations must be on a prescribed nomination form available from the Shire office or website.
- a single A4 page profile of not more than 1,000 characters (including spaces) containing information about the candidate.
- a nomination deposit of \$100.
- a recent passport-sized photograph (optional).
- in addition to your A4 profile, you may provide additional information that you consider to be relevant to your candidature (optional). This written statement cannot be more than 2,000 characters (including spaces), must be in the English language and is for publication on the local government's official website only.

### **Information**

Full details about eligibility and nomination procedures can be obtained by contacting the Returning Officer, **Dr. Alistair Pinto** on **(08) 6828 1800** or from the Shire website [www.wandering.wa.gov.au](http://www.wandering.wa.gov.au).

**DR ALISTAIR PINTO**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
SHIRE OF WANDERING



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTRA ORDINARY ELECTION

### CLOSE OF ENROLMENTS

**ROLL CLOSE: 5:00 PM Thursday 04 June 2026**

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the local government elections on 31 July 2026 if you live in or are an owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Wandering.

#### **Residents**

You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State Electoral Roll as at 5:00pm Thursday 04 June 2026. If you are not already on the State Electoral Roll and meet the eligibility criteria, or if you have changed address recently, you must complete an enrolment form.

#### **Enrolment Forms**

You can enrol or update your details online, or download an enrolment form, via the Western Australian Electoral Commission website ([www.elections.wa.gov.au/enrol](http://www.elections.wa.gov.au/enrol)). Forms are also available from the Australian Electoral Commission ([www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au)) Enrolments and updates must be completed and received by 5:00pm Thursday 04 June 2026.

#### **Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers**

If you are a non-resident owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Wandering and are on the State of Commonwealth Electoral Roll, you are eligible to enrol to vote. Owners of land who were on the last Local Government roll continue to retain their status until they cease to own the rateable property to which the enrolment relates. Occupiers do not have continuous enrolment and should contact the Shire of Wandering to confirm their enrolment status. To be eligible to enrol as an occupier, you will need to have a right of continuous occupation under a lease, tenancy agreement or other legal instrument for at least the next three months following the date of application to enrol and have paid rent for at least the prescribed amount.

#### **Joint Owners and Occupiers**

If a rateable property is owned or occupied by more than two people, a majority of the owners/occupiers may nominate two persons from amongst themselves who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

#### **Corporations**

A body corporate that owns or occupies rateable property may nominate two people who are officers of the body corporate that are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Role to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

#### **Enrolment Forms – Non- Resident Owners and Occupiers Only**

Enrolment forms can be obtained from the Shire office and must be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by 5:00pm Thursday 04 June 2026. Further information can be obtained from the Shire of Wandering.

#### **DR. ALISTAIR PINTO**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
SHIRE OF WANDERING



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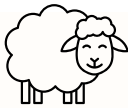
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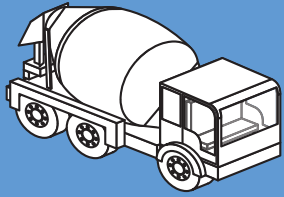
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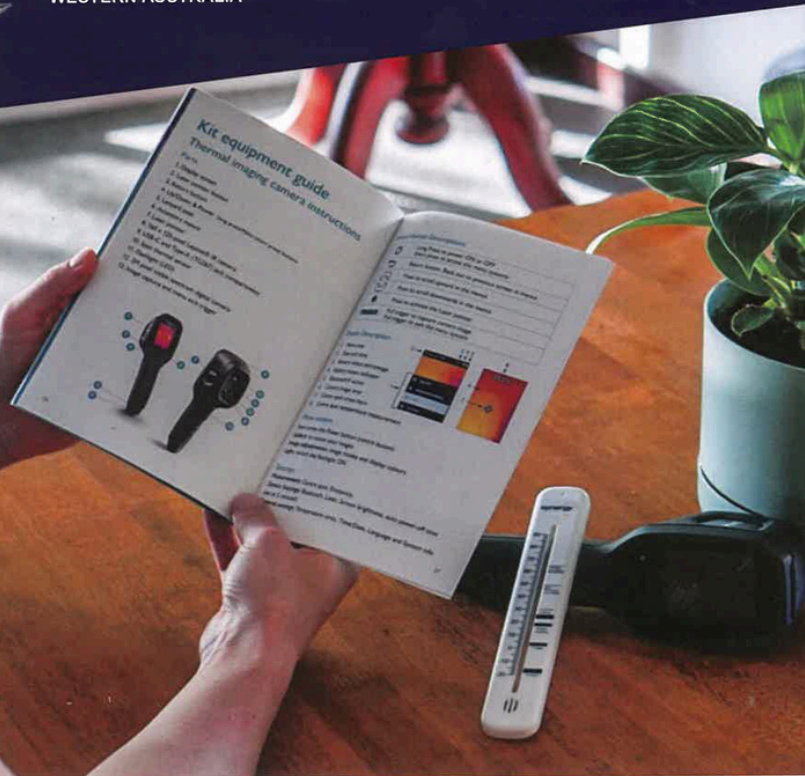
  
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# COMMUNITY GROUPS

## WANDERING CRAFT GROUP

The Wandering Crafters meet at the CRC weekly on Thursdays from 9am. New members welcome. Come learn, come for a chat, or just come for a cuppa.

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## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH WANDERING

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

Enquiries to Revd Paul Bartley 0431 849 169

[paul@gatewayparish.org](mailto:paul@gatewayparish.org)

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

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

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## WANDERING LIONS CLUB

Meet second Thursday of the month. 7pm at the Wandering Fire Shed

President - Gillian Hansen - 0488 911 902

Secretary - Lou Cowan - 0490 808 044

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## WANDERING CWA

Check this month's Wandering CWA page in this edition of the Echo for the next meeting date - we meet at the Wandering CWA Rooms on Watts Street.

President - Sarah Kaye - 0422 847 711

Secretary - Neta Parker - 0449 537 553

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## PUMPHREYS CWA

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

President - Raelene Warburton 0428 877 038

Secretary - Shirley Wasley 0427 988 702

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## WANDERING VIRTUAL VILLAGE

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

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## WANDERING PLAYGROUP

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

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## WANDERING CAMP OUT WEEKEND

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

Contact:

Event Manager - Alana Rosenthal - 0429961697

President - Jane Baxter - 0428831004

# Discover St Martin's

Your Church in Wandering



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## Q: How can I get support?

**Answer:** Whether you need spiritual guidance or just a **listening ear**, we're here. We offer **prayer**, home visits, and support for those going through tough times. Reach out to us through someone at church, the **website** (QR code below), on 9885 1174 or by email to [office@gatewayparish.org](mailto:office@gatewayparish.org)

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# JUNE

4PM | WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>  
YOUTH PROGRAM - VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

1.30PM | MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
AGEING WELL PROGRAM - HAVE A GO AT BADMINTON

9AM | TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
PUMPHREYS CWA MEETING

4PM | TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
YOUTH PROGRAM - VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

7PM | THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
WANDERING LIONS MEETING

11AM | WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
WANDERING CWA MEETING

3.30PM | WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
YOUTH PROGRAM - FINANCE LITERACY

6PM | WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
LONG TABLE AUTUMN GRAZE AGM

3.30PM | THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>  
COUNCIL MEETING

9AM | SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
AGEING WELL PROGRAM - BUS TRIP TO DWELLINGUP

3.30AM | TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>  
AGEING WELL PROGRAM - LIFE IN PICTURES

3.30PM | WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>  
YOUTH PROGRAM - FINANCE LITERACY

6PM | THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>  
AGEING WELL PROGRAM - DINNER



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