

THE WANDERING ECHO 2026 October

WANDERING'S BIG WEEKEND IS HERE

The annual event that keeps Wandering on the map is just around the corner. With over 2000 campers, plenty of day visitors expected, and a weekend full of festivities, its shaping up to be the biggest yet! Plenty of details in this edition of the Echo and be sure to grab yourself a copy of the **Event Guide** which will have all the details for the big weekend!



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WELCOME

To Our Monthly Community Newsletter

NEXT EDITION IS NOVEMBER 2026.

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION DUE BY 27TH OCTOBER 2026

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Contact the Wandering CRC

Phone: 08 9884 1561

Email: crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

Monday - Thursday

9am - 4pm

Closed public holidays

KEEP UP TO DATE

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

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

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





Wandering

Community Resource Centre

Your local connection

WANDERING COMMUNITY GARDEN PLANT SWAP

Bring some cuttings or plants you wish to share
and your best gardening tips.

Take what you need, leave what you can.

Thursday 8th October 2026
10am

Wandering Community Garden (next to the CRC).

**Morning tea available for purchase at
the Wandering CRC.**



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Join the Fun with ♦♦

Line Dancing for kids



Join us for a kids class of line dancing these school holidays.
Included afternoon tea. \$10.00 per child register NOW at
crc@wandering.wa.gov.au or on 08 9884 1561



Oct 08, 2026



2:00 - 3:30 pm



Wandering Community Centre

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Wandering **AG SHOW**

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2026
9AM-3PM

ALL THE ACTION @ GRASSDALE FARM
99 WANDERING-PINGELLY ROAD, WANDERING

FARMER CHALLENGE
CHAINSAW CARVING
MARKET STALLS
DOG JUMPING COMP

- **COLOUR RUN**
- **WOOD MILLING DISPLAY**
- **FOOD VANS**
- **LIVE MUSIC**

ALL THINGS HORSES - DEMOS, FARRIER, CLOTHING & MORE...

THE WCOW MINI BAA FROM 11AM



FREE ENTRY



CATCH THE SHUTTLE BUS TO THE FAIR AND CHURCH



No pets permitted at Grassdale Farm,
except those participating in the Ag Show Displays & comps

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

E: AG.SHOW@OUTLOOK.COM

M: 0429 194 122

FACEBOOK: WANDERINGCAMPOUTWEEKEND

W: WCOW.COM.AU



WANDERING
Camp Out Weekend



Burning Permits Required

Burning Permits are required from 1 to 31 October 2026

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



Contact your local Bush Fire Control Officer for a permit.

CHIEF FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Graham Treasure 0427 841 083

DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Tim Treasure 0458 653 521

CODJATOTINE

C Cameron Hardie 0428 249 799

Mark Browne 0428 877 086

HASTINGS

C Anthony Turton 0428 876 042

Adam Watts 0419 949 223

WANDERING TOWN

C Shaun Brand 0429 433 452

Graham Treasure 0427 841 083

WANDERING

C Tim Treasure 0458 653 521

Jon Hardie 0466 662 615

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



Collection

Every
Tuesday



Collection

Tuesdays

Ranger

24 hours / 7 days

0459 678 154

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

crc@wandering.wa.gov.au  www.facebook.com/wanderingcrc



Council Corner

Council Meeting Dates 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 24 September 2026 the following was discussed:

- Financial Report period ending 31 August 2026.
- List of Payments for the month ending 31 August 2026.
- Request to Initiate Scheme Amendment – Additional Use for Animal Establishment – Lot 106 (No. 624) Moramocking Road, Wandering
- South 32 - Placement of groundwater monitoring bores in Ricks Rd Reserve
- Letter of support for St. Martin's Church
- Record Keeping Plan 2026
- Model Procedures for Forums
- Local Emergency Management Arrangements 2026
- Local Recovery Plan 2026
- Policy Manual Review – Policies 16,35,36 & 54.

Agendas and Minutes can be found on the Shire website.

Elected Members Contact Details:

Cr Sheryl Little (President) 0414 586 893

Sheryl.Little@wandering.wa.gov.au

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Alan.Price@wandering.wa.gov.au

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Lou.Cowan@wandering.wa.gov.au

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Gillian.Hansen@wandering.wa.gov.au

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Peter.Latham@wandering.wa.gov.au

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Andrew.Thompson@wandering.wa.gov.au

Cr Brendan Whitely 0427 988 400

E: brendan.whitely@wandering.wa.gov.au



Have any Issues for Council?

Please put any requests or issues in writing addressed to the Shire so they can be actioned. If we do not know about issues affecting the community, we cannot action them.



Regional Column

Consumer Protection 140 William Street Perth Western Australia 6000

Email: cpmedia@lgirs.wa.gov.au | www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au | www.wa.gov.au

4 September 2026

With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annetta Bellingeri

Want to know about holiday homes in your area?

Ever wondered how many holiday homes are operating in your local area, or how they are being operated?

The good news is you can now get a clearer picture of WA's short-term rental accommodation (STRA) sector with a new interactive reporting tool providing detailed information about these properties.

The report, located on the WA Government's [STRA Register webpage](https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments/departments-local-government-industry-regulation-and-safety/short-term-rental-accommodation-registration-data), (<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments/departments-local-government-industry-regulation-and-safety/short-term-rental-accommodation-registration-data>) allows you to explore registration trends, compare activity between different locations and look at the different types of accommodation being offered as short-term rentals.

You can filter the information by region and local government area, accommodation type, hosted or un-hosted properties, and whether the property is registered by the owner or a tenant.

This means you can take a closer look at what is happening in different parts of WA and get a better understanding of how registered STRA properties are being operated.

This is the first detailed public reporting tool of its kind for WA and is designed to improve transparency by making STRA registration data easier for consumers, local governments, industry and the broader community to access and understand.

The report is updated monthly so the information remains current and useful for anyone wanting to keep track of STRA activity across Western Australia. It also complements the existing STRA heat map, which continues to provide a visual representation of where registered STRA properties are concentrated throughout the state.

Since January 2025, short-term rentals must be registered with the Consumer Protection operated [STRA Register](https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments/departments-local-government-industry-regulation-and-safety/short-term-rental-accommodation-register) (<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments/departments-local-government-industry-regulation-and-safety/short-term-rental-accommodation-register>) and display the registration number in all advertisements. The registration number allows prospective guests and the wider community to verify that a property is lawfully registered. This month the first fine was issued under these laws to a STRA provider who didn't follow the rules.

Whether you are interested in what is happening in your neighbourhood, want to compare activity between different parts of WA, or simply want to better understand the sector, the new interactive report makes it easier to explore the data.

You can explore the new interactive report and the STRA heat map through the [STRA Register webpage](https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments/departments-local-government-industry-regulation-and-safety/short-term-rental-accommodation-registration-data). (<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments/departments-local-government-industry-regulation-and-safety/short-term-rental-accommodation-registration-data>)



WANDERING

Camp Out Weekend

FIREWORKS NOTICE

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER

APPROX. 9.45PM

The Wandering Camp Out Weekend Management Committee wishes to advise of the planned fireworks display for

Saturday 17th October 2026 at approximately 9.30pm at Grassdale Farm, 99 Wandering-Pingelly Road, Wandering, WA

We encourage all neighbouring property owners to secure any pets and livestock prior to this time.

Event contact details:

Email: eowcow@outlook.com



MEETING NOTICE

FOR THE 2026 EVENT

**WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 6PM AT
THE WANDERING CRC**

THIS IS THE FINAL MEETING OF THE
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE BEFORE THE
BIG EVENT.

ALL INTERESTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS
ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

RSVP ESSENTIAL BY 5TH OCTOBER 2026

TO PH:0429961697 OR EMAIL:

SECRETARYWCOW@OUTLOOK.COM



Outback Brides will be presenting a Heritage Bridal Collection together with a local Wandering Brides Gowns Display for its 2nd year on the Wandering Camp Out Weekend **Saturday 17th October 2026.**

Why not join the Bridal Trail starting at the CWA Rooms then onto the Road Board Building next door, with a stroll to the Grand Bridal Gown Display in the Community Hall next to the Wandering Fair on the Oval.

Wandering Tavern CatWalk Shows will be outside the Tavern at 11am and 1pm!!! Come and enjoy the show!!

All free of charge, **give what you can to support the RFDS** so families across the Wheatbelt and beyond continue to receive urgent, high-quality medical care. Keep the planes flying!!! **Here's to a great weekend!**



WANDERING

Camp Out Weekend

FARMER CHALLENGE

At the Ag Show

SATURDAY 17TH OCT
2pm

**GET YOUR TEAM OF 4 TOGETHER
FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN \$500 CASH**

ROLL UP SWAG 🌾 ROLL THE TYRE 🌾 STACK THE BALES

SHOVEL THE CRAP 🌾 KNOCK IN THE STAR PICKET

PUSH THE WHEELBARROW 🌾 EMPTY THE WHEELBARROW

UNROLL THE SWAG 🌾

ALL TEAMS MUST BE REGISTERED PRIOR TO START TIME

REGISTER: [HTTPS://FORM.JOTFORM.COM/262580742903863](https://form.jotform.com/262580742903863)

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WANDERING

Camp Out Weekend



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
for the 2026 event!

Register online: <https://form.jotform.com/261671153861862>

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT OUR VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATORS

Lyn: volunteers1wcow@outlook.com - PH: 0427 883 595

Kerry: volunteers2wcow@outlook.com - PH: 0428 841 706

Facebook: @wanderingcampoutweekend

Free Bus to and from the Ag Show

FREE ENTRY, ENTERTAINMENT
AND RIDES ALL DAY

Saturday 17th October

9am - 3pm

**Wandering Community Centre
Town Oval**

CWA DEVONSHIRE TEAS
WANDERING LIONS CLUB BREKKIE



MC &
Performances
by Amber
Moulton



VINTAGE WEDDING DRESSES

CRAFT STALLS

GIFT STALLS

CLOTHING STALL

FOOD VANS

BUCKING BULL

BOUNCY CASTLE

9M CLIMBING WALL

FACE PAINTING

MOTORCYCLE DISPLAY

WANDERING FIRE BRIGADE

THE NUMBAT WHISPERER

QUILT DIPLAYS

EXHIBITORS

COFFEE

ICE CREAM

SHOWBAGS

AND MUCH MORE...



Suitcase Circus
Interactive Performance
11:00am



Kite Kinetics
Kids Lolly drop
10:30am



Global Caravan Belly Dance
Performances 10:00am & 12:30pm



Amy Wild Reptile Adventures



Glider Flights
Book at the Fair 9-3
\$250/20 minutes
Contact: Mel Browne
0417924836



Firetruck Rides



Free skin checks
Scan QR code to book





Wandering CWA

Wandering Camp Out Weekend and Wandering Fair – Saturday 17 October

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

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

CWA memorabilia on display.

We're looking forward to seeing you on Saturday 17 October!



Next meeting of the Wandering CWA

Wednesday 21 October 2026

11am meeting with morning tea to follow

Everyone welcome!



Women are like teabags.

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

Eleanor Roosevelt

Find us on 
Wandering CWA



WANDERING FREE SKIN CHECKS

Community Skin Cancer Screening



Adults 18
years and over



Free community
screening

Hosted by
Wandering Lions Club



SATURDAY
17
OCTOBER
2026

**WANDERING
RECREATIONAL CENTRE
DOWN STREET**

LOCAL CONTACT / BOOKINGS

Judy Bullock
0428 251 151

Scan
to book!
→



[lionscancerinstitute.org.au/
/bookascreening/](https://lionscancerinstitute.org.au/bookascreening/)



RioTinto

Disclaimer: Community skin cancer screening provided by Lions Cancer Institute (WA) Inc. is visual and observational only. It does not provide diagnosis or treatment. Participants are advised to seek further medical assessment with their GP or local medical practitioner.



2022

WANDERING

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COLOUR RUN

REGISTER: [HTTPS://FORM.JOTFORM.COM/262510935661861](https://form.jotform.com/262510935661861)

Saturday 17th Oct

BRING:

WATER BOTTLE

EYE PROTECTION

SUNSCREEN

HAT

SUITABLE SHOES

WEAR WHITE FOR BEST RESULT!



Mixed Captured Moments





Wandering
Community Resource Centre
your local connection

First Aid & CPR

Tuesday 20th October 2026
from 8am all day

- ✓ First Aid Training
- ✓ CPR Certification
- ✓ \$160.00 pp min 6 required for course to go ahead
- ✓ Own food for the day required



BOOK NOW

08 9884 1561 or

crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

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Wandering Tennis Club Inc.



**Starting
Date**

Friday 23rd

October

2026

6PM

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL TENNIS

Membership

Season membership: \$25

Children aged 17 and under: free

Contacts

Jacqui Schorer — 0428 301 895

Mel Browne — 0417 924 836



HALLOWEEN OVAL PARTY

Dress up for music, games & activities
food & drinks for sale

30.10.26 3.30-4.30PM

Wandering Oval
gold coin donation
register your child at
crc@wandering.wa.gov.au
or 98841561

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WANDERING
SHIRE COUNCIL
WANDERING SHIRE OF GARDNER EAST

ZEN SKIN & THINGS

Candle WORKSHOP



LEARN THE ART OF MAKING LUXURIOUS
SOY WAX CANDLES

What you'll learn:

- ♥ Basic candle making techniques
- ♥ Safe melting and pouring methods
- ♥ Types of candle jars, wicks, wax and fragrances

What you'll get:

- ♥ Your own hand poured candles X3
- ♥ A copy of the Zen Skin & Things How To Manual for Candle Making (non commercial use)
- ♥ Delightful light lunch, including Champagne, Wine & Non-alcoholic punch!

Enjoy an afternoon of connection, learning and creating.
A perfect opportunity to create something from the heart in time for Christmas.

SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER 2026 12PM
WANDERING CRC
\$115 PER PERSON

Reserve your spot today:

Limited to 10 per class

Email: crc@wandering.gov.au

Phone: 08 9884 1561

or to book online:

*Scan me
to book online*



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Community
Resource
Centre

Your local connection



Melbourne Cup

LUNCH

TUESDAY 3RD
NOVEMBER 2026

AT THE WANDERING CRC
11AM

\$25 per person
BYO drinks & alcoholic beverages

Sweeps and prizes!

RSVP essential for catering by 29th October:
EMAIL: crc@wandering.wa.gov.au
PH: 08 9884 1561



Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service



FREE

STAY ON YOUR FEET®

Move

Improve

Remove

FALLS PREVENTION WORKSHOP

We all want to stay steady, independent
and doing the things we love.
Falls aren't a normal part of ageing.

Join local Health Promotion Officer Ellen to
discover simple, everyday steps you can take to
stay active, build confidence and keep doing
what matters most.



MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER



**WANDERING COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE
18 WATTS STREET.**



2:00pm – 3:15pm



**PLEASE REGISTER WITH WANDERING CRC
9881 1561 or IN PERSON**

SAVE THE DATE



Fashion PARADE

SHOPPING & MORNING TEA

TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER

9am - 12pm

MORE DETAILS SOON...



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WANDERING *Christmas Lunch*

December

3rd

12pm

Wandering Community Centre

Enjoy a 3 course meal
Champagne on arrival

\$30 per person

Bookings

Essential for catering by 30th November:

Wandering CRC - 9884 1561

crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

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2027 Wandering AUSTRALIA DAY Celebration

Community Breakfast
7am

Monday 26th January 2027
Wandering Community Centre

Everyone welcome!

7am - Welcome, Event Start.

7.15am - Acknowledgement of Country
& Flag Raising

7.30 am - Australia Day Complimentary Breakfast

8.15-9.00 am- Australia Day Ceremony

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



2027 Wandering AUSTRALIA DAY Awards

**Nominations now open for the
Shire of Wandering
Australia Day Awards**

**Citizen of the Year
&
Community Group or Event
of the Year**

Nomination forms can be collected from the
Shire of Wandering or Wandering CRC
or email: reception@wandering.wa.gov.au
for an online form.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 29TH OCTOBER 2026



Gateway Anglican Parish - From the Archives

No. 10

SEPTEMBER 1978

HOLY TRINITY NEWSLETTER

PARISH PRIEST: Rev. Graeme Manolas The Rectory, Williams. Tel: 098 85 1174

WARDENS: John Cowcher. Narrakine 85 6013
Bob Bunce. Dardadine 10

These two pages are from the Sept 1978 'Holy Trinity Newsletter', so they predate and somewhat explain the

existing beautiful stained glass windows at the Williams church.

Graeme Manolas was vicar from 1976 - 1979

Can you solve the Aussie towns riddles?

Let me know at paul@gatewayparish.org or 0431 849 169



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TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF WEST AUSTRALIAN TOWNS!

e.g. A male and a man's name are risen

MANJIMUP

1. A night attraction in our skies
2. The large village needs this to cross over the water
3. A large hill precedes one of the Rennies
4. Cardinal point and a unit of current add up to 2240 lbs.
5. A cheap supermarket added to the cost of the item.
6. The leader of a group called Aztecs follows the large black birds.
7. Extra + A.
8. Red and White footballers versus Blue and White.
9. A fast moving air mass precedes the poor dramatic performer.
10. The native drink is made locally.
11. Put a currant cake underground.
12. Compass point rises from the sea.
13. Two aboriginal wives.
14. Leo's home leaves his mark.
15. Take age from drinks and add to it the opposite of the windward shore.

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In relation to windows in the church next time you go through Kojoonup stop and have a look at the wonderful stained glass of Christ the King in St. Mary's above the altar. In Holy Trinity the window frames are broken, before rushing in and replacing them why don't we consider stained glass?

Who in your church cleans the brass, the altar linen, and the silver ware? In respect to one of our churches it should be said that your Parish Priest and his wife have many other things to do besides cleaning the brass and silver, not to mention taking care of the church grounds!

The church building is the home of a family, God's family and it should be cared for in the same way that we care for our own homes. In my report to the A.G.M. last year I made the comment "a tidy, well kept Church manifests the feelings of the Parish." I think that says it all, don't you?

After all the above comments our Parish vestry will be in total shock and dismay with \$ signs in their eyes. To ease their burden I might add that all the things I've suggested are the sorts of things that give an opportunity for people to give memorials to their church and if any parishioners would like to do that please contact me and we can discuss it.

As you will have gathered my letter this month is not as jovial as usual, however the things I have mentioned are important and they concern me at the moment. Besides as those who have heard me preach will know I believe that a sermon must provoke thought otherwise it is a fairly useless exercise. SO DO SOME THINKING!

Cheers and Prayers,

Graeme

SUMMER TRADING HOURS

1 NOVEMBER 2026

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31 JANUARY 2027

9AM - 4PM
MON - FRI





Exciting news – Helen Ansell will have a stall at our Extravaganza!!! She is also in the process of painting a canvas of Jarrah forest plants and animals to auction off to raise funds to help protect what is left of our magnificent forests. Come along to check it out, perhaps get some early festive shopping done - check out her website helenansell.com or on FB

Join us on Saturday 10th October at the Quindanning Hotel, learn more, celebrate our forests and natural heritage, hear from local elders, share stories, enjoy the beautiful sounds of 'The Jarrah Celts', stalls and more.

12-4pm, with bus tour showcasing the legacy of South32/soon to be ALCOA's strip mining. Bookings for bus free but essential.

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



The Jarrah Celts



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



Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



5 Rivers NRM
Working Together

Edition 109
October 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.



Welcome to our new Sustainable Agriculture Facilitator, Sam Burges

Sam grew up near Cuballing on a multigenerational farm, where he remains actively involved today. He has also worked in agriculture in Norway, Kenya and the Netherlands, experiences that have helped shape his approach to farming and landscape management.

Prior to joining us, Sam coordinated agricultural projects with Rangelands NRM. Sam is excited to be back in the Wheatbelt and also working across the Swan Coastal Plain, working with farmers and the wider community on the issues that matter most to them while supporting positive landscape outcomes.



Sustainable Agriculture Facilitators are supported by the Australian Government through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program

As the Sun Brings Anew

These are words from one of the new signs installed at Koompkinning-Pumphreys Bridge – “...As the sun brings anew, with Country and water below, memories and stories will continue to flow. And we must respect this place together for tomorrow.”



We have been working at this site since 2022 to carry out rehabilitation of the Hotham River and riparian environment. During this time, we have established a partnership with the Wilman (Dryandra) People Corporation,

and we have worked side-by-side throughout the project, where they have provided cultural expertise and guidance. Designing and installing signs at our project sites isn't the sole focus of our on-ground activities, but they sure are a good way of communicating to the wider community about what we and our project partners are trying to achieve. Visitors to the site can see what has been happening 'on the surface' and signs can provide context and background to the project activities. So far there are 3 signs reflective of the environmental works, the cultural significance of the site, and more recent history about the CWA Hall.

The intention is to keep on adding more signs as funding allows, to incorporate layers of historical, cultural and environmental information reflective of the rich history and storylines of Koompkinning.

Thanks go to the Shire of Wandering for installing the signs, which were designed with the Wilman (Dryandra) People Corporation, the Pumphreys CWA, Lions Club of Wandering, and the Shire. The beautiful artwork was designed by Aurora Abraham.

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



Wilman Elder Jock Abraham with one of the new signs at Koompkinning

Landcare matters

On the Ground in the Upper Catchment

Community On-Ground Works have had a strong year across the Hotham-Williams.

Working alongside landholders, 5.3 km of stock exclusion fencing has gone in across four properties: 2.1 km at Codjatonine, 1.4 km at Bannister, 1.2 km at Marradong and 0.6 km at Wandering (with a fencing project almost complete at Cuballing). Behind those fences, around 8,798 seedlings have been planted, with 5,823 across 2.8 ha at Wandering and 2,975 across 1.8 ha at Codjatonine, covering 17 and 13 species respectively.



Janet and 5 Rivers NRM project officer Kyle at the Wandering project site

Spiny/Sharp rush (*Juncus acutus*) has been the focus of targeted control on two creeklines, with 2.5 ha treated along Marradong Brook at Boddington and a second stage completed in early July across approximately 3.5 ha along Wandering Brook. A further 2.8 ha was prepared at the Wandering revegetation site before the seedlings went in. Coordinated feral pig control has also continued across the upper catchment in collaboration with a local groups, work that is most successful when neighbouring properties act together rather than one at a time.

We have recently received applications for new projects. These are now being assessed and we will be letting successful applicants know soon.

The Future Ready Farming project, is supported by the Australian Government through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program. The Resilient Farms, Nature & Communities project is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program

Defending Dryandra

Targeted feral cat control continues on 3 properties near Dryandra Woodland National Park (NP) with 103 feral cats culled since the project began in May 2024. 4G fauna monitoring cameras are helping management efforts by giving insights into location and timing of feral cat activity.



Feral cat captured on monitoring camera

As well as feral cats, native fauna has also been captured on camera including a numbat, chuditch, red-tailed phascogale, quenda and recently a critically endangered woylie. This targeted feral cat management made possible through the Defending Dryandra Project is crucial in preventing these feral cats from preying threatened species in Dryandra Woodland (NP).

We are also excited to share that we have been successful in our application for funding for the fourth round of Feral Cat Management Grants for Defending Dryandra – Phase 2. This 3-year project will continue to implement the targeted feral cat control on properties surrounding Dryandra Woodland NP and raise awareness of feral cats and their impacts on threatened species. A summary the Phase 2 project activities will be announced in early 2027.

The Defending Dryandra Project is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's Feral Cat Management Grants

Coming Up

(mid) October 2026

Seasonal update

Webinar with the Bureau of Meteorology

February 2027

Soil Restoration Farming with Kevin Elmy

(early) April 2027

Landscape Rehydration with Mulloon Institute & Productive Ecology

Follow our Events page for confirmed dates and locations - <https://peel-harvey.org.au/events/>

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Wandering Lions

Members of the Lions club have been very active these past few weeks as the spring moves into full swing. There have been our crew with their blue and gold tunics out and about.

Great day out for the VMX enthusiasts and a wonderful opportunity to show case our Wandering community hospitality. Lions and the fire Brigade provided meals for patrons at the 'Mill Farm' event.



Lions, the Shire and the CRC team up to gather at 3 different locations to encourage some local interaction and enjoy an hearty egg and bacon breakfast. This has been a growing series of events enjoyed by those who stop by and enjoy each others company discussing the local state of affairs.



Once again Lions collected a crew together to crutch sheep at 'Gymcoorda' on Bannister Road. A great fund raiser for the club on a wonderful spring day.



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COMMUNITY ROADSIDE

BREAKFASTS 2026

THE NUMBERS ARE IN

Wandering Fuel Station - 54

Blackboy Springs - 58

Codjatotine - 62

TOTAL= 174

A huge thanks to the Wandering Lions, Shire of Wandering & Wandering CRC for putting on another great community event, and of course, a big thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed those delicious breakfast burgers!

It's always great to see the community getting together, having a chat, catching up with old friends and meeting people you might not normally bump into around town.

It's mornings like these that remind us just how special our little community is. ❤️

Thanks everyone for coming along. We'll see you next year!

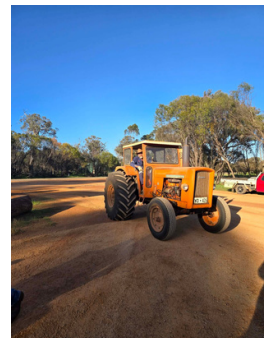
FUEL STATION



BLACKBOY SPRINGS



CODJATOTINE



WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

To Snip or Not To Snip?

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
October 2026

When we as blokes, arrive at the decision with our partners that the pitter-patter of tiny feet, 2am feeds and toxic nappies are not on the agenda any more, then some form of permanent contraception is one possible pathway. There are options for the ladies in our lives, but those options can involve major surgery and unwanted side effects. The male version in terms of permanent surgical sterilization is the vasectomy and by comparison it's minor surgery with little to no side effects.

The first question is, what exactly is a vasectomy? Quite simply it is the cutting and sealing of the tubes (vas deferens) that carries sperm from the testes to the penis. It is usually done under local anaesthetic via a very small incision on each side of the scrotum, and despite 'The Snip' being the slang term, it doesn't usually involve scissors.



The most important question in many bloke's minds is, *does it hurt?* and we're well within our rights to ask this. We've already spent a lifetime keeping our crown jewels out of harm's way and on the odd occasion that we haven't, well, it hasn't ended well. The short answer is no. Some bruising and slight discomfort over the first couple of days is normal but not debilitating. A warning to my three-year-old daughter not to jump off the end of the lounge into my lap four hours after surgery would have been useful in hindsight and I definitely wouldn't suggest riding your bike home after the op!

An important point to keep in mind, is the fact that the sperm already in your reproductive system will remain viable little swimmers for up to 3 months or until the *pipes are clear*. It's not uncommon for couples to fall pregnant in the months immediately following a vasectomy, an irony not immediately all that humorous to those affected.

A lot of guys worry that it will affect their experience of sex however this typically isn't the case, as outwardly there is no visible difference to ejaculate nor usually any change to sensation. The vasectomy in no way interferes with erectile function nor with orgasm which no doubt is a relief to those considering the procedure.

A vasectomy should be considered permanent even though there is a procedure known as a vasectomy reversal. A successful reversal is by no means guaranteed, with success anywhere between 40-90 % but falling away rapidly with age, time between surgeries, and other complications. For this reason, you need to be absolutely certain; besides, repeat operations on our 'agates' don't figure very highly on anyone's 'to do' list.

To decide whether a vasectomy is right for you, *the ball is in your court* so to speak. You need to be sure that you and your partner have completed your family and that you want to take responsibility for family planning. On the flip side, a vasectomy is not something to be rushed into if you are relatively young; recently separated, divorced or having relationship problems.

So, all in all it's a decision you and your partner need to make together, it is a major decision.

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🗣 Working with Warriors Podcast

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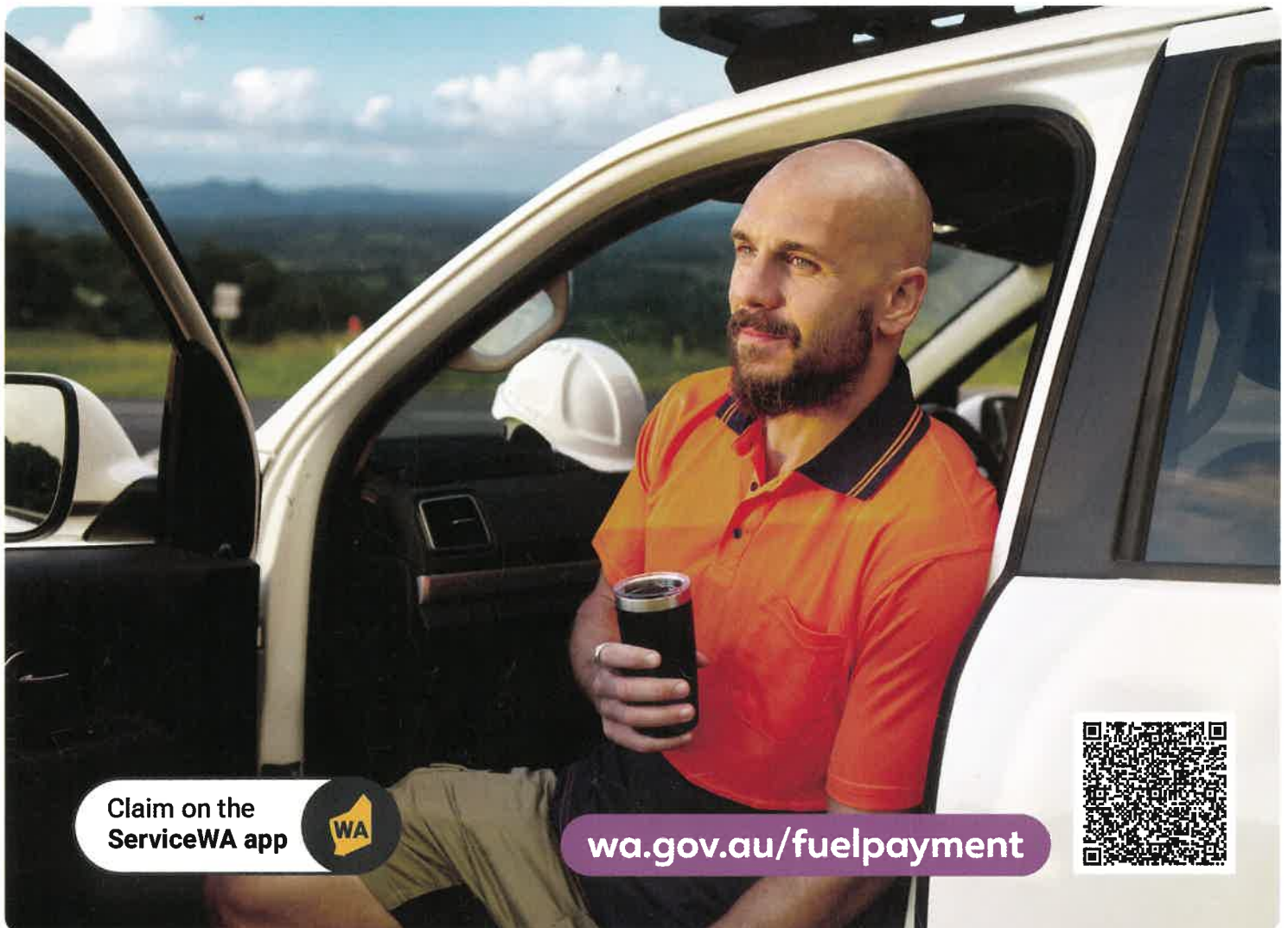




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RURAL AID

The September annual RUOK day is a good reminder of the importance of checking in with each other. Ideally every day is an RUOK day. With Media and at events we hear a lot of reminders to check in each other, keep connected and more. Very important. But what do we do when someone after being asked RUOK says 'No I'm not'?

1. Listen Listen Listen we will instinctively feel the need to 'fix the issue' for the person but listening with genuine interest and allowing the person to talk through their situation helps that person better understand their issue.

2. Don't say, 'I know how you feel'. You don't know how they feel. But if you have been through something similar tell them your story and how you got through your similar situation. This helps the person to realise they are not alone in what they are experiencing and they will get through.

3. 'Unconditional Positive Regard' No matter what the person says or what they say is how they are feeling you fully accept that this is their truth. No judgement and give them your full support. This creates trust and a safe place in situ for the person to fully express themselves without fear of ridicule. This does not mean you agree; you are accepting that this is how that person genuinely feels at this time.

4. Paraphrase what the person is saying. When listening to the person the use of a paraphrase shows the person you are hearing what they are saying. I.e: Person "Everywhere I look there are more and more jobs I need to do and I just can't get ahead and makes me feel like I never will get ahead'. Paraphrase, 'You have so much on that you can't see a way through, that sounds very stressful'.

5. Paraphrase purpose: The person will feel heard. The person will have a chance to hear what they are saying, correct or add to what they have said. A paraphrase can slow the conversation down this then may lessen the stressors being experienced grounding the person for a second. Also the person who knows they are being heard feels valued.

6. Remind and describe how the person is valued by you, give them examples of things they do that you admire and tell the person that you are here for them.

7. Ask what did the person do last time they were challenged? What they did then that helped and what did they do that didn't help. Remind the person they will get through and have learnt before how to. Remind the person that opening up to you is a huge first step and shows a great strength, their true self.

8. If you feel the person should consider seeking professional help such as counselling suggest that, plant the seed. But also, be prepared to walk alongside the person, not lead, and together call Rural aid or another counselling service.

One conversation at the right time with the right person can change everything. Be that person.

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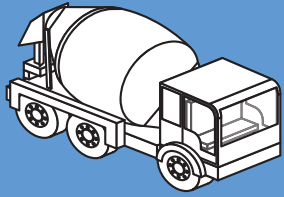
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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH WANDERING

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

Enquiries to Revd Paul Bartley 0431 849 169

paul@gatewayparish.org

Latest info online at www.gatewayparish.org.

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

WANDERING LIONS CLUB

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

President - Peter Warburton - 0429 366 617

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:

Event Manager - Alana Rosenthal - 0429961697

President - Jane Baxter - 0428831004

OCTOBER

2PM | THURSDAY 8TH
KIDS LINE DANCING

7PM | THURSDAY 8TH
WANDERING LIONS CLUB MEETING

9AM | TUESDAY 13TH
PUMPHREYS CWA MEETING

16TH - 18TH
WANDERING CAMP OUT WEEKEND

9AM - 3PM | SATURDAY 17TH
WANDERING AG SHOW & FAIR

8AM | TUESDAY 20TH
FIRST AID COURSE

11AM | WEDNESDAY 21ST
WANDERING CWA MEETING

3.30PM | THURSDAY 22ND
COUNCIL MEETING

8AM | FRIDAY 23RD
SOCIAL TENNIS STARTS

THURSDAY 29TH
NOMINATIONS CLOSE FOR AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

4.30PM | FRIDAY 30TH
KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY ON THE OVAL

12PM | SATURDAY 31ST
CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP



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