

FEBRUARY 2023

THE WANDERING ECHO



Wandering
Community Resource Centre

Your local connection



WELCOME

To Our Monthly Community Newsletter

NEXT EDITION IS MARCH 2023.

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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>



The Wandering CRC will be operating from the Wandering Community Centre on Down Street for February and possibly into March.

These services are NOT available while we are at our temporary location:

- Library
- Services WA self-help
- Collective

All meetings and activities will be held at the Community Centre.

We thank everyone for their understanding during this time, while we have some urgent repairs done to the CRC building.



Beverley Gas + Plumbing Services

**** Now Servicing The Wandering Area.****

Beverley Gas and Plumbing is now regularly servicing Wandering and surrounds.

- **Renovations**
- **Septic + Leach drains**
- **Hot Water**
- **Blocked drains**
- **Gas Maintenance**
- **Dripping taps**
- **Backflow prevention**
- **Sewerage Conversion**

For all your Plumbing and Gas needs please contact

Kodie Fleay : 0418929141

Email : beverleygandp@gmail.com

AUSTRALIA DAY 2023





Movie Night

STRANGE WORLD

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24TH - 6PM

HOT DOGS, FRESH POPCORN &
SLUSHIES AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE

WANDERING COMMUNITY CENTRE





A look into lights

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

- ✓ Make a Kaleidoscope
- ✓ Make a Shadow Puppet
- ✓ Lots to learn about light and colour
- ✓ Wide range of activities

Wednesday 22nd February 2023

3.30 pm

Wandering Community Centre

To book your child please contact the CRC

9884 1561

crc@wandering.wa.gov.au



The Wandering History Group plays an important role in collating and updating the history of Wandering, including all recent residents, community groups and businesses. This information will be stored and accessible to everyone in the future through an online database.

For this project to be successful it requires the input from the community to bring all information together. If you have an interest in the history of Wandering and would like to participate in this exciting project please come along to the next get together and discover how you can help.



WANDERING



HISTORY

GROUP

NEEDS YOUR HELP!



Join us

MEETING

TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 1PM ✦



AT THE WANDERING CRC

EXCEL BASICS

Get started on Excel



WANDERING COMMUNITY CENTRE

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28TH 2023

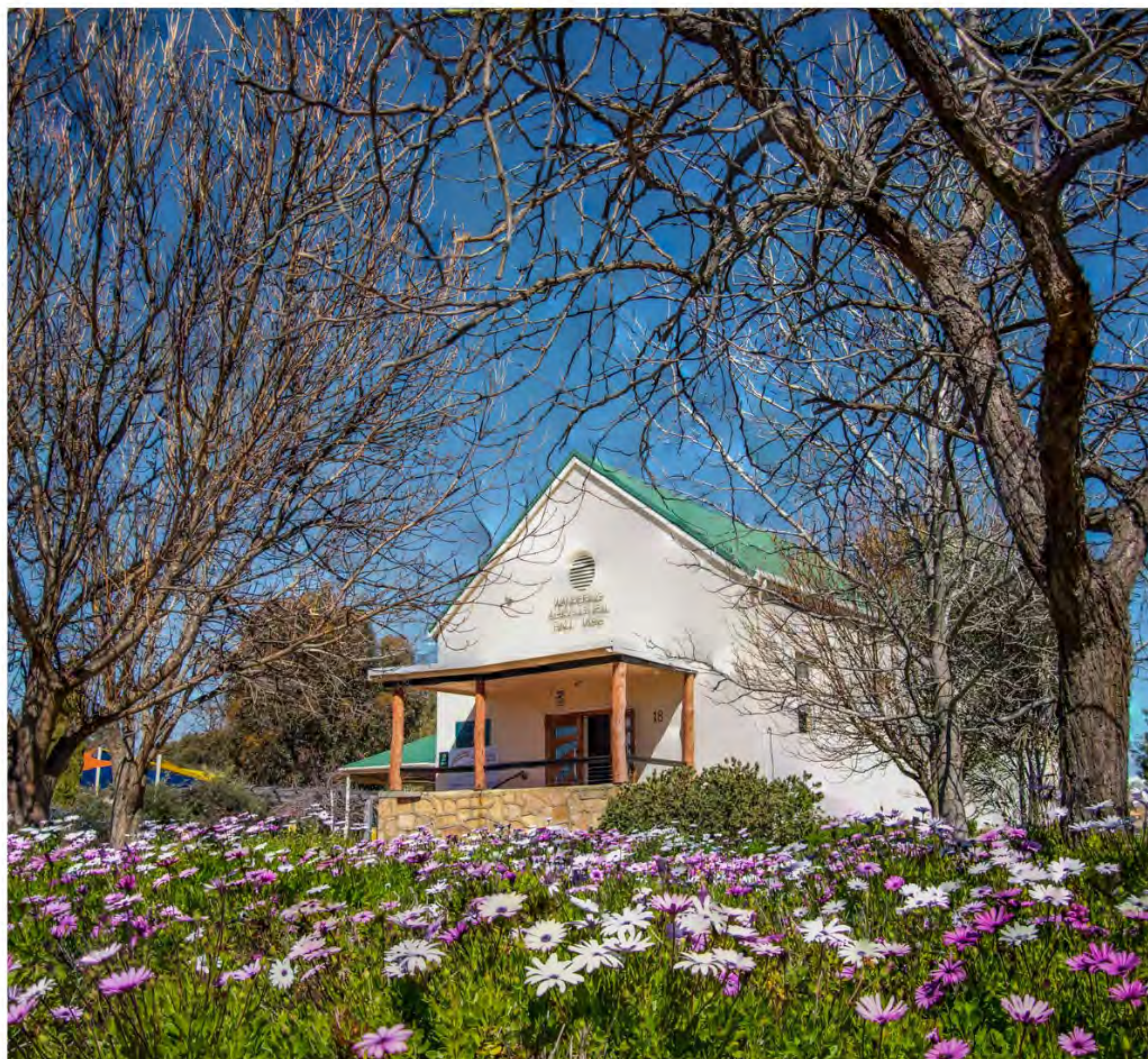
11AM - 12PM

\$5

To book: 9884 1561

crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

Wandering Through the Lens



2023 PHOTO COMPETITION

Enter your photos of Wandering!

Up to 4 entries per person

Entries close 30th March 2023

A selection of photos entered will appear in the 2024 Wandering Calendar and on the covers of future editions of the Echo.

Contact the Wandering CRC for an entry form:

crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

9884 1561

**CELEBRATING
INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY**

Ladies NIGHT



Wednesday March 8th 2023

*Get the ladies together...it's on again!
An evening to unwind and enjoy good food and drinks.*

At the Wandering Community Centre - 6pm

\$25 per person

Bookings required for catering

Limited places

To book contact the Wandering CRC - 9884 1561

crc@wandering.wa.gov.au

Virtual Village

Activities

January - February

23 January 30 January	Bingo Board Games/Jigsaws
6 February 13 February 20 February 27 February	Cuppa and a Chat Bingo Rock Painting Board Games/Jigsaws

The Virtual Village are a group of people in Wandering who are interested in helping people in the community to be able to stay in their own homes and not have to go into a nursing home, as well as people who want to stay in their own homes and not have to leave the town that they live in and love.

The activities are free and open to anyone who is interested in this great initiative. There is no fee and no obligation.

If you are at all interested, come along on a Monday at 10am at the CRC and see what it is all about.

Contact [Lee](tel:0429390626) 0429 390 626 or

[Sheryl](tel:0414586893) 0414 586 893 if you want to know more

Wandering Fox Hunt



WANDERING FOX HUNT IS ON AGAIN!

Friday Feb 17th.

6.30pm registrations at the Wandering Fire Shed. \$25 per person.

Lions are selling a sausage sizzle, raising funds and generally being awesome.

Check-in and fox count is 7am at the pub – breakfast included.

All sponsors encouraged to attend the breakfast.

All enquiries to Leisa Turton 0428 599 854

Sponsors:

Peel Harvey Catchment Council

Lockemess Designs

Shire of Wandering

Wandering Tavern

Warby's Transport

Mooterdine Transport

Steele's Guns and Outdoors

C&J Ferguson

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G&K White

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Gillian Hansen

Avena Mills

Wogolin Spring

Tanglefoot Winery

Wandering Smash Repairs

WD Auto's

Widespan Sheds

John Hansen

Morro (Hon)

Wandering Firearms

Apex Barrel Racing

Tom Price

The Polished Plate



Wandering CWA

Our first meeting for 2023
(which will include our Annual General Meeting)
will be held on
Wednesday 15th February
from 1pm at the
CWA Rooms, Watts Street in Wandering.

Everyone is welcome!

Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.



Wandering CWA

New Members Needed!

Happy New Year from the ladies of your local Wandering CWA!

As another year begins, so do our monthly gatherings. Our first branch meeting is fast approaching (Wednesday 15 February) after which we will hold the AGM where we will be electing our President, Treasurer and Secretary for 2023.

Over the past several years, we have had some members retire as well as gaining a few new members! **Without new members we are in the very real situation of the branch not being able to continue.** If you've ever thought of joining the CWA, then this is the perfect time to do so. You do not have to be "old" or "retired" to join the CWA! We have members of all ages, from 20s to 80s! Our existing members have done (and still are doing) such a great job but we now have a real need for some new members to come along. We need helpers at events and ideas at our meetings of how to help the community. Without enough members we cannot run fundraising events which in turn means we will not have the funds to support local events such as the ANZAC Day breakfast, and the Community Christmas Tree, which are run as free events for the community.

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at the CWA Rooms in Wandering at 1pm. The meetings usually go for about 2 hours, depending on how much there is to discuss. We discuss correspondence received, any upcoming events, anything that is going on in the community that we can help with and other random things. After the meeting we have a cuppa, a bit of a natter and there are usually a few laughs to be had as well. If you'd like to come along as a guest to see what the CWA is all about, please get in touch or come along to a meeting. There is no obligation to join. Our numbers are dwindling, and we need some new members to both help at events and bring some new ideas to the table. So, if you have a few hours free in a month and would like to be involved in your local community, please come along and please help by spreading the word to others.

Thank you.

President: Jacquie Cornish 0407 241 004



POLICE NEWS

Pingelly Police Station, 25 Queen Street, Pingelly, WA 6308
Phone : (08) 9887 2300



CRIME NEWS

Pingelly Police can report that over the Christmas/New Year period there has been a decrease in the number of incident reports. However, I can say that Pingelly have attended a few motor vehicle accidents involving alcohol and people generally not used to driving on country roads. One incident involved a female driver who was trapped in her vehicle and a passenger. This occurred on the Pingelly/Wandering Road. Luckily, they both survived and lived to see another day, but received serious injuries as a result.

As it is getting closer to the end of the school holidays and it won't be long before school resumes. It is important to take care on our roads and that speeding and drink driving is dangerous and could result in serious injury and/or death to persons.

GENERAL BUSINESS

On another note, it has come to our attention that Facebook is becoming a platform to report incidents. While Facebook is a great way to communicate criminal activity, it can also send the wrong message if used incorrectly and personal opinions can affect people and cause personal angst. Matters that should be dealt with by Police should be reported to Police. It is disconcerting when Police are only told about these matters via Facebook. I would encourage any member of the public to first contact Police.

Have a nice day.

From Pingelly Police

WANDERING BOWLING CLUB

Come along on Friday nights at 6pm and enjoy the company of others for a couple of hours of social bowling.
\$5 per night for non members

No skill required, bowls available to borrow.
Ring Rob for enquiries: 0417 930 118

The Wandering Autumn Graze

*is on again on
Saturday 25 March 2023
from 12 noon to 5pm*

Tickets are \$165.00 and are now on sale
through [Trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com)
on the Wandering Autumn Graze Facebook page

*Our celebrity chef for this event is
Sophie Budd from Taste Budds*

About Sophie Budd



From Cornwall to the Kimberley, Sophie Budd has cooked with celebrity chefs and for rock stars and established herself as an authority on minimising food waste and cooking with a conscience.

Sophie trained in the UK and was making her mark on the food scene even before graduating culinary college. She won a national cooking competition and at 16, worked in the kitchen of much-loved TV chef Rick Stein where she peeled, shucked and filleted her way through some of the UK's best seafood.

After college she worked at Michelin starred restaurant Pennypots; cooked for Queen drummer Roger Taylor from UK to Mallorca on his 125ft superyacht, Tigerlily; had her first head chef role at 21 in a busy 16th century inn on the Roseland Peninsula; and subsequent head chef roles in London before returning to Cornwall to work as chef de partie at Jamie Oliver's soon-to-open Fifteen Cornwall.

It was at Fifteen that Sophie found a purpose and passion for food. She became the pasta, gnocchi and risotto chef, cooking alongside Genarro Contaldo, learning everything she could and falling in love with Italian food and produce. Jamie taught Sophie that being a great chef was one thing but being able to teach was another skill set entirely.

She learnt a kitchen could transform people and provide them with a new purpose. Seeing nine of the 21 underprivileged youth from Fifteen graduate and enter the world as great chefs motivated her to continue combining food and teaching.

These days, Sophie's heart is divided between the UK and Australia. What was intended as a working holiday to WA in 2007 became a permanent move, and 'Taste Budds Cooking Studio' was born.

Over eight years, thousands of kids, adults, friends and corporate groups have cooked together at Taste Budds, learning to create a variety of cuisines. Sophie and her team have also catered for some amazing gigs, cooking backstage for Adele, Fleetwood Mac, Sting and Paul Simon. Cooking alongside legend Antonio Carluccio at Rick Hart's showroom and Marco Pierre White at Western Australia Gourmet Escape are career highlights.

Taste Budds has been a mobile business since 2019, allowing Sophie to accept invitations to food festivals and events in some of Western Australia's most spectacular locations. She's now a sought-after celebrity chef in her own right, and WA has claimed her as their own.

Sophie loves creating meaningful team building cooking experiences through Taste Budds, teaching groups to turn bruised or ugly fruit and veg rescued from supermarkets into delicious meals and feeding community members in need at Tranby Homeless Centre in Northbridge.

Expect to see Sophie pop up at Australia's most iconic food festivals feeding, entertaining, and showcasing the incredible local produce WA and Australia has to offer and bringing communities together with food.

Sophie is an ambassador for Beta Spuds and Chef Ambassador for Hart & Co.

Warm, authentic and brimming with talent, Sophie Budd makes every event truly memorable.

Big Breakfast 2023!

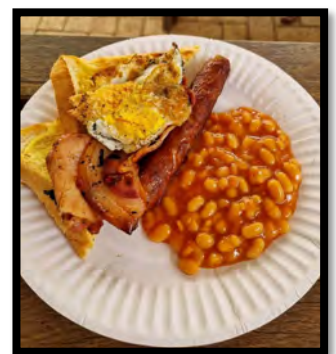


Wandering Primary School recognise the effect that the COVID epidemic had on not only parent participation in the classroom but also on community engagement with the school. The staff at the school have been finding ways to bring the community together to support the school.

Staff at Wandering Primary contacted the local Shire and Lions club to ask for assistance in combating this issue and both organisations got on board and supported a back to school "Big Breakfast" to begin the 2023 school year!

Parents, caregivers, grandparents and community members were invited to join the staff for a delicious cooked breakfast to welcome all to the new school year and it was a fabulous success! Being a very small community, the staff were excited to see so many volunteers and family members mingling together and becoming acquainted.

A huge thank you goes to the Wandering Shire and the Wandering Lions Club for their support with this event. The school community is looking forward to more collaborative opportunities in the future.



Positive Behaviour School
Achievement Integrity Care Respect



DISCOVER | LEARN | GROW



What does a YouthCARE Chaplain do?

A YouthCARE Chaplain works as part of a schools' student services and wellbeing team, providing pastoral care and support for students, staff and families.

Our chaplains deal with a range of social, emotional, mental health, personal and relationship issues as well as facilitating various programs and activities within the school community. These include:

- Social & emotional learning programs
- Mentoring & role modelling
- Funerals & memorial services
- Breakfast club programs
- Community development events & activities
- Education support programs
- Grief & loss programs
- Spiritual support programs

Our Wandering Primary School Chaplain Christine Smith will be attending the CRC each Wednesday from 2.30pm to 3.00pm, starting from 22nd Feb, as part of our commitment to the Wandering community .

If you would like to visit with Christine during this time to have a chat, she would love to meet you.



Have your say about the Wandering Community Centre



The Wandering Community Centre Upgrade Committee would like your feedback!

The Wandering Community Centre was built in 1986. This building is the hub for the Wandering Community and has been identified as a building that needs to be upgraded to ensure that community expectations of a modern facility are addressed and the building is fit for purpose going into the future.

In September 2019 a working group was formed to commence discussions about the possible upgrade of the Wandering Community Centre. Since then meetings have been held to discuss upgrade options and some members of the working group toured several other local facilities to gather information of how they went about the process, what they learned, what they did and what they would change if they could do it over again.

The group then turned from a working group to a Committee and currently has three Shire representatives (Cr Max Watts, Cr Sheryl Little and Cr Gillian Hansen) and three community representatives (Brendan Whitely, Darralyn Ebsary and Lee Muller).

Some preliminary drawings have been completed and now we ask that the Community have their input into what they would like to see incorporated into any upgrade that may take place.

It is important to remember that this upgrade will likely be staged over several years and funding will be sought from all available avenues to limit the amount that the Shire will have to contribute. According to the latest census data the Shire of Wandering recorded a huge population growth of 20.49% from 444 in 2016 to 535 in 2021. The Centre will service the community for the next 20 to 30 years so we want to get it right!

Key aspects of the upgrade include:

- Extension of the existing kitchen and construction of a new storeroom
- Refurbishment of the existing toilets to incorporate universal access toilets
- Construction of a new verandah overlooking the oval
- Construction of new sports amenities and dedicated storage for community/sporting groups

The installation of a universal access ramp from the Community Centre to the Oval was also much needed and has recently been completed.

You can access the plans and the feedback form in several ways:

- Go to the Shire website www.wandering.wa.gov.au (or point your camera here →)
- Pick up a copy from the Shire office or the Community Resource Centre
- At the Community Centre at the Australia Day breakfast



The community consultation process runs from Monday 16 January to Friday 10 February 2023.





REGIONAL COLUMN

www.dmirs.wa.gov.au www.wa.gov.au

11 January 2023

With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annetta Bellingeri

Dramatic increase in used motor vehicles complaints in WA

Consumer complaints for defective used motor vehicles in Western Australia (WA) skyrocketed over the last five years, increasing 730% and peaking in 2022.

With 777 complaints lodged to Consumer Protection in 2021 and 2022 compared to a total of 287 complaints in 2018 to 2020, the surge in demand for used vehicles was primarily due to long delivery delays on new vehicles during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other contributing factors to the rise in complaints is believed to be flood-affected written-off vehicles from the eastern states being sold in WA, as well as a strong demand for used four wheel drive vehicles due to travel restrictions keeping families grounded in WA.

Many of the complaints over the last five years were for used vehicles that broke down within days of being purchased, some shortly after being driven out of the car yard.

This rise in demand for used vehicles in WA means some sellers may be enticed to off-load vehicles that may be defective.

Consumers should be vigilant when shopping around in this over-heated used vehicle market and make sure to get the vehicle inspected to check it is mechanically sound.

It is also recommended before purchasing, to check the used vehicle's history on the Personal Property Securities Register (PPSR) website to see if it has been written-off or has money still owing on it.

Specific warranties may not apply or may have expired on some used vehicles, however consumer guarantees under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) may still apply.

Consumers should not take no for an answer when asking a seller for a refund, repair or replacement if defects are discovered.

Unfortunately private sales are not covered under the ACL, so buyers should be extra vigilant and do the same checks before making a purchase, as you could be out of pocket if something goes wrong.

The dramatic increase in complaints over the last two years in particular, has seen a total of \$6.1 million being successfully returned to consumers who lodged complaints with Consumer Protection.

Complaints relating to vehicle sales can be lodged via the [Consumer Protection website](http://www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au) or enquiries can be made by email consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au or by calling 1300 30 40 54.

<ENDS>



Wandering into 2023

Welcome to 2023!

We are looking forward to another busy year at the Shire. Budget preparations will soon be underway, with the budget to be adopted at the June Council Meeting. Thank you for your patience with the hiccups we had with issuing rates last year. These will be on track to be sent out in July. We have recently added the option of BPay which will make it a lot easier to pay your rates online.

2022 saw another influx of residents to our town, and a New Residents Pack was developed. This is also available for current residents, if you would like a copy please pick one up from the reception desk or you can download one from the Shire Website.

The proposed Wandering Community Centre upgrade is moving along, more information can be found in this edition of the Echo, we would love to receive your feedback on this important Shire building.

We had quite a few staff changes during 2022, with everyone settling in nicely and ready to go for 2023!

Local Government elections will again be happening in October 2023, now is a good time to start thinking about running for Council and making a difference in your community. We welcome visitors to the Council meetings, so come along and have a look and see if it's something you'd like to be involved in.

If you have queries about anything Shire related pop in to the office and say hi or send an email to reception@wandering.wa.gov.au. If you need to see a particular staff member we ask that you book an appointment. This will ensure they are available to speak with you and can have any relevant information ready when you arrive.

Finally, if you need to lodge a works request or to submit general feedback please go to our website or contact the Shire Office.


Have a great 2023!

Lisa Boddy, Shire of Wandering Customer Service Coordinator

Shire of Wandering | 22 Watts Street, Wandering WA 6308 | (08) 9884 1056

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) 9884 1561

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

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

all closed on public holidays

Transfer Station

Sundays 8am to 4pm
Mondays 8am to 3pm

Waste Collection

Every Tuesday

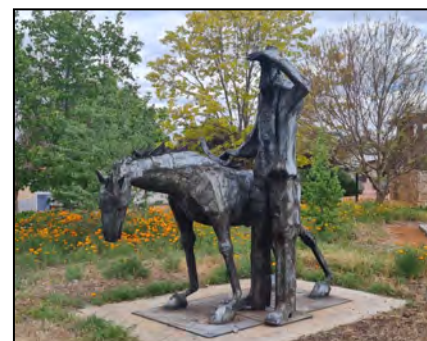
Recycling Dates:

14/02/2023

28/02/2023

Ranger

24 hours / 7 days
0459 678 154



Council Meeting Dates 2023

- 16 February 2023
- 16 March 2023
- 20 April 2023
- 18 May 2023
- 15 June 2023
- 20 July 2023
- 17 August 2023
- 21 September 2023
- 26 October 2023
- 16 November 2023
- 14 December 2023

Meetings commence at 3.30pm, public are welcome to attend.

Shire Chambers, 22 Watts Street Wandering. Please arrive at reception by 3.15pm and submit questions at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.



Post Office News

Please note the price of a regular postage stamp has increased from \$1.10 to \$1.20. We have 10c stamps available at the front counter if you require any.

Don't forget we have a huge range of gift cards if you are stuck for gift ideas. Also a reminder you can pay bills and withdraw and deposit money as well, during office hours of 9am to 4.30pm weekdays (excluding public holidays).

Post office box renewals will be issued in March.

Local Business Owners

Please send us your business details and we will add you to our local businesses section of the Shire website.

Council Meeting Notes

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 December 2022 the following items were listed on the agenda:

- Confidential Item – CEO Probationary Review
- Confidential Item - Chief Executive Officer KPIs for 2023 Year
- Shire of Wandering Policy Manual Review
- WALGA Governance Review
- LIA – Stage Subdivision Energisation
- Request to Waive the Hire Fee of Wandering Community Centre
- WALGA Central Zone Emergency Management MoU
- Community Centre Water Harvesting and Reuse



Shire of Wandering Elected Members

Elected Members Contact Details

Cr Ian Turton (President) 0428 876 033
Cr Paul Treasure (Deputy President) 0428 506 553
Cr Gillian Hansen 0488 911 902
Cr Sheryl Little 0414 586 893
Cr Graeme Parsons 0428 876 631
Cr Max Watts 0428 841 069

<https://www.wandering.wa.gov.au/council/councillors.aspx>

Works Update

- Summer grading will be ongoing over the next few months, please contact the Shire if your road needs attention.
- Road construction work on the York Williams Road between Kelly Road and Carrabin Road had a first coat of bitumen laid in December with a second coat to be applied in the next month. Road construction on the Moramocking Black spot has started and will be ongoing for the next few weeks.
- Road side vegetation works will recommence in the winter months due to the potential fire risk during summer.
- Construction of the new access ramp between the Wandering Community Centre and the Oval has been completed with railing and gardens installed.
- A sand pad behind the machinery shed has been installed with three water tanks to be placed in February. These tanks will collect rainwater which will be used in the public toilets on the main street.
- Wandering Fire Station upgrade - the Shire has applied for additional funding for the project due to increased costs and this has been approved by DFES. We are hoping to have this project completed before June 2023. The plans can be viewed on our website.
- If you have any concerns with Roads, Parks or Shire Buildings please lodge a request by going to our website



*Tank sand pad behind the
machinery shed*

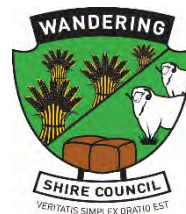
<https://www.wandering.wa.gov.au/forms/feedback-form/6>

or contact the Shire on 9884 1056

Use the camera on your phone to scan the QR Code



Wandering Community Centre Upgrade Committee Feedback Form



Do you support the upgrade of the Wandering Community Centre? Yes No

Would you use the upgraded Community Centre for an upcoming function / sporting event / meeting ? Yes No

What suggestions do you have to value add to the proposed plans?

Are you a current resident of Wandering? Yes No

If no, do you plan to reside in Wandering in the future? Yes No

Any other comments:

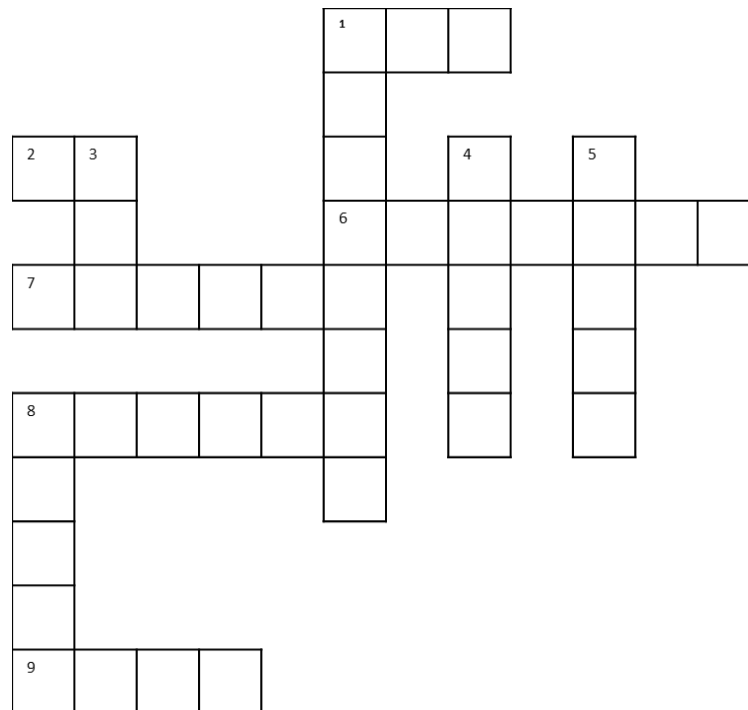
Thank you for your feedback. Please return this form to 22 Watts Street, Wandering; email to reception@wandering.wa.gov.au; or you can complete this questionnaire online at: www.wandering.wa.gov.au/wandering-community-centre-upgrade-informaton.aspx

If you would like the Shire to contact you regarding your feedback please leave your details below:

Name: _____ Telephone No: _____



Find Cancer Early Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Blood here may be a sign of bowel cancer
- 2 If you are over 40 and have any of these symptoms for more than a month, go and visit this person
- 6 Eight out of ten lung cancer cases are caused by this
- 7 Unexplained loss of this can be a symptom of cancer
- 8 Most commonly diagnosed cancer in women
- 9 Coughing up blood can be a sign of which cancer?

DOWN

- 1 Problems peeing can point to this cancer
- 3 Blood in this even once means you should go to your doctor
- 4 Women should check breasts every ...
- 5 Prostate cancer is rare in men under this age
- 8 One of our most preventable cancers

You can find out more at www.findcancerearly.com.au

If you would like to order campaign materials (DVDs, posters or flyers) to promote the Find Cancer Early message in your community, please contact us.

Contact Details: Kaylor Andrews, Regional Education Officer Wheatbelt

0408 926 259, Kaylor.Andrews@cancerwa.asn.au

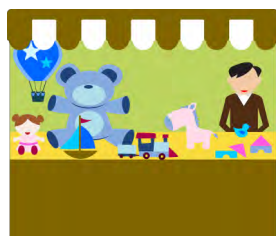
Save the dates:

Wandering Markets

Sunday 2nd April 2023

9am — 1pm

**Wandering Community Centre
Down Street, Wandering**



Regular and new stallholders welcome

wanderingcraftersmarkets@gmail.com

Sharon 0409 151 951

Jane 0403 865 401

Linda 0448 331 954



Australia's
**Biggest
Morning
Tea**

***Wednesday
10th May 2023
Wandering CRC
18 Watts Street
Wandering***

What you can and can't do on a Total Fire Ban day

What is a Total Fire Ban?

We declare a Total Fire Ban on a day when a fire is most likely to spread rapidly (because of extreme fire weather) or if there are already widespread fires and we don't have the resources to fight more. The lighting of open-air fires or any other activity in the open air that is likely to cause a fire is banned.

Total Fire Bans affect everyone

Every Western Australian is affected including farmers, campers, construction workers and residents in both urban and rural areas. So, make sure you carefully read this document, and if you need more information or advice call the TFB Hotline on **1800 709 355**.

There are penalties if you ignore a Total Fire Ban

If you ignore a Total Fire Ban, you may receive an infringement of \$1,000. And if it's a serious breach, you may receive a penalty of \$25,000 and/or be jailed for 12 months.



**Don't put people's lives
and properties in danger.**





Anyone who lives in WA

Do not throw a burning cigarette, cigar or match into an area that may catch alight, including from a vehicle.

In the open-air activities which involve fire, or which may cause a fire, are not allowed, you cannot:

- Light a campfire
- Burn leaves, garden waste or grass cuttings
- Use an incinerator
- Use a fire pit
- Use a grinder, welder or undertake any other 'hot work' (there are exceptions for businesses)
- Use fireworks
- Operate a hot-air balloon
- Use a BBQ that uses solid fuel (see BBQ section for more)
- Use an outdoor wood-fired pizza oven or stove.

You can use tools inside your shed if it is fully enclosed on all sides (i.e. has a door, four walls and a roof), so sparks don't blow outside.

In any area on which there is vegetation (off-road), you cannot use equipment powered by an internal combustion engine including:

- A chainsaw or lawn mower
- A car
- A tractor
- A plant trimmer or grass trimmer
- A motorbike
- A quad bike
- Bobcats, excavators, bulldozers (or any other similar machines)
- A dune buggy
- A generator

Some activities can continue during a Total Fire Ban if the activity is being carried out in relation to work for a business, a public authority, or as part of an agricultural activity. For information visit dfes.wa.gov.au/totalfirebans

Undercover areas such as patios, pergolas and huts that are open or partially open, are considered to be open-air.



Barbecuing or cooking outdoors

You cannot use any BBQ or cooker (including Webers) that require solid fuel:

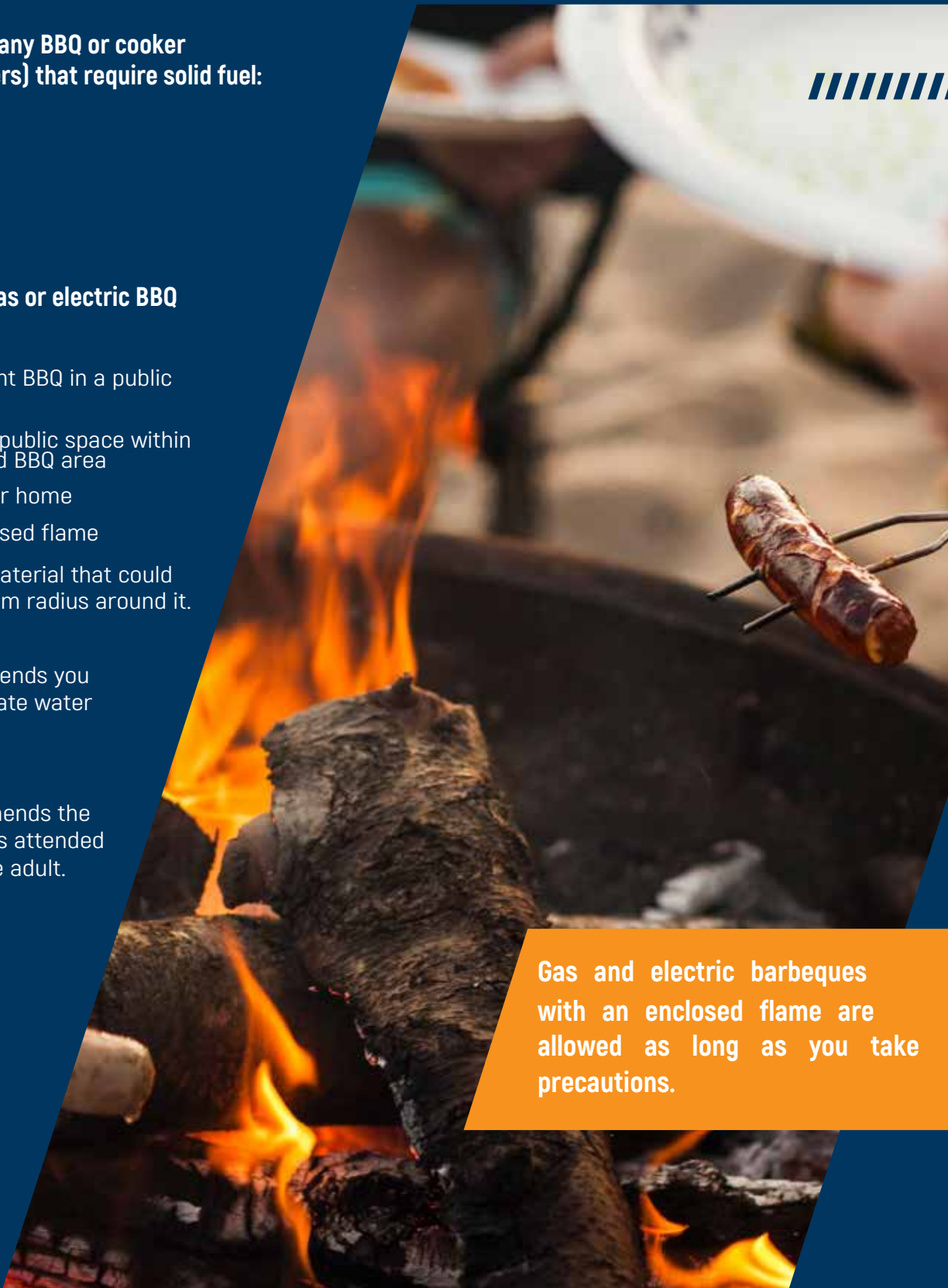
- Wood
- Charcoal
- Heat beads
- Briquettes

You can use a gas or electric BBQ or cooker, if:

- It's a permanent BBQ in a public picnic area
- You use it in a public space within the sign posted BBQ area
- It's at or in your home
- It has an enclosed flame
- You clear all material that could burn within a 5m radius around it.

** DFES recommends you have an immediate water supply near by.

** DFES recommends the activity is always attended by a responsible adult.



Gas and electric barbeques with an enclosed flame are allowed as long as you take precautions.

Looking after your farm

The immediate welfare of your animals, such as urgent watering and feeding, has an automatic exemption.



If you're a farmer, you can:

- Harvest your crop
- Feed or water your stock in a paddock
- Operate or move an aeroplane or helicopter

This is assuming that a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban has not been declared by your local government. You must also check with your local government if you need any fire suppression equipment.

If you conduct any of the above activities, you must ensure:

- Your vehicle is mechanically sound
- The exhaust system is in good condition (free of gas leaks and/or has a well-maintained spark arrester)
- That all reasonable precautions have been taken to prevent a bushfire starting

Total Fire Ban and a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban

If both a Total Fire Ban **and** a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban are in place, you cannot use a vehicle, equipment or machinery that's powered by an internal combustion engine on land covered by bush, crop, pasture or stubble (vegetation).

Aeroplanes and helicopters must also have:

- A firebreak around the area of the landing ground
- At least 150L of water in a suitable container and a fire extinguisher at the landing site


We can cancel bans if weather conditions improve. If you think that might be the case, just check emergency.wa.gov.au

Check if there's a Total Fire Ban in place today by:

- Visiting the Emergency WA website (emergency.wa.gov.au)
- Calling 13 DFES (133 337)
- Calling the TFB Hotline **1800 709 355**
- Following DFES on Twitter
- Following DFES on Facebook
- Listening to ABC local radio and other media outlets
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- Looking for local government roadside Fire Danger Rating signs

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Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



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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.



Boddington Youth get Back to Nature

Boddington Youth learnt all about local native fauna, the Hotham River and Peel-Harvey Catchment Council's (PHCC) role in protecting it when Kristy and Christine from PHCC presented as part of the Boddington Youth Centre School Holiday Program.

Christine, PHCC's Farmers for Fauna Coordinator, spoke about the amazing threatened fauna they have in their local area including woylies, red-tailed phascogales and numbats. Christine spoke about the threats to these species including predation by feral cats and foxes and how by keeping pet cats indoors or building a cat run you can help to protect our precious threatened fauna/Native animals.

Kristy, PHCC's Hotham-Williams River Restoration Coordinator used the catchment model to illustrate how land use activities can have downstream impacts, and the importance of restoring and looking after our precious waterways.

It was then time for a nature walk along to the river to look for weeds, fauna traces and to see firsthand the importance of riparian vegetation and how in its absence bank erosion can occur. Using a river water sample we looked for aqua macro invertebrates which are a biological indication of river health.

Thank you to the Shire of Boddington for inviting us to be part of the Boddington Youth Centre Holiday Program.



Christine and Kristy with Boddington Youth Centre



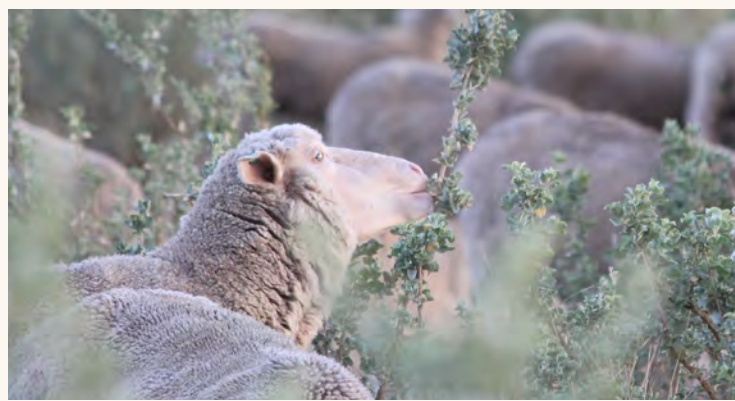
Hotham River Nature Walk

Saltbush Field Day 16th March-Wandering

Addressing two constraints at once is always better than one, which makes planting saltbush on saline land a perfect solution for declining productivity due to salt as well as providing feed options for the summer feed-gap.

PHCC will run a Saltbush Field Day on Thursday 16th March to provide an opportunity for landholders to discuss the performance of past planting efforts, take a tour of previous plantings from the Greening Farms project and speak to industry representatives like Dustin McCreery from Chatfields Nursery about planting methods, variety performance and future orders.

Keep an eye out for more details coming up, but in the meantime please mark **Thursday 16th March** in your diary and email mick.davis@peel-harvey.org.au to register your interest in attending.



Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update

Greening Farms providing shelter and food for stock

PHCC's Greening Farms program has been helping farmers across the region fence their bushland and plant vegetative cover since 2018. Chad Ferguson and Lockie Coops are our most recent landowners to have completed their projects and they are looking forward to seeing their properties become greener following their efforts to revegetate their properties last year.

Lockie's project in Crossman is about increasing the habitat on his property for wildlife, which backs onto the Hotham River. He has planted 5,268 wetland/riparian species to provide more habitat for frogs and birds in along the bottom of his property.

Chad has completed a 10,000 stem native species/saltbush fodder project on his property in Hastings, which he hopes will reduce waterlogging at the site and bring some productivity back to the area, which he used to crop.

Both these projects are examples of the benefits increasing vegetation cover has for landholders in the Hotham-Williams catchment; in addition to increasing shade, lowering soil temperature and providing shelter for stock.

If you are interested in increasing the cover on your property, or have other plans for your enterprise which you'd like to discuss with our team, give us a call on 6369 8801 or email PHCC at admin@peel-harvey.org.au



Lockie Coops and Chad Ferguson from the Greening Farms project

Coming up....

Up coming events:

WA Feral Cat Symposium
13 - 16 February 2023

Tickets are selling fast! To purchase or for more information visit <https://wafcwg.org.au/2023-feral-cat-symposium/>

WA Feral Cat SYMPOSIUM 2
Save the Date
February 13-16

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Event Details

DATE: 13 - 16 February 2023
LOCATION: UMA Club, Hackett Drive, Crawley Western Australia
MOV CO: Registration & Sundowner
TUE IN: Symposium
WED IN: Symposium
THUR IN: Field Trip - Dryandra

Theme
Progress with meaningful, on-ground work on feral cats, to benefit our native species

Objectives

- Increase participants' knowledge of management options for management of feral cats
- Celebrate and share successes so that more stakeholders can be empowered to take action
- Share the latest research of what is successful, and upcoming techniques

Key Topics

- On-ground stories of challenges and success
- New and emerging techniques
- Social license and community engagement
- Indigenous Ranger work on Country
- Local council cat laws and wildlife protection

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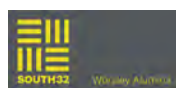
Saltbush Field Day Thursday
16th March in Wandering

More details to come

Email mick.davis@peel-harvey.org.au to register your interest

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- 1080 training and assistance with baits
- Loaning cage traps



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These projects are supported by the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and Environment Restoration Fund, Newmont Boddington, South32 Worsley Alumina and the Shires of Boddington, Cuballing, Wandering and Williams



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With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annetta Bellingeri

Post-Christmas gift returns and gift card rules

With the season of giving now over, many consumers will be considering returning their unwanted Christmas gifts or putting their new gift card in a drawer to spend later.

Under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL), consumers have certain rights when it comes to gifts that are faulty, unsafe, not as described or were not delivered in time.

If a gift is faulty, unsafe or not as described, Australian retailers must offer a remedy such as a refund, replacement or repair, even if it was on sale.

Generally though, proof of purchase is required, such as a receipt or credit card statement from the gift giver. Some retailers may offer a refund or credit without proof of purchase as a gesture of goodwill, but this not a requirement by law.

If you plan to return unwanted gifts such as a toy your child may already have or a shirt that doesn't fit properly, this is considered to be a "change of mind", which falls outside of the ACL. In this situation, retailers are under no obligation to offer a refund, store credit or exchange, so it is best to check their return policy.

If returning a gift, the original packaging should be included where possible unless the gift was faulty or breaks after use.

If you received a gift card for Christmas, make sure to check the expiry date. By law, a minimum expiry period of three years is required on most gift cards. Three years is a long time though, so consider using it before you put it in a drawer and forget about it. You also can't be certain the retailer will still be around in three years' time.

Finally, if a gift failed to turn up in time for Christmas, you may be entitled to a remedy but it is best to contact the retailer to resolve the issue first before lodging a complaint with Consumer Protection.

If post-Christmas consumer issues can't be resolved with the retailer, you can lodge a formal complaint on the [Consumer Protection website](http://www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au). Enquiries can be made by email consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au or by calling 1300 30 40 54.

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WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

Self-Worth vs Self-Esteem

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
February 2023

Self-worth and self-esteem are often confused as being the same, however they are very different. Self-esteem is about measuring ourselves based on external actions, while self-worth is about valuing our inherent worth as a person. In other words, self-worth is about who we are, not about what we do.



Society pushes for the need to have a high self-esteem but the problem with this is that we are always valuing ourselves against others. The competitive nature of men tells us we need to be better and above average to feel good about ourselves (keeping up appearances). When we look at this way of building our self-esteem it can be a losing battle because there will always be someone more handsome, slimmer, richer, owns bigger and better equipment and so on.

Self-esteem is transient and can change in an instant depending on what happens, for example we may be feeling good about a new piece of machinery or the quality of our stud and then someone makes a negative comment and our self-esteem falters, and we feel completely crushed. That's how fragile our self-esteem can be because it can also be fixed by a compliment that bolsters us again. Much anxiety can be created in striving for acceptance or approval and maintaining our ego or pride.

Probably the best way to understand self-worth is to ask ourselves how valuable we are, or how much do we deserve to have something we prize. It is a deep knowing that we are of value, that we are loveable and necessary to this life.

One may feel a high self-esteem because they are good at something, yet still not feel they are loveable and worthy. When we have a healthy self-worth (at the very core of ourselves) we have a deep knowing that we are fundamentally a valuable and worthwhile person regardless of:

- what others may say or do to us;
- what our successes or failures are;
- what we win or lose;
- what we have or don't have.

The concept of self-worth is about knowing that we are always going to be worth more than all of our achievements put together. It is a good thing to think and feel good about ourselves but what happens when our self-esteem is crushed, does that mean we are no longer valuable? Absolutely not, however many people do think that they are no longer valuable.

Self-worth and self-esteem are vital beliefs for empowering oneself. A valid sense of self-worth is necessary to attain love and a sound mind. A valid sense of self-worth acts as a buffer against the possibility of depression and a feeling of worthlessness that can lead to despair or possible suicidal behaviour. Situational distress can come from many areas in our lives, as issues around these life events develop, we need to value our self-worth more than ever to reduce uncertainty for ourselves.

**Remember... before it all gets too much...
Talk to a Mate@!!**

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WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

Positive and Active Mentoring

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
January 2023

Being a *male* is a matter of birth, being a man is a matter of age but being a positive and active *mentor* is a matter of choice, *he didn't tell me, he showed me.*

Wisdom can only be obtained through personal growth, ageing and the experiences we have in life. To me this means we can have a mature young man but not a wise one. I think this interpretation is important because it substantiates the vital role a positive and active mentor can play for us no matter what our age.

Who are our mentors? They can come from a pool of people, but are predominantly sourced from the following areas:

- someone older;
- for a bloke, dads are our first choice (92%). This is interesting because society's demographics are changing. Research tells us that in 1960 10% of all kids were living away from their dads whereas by 2010 this had grown to 27% of all kids living away from their dads. This is a significant shift and one that puts additional pressure on the vital role of male mentoring;
- father figures, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, teachers or sporting coaches;
- it can be someone who is not in your field of work or play, this can help gain a natural and external viewpoint.

When we are deciding what to do in life (whether it is day to day stuff or longer-term), talking to a mentor can help us with our decision making. This is important both in our personal life and our working and business careers.

A positive and active mentor:

- not only listens to what you're saying, but asks open ended and reflective questions;
- has opinions which you respect but acknowledges that you don't have to act on or agree with them;
- gives wisdom and perspective (lived experience);
- acts as a sounding board and confidant.

When making major decisions, talking through issues with a mentor is beneficial. Young blokes especially need to tell their stories to mentors. It is by this process that they can validate and question where they are at and where they are heading in life. It helps them to clarify their issues, thus cultivating independent thinking.

There is never a time in a man's life that he won't benefit from having a positive and active mentor. Mentoring is about developing relationships, it takes time and sacrifice, it's a two-way street and everyone benefits. Blokes often have three types of people (mates) that we can spill our guts to. These usually come from the following categories:

- a peer;
- a partner;
- a mentor.



As blokes we need to identify who these people are. Ask yourself the question *who is my mentor?* This person may change through our life journey but remember *positive mentoring is rewarding and being an active mentor is our choice.*

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FEBRUARY 2023

NEWSLETTER

The next Upper Great Southern Region SES EXERCISE

Saturday 29 April and Sunday 30 April 2023

Base camp—Dryandra Village, Cuballing

Update from Kerry Keys, SESVA Management Committee Member, Upper Great Southern Planning is well underway for the upcoming Upper Great Southern region exercise. The accommodation will be at Dryandra again and the SES teams will be travelling to a neighbouring town on the first day, Saturday, to take part in a range of exercises. Organisers have a very unique fun and hands-on exercise planned for the Sunday.

Kerry said that some of the stands will be using SES skills such as 4 Wheel Drive, Basis General Rescue, Storm Assistance, Land Search and Navigation (NURE).

“We are still on the lookout for helpers to assist over the weekend; this exercise wouldn’t be possible without the help of our Volunteers”, Kerry remarked.

“Several roles need to be filled including welfare and logistics, Safety Officer and SME for stands.

“This year we do have a limit on beds so team nominations will be accepted as a first come—first served basis.

“So, if your unit is interested then get the nomination form sent in ASAP“.

Units need to keep an eye on their unit emails for communication regarding the exercise. Updates/sneak peaks can be found on Facebook by searching **2023 SES VA Upper Great Southern Regional Exercise**.

Call Kerry for information on 0413 967 425 or send an email to sesva.uppergreatsouthern@ses-wa.asn.au



SES Volunteers and support personnel at the 2022 Upper Great Southern region exercise conducted at Dryandra Village, Cuballing.



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NEWSLETTER

Health Survey

Burnout and Wellbeing Amongst Emergency Service Volunteers

As part of their 4th-year psychology research project, students of Monash University are seeking participants to take part in a study investigating the mental health and well-being of Australian Emergency Service Volunteers.

One of the Monash project group is a WA resident, so they are hoping to include the experiences of SES Volunteers in Western Australia in the research project.

The research group believe that Emergency Service Volunteers have been overlooked in the current body of research looking into mental health and well-being, and hope to remedy this.

As part of their investigation, they are asking participants to complete an online survey that will take approximately 20 minutes.

It is a low-risk research project, so participants are not expected to experience any psychological or emotional distress from their participation.

However, we do offer contact details for mental health services should participants experience any negative psychological and/or emotional effects.

Ideally, the survey will be sent to and made accessible to participants as soon as possible.

The research team have provided the following link for you to participate in this research project.

https://monash.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3Otp6SMiFHflfsa

A summary of the results will be available to participants upon request
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President - Jacqui Cornish - 0407 241 004

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Secretary - Shirley Wasley 0427 988 702

WANDERING VIRTUAL VILLAGE

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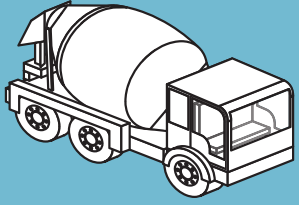
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LIONS CLUB MEETING

9AM | TUESDAY 14TH
PUMPHREYS CWA MEETING

1PM | WEDNESDAY 15TH
WANDERING CWA MEETING

3.30PM | THURSDAY 16TH
COUNCIL MEETING

6.30PM | FRIDAY 17TH
FOX HUNT

1PM | TUESDAY 21ST
HISTORY MEETING

3.30PM | WEDNESDAY 22ND
LOOK INTO LIGHTS - KIDS ACTIVITY

6PM | FRIDAY 24TH
OUTDOOR MOVIE

10AM | TUESDAY 28TH
EXCEL BASICS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

AT THE CRC (COMMUNITY CENTRE)

WEDNESDAY (FROM 22ND FEB) - CHAPLAIN VISIT - 2.30 - 3PM

MONDAY - VIRTUAL VILLAGE - 10AM - 12PM

THURSDAY - CRAFT GROUP - 10AM - 12PM

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL BOWLS AND TENNIS -
6PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE