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To Our Monthly Community Newsletter

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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>



CRC CHRISTMAS HOURS

The Wandering CRC will be CLOSED
4pm Thursday 21st December 2023 -
10.30am Monday 8th January 2024



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

Wandering Fox Hunt

Friday 9th February 2024

Fox Hunt will run on Friday night followed by a breakfast on Saturday morning at the count and awards. We hope you can all support us in helping to protect our native species in and around Wandering.

Registrations and enquiries to Leisa Turton 0428 599 854

Wandering Fox Hunt



TOTAL CONTAINERS

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WANDERING
Christmas
LUNCH

DEC
13
12.30PM



\$30
PER
PERSON

3 COURSE MEAL

WITH CHAMPAGNE &
NON-ALCOHOLIC PUNCH

WANDERING COMMUNITY CENTRE

TAKE AWAY ORDERS AVAILABLE
MUST BE PRE-BOOKED

**TO BOOK CONTACT THE WANDERING CRC
9884 1561**

CRC@WANDERING.WA.GOV.AU

Wandering Australia Day Celebration 2024

Community Breakfast
7am

Friday 26th January 2024

Wandering Community Centre

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

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



THIS IS A SMOKE AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
WANDERING

CWA Community Christmas Tree Friday December 8th



WANDERING COMMUNITY CENTRE
FREE DINNER SERVED 6-7pm
RAFFLE HELD ON THE NIGHT

Come down early and watch the
Wandering Primary School Annual
concert and awards ceremony!

SANTA ARRIVES

AT 7:30 PM

All presents which are
encouraged to be a max of
\$20 are to be delivered to
the CRC no later than
6/12/23

All gifts must be labelled
clearly with name and
age.





FREE WORKSHOP ▶

Presented by Jenny Reid
RSM Business Local Advisor

Working for yourself as a Support Worker

 **Tuesday 6th February | 10am to 12pm**
Wandering CRC, 18 Watts Street

This workshop will cover the key steps to working for yourself as a support worker; from initial start-up, organising your business and managing your customers information.

You'll also receive lots of hints and tips on where to find more detailed information about the NDIS and My Aged Care.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

 rsmbusinesslocal.com.au/workshops
Phone: 1800 249 562



AGRICULTURE

ARE YOU A FARMING ENTERPRISE BUSINESS OWNER?

And looking for agricultural staff?

IRE is now seeking small business owners throughout regional Australia who need workers to enquire within.

Contact info@ireaustralia.com.au or

Visit www.ireaustralia.com.au





Merry Christmas

“After School Chrissy Crafty Fun!”

“Time to get your Very Special Christmas
Gifts for Mum and Dad done! So, come
down for some crafty fun kids!”

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2023

@ 3:15 PM @ CRC

Register your interest for catering!

Cost: \$10.00 (inc. snacks and craft kits.)

Contact CRC on :

0898841561/crc@wandering.wa.gov.au



Happy Australia Day Holiday Craft

Australiana Theme Craft

“Hey kids, come to the CRC for Craft time!”



**11:00 AM
WEDNESDAY**

17TH JANUARY 2024

Cost: \$10.00 per child

Register your interest for catering!

***** Includes: Light lunch & Drink**

**Phone: 0898841561 or
email: crc@wandering.wa.gov.au**



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Barefoot Bowls



Barefoot Bowls Fundraiser for the Wandering Bowls Club held on 10th November 2023. This was run in partnership with the Wandering CRC.

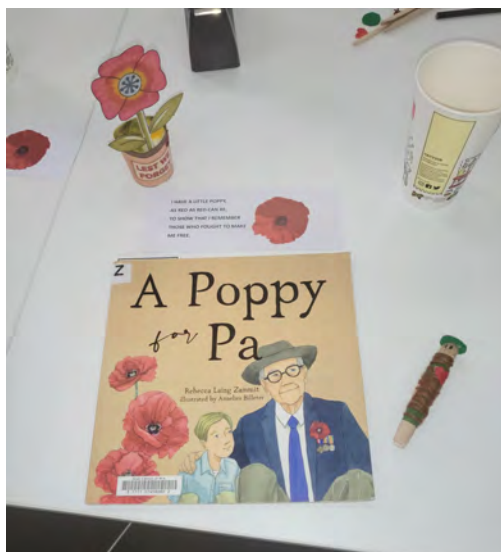
NBN - Cyber Security Workshop

Thursday 9th November



Kids Remembrance Day Craft Activity

Tuesday 7th November



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Shire President's Christmas Message

As most parts of the world begin to prepare for Christmas 2023 with all the usual wishes for an enjoyable family experience especially for our younger members, let us not forget those in countries beyond our shores where the very worst of human behaviour exists at this moment. Life in the manner I associate with the Christian doctrine, is far from the everyday lives of those living in Ukraine as Russia tries to gain control, or Gaza as Israel seeks to dominate. We sometimes just overlook how fortunate we are and overestimate our problems.

Problems for me as your Shire President have been minimal this last year. Council saw the finalisation of the 22/23 year and now are well into our plans for this current year. I look forward to our CEO, Alan, having the opportunity to begin a year where he is not tidying up and refocusing from our past direction. It has been very pleasing to chair meetings with a full Council again and I welcome Lou, Dennis and Alan who replace Graeme and Paul who are to be congratulated for their community involvement at this level. Progress for our Shire needs to include all our community and the Council Committees are a further community section that assist elected members gain important priority direction. I thank them for playing their part, along with the large group of volunteers who endeavour to keep our Shire alive and safe.

So, what does the President believe to be the Christmas present for the Shire? Well, our Community Centre has lasted exceptionally well but an upgrade was needed. Thanks to several Federal Government grants the first of a multi-stage upgrade should be visible by Christmas and at no financial cost to us. Well done to those who have put many hours into this project over the last few years.

Once again my thanks to all our staff for their efforts in meeting the many and varied challenges of 2023. Enjoy the holiday period and take care on our roads and do all you can to prevent fire. I acknowledge and thank sincerely the help our volunteers provide when mishaps do occur or natural events do take place.

Think positively and enjoy the Christmas period.
Ian Turton, Shire President.



Shire Opening Hours for the Festive Season

The Shire will close at 12pm on Friday 22 December.
Please note the Shire office will be open for **Australia Post services only as follows:**

Monday 26 December CLOSED (public holiday)
Tuesday 27 December CLOSED (public holiday)
Wednesday 28 December 10am – 2pm
Thursday 29 December 10am – 2pm
Friday 30 December 10am – 2pm
Monday 2 January 2023 CLOSED (public holiday)
Tuesday 3 January 2023 – open as per normal 8.30am to 4.30pm



A few staff will be available for emergencies, undertaking rubbish removal and watering of plants over this period.

For any emergencies during this time, **please phone 000**
For fuel station issues or urgent works requests phone 0403 110 833
For ranger issues please phone 0459 678 154

The Councillors and Staff at the Shire of Wandering would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year!

Opening Hours

Shire Office
(including Australia Post agency)
9am to 4.30pm weekdays
(SEE XMAS OPENING HOURS OPPOSITE)

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
CLOSED 25 DEC & 1 JAN

Waste Collection
Every Tuesday

Recycling Dates:
5/12/2023
19/12/2023

Ranger
24 hours / 7 days
0459 678 154

Shire of Wandering | 22 Watts Street, Wandering WA 6308 | (08) 6828 1800

www.wandering.wa.gov.au | reception@wandering.wa.gov.au  www.facebook.com/wanderingshire

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

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



Please note that Council meeting for December 2023 will commence at 2.30pm instead of the regular time of 3.30pm.

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
- 19 October 2023
- 16 November 2023
- 14 December 2023

Meetings commence at 2.30pm, public are welcome to attend. Shire Chambers, 22 Watts Street Wandering. Please arrive at reception by 2.15pm and submit questions at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Council Meeting Notes

At the Council Meeting held on the 16th November 2023 the following was discussed:

- Shire of Wandering Policy Manual Review
- Request to waive hire fees at the Community Centre for an exercise class
- Request to reduce annual fee for the Wandering Bowling Club
- RAV Request LGA Support Network 4—Network 6

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.



Shire of Wandering Elected Members (absent Cr Hansen)

Elected Members Contact Details

Cr Ian Turton (President) 0428 876 033

Cr Sheryl Little (Deputy President) 0414 586 893

Cr Lou Cowan 0490 808 044

Cr Gillian Hansen 0488 911 902

Cr Dennis Jennings 0403 126 763

Cr Alan Price 0428 996 457

Cr Max Watts 0428 841 069

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

If you are stuck for a Christmas gift idea why not call into the Shire office and purchase a gift voucher from Australia Post? We stock a HUGE range of vouchers suitable for everyone.



Cash out is available at the counter (most banks) and of course stamps for your Christmas cards.



Could Your Organisation Benefit From Some Financial Assistance?

The Shire's Community Financial Assistance Grants Program commences on 1 January and closes on 31 January Applications will be discussed at the February Council Meeting.

There are two categories available:

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

Major Community Grants (\$2000+)

Application forms can be found on the Shire website www.wandering.wa.gov.au



Shire Rates Due Dates

The next instalments dates are as follows:

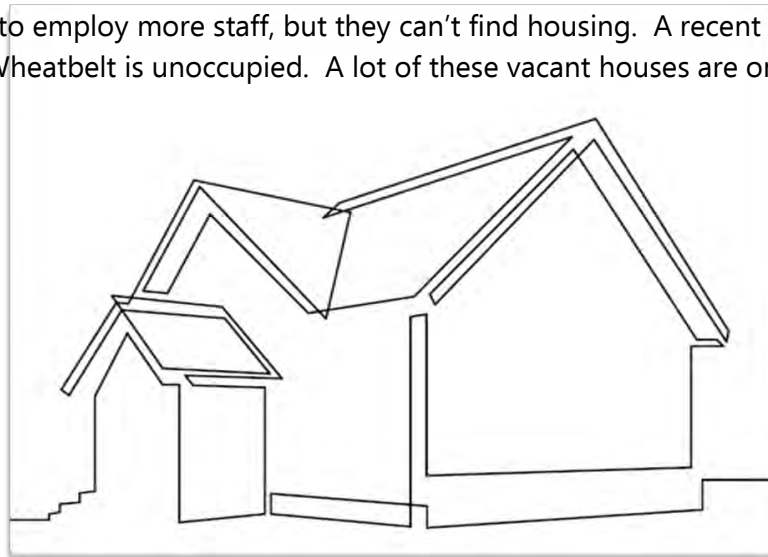
If you are paying in four instalments, your third instalment is due by 25/01/2024 and the final instalment by 25/03/2024.

If you are having difficulty paying your rates please contact us and we can put a payment plan arrangement in place.

Helping to Solve WA's Housing Crisis

A lot has been said about the housing shortage in WA.
Not just in Perth or regional centres but throughout WA.

Businesses would like to employ more staff, but they can't find housing. A recent survey found one in five houses in the southern Wheatbelt is unoccupied. A lot of these vacant houses are on farms or rural properties.



Many are vacant for a reason. They are well on their way to rack and ruin. They are not needed for the farm, or they are too far out for anyone else.

But what about the rest? Still liveable with a modest investment. Not too far out, with access to power and water.

Farmers generally are not in the real estate business, but if you could rent it out to a good tenant with guarantees from the Shire or a local employer or both, and there is someone else to co-invest in any works needed, would you consider it?

The Shire of Wandering is investigating the possibility of a housing pilot using existing rural housing stock.

It is a lot quicker to refresh existing housing stock than to build new houses.

Do you have one and what would it take for you to make it available?

We need your input, your ideas, your suggestions - and your houses.

Drop me an email or call me for a chat.

Alan Hart, CEO
ceo@wandering.wa.gov.au
6828 1800

Works Update November 2023

MAINTENANCE GRADING

With the network now drying out, the grader has only been patch grader and doing single cuts, The focus now is drains/offshoots and backslopes

YORK WILLAMS RE-CONSTRUCTION

The crew are currently replacing old culverts and extending culverts were needed, we have also added an additional culvert into this section, once this is completed, the focus will be road widening and clearing before gravel overlay, in preparation for wet mixing, which is scheduled for around 9th of January, followed by the seal Work, which is scheduled for 22nd January 2024



MAINTENANCE GENERAL:

The septic tanks at the public toilets have let us down again, it was decided the only solution was to replace the two old leach drains, which is now completed.

UP COMING WORKS:

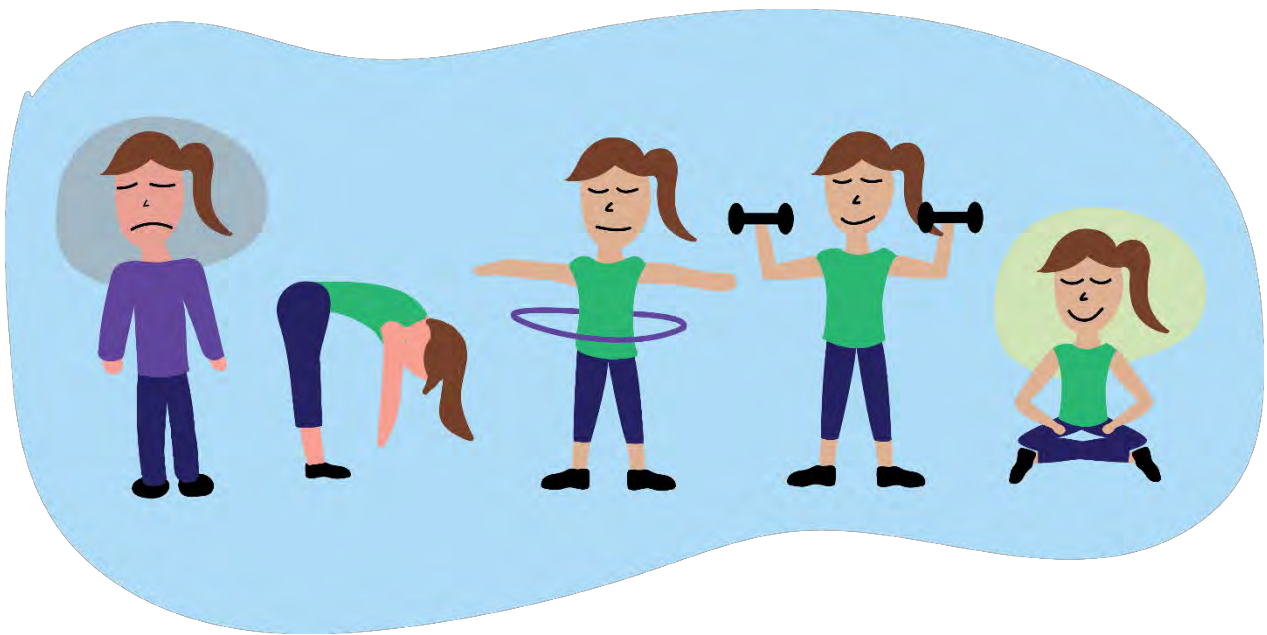
Nth Bannister Wandering Road, with Pre-construction due to commence in December where we will be replacing and upgrading the culverts from SLK 9.10- 13.6 (4.5) this work also includes clearing, batter works, and subsoil drainage.

The shire of Wandering has (WSFN) Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network, funding programmed for 2023-24 & 2024-25



If you have any concerns with Roads, Parks or Shire Buildings please lodge a request by going to our website: <https://www.wandering.wa.gov.au/>

Exercise classes In Wandering



Wandering Community
Centre

Wednesdays @ 8.45am



Wandering Lions Club

President: Peter Warburton 0429 366 617

Secretary: Stephen Bullock 0428 251 979

Treasurer: Sheryl Little: 0414 586 893

BODDINGTON RODEO

The Boddington Rodeo was another great success. There is considerable planning and effort required by the Boddington Lions and there is revenue to match the effort.

Being a 'not for profit' organisation monies raised are distributed throughout the district and broadly into Lions research institutions.

Wandering Lions were once again strongly involved with the manning of the main bar. This involvement requires in excess of 20 helpers at the height of evening festivities and although it requires frenetic attention for the greater part of the night we generally enjoy the rush.

Lions are most appreciative of the support we receive from those who volunteer or who are otherwise coerced to be workers behind the bar or keeping up the supplies.

These small but strong communities like our Wandering community continually find the energy to come together to showcase our special part of Western Australia.



The bar and its many volunteers in full flight



Our Representatives at the Awards:

Ian Price, Alana Rosenthal, Peter Warburton

Wandering is once again proud to be a finalists in two of the nine categories available in the 'Tidy Towns and Sustainable Community Awards' having nominated some months ago for the Lions' efforts in the 'Containers for Change' section and also the environmental sustainability category.

While Lions take credit for co-ordinating the collection of the containers they are very well supported by the wider community.

Monies generated by Lions finds it's way into many worthy institutions, disaster relief and research.



Do you have any unused and dead vehicle and machinery batteries lying around? The Wandering Lions are currently undertaking a battery drive. Send us a message via our Facebook page or get in touch with one of our awesome Members to arrange collection.

ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS



Wandering Lions have pods for eligible containers for change at the Wandering Tavern and Rubbish Tip. All donations are accepted.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ The Wandering Lions meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Wandering Tavern. Dinner from 6.30pm and the meeting commencing at 7pm and new members and visitors are welcome.
- ◆ That Lions International have clubs in over 200 countries?
- ◆ That Lions Clubs rely solely on volunteers?



Check out our Facebook page at:

[Lions Club Of Wandering | Facebook](#)

Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



PHCC Working Together
Peel-Harvey Catchment Council

Edition 82
December 2023



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.



Targeted weeding to support native seedlings

PHCC staff, Kristy and Victoria were joined by Newmont volunteers, Jordan and Paul at Williams River which is one of eight River Action Plan (RAP) sites in the Hotham-Williams sub-catchment.

The day's task was to locate and remove rye grass and other invasive species the manual way! This site has already undergone revegetation efforts in addition to carefully targeted weed spraying throughout the year. A select few areas of riparian vegetation had been left untouched from herbicide application to protect the native couch (*Sporobolus virginicus*) growing naturally, and the native seedlings planted in July. Capturing the precise moment before the rye grass had set seed, we manually removed it from these areas to minimise future spread. Sometimes a little extra effort (from the care taken by our weed control contractor and our weed-pulling volunteers) can go a long way in allowing native species to prosper and grow.

To water or not?

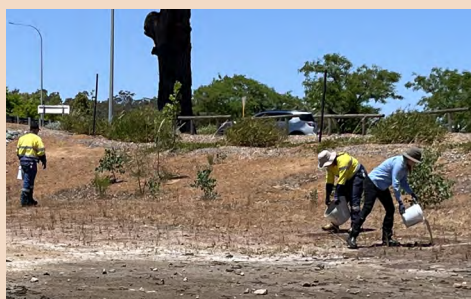
There are advocates of not watering at all when it comes to revegetation with native species. A proportion of seedlings will always be lost during the first summer (some sites more than others) and those can be replaced on an annual basis to gradually revegetate an area. Others might choose to water seedlings only a few times over the first summer when temperatures are forecast to push 40 degrees for several days.

We chose to water some of the seedlings at the Williams RAP site during the weeding effort for a number of reasons including the current heat wave, highly compacted (and structure-less) saline soil conditions, easy access to the river water nearby, and people power to cart buckets!

This project is funded through partnerships with South32 Worsley Alumina, Newmont and Shire of Williams.



Paul and Victoria collecting water



Paul, Jordan and Kristy watering sedges



Weeding amongst native vegetation

Happier, Healthier Pet Cats

Research indicates¹ that cats can live their happiest and healthiest lives if they are kept contained and can live up to 4 times longer than cats allowed to roam. By keeping pet cats safe in your home or in a catio you will reduce the risk of your cat from;

- Contracting a disease including Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV)
- Being run over by a vehicle
- Fighting with other cats or dogs
- Eating poison including rat bait and 1080 baits
- Being bitten by a snake
- Getting lost
- Visiting your neighbours property



Happy cats

Pet cats that are contained are significantly less likely to become injured and require vet treatment. It is also a cats natural instinct to hunt so by containing your cat you will also be protecting WA's unique native fauna.

1. https://www.geocatch.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Catio_Brochure_2022.pdf

Coming up...

Feb/March (date TBC) - Landscape Rehydration Field Day in partnership with Mulloon Consulting. Watch this space and our [Facebook](#) page for updates.



The Boddington office will be closed from Monday 25th December and will re-open on Monday 8th January 2024!

We wish our Hotham-Williams community a safe and very happy Christmas.

victoria.brockhurst@peel-harvey.org.au

www.peel-harvey.org.au



These projects are supported by the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council through funding from Newmont, South32 Worsley Alumina and the Shires of Boddington, Cuballing, Wandering and Williams.



WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

The Importance of Fathers

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
December 2023

Our team at Regional Men's Health talk to a lot of blokes, the other important side to this is we also do a lot of listening. Comments that often come up, especially from men of the older generation is *I wish I had spent more time with my kids, or I spent my life busting my guts working and missed out on a lot of the little things.*

Life can sometimes be a double-edged sword and I personally have the utmost respect for men who saw their primary role as the breadwinner and gave precedence to their work, with the best interest of their family in mind. The downside to this, of course, was that these men were quite often too busy with work, or away from the family, to be able to commit time at home to do some of the little things that are now considered commonplace.

My partner did an amazing job giving birth to all three of our children at home (under the supervision of an experienced midwife) and I was actively encouraged to be involved through all stages of the pregnancy and birthing process. My experience, of course, is vastly different to that of men from my grandfather's era, who were told by the midwife *well you have done your job, we'll let you know when we need you!*



In modern society the family structure varies and there are no set rules on who does what. Women have historically been considered the carers and nurturers, but they may also have careers. The question I have is *are we as open and accepting of men who show a nurturing and caring side as well as a commitment to his working and professional career?* Is this balance possible?

Spending time with the kids is a priority for many blokes and I believe some of the most enjoyable and rewarding times come from being in their company. Don't get me wrong, we will all have times when we're challenged, tested (usually our patience) and sometimes even question our ability as a father, this is normal. In addition to this we need to be aware of and manage our work, spend time with our partner and make time to explore our own passions and interests (self-care).

A few tips for father and father/mentor figures out there:

- Don't be afraid of the everyday tasks when our child is born; changing nappies, bathing, feeding, they're all important bonding opportunities;
- As our kids grow get to know them and take an interest in their passions, interests, hopes, dreams and schooling;
- Talk to our kids, ask them how their day was, tell them about our day;
- Reading is one of the simplest beneficial things we can do with them;
- There is a saying if we spent twice as much time and half the amount of money on our children we and they would be better off. Keep it simple, time and presence are the most precious gift.

To those men out there who may carry feelings of regret, guilt or loss about what they missed out on with their children, don't forget that any guy can be a Dad, but it takes someone special to be a Father. Even if our children are now adults don't forget every child, no matter what their age, seeks the approval of their father. Tell our kids today that we're proud of them and we love them.



@RMHI_4blokes



Working with Warriors Podcast



regionalmenshealth.com.au





THANK YOU!

A big thank you to our team of volunteers who worked tirelessly on the ground, and behind the scenes to protect our asset the Wandering Shire during the recent Jarrahdale Fires.



Planning, starting or raising a family?

PANDA is here for you



PANDA supports the mental wellbeing of parents across Australia during pregnancy and early parenthood. You can call us any time, for any reason.



Reaching out is the first step.
PANDA Helpline 1300 726 306 (Mon–Sat)
or visit panda.org.au



PANDA
Perinatal Anxiety &
Depression Australia

SYMPTOMS OF LUNG CANCER



Lung cancer is the fifth most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia in 2023 and the most common cause of cancer death. So, it's important to look out for any changes in your body, including coughing or spitting up blood, or, for more than four weeks:

- A new cough or change to your usual cough
- A lot of chest infections
- Finding it hard to breathe
- Losing weight without trying
- Not feeling hungry
- Pain in your chest and/or shoulder
- Feeling tired or lacking energy
- Changes to your voice, such as hoarseness or croaky voice.

Please tell your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker straight away if you notice any symptoms.

The benefits to finding cancer early is that you can be around longer to do the things you love doing with the people you love. Such as caravanning, holidaying, camping, seeing your children get married, or spending more time with your grandchildren.

Visit <https://www.findcancerearly.com.au/cancer-symptoms/lung-cancer/> or call our Information and Support line on 13 11 20 for more cancer symptoms and information.

Public Notice

Mains water supply cannot be guaranteed during a bushfire

Water Corporation is prepared for bushfire season. However, we cannot guarantee that water pressure or water supply will be maintained in the event of a bushfire. Extreme demand, fire damage and power cuts can all result in a total loss of water.

If you plan to stay and defend your property during a bushfire, you must have your own independent water supply and pumping capability. You cannot rely on mains water.

Details and resources about how to prepare for bushfire season can be found at **mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au**. For warnings and advice visit **emergency.wa.gov.au**.



REGIONAL COLUMN

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

11 October 2023

With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annetta Bellingeri

Your rights on cancelled flights

Ask any traveller about their top travel peeves and cancelled or delayed flights are likely to feature highly on the list, given their potential to throw holiday plans and itineraries into turmoil.

Flight cancellations and delays are among the most complained about issues to Consumer Protection – in the 2022/23 financial year, we received 530 complaints about flights being cancelled and 47 complaints about them being delayed.

When your own travel plans are disrupted, it's always best to contact the airline or your travel agent in the first instance to request a resolution. If that fails, consumers may come to us for help with negotiating a fair outcome under Australian Consumer Law through our conciliation service.

In one recent case, our conciliation service was able to successfully organise a \$21,222 refund for a family who had little option but to buy business class tickets to return home to Perth after their initial flights were cancelled by the airline. Another recent success story involved a \$2,000 refund from an airline that had stopped responding to the consumer's communications after cancelling their flights.

When it comes to your own travel disruptions, your right to a remedy will depend on which party made the cancellation and why.

If the airline cancels, they may offer a refund or another remedy, such as rescheduling your flights without penalty, or – if none are available in a reasonable time – reimbursing you the cost of booking replacement flights with another airline.

Passengers may not be entitled to a refund if they miss their flight or change their mind and an airline's obligations may not apply if reasons are outside their control, like bad weather.

Cancelled flights have been in the spotlight recently, after the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) launched legal action alleging Qantas Airways had engaged in false, misleading or deceptive conduct by advertising tickets for more than 8,000 flights it had already cancelled but not removed from sale.

The ACCC's Federal Court case concerns Qantas flights sold between 1 May 2022 and 31 July 2022 and the national consumer affairs regulator is hoping affected consumers will share their experience via an [online survey](https://consultation.accc.gov.au) at <https://consultation.accc.gov.au>.

If you are struggling to reach a suitable outcome with an airline over a cancelled or delayed flight, lodge a complaint on our [website](http://www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au) at www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au or contact 1300 30 40 54 or consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au



Water supply in a bushfire

This information could save your life

While leaving high-risk bushfires is the safest option, if you plan to stay and defend your home, you must have an **INDEPENDENT** water supply and pumping capability. This typically requires water tanks of at least 20,000 litres, pump and generator.

This is required as mains water supply and pressure cannot be guaranteed during a bushfire due to the risk of power cuts, fire damage and extreme demand.

Use the Department of Fire and Emergency Services resources to develop your personal bushfire survival plan: mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au. You can also download the My Bushfire Plan app via the App Store or Google Play to access your bushfire plan anytime - even without an internet connection.

To support bushfire plans, if you have groundwater bore access to surface water, you can take and store emergency water without it counting against your annual entitlement. For more information on this, and for the location of emergency bushfire water supplies in dryland agricultural areas, visit the Department of Water and

Environmental Regulation website: water.wa.gov.au/fireplanning.

Drinking water

We recommend you keep a supply of drinking water on hand throughout summer in case your water supply is interrupted.

Assistance for customers affected by bushfire

After a bushfire, we can assist you with issues such as damaged water meters and payment difficulties. If you have been affected by bushfire please call us on **13 13 85**.

The Emergency WA website emergency.wa.gov.au provides emergency information and community safety warnings. Call **000** in a life-threatening emergency or the SES **132 500** for emergency assistance.



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.

Room 7, Boddington CRC at the Old School, Bannister Road Boddington.

Full Gospel Church. 9.30am Prayer, Main service 10:00 AM Sundays. Includes Children's church.

- Tuesdays fortnightly: Ladies group.
- Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. Bible Study, Study notes provided.
- Counselling and personal prayer available.
- Contact Julie Naylor on 0436407763 Pastor Joshua Andrews on 0425410254

EMPOWERED NATIONS CHURCH

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

Enquiries to Revd Paul Bartley 0431 849 169 or Clive Lindner 9884 1535

Latest info online at www.gatewayparish.org.

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WANDERING LIONS CLUB

Meet second Thursday of the month. 7pm at the Wandering Tavern

President - Peter Warburton - 0429 366 617

Secretary - Stephen Bullock - 0428 251 979

WANDERING CWA

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

President - Jacquie Cornish 0407 241 004 Secretary - Leanne Rose 0417 097 149

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

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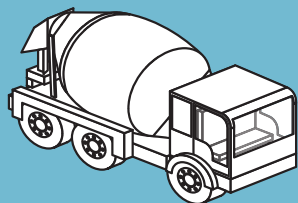
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



FRIDAY 8TH
SCHOOL CONCERT AND CWA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

3.15PM | TUESDAY 12TH
AFTER SCHOOL KIDS CRAFT

9AM | TUESDAY 12TH
PUMPHREY'S CWA MEETING

12.30PM | WEDNESDAY 13TH
WANDERING CHRISTMAS LUNCH

7PM | THURSDAY 14TH
LIONS CLUB MEETING

2.30PM | THURSDAY 14TH
COUNCIL MEETING

10AM | WEDNESDAY 20TH
WANDERING CWA

Regular Events

Friday evenings: Tennis & Bowls
Thursday morning - Craft Group @ CRC
Monday morning - Virtual Village @ CRC
Wednesday - 8.45am - Exercise Class @ Community Centre

Coming in January

Kids Aus Day Craft - Tuesday 23rd January
Australia Day Breakfast - Friday 26th January

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