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# WELCOME

*To Our Monthly Community Newsletter*

**NEXT EDITION IS JULY 2024.**

**ITEMS FOR INCLUSION DUE BY 27TH JUNE 2024**

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## **Contact the Wandering CRC**

Phone: 08 9884 1561

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



**150**  
YEARS



## **Wandering 150th Celebrations Soiree Friday Evening, 13th September 2024**

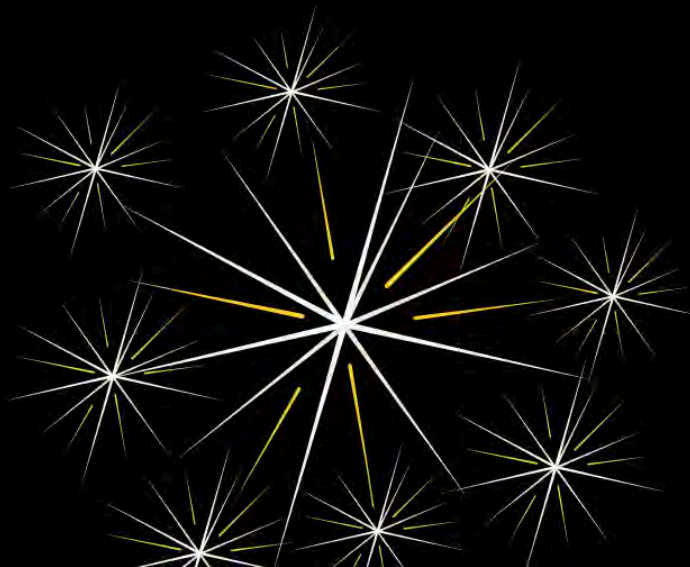
Join us for an evening of food, drinks, music and dance to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of the Wandering Road Board. This is a fabulous opportunity to mingle with past and present members of our community to share your stories and have a great time.

Don't wait to secure your place at this event at the Wandering Community Centre as ticket numbers will be capped. To preregister for tickets, contact the Wandering CRC or the Wandering Shire.

For more details,

[www.wandering.wa.gov.au/150](http://www.wandering.wa.gov.au/150)

[wandering150@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:wandering150@wandering.wa.gov.au)



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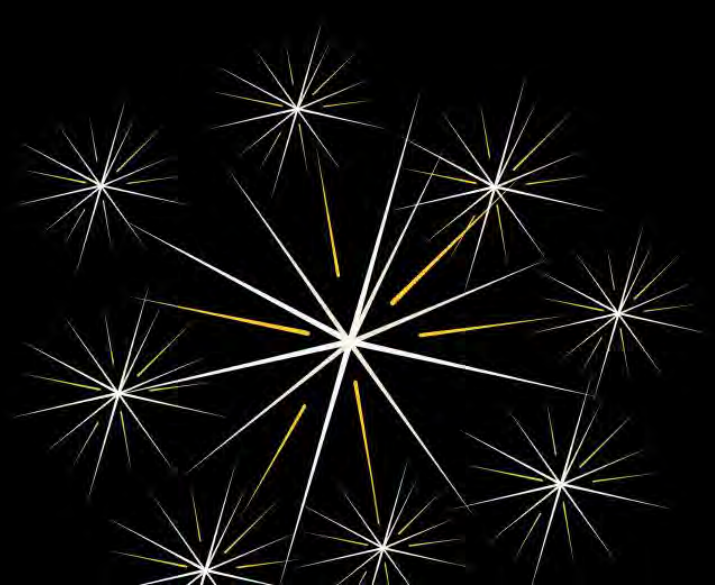


## **Tell Us Your Story!**

We would love to hear stories of your family, business, community group or sporting club associated with the Wandering Community. Start getting together a few facts and some photos... you can contribute as much or as little as you wish.

The history boards will be displayed on Saturday 14th September 2024 at the Wandering 150th Celebrations.

The Wandering CRC can assist with putting your story together. Workshops will be held at the CRC in July to assist.



# SUNDOWNER MOVIE NIGHT



**THURSDAY 20TH JUNE 2024**

**@ 6:00 PM**

**Wandering Community Centre**

**BYO - ALCOHOL**

**SOFT DRINKS FOR SALE**

**Chips and Gravy for Sale on the night**

**Register your attendance by email**

**[crc@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@wandering.wa.gov.au)/Ph: 089884 1561**



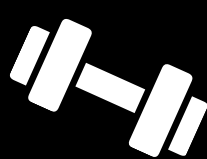
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# HELP YOUR MATES PUSH FOR BETTER HEALTH



The Wandering CRC and the Shire Of Wandering staff are participating in the Push Up Challenge to support the health of our staff, raise mental health awareness and contribute to interventions and prevention for depression, anxiety and suicide. Our aim is to raise \$500 for Lifeline WA and as a team do 1625 push-ups or alternative exercise, across 24 days in June.

If you would like to get behind our challenge, you can participate in our team challenge &/or donate to our team fundraising goal.

Visit -> <https://bit.ly/4e0vC2K>

**LET'S DO THIS!** Take on the challenge from 5-28 June and put the spotlight on mental health.





Take the  
*first step*  
and join

Starting 10th June 2024  
**Wandering Walking Group**



**Let's Walk For Health Together**

Get your 30 minutes in and join us in a walk around Wandering town centre every Monday morning @ 8.30-9.00am. To register, contact: CRC on 9884 1561 or email: [crc@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@wandering.wa.gov.au)



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## CURRENT & UPCOMING ROAD WORKS & ROAD CLOSURES

- Winter grading will start when the rain comes over the next few months. Please contact the Shire Office if your road needs attention.
- The Shire's road construction program has been completed, with York Williams and Pingelly-Wandering Road intersection to have white lines and rumble strips installed.
- Roadside culvert cleanouts have been ongoing with a number of roads been completed. The crew is working around Wandering Downs estate after the recent flooding rains and will be headed back to Noombling-Norrine Road in the coming days.
- The Shire recently conducted road base testing along North Bannister Wandering Road. This was conducted to identify sub base materials.
- First stage of the bushfire mitigation works have been completed along the Shire's bridge network. This work is to help reduce the risk of fire impacting the road network. The aim is to mulch the vegetation and grass around the bridges to reduce the risk.

## WANDERING COMMUNITY GARDEN SUCCESSFUL FOR FUNDING

The Wandering Community Garden has been successful in receiving further funding to develop the next stage of the garden which will provide shelter, more garden beds and access to a range of gardening workshops over the coming 6 months.

This is now your chance to be involved in the final stages of the project and to ensure it remains a valued asset to the community. We are seeking people who would like to be involved in this exciting project.

**If you would like to be involved, please come along on Wednesday 12th June at 1pm to the Wandering CRC for afternoon tea and a discussion. To register please contact the Wandering CRC on 98841561 or [crc@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@wandering.wa.gov.au)**



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# Lions Club of Wandering

## Who Are We?

The first Lions organisation was initiated in Chicago USA by a business man Melvin Jones in 1917. The main purpose to fight blindness. It wasn't until 1947 post second world war that a Lions club was formed in Lismore NSW on the July the 1st of that year. Now Australia has more than 1400 clubs with over 30,000 serving members. This is to complement the 48,000 clubs world wide with 1.4 million serving members.

Western Australia joined the organisation in 1962 along with South Australia and Papua New Guinea. WA has 109 clubs in two districts, District W1 and W2 which will become one district in the near future.

Lions have a motto 'WE SERVE' with 5 pillars of service, Vision, Hunger, Diabetes, Cancer and Environment.

### So to Wandering Lions.

Wandering Lions Club was initiated in the year of 1979 and among those who began this Club, BJ Pitcher as president, DI Dimmock as secretary, and JCB Lewis as treasurer. To start a club it was necessary to have 20 members so among those members were 3 Hardies, I Donaldson, B Dowsett, J Brown, W Dalton, R Buckingham, N Grinham, M Inglesden, E Kenzic, R Lawrence, B Mann, H Marshall, W O'Leary, M Prentice, G Reed and J Whitely.

Since 1998 women have been involved and making considerable contribution.

Generally when a Lions Club sets about to raise funds it will be a focused event and beneficiary, however for Wandering Lions we are a more manpower oriented. We find ourselves supporting events and completing contracts. Monies are pooled and distributed to a worthy need.

The general understanding is that the majority goes to local institution support however Lions are closely associated with research institutes in cancer, eye health, diabetes and hearing with a special support for the cancer screening bus that constantly travels the state with volunteering doctors, drivers and administering staff.

There are many physical landmarks around the town and district to which Lions have instigated and built.

Entry to the cemetery, refurbishment of the cemetery and a campaign to mark unmarked graves.

Garden beds in front of the CRC.

Retaining walls at oval's edge in front of the recreational centre.

Lighting of the tennis courts.

Fence around the CWA building.

Building of the pergola at the Rec centre, now relocated.

History boards in front of the CRC.

Covered seating in town and around the district.

Entry statements to Wandering.



There are countless other events and support the Wandering Lions have undertaken in the 45 years of it's existence.

The construction of a shelter over the seats at the skate park. This has been completed with the financial support of 'Newmont Gold Community Grants Program' which would not have been possible otherwise.



Lions' latest local project.

Visit from Representatives of Newmont Gold inspecting bridges across the Cheetanning creek.

The walk bridges facilitate access to each side of the walk trail and were also generously supported by Newmont Gold.



Lions Stephen Bullock and Lou Cowan.  
Newmont Reps Javier Brodalka, External relations,  
Daniel Marsh, Senior Sustainability and External Relations Adviser

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# We're hiring in Wandering

We believe our staff are our greatest asset as we work together to deliver the very best in Home Care in the Wheatbelt.



We are looking for caring and passionate nursing and Home Care support workers in the Wheatbelt.

Our Care with Purpose people-centred care model promotes dignity, respect, privacy and independence.

As a not-for-profit organisation, we are inclusive and welcome all faiths and backgrounds. We offer competitive hourly rates, casual loading and full training. We have both permanent and casual roles available now.

*If you would like to discuss further call 1300 244 000 or email your CV to [homecare@catholichomes.com](mailto:homecare@catholichomes.com)*



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A neon sign with the words 'WANDERING QUIZ NIGHT' in a stylized font. 'WANDERING' is at the top, 'QUIZ' is in the middle, and 'NIGHT' is at the bottom. The sign is surrounded by question marks and a glowing triangle.

# WANDERING QUIZ NIGHT

**\$10 per person      Tables of 8 max**  
**Door prize.      Plenty of prizes to win!**  
**BYO Drinks & nibbles for your table**

**Saturday, 17 August 2023**

**6pm Wandering Community Centre**

**BOOK NOW**

**Contact – Wandering CRC to book your table**  
**9884 1561 or [crc@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@wandering.wa.gov.au)**



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**MAY 2024  
WANDERING  
AURORA  
PHOTOS**



*Photo by Grete Rasmussen*



# Swanpex 2024 Philatelic Exhibition

[www.wapc.org.au/swanpex-2024/](http://www.wapc.org.au/swanpex-2024/)

being held in conjunction with the  
**ROCKINGHAM STAMP SHOW**

Gary Holland Centre  
19 Kent Street, ROCKINGHAM WA

**ONE DAY ONLY**

**Sunday 4th August      10am to 4pm**

**Free Entry & Parking**

Dealers – buying, selling, free valuations  
Exhibits / displays, Souvenirs  
Free activities for young collectors

**Enquiries: Mike Kouwen**

[jmikek@inet.net.au](mailto:jmikek@inet.net.au)    Ph: (08) 9384 4981

# BOOK CLUB

**Come And Join Our  
New Book Club**

**Wandering Public Library will be hosting a Book Club here  
at the CRC.**

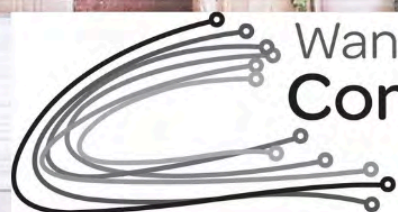
**Please register your attendance by contacting  
EMAIL: [crc@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@wandering.wa.gov.au) or/Ph: 089884 1561**

**Our first meet will be Monday 8th July @ 2:00pm.**

**(Coffee/Tea available for purchase and biscuits provided)**

**\*\*\*Our first book will be announced to participants soon.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Hard copy purchase will be \$25.00 max.\*\*\***



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# Wandering Playgroup

A PLACE OF FUN AND ENJOYMENT



EVERY THURSDAY  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
AT THE CWA ROOM

CONTACT STARR CORNISH  
FOR MORE INFORMATION  
0447778657





# HARVEST ME NATIVE BEE HOTEL WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 30TH JULY 2024  
@ 10:00AM - 11:30AM

Come along and discover the amazing world of Australian Native Bees.

Learn what to do to help out our own local Native Bees, what to grow to help bees & other pollinators. What are Native Bee Hotels? How to Build Native Bee Hotels and How to Create a Pollinator Friendly Garden

**Tickets \$12-\$15**

**bookings via Event Bookings -**

**<https://bit.ly/3wTIC9L>**



For further information please contact the Wandering  
CRC: 9884 1561 or [crc@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@wandering.wa.gov.au)



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WANDERING CAMP OUT WEEKEND  
PROUDLY PRESENTS

2024

# REGIONAL CLUB DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

*Inspiration, Innovation, Collaborate, Connect*

**SAVE** *the date!*

**FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST**

The Wandering Camp Out Weekend Committee is excited to be delivering on its promise to give back to the community and region.

This conference is designed for all clubs, not-for-profit organisations and groups from across the region to network, be inspired and learn through a range of key note and guest speakers and some fun engaging activities, throughout what is shaping up to be a fantastic day NOT TO BE MISSED!

Featuring: Kulin Bush Races, Click Colours - *The fun way to learn why you click with some and clash with others*, Lachlan Hunter - Candidate for Central Wheatbelt Nationals WA....and much more...

**Followed by a Networking Sundowner with**

**Flavours From The Regions canapes and music by Sally Jane**

**\$40 per person inc. morning tea, lunch & networking sundowner**

If your club needs help to attend, please contact the Wandering Camp Out Weekend to discuss attendance sponsorship

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WANDERING COMMUNITY CENTRE  
TICKETS:

[www.trybooking.com/CQXUL](http://www.trybooking.com/CQXUL)

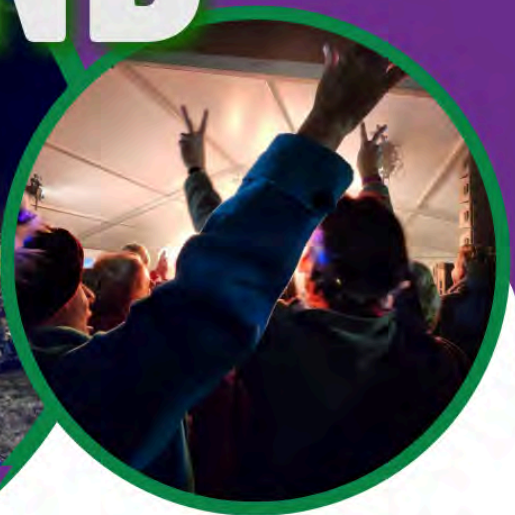
E: [eowcow@outlook.com](mailto:eowcow@outlook.com)

Ph: 0429 961 697

W: [wcow.com.au](http://wcow.com.au)

18TH - 20TH OCTOBER 2024

# WANDERING CAMP OUT WEEKEND



**GRASSDALE FARM  
WANDERING, WA**

**LIVE MUSIC | AG SHOW | HELICOPTER FLIGHTS  
CAMPING UNDER THE STARS | WINERY TOURS  
ENTERTAINMENT ALL WEEKEND | COLOUR RUN  
HEADLINE ACTS - FRIDAY - RETRO INC  
SATURDAY - PROUD MARY  
CAMPING & EVENINGS IN THE Paddock  
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*Tickets*

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# BODDINGTON ARTS COUNCIL

## Field of Quilts 2024

### Embrace the Sunflower Challenge

Open only to Boddington/Wandering Residents

**The Challenge:** Your task is to create a unique wall hanging or a bag that captures the essence of the sunflower. Let the vibrant yellows and greens spark your creativity as you weave, crochet or stitch your masterpiece.

- **Theme:** Every creation must feature a sunflower design, whether it's through patterns, colors, or motifs.
- **Materials:** Feel free to use any materials at your disposal – fabric, yarn, beads, or recycled goods.
- **Size:** Wall-Hanging must be no larger than 12x24 inches.! From petite pouches to totes, all sizes are welcome.

**Inspiration:** Think of the sunflower fields that stretch towards the horizon, the way each petal catches the light, or how the seeds spiral in perfect harmony. Your creation should be a reflection of nature's artistry

**Prizes:** The most innovative and beautifully crafted pieces will win:

- **Prize:** \$100.00 for each either the Wall-Hanging or a Bag.
- **Deadline:** The challenge runs from **June 2024** until **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. Winners will be announced on **September 22nd at the Field of Quilts Event**





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# OPEN DAY

Friday 13 September 2024  
9am to 3pm

TOURS

DEMONSTRATIONS

PRODUCE FOR SALE

LUNCHES & MORNING TEAS

DISPLAYS OF STUDENT WORK

216 Cooramining Road, NARROGIN WA 6312  
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## Local Business Listings

Have you listed your business or service with us? We'd love to add you to our business listings as we get enquiries at the administration office on a regular basis for various services.

If you are already listed and your details require updating please also get in touch! Please check your listing here:

<https://www.wandering.wa.gov.au/discovering-wandering/about-wandering/local-business-operators.aspx>

## 2024 / 2025 Rates Notices

Rates notices are due to be sent out in July. If you would like to have your notice/s email to you then please email us at [reception@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:reception@wandering.wa.gov.au) or phone 6828 1800 and we will update your details.

## First Aid for New Drivers

St John WA's free 30-minute digital first aid course for new drivers.

Getting your L-plates or P-plates is among the best moments in a person's life. However, the freedom of being out on the road comes with a huge responsibility to keep both yourself and others safe. Together, we are building resilience on WA roads with educated drivers who are ready to assist in the event of a road emergency. For more details visit <https://clicktosave.com.au/>

## 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:

04/06/2024

18/06/2024

### Ranger

24 hours / 7 days

0459 678 154

Please be advised The West Australian paper has been  
increased to \$2.60



Letter stamps have also increased to \$1.50



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

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



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## Council Meeting Dates 2024

- 15 February 2024
- 21 March 2024
- 18 April 2024
- 16 May 2024
- 20 June 2024
- 18 July 2024
- 15 August 2024
- 19 September 2024
- 17 October 2024
- 21 November 2024
- 12 December 2024

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.

## Council Meeting Notes

At the Council Meeting held on the 16th May 2024 the following was discussed:

- Shire of Wandering Policy Manual Review
- Financial Report April 2024
- Accounts for Payment April 2024
- Community Centre Kitchen Upgrade Final Drawings
- Bush Fire Advisory Committee AGM

To read the entire agenda or minutes please go to our website [www.wandering.wa.gov.au](http://www.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.



*Shire of Wandering Elected Members*

## 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

## Notice of Intention to Impose Fees and Charges

In accordance with Section 6.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Shire of Wandering hereby gives notice of its intention to impose Fees and Charges for the 2024/25 financial year to be effective from 1 July 2024.

Details of the fees and charges for the 2024/25 financial year will be available at the Shire Administration Office and on the Shire of Wandering website at [www.wandering.wa.gov.au](http://www.wandering.wa.gov.au)

\*Please note the Shire's Fees and Charges are updated every year prior to the new financial year\*

## National Relay Service



The NRS provides a range of different types of call services, depending on your needs and preferences. Relay Officers are specially trained staff who help with every call. Relay Officers will:

- Change voice to text or text to voice
- Change Auslan to English or English to Auslan
- Stay on the line throughout the call to help you, without getting in the way or changing what is said.

The NRS is available 24 hours a day, except for Video Relay calls.

Video Relay calls are only available **7am to 6pm** (Australian Eastern Standard Time) **Monday to Friday** and **8am to 12pm Saturday**. Video Relay calls are also **not available on national public holidays**.

The NRS is **free** and **confidential**.



**Request for Tender 02/2024  
Light Industrial Area (Underground Power)**

The Shire of Wandering are seeking suitable, qualified, and experienced contractors to install underground power to the light industrial area in town.

Tender documents can be obtained by emailing [reception@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:reception@wandering.wa.gov.au)

Tenders close: Monday 15 July 2024 at 4pm WST

Response lodgement:

Electronically via [reception@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:reception@wandering.wa.gov.au) or by mail / delivery 22 Watts Street, Wandering WA 6308 prior to its closing.

Canvassing of Elected Members will disqualify respondents from further consideration.  
Late tenders submitted will not be accepted.

Alan Hart  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**Request for Quote 01/2024  
Wandering Community Centre Upgrade**

The Shire of Wandering is upgrading the kitchen and storeroom facilities at the Wandering Community Centre and quotations are being sought from suitably qualified contractors to undertake building construction works.

Documents, including the detailed plans, can be obtained by emailing [reception@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:reception@wandering.wa.gov.au)

Quotations close: Monday 10 June 2024 at 4pm WST

Response lodgement:

Electronically via [reception@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:reception@wandering.wa.gov.au) or by mail / delivery 22 Watts Street, Wandering WA 6308 prior to its closing.

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Alan Hart  
**Chief Executive Officer**



COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
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## Wandering CWA

**You are invited to join us** on Wednesday 19 June at 11am to hear Bronwyn Dunn, the Founder and Chairperson of "Comfort Quilts Against Cancer" as she visits the Wandering CWA to speak about all of the wonderful work that this not-for-profit charity does.

Based in Western Australia, the organisation is made up of dedicated volunteers across Australia who create, sew, knit and crochet, run administration and fundraise for our cause.

<https://www.comfortquilts.org.au>



### Oldest CWA Cookery Book Competition

The Wandering CWA will be holding a competition to find the oldest CWA cookbook in our community.....

so rummage through your family archives and bookshelves, to see if you can find a much used pioneer icon!

All cookbooks entered will be on display at the Wandering CWA Rooms on the Saturday of the Shire Anniversary Celebration in September with a prize up for grabs for the competition winner.

Details as to where and when to bring your early edition cookbook will be revealed soon!



### Next meeting of the Wandering CWA

Wednesday 19 June 2024

11am meeting with morning tea to follow

Everyone welcome!



Find us on   
Wandering CWA

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

# CLEANER WANTED

Casual Cleaner required to cover relief work at  
Wandering Primary School.

## Requirements:

Working With Children Check  
Education Department Nationally Coordinated Criminal  
Screening Check

## Hours (as required):

Monday – Friday  
3.00pm – 6.00pm

For more information, please call 9884 2950 and speak to  
Kathy Green or Merrill Ridgely or email  
[wandering.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:wandering.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

## Enrolments now being taken for 2025

Wandering Primary School is now taking enrolments for 2025. It would be appreciated if new enrolments are lodged by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024, so that we are able to commence planning for 2025.

Please call in to the school to collect an enrolment pack or contact the school via email [wandering.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:wandering.ps@education.wa.edu.au) or phone 9884 2950 to request an enrolment pack.

We look forward to welcoming our new kindergarten students for 2025 and any families that are new to Wandering.

## Defibrillator now located on school premises



**Javier Brodalka (Newmont Boddington), Merrill Ridgley (Principal), Jemma Caldwell (Teacher & P&C President), Starr Cornish (P&C Secretary)**

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Newmont Boddington for their assistance in supporting our school to purchase a defibrillator as per the Education Departments requirement that all Western Australian schools have a defibrillator located on their premises by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024. We would also like to acknowledge the hard work of our P&C for their help in submitting the grant application to Newmont.

Should you need to access the defibrillator located at the school, please call 000 for ambulance, they will provide the access code.

2 Watts Street Wandering 6308

P: (08) 9884 2950

[Wandering.PS@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Wandering.PS@education.wa.edu.au)

[www.wanderingps.wa.edu.au](http://www.wanderingps.wa.edu.au)

**Dear Editors,**

Firstly thank you for allowing me to use your newsletter as a means of communication. You all do such a great job, well done. The total number on signatures for the petition to re open beds at Boddington hospital for the elderly far exceeded my initial expectation. I had prayed for 1000, and we received a total of online and paper, just short of 3,000!! (still counting) This really does speak for itself, no one needs to interpret this data. The Hon Steve Martin MLC presented the online petition to Parliament as promised on Tuesday 28th May. Later in the day he went on to present some real life stories of people who had been affected by bed closure. He will present the paper petition at the next hearing in approximately a fortnight. I now need to respond to Parliament in the next fortnight with some more details. If there is anybody reading who hasn't been heard in this regard, I am happy to listen and voice your concerns.

This is absolutely about your rights.

Thank you,  
Liz Nairn  
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# Wandering Fair

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*Running in conjunction with the Wandering Camp Out Weekend*



# Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



**PHCC** Working Together  
Peel-Harvey Catchment Council

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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.



## Hot in the Shade

A recent visit to the River Action Plan site on the Williams River in Quindanning highlighted the importance of shade along our rivers.

‘Grandmother’ paperbarks of a size you don’t often see were providing gorgeous, lush shade under which the temperature was markedly cooler; check out the photos. The needles (leaves) and bark that had dropped on the ground also provided resilience to weed germination, which often peaks during times of stress when native plants are struggling. The cooler temperature means that pools are protected from evaporation and can provide important areas of refuge, particularly in the current alarmingly dry conditions.

In contrast was the open, sunny, and exposed area at the same site a mere 200m away. The vegetation there was under incredible stress, and last year we started planting paperbarks to eventually provide shady trees in that patch. The seedlings were still hanging on for dear life, but it will be a number of years before they are big enough to have an impact.

The moral of the story is, keep the shade you have and plant more! The ecosystem services provided by native vegetation free of charge is beyond any economic value we can attribute to it.

Hotham and Williams Rivers projects in the upper catchment are funded through partnerships with both South32 Worsley Alumina and Newmont Australia (Boddington)



Images: Williams River in Quindanning



## Coming up...

### Discovering BIOCHAR

WITH PROF STEPHEN JOSEPH, AUSTRALIA'S LEADING BIOCHAR EXPERT

**Thursday 13 June**  
10am to 4pm, Busselton

Join GeoCatch to learn more about how to use biochar effectively on your property.

This one day workshop is led by Prof Joseph Stephen, considered to be Australia's leading expert on biochar.

This is a FREE event, Morning tea and lunch provided

**WE WILL COVER**

- How does biochar improved things?
- Is there evidence that biochar works?
- What biochar works best for you?
- How can you access biochar?

To register scan the QR Code or contact GeoCatch [www.geocatch.asn](http://www.geocatch.asn) or call on 0491 069 078

**Limited tickets - Secure your place today**

**Ag News..** Check out this exciting project “WaterSmart Dams – Making Dams Work Again” being coordinated by the Grower Group Alliance: <https://www.gga.org.au/activity/water-smart-dams/>



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.

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## **2/4<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Battalion**

The 2/4<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Battalion was the only Machine Gun Battalion raised in WA. Only 239 men, less than a quarter were not born in WA. Therefore all the enlisted men had a regimental number starting with WX. They were trained in desert warfare at Northam, before being sent to North Africa. But the bombing of Pearl Harbour on December 7, 1941 meant the Australian Government began sending troops north to Asia to stop the advancing Japanese Army. This was not a popular decision for the British Government, who wanted to stop the German Army in North Africa and Europe.

Upon completing their training, the men marched from Northam to Perth. They never did anything by halves. They were in Darwin when they were ordered to Singapore, via Fremantle. The reserves for the Battalion were taken on board to bolster its numbers. Nobody was able to go ashore in Fremantle and they never actually berthed at the port. But somehow some managed to find their way ashore to visit their families or just to have a beer. Word spread quickly and family and friends soon gathered in the hope of farewelling the men. Unfortunately, 88 men did not make it back in time to leave on the HMT Aquitania. They were sent on a different ship, landing in Sumatra and suffering the same fate.

The Aquitania arrived on the impregnable island of Singapore on January 24, 1942. The British authorities were so sure that Singapore could never be taken, any guns were actually facing south, immobile, not north towards the Johore Strait separating Singapore from Malaya. By 31 January, the troops were busy demolishing part of the Johore causeway to stop the rapidly advancing Japanese Army. This wasn't successful, as the enemy crossed using pontoons and barges.

On February 8, fighting for the defence of Singapore began. Parties travelled all over the island in its defence. The commanding officer of the 2/4<sup>th</sup>, Lieutenant Colonel Anketell was injured before succumbing to his injuries on February 13. Many were injured. Some were taken off Singapore with the women and children of the Europeans on all available ships. Many were bombed and sunk, despite displaying the Red Cross. Those who survived spent the rest of the war in atrocious conditions. Minimal food, poor accommodation and no medical supplies. The Japanese did not pass on the supplies sent to the prisoners by the Red Cross. During the invasion, most of those wounded soldiers who were in hospital were killed by the Japanese. The native population of Singapore and especially the Chinese were systematically rounded up and in the case of the men, were imprisoned and killed. All this in the name of ridding Asian countries of the European colonisers.

On February 15, at 8.30pm a ceasefire was ordered. Men spread across the island then had to find their way back to their barracks. Many were injured or killed in the time before the Ceasefire. And this was the beginning of what was to become a nightmare for the surrendering troops. The Japanese believed that their Emperor was God and that they were serving him totally and to the

death. They didn't believe in surrender and had no respect for those who did. And had never signed the Geneva Convention. Now they had many men who had surrendered. And they barely had supplies enough to feed themselves. The speed that they travelled down the Malay peninsula by foot and bike, for the troops, meant that they had outstripped their supply chain.

One solution was to send the Prisoners of War to various areas to build airfields or to build railways to link the smaller Asian railways. They had plenty of labour, in the imprisoned troops, civilians and the local people. So they set about dividing up the POWs and sending them in groups, called Forces across the countries they had invaded. The Japanese Army offered the promise of better conditions and food. Not that the men had any choice. The biggest job was the building of a railway through Malaya, Thailand and Burma. So the Forces were sent from Singapore, up the Malay peninsular into Thailand and Burma. And others were sent to Borneo to fix and build airfields. Still others were sent to Japan to work in the factories, mines, warehouses, manufacturing and the wharves. Indeed, members of the 2/4<sup>th</sup> working in Nagasaki only knew about the dropping of the Atomic bombs on Nagasaki when they came up from the underground mines and saw the destruction. Sadly. Some of the men were on the Rakuyo Maru, which, along with another ship carrying British POWs, were sunk when they were torpedoed by 3 American submarines. The survivors were the first to tell of the conditions on Singapore to the Allies.

The men sent to Borneo to build or repair the airfields fared the worst. American planes consistently bombed the airfields to the extent that they were abandoned. Sadly, the men who worked on the airfields had no further use. So they were sent between Sandakan and Ranau to be used for another purpose. Only 6 men managed to escape and their story was so unbelievable that it was kept quiet by the Australian government for several years. According to the Japanese army, the men died of malaria. But, as it came out later, they were literally marched to death. Those too weak to walk were often killed. Some of these men were from the 2/4<sup>th</sup> MGB, including three brothers who all died between Sandakan and Ranau.

And the men building the Railway were not treated much better. By hand, using hammers and chisels they dug their way through solid rock. They had to hope that their mate on the hammer was accurate., as there was no treatment for crushed hands. Others climbed along wooden structures to build bridges. 688 bridges were needed to complete the rail link for the Japanese supply lines. They felled the trees and suffered from lack of food, shelter and medicine. Some of those men were from the 2/4<sup>th</sup> MGB.

As these men had no value, the majority of the Japanese troops and their guards from around Asia took a brutal line with the POWs. If you didn't work, you didn't get fed; if you were sick, you didn't get medicine. The only thing that kept the men alive, at times, was their determination not to be beaten by their guards. The physical beatings were harsh, but the prisoners would carry their mates back to camp and treat them as best they could. And the Japanese always insisted on Speedo.... Going faster.

These men were subjected to the worst treatment imaginable. Their lives were of no value, therefore they could be beaten severely; shot for any perceived misdeed including not showing enough respect to the Japanese; taking food; talking to the local people; taking the mickey out of the Japanese; trying to escape. Even humour seemed to be a punishable offence. And always was the threat of harm to the local population if the prisoners did something not permitted. There were no



fences for them to scale to escape. But they were in such poor health that they could not escape. And where would they go? Stories emerged of men being machine gunned for trying to find food for their sick mates or being forced into confined spaces in the sun for punishment. Some men survived these atrocities and survived. But their mates had to hide them so the Japanese did not know they were alive. They did not want any proof of their cruelty. Some of those men were from the 2/4<sup>th</sup> MGB.

I've been told that the one thing that made life better for the Australians was their sense of mateship, their sense of humour and the fact that many of them were boys from the bush. They knew how to make do, perform bush medicine if no other form was available. And most of them were not above a little bit of skulduggery. Where possible, if it belonged to the guards and you thought you could get away with it, without being caught, it was fair game. And if you were too sick to work, you could work in the kitchen cooking for the Japanese. If you happened to pee in the rice as it was cooking, you could tell yourself you were adding flavour. And possibly passing on whatever tropical disease you happened to be suffering with.

And your mates would always aid and abet you. Many stories were told at the end of the war about how they survived. When members of the 2/4<sup>th</sup> MGB returned to Australia and visited the doctors in the Repatriation Hospital and were asked what diseases they had had, during their internment all the doctors could say was that people didn't survive those illnesses. And all the exPOWs replied was, but I'm still here, aren't I?

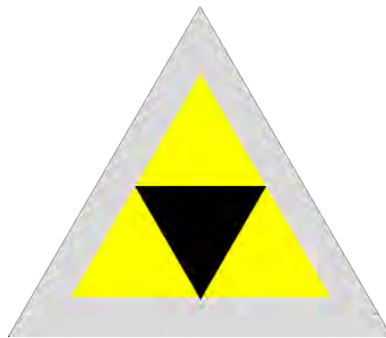
Even when peace was declared, the prisoners, by this time back in Changi Gaol in a ragged unhealthy condition, could not do anything as the Japanese guards still held the weapons. They had to wait for the allied forces to come and release them. To give them medical treatment and food. They were shells...ragged, sick, starving but still with the will to survive and show their former captors that they were still proud and refusing to give in.

In 2013, I had the privilege of accompanying the last surviving F Force member of the 2/4<sup>th</sup> MGB to Thailand to revisit for the third and final time, the scenes of the atrocities he went through, to achieve the final peace and forgiveness he needed. Walking through the Hintok Cutting, also known as Hellfire Pass, I saw the chisel marks left by those long-ago POWs. I stopped at the station at Non Pladuk where many of the POWs began their long march north to build one of the 688 bridges needed to link all the rail lines together for the Japanese supply chain. I stood at Sami Songkurai where the last log cut for the bridge by the POWs is now in pride of place in a family home. Further north, near Three Pagoda Pass, prisoners build a wooden bridge across a rapidly flowing river with only a rope above the river to grab hold of if they lost their hold on the bridge. Many drowned as they were tumbled down the river. To the war cemetery at Kanchanaburri where the graves of the young men are tended by the local people. A large expanse of lawn studded with headstones of men who died and were buried by their mates. After the war, the bodies were relocated to such cemeteries so they can rest in peace. Strong memories, harsh memories, but I felt the peace in the air as the pain of his memories lessened. Of mates who never made it home, of mates who made it home but couldn't face life as it used to be and mates who did come home and were the only ones to talk to about their experiences. Family.

Despite the last member of the 2/4<sup>th</sup> MGB passing in 2016, the 2/4<sup>th</sup> MGB still lives on, in the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who keep the memories alive. Forgiveness was

sometimes a long time coming, but it arrived to help the men heal. They have forgiven but not forgotten. They never want the atrocities which happened to them to occur to any other Australian.

And the relevance to Wandering? For some years at the end of the last century, members of 2 of the 2/4<sup>th</sup> MGB families lived in Wandering and in the early 2000s, the families of three 2/4<sup>th</sup> MGB members lived in Wandering.



Lest We Forget

## Find Bowel Cancer Early



Living a healthy and fulfilling life is important to us all. But ignoring our health and not seeing a doctor if we have unusual symptoms could have a serious impact on our life and wellbeing. It is important to be aware of cancer symptoms and get checked out by a doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker if you notice anything unusual.

### Did you know?

Bowel cancer is one of the most common cancers affecting both women and men in Western Australia. Unfortunately, in 2019, more than 1,300 Western Australians were diagnosed with bowel cancer, and just over 400 people lost their lives from the disease. So, it is important to be aware of the common bowel cancer symptoms and to visit your doctor if you have any concerns. If it is bowel cancer, the earlier it's found, the greater the chance of successful treatment.

#### Common symptoms of bowel cancer include:

- blood in your poo (even just one time)

for more than four weeks:

- a new pain, lump or swelling in your tummy
- feeling tired, looking pale, losing weight without trying
- a change in normal bowel habits such as runny poo, pooing more often or finding it hard to poo.

If you have noticed unusual tell your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker without delay. It doesn't mean you've got bowel cancer – often these symptoms turn out to be something less serious, but it's important to tell your health professional and get checked out to be safe.

For more information about cancer symptoms, visit: [www.findcancerearly.com.au](http://www.findcancerearly.com.au) or call the Cancer Council Information and Support Line on **13 11 20**.



## REGIONAL COLUMN

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9 May 2024

### **With Senior Regional Officer for the South West Annetta Bellingeri** **Lithium-ion batteries – a silent threat in our homes**

Our lives are filled with devices powered by lithium-ion batteries – e-rideables, power tools, laptops, toys, smartphones, electric vehicles and even electric toothbrushes. Unfortunately, they also harbour a hidden danger. Lithium-ion batteries, no matter how small, are susceptible to fiery failures that can escalate quickly and pose a serious threat to our safety. These fires can be very difficult to extinguish with water and battery contents may reignite or explode several days later.

You're not mistaken if you've been thinking it seems like every few days there is a news story about another lithium-ion battery fire. Last year, an average of two fires per week were sparked by these batteries. WA is on track to beat that figure in 2024 with 55 battery fires already recorded. Almost 20 of those fires were caused by e-rideables.

Along with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Consumer Protection's Product Safety team want people to check, use and dispose of these batteries safely.

Consumers should avoid mixing and matching chargers, unplug products when fully charged and charge batteries on a hard surface in a cool, dry place and away from flammable materials like beds, lounges or carpet. Also look for the tick and check the charger has the Regulatory Compliance Mark to show it meets Australian Standards.

E-rideables like e-bikes, hover boards and e-scooters, should be charged outside of the home and never left to charge overnight. It's also worth considering installing a smoke or heat alarm where these devices are charged. It could save your life.

Lithium-ion batteries are more likely to catch fire when exposed to heat and moisture, or if they're crushed – common conditions in garbage trucks and household bins.

For this reason, never put lithium-ion batteries in your household waste or recycling bin. Chucking batteries in the bin can cause rubbish and recycling trucks to catch fire and waste facilities to burn. This endangers the lives of workers and costs the ratepayers.

Instead take lithium-ion batteries to the nearest battery drop-off point, which can be found at Recycle Right - [recyclerright.wa.gov.au](http://recyclerright.wa.gov.au).

Always purchase reputable lithium-ion powered products and check them for damage regularly. Look for signs of overheating, swelling, leaking or venting gas. If the battery is damaged follow the safety tips from the Waste Authority (<https://www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/programs/view/household-hazardous-waste>) for transporting it to a Household Hazardous Waste collection facility. Or check with your local council to see if they can assist with disposal.

Learn more about the dangers of lithium-ion batteries on the Department of Fire and Emergency Service's website at [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au) <ENDS>



## REGIONAL COLUMN

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16 May 2024

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

#### Navigating renting when disaster strikes

West Aussies are no strangers to disasters such as bushfires, storms and floods. But if you're renting, there might be the extra stress of working with your landlord should your residence be affected by a catastrophe.

The good news is when it comes to rentals, both landlords and tenants have rights and responsibilities should a property become damaged or destroyed in a disaster such as a cyclone or bushfire.

If your house has been destroyed or deemed by the Local Government to be unfit to live in, the most practical approach is for the tenant or landlord to give a notice of intention to immediately end the lease. Tenants can give two days' notice, while the landlord must give seven days. Whichever way, a landlord should finalise the tenancy and repay the bond in the normal way, minus any mutually agreed expenses incurred by the landlord. The landlord doesn't have to provide alternative accommodation.

Following damage to a rental home, the landlord is legally responsible for necessary repairs and maintenance to bring the property back to a liveable condition. If a tenant continues to be able to live in the rental, urgent repairs required to essential services such as power, gas, water including supply of hot water, and sewage should be arranged within 24 hours. If any other issues could cause someone harm or undue hardship, or cause further damage then works need to be arranged within 48 hours.

With urgent repairs, if you cannot reach the landlord or if within 24 hours, the landlord fails to act, then you can employ a suitably qualified repairer to fix the issue to the minimum standard. Please be aware that there may be delays - it can be difficult to get tradespeople to your home as many properties may need repair after a disaster.

When services to an entire area have been impaired – such as when power poles burn down or the water supply becomes compromised – it can take the authorities some time to resolve the issues, but the landlord could consider providing a generator, potable water or if not, then a rent rebate for the duration. In these cases, Consumer Protection can assist the parties to reach a mutual agreement.

When it comes to debris, emergency services may already have a cleaning program in place, so contact the local authorities, such as the emergency services for advice.

It's also smart to be wary of travelling conmen or unlicensed traders who can target areas after a disaster going door-to-door, offering cheap cash-only deals.

For further information on renting during a disaster, including managing rent and bond payments, visit our factsheets at [www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection/disaster-advice-while-renting](http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection/disaster-advice-while-renting)

# Funding and support information for WA primary producers

This document provides some useful resources and information on loans, programs and support services to assist growers, pastoralists and industry experiencing hardship in challenging times.

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## Season information

Season 2024: information for WA farmers and pastoralists - seasonally relevant information and management options in broadacre and south-west agricultural areas and the Southern Rangelands of Western Australia.

## Options to investigate

### Grants, Loans and programs

- Hardship Grants. Western Australian Government has announced a package that includes \$2 million in hardship grants. Eligible Farm businesses facing financial hardship due to drought conditions can apply for a one-off grant of \$5,000 per business to help cover the cost of stockfeed, water and transportation. The availability of grants is subject to funds being available. The grant scheme is administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and applications close 30 June 2024 or when funding is fully committed (whichever occurs first).
- Interest-free loans opening soon. Primary producers will be able to apply for up to \$25,000 per business to cover the costs of stockfeed, water and transportation. This is part of a \$4 million package provided by the Western Australian Government. The funds can also be used to establish feed silos, water tanks and improved irrigation systems or any other infrastructure that supports drought resilience. The loan is repayable over five years with no repayments for the first two years.
- Drought loans for farm businesses are available to eligible business from the Australian Government's Regional Investment Corporation (RIC). The RIC provides loans to farm businesses to help them prepare for, manage through and recover from drought. Farmers meeting eligibility and lending criteria requirements can apply for loans of up to \$2million.
- AgBiz Drought Loans can also be provided by the Australian Government RIC to small businesses located in a drought affected region to help them manage their business during a drought. Small businesses directly linked to the farming sector in drought-affected communities that meet the eligibility and lending criteria can apply for loans.
- The Farm Management Deposit Scheme, overseen by the Australian Tax Office allows eligible primary production businesses to set aside pre-tax income which can be drawn upon when required to supplement business cash flow. The sums held in an FMD are not assessed for income tax, until the financial year they are withdrawn from deposit and utilized in the business. FMDs are held by authorised deposit taking institutions and attract market rates of interest.
- The Farm Household Allowance Program provides farming families experiencing financial hardship with access to the Centrelink income support system. Eligibility criteria includes thresholds to ensure a farm has a commercial purpose and the proprietor contributes a significant portion of their labour and capital to the farm enterprise. The farm business must commit to improved planning and training for long-term financial management of the business.

## Farm Debt Mediation Scheme

- Available to assist farm and pastoral businesses resolve commercial debt disputes regarding loan agreements with their financial institution. Mediation is conducted by an independent mediator in an impartial and safe environment. For more information visit the [website](#), email [ruralbusiness.developmentunit@dpiird.wa.gov.au](mailto:ruralbusiness.developmentunit@dpiird.wa.gov.au) or call 1300 374 731.

## Support services

- The [Regional Mens Health Initiative \(RMHI\)](#) is a wellbeing and health education project aimed at improving outcomes for men and communities in regional, Western Australia. RMHI enables individuals, groups and communities to be self-sustaining and self-managing of wellbeing challenges. Phone: (08) 6314 1436
- [Rural West](#) provides free financial counselling to all primary producers and aims to transition clients through a financial crisis, improve their financial well-being and resilience, and improve business profitability or facilitate a dignified exit. Phone: 1800 612 004
- [Rural aid](#) provides critical support to farmers affected by natural disaster through financial, wellbeing and fodder assistance.
- Other rural support services are available, here is a [comprehensive list](#).
- [Drought, disaster and rural support – Australian Government \(agriculture.gov.au\)](#) - provides a list of programs and services to help prepare for, manage and recover from droughts, floods, pests and diseases, and other market disruptions.

## Natural disaster assistance

The WA Government [website](#) lists support during emergencies caused by floods, cyclones or major bushfires or other natural disasters.

- [Prepare warnings & incidents, recovery - Department of Fire and Emergency Services](#) - provides simple advice and directs you to resources where you can find practical actions to prepare for and cope during a bushfire.
- [Farm recovery after fire](#) information and support services for recovery after fire.
- [Animal welfare in emergencies](#) - links to animal welfare during bushfires and recovery.
- Disaster recovery funding for WA is listed [here](#) when a natural disaster has been declared.
- [Disaster Assist](#) lists some arrangements to help with relief and recovery costs such as:  
[Disaster Recovery Payment](#) may be provided as a one-off recovery payment to assist individuals and families that have been significantly affected by a major disaster.  
[Disaster Recovery Allowance](#) a short-term income support payment to assist individuals who can demonstrate that their income has been affected as a direct result of a disaster.

## More information

DPIRD's Dry season 2024 Hotline: 1300 489 832

For information and resources to assist this season, visit the Season 2024 webpage at [agric.wa.gov.au/Season2024](http://agric.wa.gov.au/Season2024)



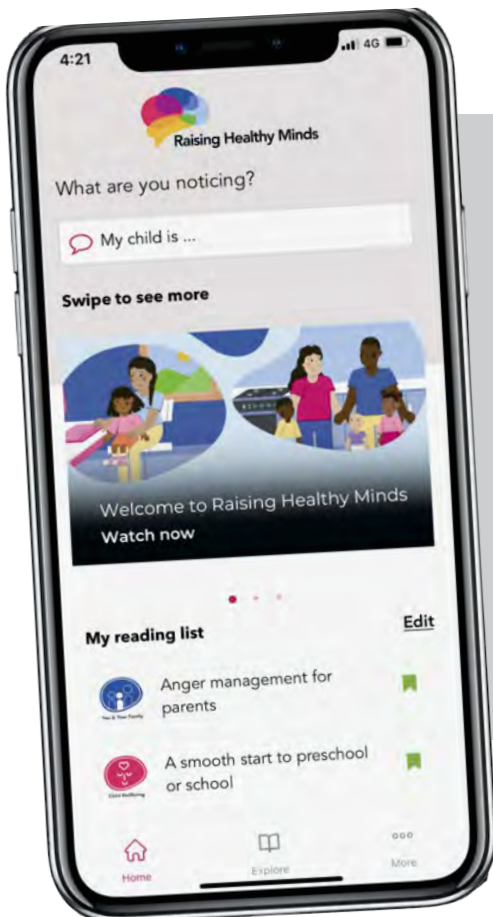


## Raising Healthy Minds

# Do you have a question about your child's emotions, behaviours and wellbeing?

The Raising Healthy Minds app is a FREE, personalised pocket resource to help you raise confident, resilient children.

Co-designed with parents and experts and funded by the Australian Government, the app offers a mix of quick-read articles, videos and animations designed to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing from birth to age 12.



Download the app from Google Play or the App Store



Find out more about Raising Healthy Minds at [raisingchildren.net.au/rhm](http://raisingchildren.net.au/rhm)





## NEW ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the Board Meeting held on the 8th of January, PDG Michael Wainwright was elected to continue as the Chair and Lion Christine Walker was elected as Vice Chair.

The following appointments were also ratified by the Board Members:

**Secretary:** William (Bill) Crosthwaite  
**Treasurer:** Lion Rob Garratt  
**Medical Director:** Dr Alan Wright

## SCREENING EVENTS

This year's screening program commenced on the 16th of March in Wongan Hills where our team were hosted by the local Apex Club. Apex members Karen and Tab did a great job in organising accommodation and meals for our team.

Director Jim Foster reported that the Apex members stayed with our team from start to finish and, in addition to being provided and appetising lunch, the Institute team were supplied with plenty of cold drinks by the hosts throughout the day.

At the Board Meeting held on the 11th of March, Chairman Mick welcomed Lions Gail Jenkins to the Board.

The following appointments were made that meeting:

**Medical Advisor:** Mr Rob Fitzpatrick  
**Assistant Medical Director:** Ms Kylie Laverty

The screening program continues to be organised by our screening manager, Lion John Osborne, who has provided the following program for the first half of the calendar year.



Lunch break in Wongan Hills.

**SAVING**  
*lives* **IN YOUR**  
**COMMUNITY THROUGH**  
*screening* **AND**  
**RESEARCH.**

## SCREENING ITINERARY MARCH - JULY 2024

Wongan Hills	Saturday, 16 March 2024
Waroona	Saturday, 23 March 2024
Brunswick	Sunday, 24 March 2024
Australind	Saturday, 6 April 2024
Beverley	Saturday, 20 April 2024
Brookton	Sunday, 21 April 2024
Collie	Saturday, 4 May 2024
Collie	Sunday, 5 May 2024
Darkan	Saturday, 18 May 2024
Donnybrook	Sunday, 19 May 2024
Narrogin	Saturday, 25 May 2024
Narrogin	Sunday, 26 May 2024
Kojanup	Saturday, 15 June 2024
Tambellup	Sunday, 16 June 2024

To date, 7 of the events are to use the online booking system. Planning for the second half of the year is underway. We have 25 locations proposed at present. The list will need to be cut to around 15 events.

## PROPOSED SCREENING CLINICS MARCH 2024 TO JULY 2024.

The table opposite is proposed clinics for the first half of the year. The proposed locations all exceed 2-year interval between screenings.

**Lion John Osborne**  
Screening Event Manager

Lions Club – Organisation	Last Clinic 2021	Last Clinic 2022
Wongan Hills		
Waroona		
Australind	Nov	
Beverley CRC	Oct	
Brookton	Oct	
Collie		Apr
Darkan	Sep	
Donnybrook		
Narrogin	Oct	
Kojonup		
Tambellup		
Pinjarra		

## CLINICAL GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

**Medical Director Dr Allan Wright** has been putting together the Clinical Governance Framework Document so that we can conform to the national model put out by the Australian Commission on Quality and Safety in Healthcare. He thanked Kylie Laverty for her assistance with this and several Board Members who suggested amendments. These have been included in the most recent version.

## SCREENING TECHNOLOGY

Medical Director, Dr Alan Wright, and Multi-District and NZ (New Zealand) Liaison Director, PDG Garry Irvine, are currently investigating the benefits of Dermengine software together with associated costs, with a view to determining whether it's application would be beneficial for our screening program.

The Dermengine software uses photos of suspect lesions and compares these to a database of similar lesions. It then gives a probability of existence of an actual lesion. The system helps diagnosis by eliminating the requirement to get a second opinion.

All data is stored in the Cloud with access only by the Institute ensuring full confidentiality. Reports from this software would provide a better idea of our success rate than the current system.

Alan and Garry will continue their investigation and report back to a future Board Meeting.

## REPLACEMENT OF SKIN CANCER SCREENING FACILITY

### REPORT BY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING DIRECTOR, LION PHIL CHINNERY

The majority vote by board members allowed for Purchase Orders to be issued on February 13th.

Purchase orders have been issued to Omnibus for the screening facility body build and to Truck Centre WA for supply of Volvo cab chassis.

We are hopeful that the completed unit will be delivered by the end of this year.

Progress reports will be furnished during the year. This has been a long three years to get to this point and I thank all who contributed with ideas and information along the way.

If you know of anybody looking for a challenge to keep them occupied, the Screening Events Manager needs someone to assist him in managing the screening program. If you know of anyone with ability to work with a database and within a planned process, please ask them to contact

**John Osborne**  
**9582 8296**

[john.osborne@lionscancer-institute.org.au](mailto:john.osborne@lionscancer-institute.org.au)

## THE LIONS LOTUS SCHOLARSHIP

Recipients of this scholarship conduct their research into causes and treatment of liver cancer at Curtin University.

**Anjali Ghimere** will complete her research into “ Predicting liver cancer prior to it’s development to improve early detection and survival” in September 2025



## RESEARCH

The Institute is continuing to support through the Karen & Joshua Chinnery Scholarship, two PhD students, Samantha Barnes and Nathaniel Barry. A third student, Jordan Fyfe, proposed to the Board at the January board meeting, will start his studies this year.

In addition to the Lions-Lotus PhD Scholarship, based in the Curtin Health Innovation Research Institute (CHIRI), at Curtin University, fully funded by The Lions Cancer Institute, we now have the Colin and Sue Beauchamp PhD Scholarship in Melanoma Research Scholarship also based in CHIRI. A suitable Student should be able to be engaged by the end of this year.

The official launch of this new scholarship occurred on the 2nd of February.

The Scholarship will be promoted, awarded and administered, by the Graduate Research School (School) in line with Curtin University’s policies and processes. The recipient will be selected through a competitive application process. Associate Professor Pieter Eichhorn and Dr Danielle Dye will have a key role in the selection of the recipient.

## RESEARCH

### THE KAREN AND JOSHUA CHINNERY SCHOLARSHIP

Current recipients	Research topic	Study Institution	Expected Completion
Samantha Barnes	Supercharging natural Killer (NK) immune cells to eliminate leukaemia cancer	Telethon Kids Institute	2024
Nathaniel Barry	Using artificial intelligence combined with medical image data to improve glioblastoma patient outcomes	University of WA	2024-2025



Professor Nina Trinitz-Parker (Curtin Medical School, Director Curtin Health Innovation Research Institute), Professor Lindy Fitzgerald (Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research (Interim)), Sue Goddard-Beauchamp, PDG Colin Beauchamp OAM, Associate Professor Pieter Eichorn



Lions Cancer Institute Treasurer Rob Garratt, Vice Chancellor Lindy Fitzgerald, and Lions Cancer Institute PDG Mick Wainwright

# BRIEF HISTORY RELATING TO DR BRUCE NATHANIEL GRAY

WRITTEN BY PDG GARRY IRVINE

Dr Bruce Nathaniel Gray was our inaugural Medical Director. In late 1989, the then Head of Surgery at Royal Perth Hospital, Dr Gray, made contact with myself to discuss whether Lions might be interested in getting involved in a Mobile Breast Cancer Screening Unit for which he had completed a Business Plan and a costing of \$400,000 – needless to say my initial reaction was one of fear – sounded like a very large project to me!!

About a year later, it was announced that the Federal Government, via the then Health Minister Dr Blewett, would undertake a free service. So, the idea died, following which Dr Gray suggested that Lions might like to consider helping with a couple of cancer research projects he and his team were working on. Bruce had also decided after further discussion

that maybe we could approach the RPH and get a MOU agreed to by Lions and RPH so to establish a Lions Cancer Institute.

That was achieved and a picture of the signing is attached. With the support from Lions the Institute grew and alongside the Lions support was a group formed by Bruce called 'The Friends of the Lions Cancer Institute' and they contributed by proving to be very effective fundraisers. Bruce also was an Associate Professor and therefore a teacher at UWA and sought recognition of the Lions Cancer Institute with that body, and that was achieved.

Bruce was of course on the Board as our Medical Director and Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Institute had now become a District W2 Project. Bruce was an active and guiding force in the

formation and early management plus sought funding for cancer studies he had initiated with his students, he was a multi-talented Surgeon with excellent business acumen and he guided us as we moved towards the first of our mobile screening programmes in 1993.

Bruce joined Lions for a time until he no longer had time due to developing his business Sirtex Ltd, which was to become internationally recognized and which was sold some 2/3 years ago for \$1.3B. He also developed Gray Surgical, a surgical retractor manufacturing company in Perth and I had the pleasure of working with him in that venture for almost 7 years.

Today Bruce uses his Gray Family Trust to help people in need and his generous work is available via the internet, he is a truly brilliant man.



**Lions Cancer  
Institute (WA) Inc.**

**Standing** - A Royal Perth Hospital Staff Member, Dr Bryant Stokes, PDG John Roberts, Dr Bruce Gray, an RPH Staff Member

**Seated** - Dr Mark Liveris, PDG Garry Irvine



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FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENINGS throughout Western Australia.



## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

**What a day!!!!** Firstly a **HUGE** thank you to all my amazing helpers. Without them, this day would not have been possible. An array of soups, sandwiches and tasty scones, cakes and slices were on offer.

Fantastic support from our Wandering residents and Boddington seniors. Thank you to the Wandering Shire for allowing the use of our Community Centre for the event. Also the CRC, Shire Office, Tavern and Wandering Crafters for selling raffle tickets prior to the day. \$840 was raised from the raffle.



A huge thank you to all who donated prizes for the raffle. Most appreciated. Hayley Norton(Ferguson) won the trailer of firewood, Brian Cornish won the basket of goodies, Lee Pederson won the two bedside lamps and another 20 prizes were drawn and delivered to winners who

weren't able to attend.

Numbers were way down this year (we believe Covid had risen its head) but the financial support was overwhelming. \$2,000 was donated on the day. The total to date is **\$2,368.00**.

We had the joy of Wandering Primary students attending and singing their Wandering Song. A real pleasure seeing and hearing them.

A great variety of items were up for sale on the produce tables. Many thanks to all who contributed here too.

Once again, a huge **THANK YOU** to all who attended, helped and supported this day.  
**AMAZING!!!!!!**



Tables set



Kitchen  
Wonders



Produce



Catch ups



Amazing  
children

# WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE



## Societal Violence

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE  
June 2024

An important question we all need to be asking ourselves as a community member is *how can we reduce overall societal violence?*

We need to consider that the majority of violence in our society is men on men and it goes largely unreported to the police and has limited exposure in the media because it is too common a subject. Why is all the focus on male violence to females when all violence is abhorrent, evil and sick?

Under the umbrella of societal violence, *men on men* violence, statistically is the largest category (69% of all murder victims) and until this is recognised, talked about and addressed, all the other statistics relating to violence, in particular family/domestic violence, will be hard to change.



This is a tough conversation to have but it needs to be had. The historical background of our society, through thousands of years, has defined men by events that have condoned, championed, accepted and normalized violent actions. Many historical and current events are horrific and violent, such as the invasion of other countries, civil war, ethnic cleansing, and sporting contests both in the gladiator/roman days and today with modern day cage fighting as an example. This type of violence, usually men against men, is often called entertainment. Society justifies and supports it every day.

Traditionally for blokes our fight or flight sequence is fear, anger and then aggression.

When we are talking with angry young (and old) men we need to continually put into place positive strategies reinforcing that physical aggression and violence against *anybody* is not condoned and should not be part of modern society.




Family/domestic violence can happen in any relationship and can happen to any socioeconomic group. Victims can be men, women or children, perpetrators can be men or women. Family/domestic violence encapsulates not just physical abuse but also emotional or psychological abuse, verbal abuse, sexual abuse and financial abuse. Recognising that you are in a violent relationship is an important first step. Things will not change for the better if you do nothing.

There are many commentators on family/domestic violence, and it is disappointing that the majority ignore men and children. Do people realise that one in three victims of reported domestic/family violence is male? Therein lies the philosophical problem when we don't balance out the whole discussion. We need to be having an ongoing holistic community discussion on the broader issue of societal violence.

Just to repeat family/domestic violence is a subset of the total picture of violence, and in our opinion, we will struggle to stop family/domestic violence without discussing the bigger picture. Random violent acts are being broadcast by social media continually, thus delivering instant gratification, adoration and promoting this violence in society as acceptable and normal.

All of us men need to be having a serious discussion about tackling violence in our lives and saying yes to stopping violence against each other, against women, against children, and against the community.

As always, remember ... before it all gets too much...  
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-  Working with Warriors Podcast
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After a 28-year policing career (but starting as a farm hand when I first left school) I am committed to keeping people safe in my business called Regional Safety Services. As you can appreciate, I have seen all aspects of farming tragedies, and the new Industrial Manslaughter Legislation is not something to be taken for granted. Even if you do not hire staff, you can still find yourself subject to this legislation if something happens and you do not have the required safety systems or records in place.

We do everything from farm safety to building safety and we come to you! Our systems are popular because we understand most businesses can't afford to have a full-time safety person taking care of safety. Fact is, you don't need to go that far. We'll help you take 'reasonably practicable steps' (as stated in the WHS Act) to make things safe in your business and then help you to record your effort, knowing it will often be on the run and you don't have time to sit around filling in forms! Then there is the price: Ours is \$880 and we prepare most of the documentation for you. Or you can pay \$6000-10,000 with others, who will ensure you also need a full-time safety person to implement their systems! Whilst that may suit large organisations, it simply isn't needed in small-medium sized businesses.

To make life even easier we have introduced our online safety forms to help capture your current effort in this area. These forms are only \$149.00 to access them for 12 months. These forms have been recommended by business owners like you and most can be done in 1-2 minutes. In June this year, we will launch our new website, inclusive of online training. This entry-level training is designed to help you demonstrate that you are providing both your management team and your staff training that has been offered by a competent provider.



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KEALLY, Vernon Connor, late of 5 Michibin Street, Wandering, who died on 15 March 2024 (DE19894560 EM213).

Brian Roche

Public Trustee

553 Hay Street

PERTH WA 6000

TELEPHONE: 1300 746 212



**Public Trustee**



## Financial support services

- Service Australia Emergency Information Line, Centrelink – **180 22 66**
- Farmer Assistance Hotline (income support programs for farmers & rural small businesses) – **13 23 16**
- ATO Debt Information Line – **13 11 42**
- Rural West – free call **1800 612 004**
- National Debt Helpline – free call **1800 007 007**

## Information services

- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – **1300 374 731**
  - » Rural Business Development Unit (the RBDC has support schemes including farm debt mediation and business management training) – email [ruralbusiness.developmentunit@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:ruralbusiness.developmentunit@dpird.wa.gov.au)
- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Drought and Rural Assistance – free call **1800 900 090**
- Regional Investment Corporation (loans for farm investment, preparation for drought or affected by drought and water infrastructure) – free call **1800 875 675**
- Australian Taxation Office Emergency Support Info Line (farm household allowance, concessional loan schemes, farm management deposits, tax measures, managing farm risk program) – free call **1800 806 218**

- Department of Communities (provides a range of child safety & family support services to WA individuals, children and their families) – free call **1800 176 888**
- WA Elder Abuse Helpline – **1300 724 679**
- Cancer Council of WA (information and support line) – **13 11 20**
- Women's Information Service (provides information & referrals about issues such as health, finances, legal matters, counselling and domestic violence) – free call **1800 199 174**
- Regional Men's Health Initiative (education and support for rural and regional WA) – **6314 1436**
- Rural Aid (Support through financial, wellbeing and fodder assistance) – **1300 327 624**
- Small Business Development Corporation – **13 31 40**

## Emergencies

- Police, Fire, Ambulance – **000**
- Police assistance – **13 14 44**
- State Emergency Service – **13 25 00**
- Poisons Information Centre – **13 11 26**

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Prepared by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.



# Western Australian Rural support directory



Contact numbers for  
support and assistance.  
Updated April 2024.

## 24 hour support

- Dept of Communities Child Protection and Family Support Division Crisis Care – free call **1800 199 008**
- Men’s Domestic Violence Helpline (non-judgment phone line for men) – free call **1800 000 599**
- Women’s Domestic Violence Helpline (support and counselling for women experiencing domestic violence) – free call **1800 007 339**
- Lifeline (provides access to crisis support, suicide prevention and mental health support services) – **13 11 14**
- Beyond Blue – **1300 224 636**
- Mensline Australia (offers information, support and referral) – **1300 789 978**
- Kids Helpline (ages 5 to 25) – free call **1800 551 800**
- Samaritan Crisis Line – **13 52 47**
- National Sexual Assault, Family and Domestic Violence – free call **1800 737 732**
- Suicide Callback Service – **1300 659 467**
- Mental Health Emergency Response Line – **1300 555 788**
- Alcohol & Drug Support Line – **9442 5000 / 1800 198 024**
- Parent & Family Drug Support Line – **9442 5050 / 1800 653 203**
- Health Direct (free health advice you can count on, talk to a registered nurse) – free call **1800 022 222**

## Counselling & support

- Family counsellors – rural (confidential counselling and personal support).
  - » Central Agcare (Corrgin, Wickepin, Pingelly, Kulin, Brookton, Quairading, Naremben, Kondinin, Bruce Rock and Hyden) – **9063 2037**
  - » Southern Agcare (Noongar counselling: Darkan, Arthur River, Wagin, Dumbleyung, Lake Grace, Nyabing, Pingrup) – **9827 1552**
  - » Wheatbelt Agcare (Nungarin and Districts) – **9046 5091**
- Family Relationship Advice Line – free call **1800 050 321**
- CentreCare – **9325 6644**
- Ngala Parenting Line – free call **1800 111 546**
- Northern Districts Support Counselling – **9971 1030**
- Relationships Australia (WA) – **1300 364 277**
- Women’s Health & Family Services (free support and counselling) – free call **1800 998 399**
- Carers WA – **1300 227 377**
- Amity Health (mental health counselling, Wheatbelt and Great Southern. Referral from GP or allied health required) – **9842 2797**
- Share & Care Community Services Northam (emergency relief, family assistance, financial counselling, home support service, women’s refuge). Available to the people of the Coastal, Wheatbelt and Upper Great Southern regions – **9622 2828**
- Avon Youth Services (areas from Northam, Merredin, Moora to Narrogin) – **9622 2612**
- Community Mental Health Services
  - » Albany – **9892 2440**
  - » Esperance – **9071 0444**
  - » Kalgoorlie – **9088 6200**
  - » Geraldton – **9956 2424**
  - » Narrogin – **9881 0700**
  - » Wheatbelt – **9621 0999**
  - » Karratha – **9144 7800**
- Kimberley Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Services
  - » Broome – **9194 2640**
  - » Kununurra – **9166 4350**
  - » Derby – **9193 1633**
- Rural Link (a/h mental health) – free call **1800 552 002**



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Two public donation drives run annually, with dozens of collection points across Perth during the campaigns, through donation box hosts. Donated items directly support men, women and children in need across WA.



When the weather gets colder, many vulnerable people in our community struggle to stay warm and comfortable.

The Basics campaign focuses on providing essential items for comfort to those in need during the winter months.

Things like brand new socks and underwear, beanies, gloves and scarves, as well as general toiletries and hygiene products.

Runs annually  
in April/May



Many struggle to access the essentials that most of us take for granted and use as part of our daily routine.

The Essentials campaign invites donations of unopened toiletries, and hygiene items like deodorant, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, razors, hairbrushes, and more.

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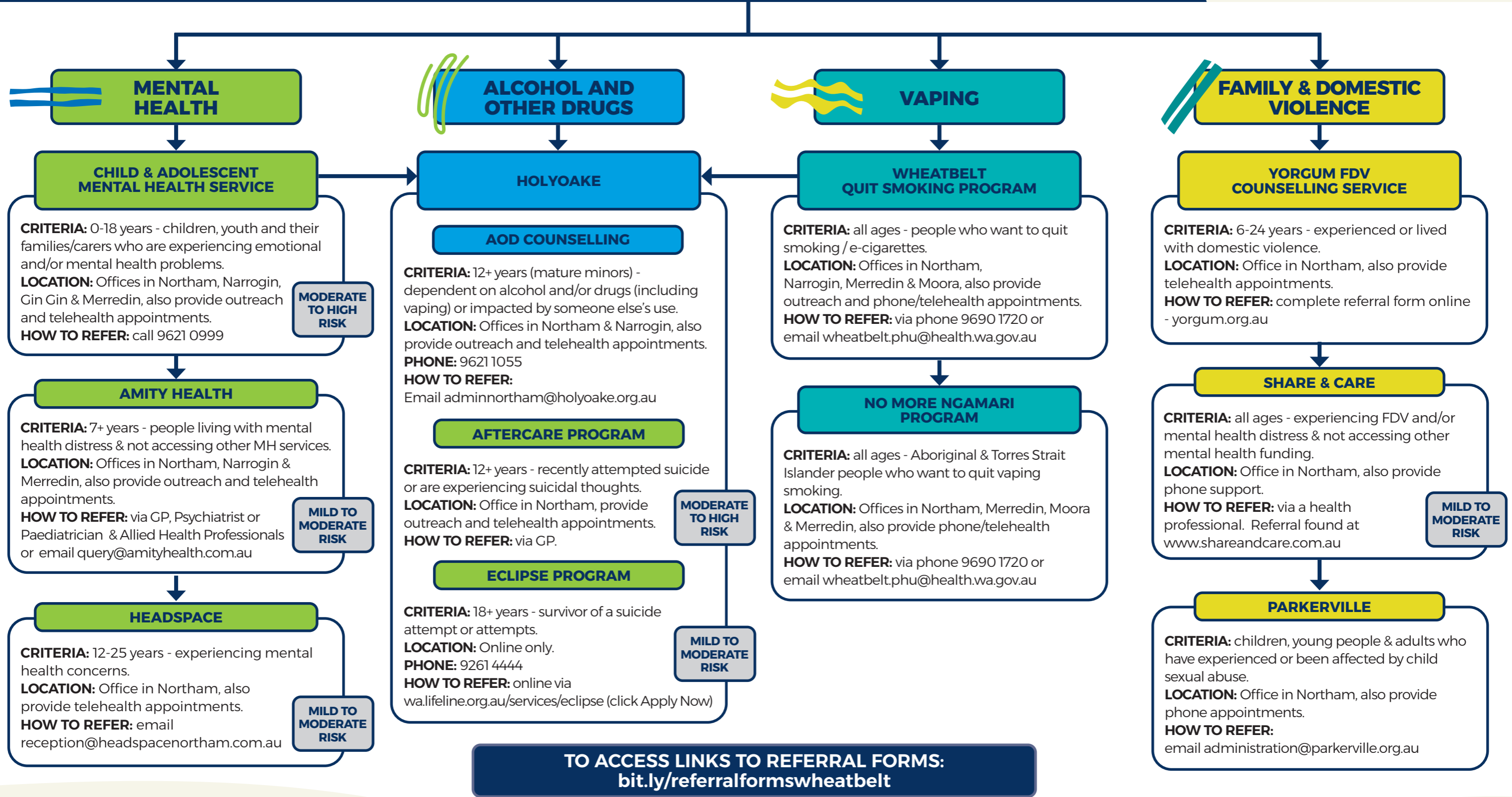


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# FREE COUNSELLING SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE WHEATBELT



# COMMUNITY GROUPS

## WANDERING CRAFT GROUP

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New members welcome.

Come learn, come for a chat, or just come for a cuppa.

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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.
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- Contact Julie Naylor on 0436407763 Pastor Joshua Andrews on 0425410254

## EMPOWERED NATIONS CHURCH

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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](http://www.gatewayparish.org).

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

## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH WANDERING

## WANDERING LIONS CLUB

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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

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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

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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

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Virtual Village activity every Monday at the Wandering CRC at 10am. Contact Lee Muller

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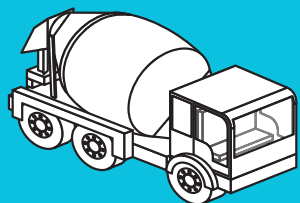
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE 2024

3.30PM | MONDAY 10TH  
KIDS HEALTHY PROGRAM

8.30AM | MONDAY 10TH  
WALKING GROUP

9AM | TUESDAY 11TH  
PUMPHREY'S CWA MEETING

1PM | WEDNESDAY 12TH  
COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING & AFTERNOON TEA

7PM | THURSDAY 13TH  
LIONS CLUB MEETING

11AM | WEDNESDAY 19TH  
WANDERING CWA

3.30PM | THURSDAY 20TH  
COUNCIL MEETING

6PM | THURSDAY 20TH  
'JUST A FARMER' MOVIE NIGHT

## Regular Events

Monday Mornings @ 8.30am - Walking Group  
Thursday morning - Craft Group @ CRC  
Monday morning - Virtual Village @ CRC  
Wednesday - 8.45am - Exercise Class @ Community Centre  
Thursday 9am - Playgroup @ CWA Rooms