



EDITION #160

THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2022

\$1.50

100 YEARS OF WAGIN TROTting CLUB

Fiona Hetherington

What a day we had at the Wagin Trots on Sunday the 11th of December. It has taken one hundred years to get here, and it was the best meeting we could have ever hoped for. Our feet are only just touching the ground. It has been a mammoth effort by our committee and all those involved to make it the best day ever held by our club. Thank you, everybody.

Don Davies was recognised for having served fifty years on the committee of the Wagin Trotting Club as of 2022.

During his time on the committee Don has achieved many things.

He is a Life Member of the club, was President for fourteen years from 1992 to 2006, and was Vice President for several terms.

Don has been the Wagin delegate to WA Country Trotting Association, a judge, the photo finish film developer on race night, a track assistant working on flexi poles, and a timekeeper.

He supervised and ran trials from 2004 to 2021, checked track and stable lights before each trotting night (and still does), organised volunteers, and supervised a three-month project to extend the track.

The Wagin Recreation Centre opened in 1991. Don called the first meeting of main sportsground user groups to discuss the idea of building a recreation centre, and together with Shire Councillor Don Thompson, helped design the layout of the centre.

Don, the Wagin Trotting Club salutes you and recognises your tremendous input into our club and your effort and love for our community.



Don Davies and Coral Davies. The plaque reads: "50 Years of Service to Wagin Trotting Club, 2022".



Wagin Community Resource Centre

Your local connection

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HOURS

Monday – Friday | 9am – 4pm

Wagin CRC is supported by a volunteer management committee:

CHAIRPERSON: Julie Mangalavite | **VICE CHAIR:** Vicki Daley

SECRETARY: Jessica Hamersley | **TREASURER:** Kathy Wilkinson | **SHIRE REP:** Ann O'Brien

MEMBERS: Kristie Johansson, Heather McDougall, Kayla Patuwai



WAGIN CRC CALENDAR

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| • Kids Christmas Craft Workshop | Tuesday 20 th December | 10am-12pm | \$5/Free* |
| • Holiday Closure | Monday 26 th December – Monday 2 nd January | | |
| • Kids Bird House Workshop | Monday 23 rd January | 10am-12pm | \$6/\$10* |
| • Youth Mental Health Course | 21 st & 22 nd February | 9am-4pm | Free* |

***BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL:** Please use the contact details above to register or enquire.

RSM WORKSHOPS – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



Theresa Lee from RSM Business Local has the following workshops on offer. They are free and run for 2-3 hours. If you are keen to attend any, please let us know so we can look into hosting them.

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| • Starting a Business | • Instagram Essentials for Small Business |
| • How to Write a Business Plan | • LinkedIn Essentials for Small Business |
| • Understanding Business Financials | • Digital Marketing Health Check |
| • Bookkeeping Essentials with Xero | • Customer Service Health Check |
| • Excel in Business | • How to Advertise on Facebook |
| • Marketing your Business | • Google Your Business (SEO/Analytics) |
| • Branding with Canva | • DIY Video to Boost Business – Foundations |
| • Facebook Essentials for Small Business | • How to Create a Website |

Kids Christmas Craft Workshop

Bring your kids to the Wagin CRC for a fun morning of Christmas Crafts

Date - Tuesday 20th December
Time - 10am - 12noon
Cost - \$5 non members
Free for CRC family membership holders

Snacks provided
RSVP to the Wagin CRC by Friday 16th December
Phone: 98611644
Email: adminewagincrc.net.au

Tis the Season to Give

Thanks to a generous donation from within our Community the CRC has been given the opportunity to provide a gift to some local families (with children).

Santa would like to make sure all nice children get a gift this year, so to help we are calling for nominations from within the Wagin community for families who you feel deserve an extra surprise under their Christmas tree.

Please pop into the CRC to make your nomination. Our winners will be drawn on the 21st of December and gifts will need to be picked up by the 23rd of December.

All nominations and winners will remain confidential.

School Holiday Program: Bird House Decorating

Date: Monday, 23rd January 2023
 Time: 10am - 12pm
 Cost: Non-family members: \$10 per family/bird house
 Family Members: \$6 per family/bird house

Drop your kids off for a couple of hours so they can come along and decorate a bird house to take home. We will also have Gen from Wagin Landcare here to talk to the kids about our local birds and wildlife. A light lunch will be provided.

Thank you to the Wagin Care & Share and Wagin Masonic lodge for sponsoring our School Holiday Programs

Please contact the CRC on 9861 1644 or admin@wagincrc.net.au to register

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ONLINE SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES 2023

Wagin CRC is looking into running Online Sign Language classes. The course will cover:

- Deaf awareness • Auslan Grammar & Structure
- Deaf Community & Culture • HOLME & Facial Expressions
- Auslan topics - Auslan Alphabet, Numbers, Introduction, Colours, Clothing, Family, Calendar, Environment, Home, Places, Transport, Weekdays, Food, Drink, City of Australia
- Practice communication in Auslan and many interactive class group activities

This class will be suitable for beginners who wish to learn Auslan. At completion of Auslan Level 1, you will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Auslan in the West provide a series of classes which we hope to also deliver after successful completion of Level 1.

If you would like to register your interest for these classes, please contact the Wagin CRC on 9861 1644 or admin@wagincrc.net.au with your most suitable days/times.



WAGIN COMMUNITY GIFT VOUCHERS

Christmas is coming up and what better gift to give that special person in your life than a gift voucher that can be used in multiple local businesses?! Simply pop in to Wagin CRC and purchase your community gift voucher from us to be used at any of the participating businesses.

Usable at 15 local businesses!
List available at the Wagin CRC website.

**PLEASE NOTE:
\$5 ADMINISTRATION FEE APPLIES
MINIMUM VOUCHER SPEND OF \$30 APPLIES
VOUCHER MUST BE USED IN 1
TRANSACTION ONLY**



MOBILE FOODBANK



The Wagin CRC has Christmas Food Hampers available. These hampers have been provided by Foodbank.
Limits apply

Available Monday - Friday
9am - 4pm




WAGIN CRC CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Member Number: C10291829

The Wagin CRC now has a member number for Containers for Change and would appreciate any and all support that you can offer. We also have a bin in-store for drop offs. Thank you for your support.

SHREDDED PAPER AVAILABLE AT THE WAGIN CRC

We have bags of shredded paper available for anyone to collect.

Please pop into the office to pick up from one of our friendly staff members.



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

SUNDAY, 18 DECEMBER

Deliveries start at 9am!



Wagin Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service have teamed up with Santa to make sure he can get his deliveries done around town in the fire truck.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Sneaky elves - please visit Wagin Fire Station on Thursday 15th December between 4:30-6:30pm for gift drop off.

Make sure gifts are clearly labelled with address and child's name - Santa won't have his usual reindeer to tell him where to go.

Contact Ty 0428 820 161 or Bec 0439 994 493 for other arrangements.

Minimum donation of \$30 to Wagin VFRS.



THE ADMIN OFFICE HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS ARE:

LAST DAY TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2022 AND REOPEN TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2023 FROM 9.30AM

ANY ENQUIRES PLEASE CALL NORTHAM SJA ON 9621 1613 AFTER THE 3RD JANUARY 2023

ALL MEMBERSHIP FEES CAN BE PAID AT THE WAGIN SHIRE OFFICE, ONLINE OR BANKWEST. (PLEASE USE YOUR M/SHIP NUMBER AS A REFERENCE)

IF YOU WANT TO BECOME A NEW MEMBER PLEASE FILL OUT THE PAPERWORK AT THE SHIRE OFFICE AND LEAVE IN THE PROVIDED ENVELOPE.



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Employment Opportunity



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For more details about the role please send an email to
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SHIRE OF WAGIN NEWS

CHRISTMAS STREET CARNIVAL

Wagin Christmas Carnival will take place on the 16th of December in Tavistock Street, from 5.30pm through to 8.30pm. We have loads of rides, extra special kids' entertainment which you must come along to see, and a fantastic musician who will knock your socks off. Get down to Tavistock Street on Friday night to catch up with friends, make new friends, grab some great gift options and have a meal while the kids get to wear themselves out on all the great rides.

This event is funded by Shire of Wagin, Wagin Action Group, Wagin Chamber of Commerce and All Good Refund Depot.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Shire of Wagin Councillors and staff wish all residents and neighbours a safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to working with you in 2023.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Please be advised of the following Shire office opening and closure dates for the 2022/2023 Christmas to New Year period:

Friday 23 rd December 2022	Open as normal
Monday 26 th December 2022	Office Closed – Public Holiday
Tuesday 27 th December 2022	Office Closed – Public Holiday
Wednesday 28 th December 2022	Office Closed
Thursday 29 th December 2022	Office Closed
Friday 30 th December 2022	Office Closed
Monday 2 nd January 2023	Office Closed – Public Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	Open as normal

Please check the Shire's official website for updates, news and emergency advice.

You are invited to our

CHRISTMAS STREET CARNIVAL

December 16th
Tavistock Street
5.30pm

2023 AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST AND AWARDS

Council is very fortunate to have secured Julian Pace as our 2023 Auspire Ambassador. Julian is the founder of Happiness Co, which is a social enterprise and mental health foundation aspiring to make the world a happier place by inspiring the people in it. He is also a public speaker, finalist of the WA Australian of the Year Local Hero 2020 award, and recipient of Victoria Park's Community Citizen of the Year 2020 award.

You are invited to Wagin's Australia Day Breakfast and Awards on the 26th of January 2023. Come and listen to Julian's inspirational story, enjoy a cooked breakfast and help celebrate the Community Citizen of the Year 2023 award winners.

The Shire was fortunate enough to secure funding from the National Australia Day Council for the breakfast event, so we are able to provide additional opportunities around the breakfast for the community to participate in, with some options for the young people, music to enjoy, and a cultural trail around the Wetlands Park incorporating the many and varied cultures who call Wagin home.

COUNCIL MEETING TIMES AND DATES IN 2023

In accordance with Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, notice is hereby given that Council will be holding its 2023 ordinary monthly Council Meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except in January where no meeting is planned, and excepting April and December, when these meetings will be held on the third Tuesday due to public holidays.

All meetings are held in the Council Chambers at 2 Arthur Road Wagin, and will commence at 7.00pm. All meetings are open to the public.

Agendas and Minutes of all meetings are available by visiting the Shire of Wagin official website at wagin.wa.gov.au. Additionally, they may be sighted at Council's office at 2 Arthur Road Wagin or the Wagin public library. Copies of agendas and minutes are available on request. Print charges may apply.

All residents are asked to note that correspondence for tabling at an Ordinary Council Meeting must be received by no later than the close of business on the second Monday of each month, except for April and December, when correspondence must be received by the first Monday of that month.

Meeting dates will be:

Tuesday 28 th February 2023	Tuesday 27 th June 2023	Tuesday 24 th October 2023
Tuesday 28 th March 2023	Tuesday 25 th July 2023	Tuesday 28 th November 2023
Tuesday 18 th April 2023	Tuesday 22 nd August 2023	Tuesday 19 th December 2023
Tuesday 23 rd May 2023	Tuesday 26 th September 2023	

ROADWORKS

The Shire works crew are sealing a 700m section of Beaufort Road, the western entry at the Cemetery and various town streets. The crew have been backfilling the new kerbs on Ventnor and Tarbet Streets. In January we will be cement stabilising a 1.4km section of shoulders on Bullock Hills Road.

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FOODWORKS

The Wagin District Farmers Co-operative wishes everyone a safe and merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

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Saturday
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THE NATIONALS for Regional WA

WAGIN WEATHER FORECAST

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Thu 15th



29°/13°

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Sat 17th



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Sun 18th



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Mon 19th



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Tue 20th



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Wed 21st



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TRAINEESHIP PROGRAM BOOSTS REGIONAL SKILLS

Kelly Brady, Office of Hon. Shelley Payne MLC

Western Australia's rural and regional workforce will receive a skills boost, with the McGowan Government supporting 52 traineeships across the State.

Grants of up to \$38,000 per trainee have been awarded to Community Resource Centres (CRCs) and small regional local government authorities to support vocational training and to provide traineeship opportunities in small communities.

The new positions will add to the 225 trainee placements created throughout the regions since the Regional Traineeship Program launched in 2018.

"This program provides a welcome opportunity for career pathways in regional areas", said the Member for the Agricultural Region Hon. Shelley Payne MLC.

"The traineeships that will be available across the Wheatbelt and Great Southern in the Roe District will all support industries that have faced, and continue to face, severe workforce shortages. [Editor: CRCs certainly have.]

"The Regional Traineeship Program is another example of the McGowan Government's commitment to supporting the needs of regional communities."

This year's funding, totalling \$1.976 million, will support traineeships across the fields of information technology, aged care, business administration, marketing, library and information services, tourism, irrigation, horticulture, early childhood care, ranger, and community services.

Successful organisations to receive funding in the region for traineeships include:

- Frankland River Community Resource Centre – Tourism
- Katanning Community Resource Centre – Business
- Pingrup Community Resource Centre – Tourism
- Wagin Community Resource Centre – Business
- Williams Community Resource Centre – Information Technology

The program is delivered through the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

"The Regional Traineeship Program aims to develop trainee skills and employment to encourage people to stay and work in their local community", said Agriculture and Food Minister Alannah MacTiernan.

"It is great to see the breadth of vocational training supported through this program, which is tailored to suit the individual needs of the local community.

"This funding round saw increased interest in information technology, community services and business administration positions, reflecting the evolving demand of local businesses and the community."

WINDS OF CHANGE BLOWING FOR WATER CORPORATION

Kelly Brady, Office of Hon. Shelley Payne MLC

The McGowan Government is taking the next significant step towards achieving its target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions after announcing Water Corporation has secured the development rights to what will be one of Western Australia's largest renewable wind energy projects.

The utility is among the highest electricity consumers on the South West Interconnected System (SWIS), driven by a growing reliance on desalination to produce drinking water in the face of climate change.

In a move that will significantly reduce its emissions, Water Corporation recently announced it had secured development rights for the Flat Rocks Wind Farm Stage 2 from WA-owned Moonies Hill Energy.

Up to 24 of the project's 200m high wind turbines are expected to generate a quarter of the total renewable energy Water Corporation needs to achieve its target of net zero emissions across all its operations by 2035.

The project will also support the McGowan Government's commitment to power Perth's two existing desalination plants and the proposed Alkimos Seawater Desalination Plant with renewable energy.

"WA has led the world in securing public drinking water despite climate change dramatically reducing the amount of streamflow into Perth's dams", said Water Minister Dave Kelly.

"Today's announcement is a significant step towards our goal for every drop of water used in homes, businesses and communities across WA being supplied using renewable energy.

"That includes powering our existing desalination plants and a future plant proposed in Alkimos, with renewable energy."

Located 30 kilometres south of Kojonup in the State's Great Southern, Flat Rocks Wind Farm Stage 2 will export up to 100MW of renewable energy into the South West Interconnected System, with the potential to upgrade the capacity to in excess of 150MW.

"This announcement is great news for the Kojonup community and also Western Australia in terms of the economy and environmental sustainability", said the Member for the Agricultural Region Hon. Shelley Payne MLC.

"Securing renewable energy sources for state owned assets to offset greenhouse gas emissions solidifies future opportunities to combat climate change."

This project is part of Water Corporation's plan to secure up to 400 megawatts of additional wind-generated renewable energy, and will generate enough clean energy to supply water to around 640,000 households for one year and offset up to 240 kilotonnes of greenhouse gas emissions.

Flat Rocks Wind Farm Stage 2 is also part of the McGowan Government's \$3.8 billion investment in green power infrastructure to decarbonise the SWIS while securing electricity supply.

The acquisition of the development rights to Flat Rocks Wind Farm Stage 2 is aligned with the McGowan Government's commitment to a whole-of-government greenhouse gas reduction target of 80 per cent below 2020 levels by 2030 and net zero by 2050.

"Projects such as this are key in the transition to renewable energy and the decarbonisation of our electricity supply", said Premier Mark McGowan.

"Our Government is investing \$3.8 billion in renewable generation and storage to create thousands of new jobs in regional WA and support our commitment to net zero emissions by 2050."

The announcement builds on Water Corporation's significant work to reduce its carbon footprint by already sourcing 65MW of renewable wind and solar energy, installing 5,400 on-site solar panels, introducing electric and hybrid passenger vehicles, and capturing and using biogas to power wastewater treatment processes.

A CREATIVE YEAR

Linda Wirth

I have had a fantastic year creating wonderful pot art and crafts with the community. Thank you to everyone who has attended the Pot Art and Craft Workshops at the Freemasons Hall in Wagin. Thank you also to the Wagin Masonic Lodge for making their venue available, and to Glenda Stewart for her ongoing support.

Last week we painted terracotta pots, with everyone doing their own freestyle art. The results were awesome. This Tuesday we had a little dabble at macrame. It was lovely to be joined by some children of various ages who are in homeschooling.

Next Tuesday will be the last workshop of 2022. Pot Art and Craft will return next year on Tuesday the 7th of February and will be run fortnightly for \$15 per session. We will be learning a variety of crafts. Besides painting plant pots, look forward to macrame, woodcraft and more.

Have a Merry Christmas.



HEMOCARE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Robyn Flett

This Tuesday the 13th of December Wagin Homecare celebrated Christmas and our last Day Centre together. There were nearly forty clients who attended.

We were lucky enough to have Year 3 and Year 4 students from Wagin District High School perform some Christmassy songs for us.

Teacher Mrs McDougall and Chaplain Jill Pilkington accompanied the children and stayed on to crack the Christmas bon bons with our clients.

A lovely meal was enjoyed by all, and those unable to attend received theirs home delivered.

Thank you to our providers. The food that we served came from donations. Thank you Wagin Lions Club, FoodWorks Wagin, Wagin Care and Share, and Wagin Masonic Lodge. Thanks go to our Support Workers who provided food and prepared in their own time. We also had a special little helper on the day, Jonty Johansson.



Wagin Homecare have fortnightly gatherings at the Eric Farrow Pavilion every Tuesday with our clients. We offer activities such as quizzes and bingo, and also have guest speakers and go out for lunches and other road trips.

As manager of Wagin Homecare, I was extremely proud of the planning by our staff and the care of our clients, not only for the event but for the ten months I have been in the role. It has been a big year of change for staff and clients alike. I acknowledge the support that we have received during this transition and look forward to 2023.

I would like to thank our clients. You are the 'why' we do what we do. So that you may live healthy and independent and experience the joy of living in your community. We hope you feel safe and cared about, without shame or judgment.

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Hon. Shelley Payne MLC Member for Agricultural Region

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NEW PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY YOUPLA COLLAPSE

Annetta Bellingeri, Senior Regional Officer for the South West

Families of funeral fund members affected by the collapse of Youpla Group earlier this year will now receive a funeral benefit to conduct Sorry Business with dignity, thanks to a new program.

Back in March 2022, four funeral funds belonging to Youpla Group (formerly trading as the Aboriginal Community Benefit Fund) went into liquidation, meaning the families of anyone who had one of these policies would no longer receive funeral benefits when their family member passed away.

The Australian Government has recently begun the Youpla Group Funeral Benefits Program to pay a grant in place of the funeral benefit that would have been paid by Youpla Group. The program will pay a funeral benefit for a person who has passed away and who was a Youpla Group fund member on or after the 1st of April 2020.

When a family member passes away, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) recommends that families avoid telling funeral providers that they are eligible for a payment under the Youpla Group Funeral Benefits Program until they have received a quote and picked a provider.

The ACCC recently issued a warning to funeral service providers not to mislead consumers about prices and to act honestly and transparently in their dealings with Aboriginal Australians affected by the Youpla Group collapse. The ACCC also warns funeral service providers against taking advantage of the benefits program by raising funeral prices of grant recipients and their families, leaving them out of pocket.

It is also recommended that families consider seeking more than one quote where a choice of funeral services is available.

Sorry Business is of the deepest cultural importance to Aboriginal Australians, which is why the ACCC says it will be closely monitoring any reports alleging that funeral businesses are taking advantage of government payments, making misleading or deceptive statements, and acting unconscionably or anti-competitively.

Families will need to apply for the program before the 30th of November 2023. It is important to note that this program is not a compensation scheme, but will pay a funeral benefit for a family member who has passed away and was previously a Youpla Group fund member.

If you are unsure which Youpla Group funeral fund you or a family member were with, it is advised to refer to any documents you might have or contact the liquidator, SV Partners on (07) 3310 2005 or youpla@svp.com.au, who can check their client lists. You can ask which fund you were with and how much money has been paid, then write that information down somewhere safe.

Youpla Group funeral fund members should also be aware of a suspicious text message scam claiming to be from SV Partners, asking you to set up a payment account and make payments to receive a funeral benefit. SV Partners will not ask for personal or bank details by SMS. If you receive a SMS, do not respond and call SV Partners direct.

For more information or to apply for the program, visit treasury.gov.au/youpla.

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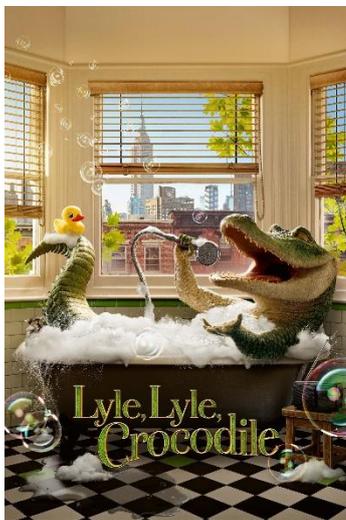
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LYLE, LYLE CROCODILE brings Bernard Waber's 1965 children's book to life with musical style. 24-Year-old pop musician Shawn Mendes is the voice of the lovable crocodile Lyle, who cannot talk but can sing. In a delightful double act, his showman partner Hector P. Valenti is charismatically performed by Javier Bardem (*Being the Ricardos*, *No Country for Old Men*). There are plenty of catchy musical numbers by the songwriters behind *The Greatest Showman* and *Dear Even Hansen*, plus classical songs by Elton John and Stevie Wonder. The kids are going to adore this quirky romp with positive messages about the struggle to fit in, embracing life and finding your inner strength.

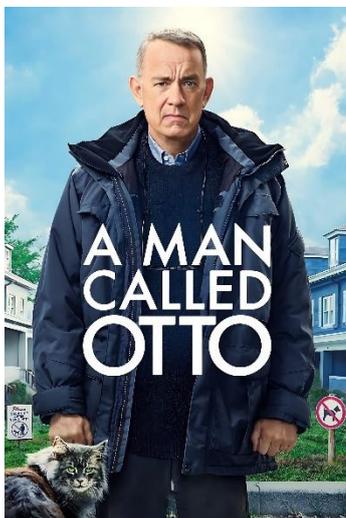


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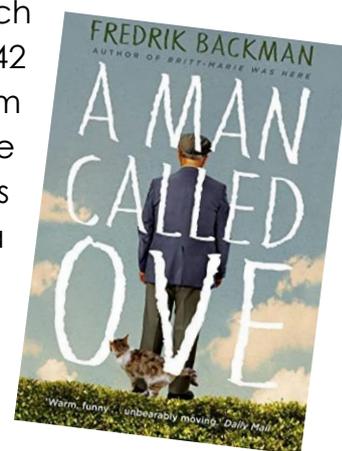
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Saturday – 4th February @ 2pm & 6.30pm

Monday – 6th February @ 6.30pm



A MAN CALLED OTTO, or “the bitter neighbour from hell”, is the grumpiest man in America and the cranky lead to a comical and heart-warming tale. This is an adaptation of the 2012 Swedish novel *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman, which stayed on the *New York Times* Best Seller list for 42 weeks after being translated to English. Tom Hanks (*Elvis*, *Finch*, *Greyhound*) portrays the lead, and is accompanied by his wife as producer and son Truman in his first non-extra role as a younger Otto. Hanks told *People*, “[this] is a movie about community and a movie about family. The way you treat your own neighbours, the way people can come together in any time of crisis”.



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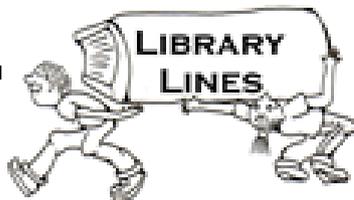
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 Fri 1pm–5pm
 Sat 10am–12pm

Hi to all our Wagin Library & Gallery patrons and friends.

The Shire of Wagin have hired Chris the Elf to help out in the library from Thursday the 1st of December until Saturday the 24th of December. Chris the Elf has not worked in the library for a few years, as he was busy travelling and then had long Covid. Come and see what he has been up to in the library.

The Minister for Seniors and Ageing, the Honourable Don Punch, has recently launched the 2023 Golden Lens competition to WA Seniors Card members. The Golden Lens photography competition provides an opportunity for WA Seniors Card members to share photos which reflect the lives of seniors across the state. Prizes have been donated by participating WA Seniors Card business partners for the winner of each category. There will also be an overall People's Choice award. The five categories to submit entries into are: Active Ageing, Artistic Photography, Diverse Cultures, Flora and Fauna, and Seniors Influencer. The competition will close on the 17th of March 2023. Further information about entry requirements is available at seniorscard.wa.gov.au/goldenlens or pop into Wagin Library & Gallery.

Wagin Library & Gallery will be closed from Saturday the 24th of December until Monday the 2nd of January, opening as normal on Tuesday the 3rd of January. Tina and Monica would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

EVENTS

Story Time is for ages 0 to 5 and runs every Wednesday from 10am to 11am then again on Fridays from 1.30pm to 2.30pm, including during the school holidays. During Story Time in December there will be a Christmas story read to the children.

Book Club for children is on every Tuesday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, including during the school holidays. The book club is for primary school aged children, Pre-primary to Year 7.

Our first **Book Club** for 2023 will be held on Saturday the 11th of February from 2pm to 4pm at Wagin Library & Gallery. New members are always welcome and it is free to join.

Friends of Wagin Library & Gallery welcome new members. Our first meeting for 2023 will be held on Thursday the 23rd of February from 4.30pm at Wagin Library & Gallery.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

On Saturday the 26th of November we received an exchange of twenty-five new items for the library. Here are just a few of them. You may like to take a few books out over Christmas and New Year to just sit, chill and read after such an extremely busy year.

Charlie's Whale by **Libby Gleeson** and **Hannah Sommerville**. A delightful picture book for parents to read to their children. Primary school students will adore the beautiful illustrations of these majestic giants of the sea. Charlie loves the gentle waves that creep up onto the sand and tickle his toes. He loves the huge wild waves that crash onto the sand and make the beach tremble. But most of all he loves the whales.

The Grampus: And His Dastardly, Dreadful Christmas Plan by **Alex T. Smith**. A children's fiction book. Have you ever heard of Grampus? No, I don't suppose you have, until now,

because there is only one Grampus in the whole world. Inspired by the Krampus with a hint of the Grinch, this is a heart-warming story that celebrates the true meaning of Christmas.

Diary of a Roblox Pro: Book 1 – Monster Escape by **Ari Avatar**. A junior fiction book for children who are in primary school. Ari and his friends cannot resist a challenge. Rumour has it there is some kind of monster living in the local abandoned monster warehouse. Ari does not believe gossip and dares to enter the building. What is going to happen next?

Rosie the Twilight Dragon by **Maddy Mara**. A junior fiction book for the reading age of 7 to 10 years. Rosie, Phoebe and Stella all share an incredible secret. They can travel to the Magic Forest and transform into power creatures called night dragons. Can Rosie, Phoebe and Stella save the Magic Forest?

Blowback by **James Patterson** and **Brendan DuBois**. A large print adult fiction book. A brilliant American president has his finger on the red button. President Keegan Barrett is about to start a world war with our most dangerous enemy. *Blowback* asks us to imagine what would happen if a narcissistic psychopath were elected to the white house.

Daisy Darker by **Alice Feeney**. An adult fiction CD. This is a locked room murder mystery about a family birthday celebration turned murder fest. Trapped on an island, someone is killing them one by one. Why is this happening to the family? Can the mystery be solved?

Desperation in Death by **J.D. Robb**. An adult fiction CD. Mina Rose Cabot, age thirteen, disappeared walking home from soccer practice in Devon, Pennsylvania. Eight months later, Mina's body is found in Battery Park. Eve Dallas knows that whoever took Mina is responsible for her death. Who took her and where has Mina been for the last eight months?

Don't Look Away by **Danielle Laidley**. An adult non-fiction book, A memoir of identity and acceptance. *Don't Look Away* is a compelling, raw, honest telling of the story of someone who is fearless, uncompromising and yet gentle.

Forever Home: The New Dark Comedy by **Graham Norton**. An adult fiction book. This tense and darkly comic new novel casts a light on the relationship between mothers and daughters, truth and self, and preservation, with unnerving effect.

The Girl in the Castle by **James Patterson** and **Emily Raymond**. An adult fiction book recommended for ages fifteen and over due to some of the content. Parents need to know that this is a thriller about a mental health patient with intense scenes in two timelines. Hannah Doe lives in the present day, while Hannah Dory seems to exist in 1397.

Jackie and Me by **Louis Bayard**. An adult fiction CD. Meet young Jacqueline Bouvier before she became Jackie. Learn about a marriage that almost never happened. What does it mean to repress one's own desires, to shape one's life and identity around another person?

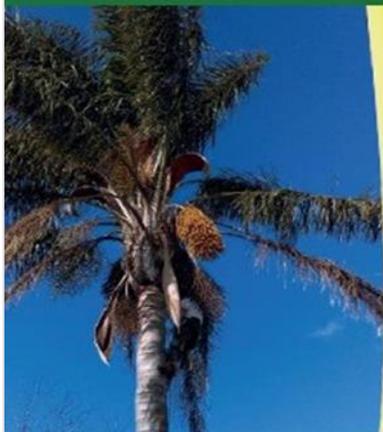
Less Is Lost by **Andrew Sean Greer**. An adult fiction book. Arthur Less goes on a road trip across America's heartland with a black pug named Dolly in a camper van called Rosina. Less runs away from his problems yet again. We cannot escape ourselves, even across deserts, bayous, and coastlines. Arthur Less must face his own personal demons.

The Paris Mystery by **Kirsty Manning**. An adult fiction book. Reporter Charlie arrives in Paris in 1938 eager to make a fresh start. She is drawn into the magical world of parties, couture houses and bohemian wine bars. Secrets start to unravel, including her own.

The Truth About Ben and June by **Alex Kiester**. An adult fiction CD. Told through the alternating perspectives of husband and wife. *The Truth About Ben and June* is an honest look into the highs and lows of marriage. A new mother vanishes one morning, and her husband must retrace their recent past to bring her home.

Plant: Past, Present and Future by **Zena Cumston, Michael-Shawn Fletcher** and **Lesley Head**. An adult non-fiction book. *Plant: Past, Present and Future* celebrates the deep cultural significance of plants. There are calls for new ways of understanding and engaging with country. This book reveals the power and possibility of ecological expertise.

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TRAINEE POSITION 2023

Applications are invited for the position as a Trainee (Certificate 3 in Business) with the Wagin Community Resource Centre to begin in 2023.

The Wagin Community Resource Centre is seeking a person who is self-motivated with a positive attitude and who is eager to learn. Sound computer knowledge is also desired, and a Police Clearance and Working with Children's Check will be required.

The traineeship will be over a period of 12 months and during this time they will receive on the floor training and participate in a wide range of administration office activities and community events and complete a Certificate 3 in Business online through TAFE.

The Wagin CRC operates Monday – Friday between 9am – 4pm with a 1-hour lunch break.

To apply; please submit your resume, references and a cover letter addressing the essential skills from the position description

Interested persons can obtain a Trainee package at the Wagin CRC front office, by contacting the Manager on 9861 1644 or emailing admin@wagincrc.net.au.

Please submit your applications in person to the Manager or email to jasmine@wagincrc.net.au

Applications close Monday 16th January 2023 at 4pm with interviews to be conducted in the week following.



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The end of the year is a busy time for all, particularly those involved in harvest activities. Thank you to all parents who attended the recent Awards Day assembly. Well done to all our awardees.

The Year 10 graduation was a special and meaningful occasion for our small group of students. Thanks go to Mrs King, who while in recovery from a recent operation, had significant input about each student.

The Year 6 Graduation event was also a special occasion. Thank you, parents, for sharing lunch with our students. It was great to hear from Mrs Ball about each student.

A huge thank you to Mrs Mango for ably supporting and preparing for each of these events.

The main extravaganza, the school's End of Year concert, while somewhat cool was well received by all. It was great to see such a large crowd supporting our students. You were a really good audience! Special thanks to all our staff for their preparation of the students. A huge thank you to Ms Sim and Mrs Ward for coordinating the event. A special thanks to Mrs Pieterse for all her hard work in preparing all the audio files for the night and for ably running the technics on the night.

Good Standing activities occurred yesterday with today (Thursday) being the final student day of the year.

FAREWELL TO STAFF

We farewell the following staff members who have faithfully served the school for varying amounts of time. We wish them well for their next chapter of life.

Mrs Jo Abbott

Mr Pete Bourke

Mrs Chelsea Johnson

Miss Grace Allan

Miss Claire Carew-Reid

Miss Dita Page

Ms Pippa Bennett

Mrs Mirline Dzieciol

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL OUR FAMILIES

May you have a peaceful and meaningful Christmas and a happy and safe family vacation. As I complete my six-month contract at Wagin DHS and return to my Perth school, I thank you for your welcome and support during my tenure. I confidently hand the leadership baton back to Mrs Ward. I invite you to positively partner with her as she moves the school forward for the next twelve months.

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

The Awards Presentation was a celebration of the amazing depth of talent and citizenship at Wagin DHS. A huge thank you to all the local businesses who supported with donations. It was lovely to see so many parents and friends come to our assembly. Well done to all award recipients for a great year! To view the winners, please follow this QR code.





CONCERT

Our End of Year Concert (pictured above) was such a success! A big thank you to all those that attended. As staff we were very proud of the students who participated. We cannot wait to see where your future takes you "When You Grow Up!"

YEAR 6 CELEBRATION

Monday saw the Year 6s acknowledged for finishing primary school at a lunch with parents and families (pictured below). The staff and students reminisced over their time in primary school at Wagin DHS. We look forward to seeing many of our Year 6s join us in high school next year.



YEAR 10 GRADUATION

Secondary staff hosted the Year 10 Farewell Luncheon (pictured right). Parents and family members shared in celebrating memories and stories of their child's time at Wagin DHS. Whilst we are sad to see them leave, we are excited to see them embark on their new journey.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Well done to Evan Catchpole, Matilda White and Penny White for completing the 2022 Premier's Reading Challenge. These students exceeded the challenge requirements and were recently awarded certificates from the Premier to recognise this achievement. Bravo!

COLOUR RUN FUN

Our Junior Primary classes enjoyed getting colourfully wet yesterday afternoon with a Good Standing rewards event (pictured right)!



YEARS 6 AND 7 – ZERO TO HERO

This month, students in Year 6 and 7 travelled to Narrogin Senior High School to participate in three workshops: Resilience, Leadership and Self-Acceptance. Zero2Hero empowers young people to positively manage their mental health and prevent suicide in Australia.

YEARS 8 TO 10 – BRIDGETOWN

Earlier this month, selected students from Years 8 to 10 participated in a career development workshop at Bridgetown High School. Students made wooden caddies and, in the process, they learned how to use a range of tools.



MERRY TABLE RUNNERS

The Shire of Wagin recently invited our students to create some Christmas inspired table runners for their upcoming dinner (pictured right). Haven't our students done a wonderful job?



CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Last month, twenty or so of our students travelled to Perth to be involved in Indigenous cultural activities. Our students were noted by the venue staff as being engaged and well behaved. Thank you, Emmaline, for organising this.

YEAR 4 – BICYCLES AND BALLOONS

The Year 4 class had a fun morning of 'BYO bike to school' for Good Standing in November. They then investigated independent, dependent and controlled variables with their very own balloon rockets (pictured left).



KINDY TO YEAR 3 – GOOD DANCING

Our students certainly enjoyed a variety of Good Standing activities in November. The Kindy to Year 3 students rocked out at their very own disco (pictured right)!



KINDY – ‘P, P, P’

In Kindergarten in late October, we learned about the ‘p, p, p’ sound. Mrs Quinn dressed for the occasion in pink, purple and popcorn pants (pictured below right)! We started the morning by picking the potatoes we had planted back in Term 2. Miss Page then told us that we were going to have a potato extravaganza and cook up four different types of potato dishes, and then use a graph to work out which potato dish was our favourite (pictured right). While we waited for Mrs Longmuir to serve us each potato course, we talked about restaurant etiquette and good manners. After lunch, Miss Page gave us each a sticker which we stuck on the bar graph to indicate our favourite dish. The potato bake was a clear winner!



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Calling on parents of students in Years 5 to 8: you may want to consider joining the School Council. Council meets four times per year to consider the direction of the school and provide advice to the school. Please let me know if this role interests you.

Early in the school year, the school will conduct elections to choose the three parent representatives. Thank you to those who have already nominated. There is still time to submit your nomination.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open in 2023 on Tuesday the 31st of January from 9am to 11am and then again fortnightly from Thursday the 9th of February.

Orders can be placed through QuickCliQ at quickcliq.com.au or with cash in store.



Kind regards

Andrew Newhouse

Principal

Andrew.Newhouse@education.wa.edu.au

CALENDAR	
Thu 15 th Dec	Last Day of 2022 for Students
Wed 1 st Feb	First Day of 2023 for Students



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE

LEARN HOW TO BETTER SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS OR WHO ARE IN CRISIS.

Join us for this FREE two-day Youth Mental Health First Aid course in Wagin.

Learn about the signs and symptoms of the common mental health problems experienced by young people, what sort of help has been shown by evidence-based research to be effective, and how to provide mental health first aid in a crisis situation.

ACCREDITED COURSE

Topics include: depression, anxiety, eating disorders, substance use, suicidal thoughts and behaviours, and psychosis

On completion of post-course assessment, participants will be accredited as a Youth Mental Health First Aider for three years.

When: 9:00am - 4:00pm, 21 & 22 February 2023
Where: Wagin Community Resource Centre
 46/48 Tudhoe St, Wagin
Cost: Free - morning tea & lunch provided
Register: Contact Wagin CRC on 9861 1644 or email
 admin@wagincrc.net.au



This training is proudly supported by CBH Group, Wagin CRC and MIFWA as part of the CBH Regional Mental Health Program.



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SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Shire of West Arthur recently held a seniors Christmas lunch at the Darkan Sporting Complex. Fifty-two seniors were served a delicious hot meal of turkey, ham, roast potatoes, pumpkin, cauliflower, cheese, broccoli and beans.



This was followed by Christmas pudding, cheesecake, pavlova, fruit salad and ice cream. A further fourteen meals were sent home to some unable to attend. The seniors were also treated with entertainment and a gift from students at Darkan Primary School. This event was made possible thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors.

STREET LIBRARY

The West Arthur community now have a new street library. Phil Harrington has gone to great effort to build a street library for the Shire. It is located near the information bay and can be used by the local community and travelling public. A street library is a home for books that is in a public place. Books come and go; people can take a book, read it, and return it or replace it with another. According to the Street Library website, a book library is a symbol of trust and hope, a tiny vestibule of literary happiness. Feel free to explore the books already in the street library or to add your own.



POP-UP SHOP

The West Arthur CRC currently have a Christmas Pop-Up Shop featuring local artists with items that include Christmas cards, jewellery, table runners, baby clothes, paintings and much more. If you are looking for a Christmas gift and wanting to support local, come and check out all the great work.

DARKAN CHRISTMAS CAROLS

This year, instead of the Christmas Carols traditionally held in the evening in Darkan Church, there will be afternoon Christmas Carols. Join in with local kids for poetry, carols and sing-alongs on Wednesday the 21st of December at 2pm, at the West Arthur CRC. There will be a special guest solo performer and afternoon tea to follow. All are welcome.

ARVO BOOK CLUB

Did you know the West Arthur CRC has its own Book Club? We meet once every two months for one hour to discuss our book over a wine and nibbles. The cost is \$30 for a year and it is always open to new members. If you are interested in coming along to a meeting in 2023 to check us out, contact Karen at the CRC with any enquiries on 9736 2000 or at karen.prowse@westarthrcrc.com.au. If you are interested in creating your own book club, we have book sets you could borrow. You can talk to Karen about that too.



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STAY SAFE AROUND WATER THIS SUMMER

With the warmer summer months upon us, many families will spend more time outdoors and around water. So, it is important to be aware of the risks in order to keep safe while having fun in the sun.

Sadly, 339 people have lost their lives to drowning in Australia this year, according to figures from Royal Life Saving Australia. Rivers and creeks accounted for 34 per cent of all drowning deaths, followed by beaches at 21 per cent.

Drowning deaths can happen to children and adults of any age. Of the 39 people who lost their lives to drowning in Western Australia this year, 79 per cent were adults over 25 years, while eight per cent were children aged 5 to 9 years, which is up from zero last year.

Water safety around rivers, creeks and in pools is everyone's business, but there are some risk factors that increase the likelihood of drowning in both adults and children.

Consuming alcohol and drugs around water can affect a person's balance, coordination, and judgement, increasing the risk not only to your own safety but also to children requiring responsible adult supervision, who may need your help in an emergency.

Swimming pools and portable pools are a popular option for families to escape the summer heat, but without constant adult supervision, children of all ages can drown very quickly.

In Western Australia, it is a legal requirement to have a gate that is self-closing and locks properly around any pool with more than 30 centimetres of water.

Families should also be mindful not to prop open pool gates or leave large items such as furniture near pool fences, providing easy access for children to climb over.

Flotation and aquatic toys may seem like a great option to keep children safe while swimming, but they are not safety devices. Adults should continue keeping a watchful eye on children while using them.

For more consumer advice around summer activities, visit: productsafety.gov.au/safesummer.

Anyone thinking about buying a portable pool should spend a few minutes checking out productsafety.gov.au/makeitsafe.

KEEPING UP WITH THE COST OF LIVING

Times are tough for many Western Australians right now, so lots of households will be looking at ways to manage their rising living costs and keep on top of bills.

To help consumers manage their living expenses, the Australian Securities and Investment Commission's Moneysmart service has developed a cost of living 'hub' on its website.

The hub contains information to help consumers make a plan, including how to prepare a budget to track where money is spent, prioritise what matters most and identify any expenses that can be reduced.

With interest rates on the rise, some consumers may be concerned about meeting their mortgage repayments. Taking action straight away can stop a small problem from becoming a big one, so these consumers are urged to talk to their lender as soon as possible. The hub talks through the steps to apply for a financial hardship variation, which may involve changing the loan's terms, or temporarily pausing or reducing repayments.

Financial hardship assistance may also be available for those struggling to pay their rent, utility bills, credit cards, loans and insurance premiums, so these consumers are also advised to contact their providers sooner rather than later to discuss possible options.

Further advice is provided on how consumers can save for an emergency fund to cover urgent or unexpected costs for things like car repairs, unexpected travel or an urgent medical bill.

For those living on a low income, the hub provides guidance on what financial support is available, as well as exploring practical ways to manage costs, such as automating regular bill payments and paying large bills in smaller instalments.

Consumers needing help to get debt under control and their finances back on track can talk to a financial counsellor, who can help prioritise bills and repayments. The National Debt Helpline provides a free, confidential financial counselling service on 1800 007 007.

There is also advice on where to turn in a crisis for help with food, housing, bills and emergency support, plus a reminder that help is available via Beyond Blue on 1300 22 46 36 if financial stress is impacting on mental health.

To explore Moneysmart's cost of living hub, follow this QR code or head to moneysmart.gov.au/manage-the-cost-of-living.



A CRASH COURSE IN WRITTEN-OFF VEHICLES

A motor vehicle might have many owners over its lifetime, so one of the most important things you can do when buying a used car is to thoroughly investigate its history.

Unlike 'statutory' write-offs which can only be used for spare parts, it is legal for 'repairable' write-offs to be registered and sold in Western Australia, so long as these vehicles have passed a safety inspection.

Even though this inspection may declare the vehicle to be roadworthy, the fact it has been deemed a 'repairable write-off' – or too costly to repair – means some features or functions may no longer work. You may also struggle to get full insurance coverage for a vehicle that has been written-off and find it has a lower market value as a result.

In the last 12 months, Consumer Protection has received 67 enquiries and 20 complaints about written-off vehicles. We are concerned these figures may rise as more repairable write-offs are sold in WA during this period of high demand for used vehicles.

No matter whether a used car is being bought privately or through a dealer, we always recommend paying the small \$2 fee to search the national Personal Property Securities Register (PPSR) at ppsr.gov.au, which contains a registry of written-off vehicles maintained by the Department of Transport in WA. A PPSR search will also reveal whether a vehicle has been stolen or has outstanding finance owing.

If buying through a dealer or auctioneer, remember to ask lots of questions about the vehicle's background. This is important because dealers and auctioneers do not have to voluntarily reveal any details about the history of the vehicle, such as whether it has been written-off, but they must tell the truth if specifically asked. There are no legal protections for consumers involved in private sales, so this is an area of greater risk.

Consumers who knowingly decide to buy a repairable write-off are encouraged to confirm that all of the features or functions operate as expected and to an acceptable standard beforehand.

Car buyers who believe they have been misled can lodge a complaint on the Consumer Protection website at consumerprotection.wa.gov.au, or enquiries can be made on 1300 30 40 54 or to consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au.

THINK TWICE BEFORE BUYING EXTENDED WARRANTIES

Being offered an extended warranty by a salesperson on new cars, whitegoods or electronics may be a familiar scenario to many shoppers, but it could be a waste of your money if you buy one.

This is because the products we buy automatically come with a number of guarantees under our consumer laws, including a requirement that they be of acceptable quality and last a reasonable amount of time, depending on what they are and how much they cost.

That means if you pay extra for an extended warranty, which is actually a type of insurance policy, you could be paying for repair or replacement rights that are already free under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL).

In the last twelve months, Consumer Protection has received 323 enquiries and 68 complaints about extended warranties, overwhelmingly as they related to the purchase of new motor vehicles. The main issues involved consumers being unable to seek a satisfactory remedy after a fault developed, or being unaware their particular issue was not covered under the policy.

We also heard from consumers who encountered similar issues after buying extended warranties on washing machines, dryers, couches, mobile phones and laptops.

Most extended warranties include long lists of exclusions, plus they can require you to do certain things for them to remain valid, such as regularly servicing a motor vehicle with the selling dealer. Failure due to fair wear and tear may not be covered, so it is important to weigh up whether purchasing an extended warranty is worth it to you.

Next time you are offered an extended warranty in a shop or car dealership, our key advice is to ask the salesperson what benefits it will provide above your existing entitlements under the ACL.

Retailers or suppliers risk breaching the law if they use unfair tactics or put undue pressure on you to buy an extended warranty, or mislead you into paying for the rights you already have under the law.

Find out more about extended warranties, including possible questions to ask a salesperson, on our website at consumerprotection.wa.gov.au.

BE SKIN AWARE THIS SUMMER

Cancer Council WA is encouraging adults in the Wheatbelt region to familiarise themselves with the common symptoms of skin cancer, with the majority (55-70%) of melanomas detected by themselves or their partners.

It is important to know your skin and what is normal for you, particularly if you are over 40 years of age. Skin cancers (including melanoma) account for the largest number of cancers diagnosed in Australia each year. Our latest data reveals that in 2019, 1,587 people in WA were diagnosed with melanoma and sadly 145 people died from it. In the Wheatbelt region in 2019, 58 people were diagnosed with melanoma and 5 died from it.

We know people living in regional Australia have lower rates of five-year survival compared with people living in cities, so we urge anyone in the Wheatbelt experiencing a skin cancer symptom to visit their doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker.

Common symptoms of skin cancer include:

- A new spot or mole on your skin.
- A spot that is different from other spots on your skin.
- Any crusty or non-healing sores.
- Any spots, freckles or any moles changing in size (width), thickness (height), colour, or shape over a period of weeks to months.

It does not mean you have got skin cancer; often it turns out to be something less serious. But it is important to get checked. Getting our symptoms checked out and treated early means we can get back to the people we love and the things we love doing.

Visit myuv.com.au/skincancer to find out how to check your skin for skin cancer.

For more information about skin cancer symptoms, visit findcancerearly.com.au.



**For cancer information and support call Cancer Council WA on 13 11 20
or visit cancerwa.asn.au**

HAPPY NEW YEAR



COLOURING COMPETITION

Zachary Rayne

Thank you to all the children who got out their pencils, crayons, Textas and highlighters to join in Wagin Community Resource Centre's Christmas colouring competition! We have been delighted to have the children's wonderful, festive artwork on display. Reverend Kevin Toovey kindly judged the competition yesterday, and it was not easy to choose only one winner from each age group. Congratulations to Jasper Polack, aged five, and to Lachlan Piesse, aged eleven (both winning entries pictured right).



SUDOKU

Sudoku is played over a 9x9 grid, divided into 3x3 sub grids called 'regions'. Some of the grid cells are already filled with numbers. Your objective is to fill the empty cells with numbers between 1 and 9. Each number can appear only once in each row (across), column (down) and region.

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SPORTS IN WAGIN

WAGIN BOWLING CLUB

Contacts:

Club: 9861 1475

Club Days: Jenny Ewen on 0428 611 197

Club Days: Ladies or men, Wednesdays at 1pm for a 1.30pm start.

Mens Pennant Training: Sundays 1.30pm onwards.

SUMMER SCROUNGERS

All are welcome. Names in by 1pm for a 1.30pm start. A four end final will be held for the rink winners. Bar open. Contacts: Ross Old on 0419 951 128, Jenny Ewen on 0428 611 197, or John Barber on 0438 166 308.

ON THE GREENS

Ross Old

The Wagin men bowlers held their Championship Triples last Sunday the 4th of December. With the weather being not much different than June weather, the players had to wear warm and wet weather gear. Four drawn teams contested a round robin of three games, playing two bowl triples with fifteen completed ends. After playing the first two games in succession, a late lunch was held.

The third and final game was played mid-afternoon. With Ross Old entering the results of the score cards onto the white board, he found Robert English and team of Paul Powell and Dean Beggs had won their first two games and were leading the field, Warren Holt and team of Marc Bairstow and Tecle Tesfay had won one game and lost one in second place, and both Zane Smith's team and Bob Stephens' team lost their first game and drew their second game.

Robert English and team had to defeat Zane Smith's team on the third game to win the three games and the Championship. Warren Holt and team had to defeat Bob Stephens' team to win two games, and hope English loses his third game, then it would be shots up to see who wins the day. But Robert English and team carried on their winning streak by defeating Zane Smith's team by 16 shots to 11.

Congratulations to Robert English, Paul Powell and Dean Beggs for winning the Championship Triples for the 2022 to 2023 bowls season. Warren Holt and team were runners up.

A big thank you to Ron Walker for running the bar and Zane Smith for supplying the finger food. The next Championship game is the Singles being held in early February, so get your name on the sheet at the Bowling Club.



WAGIN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB**UNDER 13S*****Sandra Moffatt***

Long hot summer days are synonymous with cricket. However, this was not the case on Sunday. The Wagin Under 13s faced cross-highway rivals Darkan in arctic conditions at the Wagin Sportsground.

Coach Ben Ball was again blessed with a good number of juniors keen to play. With Darkan numbers just as good, both teams were able to field 14 players each.

Wagin won the toss and elected to field first. The Wagin bowlers were finding good line and length against a quality Darkan opening partnership. Plenty of dot balls were recorded as the Wagin team rotated through their bowlers. Rohan Kellow claimed the first wicket of the day at the commencement of the eleventh over, when a crackerjack ball was belted down the pitch and accounted for the wicket of the dangerous Robbie King. The next wicket came in the fifteenth over when the economical Vinnie Moffatt found the sweet spot on the pitch, causing the Darkan batsmen to launch the ball high into the air and into Darby Ball's vice-like grip. Ball is one of the most assured marks in the Wagin Football Club junior ranks, so it is no surprise that his safe hands have transferred across to cricket. Moffatt's next over saw him claim another wicket when a well-placed bowl got nicked into slips into the clutches of Bailey Cronin.

Cronin finished with two catches for the game after he caught another similar ball from the bowling of Dylan Kellow. Moffatt finished with the impressive bowling figures of 2/2 off 3 overs. Rohan Kellow posted 1/8 off 2 overs, meanwhile elder brother Dylan Kellow finished with 1/2 off 2 overs. Ball and Cronin's catches were highlights in the field, but they were well backed by Tom Pascoe, Gabbi Bickers and Rohan Longmuir, who showed tidy skills in preventing boundaries and applying pressure around the wicket. Jack Scott once again showed impressive wicket keeping skills, with ninja like reflexes paired with good glove work. By the conclusion of Darkan's thirty overs their score was 4/99.



Thursday training was held under much warmer conditions than Sunday's game. The Wagin juniors have great attendance at training which has resulted in rapid improvement as the season has progressed.

Darkan's Lucas Whitaker is no stranger to the Wagin Sportsground as he has put in plenty of great games as a key position player for the Wagin Bulldogs during footy season. This time his great run was not leading from full forward, instead it was to bowl some intense pace at the Wagin batsmen. The third over saw two Wagin wickets fall at the hands of Whitaker. However, due to great attendances at training, the Wagin team have good depth in their batting line up. Charlotte Rowell and Harry Brockway steadied the ship for the Wagin team, and both were forced to retire as the Darkan bowlers could not shake them. Evan Robinson and Archie Ward also found themselves in the forced retiree ranks as the Darkan bowlers were unable to breakthrough for their wickets either.

Nate Rowell put in a long stint in the middle playing some beautiful defensive shots against some tight Darkan bowling. Brockway and Ball were the highest run scorers for Wagin, both finishing with 9. Boundaries were scored by Brockway, Ball, and Ward, much to the elation of the good crowd gathered to watch. The Wagin team finished their 30 overs with a run total of 73, resulting in a 26-run loss.

Coach Ball applauded the team on a great game. They will next play in early February 2023, but it is expected that all team members will dominate in their respective backyard cricket games over the summer break.

PIESSEVILLE DANCE CLUB

Unsure if you can remember the steps? Come along, join in and you will soon recall the pleasure of dancing. The styles include New Vogue, Modern, and Old Time Dances.

These family dances are organised by the Piesseville Dance Club twice a month on Saturdays at Piesseville Community Hall from 7.30pm to 11.30pm. There are also dance lessons on the second and fourth Friday night of each month from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

The next dancing night is the New Year's Eve Dance Night which will take place on the **31st of December at Piesseville Hall** from 8pm to midnight.

All are welcome to attend. Plus, there are raffles and door prizes to be won. For more information contact Bernie on 9861 1512 or Anne on 9881 2545 or 0429 812 545.

WAGIN GOLF CLUB

GROWING THE GAME

Sonia Nalder

The recently released summer addition of Women's Golf features our very own Community Golf Instructor Megan Henry, along with Regional Club Support Officer (South) Shaun Malone, and discusses what they are doing to increase golf participation in WA.

Grab a copy from ladiesgolf.com.au to see our club and town promoted.

"Shaun Malone [and I are] so proud of the work we are doing and achieving to increase golf participation for both juniors and adults in Rural WA", said Megan Henry.



"Plus, the wonderful golfing communities of Wagin, Dumbleyung, Narrogin, Woodanilling, Nyabing, Pingrup, Wickepin, Lake Grace, Newdegate and Bremer Bay get a mention too.

Thanks to Golf WA, Marc Pike, Ian Fowler and Golf Australia for their support. Golf is for everyone."

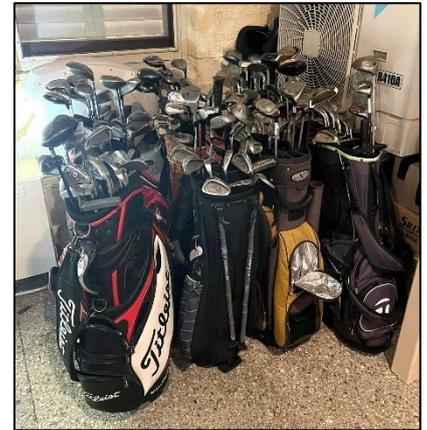
GOLF EQUIPMENT DONATED

Megan Henry

Thank you to Ian Fowler from Golf WA and the Royal Perth Golf Club for their generosity in helping rural golf lovers in the Wheatbelt and Great Southern to access golf equipment.

This donation of golf equipment will be distributed to beginner golf lovers who are just starting their love of golf in Term 1 and Term 2 of 2023.

If you are just starting golf and are in need of equipment, please get in touch with me.



WAGIN GUN CLUB

Next Event: Christmas Shoot
Sunday the 18th of December at 9.30am



WAGIN PLAYGROUP AND TOY LIBRARY

RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the Wagin Playgroup cash raffle!

1st Prize: Em Stephens

2nd Prize: Donna George

3rd Prize: Dennis Swan

\$50 Prize Winners: Sue Ball, Ash Boundy, Tess Boxall, Noah Clune, Evelyn Iles, Jock Murray, Max Jeffrey, Rhys Jenkin, Julie Stott, Jasmine Watson

WAGIN TENNIS CLUB

CHRISTMAS CARDIO TENNIS

Megan Henry, Tennis Coach

Christmas Cardio Tennis at the Wagin Tennis Club was an absolute hit on Friday evening with an awesome crowd of tennis lovers and their beautiful families. What an enjoyable evening of fun, connection, great food and friendship.

A big thank you to the fabulous host, Laura Hutton-Storer, for reaching out to bring this wonderful Christmas session to her club.



Thank you also to the junior cherubs who helped with setup and collected balls throughout the session. It was so lovely to see our juniors cheering on and supporting their mums from the sidelines.

Well done to the Wagin Tennis Club for providing a fun tennis format that promotes inclusiveness, laughter and connection for their members and community.

Merry Christmas everyone. I am looking forward to visiting again in 2023. Life is always better when you are playing tennis, laughing and listening to music.

WAGIN TROTTING CLUB

‘HOT TO TROT’ FASHIONS OF THE TRACK

Fiona Hetherington

Congratulations to the winners of our best dressed competition! Of the many fabulous fashions on display at our 100th anniversary meeting, the ‘hot to trot’ winners were The Red ‘n Black Rocket and Mr Smooth. We had such a fun time.

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<p>Sunday Services 18th December Dumbleyung 11am</p> <p>New Year's Eve 24th December Dumbleyung 5pm</p> <p>Christmas Day 25th December Wagin 9am</p>	<p>Christmas Service 18th December</p> <p>Next service on 15th January</p> <p>Sunday Services at 10:30am</p> <p>For enquiries please call Gary on 0407 194 431</p>	<p>Mass Times Christmas Day Sunday, 8am</p> <p>New Year's Day Sunday, 8am</p> <p>Regular Times First Sunday of each month 8am After, Saturdays at 6pm</p> <p>Reconciliation every third weekend before Mass from 5.30pm</p>	<p>Sunday Services 18th December Darkan 9am G&A-B Wasley - HC Wagin 10.15am Wendy Pederick - M</p> <p>25th December Wagin 10.15am</p> <p>January services held in Wagin only at 10.15am</p> <p>5th February Darkan 9am Wendy Pederick Wagin 10.15am G&A-B Wasley - C,HC</p>	<p>Vineyard Meal and Worship Friday 6.30pm 30th December 140 Lalla Rhook Road Wagin</p> <p>May you know God's love for you This Christmas</p> <p>For enquiries call Wendy 0417 145 628 or Ian 0428 622 049</p>

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WED 21	JOYCE	LEONIE
THU 22	MIKE	MIKE
FRI 23	MICHAEL	MICHAEL
SAT 24	MIKE	MIKE
SUN 25	CLOSED	CLOSED
MON 26	CLOSED	CLOSED
TUE 27	ANNE	MAURIE
WED 28	JOYCE	NEIL

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