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CO-OP'S GENEROSITY GROWS COMMUNITY

Jo Kellow, Manager – Foodworks Wagin Co-op

Our photo shows Wade Longmuir and School Principal Amber Ward in front of Wagin District High School's new seating and shaded area partly funded by the Wagin Co-op to the tune of \$10,000. This was greatly appreciated by the school and is being well utilised by the senior students. Our photo on page 13 shows Wade presenting a cheque to the Wagin Bowling Club Men's Captain Craig Svendsen and Ladies' Captain Jenny Ewing also for \$10,000. Club President Ron Walker said more members would come now that they were able to play on the quality new green which is fully installed. They were very thankful to the Co-op for this major contribution to their club.



Over the past few years, the Wagin District Farmers Co-operative have contributed thousands of dollars to many Wagin groups, including Wagin Football Club, Wagin Cricket Club, Junior Tennis, Wagin Trotting Club, Wagin Golf Club, Wagin Bowling Club, Betty Terry Community Theatre, Wagin Gymkhanarama, Waratah Lodge, Wagin Cancer Support and Palliative Care, Wagin District High School, Wagin Woolorama, Wagin Historical Village, Wagin St John Ambulance, Wagin Lions Club, Leary Racing, Wagin Netball Club and Wagin Swimming Club. Be it big or small, all these donations are only possible if people support the Co-op. I can't stress enough how important it is that the community shop local and support businesses that support them.

The Co-op is always a hit whether community members are seeking employment for themselves or family members, using an appropriate place to sell raffle tickets, or for general sponsorship and donations. We find it is very rewarding to be able to help out. The results of dollars invested back into the community is a pleasure to see. National and global price increases certainly have impact on net pricing however we always endeavour to be competitive. To be able to support local we do need your support, so before you drive out of town to shop, think about what you already have available in town. We are most fortunate to be able to shop locally and see what difference the spending of your dollar makes to the community.

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The Wagin Wool Press returns on February 8

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WAGIN CRC CALENDAR

▪ School Holiday Program	Wed 20 th December	1pm-3pm	Free
▪ Food Bank Xmas Hampers	Until Fri 22 nd December		
▪ <u>Closing for holidays</u>	Monday 25 th December		
▪ <u>Reopening</u>	Monday 8 th January		
▪ School Holiday Program	January (TBA)	TBA	Free
▪ Next edition of Wool Press	Thursday 8 th February		
▪ Camera Club	Mon 12 th February	7pm	Free
▪ Wagin CRC Meeting	Tuesday 20 th February	6pm	
▪ Paint & Sip with Linda Wirth	February	6pm-8.30pm	\$50 (must book)

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BETTY TERRY THEATRE

6 TRENT STREET, WAGIN





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Friday – 2 Feb @ 6.30pm
Saturday – 3 Feb @ 2.00pm & 6.30pm
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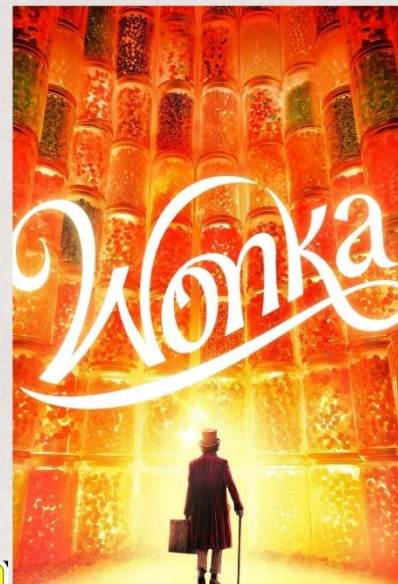

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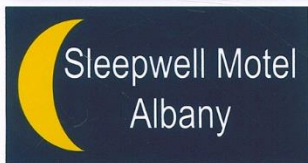

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SHIRE OF WAGIN NEWS

CHRISTMAS HOURS

The Shire office and the Wagin Library & Gallery will be closed from Friday the 22nd of December to Tuesday the 2nd of January.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

REMEMBRANCE OPPORTUNITY

The Shire have recently created an opportunity for members of the community to place an item around the townsite which they can dedicate to the memory of a loved one.

The options on what that might look like are: planting a tree, installing a park bench, installation of Metal Art, purchasing a paving brick or the installation of a plaque. The specifics of these options are explained in our shire policy which is available on the website or at the shire office. To provide an example, you would purchase a paving brick, advise the wording for the paving brick and once we have sufficient, we would install the paving bricks in a selected footpath around the townsite. Initially this will be the footpath between the new Wagin Library and Gallery location and the Wagin Townhall, and depending on popularity, other places will be selected.

If this is something you are keen to discuss with us or your family, please contact the office for further details.

AUSTRALIA DAY PLANS

We have been fortunate enough to receive Auspire funding once again. Plans this year are once again around Cultural Art Creations. We will be calling for local young people to submit designs which are significant to them and their lives in Wagin. The designs need to be line drawings as they will be transferred onto metal art and installed at the sportsground. If you wish to submit a design for the project, you can hand it into the Shire office or email it to shire@wagin.wa.gov.au.

FIRE RISK

Now that summer is upon us and the weather is warming up, we would like to remind everyone to maintain your firebreaks, and please do not light any fires. Our volunteer fire and rescue crew have attended deliberate fires to extinguish, which has resulted in fines being issued due to the risk to the property and the town.

WAGIN LIBRARY & GALLERY UPDATE

The Wagin Library & Gallery has completed the move to the Wagin Courthouse with much of the work to facilitate the move being completed. This old building is full of history and has lots of stories to tell, even more now that it's a library. The Grand Opening is scheduled for Thursday the 14th of December from 2pm to 4pm. All are welcome to attend and hear some of the stories. Please RSVP to the Library for catering.

STAFFING

The Shire is pleased to announce that it has appointed a new CEO, Dr Kenneth Parker.

Ken has more than fifteen years' experience in State and Local Government in Western Australian and Queensland. Ken is presently the Manager Governance and Strategy at the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale where he has contributed to that Council's transformation as one of the fastest growing Councils in the state.

Ken brings a wealth of diverse experience in corporate governance, legislation, and Public Sector Management. Ken will start with the Shire on the 29th of January and be joined by his wife Bree and their three school age children who are excited about making Wagin their new home and embracing the regional lifestyle:

"I look forward to working in partnership with the Council and administration in the coming years to support the wonderful Wagin community which we are thrilled to join."

Following the resignation of Kirsty Simkins, the Shire has appointed Amy Kippin as the Shire's new Executive Assistant. Many people in the community will know Amy from, among other things, her involvement with the Woolorama. Amy will start at the Shire early in the new year.

We would like to congratulate our administration trainee Marcie Smith for completing her Certificate III in Local Government program. Marcie was recognised as having finished her coursework earlier than everyone else in her cohort throughout the state and her efforts have really impressed the tutors. Marcie is moving to the Parks and Gardens team as she has developed an interest in pursuing horticulture.

On a sad note, we will soon farewell our Manager of Finance, Jenny Goodbourn who is retiring in mid-December. Jenny has had a long career in local government, working at many shires including as a CEO. We thank Jenny for her hard work and expertise in managing the Shire's finances and wish her well in retirement.

EVER HEARD OF PICKLEBALL?

It's a paddle sport you can learn in minutes and play for a lifetime. It's the hottest sports craze to sweep the country. Haven't heard of it? You can check it out by using this QR code.



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ROADWORKS

Stage 1 of Dongolocking stabilising and bituminising has been completed. Stage 2 will commence after harvesting, in early 2024.

A new footpath on Tarbet Street has been installed. The new footpath on Lukin Street is almost complete. The shire will backfill and compact.

Sweeping of the main street in town will be ongoing.

The works crew have been attending to community requests and alerts.

Notification of damage to roads on Jaloran and the Wagin-Wickepin Roads has been received. Manager of works has inspected and rectified the blowouts.

Grading works have been carried out to Rowells and Behn Ord Road.

Gardening crew have been busy resetting reticulation, watering, mowing and spraying for ants/weeds.

We have received the new Roller and it will be put to good use in the roads program.



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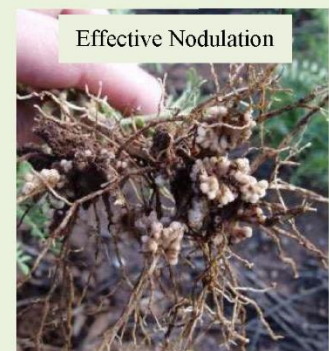
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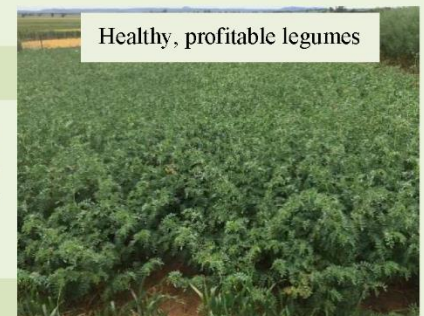
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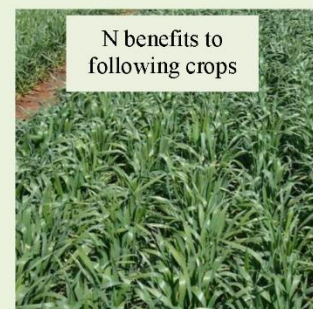
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WAGIN WEATHER FORECAST

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Thu 14 th	Fri 15 th	Sat 16 th	Sun 17 th	Mon 18 th	Tue 19 th	Wed 20 th
						
28°/13°	30°/11°	33°/11°	29°/14°	26°/12°	27°/11°	26°/12°
 5%	 0%	 10%	 20%	 5%	 5%	 10%

'MONET IN PARIS' EXTRAVAGANZA

Diane Davidson



Wagin Camera Club members: Debra Stephens, Lyn Pike, Diane Davidson, Christine Bairstow, Robyn Flett, John Lee, Gaye Bushell, Coral Davies, Glenys Ball, Debbie Brown, Helen Bignell, Jo Kempin and Michelle Patterson. Photo supplied by John Lee and Lyn Pike.

Colour, colour and more colour was the order of the day as members of the Wagin Camera Club descended on La Grand Palais, Crown Perth at Burswood for an amazing experience on their last outing for the year.

Following on from the successful *Van Gogh Alive* exhibition in Perth during 2022, *Monet in Paris – The French Impressionists Alive* includes 19th century French masters such as Claude Monet, Georges Seurat, Pierre-Augusta Renoir, Camille Pissarro, Paul Cézanne, Van Gogh and Mary Cassatt.

On arrival members immediately felt transported to the beautiful French countryside of Giverny. After entering the huge marquee and walking through garden beds with mirror reflecting images, down an arched tunnel covered in climbers and past the lily ponds, they finally arrived at the main gallery, especially built to house the presentation.

A sight to behold awaited. The display of light, colour and music brought the masterpieces to life as they were projected onto many towering seven-metre-high walls with ever changing 360 degree views, through state-of-the-art multi-sensory technology.

Even the floor formed part of the artwork, featuring subtle visual movements of trickling brooks to butterflies, giving the viewer a feeling of being part of the artwork as they meandered through the exhibition.



Monet entrance. Photo by Lyn Pike.



Photos by John Lee.

Captions described the techniques used, the artists' thoughts and quotes from Monet's diaries, which added to the experience.

To top the day off, members gathered on a replica of the famous Monet Bridge over a pond of water lilies to have a group photograph.

Secret Garden Cafe in South Perth was the venue for a late lunch and presentations of the club's annual awards, with 14 members and two guests, to complete the day trip.

The overall winner for most points was awarded to the talented photographer Christine Bairstow who continues to amaze us with her monthly images. Second place went to Debra Stephens who had a very successful year achieving placings and acceptances within the WA Photographic Federation photography competitions for 2023.

Coral Davies took out the third place with Helen Bignell, Debbie Brown, and Diane Davidson following closely behind equal fourth.

Michelle Patterson and Lyn Pike were congratulated on their achievements over the year, scoring a gold award each, 7 silver and 9 bronze awards between them in the club's monthly competitions.

A remarkable day was had by all, with *Monet in Paris* being the highlight for the year.

RICK WILSON

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR O'CONNOR

Working hard for Wagin



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Jo Kellow, Manager – Foodworks Wagin Co-op



Jenny Ewing, Craig Svendsen, Wade Longmuir and Ron Walker at Wagin Bowling Club.

At the Annual General Meeting, held on the 3rd of November 2023, Wade Longmuir resigned his position as Chairperson of the Wagin District Farmers Co-operative (Foodworks) and handed over the reins to Larina Piesse. Wade has happily agreed to stay on the Board of Directors to assist Larina and continue his valued direction of the Co-op. After becoming a Director in 2010, Wade was elected Chairperson in 2012, taking over from Austin Dohle. An eleven-year stint is a fantastic and very much appreciated effort. Thank you, Wade.

We wish all our customers and families a very merry festive season.

MERRY CRAFTMAS

Linda Wirth

Last week at Pot Art and Craft Workshop we made a Nutcracker soldier. Each bloke had their own unique personality. Another awesome result from the crafting folks.

Thank you to everyone who has attended the workshops throughout what has been a wonderful creative year with the community. Have a Merry Christmas.





FOODWORKS

***Management and staff wish everyone
a safe and happy festive season.***

**We are open:
Monday to Friday
8:30am - 5:30pm
Saturday
8:30am - Noon**

***Thank you for your
support during 2023
and we look forward
to it continuing.***

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Happy New Year

Wagin Woolorama 2024

Save the Date!



WA's largest regional agricultural show is on the way!
Join us for two days of fun at WAGIN WOOLORAMA.

We look forward to seeing you there.

We have fabulous Woolorama merchandise for sale on our website, including plush lambs, caps, polo shirts and jumpers.

The staff and volunteers of Wagin Agricultural Society and Wagin Woolorama wish you a safe and happy holiday.

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As we approach the end of another school year, I find myself reflecting on the journey we have undertaken together as a school community. The past twelve months have been filled with challenges and triumphs, and I am immensely proud of the resilience and determination displayed by our students, teachers, staff, and parents. Particularly those who were impacted by the ongoing shortage of teaching staff that is continuing to impact on many regional schools.

Our students continued to work hard and achieve great results in 2023, showcasing not only their intellectual capabilities but also their commitment to learning and personal growth. Beyond academics, the Wagin community has continued to foster a nurturing and inclusive environment that encourages positive pathways for many of our students. We recently hosted a breakfast to thank the wonderful mentors of our Work Experience students for their role in allowing our students to explore their passions and develop essential life and work skills for the future. Impressive work ethic and the ability to follow instructions and learn in the workplace has led to some wonderful opportunities for some of our older students moving forward, and we look forward to expanding this program in 2024.

As we bid farewell to this year, I extend my deepest gratitude to each member of our school staff for their flexibility and commitment to the students and our school. This year we will be saying goodbye to several staff:

- Ms Duerr will be relocating to Katanning where her partner resides, and has won a position at St Patrick's Primary School.
- Miss Sim will be welcoming a baby boy and taking maternity leave in 2024.
- Miss Patterson will be moving to a permanent position in Nyabing where she has previously taught.
- Lisa Nelson has won a promotion in her hometown and will be starting at Narrogin Senior High School in 2024. I am sure our Year 10s will be happy to have her there when they start at NSHS.
- Mrs Ball will be taking Long Service Leave and extended leave in 2024.

We wish them all the very best for the future.

Staffing the school with quality teachers remains our highest priority as we finish the term, with several positions advertised and recruitment procedures underway. As such, teacher placements and class structures are not finalised and parents can expect this information to be distributed at the start of the 2024 School Year.

As I sign off on the last newsletter for this year, I would like to extend my thanks to all the parents who have supported the Wagin DHS P&C, Breakfast Club and School Council in 2023. It is my belief that children are the heart of our community, and your commitment and continued efforts are very much appreciated. As we look ahead to the coming year, I invite each of you to consider how you can contribute to the continued success of our

school. Your involvement, whether through volunteering your time, sharing your expertise, or participating in school events, plays a crucial role in shaping our community. Greater community support allows us to enhance educational opportunities, provide additional resources for our students, and create an even more enriching environment for learning and personal development. I encourage you to explore the various ways you can get involved, as your commitment and enthusiasm make a significant impact on the lives of our students.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and a rejuvenating break, and I look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

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Thank you to our wonderful school community for your attendance at our presentation assembly and end of year concert. We thoroughly enjoy these events and are very proud of the students for their performances. The positive feedback we receive from you has been passed on to our staff and we greatly appreciate the kind words.



Principal Amber Ward (left), Peter Rundle MLA (right). Photos courtesy of Peter Rundle MLA.



End of Year School Concert.

PRESENTATION DAY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Kindergarten – Mrs Pederick	EMUS – Riley Alessi	Primary Visual Arts Award
Aim High – Soren Henness	Year 8	Spencer Hanson
EMUS – Ryan Hove	Aim High – Hayley Lloyd	Achievement in Art & Design
PP – Mrs Spooner	EMUS – Ross Finlay	Natalia Meredith
Aim High – Tuwhakairo Patuwai	Year 9	Achievement in Design & Technology
EMUS – Christopher Ugle	Aim High – Angel Antony	Zain Baxter
PP/Year 1 – Miss Brown	EMUS – Natalia Meredith	Primary Digital Technologies Award
Aim High – Willow Painter	Year 10	Indiana Neretlis
EMUS – Kayshenn Martin	Aim High – Munya Gunzvenzve	Achievement in Digital Technology
Year 2 – Miss Sim	EMUS – Braydon Weir	Riley Mangalavite
Aim High – Jaedyn Clarke	Primary Spelling Award	Year 7 Scholarship Award
EMUS – Kayla Hove	Jakob Ball	Akilyah Dorante
Year 3 – Miss Patterson	Secondary Spelling Award	Rotary Scholarship Award
Aim High – Emilia Neretlis	Harley Te Hau	Harley Te Hau
EMUS – Isla Storer	Jen Moffatt Numeracy Award	Rotary Year 11 Scholarship Award
Year 3/4 – Mrs Ward	Mason Cook	Sophie Jones
Aim High – Evan Catchpole	Primary Science Award	Rotary 4 Way Test
EMUS – Matilda White	Darby Ball	Angel Antony
Year 5 – Mrs Gannaway	Secondary Science Award	Wait-jen Award
Aim High – Max Piesse	Hayley Lloyd	Jayden Hanson
EMUS – Ruby Brockway	Primary Sportsmanship Award	Ondrei Ugle
Year 6 – Ms Lockyer	Archie Ward	EMUS Mega Draw
Aim High – Jakob Ball	Secondary Sportsmanship Award	Engaged – Rachael Girling
EMUS – Kortez Kapene	Chad Howell	Manners – Elyse Biggs
Year 7	Primary Drama Award	Understanding – Blake Reed
Aim High – Gabriella Martin	Imogen Becker	Strive – Carissa Williams

Over the coming holidays we will have numerous works completed at the school including painting and new flooring in the cluster kitchen and break out spaces, removal of the astro turf, and replacement of floor guttering in the cluster play area. You may have noticed we recently installed new desktop computers and an interactive board in the library which will be very useful as a study space and alternate learning space in 2023. Unfortunately, we were notified this week that there has been a delay in delivery of the Science Room upgrade. We have been informed this will now occur sometime in mid-2024.

Warm wishes and a big thankyou to:

- Miss Nazzari who will be making a 'tree change' and working at Manjimup Senior High School next year.
- Miss Buck, Mrs Longmuir, Mrs Cook and Miss Kippin have completed their contracts and we thank them for their dedication and support of our students in 2023.

We welcome Miss Morgan Houde-Pearce to Wagin District High School who will be working in one of our upper primary classes.

On a final note, we bid goodbye to our year 10 students and wish them all the best in their future pathway.

YEAR 5/6 BALLET EXCURSION

On Wednesday the 29th of November the Year 5 and 6 students travelled to His Majesty's Theatre to see the matinee performance of *The Nutcracker*.

This was made possible by the West Australian Ballet's Chance to Dance Regional Program. This program consisted of nine instructional sessions over a two-week period and a school dance performance. Students had a great day watching *The Nutcracker*.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING COMPETITION

Mrs Nelson

The Food and Fibres classes took on the collaborative challenge of creating Gingerbread Houses. On Tuesday the houses were displayed for a competition where the whole school voted for the best decorated Gingerbread House. After all the votes were counted the results were:

- **First:** House 8, Talegan and Stacey
- **Second:** House 4, Natalia and Zienna
- **Equal Third:** House 7, Munya and Cole
- **Equal Third:** House 9, Latika and Douglas

A wonderful term of Food and Fibres with the High School students. Thanks for the participation and engagement. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



SANTA VISITS KINDY

On our last day of Kindy School we had a special visit from Santa at our class party.

Our Kindy kids had a great time celebrating, completing their first year of school sharing an afternoon tea with parents and teachers.



WITHIN YOUR WALLET

The Within Your Wallet Program is back for the summer holidays and term 1 2024! Within Your Wallet is a diversionary program that aims to reduce risk and increase safety by improving protective factors for young people by increasing awareness of online and place-based support services and access to sporting, art and cultural diversionary activities over a 6-month period.

Young people between the ages of 10-18 years who live in the Southern Wheatbelt (Narrogin, Wagin, Boddington, Williams, Wickepin, Pingelly, Brookton) are eligible to have access to a Within Your Wallet – Wallet Card.

A wallet card gives you FREE access to activities at participating venues. To find out where you can use your wallet card, use this QR code to view the Within Your Wallet page on the Pingelly CRC website. (Feel free to add in something about your venue here e.g. opening times.)



Wallet cards also have a list of free to access support services and crisis lines for young people, so it's a great resource to have on you just in case you need someone to chat to.

If you are eligible but have not been given a wallet card, you can find spares at your local school, swimming pool or youth centre. If you have any questions, please email jdaniels@holyoake.org.au.

OUR MAJOR 2023 SUPPORTERS

We acknowledge the community members, businesses and organisations who have supported our school with donations in 2023. Thank you for your ongoing support of the school and our students.

Wagin Agri Services in partnership with Optima Lime donated \$7,400 to the WDHS P&C. This was made possible by the Sands for Schools program where \$1.00/tonne of locally purchased lime-sand is donated.

Wagin Co-operative donated \$10,000 towards our new street workout equipment in the Secondary area.

Thank you to the following for your generous donations towards school projects and initiatives during 2023:



CALENDAR

Thursday 14 th December	Students' Last Day of 2023
Monday 29 th January	Staff Return
Tuesday 30 th January	Uniform Shop – 9.30am-11.30am
Wednesday 31 st January	Students' First Day of 2024
Term 1 Weeks 3-4	Swimming Lessons

Wagin Care & Share

Warwick Street

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Mon-Fri 9am-11.30am

WRAPPING UP 2023 WITH COMMUNITY GIVING

Jessica Hamersley



Final monthly meeting for 2023.

At this meeting the final distribution for 2023 of funds raised for the community was made. Headlining this was \$2,000 to the Wagin Agricultural Society to help fund a special visitor to come to the 2024 Woolorama. Donations were also made of \$1,000 to the CRC to assist with Foodbank Christmas hampers, \$500 to the Wagin Tennis Club for Junior Tennis, and \$300 to the Cancer Council which does valuable work across WA for prevention and treatment of cancer.

Care and Share will go into recess for the holiday break now, closing at 11.30am on Thursday the 14th of December and reopening at 9am on Monday the 29th of January 2024.

Thank you to all community members who have assisted the work of Care and Share; by donating goods, by helping sort the donated goods, by purchasing these items, by working in the shops, by making kindling, by creating with wood, and by supporting those who do all these things. Particular thanks to the Committee who ensure all the financial and compliance matters are up to date and everyone is supported in their roles. We look forward to seeing you (and all your friends!) back in 2024.



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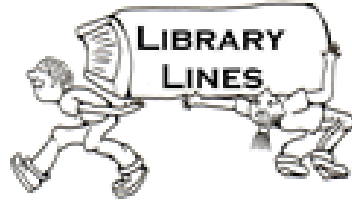
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 Tue 2pm-5pm
 Wed 10am-12pm 2pm-5pm
 Thu 10am-12pm 2pm-5pm
 Fri 1pm-5pm
 Sat 10am-12pm

Hi to all our Wagin Library & Gallery patrons and friends. Wagin Library & Gallery has now moved to the Old Courthouse in Wagin at 81 Tudor Street. Welcome to our patrons and any new patrons wishing to join us at our new Library & Gallery. We have kept the heritage look of the Old Courthouse. Thank you for all the positive things that have been said about our new location.

Pop in and let us know of any ideas that you would like to see. We have a suggestion box in our event/workshop/kitchen area. We also have a wellbeing journal; tell us your thoughts of the new library and how your visit was.

Tina and Monica would like to wish our friends and patrons a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Wagin Library & Gallery will close from Saturday the 23rd of December and reopen on Tuesday the 2nd of January 2024.


PROGRAMS AND 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. When we finish the story, we sing along to nursery rhymes. Story time will be on for the school holidays.

Book Club for children is on every Tuesday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and is for children aged from Pre-primary to Year 7. You can be reading any book. Do you like baking for Christmas? Book Club for children will be on for the school holidays.

Book Club will resume for 2024 on Saturday the 11th of February from 2pm to 4pm. You can be reading any book. New members are always welcome and it is free to join.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

 **Home Preserving: Making the Most of Your Home Produce** by **Lucy Cornell**. This is an adult non-fiction book. What can you do with all the extra fruit and vegetables? Have you ever thought of preserving all your excess produce? You are not sure on where to start? Chapter one gives you an introduction to home preserving. You might like to make jams, marmalades and jellies, conserves, butters and curds, chutneys and relishes, ketchups and sauces, pickles and preserved fruits, soups, stews and fillings, ice cream and sorbets or maybe even some cordial.

 **Grilled: Delicious Easy to Prepare Recipes to Grill or Barbecue** by **The Australian Women's Weekly**. This is an adult non-fiction book. Australians love a good barbecue, and our glorious weather makes it a perfect way to get together with family and friends. Would you like to expand your barbecuing repertoire beyond that couple of snags? Would you like to

try these other methods of cooking on the barbecue? Roasting, baking, using a wok burner or cooking with a smoker. These days there are so many types of barbecues to use.

📖 **My First Baking Book: 50 Recipes for Kids to Make and Eat!** by **Becky Johnson**. This is a junior non-fiction book. Aprons on, it's time for kitchen fun for everyone! Cooking together is a wonderful activity for the family to engage in, and children find it really rewarding to serve food they have helped to make.



**Wagin Library & Gallery
Christmas Hours**

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Friday 22nd - Open as Normal
 Saturday 23rd - Closed
 Monday 25th - Closed
 Tuesday 26th - Closed
 Wednesday 27th - Closed
 Thursday 28th - Closed
 Friday 29th - Closed
 Saturday 30th - Closed
 Monday 1st Jan - Closed
 Tuesday 2nd Jan - Open as Normal

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Tina and Monica would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

FRIENDS OF THE WAGIN LIBRARY & GALLERY

Jessica Hamersley

Well, it's open for business! Everything has been transferred to the new space and Library and Council staff continue to work to make it attractive, functional and an asset to our community.

Friends of the Wagin Library & Gallery decided at our meeting to commence our activities to enhance the library experience of the community by creating a Holiday Reading Activity for all kids from birth to 18. The Wagin Patchwork group have made a lot of magnificent library bags of all different fabrics and sizes. These will be available (1 per reader) to every kid who borrows at least twice in the holiday period. There will be charts available to record your borrowing, and at the second attendance you will be able to choose your new library bag. Thanks to the Patchwork group for their efforts and also to Care and Share for donating much of the fabric.

Friends look forward to meeting with Library and Council staff in January to work out collaborative ways the Wagin Library & Gallery can better serve our community.



Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to all the wonderful clients
of 2023!

Body & Breath Massage will take a break from
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The Shire of Wagin gives notice as per Section 3.58 (3) of the Local Government Act 1995 of its intention to sell Lot 220 7 Vernall Street to Mr Ron Walker for the sum of \$15,000.

An independent Market Value of \$20,000 was received by Shire of Wagin on the 15 November 2023.

Submissions on the proposed dispositions should be addressed to the undersigned or to shire@wagin.wa.gov.au before 4.00 pm on Friday 29 December 2023.

Further information is available by contacting Mark Hook on 9861 1177.

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Acting Chief Executive Officer
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West Arthur Community Resource Centre

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IT'S IN THE BAG

The West Arthur CRC had another wonderful year of donations from the community. Thank you very much to everyone who donated a bag (or six as someone did!) The quality of the bags is great and will go a long way to brightening the spirits of a lot of women at Christmas time.

CHRISTMAS POP UP SHOP

Stuck for a Christmas gift? Why not head to the West Arthur CRC and visit our annual Christmas Pop up Shop. We will have a variety of items available to purchase from local artists and crafters.

DARKAN CHRISTMAS TREE

The Darkan Christmas tree will be held on Friday the 15th of December at the Darkan Sporting complex. Be there by 6pm for Santa. Unmentionables to the value of \$20 to be left at the Darkan CRC by the 14th of December. There will be live music from 7pm and dinner for sale by Valley of Plenty. Dinner must be preordered by email to info@vopdarkan.com.au or texted to 0431 768 086.

KIDS CHRISTMAS CRAFT

West Arthur CRC is doing craft for Christmas on Wednesday the 20th of December after lunchtime. To be confirmed once we know when swimming lessons are on. Free activity but RSVP essential to the West Arthur CRC by phone or email.

DARKAN CHRISTMAS CAROLS

For the very young to the young at heart – come along and sing your favourite carols and listen to some readings and poetry for the season on Thursday the 21st of December at the West Arthur CRC. Yummy afternoon tea provided. Bring your singing voice and wear your Christmas colours. Organised by the combined churches of Darkan. No need to RSVP. For more information contact Paul Bartley from the Anglican Church on 0431 849 169 or email paul@gatewayparish.com.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY 2024/25

Last chance for the West Arthur Community Directory for 2024/25, so if you need any changes made or would like to add your contact details, please give the West Arthur CRC a call or email us before the 20th of December 2023.



Work experience student Alivia Ewen helped organise the bags for 'It's in the Bag', ready to be dropped off to a Bunnings store.

CHRISTMAS BACK THEN

Glenys Ball

Christmas back in the 1950s was a very different experience to the Christmas of today. The commercialisation of the event had not occurred. Social media hadn't been thought of with mobile phones and black and white television still to come, leaving us with only our imagination. No advertisements bombarding us with buy this and buy that and telling us that if we didn't get the best toy for Christmas we were hard done by.

I had a younger sister and a brother and we grew up with a farming background in the 1950s. We come from a generation in which a toy came as a gift at Christmas time and not any other day of the week.

Christmas was the occasion that as kids we hung out for all year. It was usually spent with Mum's family as she had grown up with a mother and a sister as her father had died when she was nine.

One Christmas our family, including my grandmother, piled into the Maple Leaf truck and went all the way to Boddington from Badgebup to spend Christmas with Auntie Peggy and Uncle Peter and my cousins John and Allan. It was Uncle Peter's first posting as a constable and it was the first time Boddington had been appointed a police station.

During the Christmas we visited, there was a prisoner in the cell for a minor offence. Probably for misbehaving the night before or drinking in Boddington's main street. But he wasn't ignored. Auntie Peggy made him a special plate of Christmas food, walked across to the jail in the next paddock alongside the house and gave him the food as well as a cool drink.

That year I received my first bike. It was a second-hand bike and had been done up by Uncle Peter or that was what I was told. It may have been restored by Mum and Dad and hidden on the back of the truck for the trip, however, for 65 years Uncle Peter has always been given the credit.

It was the last present to be handed out from under the tree and I was sitting on the couch believing that I had been forgotten. I must have looked pretty miserable and only at the last minute did I see the very obvious bike and was ecstatic. I spent the rest of the day practising. With Dad and/or Uncle Peter running alongside, by the end of the visit I could cycle without falling off. No helmet of course.

It was the same year that Dad received a border collie pup that Uncle Peter had rescued from a bush camp, where he had been called to sort out a fight a few days before Christmas. We named the pup Benny and he lived a long and happy life with us. He even became a front page star on the Albany Advertiser when he was lost at Middleton Beach. It was a human interest story about a farm dog being lost on the beach.

We found him weeks later in Mt Barker. I went with a friend who had a driver's licence and picked him up. We think Benny jumped onto the back of a ute down on the beach and went for a long ride. When I knocked on the door of the house and it opened, Benny heard my voice and ran down the passage. Such a happy ending.

Benny died age 17 and is buried on the driveway of the Lime Lake farm. Mum and Dad would argue for years after his death about whose arms were holding him when he took his last breath.

A couple of years passed after that Christmas and my aunty and uncle were transferred to Cunderdin. Once again, we did the long trip on a very hot day. Mum made Dad stop outside of the town and wash our faces with a wet flannel using water from a puddle on the side of the road. Then from a bag, like a magician, she produced our 'Show Day' dresses along with shoes and socks (little girls always had new dresses and special shoes for the October Katanning Show) and we stripped off and were dressed hurriedly in case someone came along the road.

Being the big sister Mum wanted to impress her younger sibling, who had two sons, with how beautiful her daughters were. There was always a sense of rivalry and jealousy between the two of them, which considering what they had been through as children should have been replaced with a strong bond of friendship and support.

This Christmas I received a tea set, which lasted the day when a cup was broken somehow as John, Allan, Pam and I played 'afternoon tea' out on the enclosed verandah.

The first Christmas at Cartmeticup saw Pam and I (age nine) being woken in what seemed the middle of the night with lots of laughter coming from the back yard. We snuck out to see what was going on and Mum, Dad and Nanna were trying to put up an Indian Tent, which was going to be a surprise for us in the morning.

Dad was inside the tent, Mum was telling him what to do and Nanna was trying to help and stay out of the arguing at the same time. She had drunk a few sherries, as had Dad drunk a beer or two and Mum probably had a shandy.

When Mum saw us girls hiding on the verandah she threw a teary tantrum about how the surprise was spoiled and we both got told off and put back to bed. It didn't matter that we had seen the tent, it was still a surprise when we got up in the morning. We crept out to look at the tree in the lounge room, to see a big standing blackboard which I knew would have been for me.

Dad always went out with an axe to drive somewhere to get the tree. He would usually spot one in the months before. The day my brother was born, Dad was walking through the kitchen dragging a tree when the phone rang from the hospital to tell him that he had a son. Nanna answered saying, "Cartmeticup 6". She listened for a moment and then threw her arms around him saying, "Ooh Ken I am so happy you have a son". I was watching and I thought what is so special about a son?

Christmas lunch was very different back in the 50s. It was kept simple by budget restraints and for practical reasons. At our house the midday meal was served around the kitchen table. So as not to have the wood fired Metters stove going flat out on a hot day and heating up the room, we had cold meat and salad and enjoyed a trifle with custard and jelly, and of course the Christmas pudding with sixpences hidden in it. The salads were old favourites, a watermelon cut up with onion and sprinkled with mint, sliced tomato and onion in vinegar, and don't forget the beetroot in jelly. Then kept until the last minute, out from the kero fridge to the table came a plate of the still popular devilled eggs.

No wine or beer was served, but there was a fruit punch made of ginger ale, cold black tea and pineapple juice in a big bowl that the kids could dip from all afternoon.

We made the decorations around the walls from crepe paper and there were always crackers on the table to pull with a little object and a napkin inside. One year I remember making little paper baskets filled with homemade coconut ice and pieces of toffee for each place setting.

In our house there was a wonderful Christmas tradition and our mum wholeheartedly threw herself into the magic of the occasion. In the middle of the night, when she was sure that we were asleep, she would sneak into our bedrooms and leave at the bottom of our bed a pillowslip filled with something special and interesting little things like puzzles and a book of crosswords that would entertain us for hours on Christmas Day.

And for some reason strangely a tiny set of tin scales.

This routine didn't stop when we grew out of our childhood. I remember being twenty-one and my pillowslip was filled with balloons to give it some bulk and at the bottom was a package of face makeup and some new bathers.

Merry Christmas to all and stay safe.

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Estate of the late Vance Richard Hatch late of 66 Harvey Street, Dumbleyung, Western Australia (Deceased).

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Thank you to Geoff Abbott of Wedgecarrup on 60 years of service to the Bushfire Brigade and Wendy for her communications to save our homes and farms.

Thank you to all members of the volunteer bush fire brigade.

Thank you to Lyn Lucas and Darren Spencer and all members of Wagin SES who volunteer their time especially in the recent storms.

Thank you to our helpful mail woman Tammy Broom. ♥

Thank you to all our local school teachers.

Thank you to Joyce and Ken† Turnor and volunteers for keeping our wonderful Historical Village functioning.

Thank you to the Wagin Care and Share and their op shop volunteers.

Thank you to the Wagin Ambulance crew, Police and the Hospital staff.

A "Thank You" to Jas, Zach, Claire and co. at the Wagin CRC for their continued support of business and the wider community.

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- Are struggling financially
- Are affected by natural disasters
- Are working over the holidays
- Have challenging family relationships
- Are spending the holidays alone
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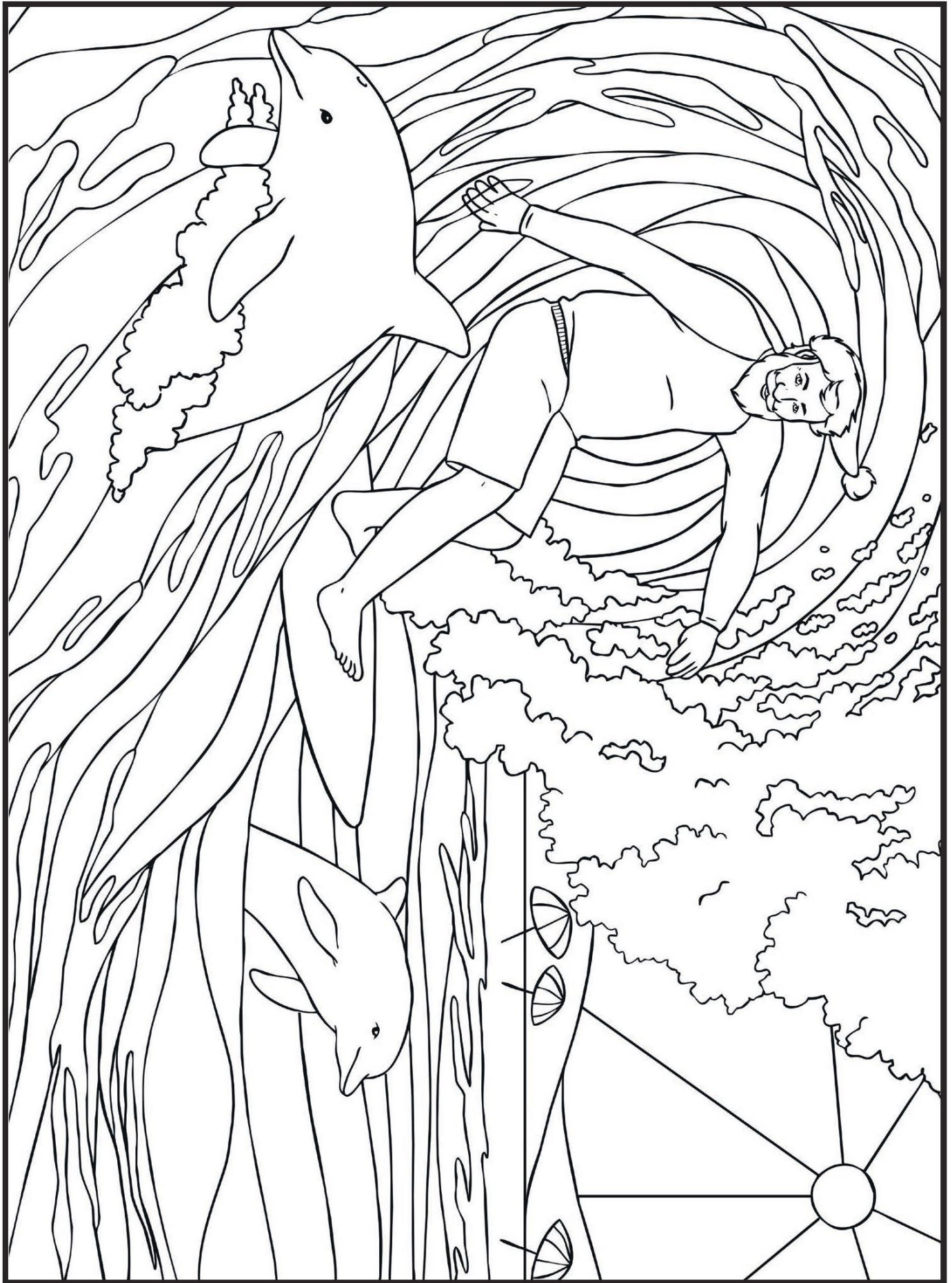
Here's some tips to help you connect and support your colleagues, friends and family:



- Think about who in your world might be finding this time difficult and ask them, 'are you OK?' or 'how are you doing?'
- Meet up for a chat over a cup or tea or coffee.
- If someone is grieving, ask them how they'd like to honour the memory of their loved one.
- Extend an invitation to someone who will be alone during the holiday period.
- Organise a picnic or activity to bring people together.
- Have a virtual catch up with someone you can't see in person or send a text message to let someone know you're thinking of them.
- Suggest a 'walk and talk' with someone you know who finds the holidays tough.
- Drop off a meal to someone to show them you care.
- Remind your friends that telephone support service Lifeline (13 11 14) are operating 24/7 over the holidays if they need extra support.

For more conversation tips visit ruok.org.au

AUSTRALIAN CHRISTMAS



Australian Christmas

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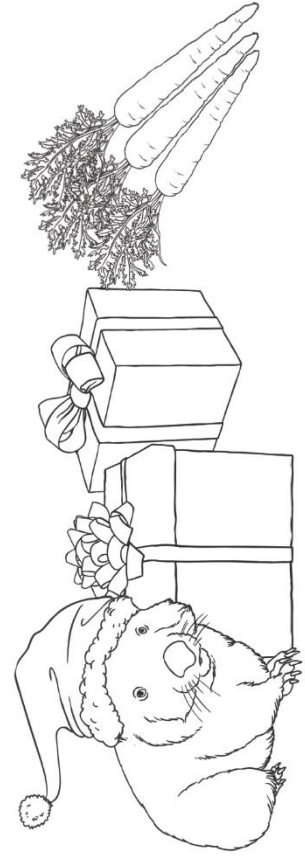
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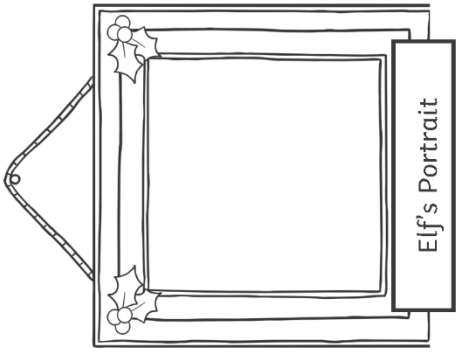
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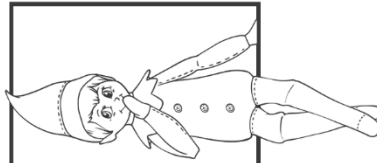
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SPORTS IN WAGIN

WAGIN BOWLING CLUB

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First game of scrungers on the new green.
Photo by Janet Innes.



The ladies bowlers celebrating Christmas yesterday.

WAGIN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

A POSITIVE CLASH IN BODDINGTON

Sandra Moffatt (B Grade – 2nd of December)

The biggest annual road trip for the Wagin District Cricket Club presented itself on Saturday when they travelled to Boddington. As all elite athletes do, the majority prepared themselves both mentally and physically by attending the Wagin Trots Christmas Meet the evening before. An evening of indulgences and camaraderie saw the team up for the challenge that lay ahead.

Two exciting inclusions for the Wagin team were Jack Holt and Gert Swanepoel. Holt's return to the town on school holidays is always celebrated by his family and local sporting clubs. The power full forward is also a very, very handy cricketer. Swanepoel joins the illustrious Wagin District Cricket Club from the Kukerin-Dumbleyung club with thanks extended to A and T Scanlon for their recruitment of the pace bowler to town.

It is hoped that Captain Dwight Kellow picked winners at the trots with greater success than he does at the toss at cricket. Every game this season he has lost the toss. However, Boddington's Captain in a Pat Cummins type move opted to field first, sending the Wagin team into bat.

Jamo Davidson and Jack Holt opened the batting displaying good talk between the wickets. On an oval that presented as a perfect place for a picnic with its lush green grass, it also meant that the run on it was as slow as a sloth wearing gumboots. There was many a well struck ball that stopped dead in its tracks meaning fours were almost an impossibility to achieve.



The winning partnership: Jack Holt (74 runs not out) and Kavindu Chandrasena (78 runs not out).



Brothers Mick and Drew McAuliffe.

Davidson was the first casualty of the day when he was caught at the beginning of the ninth over. Big hitter Kavindu Chandrasena then joined Holt at the crease. Chandrasena is having a magnificent season with the bat so far sitting second in the UGSCA B Grade Batting totals. He amassed 42 runs off 37 balls before being caught. This brought Chandrasena's season batting average to an impressive 89.5. His wicket saw the Wagin score sitting at 2/73 just prior to drinks. Holt was settling in for a beautiful innings before his unfortunate wicket, again at the hands of Boddingtons tidy catches in the field. Holt was caught on 26 runs and at this stage with a couple of other batters been and gone the score was 5/91. The tail then fell quickly and after 33 overs Wagin were all out for 114.

Captain Kellow had a bevy of bowlers from which to pick. Swanepoel was given the ball to open the bowling campaign, and with an athletic run up combined with a bit of Josh Kennedy twinkle toes he fired some fierce pace down the pitch. His second ball of the game, a magnificent yorker, sent one of the Boddington openers back to the stands. The next wicket didn't fall until the end of the 14th over when a Jax Moffatt delivery was caught by Chandrasena. Moffatt's bowling season is testament to the time he spends in the nets, as he is equal leader in the UGSCA B Grade bowling tallies with 9 wickets and impressive economy of 2.7. Three balls later Jack Holt claimed another wicket when Dwight Kellow's never in doubt bucket hands took a catch. Boddington were now sitting 3/48.

Boddington have a bit of history of not being huge fans of being on the receiving end of spin bowling and looked quite relieved when Drew McAuliffe and Ben Ball did not step off the Wagin team bus. However, Dylan Kellow's proficiency of spin is getting greater with every game. Kellow spun all sorts of webs and in his second over claimed a wicket when Jack Holt took a clean catch. The youngest Kellow in Rohan was then given the ball for the next over and claimed a magnificent wicket when he lured the batter into launching the ball into the hands of Jax Moffatt. However, despite the best bowling efforts of Wagin, including Holt's three maiden overs, the Boddington team reached the desired 115 in 33 overs.

Whilst losses are never enjoyable, there were many positives to draw from the game which included the five juniors present having an impact. It also must be noted that Shane Nagle took a magnificent one-handed catch in the warmup. There will be many a celebration

the day he does this in a game. Huge thanks also go to BJ Hall who helped do the scoring on the day with absolute bank manager precision.

Final score: Boddington 5/115 (33) vs Wagin 10/114 (33.1).

SPECTACULAR END TO THE YEAR FOR WAGIN

Sandra Moffatt (B Grade – 9th of December)

With the countdown to Christmas well and truly on, the Wagin District Cricket Club played their last match for the year on Saturday. The game against Narrogin Towns, played in Wagin, served as a great warm-up for all the players respective Christmas Day backyard games.

The Wagin team often boasts a few family connections but this time a new one emerged. Mick McAuliffe put his hand up to play as long as his brother Drew would hop out of his train and have a quick nanna nap before taking the field too.

It's believed that Captain Dwight Kellow yet again lost the toss but due to half the Wagin team needing to be elsewhere later in the arvo, he volunteered for Wagin to field first anyway.

As the Narrogin batsmen lined up at the crease, Jack Holt, casting an imposing figure at the town end, let some pace rip. In similar fashion from the grandstand end, Kavindu Chandrasena was finding good line and length and bowled his best innings of the season to date. After both Holt and Chandrasena had rattled the Narrogin openers with one over each, Holt claimed his first wicket of the day when he clean bowled Adrian Dabinett. In another two overs Holt claimed his second wicket when he lured the dangerous Ben March into launching the ball into the hands of birthday boy Jax Moffatt. By now Narrogin were 2/19 and Wagin were having a lovely time.

Wagin rotated 6 bowlers through the Narrogin line-up and each bowler claimed at least one wicket for the day. Drew McAuliffe's wicket for the day brought warm fuzzies to the crowd as it was brother Mick who took a great running catch to seal the deal. However, Mick had already proven his fielding abilities having provided the catch for the preceding wicket off the bowling of Chandrasena. Despite Narrogin's Scott Fowler putting on a good show with 67 runs, the Wagin team held them to an innings total of 166 from their 40 overs.

After a magnificent afternoon tea, Wagin began their batting campaign. As mentioned earlier, we are entering the days and nights of backyard cricket. In these games, there are usually those family members who see a lot more time at the crease than others but tend to get the job done. This had a stark similarity to the Wagin batting innings. A quick ten runs were scored by Jamo Davidson before he was caught. Jack Holt was then joined by Kavindu Chandrasena at the crease. The McAuliffe brothers sat padded up ready for a turn, but their turn with the bat never came. Holt and Chandrasena put on a batting clinic for everyone present. Holt made 74 off 69 deliveries including nine fours. Chandrasena smashed away 78 off 62 balls including eleven fours and one almighty six. It was the mother of all sixes. With this batting spectacular in full swing, the pair had the win secured for Wagin after 24.2 overs with a total score of 170. Chandrasena is now well out in front for the UGSCA B Grade batting leaderboard having amassed 257 runs for the season.

This win now sees the Wagin team climb up to fourth place on the ladder. They now have a decent rest and look forward to some more quality cricket in the new year. It's believed that Warren and Emily Holt have been approached to home-school Jack so he can play the season out for Wagin, but these talks have been unsuccessful to date.

The Wagin District Cricket Club are always keen for new members so if you manage to bowl Nanna out on Christmas Day or smash your little cousin for six, then consider coming along and joining this group of elite athletes.

Final score: Wagin 1/170 (24.2) vs Towns 8/166 (40).

WAGIN UNDER 13S MAKING THEIR MARK

Dwight Kellow (Under 13s – 10th of December)

The Wagin under 13s team had their first win of the season two weeks ago when they hosted Kukerin/Dumbleyung in Wagin and then backed up that effort with another win on Sunday against Lake Grace in Lake Grace.

The team has been playing some great cricket and have improved out of sight. At the halfway point there have been some outstanding performances with the bat and ball.

Leading run scorers for Wagin:

- Dylan Kellow 80 runs average 80
 - Darby Ball 47 runs average 23.4
 - Rohan Kellow 40 runs average 20
 - Kye Stallan-viser 40 runs average 40
 - Bailey Cronin 27 runs average 27
- (All in the top 30 of the competition.)

Leading wicket takers:

- Darby Ball 5 wickets
 - Archie Ward 4 wickets
- (Both in the top 10 of the competition.)

The team has had 2 wins and 2 losses and both losses have been under 10 runs.

Huge thanks to Wade Longmuir for coaching and to everyone else that has been helping out! It's been a great first half of the season.

PIESSEVILLE DANCE CLUB

Dancing Nights: **Saturday 16th December** **Popanyinning** **7.30pm-11pm**
New Year's Eve Dance: **Sunday 31st December** **Piesseville** **7.30pm-12pm**

For more information contact Bernie on 9861 1512 or Anne on 9881 2545 or 0429 812 545.

WAGIN GUN CLUB

Saturday 23rd December 9.30am **Christmas Shoot** – President's Choice.

WAGIN CHURCH SERVICES

ANGLICAN COMMUNITY	THE WAGIN BAPTIST CHURCH	ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH	WAGIN UNITING CHURCH	WAGIN VINEYARD CHURCH
<p>Sunday 17th Dec 10am Communion Service led by the Venerable Geoff Chadwick Archdeacon of Bunbury followed by a shared lunch in St George's Hall</p> <p>Sunday 24th Dec Christmas Eve 9pm Open Church</p>	<p>Sunday Services at 10.30am</p>	<p>Mass First Sunday of each month 8am After, Saturdays at 6pm</p> <p>Reconciliation every third weekend before Mass from 5.30pm</p>	<p>Sunday 17th Dec Darkan 9am Wendy Pederick Holy Communion Wagin 10.15am G & A-B Wasley Holy Communion Sunday 24th Dec Waratah 9.15am Arthur Pederick Monday 25th Dec Wagin 9am Wendy Pederick Sunday 31st Dec Wagin 10.15am G & A-B Wasley January Services Wagin only</p>	<p>Vineyard Meal and Worship Sunday 17th December 6.30pm 140 Lalla Rhook Road Wagin</p> <p>God's unconditional love IS unconditional</p> <p>For enquiries call Wendy or Ian: 0417 145 628 0428 622 049</p>

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	AM	PM
THU 14	MIKE	MIKE
FRI 15	MICHAEL	MICHAEL
SAT 16	MIKE	MIKE
SUN 17	MICHAEL	MICHAEL
MON 18	MICHAEL	MICHAEL
TUE 19	ANNE	MAURIE
WED 20	JOYCE	CHRISTINE
THU 21	MIKE	MIKE
FRI 22	MICHAEL	MICHAEL
SAT 23	MIKE	MIKE
SUN 24	MICHAEL	MICHAEL
MON 25	CLOSED	CLOSED
TUE 26	CLOSED	CLOSED
WED 27	JOYCE	CHRISTINE

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WAGIN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 31	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY 1	SATURDAY 2
<p>Anglican Church 10am Uniting Church 10.15am Baptist Church 10.30am New Year's Eve Dance @ Plesseville 7.30pm</p>	<p>JANUARY EVENTS: 1 – New Year's Day Public Holiday 26 – Australia Day Public Holiday & Wagin Event 31 – First Day of Term 1</p>	<p>FEBRUARY EVENTS: 2 – Next Goal Wins @ Theatre 8 – Next Edition of Wool Press 14 – Valentine's Day 16 – Wonka @ Cinema 17 – 2 Wheels to Wagin 19 – Pilot Refresher @ CRC</p>	<p>NOTES:</p>	<p>Palliative Care Raffle @ Co-op Trots @ Oval Xmas Shopping @ CRC 9-5pm Playgroup Toy Library @ Eric Farrow 9am Story Time @ Library 1.30pm Up roar @ Theatre 6.30pm Vineyard Church 6.30pm Dance Lessons 7.30pm</p>	<p>Palliative Care Raffle @ Co-op Trots @ Oval Xmas Shopping @ CRC 9-5pm Playgroup Toy Library @ Eric Farrow 9am Story Time @ Library 1.30pm Up roar @ Theatre 6.30pm Vineyard Church 6.30pm Dance Lessons 7.30pm</p>	<p>Up roar @ Theatre 2pm & 6.30pm Dance @ Plesseville 7.30pm</p>
<p>Catholic Church 8am Anglican Church 10am Uniting Church 10.15am Baptist Church 10.30am</p>	<p>Stay Active @ Rec Centre 9am Soccer @ Rec Centre 6pm Up roar @ Theatre 6.30pm</p>	<p>Christmas Craft @ Community Centre 10am Book Club for Children 3.30pm Paint & Sip @ CRC 6pm</p>	<p>Aboriginal Justice Open Day @ Eric Farrow 10am Arts & Craft Group @ Community Centre 10am Story Time @ Library 10am</p>	<p>Yr 10 Grad. Lunch @ School Presentation Assembly @ School 9am Chair Exercises 9.30am CommuniTea Hub @ Wesley Hall 10am-1pm</p>	<p>Palliative Care Raffle @ Co-op Playgroup Xmas Pool Party @ Pool 9.30am Story Time @ Library 1.30pm Xmas Light Map Registrations Close @ CRC 4pm</p>	<p>Carols @ Town Square 10am Book Club @ Library 2pm Catholic Church 6pm</p>
<p>Anglican Church 10am Uniting Church @ Waratah 9.15am & Church 10.15am Baptist Church 10.30am BYO Picnic @ Ram Park 6pm Carols by Candlelight @ Ram Park 7pm</p>	<p>Stay Active @ Rec Centre 9am Year 6 Celebration @ School 12.30pm Soccer @ Rec Centre 6pm</p>	<p>Christmas Craft @ Community Centre 10am Book Club for Children @ Library 3.30pm End of Year Concert @ School 6pm</p>	<p>Last Day of Kindy Arts & Craft Group @ Community Centre 10am Story Time @ Library 10am</p>	<p>Last Day of Term 4 The Wagin Wool Press Chair Exercises 9.30am CommuniTea Hub @ Wesley Hall 10am-1pm Official Opening (RSVP by 11th) @ Library 2pm Frail Aged Inc Special Meeting @ CRC 6.30pm</p>	<p>Care & Share Reopens 29th Jan Christmas Party @ Playgroup Story Time @ Library 1.30pm Christmas Street Carnival @ Tavistock St 5.30pm-8.30pm Dance Lessons @ Plesseville 7.30pm</p>	<p>VFRS Santa Deliveries Catholic Church 6pm</p>
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<p>'12 Days of Christmas' Ends Uniting Church @ Waratah 9.15am Baptist Church 10.30am Anglican Church 9pm</p>	<p>Christmas Day Public Holiday Uniting Church 9am</p>	<p>Boxing Day Public Holiday</p>	<p>Arts & Craft Group @ Community Centre 10am</p>	<p>Chair Exercises 9.30am CommuniTea Hub 10am-1pm</p>	<p>Chair Exercises 9.30am CommuniTea Hub 10am-1pm</p>	<p>Catholic Church 6pm</p>

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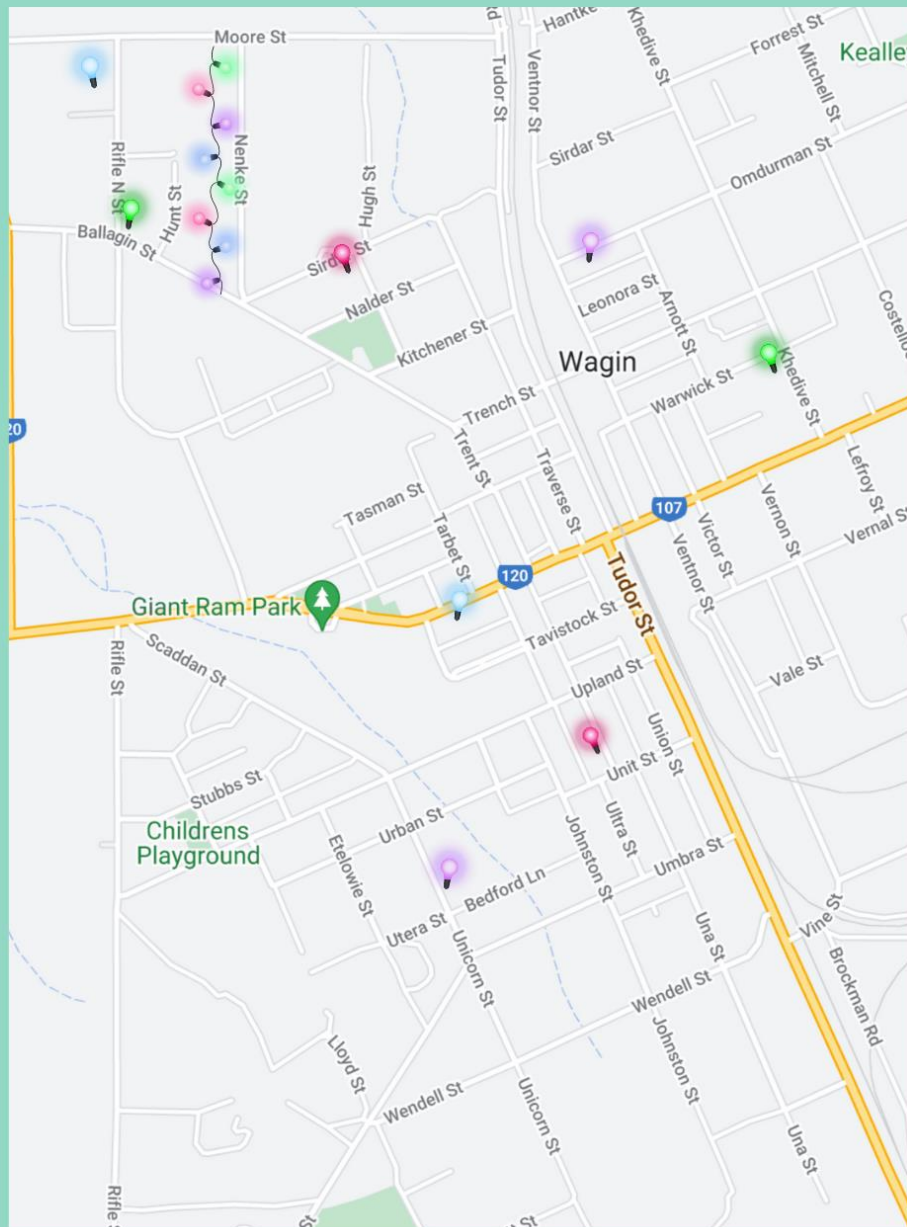
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