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## AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT

### Shire of Wagin

With the assistance of funding support by Auspire, we were able to expand on the traditional Australia Day breakfast event.

We were honoured to have Naveed Ahmed attend and regale us with stories of his life experiences, working in several countries covering five continents, and his great love of cricket. Naveed presented a terrific story to those present, with a keen focus on how we have got to where we are, respecting those who have aided us, and celebrating what we have.



The 2024 Auspire Community Citizen of the Year Awards were presented, with Wagin's Citizen award received by Dwight Kellow and Wagin's Group/Event award received by Wagin Frail Aged Inc.

We were able to follow up with lots of *huge* games on hand, and amazing music from our own Anita Longmuir, who played a great range of popular and new songs.

We unveiled the new artwork, completed by metal artist Lee Potter, which will be installed at the sportsground. We had an art project for the kids with Sharon Peterkin helping them create tiles to keep.

The pool was open with free entry for the afternoon with the big games and a BBQ.



# Wagin Community Resource Centre

*Your local connection*

The Wagin Wool Press is not-for-profit and is produced locally by the staff of Wagin Community Resource Centre.

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**SHIRE REPRESENTATIVE:** Ann O'Brien

**COMMITTEE:** Kristie Johansson, Jo Kellow, Heather McDougall, Jeffery Stewart



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## WAGIN CRC CALENDAR

- **Camera Club** Mon 12<sup>th</sup> February 7pm
- **Wagin CRC Meeting** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 6pm
- **Wagin CRC's 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February
- **Closed for Labour Day** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March
- **Closed Early (Woolorama)** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March
- **Paint & Sip with Linda Wirth** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 6pm-8.30pm \$50 (must book)
- **Closed for Good Friday** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March
- **Closed for Easter Monday** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April

**COMING SOON:** Food Handling | HR & MC Truck Licence | Legal Topics for Seniors

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**Serving Regional Australia**

Find out about Australian Government payments and services for families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people. Get information about Department of Veterans' Affairs and support for veterans and their families. Staff can provide support and help you create a myGov account to access Government services online.

**Friday, 9 February 2024**

9 am to 3 pm

Town Square, Tudhoe Street

WAGIN

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# 2024 Wagin/Woodanilling Fox Shoot

**Shooting 9 - 11 Feb.**  
**Breakfast Tally Sunday 11th 7am - Wagin Location TBC**

Register a team now to get involved.  
 Allying with this date means that \$5 for every fox and cat shot is donated by Red Card for Red Fox to the Regional Mens Health Initiative

**2023 Overall Shire Shoot Out winner was Wagin**  
 Calling all Woodanilling shooters!!  
 Step up and gain glory for your Shire!



**Register your team at: 0428231506 - [wwlandcare@westnet.com.au](mailto:wwlandcare@westnet.com.au)**

# The Wagin Gun Club Inc. SALT BUSH CARNIVAL

February 9th-11th, 2024

**Nominations - 3 Days \$315 / 2 Days \$215**

**White Flyer Full Fluro Targets**  
 Canterbury Traps  
 4 Layouts

<b>FREE CAMPING ONSITE</b> (Limited Power Available).	<b>HIGH GUN AWARDS</b> Overall Graded Ladies Juniors Veterans
<b>BREAKFAST AND LUNCH</b> Available to purchase on Saturday and Sunday.	<b>PHILLIP BECKER MEMORIAL CUP</b> Awarded to the shooter with the highest aggregate score over the Sunday's events.
<b>DINNER</b> Complimentary evening meal on Saturday.	

**PROGRAM**

**FRIDAY FEB 9TH, 2.00PM**  
 50 DOUBLE BARREL  
 25 PR DOUBLE RISE

**SATURDAY FEB 10TH, 8.30AM**  
 30 POINT SCORE  
 30 SINGLE BARREL  
 50 DOUBLE BARREL

**SUNDAY 11TH FEB, 8.30AM**  
 75T MEDLEY  
 30T CONTINENTAL

**CONTACT:**  
 ERIC FEATHERSTONE (PRESIDENT): 0427 201 143  
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The program will foster not only healthy relationships between parents and children, but lifelong benefits for the child.

**When: Mondays 10.00am - 12:00pm**  
**Starting Feb 12 2024**  
**Runs for 8 weeks**  
**Where: Online**

**No cost. Bookings essential.**  
**To Register:**  
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**E- [WheatbeltPCWA@wanslea.org.au](mailto:WheatbeltPCWA@wanslea.org.au)**

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# YOUTH ART Free! WORKSHOPS

**2 x programs running in Narrogin & Wagin**

**Wagin program**  
**Time:** Tuesdays 4 - 6 pm  
**Date:** Starting Feb 13th  
**Where:**

**Narrogin program**  
**Time:** Thursdays 4 - 6 pm  
**Date:** Starting Feb 15th  
**Where:** Narrogin RLC

Young people (12-18) are invited to come along and explore artistic concepts, learn new skills and make friends with local artist Anita Longmuir!



scan here to register

Limit of 10 people per class so please register to ensure you don't miss out!

[neatlongy@hotmail.com](mailto:neatlongy@hotmail.com)  
**0427 264 826**

## Wagin Football Club

# Clearing Sale

Held in the vacant block behind Marleys Diesel & Ag

Any items are welcome to be submitted.

Pictures and information submitted by the 16th February to Chris English (0427 612 881) or Gavin Kirk (0427 611 149)

### 15th March

Information pack available

Any item or machinery donation will be greatly appreciated




# 2 WHEELS TO WAGIN

## MOTORCYCLE DICE RUN 17TH FEBRUARY 2024



facebook @2wheels2wagin | Lifeline 13 11 14 | RUOK?

### 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**SUICIDE PREVENTION**  
 Helping to stop the hurt, raising funds and awareness!

**Registration \$50 CASH ONLY**

**ALL BIKES & VEHICLES WELCOME**

MEET AT BP SERVICE STATION 549 ABERNETHY RD KEWDALE  
 REGO STARTS AT 8.00AM TO DEPART 10.30AM SHARP  
 BREAKFAST IS AVAILABLE

GENERAL ADMISSION \$15 GATE ENTRY AT WAGIN SHOWGROUNDS

**ROCKHOPPAS**  
 TOP SHELF CLASSIC PUB ROCK AND BLUES

ROLLING BIKE SHOW - MOST OUTSTANDING - CLASSIC - PEOPLES CHOICE

BEARD COMPS

RAFFLES THROUGHOUT THE DAY

For trade stall enquiries 0429 651 998  
 Camping - huge area undercover if raining

MEGA PRIZE DRAW • CASH PRIZES • TROPHIES • LICENSED BAR 'TIL MIDNIGHT

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Do you have an upcoming surgery that may require rehabilitation? | Want to be more independent at home? | Are you not doing as well as you expected after illness?

**The Inpatient Rehabilitation Units at Northam and Narrogin Health Services would like to hear from you.**




**What we require from you:**


- Active participation in daily therapy with our allied health team
- Goal setting
- Assist with discharge planning

**Find out more**

Watch the video via the QR code or give our rehabilitation team a call:  
 Northam 08 9690 1752  
 Narrogin 08 9881 0385

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# Heavy Vehicle Pilot Refresher Course

**19th February**

1 Day Course  
 Required for License renewal Mainroads WA (every 3 years)  
 Can be done up to 6 months before expiry

**Wagin CRC**

[Enroll Now](#)

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# AUSTRALIAN BAROQUE

# BACH & BEER



**SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY**  
**NARROGIN EAGLES SPORTING CLUB**

*The Narrogin Classical Group will be the support act for this event*

Doors 6pm, Show 7pm | Outdoor Event | Licenced Bar | BYO Food  
\$30 Members, \$35 Adult, \$33 Concession, \$15 Student

**BOOKINGS: [ARTSNARROGIN.COM.AU](http://ARTSNARROGIN.COM.AU)**

FIND US: CORNER OF PARK & FAIRWAY ST, NARROGIN. OPEN 10-4 TUES-THURS. PHONE: 9881 6987



Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries  
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Shire of Narrogin  
*Love the life*

# RICK WILSON

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR O'CONNOR

*Working hard for Wagin*



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# Shire of Wagin Community News

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## New Faces, New Energy!

Big changes are here at the Shire of Wagin, and we're thrilled to introduce two fantastic additions to our leadership team:



Meet Dr Kenneth Parker - Our New CEO  
Kenneth Parker (Ken) has begun as CEO. A self-confessed city-slicker, Ken and his family look forward to being a real part of the Wagin community for years to come. While Ken is getting out and about please say G'Day.

Introducing Donna-Jo Fawcett - Manager of Finance  
Donna-Jo Fawcett is joining us as the Manager of Finance. Previously from the Shire of Plantagenet, Donna-Jo has a strong background in finance management. She's here to ensure our money is well spent, and our community thrives. Donna-Jo looks forward to working closely with local businesses and you, the residents.

Let's give a warm Wagin welcome to Ken and Donna-Jo! We're confident they'll play key roles in shaping a bright future for our Shire. Stay tuned for exciting developments, and as always, your thoughts and ideas are welcome.



## Caravan Park Renovations

The Shire's caravan park has been closed from 31 January 2024 to enable the asbestos ablation block roof to be renewed. It is expected that the park will be able to re-open by 13 February 2024. Campers will be required to use the RV park at the sports grounds during this time. Thank you for your understanding of the required renovation.

## Road Work Update January 2024

A few storms over the Holiday Season have seen the Works crew attending to fallen trees and removing debris from roads and verges.

The Gardening crew have been busy watering, mowing and spraying for weeds. We are cleaning and maintaining our parks, oval and wetland areas.

The Town crew have been attending to community requests, including Australia Day events.

Cement shoulder stabilising has been completed on Beaufort Road and Bullock Hills Road. Bitumen shoulder seal will commence on both Roads from 9 February 2024.



Shoulder stabilising in progress on Bullock Hills Road.



Shoulder stabilising in progress on Beaufort Road.



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

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

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

Agendas and Minutes of all meetings are available by visiting our website [www.wagin.wa.gov.au](http://www.wagin.wa.gov.au), may be sighted at Council's office 2 Arthur Rd 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 third Monday of each month, except for December, when correspondence must be received by the second Monday of that month. Meeting dates will be:

Tuesday 27 February 2024  
 Tuesday 26 March 2024  
 Tuesday 23 April 2024  
 Tuesday 28 May 2024  
 Tuesday 25 June 2024  
 Tuesday 23 July 2024  
 Tuesday 27 August 2024  
 Tuesday 24 September 2024  
 Tuesday 22 October 2024  
 Tuesday 26 November 2024  
 Tuesday 17 December 2024

Mark Hook  
**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
 20 December 2023



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Availability of Annual Report

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with Section 5.55 of the Local Government Act 1995, the 2022/2023 Annual Report for the Shire of Wagin has been accepted by the Council and is now available to the public. A copy of the 2022/2023 Annual Report can be viewed at the Shire Office, 2 Arthur Road, Wagin or the Shire Library and Art Gallery, Tudor Street, Wagin. The report can also be viewed on the Shire's website [www.wagin.wa.gov.au](http://www.wagin.wa.gov.au).

Mark Hook  
**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
 22 December 2023



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Notice of Annual Meeting of Electors

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Wagin will be held in the Council Chambers, Shire Office, 2 Arthur Road, Wagin at 6.30pm Tuesday 13 February 2024. The order of business shall be:

- Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors held on 7 February 2023.
- Receival of annual report for year ending 30 June 2023.
- General business.

Electors are entitled, but not required, to vote on matters raised at the meeting.

This meeting will present an opportunity for the public to meet with the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer, Dr Ken Parker, who will start with the Shire on 29 January 2024.

Copies of the 2022/2023 Annual Report can be viewed at the Shire Office, 2 Arthur Road, Wagin or the Shire Library and Art Gallery, Tudor Street, Wagin. The report can also be viewed on the Shire's website [www.wagin.wa.gov.au](http://www.wagin.wa.gov.au). Questions may be asked at the meeting. However, to allow complex questions to be answered, notice of such is requested to be lodged in writing with the Shire of Wagin at least two working days prior to the meeting to email [shire@wagin.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@wagin.wa.gov.au).

Mark Hook  
**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
 3 January 2024





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## Homecare Update

Happy February to you from the Wagin Homecare team ☺

### Health Aging and Homecare Services

As we welcome the New Year, it's natural to reflect on the past and set resolutions. Yet, lasting change often comes from small daily adjustments.

Research suggests that only 25-30% of age-related decline is genetic, while over 70% is tied to lifestyle choices. Aged care providers play a crucial role in supporting functional ability and promoting healthy lifestyles.

In-home support services, like Wagin Homecare, aim to help individuals live independently at home safely and practically. While some tasks may become challenging, we work together to maximise independence and autonomy.

If health events arise, we're here to discuss adjustments to your services. Let's address the gaps between what you can do today and what you're capable of achieving. Your well-being is our priority.

### Wagin Homecare Policy to Covid Outbreaks

- Test
- Call the office to suspend services as soon as you become unwell with COVID symptoms.

If you test positive

1. Contact the GP to check eligibility for antiviral treatment within 48 hours of a positive result.
2. WHC will limit services for positive clients or close contacts.
3. Clients with COVID receive essential services only; other services are suspended until the client tests negative.
4. Notify the office when you test negative.
5. Workers will wear masks during service to prevent unintentional spread, as symptoms may persist.
6. Workers with COVID must stay home until testing negative and being symptom-free before returning to work, same for close contacts. Administration staff can work from home.

The current (eighth) wave is spreading fast due to year-end festivities, sporting events, and holidays and is a reminder to test if leaving your 'bubble,' be aware of COVID symptoms, and stay home if feeling unwell.



### What You Need to Know About Healthy Ageing?

While good genetics help, there are several ways to build a basis for healthy ageing. These include:

- Exercising regularly
- Staying socially active
- Maintaining a healthy diet
- Improving brain health
- Having a sense of purpose, and
- Continuing to engage in daily tasks

Research has shown that the sooner someone stops doing things for themselves, the faster they lose their functional ability. By actively promoting physical health, as well as mental, emotional and spiritual health, you can keep able and live an independent life for longer.

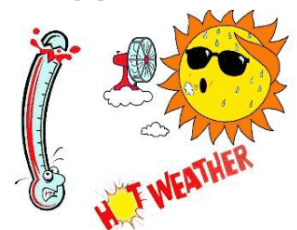
### KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT HOT WEATHER SAFETY

Older people can have a tougher time dealing with heat and humidity. The temperature inside or outside does not have to be high to put them at risk for a heat-related illness.

Headache, confusion, dizziness, or nausea could be a sign of a heat-related illness. Go to the doctor or to an emergency room to find out if you need treatment.

To keep heat-related illnesses from becoming a dangerous heat stroke, remember to:

- Get out of the sun and into a cool, ideally air-conditioned place.
- Drink fluids but avoid alcohol and caffeine.
- Shower, bathe, or sponge off with cool water.
- Lie down and rest.



# WAGIN WEATHER FORECAST

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Thu 8 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tue 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>
37°/17°	40°/19°	42°/22°	37°/18°	29°/15°	29°/12°	34°/11°
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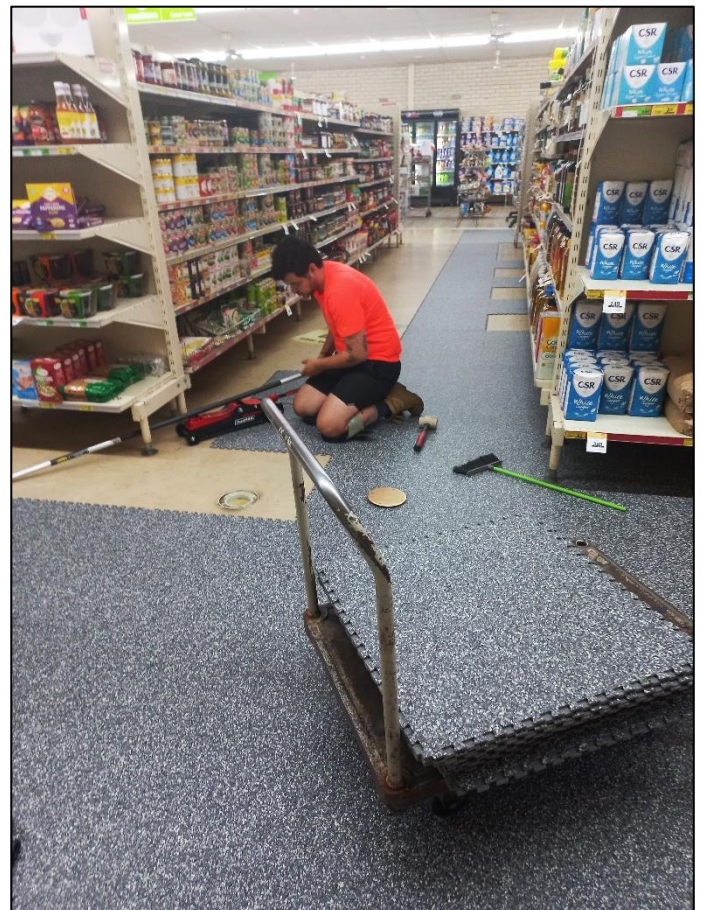
# NEW LOOK, NEW HOURS FOR FOODWORKS WAGIN CO-OP

*Jo Kellow, Manager – Foodworks Wagin Co-op*

Right in the middle of the Christmas rush, we underwent a massive upgrade that had been in the planning for nearly two years. New Gerflor GTI (interlock) flooring throughout the whole store and the removal of the nearly 20-year-old island freezer were what Santa delivered to us at Foodworks.

After much research and visits to other supermarkets, the board agreed that the flooring which comes from France was the way to go. We no longer have to strip and seal the flooring, and the cushioning of it makes it very comfortable to walk on for staff and customers.

The first step was installing the new upright freezers, continuing the line of refrigeration down one wall, and the removal of wiring, which came through the ceiling in a wooden case, connecting it to the existing island freezer.



Online Refrigeration's Crawford Walker, who installed the original island freezer, and our locals Peter Hamersley and Shane Hall, smoothly installed the Hussmann upright glass 8 door units with very little interruption to customers. It was a mammoth task to get the old island freezer out and then remove the concrete support it was sitting on. This was completed after closing one Saturday and was all done and dusted by Sunday afternoon, thanks to our brilliant workers.



Once that was finished, two 'good fairies' from Universal Floorcoverings came in each night for five nights and transformed our floor from end to end. Everything had to flow from start to finish with the upgrades and I am pleased to say that it did just that. The result is a very fresh and tidy store, that the staff and customers are enjoying.

To further address our customers' requests, we will be opening on **Sundays from 11am to 5pm** on a trial basis for approximately six months. This will commence this Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of February. It is hoped that the extra day will give people passing through Wagin and those who travel outside for sport etc. the opportunity to return to town and shop, supporting local business that supports them.

## WAGIN LIBRARY & ART GALLERY OPENING

*Member for O'Connor, Rick Wilson MP*

The Shire of Wagin has put some Local Roads and Community Infrastructure funds from the previous Coalition government to good use, converting its unused Court House into a library and community gathering place.

The conversion has made great efforts to preserve the amazing heritage value of the Tudor Street building, which I'm sure could tell many a great story.

Wagin Library & Art Gallery celebrated its official opening at the new location on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December.



**With Acting CEO, Marek Hook, Librarian Tina Svendsen, former Shire President Jill Nalder, Community Development Officer Donna George, Shire President Phil Blight and Deputy CEO Allan Fathers.**

As always, it is one of the great privileges of my job to be invited to join with the community on special occasions like this official opening.



I spent some quiet time in the witness box.



Librarian Tina Svendsen uses her gavel to keep control of the browsers from the Judges' Bench.

## CHRISTMAS STREET CARNIVAL

**Zach Rayne**

The Shire of Wagin with the support of Lotterywest brought a festival's worth of holiday cheer to Wagin for the Christmas Street Carnival on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. The event is an enduring tradition for the town and a continuing success, with locals and visitors having filled up Tavistock Street for an evening of celebration until well after sunset.



The community were able to finish their Christmas shopping with a range of market stalls, enjoy a bite out including free fairy floss, entertain the kids (or adults) with rides and face painting, and encounter Santa himself who arrived on a Volunteer Fire & Rescue truck.

“Another Christmas Street Carnival success for everyone involved”, said the Shire of Wagin. “Thanks to Lotterywest for the funding support to pull off this event once again.”

“Thanks to all the volunteers who pitched in to make it amazing, especially the Wagin Action Group. And a special thanks to Santa for popping in. Always a treat to see you. Well done.”

Local Sharon Diver praised the event's organisers. “Congratulations to Donna George and the Shire of Wagin for a wonderful evening!”



Wagin Action Group on the barbie and Santa approaching in his red truck. Photo by Shire of Wagin.

# WAGIN CWA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Linda Wirth, Wagin CWA



Wagin CWA held a Christmas Raffle which was drawn on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December at the Christmas Street Carnival. The lucky winners were thrilled with their booty! Congratulations to them, and we thank everyone who supported Wagin CWA with purchases of raffle tickets.



Don't forget that the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary volume of the CWA cookbook is available at \$28, the Scone Cookbook for \$15, and both combined for \$40. Contact Linda on 0419 048 600 for purchase.

We are always happy to welcome new members to our CWA group, who meet on the third Friday of each month at 10am in our rooms at 5 Trent Street Wagin. Come and have a cuppa with us if you are interested in joining.



## Service Support Technician

Best Office Systems is a dynamic organisation at the forefront of office technology, with an outstanding reputation for delivering service and sales excellence, Best Office Systems is now seeking an enthusiastic and pro-active Service Support Technician - **Full on-job training will be provided alongside experienced professionals.**

This position is Narrogin-based, and the successful candidate will need to be a motivated individual with the ability to learn quickly and handle the wide variety of tasks that are associated with the position. A vehicle will be supplied for company use only.

Reporting to the senior staff, this position will initially work across both "field" and workshop-based environments.

### Your role is responsible for:

- Running up equipment
- Machine refurbishment and repair.
- Assisting with delivery and installation of equipment.
- Maintain an accurate record of work completed.
- Using problem-solving skills, establish and enact the best solution to the requirement within the scope of skill and experience.

### While no experience is required as full training will be provided, the following attributes are essential:

- Ability to communicate well
- A passion for basic mechanical repairs
- Tidy presentation
- Basic IT networking knowledge
- A good computer knowledge
- Excellent troubleshooting skills
- Must have a driver's license
- Police clearance

If you are an outgoing and energetic individual who enjoys working in a professional environment and believe you have what it takes to succeed in this position, email your detailed resume, including a cover letter and email to the address below.

Send your resume and cover letter to

Best Office Systems

Attn: The Manager

Email: [craig@bestoffice.com.au](mailto:craig@bestoffice.com.au)

Applications close 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2024

## VALE CAROL ROGERS, A COMMUNITY LEADER

*Linda Wirth, Wagin CWA*



It is with sad hearts that our lovely CWA president, Carol Rogers, passed away suddenly on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January.

Carol wore many hats in the Wagin community. She was involved with the CWA for many years, coming to Wagin in 2000. She held the positions of secretary, treasurer, divisional secretary, hall booking officer, committee member on Wagin Cottage Homes, Albany South Coast Lodge, Albany Seaside Flats, Quaranup Camp organiser, and also organiser and supervisor at Woolorama for the CWA lunchroom.

Her right-hand man, Barry, worked alongside her in all her endeavours. Carol was our rock. She is and will be sorely missed every day. RIP sweet lady.



Nyabing CWA shared a tribute. "[We] are sending our love and best wishes to our Wagin CWA Sisters in the sudden loss of their President, Mrs Carol Rogers. Carol was a strong supporter of all things community, CWA, family and friendship. She was the manager and organiser of the Woolorama CWA All Day Café which all surrounding branches are a part of. The buck always stopped with Carol. She was a lover of crafting, teaching alongside Jo at CWA Camp Quaranup Crafts. She attended so many CWA State Conferences. But most of all, she made you feel so welcomed and valued. Carol epitomised the values of CWA; hard work, friendship, service and advocacy; yet always happy to share a joke, laugh and hug when needed. Thank you for your support and love. Carol, you are already so missed by so many. Sending our condolences to Barry, your families and friends in this sad time."

There will be a memorial event on **Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of February from 11am**. Please come and reminisce with us about Carol, and have a cuppa and a chat at the Wagin CWA rooms.

## WAGIN CWA UPDATE

*Linda Wirth, Wagin CWA*



Wagin CWA held an informal meeting with several members from other branches on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January, to talk about the loss of our president, Carol Rogers. We also discussed our roles at Woolorama this year. CWA runs the morning tea and lunchroom every year.

As this is the start of a new year, we are looking for new ladies to join our ranks. We delight in having new ideas, suggestions of fundraising events we can explore, and giving back to the local community.

Please feel free to come and have a chat with us about membership on **Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of February**. Our AGM will also be held that day at **2pm**.

We will be having raffles throughout the year, plus are available for any catering required for your events. Contact Joy on 0418 902 714 or Linda on 0419 048 600 for more information.

## NEW MURAL PAINTING IN QUINDANNING

### Gallery Sobrane

Street muralist Sobrane was called in by the team at LEAP, Locals for Environmental Action and Protection, to use her talents to paint two large grain silos in Quindanning on Pinjarra-Williams Road.

The LEAP team is a community-loving, grass roots group, formed to save the 'Quinny Orchid' (*Caladenia hopperiana*) from South32's bauxite operations in the area, who have plans to mine very close to where it is found.

Anne, a passionate orchid loving local, having lived in Quindanning for over 30 years, said the rare orchid needs moisture and when the mine comes through it drains the moisture from the water table and we are very concerned.

The rare orchid has been depicted on one of the silos after LEAP members became frustrated with attempts to protect the area and enlisted street artist Sobrane to create the artwork.

Sobrane, who paints wildlife in all her art, was very happy to be part of the project.

It is hoped that the artwork will bring attention to the orchids' plight and save this rare Australian native.



LEAP member Marianna and Silo artist Sobrane.

## WHEATBELT CONNECT AT SHEEPFEST & WOOLORAMA

### INPEX Australia

Our Wheatbelt Connect team is gearing up for a busy year visiting Western Australian Wheatbelt communities to chat with landowners and farmers about the benefits of land revegetation and income diversification.

For those new to the Wheatbelt Connect project, INPEX, ANZ and Qantas are creating opportunities for landowners in one of Australia's most important economic regions to participate in reforestation and carbon farming.

Wheatbelt Connect directly contributes to INPEX's Vision@2022 by providing a sustainable and tangible way of offsetting emissions, with the potential to contribute to a growing biofuels industry.

Our team will be attending the Darkan Sheepfest on the **10<sup>th</sup> of February**, and Wagin Woolorama on the **8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of March** in the Home and Lifestyle Pavilion. If you or a landowner you may know are attending, please drop by for chat about Wheatbelt Connect.

For more information, please use this QR code.





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## NATIONAL GROWER NETWORK SUMMER FORUM IN WAGIN

### GRDS – Grains Research & Development Corporation

GRDC welcomes all involved in the grains industry to the GRDC National Grower Network (NGN) Summer Forum in Wagin. It will be held at the Eric Farrow Pavilion on the **15<sup>th</sup> of February from 3pm to 7pm.**

The NGN Forum provides an opportunity for anyone involved in the grains industry to bring forward ideas including opportunities and constraints which are relevant to the industry.

Ideas raised will be discussed in detail, to assist the GRDC to develop targeted RD&E activities that create enduring profitability for Australian grain growers. The forums are also an opportunity to engage directly with GRDC representatives.

Our guest speakers are Amanuel Bekuma 'Frost & ice nucleating bacteria' and Garren Knell 'Winter wheat agronomy & WA fit'.

This is a free event. For catering purposes please RSVP via this QR code or alternatively contact [admin@ruraledge.org.au](mailto:admin@ruraledge.org.au).



## LINCOLNS BEYOND NUMBERS RURAL TOUR 2024

### Lincolns

Lincolns Beyond Numbers' Rural Tour 2024 is visiting Wagin, with a seminar for farmers being held at Wagin Recreation Centre on the **21<sup>st</sup> of February from 10am to 2pm.**

In this half day seminar, we will cover the topics most relevant to the farming industry right now: cashflow and funding concerns as commodity prices drop, succession as an ongoing and ever evolving discussion, carbon requirements plus much more. Join the Lincolns team and guest presenters for this collaborative and interactive session.

Presenters include Brendan Taylor, Carryn Hills, Paul Meaton, Thomas Warner, Kym Arnold, plus local guest presenters to be announced for each location.

**Succession:** Succession is a tricky subject but all our experience points to the fact that its best to start the discussions early. In this session we will go through how you can start future planning for your family and business while ensuring that your family values form a strong basis for these decisions.

**Bank Funding and Cashflow:** Coming off the back of an extraordinary few years in the farming industry, we are now facing an unstable market and record land prices. How do the banks view this when considering future funding? Hear from us, farm consultants and local banking experts on your options.

**The Expert Panel:** Have the opportunity to ask all your most challenging questions for a panel of experts including accountants, bank managers and farming consultants. Ask questions on the subjects covered in the prior sessions or open it up to anything else that is on your mind, from the new carbon requirements to local community opportunities or the current livestock market crisis.

Attendance is \$20 with 100% of the proceeds given to a local charity of your choice at the seminar. There will be tea and coffee on arrival and a light lunch provided.

Book now at [lincolns.com.au/events](https://lincolns.com.au/events). For enquiries, please email [events@lincolns.com](mailto:events@lincolns.com) or call 9841 1200.

## HEALTH ALERT FOR COMMUNITIES IN THE WHEATBELT

### *WA Country Health Service*

WA Country Health Service is urging people in the Goldfields and Wheatbelt to take immediate steps to stay safe in extreme heat.

A spokeswoman for the organisation said Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital saw 20 heat related presentations on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January.

"We know communities are doing it tough at the moment, but it's really important to follow the health advice to keep well in this heat", she said. "It will also help reduce pressure on our already busy emergency departments."

The spokeswoman said WA Country Health Service was working around-the-clock to make sure sites remained operational.

"Our staff are doing an extraordinary job in really difficult circumstances," she said. "So far, all impacted sites have remained operational."

Health safety advice:

- Seek a place to keep cool.
- Close your windows and draw blinds, curtains or awnings early in the day to keep the heat out of your home.
- Keep hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids. Fluids include water, diluted juice (mixed with water) and low sugar sports drinks.
- Limit or avoid alcohol and caffeinated drinks (including tea, coffee and energy drinks) as these can increase dehydration.
- Limit time outdoors. If you need to go outside, try to do so in the early morning or late evening. If you do go outside make sure to put on a hat and sunglasses, apply sunscreen and try to stay in the shade.
- When outdoors, wear lightweight, light-coloured and loose-fitting clothing that covers as much skin as possible.
- Sleep with just a sheet over you in the coolest part of the house. Remove winter bedding and replace it with lightweight, cotton bedding.
- Wrap medications needing refrigeration in foil or heat repellent containers with an icepack to keep them cool if you're impacted by power outages.

For information on staying safe during a heatwave, visit [HealthyWA – Heatwaves](#) using this QR code.



For the latest heatwave forecast visit [Bureau of Meteorology](#).

## NARROGIN HOSPITAL REHAB HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE GOALS

### *WA Country Health Service*

After sustaining a fall and a fractured ankle, Karen was transferred to the Narrogin Health Service Inpatient Subacute Service from a Perth tertiary hospital for ongoing rehab.

"This service allows patients to receive the care they need close to home without the extended stay in metro sites", reports subacute coordinator Stacy Forrest.

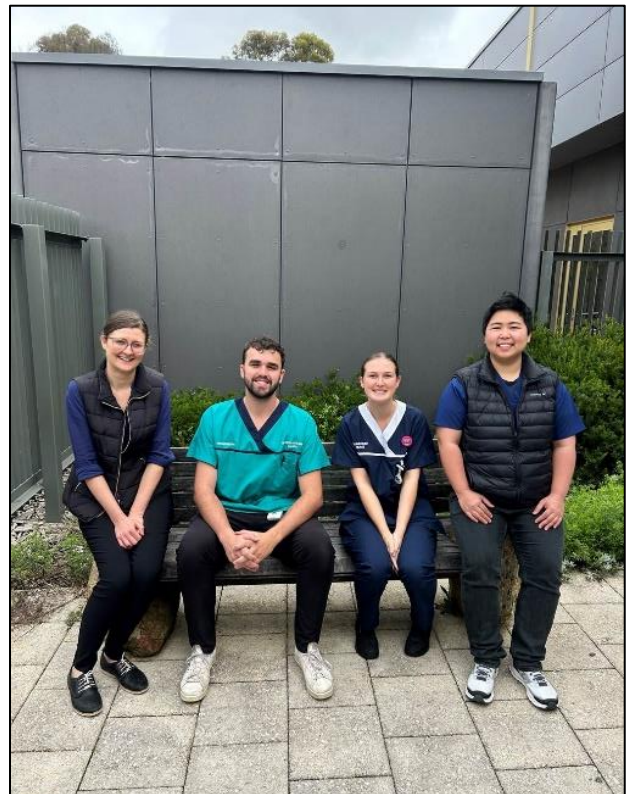
During her stay, Karen worked closely with the allied health team to ensure she meet all of her goals before discharging home, stating the team “were professional and included me in all decisions relating to my ongoing treatment. They always kept me updated regarding my progress”. One of her highlights during the stay was the daily physiotherapy sessions “as I never felt that I was being pushed too hard, but at the same time, I noticed how well my strength progressed at each session”, reports Karen.

On reflection of her time in the Subacute Service, Karen reports, “I have no hesitation in recommending this program to others. In fact, without it, I feel that I would have been very disadvantaged in my recovery” and “everything about my experience with the service was positive”.

Operating since July 2020, the Narrogin Inpatient Subacute Service has been able to assist over 95 patients in a setting close to home.

“Having family and friends able to visit can really help to improve mood and engagement in therapy. Being closer to support networks and familiar surroundings often leads to greater functional outcomes”, says Stacy.

**If you would like any further information about the Narrogin Subacute Service, then please contact subacute coordinator Stacy Forrest on 9881 0385.**



**Subacute coordinator Stacy Forrest, physiotherapist Scott Glassby, registered nurse Zoe Dick and allied health assistant Pias Tabungar.**

## LIFE NOW – 6 WEEK MEDITATION COURSE

**Claire Duffy, Coordinator of Life Now**

Are you or someone you care about affected by cancer? The Cancer Council WA Life Now Program invites you to take part in our free supportive cancer care course.



The Narrogin Meditation Course is a one-hour class held each week for six weeks. It will be held on **Wednesdays from 12 noon to 1pm, from the 14<sup>th</sup> of February to the 20<sup>th</sup> of March**, at Narrogin & Districts Senior Citizens Centre, 1/3 Fathom Street Narrogin.

**About Life Now:** Exercise and meditative courses are an important part of supportive cancer care. Research shows that these activities can help to reduce stress and anxiety and improve quality of life for people affected by cancer. The Life Now Program offers introductory Exercise, Meditation, Mindfulness, Mindful Art, Tai Chi and Yoga courses at locations across Western Australia and online. Our courses are free of charge for people affected by cancer and their primary carers, thanks to generous community donations. All courses are delivered by experienced facilitators in a safe and supportive environment.

**About Life Now's Free Six-week Meditation Course:** Life Now Meditation is an introductory six-week guided course running for an hour each week. Each class is led by a senior meditation teacher.

Guided meditation involves learning and practicing different meditation techniques. There is no need for any prior skills or experience to participate and benefit from the course. You will be provided with a range of simple techniques to help you relax and calm your mind.

**What are the benefits?** Meditation has shown to have great benefits for people affected by cancer. It can assist to:

- reduce stress and anxiety
- improve quality of life
- improve sleep and mood
- manage chronic pain
- manage abnormal blood pressure.

**Eligibility and Registration:** Life Now Meditation is offered to West Australians who have been diagnosed with cancer, or who have experienced a recurrence, secondary or progression, in the last five years.

Primary carers are also eligible to attend (by themselves, or in support of a cancer patient), and are invited to register.

As this is a beginners' course, no prior experience is required to participate.

Registrations are essential. To apply to participate in a course visit [cancerwa.asn.au](http://cancerwa.asn.au) and view the Event Calendar, call our cancer nurses on 13 11 20 for more information, or use this QR code.



## ANNUAL 'WHAT RRR WOMEN WANT' SURVEY

**Zach Rayne**

The Rural, Regional, Remote Women's Network of Western Australia is asking women to give a moment of their time to fill out a new survey, which will help the RRR to improve their services.



RRR's introduction to the survey reads, "The RRR Network wants to know what matters to rural, regional and remote women in Western Australia. This will be the first of an annual survey that we will use to inform our work, our advocacy and the impact we want to create. Your insights and feedback will help us achieve this."

Wagin local Londa Finlayson, who was the RRR Network's Coordinator in 2023, described the survey as quick and encouraged all fellow women to take part.

Member for the Agricultural Region Sandra Carr MLC promoted the survey. "Calling all rural, regional and remote women! Your voice, experience and insights matter, and your feedback will inform RRR's future work and advocacy."

The WA State Government is investing \$950,000 in the RRR Network over the 2022-2027 financial years so that it can grow as it approaches three decades of enriching the lives and development of women throughout rural and remote WA.



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# BETTY TERRY THEATRE

Editorial by Zach Rayne |  | 6 Trent St Wagin | Tickets: [bit.ly/waginbtct](https://bit.ly/waginbtct) or QR code



What could evoke a night out at the movies better than the smell of hot, buttery popcorn?

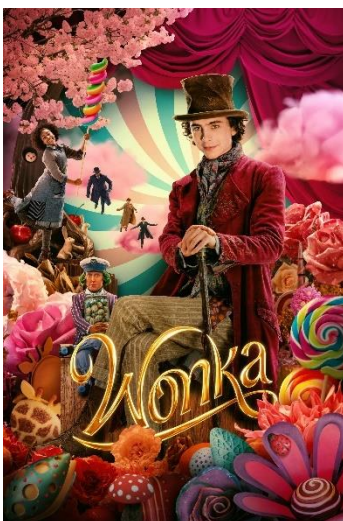
Thanks to Cliff Brockwell of Wagin IGA and the IGA Community Chest program, the aroma of freshly popped popcorn now wafts through our movie theatre from a brand-new popcorn machine.

IGA made a generous donation of \$550, which is one of more than 25,000 donations their Community Chest has supported since 2010 to make a difference in local communities.

We thank Cliff and IGA for their support. We also thank volunteer Kate Becker who kindly makes our ghee butter so we can cook irresistibly tasty popcorn.



**Volunteers Marg Painter, Di Dohle and Lorna Cronin with the new popcorn machine.**



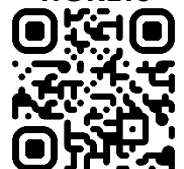
**WONKA** is a voyage back in time to indulge in the childish wonder and spectacular imagination at the heart of the *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* films (either the 1971 or 2005 version). In this prequel, Mr Wonka is young, poor and played by Timothée Chalamet (*Dune*, *Little Women*). Hugh Grant stars as a grumpy Oompa Loompa. A sweet-natured family film, *Wonka* has a joyous sense of wonder brought to life with musical numbers and whimsy.

PG | 1h 54m | Fantasy/Musical

**Friday – 16<sup>th</sup> February @ 6.30pm**  
**Saturday – 17<sup>th</sup> February @ 2pm & 6.30pm**  
**Monday – 19<sup>th</sup> February @ 6.30pm**



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## CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

Our staff were delighted to receive a commendation this week from the Minister of Education and the Director General recognising the performance of our primary students in NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy. Well done to our fabulous students on their achievement!

## STUDENTS BAKE UP HEATWAVE DELIGHTS

With the temperature hot enough to fry an egg outside, our high school students turned up the heat in the kitchen and kicked off day one with some good old-fashioned baking. Scrumptious lemonade scones were on the menu in Home Economics, complete with a good dollop of jam and cream!



## SWIMMING TEACHERS

Do you have your Bronze Medallion or Swimming Instructor qualifications? Swimming teachers are in short supply and we would like your details to pass on to the Swimming and Water Safety team.

## CANTEEN NEWS

### **Wagin DHS P&C Association**

Our Term 1 canteen menu has had a facelift with some new items, as well as some old favourites. We are open Wednesdays and Fridays and you can order through QuickCliq or in person. Enjoy!

Thank you to those people who have volunteered so far. We are still looking to fill more spots; if you have some free time, it would be greatly appreciated. If you can spare a few hours this term, please contact Julie on 0408 906 801. Many thanks in advance!

## P&C AGM

### **Wagin DHS P&C Association**

The P&C AGM will be held on **Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February at 6pm** in the library. Executive positions are vacant and a general meeting is to follow. All are welcome.

CALENDAR	
12 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> February 9am-3pm	Interm Swimming Lessons
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> March 9am-3pm	Faction Swimming Carnival
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Staff Development Day



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## TRAINEESHIP POSITION AVAILABLE

The Wagin CRC is seeking applications from individuals to join our team. This is an entry level position where you will be working towards a Certificate 3 in Business.

### **Your role will involve:**

- Administration duties
- Customer Service
- Tech Support
- Provide assistance with event planning and facilitating
- Provide assistance on The Wagin Wool Press
- Study to complete your Certificate 3 in Business

### **Essential requirements:**

- Great oral and written communication skills
- Sound computer knowledge
- Ability to work in a team environment
- Ability to work unsupervised
- Be well presented
- Have a positive attitude
- Be community minded
- Working with Childrens Check and Police Clearance will be required after successful interview

The Wagin CRC is open Monday – Friday between 9am – 4pm. You will be contracted for 30 hours per week (6 hours per day), these may be flexible.

Please contact the Wagin CRC on [admin@wagincrc.net.au](mailto:admin@wagincrc.net.au) , 9861 1644 or by coming in-store for further information or to collect an application package.

**To apply, please submit your resume and a cover letter addressing the essential requirements in the position description by using examples which provide evidence. Please submit your applications either in person to the Manager Jasmine Watson, or by email to [jasmine@wagincrc.net.au](mailto:jasmine@wagincrc.net.au)**

Applications close on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of February at 4pm with interviews to be conducted the following week.



# 8th & 9th March 2024

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## TICKETS NOW ON SALE

We are excited to announce that tickets for the 51<sup>st</sup> Wagin Woolorama and Blight's Haulage Woolorama Rodeo are now on sale! We look forward to seeing you in March.



There are limited tickets available for the Saturday night rodeo so book online now and make sure you don't miss out on this entertainment spectacular!

The Blight's Haulage Wagin Woolorama Rodeo kicks off at 5.30pm on the last night of the show, Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, with food trucks, bar and a live band rocking until midnight. Come along and watch rodeo cowboys and cowgirls showing us their incredible horsemanship skills and courage.

Rodeo Ticket entry does not include Showgrounds entry. Please be aware of unauthentic tickets. Make sure you purchase your tickets online through the above QR code. Wagin Woolorama uses Megatix.

## COMPETITION ENTRIES NOW OPEN

The famous Wagin Woolorama competitions are among the highlights of the show. We are excited to announce that entries are NOW open.

If you have never entered one of our competitions before, we warmly encourage you to do so. New talent is the lifeblood of our wonderful show!

Check out the list of categories by using this QR code or picking up a copy of the official Show Schedule from local shops.



There is truly something for everyone with over 1,000 classes on offer. We can't wait to see what you have in store!

## AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Wagin Agricultural Society Inc. invites you to renew your membership for 2024.

Our passionate group of members make our show so wonderful every year. Membership runs from January to December annually and there are many benefits to becoming a member including:

- Free and unlimited entry to Woolorama.
- Free parking in specified Members Parking area on grounds.
- Free Entry to Members Lounge Bar.
- Reduced Woolorama Competition entry fees (where applicable).
- Attend and vote at General Meetings of the Society.
- Eligible for Nomination to the Committee of the Society.

Head to our website to join today by using this QR code. We look forward to seeing you at this year's show!



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Wagin Library & Gallery has now moved to the Old Court House in Wagin at 81 Tudor Street. We have kept the heritage look of the building. Pop in and let us know of any ideas that you would like to see in our new library. We have a suggestion box in our workroom.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Wagin Library & Gallery for our official opening on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. It was great to hear about the stories of the Old Courthouse. Monica and I would like to thank the following people for our opening: Wagin Shire, Janet Deegan who gave time out of her busy schedule from the State Library to attend, Rick Wilson, members of the Friends of the Wagin Library & Gallery, Craig Svendsen, Carol Stanley and Stephanie Dimmock. I would also like to thank the patrons that attended. Do you have any stories about the Old Court House?

**Library Lover's Day** is the same day as Valentine's Day and held on **Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of February**. To celebrate Library Lover's Day is to rediscover our childlike wonder and our favourite books and stories from childhood. You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax; all you need is a book. We have hearts of different sizes; put the name of your favourite book on the heart and then we will put the hearts on display. Which book do you love? We will also be doing blind date with a book. This will be held from **10am to 12pm then again from 2pm to 5pm**.

Calling all WA writers. The 2024 Western Australian Premier's Book Awards are open for entries for books published or self-published in 2023. The State Government is urging people to join some of Western Australia's magnificent writers by applying for the \$60,000 Western Australian Writer's Fellowship, one of the most valuable awards in Australian arts.

Entries close on the **26<sup>th</sup> of February 2024**. Winners will be announced at the State Library in June 2024. For more information about the WA Premier's Book Awards and how to enter, visit the State Library's website at [slwa.wa.gov.au](http://slwa.wa.gov.au).

## PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

**CHANGE OF TIME Book Club** will resume for 2024 on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of February from 12pm to 2pm. It is normally from 2pm to 4pm, but will be held earlier this Saturday as it is going to be really hot. Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch. You can be reading any book or audiobook. New members are very welcome and it is free to join.

🎲 **Board Game Afternoon:** On Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February from 3.30pm to 5pm we will be holding a board game afternoon. We will play bingo and family feud for the afternoon.

♥ **Blind Date with a Book:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 10am to 12pm and 2pm to 5pm.

**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.

**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. What is your favourite theme?

## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

School has started. Are your children still a little nervous as it's their first time going to school? Here are a few books that parents and children could read together to help with nerves.

📖 **Spot Goes to School** by **Eric Hill**. This is a lift-the-flaps board book for young children who may go to day care or kindy for the first time. A great way to develop fine motor skills and follow Spot the Dog on this adventurous day to encourage curiosity and exploration.

📖 **School Days** by **Sue de Gennaro**. This is a great picture book for parents and children to read together. School days are full of new adventures. On some days there are butterflies in tummies, upside down lunchboxes and lines in the bathroom. No matter what kind of school day it is, there are friends to be made and fun times to be had.

📖 **I'm Afraid Your Teddy is in the Principal's Office** by **Jancee Dunn**. A cute picture book for parents to read to their children. This book will show children how not to behave! What mischief will Teddy and his friends get up to at school?

Thank you to everyone who donated books during December and January. Here are some:

📖 **Black Sheep** by **Judy Nunn**. This is an adult fiction book. Black sheep, there is one in every family. Orphaned at sixteen, James Wakefield was determined to be a gun shearer like his father. Now James has killed twice, changed his name and is on the run from the law. James had his reasons for both murders. There are secrets, what are they?

📖 **The Revenge List** by **Hannah Mary McKinnon**. This is an adult fiction psychological thriller. They say life flashes before your eyes when you're about to die, but all she could see was regret. The people in Frankie Morgan's life say she is angry. But really who could blame her?

📖 **The Three Lives of Alix St Pierre** by **Natasha Lester**. Adult fiction historical. This completely immersive story takes readers from the dangerous intrigue filled rooms in Switzerland where elites of both sides mingled and schemed during the war, to the glamorous halls of the house of Dior in the golden age of French fashion and journalism.

We've received an exchange of 42 new items including DVDs, audio, and children's books:

📖 **Search Party** by **Hannah Richell**. This is an adult fiction book. Five old friends unite for an idyllic glamping holiday on the rugged Cornwell Coast. A rare catch up, but it seems doomed from the start. Tensions rise when a powerful storm leaves them stranded and forced to confront long held secrets. Then someone disappears.

📖 **One of the Good Guys** by **Araminta Hall**. This is an adult fiction book. Cole is the perfect husband, a romantic, supportive of his wife's career, and not a big drinker. A good guy. So, when his wife leaves him, he is floored. How well do you know someone?

📖 **Naomi Osaka: Her Journey to Finding Her Power and Her Voice** by **Ben Rothenberg**. This is a deeply reported, revealing biography of tennis phenomenon and activist Naomi Osaka, telling the untold story behind her Grand Slam winning career, her headline advocacy for mental health, and the challenges of a life in the international spotlight.

📖 **All You Can Be** by **Angela Casabene**. This is a great picture book for parents and children to read together. What does a parent want most for their small children? Friendship, love, happiness, being curious, learning about life through making mistakes.

📖 **Rainbowsaurus** by **Steve Antony**. A joyful, colourful and fun book for parents and children to read together. A family of two dads and three children climb the rainbow in search of the rainbowsaurus. On their way, they meet animals that are all the colours of the rainbow.

📖 **365 – How to Count a Year** by **Miranda Paul**. Recommended for ages 3 to 8. A year can feel like a really, really long time. One trip around the sun, 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days. Explore different numerical breakdowns of a year in this playful concept picture book that introduces numbers big and small in creative ways, all adding up to a wonderful 365 days!

📖 **Billie Eilish** by **Billie Eilish**. Junior non-fiction for children and young adults who enjoy music. This gorgeous book offers readers personal glimpses into Billie's childhood, her life on tour and the humble recording of her hits with her brother Finneas in their childhood home.



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## AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST

The Shire of West Arthur recently held their annual Australia Day breakfast at Lake Towerrinning. Residents came together and enjoyed a free breakfast followed by Department of Fire and Emergency Services' Service Medal Presentations, and the Citizen of the Year Awards. This year Citizen of the Year went to Arthur Brown and runner up Peta Hulse. Young Citizen of the Year was awarded to Bonnie Telfer.

After all the presentations were completed, residents were treated to live music by Kate Hindle and were able to take part in some stand up paddle boarding with Bunbury Surf School. It was a great day celebrating Australia Day. Thank you to everyone who attended.



**Citizen of the Year Arthur Brown and runner up Peta Hulse with Shire President Neil Morrell.**

## SHEEPFEST

Act, Belong, Commit Darkan Sheepfest is back for 2024 on **Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of February from 9am to 10pm** for a gold coin entry. All the popular events will be returning including wool and fibre fashion show, shearing comps, farm boot foot race, Hillman farm skydivers sunset dive, log chopping, market stalls and many more. New show events include CWA 100 Years Celebrations, Transafe WA's interactive safety truck and a sheep counting competition. If you're looking for a great day out with free kids' entertainment, Darkan Sheepfest will not disappoint.



**Young Citizen of the Year Bonnie Telfer.**

## RED CARD COMMUNITY FOX SHOOT

The 2024 Red Card Community Fox Shoot will be held on the **15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of March**. Register now with Graeme Peirce on 0419 765 196 or email [graemepeirce@yahoo.com.au](mailto:graemepeirce@yahoo.com.au). The count commences at **6.30am on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March** at the Darkan Rifle Club with presentation of prizes and breakfast at **7.30am**.

## NEW DOCTOR FOR DARKAN

We are happy to announce that the West Arthur CRC have a new Doctor visiting us in 2024. Days will be changing with Doctor Marelene visiting every Friday. Please call Boddington Medical Centre on 9883 9999 to make an appointment.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### MINING ON PINJARRA-WILLIAMS ROAD

*Anne [surname supplied], approved by LEAP*

I live in Quindanning and am a member of a group called LEAP which stands for Locals for Environmental Action and Protection, and am very concerned about the mining of the Quindanning Timber Reserve (QTR) which is the home of the endangered Quindanning Spider Orchid (*Caladenia hopperiana*). It is also the eastern edge of the Northern Jarrah Forest. The Jarrah Tree is endemic to south west Western Australia; it becomes wandoo country as you travel further east. It is also home to the forest red-tailed black cockatoo, chuditch and red-tailed phascogale, all classed as vulnerable; brush-tailed phascogale classed as conservation dependent; Baudin's black cockatoo, Camaby's black cockatoo, numbat and woylies, all classed as endangered; south west barking owl and south west masked owl, classed as priority three; and the quenda, tammar wallaby, western brush wallaby, western false pipistrelle and water-rat, classed as priority four.

As the Pinjarra-Williams Road is a very busy through way for people travelling from south and south east of Williams through to Mandurah, Kwinana, Rockingham and Fremantle, I wish to make you aware that although South32 have permission to mine some of the QTR, they are seeking permission from the government to extend their mining footprint. The expansion will cross Albany Highway and continue up to Brookton. At this time, they are in the middle of constructing an overpass for their haul trucks and mining equipment to reach the tree QTR on the eastern side of the Pinjarra-Williams Road. The clearing you can see now is for the overpass and haul roads.

When they start mining, the visual pollution and destruction will be much worse.

South32 also wish to increase their water allowance from 500 mega litres (500,000,000 litres) to 900 mega litres (900,000,000 litres) a year, to primarily spray on roads for dust suppression. To fulfill this, they wish to put more bores down in the QTR. As climate change is such a high item in all our minds and we cannot survive without water, this scares me enormously.

In the 'Worsley Mine Expansion – Revised Proposal environmental review document, June 2022' they measure visual pollution by how long it takes to pass an area of concern. If it takes five seconds to pass a visual pollution site then they class that as very low impact because it is in our sight for such a short time. Apparently, they feel we won't remember the impact as it is so quick. Goldfish swimming in a bowl pops into my mind.

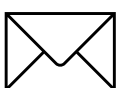
This mining company is causing distress and despair to our community. They do not have social license to destroy the forest.

If you have worries about the ongoing destruction of our native bushland, please visit our Facebook: LEAP, and if you would like to be included on our email list our address is [leap4locals@outlook.com](mailto:leap4locals@outlook.com).

You will be able to receive information on politicians' email addresses to voice your concerns, which we urge you to do, and also other information relevant to South32's future mining footprint.

Please look out for the painted silos on the right hand side of the road heading north on the Pinjarra-Williams Road just past the Quindanning Cemetery.

**Write to The Wagin Wool Press:** 46 Tudhoe St, Wagin WA 6315 or [news@wagincrc.net.au](mailto:news@wagincrc.net.au).



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Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety**



*With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annetta Bellingeri*

## PLEA TO TAKE CARE WHEN GIVING TO CHARITY

[This article was originally released ahead of Christmas 2023.]

As the festive season unfolds, the spirit of giving comes alive, prompting many of us to extend a helping hand to our community through charitable donations.

Before opening your wallet to support a cause close to your heart, it's important to watch out for scams and ask questions to find out if your full donation will be passed on.

Scammers may pose as a real charity or a cause that appeals to consumers, while third-party collectors usually receive a fee for every donation they secure. Online fundraising platforms may also charge a fee for their services, which in some cases can significantly impact on the value of your donation.

Whether you're approached at your doorstep, in a shopping centre, or over the phone, ask the collector if they are from the licensed charity itself and will receive your donation in full, or through a third-party collector who will likely take a fee.

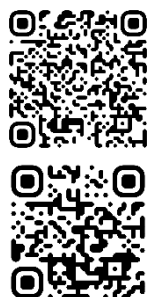
Another benefit of dealing directly with your chosen charity, rather than through third-party collectors, is you avoid exposing your personal or financial details to an additional source. Protecting your information as much as possible during this time of frequent data breaches will go a long way to stop it falling into the wrong hands.

According to national ScamWatch figures, Australians lost \$418,132 to fake charity scams, up 121 per cent on losses from 2021.

Scammers may seek to target victims via unsolicited emails, text messages and social media posts, so the best advice is to 'practice the pause', avoid clicking on any links and opt for safer methods, such as finding the charity's official website through a search engine or the charity register.

For face-to-face collections, legitimate representatives should carry an identity badge or document naming the charity and displaying the WA licence number. They must provide a receipt containing this information, and any cash collection boxes should be securely sealed.

To verify the legitimacy of a charity or not-for-profit organisation, consult the licensed charity register on our website [QR code]. The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) also maintains a public register [QR code], providing official websites and contact details for all registered charities in Australia.





Department of  
Primary Industries and  
Regional Development

# Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

February 2024

## Eggfruit not so Eggsellent!



Eggfruit caterpillar feeding inside a developing tomato, and the adult moth (Image source: MyPestGuide public reports).

In a world of Solanaceous garden delights such as capsicums, tomatoes, chillies and eggplants, an unwelcome pest often goes unnoticed until harvest time: *Sceliodes cordalis*, more commonly known as the eggfruit caterpillar. This common garden grub has a craving for plants belonging to the Solanaceae family and can turn your hard-earned produce into a feast for their insatiable appetite.

### Biology and management

Eggfruit caterpillars begin their journey when the small brown moth lays her tiny, white oval eggs. These eggs are predominantly laid on the stem or calyx of the developing fruit. They hatch tiny white ravenous caterpillars, which bore into the fruit through the stem or calyx. This disguises their entry point. Munching and pooping their way through the inside of the fruit, the caterpillars often turn bright pink or red in colour as they mature. Eggfruit caterpillars are particularly hard to detect as there's rarely any external signs of infestation of the fruit. These gluttonous grubs eventually chew their way out of the fruit to pupate, and later emerge as adult moths.

Controlling this pest can be challenging and requires well-timed management during all life stages. Make sure to remove any weeds from the Solanaceous family (e.g., nightshade) to reduce

their breeding sources in the garden. Moths and eggs can be controlled using light traps, or by spraying insecticidal soap on the calyx. These soaps can affect the delicate wings of the adult moth, making it too slippery for her eggs to stick to the calyx, and may also desiccate the eggs. As freshly hatched caterpillars, there is a very short window for control before they enter the fruit. Target the stems and calyx with caterpillar control products. Look for ingredients such as spinosad or the biological control 'BT' (*Bacillus thuringiensis*). These insecticides become virtually ineffective once the caterpillars burrow into the fruit, as they are well-protected inside. If infested fruit is found, remove and discard to break their lifecycle.

### Report your capsicum criminals!

Although eggfruit caterpillars are a well-established species, it's the small white caterpillars that may be confused with the larvae of the non-established and reportable Queensland fruit fly (Qfly). Qfly is a significant pest of over 300 fruits and vegetables. You can report suspicious larvae in your produce to MyPestGuide or contact the Pest and Disease Information Service by sending in photos of the larvae and cut-open fruits. Report early to keep your Solanaceous garden delights safe from unwelcome feasters!



### Report your observations

MyPestGuide® Reporter via app or online [mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au](http://mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au)

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# WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

*...before it all gets too much...*  
**Talk to a Mate!!**  
 REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH

## Shared Parenting After Separation and Divorce

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE  
 January 2024

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), the 2021 Census indicated that the average length of a marriage that ends in divorce is 12.2 years. 47.8% of those divorces impact children under the age of 18. When a marriage or long-term relationship ends, many men find navigating parenting arrangements with their ex-partners very challenging, stressful and seemingly unfair.

Coordination of arrangements may be difficult, especially during adjustment to new situations and commitments that might include work, training or study, and new relationships.

Communication is key, and dependent upon the nature of the relationship (and the reasons for its end), maintaining contact in writing (possibly via email, text or social media messaging) may be a less-confronting alternative to speaking over the phone or face-to-face.

Keeping the focus on children's needs is the goal and sometimes this is easier said than done. If discussions get off-track, remember to monitor and adjust focus towards the children in negotiating parenting arrangements and try to guide your ex-partner in the same direction.

You should aim to be fair and flexible with your time and it is reasonable to expect the same from your ex-partner. This includes both parties being open to assisting each other with schedules that are manageable, and considering travel (pick-ups and drop-offs), school holidays, birthdays and other occasions that fall outside of the usual care arrangements.



Most arrangements will involve payment of child support from one ex-partner to another, with the ex-partner who is responsible for the children for most of the time usually being the recipient. The amounts payable are determined, monitored and reviewed regularly by Child Support (Services Australia) and are largely based on percentage of care and income. Another financial consideration is the cost of schooling, outings, presents or ongoing activities (for example, participation in a sporting team or drama classes). Some of these costs may be straightforward based on parental responsibilities, some may require more negotiation if expenses are to be shared.


As one or both partners develop new relationships, more challenges may present themselves. How will the new partners fit in with the parenting arrangements? What are the ex-partners comfortable or not comfortable with? How do the children feel about the new partners? Keeping communication as open as possible is recommended.

If arrangements cannot be reached between ex-partners, other options are available. The first is a Parenting Plan. There are services that can assist in creating this type of plan, which sets out in plain language the arrangements each parent has agreed to. Parenting Plans are not legally enforceable. By contrast, a Parenting Order may be issued should the parties wish for the Family Court to decide upon parenting arrangements. Once in place, these are legally enforceable.

Circling back to those statistics from the ABS, it's important to understand that you are not alone. Many couples go through similar situations. There will be some stress and difficulty in moving forward as parents. Adjusting to a new situation takes time; do your utmost to stay calm and reasonable in securing viable arrangements for yourself, your ex-partner and (most importantly) your children.

As always, remember...*before it all gets too much...*Talk to a Mate@!!

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# SPORTS IN WAGIN

## WAGIN BOWLING CLUB

**Bowling Club** 9861 1475 or [waginbowls@gmail.com](mailto:waginbowls@gmail.com) | **Facebook Group** [Wagin Bowling Club](#)  
**Mens Captain** Craig Svendsen 0427 612 546 | **Ladies Captain** Jenny Ewen 0428 611 197

Feeling the heat? All are welcome to cool off at Twilight Bowls on **Thursdays, 5pm for a 5.30pm start**. The drinks will be cold.

Scroungers are on **Sundays**, with names in at **1pm for a 1.30pm start**. All are welcome! Bowls are available.



**Mens Championship Pairs winners 2023. Congratulations Warren Holt and Robert English. Photo by Janet Innes.**



**Congratulations to Ross Old on winning the Men's consistency Singles on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January. Photo by Janet Innes.**



**A beautiful January evening to be playing bowls. Lights make it even better. Photo by Janet Innes.**

## CRICKET

### MILO CRICKET

*Tegan Scanlon*

Milo Cricket will be on again from this Thursday the **8<sup>th</sup> of February** at the Rec Centre for four weeks. It runs from **3.15pm to 4.15pm** and is for Pre-primary to Year 4.

Contact Andrew Scanlon for further information on 0429 622 045.

## PIESSEVILLE DANCE CLUB

Piesseville 9861 1512, Highbury 0433 886 222, Popanyinning 0419 777 610, Moodiarup 9863 1056

<b>Dance Dates:</b>	<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Highbury</b>	<b>7.30pm-11pm</b>
	<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Popanyinning</b>	<b>7.30pm-11pm</b>
	<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Piesseville</b>	<b>7.30pm-11pm</b>
	<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Highbury</b>	<b>7.30pm-11pm</b>

## EQUESTRIAN

### WAGIN WOOLORAMA GYMKHANARAMA 2025

*Wagin Woolorama Gymkhanarama Committee*

We would like to inform you that Wagin Woolorama Gymkhanarama committee will be hosting their next event on the **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2025**.

We thank all sponsors, competitors, officials, volunteers, supporters, the Shire of Wagin and the Wagin Agricultural Society for their ongoing commitment to our event and look forward to 2025 Wagin Woolorama Gymkhanarama.

## WAGIN GUN CLUB

<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Saltbush Carnival</b>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am</b>	<b>ISSF Trap Qualifier</b>

## WAGIN HOCKEY CLUB

### AGM

*Wagin Hockey Club Committee*

Please join us at the Wagin Hockey Club AGM at **6.30pm on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of February** at Wagin District Club.

Anyone who's interested in being a part of our club is encouraged to attend.

## GREAT SOUTHERN KART CLUB

### 2024 UPDATE

*Great Southern Kart Club*

Welcome back to 2024, we hope you all had a great summer Christmas break and now we look forward to a big year in 2024.

## THE WAGIN WOOL PRESS

## SPORTS NEWS

THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

The Great Southern Kart Club committee met Tuesday and decided that this coming weekend's race meeting will be postponed till a later date.

Simply it's going to be too hot for the welfare of our volunteers and racers so we feel it's best to save the date for another event at a date to be advised.

Please keep updated via our Facebook page and please message us there with any questions and someone will get back to you as soon as they can.

Volunteers are required to help meetings run smoothly. Please contact Dolby on 0417 959 956 if you can give us a helping hand. See you all soon.



Very proud of these GSKC Members! Australian Sprintcar Championship A-Main Results: W26 James Inglis; Late Models VIC Title A-Main Results: 23W Joe Chalmers. Congratulations.

## WAGIN PLAYGROUP

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Kids' Craft

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

General Play

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Story Time & Nursery Rhymes

## PLAYGROUP

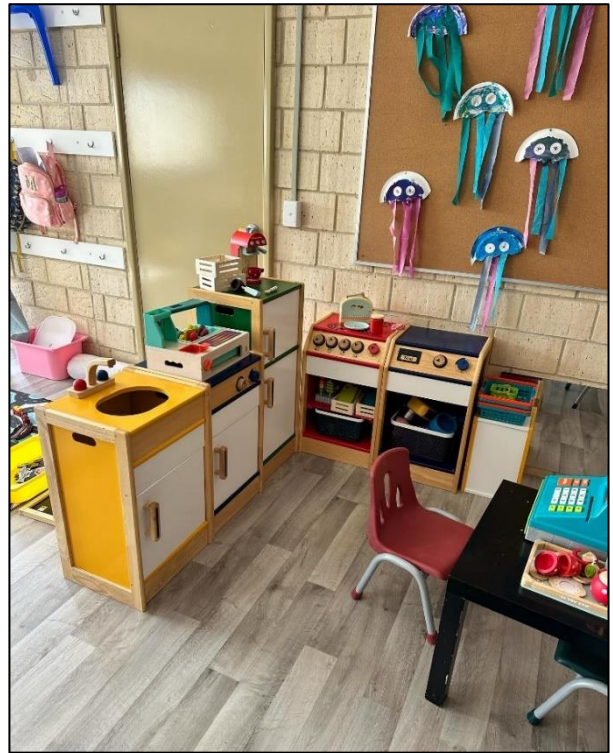
### Wagin Playgroup

Join us this **Friday from 9am** at Wagin Playgroup. We have a cool air conditioned room out of the heat; a wide range of toys for all ages including trucks, cars, dolls, dress ups, pretend play, ride on toys and more; a play mat, baby toys and a play gym; baby change facilities; and most importantly, coffee and tea for the adults.

New and current members are welcome. If you're interested in becoming a member for 2024, use the QR code below, see our Instagram and Facebook posts, or reach out to one of our wonderful committee members.

Why Join Wagin Playgroup? Besides the fact it's an awesome time for mums to get together each week to chat (and vent) over a cuppa, we also provide your little ones with many opportunities to play, create and problem solve with others.

If you want to come down and see what it's about, we offer your first three sessions free. We'd love to meet you.

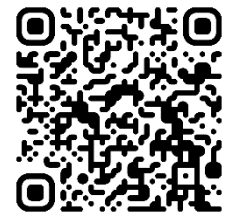


## EARLY BIRD DRAW

### Wagin Playgroup

If you sign up and pay your membership fees before **Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March**, you go into the draw to win a free 60 minute massage from the wonderful Body & Breath Massage.

Playgroup WA are also offering some amazing prizes for early bird members. Check out their socials for more info. Be sure to become a member before that date, to go into the running for this amazing prize.



## WAGIN TENNIS CLUB

### JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

*Laura Hutton-Storer*

I am currently taking registrations for Junior Tennis Coaching with Mr O at the Wagin Tennis Club. To register please get in touch with me on 0408 906 833.

It will run for four weeks starting on **Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of February** for \$40 per child. Times are to be announced once numbers are confirmed.

## WAGIN TROTGING CLUB

**Season Dates:** **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

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Further dates will be provided in August 2024. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Wagin Trotting Club President Kevin on 0429 104 145 or Secretary Fiona on 0409 693 113.

The Wagin Trotting Club thanks its sponsors. We hope to see you all at the races!

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## HISTORICAL VILLAGE ROSTER

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THU 8	MIKE	MIKE
FRI 9	MICHAEL	MICHAEL
SAT 10	MIKE	MIKE
SUN 11	MICHAEL	MICHAEL
MON 12	MICHAEL	MICHAEL
TUE 13	ANNE	MAURIE
WED 14	JOYCE	CHRISTINE
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MON 19	MICHAEL	MICHAEL
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WED 21	JOYCE	CHRISTINE

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# FEBRUARY 2024

## WAGIN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>MARCH EVENTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 – World Prayer @ Uniting Church</li> <li>1 – Fairmanco Photo Comp Closes</li> <li>4 – Labour Day Public Holiday</li> <li>8-9 – Woolorama @ Showgrounds</li> <li>9 – Woolorama Rodeo</li> <li>12 – Paint &amp; Sip with Linda @ CRC</li> </ul>	<p>15 – Footy Club Sale @ Marleys</p> <p>17 – Golden Lens Comp Closes</p> <p>18 – Co-op Workshop @ Uniting Ch.</p> <p>24 – ISSF Trap Quali. @ Gun Club</p> <p>28 – Wagin Cup @ Truffling Club</p> <p>29 – Good Friday Public Holiday</p> <p>31 – Easter Sunday Public Holiday</p>	<p><b>NOTES:</b></p> <p>Pay a Compliment Day Book Club for Children @ Library 3.30pm</p>	<p>Chair Exercises @ Catholic Hall 9.30am</p> <p>CommuniTea Hub @ Wesley Hall 10am-1pm</p> <p>Twilight Bowls @ Bowling Club 5pm</p>	<p>National Pizza Day</p> <p>Sailbush Carnival @ Gun Club Wagin/Woody Fox Shoot Services Australia @ Town Square 9am-3pm</p> <p>Playgroup: Craft &amp; Toy Library @ Eric Farrow 9am</p> <p>Story Time @ Library 1.30pm @ Theatre 6.30pm</p>	<p>Playgroup &amp; Toy Library @ Eric Farrow 9am</p> <p>Story Time @ Library 1.30pm Next Goal Wins @ Theatre 6.30pm</p>	<p>Next Goal Wins @ Theatre 2pm &amp; 6.30pm</p>
<p>Catholic Church 8am</p> <p>Anglican Church 9am</p> <p>Baptist Church 10.30am</p>	<p>Stay Active @ Rec Centre 9am</p> <p>Badminton @ Rec Centre 6pm</p> <p>Volunteer BBQ @ SES 6pm</p> <p>Next Goal Wins @ Theatre 6.30pm</p>	<p>Board Game Afternoon @ Library 3.30pm</p> <p>Youth Art Workshop @ 4pm</p> <p>Electors AGM @ Shire 6.30pm</p> <p>Meeting @ Youth Centre 6.30pm</p>	<p>Arts &amp; Craft Group @ Community Centre 10am</p> <p>Story Time @ Library 10am</p>	<p>The Wagin Wool Press Chair Exercises @ Catholic Hall 9.30am</p> <p>CommuniTea Hub @ Wesley Hall 10am-1pm</p> <p>Milo Cricket @ Rec Centre 3.15pm</p> <p>Twilight Bowls @ Bowling Club 5pm</p>	<p>National Pizza Day</p> <p>Sailbush Carnival @ Gun Club Wagin/Woody Fox Shoot Services Australia @ Town Square 9am-3pm</p> <p>Playgroup: Craft &amp; Toy Library @ Eric Farrow 9am</p> <p>Story Time @ Library 1.30pm @ Theatre 6.30pm</p>	<p>Sailbush Carnival @ Gun Club Wagin/Woody Fox Shoot Book Club @ Library 12pm Catholic Church 6pm Vineyard Church 6.30pm</p>
<p>Sailbush Carnival @ Gun Club</p> <p>Fox Shoot Breakfast Tally @ Wagin 7am</p> <p>Anglican Church 9am</p> <p>Uniting Church @ Waratah 9.15am &amp; Church 10.15am</p> <p>Baptist Church 10.30am</p>	<p>Stay Active @ Rec Centre 9am</p> <p>COS Parenting Program Begins @ Online 10am</p> <p>Camera Club @ CRC 7pm</p>	<p>Valentine's Day Library Lover's Day @ Library Blind Date with a Book @ Library</p> <p>Arts &amp; Craft Group @ Community Centre 10am</p> <p>Story Time @ Library 10am</p>	<p>Chair Exercises @ Catholic Hall 9.30am</p> <p>CommuniTea Hub @ Wesley Hall 10am-1pm</p> <p>Grower Forum @ Eric Farrow 3pm</p> <p>Milo Cricket @ Rec Centre 3.15pm</p> <p>Twilight Bowls @ Bowling Club 5pm</p>	<p>National Pizza Day</p> <p>Sailbush Carnival @ Gun Club Wagin/Woody Fox Shoot Services Australia @ Town Square 9am-3pm</p> <p>Playgroup: Craft &amp; Toy Library @ Eric Farrow 9am</p> <p>Story Time @ Library 1.30pm @ Theatre 6.30pm</p>	<p>Playgroup &amp; Toy Library @ Eric Farrow 9am</p> <p>Meeting @ CWA 10am</p> <p>Story Time @ Library 1.30pm AGM @ CWA 2pm</p> <p>Wonka @ Cinema 6.30pm</p>	<p>2 Wheels to Wagin Random Acts of Kindness Day Wonka @ Cinema 2pm &amp; 6.30pm Catholic Church 6pm</p>
<p>Anglican Church 9am</p> <p>Uniting Church 10.15am</p> <p>Baptist Church 10.30am</p>	<p>Pilot Refresher @ CRC</p> <p>Stay Active @ Rec Centre 9am</p> <p>Wonka @ Cinema 6.30pm</p> <p>Chamber Meeting @ Club 7pm</p>	<p>Craft Workshop @ Community Centre 10am</p> <p>Book Club for Children @ Library 3.30pm</p> <p>Meeting @ CRC 6pm</p> <p>Hockey AGM @ Club 6.30pm</p>	<p>Junior Coaching @ Tennis Club Lincolns Beyond Numbers @ Rec Centre 10am</p> <p>Arts &amp; Craft Group @ Community Centre 10am</p> <p>Story Time @ Library 10am</p>	<p>The Wagin Wool Press Chair Exercises @ Catholic Hall 9.30am</p> <p>CommuniTea Hub @ Wesley Hall 10am-1pm</p> <p>Milo Cricket @ Rec Centre 3.15pm</p> <p>Twilight Bowls @ Bowling Club 5pm</p>	<p>Playgroup: Story Time &amp; Toy Library @ Eric Farrow 9am</p> <p>Story Time @ Library 1.30pm</p>	<p>Wagin Markets Catholic Church 6pm</p>
<p>Anglican Church 9am</p> <p>Uniting Church @ Waratah 9.15am &amp; Church 10.15am</p> <p>Baptist Church 10.30am</p>	<p>Premier's Book Awards Close</p> <p>Stay Active @ Rec Centre 9am</p> <p>Training @ SES 6.30pm</p>	<p>Book Club for Children @ Library 3.30pm</p> <p>Council Meeting @ Shire 7pm</p>	<p>Chair Exercises @ Catholic Hall 9.30am</p> <p>CommuniTea Hub @ Wesley Hall 10am-1pm</p> <p>Milo Cricket @ Rec Centre 3.15pm</p> <p>Twilight Bowls @ Bowling Club 5pm</p>	<p>Chair Exercises @ Catholic Hall 9.30am</p> <p>CommuniTea Hub @ Wesley Hall 10am-1pm</p> <p>Milo Cricket @ Rec Centre 3.15pm</p> <p>Twilight Bowls @ Bowling Club 5pm</p>	<p>Playgroup: Story Time &amp; Toy Library @ Eric Farrow 9am</p> <p>Story Time @ Library 1.30pm</p>	<p>Wagin Markets Catholic Church 6pm</p>