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THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2024

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WAGIN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ORGANISATIONS WORKSHOP

Robyn Flett

Aged care services in Wagin have been on the agenda for community conversation with a view to planning for current and future needs. It has been identified that there are significant gaps for our community regarding continuity of care specifically. There has been community disussion about how health and aged care services can better connect with each other to ensure individuals have the appropriate care at the time they require.

A working group was formed back in May 2023 from the Community Builders Workshop facilitated by Peter Kenyon (Bank of Ideas). Wagin has many health and aged care services however each service works independently of each other, often resulting in duplication, and lack of cohesion for smooth transitions and service matching.

In August 2023, the working group called a public meeting at the Wesley Hall with services and community to discuss these gaps and possible solutions.

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WAGIN CRC CALENDAR

Forklift Assessments
 27th-28th February
 Fully booked

Share the DignityMarch

Closed – Labour Day Monday 4th March
 Closed Early – Woolorama Friday 8th March

Paint & Sip with Linda Wirth Tuesday 12th March 6pm-8.30pm \$50 (must book)

Camera Club Mon 18th March 7pm

Closed – Good Friday
 Friday 29th March

Closed – Easter Monday Monday 1st April

Wagin CRC Meeting
 Monday 22nd April
 6.30pm

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





WDHS YEAR 6 CAMP FUNDRAISER

In the lead up to Easter we are running one more fundraiser for our 2024 Year 6's camp!

Please have your orders in to Jasmine Watson (0437131191) by the 4th March 2024 so I can get these ordered in time for Easter. Payment is also due by this date. Bank details below.

If we get at least 50 boxes of chocolates ordered, we will get a FREE 10kg Cadbury Dairy Milk block. Each box purchased will go into the draw to win this huge bonus!

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Natural Confect Lolly Box 20x Mix of Bags of	\$60
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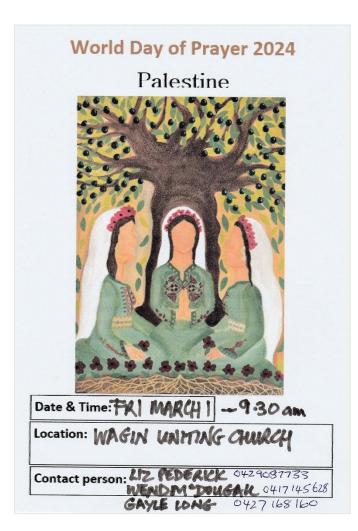
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Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 27th February 2024 Commencing at 7pm in the Council Chambers

Roads & Footpaths

We are pleased with the successful completion of Stage 2 of the Beaufort and Dongolocking road stabilising projects.

Another notable achievement is the installation of a new footpath along Arthur Road, enhancing our Shire's functionality and aesthetic appeal.

In preparation for the upcoming Woolorama event, thorough street sweeping operations are underway. Our works crew has been diligently addressing community requests, including assisting local event preparation for Two Wheels to Wagin and Wagin Woolorama.

Western Power Outages

Did you know that you can call Western Power to report or enquire about a power outage or fault in your area. Western Power Outage Hotline: 13 13 51 or

westernpower.com.au/outages

Or take control of how you receive information from Western Power with their new power outage SMS notifications. This service will ensure you're informed about unplanned outages and scheduled outages that have already started. Stay informed and connected with our SMS notification service.

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Water Corporation Fault Report System

You can report a fault or water quality issues directly to Water Corporation 13 13 75 or using their website watercorporation.com.au





Lukin Street Footpath Before/ After





Arthur Road Footpath Before/ After







Shoulder widening Above: Bullock Hills Road Above Left: Beaufort

Road

Left: Beaufort Road



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Wagin Homecare Christmas Function



We are delighted to announce that our belated Christmas gathering will now take place on February 27th at the Wagin Lesser Hall. This event promises to be a heartwarming occasion filled with camaraderie and festive cheer.

Due to COVID challenges, our 2023 Christmas function was canceled for safety. Though we planned an early 2024 celebration, mandatory staff training also delayed the function. We're committed to community and joy!

Let us come together to celebrate the spirit of the season and the resilience of our community. For further details and inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Support Worker Training

At Wagin Homecare, ensuring the highest standards of care for our clients is paramount. Aged care workers in Australia must meet standards of training and minimum qualifications to work in the sector. To ensure this standard is maintained Wagin Homecare staff are attending training at Narrogin TAFE. Your care remains our priority, enhancing service quality. We value your patience and cooperation as we invest in our team's expertise. Reach out with questions or concerns; your feedback is vital.

Heatwave

Please take care of yourselves during this relentless heatwave. There are respites in town should you feel concerned for your wellbeing. WA Country Health via the Wagin hospital offer respite and medical



attention. The Wagin Library is another cool spot to take relief from the heat. Drink plenty of water, stay in the shade where possible and reduce your time outside. Contact the hospital and your GP if you think you feel unwell. Be well 😥

Wagin Aged Care and Health Services Stakeholders Meeting Recap

On February 13th, 2024, Wagin Homecare staff participated in a pivotal gathering at the Lesser Hall, bringing together key stakeholders in health and aging services. The aim was to address the assets and gaps in care accessibility for individuals in Wagin and its neighbouring areas. The event marked a significant step forward in enhancing support systems for our community.

The meeting saw a robust turnout, with representatives from various esteemed organizations including the Department of Health and Ageing, WA Country Health, regional assessors, and the Shires of Wagin, Narrogin, and West Arthur. Additionally, service providers from Pingelly, Narrogin, Katanning, and Wagin Homecare actively engaged in constructive discussions.

A special acknowledgment goes out to the Wagin CWA, whose generosity provided a delightful spread for morning tea and lunch. Let's extend our warmest wishes as they celebrate their remarkable milestone - Happy 100th Birthday, CWA!

As we strive for continuous improvement, Wagin Homecare values your feedback. Clients are encouraged to share their experiences accessing care through feedback forms included in our monthly newsletter. Your input is invaluable in enhancing service cohesion both in Wagin and throughout the region.

For more information about the stakeholders meeting or to offer feedback, please reach out to Robyn at the office. Together, let's build a stronger and more supportive community.

WAGIN WEATHER FORECAST

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Thu 22nd	Fri 23rd	Sat 24th	Sun 25 th	Mon 26th	Tue 27 th	Wed 28 th
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Robyn Flett

The outcome was that the community could be better informed about what services they actually have access to. The next focus was to gather all key health and aged care service stakeholders to work on a permanent solution to information sharing and the possibility that all services work in cohesion for the best health outcomes for our shared clients and the community.

Held at the Wagin Town Hall Lesser Hall Wagin, 13th of February 2024:

Representatives from the Department of Health and Ageing, WA Country Health Service, Access Care Network Australia – regional assessors, Shire of Wagin, Narrogin Shire and West Arthur Shire, Narrogin Homecare, Silverchain and Juniper attended along with managers of services such as Karinya (Narrogin), Waratah, Bethshan (Katanning) as well as regional assessors and of course Primary Health, who coordinate our visiting allied health clinicians. Larina Piesse discussed co-operatives from the perspective of the Wagin Cooperative.

Gillian McFee, Director of the Care Together Program funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care, welcomed attendees and presented. Facilitated by Peter Westoby, a Senior Lecturer in Community Development at the University of Queensland, the discussion was well received. Much-needed networking among professionals and service management and staff resulted in some great feedback to investigate the next steps.

Below are some of the statements made by attendees:

The journey of Wagin has been to see the waste and duplication (lack of co-ordination / clinical governance) and imagining a new form of cooperation in organising social and health care.

Connecting our assets means connecting our healthcare providers, local government, and volunteers. Use a broad definition for 'recipients'. There is strength in collaboration.

The community needs to identify what it needs, then we work co-operatively to support the community in obtaining the services they need close to home. We have some services which aren't being well utilised. How do we increase community access to these services? How do we improve community collaboration to ensure clients and community are accessing quality care close to home?

Establishing strong relationships across the various providers and keeping the group focused on the end user/recipient of support/s.

Authentic mission and a valuable proposition.

Governance and government bodies all coming together to create a foundation/service that can benefit, support, understand that community. People should be able to build their own relationship with the services to assist with the future needs and requirements. People have a voice.

More information about the stakeholders meeting and the possibility of forming a new cooperative for care can be directed to the working group: Wendy Pederick, Londa Finlayson and Robyn Flett.

WAGIN CWA UPDATE

Linda Wirth



On Friday the 16th of February a memorial service and light lunch was held in the CWA rooms, in remembrance of our late president, Carol Rogers.

Amongst the 35 or so folks that attended was Barry Rogers and his two daughters, Sheree and Katrina.

Vice president Hazel Toovey welcomed and thanked everyone for attending, then she handed over to Joy Kalbus. She introduced Edna Vagg, who gave a short story of Carol's commitment to CWA and community over the years. Wendy Pedrick gave thanks for Carol's work and led the room in a special prayer. Joy ended the formalities with a special poem, which she also had recited at Carol's funeral. Barry was given a floral arrangement in Carol's memory, and he thanked everyone who attended.

Following the memorial, Wagin CWA held its annual AGM, thankfully chaired on Carol's behalf by Jo Addis from Nyabing. All committee seats were declared vacant. New committee seats were voted on and accepted with Joy Kalbus as President, Linda Wirth as Treasurer and Keira Karafillis as Secretary. Wagin branch congratulates all new committee members and two new members of CWA as well.

We all look forward to an eventful and successful year ahead, starting with Woolorama.

COMBINED GARAGE SALE

Jeff Stewart

A Wagin Combined Garage Sale will be held this Saturday the 24th of February. The address is 1 Omdurman Steet Wagin, on the corner of Omdurman and Ventnor Steet. Easy to find. We will run the market from 9am until 12 noon approximately, depending on response. The venue is a private residence; in my opinion it will be a very relaxed and casual outdoor affair. The intention is once again to promote community spirit and mental wellbeing.

This will be the first trial run to see what sort of response we can generate. We have many of the stalwart stall holders attending who have been with us since day one from in the vicinity of five years, from when we ran the Wagin Community Markets at the Wagin Masonic Lodge facility. With no fee for those selling wares, we will instead have a donation box. Everything raised goes back into supporting the Wagin Youth Centre.

We are proudly supported by the Wagin Community Resource Centre. This event will carry on the ongoing community involvement that is, in my opinion, essential for small country towns. If you have any enquiries or questions, feel free to contact me on 9861 1693.



Fashion Parades | Art, Photography & Craft Display | Cooking Demonstrations Young Farmers Challenge | Side Show Alley | Dog High Jump | Sensory Space

And, a whole lot more!

Blight's Haulage Wagin Woolorama Rodeo - Saturday night Tickets Available online









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LOCAL BUSINESSES INVITED TO DPIRD WOOLORAMA DISPLAY

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Local business operators are encouraged to step inside the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) shed at Wagin Woolorama and learn more about opportunities to supply works or goods and services to the WA Government.

Members of DPIRD's Local Content Adviser Network will be on hand to talk to regional businesses about State Government tenders and supply contracts.



Department Local Content Manager Lewis Mavrantonis said the network was established in 2018 to support opportunities for competitive regional businesses to supply to State Government.

"The network has expanded to now include a Statewide team covering major projects and contracts, along with a Local Content Adviser based in each of the nine Regional Development Commissions in WA", Mr Mavrantonis said.

"The network focuses on supporting regional businesses by connecting across Government agencies, industry bodies, and small to medium enterprises so our regional businesses can increase participation in supply chains, grow and diversify, and develop additional capability.

"In 2023, the network focused on connecting regional suppliers to \$529 million in Government supply opportunities and identified 216 new potential suppliers across the regions.

"The network connects with a broad range of suppliers, from trades to specialist suppliers. More Wheatbelt businesses are needed to meet demand for basic local services such as cleaning, gardening, security and painting and construction trades."

The department will again host a varied display at Wagin Woolorama, including livestock research, biosecurity and seasonal information.

The DPIRD Woolorama display will be at Site 626, Kitchener Street, opposite the ram pavilion.

DPIRD AT WOOLORAMA: SUSTAINABLE & INNOVATIVE OUTCOMES

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

The department's GreenFeed machine will be on display outside the DPIRD shed, accompanied by researchers from the Katanning Research Station and Albany who will explain how the machine works.

The cutting-edge machine measures greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from individual cows and sheep, allowing researchers to more accurately determine emissions in the paddock.

DPIRD's Climate Resilience Program research scientist Umair Hassan Khan said when each animal visits the trailer, their electronic ear tag is read and an extraction fan automatically activated.

"The air is then analysed by the machine measuring methane, carbon dioxide, oxygen and hydrogen," Dr Khan said.

"The machine offers researchers and livestock producers the opportunity to benchmark GHG emissions from WA grazing systems and to evaluate different feed types aimed at reducing methane emissions while maintaining animal and farm productivity."

Sheep and goat producers can pick up information on the national rollout of sheep and goat electronic identification (eID).

DPIRD Sheep and Goat eID project manager Michael Britton said producers could discuss any issues, challenges or benefits they have experienced in transitioning toward an eID regime.

"With the requirement for any sheep and goats born from the 1st of January 2025 onward to be eID-tagged, we are looking forward to meeting producers at Woolorama to answer any questions they may have", Mr Britton said.

"Visitors to the display with current property identification codes, or PICs, will be offered the chance to win one of three sets of 100 eID tags of their choice on each day of the show."

Development officer Natalie Hogg said the seasonal information stand would offer free water testing to help producers assess the suitability of their water supply for stock.

"With large parts of the agricultural region having experienced drier than normal conditions, producers will be able to bring in water samples for salinity and pH testing", Ms Hogg said.

"A rural support services directory will be available and sheep producers will be able to access detailed information on condition scoring and confinement feeding."

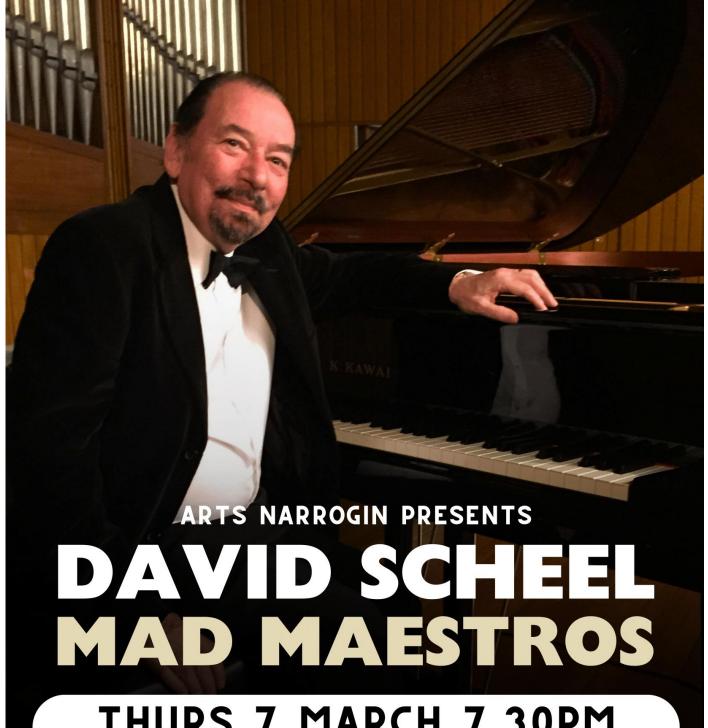
For beekeepers, the bee biosecurity display will include a broad range of bee pest information and demonstrations on how to check hives, along with a raft of other general beekeeping requirements for WA.

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DPIRD is a proud sponsor of the 2024 Wagin Woolorama, which runs on the 8th and 9th of March 2024.



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DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLANS TO ROLL OUT ACROSS REGIONS

Cook Labor Government

The Cook and Albanese Labor Governments are providing \$900,000 to implement drought resilience plans across regional Western Australia to help communities prepare for and manage the impacts of dry seasons.

The State's \$450,000 contribution was matched by the Australian Government through the Future Drought Fund's Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program.

The funding will enable drought resilience plans to be rolled out in the north of the Mid West, inland Great Southern and the southern parts of the Wheatbelt, following a successful pilot program.

The community-led plans were developed over the past two years, with support from hundreds of individuals across the State's Regional Development Commissions, 16 Local Government Authorities, community groups and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

The plans aim to prepare the regions for future droughts, build resilience, improve natural resource management, and position the regions for investment opportunities – enhancing their capacity to withstand drought.

"These drought resilience plans provide a blueprint for our communities on how to manage and adapt to our drying climate", said Agriculture and Food Minister Jackie Jarvis.

"The documents were developed following extensive community consultation and engagement with experts to support our regions to withstand the impacts of climate change.

"This investment is part of our Government's commitment to creating strong regional communities that continue to grow and thrive."

The intensity and duration of hot spells is projected to increase across WA with wet years likely to become more infrequent and dry years set to become more common.

Further drought plans are now also being developed for the North Midlands, lower Great Southern, northern Wheatbelt, Goldfields-Esperance and Gascoyne, as well as a joint initiative by the Pilbara and the Kimberley.

"WA is a vast and diverse State that can be vulnerable to climate variability and extremes, as we have seen with floods and fires in recent times", commented Regional Development Minister Don Punch.

"This investment provides a roadmap to help communities prepare for and manage difficult conditions and situations with confidence and support."

For more information about the Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program, please use this QR code.



NEW ADVOCARE WEBSITE FOR SENIORS

Cook Labor Government

Seniors and Ageing Minister Don Punch presented a Lotterywest grant of \$52,592 to Advocare on the 15th of February, to improve its online information and advocacy services for older Western Australians.

Advocare is a community based, not-for-profit organisation providing advocacy and support services for seniors. Over the past year it has received more than 10,000 calls for assistance, resulting in 5,199 advocacy cases and 1,330 calls to the Elder Abuse Helpline from across the State.

During that time, Advocare's community visitor volunteers also supported more than 160 lonely and socially isolated older people across the Perth metro area. This demographic is expected to grow significantly over the next 12 months, with Advocare expanding services to the South West.

"The Cook Government is committed to building communities that are inclusive and supportive of all Western Australians including seniors", said Seniors and Ageing Minister Don Punch.

"In an increasingly online world, ensuring older Western Australians are able to access online advocacy information and services is a priority.

"Supporting age-friendly communities and inclusiveness in WA is at the heart of our Government's Seniors Strategy and Action Plan, which will be significant for guiding the way forward and enabling our seniors to live their best lives."

The funding will support an upgrade to Advocare's website, improving its accessibility and ease of use to ensure all seniors have access to information to make informed decisions about their lives.

"The Advocare website is our primary online platform for engagement with older Western Australians", commented Advocare CEO Louise Johnstone Forster.

"It is vital we work directly with older Western Australians to ensure we build a site that meets their needs and goals.

"I would like to thank Lotterywest for this grant, which will enable us to prioritise our website's accessibility. In turn, this will ensure we can better support our community and make the services they need available to them in an increasingly online world."

Advocare will engage with older Western Australians in a co-design process to ensure the website's functionality, navigation, language and messaging meets their needs and goals. You can read more about Advocare's services online at advocare.org.au.









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ECLIPSE ONLINE PROGRAM

Holyoake Narrogin

On the 8th of February the Eclipse Online Program launched, a collaboration between Lifeline WA and Holyoake, supported by Lotterywest.

The Eclipse Program is a free evidence-based alternative to therapy program. It is an 8-week online psycho-education support group for survivors of suicide. Groups will run weekly on a Wednesday morning for three hours.



The group offers a safe space to:

- Connect with people who have similar lived experience.
- o Increase comfort with and ability to speak about the thoughts and feelings which lead to a suicide attempt.
- o Increase coping skills in relation to suicidal thoughts.

Individuals will be supported by two highly trained and compassionate Lifeline WA facilitators, one lead facilitator and one peer facilitator who has their own lived experience.

Eligibility Criteria – Adults aged 18 and over who have survived a suicide attempt or attempts are eligible for the group if they:

- o Reside in the Wheatbelt.
- o Can safely listen to and discuss thoughts and feelings about suicide (please note this is not a therapy group and details of attempts will not be discussed in group).
- o Are committed to and available to attend all sessions of the 8-week group.
- o Will be available for an initial 60-90 minute assessment.
- o Are motivated to participate in the group and practice new skills outside of group.
- Are committed to creating and using a safety plan to stay safe.
- Are engaged with a mental health professional or G.P.
- Have access to a laptop or iPad.

The groups are not suitable for:

- o People currently experiencing acute psychosis.
- o People who are unable to attend the group sober.
- o People who may find it distressing or triggering to discuss suicide in a group setting.
- People receiving care or case management from a Community Mental Health Team for less than four weeks.
- People receiving care in a mental health inpatient setting.

More information and a referral form can be found by using this QR code.

The first group will commence in mid-April.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Jordyn Drayton at Holyoake Narrogin at <u>Jordyn.Drayton@holyoake.org.au</u> or Lifeline WA on 9261 4444.

If you are in crisis, call 13 11 14.

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WAGIN / WOODANILLING LANDCARE ZONE

2024 WAGIN/WOODANILLING FOX SHOOT

Thank you to all those who participated in our 2024 Fox Shoot on the 9th to 11th of February. Due to the heat, we decided after Friday's efforts we would do a photo early, so our usual record photo of the weekend's results wasn't taken this time.

Final results were: First place Riff Raff (72 foxes, 2 cats, 7 rabbits), second place PTO Hoes (46 foxes, 9 rabbits, 4 pigs) and third place went to Team Dawson (39 foxes, 1 cat, 27 rabbits). Total figures for this year were 252 foxes, 9 cats, 78 rabbits and 4 pigs.



Thank you to our sponsors: First prize, Steelos Outdoors and PYNC Invasive Animal Control. Second prize, Elders Wagin and Galts Hardware. Third prize, Wagin Agri Services. General prizes, Palace Hotel and Tally Tags Wagin.

Our breakfast was thanks to FoodWorks Wagin and The Woody Shop.

Allying with this date meant that for every fox and cat shot, \$5 will be donated by Sports and Shooters Association of Australia to The Regional Men's Health Initiative.

Thank you to all our sponsors. They make these events possible!





























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A SPICY SURPRISE

First day back at work and first snake call out for 2024. A dugite in the Shire of Wagin office. It was just a wee lil' cutie. You know it's hot when the snakes are seeking cooler spots!

A textbook catch and release. For a nature nerd like me it was a promising start to the working year!





JOEY RELOCATION

This poor little tacker must have been dropped by mum as she fled from danger, as he was discovered near the railway station in town. He looks healthy, but is no doubt dehydrated. We have a carer for him sorted, so it should be a good long term outcome hopefully. Another thing we are happy to do for our local community!



For those who think that pigs are not 'that much of a problem' in our area, take a gander at this. There is over a hectare that looks like this at this Woodanilling location. The most extreme depth and spread of diggings I have seen in my work thus far!





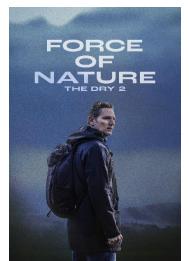
There has been some serious work by PYNC Invasive Species to tackle them in this area, and no evidence of fresh scat. So, I am hoping we have had an impact on saving this red-tailed phascogale habitat for the future.

REHYDRATE YOUR FARM LANDSCAPE BOOTCAMP

You may be interested in Mulloon Institute's event coming to Katanning in late March that will help you to rehydrate your landscape. This program is catered to our local conditions with salinity issues being addressed within the program. The presenters are landscape planner and hydrologist Lance Mudgway, and

landscape planner and environmental engineer Erin Healy. Please use this QR code for registration details.

BETTY TERRY THEATRE



FORCE OF NATURE: THE DRY 2 is coming to Wagin at last, after its premiere was postponed last August in solidarity with the American actors' union strike. A sequel to 2020 box office success *The Dry*, this Australian-made film series is based on the crime drama novels by author Jane Harper. Eric Bana (*Blueback*, *Back to the Outback*) has returned for this sequel, set deep in the Victorian mountain ranges.

M | 1h 52m | Thriller

Friday – 22nd March @ 6.30pm Saturday – 23rd March @ 2pm & 6.30pm Monday – 25th March @ 2pm & 6.30pm





ARGYLLE sees director Matthew Vaughn at it again, with his latest bonkers spy film following the unpredictable and exhilarating Kingsman series. A reclusive spy novelist (Bryce Dallas Howard – Jurrasic World series, Rocketman) finds herself embroiled in the world of espionage after her latest novel mirrors real events. Also starring Henry Cavill, Catherine O'Hara, and Chip as Alfie the Cat.

M | 2h 19m | Action

Friday – 5th April @ 6.30pm Saturday – 6th April @ 2pm & 6.30pm Monday – 8th April @ 6.30pm





KUNG FU PANDA 4 shows how far clumsy panda Po, voiced by Jack Black, has come throughout this hit martial arts comedy series. Now set to become the Spiritual Leader of the Valley of Peace and searching for a successor, Po encounters a corsac fox thief (Awkwafina – The Little Mermaid) and fights an evil shapeshifting chameleon (Viola Davis – Air, The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes).

PG | 1h 34m | Action/Animation

Friday – 19th April @ 6.30pm Saturday – 20th April @ 2pm & 6.30pm Monday – 22nd April @ 6.30pm



TICKETS: Kids \$8 Concession \$11 Adults \$13 (only \$11 on Monday nights)

Cash only Kiosk No BYO please Doors open 30 minutes early Children under 15 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian



Warwick Street Ph: 9861 2658 Mon-Fri 9am-11.30am

Wagin Care & Share

VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

Jessica Hamersley



Would you like to help care for this beautiful rose garden? Established around 1996, the rose garden began as a Memorial Garden, created with roses bought by families in memory of loved ones. Plaques erected at the base of each bush acknowledge the person remembered. Over the years it has been tended by many different people to enable it to flourish. The garden has

most recently been under the expert care of Ross, but he unfortunately is now unable to continue the hands-on work of fertilising, weeding and pruning of the magnificent bushes. As he lives right next door, he is keen to keep his responsibility of watering the garden – which he has done well as the healthy state of the roses, despite our blistering heatwave, shows.

If you are keen to share the voluntary gardening role, please contact the President on 0402 473 495 or Vice President on 0412 311 870 for further discussion.

At the most recent meeting of Care & Share, donations were made to The Flying Doctor (\$1000) and the Lion's Eye Institute (\$500). This money was raised through the sales of goods



such as clothing, craft and household goods, woodwork, kindling and books from Care & Share's shop in Warwick Street, opposite the hospital. At the moment there is a SALE on of all WOMEN'S AND MEN'S CLOTHING. Every item is HALF PRICE.

The next meeting of Care & Share is at 8.30am on Monday the 25th of March in the dining room. Anyone interested in the operation of Care & Share is most welcome to attend.





WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Providing an empowering environment for life-long learning

Principal Amber Ward Amber.Ward@education.wa.edu.au



Welcome to the new school year, everyone! Whether you are returning to us after a well-deserved summer break or joining our school community for the very first time, we are thrilled to have you with us as we embark on the 2024 school year.

To all our returning families, we extend a warm welcome back and express our gratitude for your continued support and dedication to our school. Your presence builds school community and contributes to the variety of experiences



that make our school a great place to learn and grow.

To our new families, we extend an especially heartfelt greeting as you embark on this exciting new chapter with us. We are thrilled to welcome you into the Wagin DHS community and look forward to getting to know each and every one of you as we work together to create memorable and meaningful experiences for your children.



This year, we are delighted to welcome a large group of kindergarteners who are joining us for their very first year of school. To our newest students, we extend a special welcome as you take your first steps into the world of education. We are committed to providing you with a nurturing and supportive environment where you can learn, explore, and grow with the support of committed teachers and assistants. In addition to our growing kindergarten cohort, we are pleased to announce that our high school

has seen an increase in numbers with new and returning students in 2024. At Wagin DHS we are eager to provide a diverse and enriching educational experience that prepares each and every student for success in their chosen pathways.

We were very pleased last week to receive a certificate and letter of commendation from Dr Tony Buti MLA, Minister of Education, and Lisa Rodgers the Director General of the Department of Education, for the performance of our students in NAPLAN Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Our school was deemed to have performed particularly well in 2023 based on the absolute and relative performance of our students and the number of students who performed in the Exceeding and Strong proficiency levels. This achievement reflects the success of our strong focus on teaching and learning, the dedication of our students and

teachers, and the strong contribution that our parents make to the education of their children.

As the summer heat is predicted to persist with heat wave conditions again this week, we understand the importance of ensuring the safety and well-being of our students. With swimming lessons underway, we are closely monitoring the weather conditions. Safety is our top priority, and we have been utilising a number of proactive measures to ensure our students remain comfortable and protected during these hot days. We ask all parents to



ensure your child has a drink bottle, suncreen, a hat and a lunch packed with an ice brick during this weather.

As we embark on this new school year together, we encourage all our students and families to embrace the spirit of collaboration and community. Whether it's through participating in school events, joining the P&C, or volunteering your time and talents, there are countless ways to get involved and make a positive impact on the education of the children in our community.

2024 SCHOOL BASED IMMUNISATION

The School Based Immunisation Team will be visiting Wagin DHS on **Wednesday the 27th of March** to deliver Year 7 and 10 vaccinations. The program is delivered by a team of nurses experienced in providing vaccinations at schools. Notes have been home as all students require parent/guardian consent before they can receive any vaccinations at school.

For queries and help using VaccinateWA please check the HeathyWA SBIP page, with instructional videos and comprehensive information available, by using this QR code, emailing <u>SBIP@health.wa.gov.au</u> or calling 9222 2486.



For queries regarding your local program please contact: Community Health Nurses Sasha Biggs or Tracey Abraham on 9881 0385.

CAMP FUNDRAISER Wagin DHS P&C

We are running a Cadbury Fundraiser for the Year 6 camp. There are boxes of Cadbury chocolates and lollies for sale, and with the lead-up to Easter we even have an Easter range.

Please make orders to Jasmine Watson on 0437 131 191 by the 4th of March.





CALENDAR					
12 th -23 rd February 9am-3pm	Interm Swimming Lessons				
Thu 22 nd February 8.45-10am	Uniform Shop				
Fri 1st March 9am	Whole School Assembly				
Mon 4 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday				
Wed 6 th March 9am-3pm	Faction Swimming Carnival				
Thu 7 th March 8.45-10am	Uniform Shop				
Fri 8 th March	Staff Development Day				
13th-25th March	NAPLAN				

THE WAGIN WOOL PRESS

Wagin Library & Gallery Your team: Tina and Monica

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THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2024

Mon 2pm-4pm
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.

We know Bart the Ram in Wagin has wool on him, but what about his family at the Wagin Library & Gallery? On Wednesday the 6th of March 11am to 12pm then again on Thursday the 7th from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, we will have little lamb pictures of Bart's family that need some wool on them to keep them warm in this cool library. Please help us.

LIBRARY LINES

National Learn About Butterflies Day is on **Thursday the 14th of March**. This day encourages us to look for a blur of colour. Each year the celebration brings with it an awareness of varieties of butterflies and their importance to our survival.

St. Patrick's Day is on **Sunday the 17th of March**. The challenge from the **11th to 16th of March** is to only read books that have a green cover. The books that have a green cover will be listed in *The Wagin Wool Press* on the 7th of March. How many can you read?

PROGRAMS

Book Club will next be held on Saturday the 3rd of March from 2pm to 4pm. You can be reading any book or audiobook. New members are very welcome and it is free to join.

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?

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 RECOMMENDATIONS

Need some help and inspiration about what you would like to put in the Wagin Woolorama? We have books to inspire you and a few beautiful stories about rural life.

Great Australian Working Dog Stories by Angela Goode and Mike Hayes. This is an adult non-fiction book or for those dog enthusiasts who love stories about dogs. People of the bush regard their working dogs as the nation's greatest asset. Uncomplaining, tough and loyal, they are the only workers that never go on strike. With infectious enthusiasm, they leap on the back of a ute or a motorbike to start the day's work. A beautiful book containing a collection of short stories from farmers around Australia about their loyal companions.



We have received 42 new items in our incoming exchange from February. Here are a couple that you may like to read:

- The Great Undoing by Sharlene Allsopp. This is an adult fiction book. How long can you run from a lie, if the lie is what your life is founded on? In the near future all identity information is encoded in a digital language. Not everyone agrees with this constant surveillance. When the system is hijacked and shut down, all global borders are closed.
- Try Your Best Forget the Rest! by Heath McKenzie. This is a great picture book for parents and children to read together. This book explores scenarios that all young readers will relate to: things that seem possibly hard, need practice or simply require a big effort. We all have that little voice of doubt in our heads, but how do we encourage kids not to let it drown their confidence or stop them from trying new things?





FRIENDS OF THE WAGIN LIBRARY & GALLERY

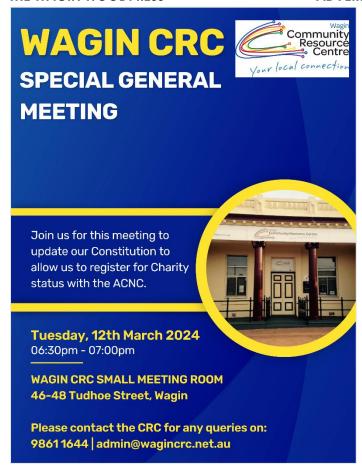
Jessica Hamersley

Well hello to all friends! After a hiatus to allow library staff to settle in to the new premises the Friends group is looking forward to our next meeting on THURSDAY THE 29TH OF FEBRUARY at 2.30pm in the WAGIN LIBRARY & GALLERY.



At this meeting we will be keen for Library staff to report on the success of the changeover to the new setting and how their activities to encourage greater use are going. We also look forward to contributing some ideas about how the WAGIN LIBRARY & GALLERY can better serve our community.

If you have the growth of our WAGIN LIBRARY & GALLERY as a goal for our community, please come along to the meeting. You will be very welcome, and there will even be some yummy afternoon tea!



February 2024

Notice of Change to Rules of Association (Constitution), Wagin Community Resource Centre

This notice is to outline the proposed amendments to the current Rules for the Wagin Community Resource Centre (Constitution). These amendments are necessary to ensure the new tax changes being implemented by the Australian Tax Office on the 1st of July 2024, do not impact the Wagin CRC's ability to operate effectively. To do this, Wagin CRC needs to be identified as a registered Charity by the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) to maintain income tax exemption status.

As of 1 July 2024, non-charities with income tax exemption status will be tested for eligibility every year, and this will include testing if the organisation's purpose fits Division 50 of the ITAA97 (ATO). The best way to minimise the impact of these changes is to become registered as a charity with the ACNC.

Proposed Changes

3 Objectives

Change: Wagin Community Resource Centre is a public institution which has the charitable purpose of advancing social and public welfare by:

- (1) Advancing mental health and preventing social isolation;
- (2) Providing a physical location where it supports individuals to undertake activities, or work on projects, in the company of others.
- (3) Providing accessible, innovative and inclusive services and programs that support all aspects of our community and address issues of disadvantage within the community including but not limited to poverty, health, isolation and unemployment.

Explanation for Change: Current objects and purposes does not stand up under the new Australian Tax rules for income tax exemption status. Proposed change will enable Wagin CRC to be registered as a charitable organisation with ACNC and income tax exemption status would be retained. The ACNC is also applying more scrutiny to organisations on the Charity Register, to ensure that they are organisations with a legitimate charitable purpose. There is a risk that organisations already with charity registration will lose their charity status if later reviewed by the ACNC as having a non-charitable purpose.

5.4 Deciding Membership Applications

Change: Add an additional sentence to (e) – The Committee is not required to provide reasons but must, upon request, be able to demonstrate that the rejection of any membership application was for reasons other than the personal characteristics of the applicant such as, without limitation, their age, race or background.

Explanation for Change: ACNC and ATO need to see no discrimination or barriers for being declined as a member under the new tax rules coming into effect on the 1 July 2024.

21.3 DISSOLUTION

Changes: Add clause: If the association is registered as a Charity at the time of winding up, then in addition to the above, surplus assets must vest in a charity with a similar purpose.

Explanation for Change: Ensures that surplus assets would be redistributed in accordance with ATO requirements.



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DARKAN BOWLING CLUB

Darkan recently held their club singles championships on the 27th and 28th of January, with some close games and good bowls. The winner of the 2023-24 Championship is Graeme Prowse, who defeated George Gray 25/19.

Darkan Bowling hosted a very successful Australia Day carnival on the 26th of January, with 14 teams competing from various clubs. Winners were the Narrogin team of Russell Cowcher, Kevin Harken, Brian Parker and Dave Phelps, pictured with President Mark Wunnenberg and Captain Hayden Lubcke. Runners up were Kojonup.

Thanks to the sponsors who made it a great success: Wool Agency, Darkan Agri, Mitch and Bec Clarke, Elders Darkan, Top Notch Contracting, Bunbury Toyota, Summit Fertilisers, Hardi, Agmaster, Fuel Distributors, Pedericks and Bunge.



Singles Championship Winner Graeme Prowse.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Darkan CWA invite everyone their International Women's Day Event for 2024. This year the event will be held at the Moodiarrup Hall on Wednesday the 6th of March at 6pm. The night will include guest speakers Rosa Tognela, Jen Warburton and Gail McGowan. Tickets for the night will cost \$55 for CWA members or \$65 for non-members. Ticket includes appetisers, light meal, guest speakers, live music and dessert station. Visit trybooking.com/COWGZ purchase your ticket. No door sales on the night.



Australia Day Carnival Winners Team Narrogin.

BADMINTON

Fancy a game of Badminton on a Monday night? Everyone is welcome to the Darkan Town Hall on **Mondays from 6.30pm**. Doubles made up on the night, and BYO racquet if you have one.

RED CARD COMMUNITY FOX SHOOT

The West Arthur Red Card Community Fox Shoot will be held on the 15th to 17th of March. Register now with Graeme Peirce on 0419 765 196 or email graemepeirce@yahoo.com.au. The count commences at 6.30am on Sunday the 17th of March at the Darkan Rifle Club with presentation of prizes and breakfast at 7.30am.

REAL AUSTRALIAN STORIES

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THE GOOD PEOPLE WE MEET

Jeff Stewart

Hello everyone, been a little time since I wrote a story for our paper. I feel everyone has been pretty busy during the last months. The thread for this story once again relates to the values that were instilled into me by my parents and my siblings, namely my older brothers. As I may have mentioned in past letters, I was raised in a middle class blue collar environment. The work ethic was firmly instilled in me from a very early age. This was reflected by both of my parents. As I always explain to my wife to this day, we perhaps have a little more than some, perhaps a little less than others, but our family always had what we needed. As do we at this present time. Namely food, a roof over our head and a good environment to base your future goals upon.

In reference to the above paragraph, other reference points that were firmly instilled into myself by my parents are as follows. I feel it involves how you carry yourself through your life's journey. Firstly, my father instilled in myself that I was not any better than any other human being, but on the same token, no other human being is any better than you. Strong statement. By following this guideline, you can definitely improve not only your world, but perhaps improve a situation for someone else's world. I live by this mantra.

The other reference point that has stayed with me is as follows. My mother stated on more than one occasion, always aspire to treat people in the same manner as you would wish to be treated yourself. Big ask, sometimes even for myself. But, over the years, I feel I have fine-tuned this principle. Never raise your voice in the way of argumentative behaviour. To me, before you speak, you have to listen. I may have mentioned previously, I never give advice, just opinions with which I write these stories.

It would take many years to detail how well these principles have guided me through my life, in being involved with the good people that my wife and I have met and been involved with. After thinking for some time to attach a story that is relevant to this thread, I came up with this yarn. Once again it goes back to my upbringing. To me personally, the ultimate compliment and of course the genuine feeling that somebody wants to be involved with you, is to be invited to a person's residence for a meal and refreshments.

Some years back, my wife and I would be in attendance for a lunchtime meal at Wagin's charity shop on Sundays. We would in most cases share a table with a lady I still see in town called Rachael and her elderly father called Donald. They were involved with horses. Back in the day, Donald was a racehorse jockey and I believe a trainer. We shared good conversation. Out of the blue, my wife and I received an invite to attend, I believe, the 90th birthday of Donald at the residence of Rachael. He was living there with her. Of course we attended, and we were included in the festivities. Family had, I believed, travelled from far and wide to be in attendance. We were privileged. We were thought enough of, and by the mentioned principles I try my best to live by, were welcomed into Rachael's house to share that special day. It is still firmly entrenched in my memory.

In closing, I hope everyone enjoys this Real Australian Story as much as I did writing it and reflecting on it. Until the next story, go well, be safe, and enjoy your lives.



BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE February 2024

When a new year comes around it gives us a chance to focus on ourselves, our drinking habits and the importance of a healthy balanced lifestyle. Speaking with a group of blokes about this, I asked them to have a think about their attitudes towards drinking which one bloke replied, "I just love the taste". This is a fair enough response, and it's also the same problem I have with my kids, who love ice cream and chocolate, but trying to teach them that you don't have it every day takes effort.

The fact that going alcohol-free for a month is seen as a challenge for many, highlights just how prevalent alcohol use is in Australia. Alcohol is our most widely used and most accepted drug, and over time it has formed part of our Aussie culture and identity. Its use and associations are many, including advertising, sport, social occasions, celebrations and within the workplace culture. Peer pressure does not only happen to teenagers! Think of the last time you were encouraged to have a drink when you were not planning to. As Joe E. Lewis once quoted "I distrust camels, and anyone else who can go a week without a drink". There seems to be an underlying normalisation, glamorisation and justification for drinking which is also present in pop-culture, movies (The Hangover) and social media (my friend who posts it's beer o'clock').



- @RMHI_4blokes
- Working with Warriors Podcast
- regionalmenshealth.com.au

Now I am not saying I'm a shining light leading by example when it comes to abstaining from having a drink, my arm is often twisted a bit too easily. We should all take the chance to have a think about our own individual drinking habits, behaviours and attitudes:

- · What example do I set when I drink?
- · How often/how much am I drinking?
- · Is it to relax?
- · Is it to cope or deal with stress?
- · Is it habitual or has it become a dependency?

For those who do enjoy a night out, here are a few points to help reduce unhealthy drinking behaviours:

- · What mood/state of mind am I in before I drink? Alcohol is a depressant but can also enhance negative behaviours i.e. anger, aggression and reckless risk taking;
- · What sort of situation/crowd am I drinking with? Personal safety is up to us! Am I with people I know and trust in a safe environment or am I out with random individuals in a public space?
- · Self-regulate by knowing your limits and plan ahead. Organise a designated driver, take a swag, don't risk it!
- Harm minimisation could involve having a decent meal before going out, serve finger food at parties and remember alcohol dehydrates so drink water before, during and after drinking alcohol:
- Having alcohol-free days is important. At least 2-3 days per week will show two benefits: 1, I can go without a drink and 2, has regenerative effects on the liver (along with many other health benefits).

I recently saw a creative post showing a picture of our political leaders with the caption *No matter who wins they will not fix your life, better plan on doing it yourself.* Like a lot of things in life, and especially alcohol, we can't expect governments and multimillion dollar ad campaigns to reduce the risk, control our use and fix alcohol related problems. Moderation, awareness, responsibility, and balance is the key to our alcohol use.





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Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety



With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annetta Bellingeri

HOW TO SAVE OVER \$1,000 ON YOUR FUEL BILL

We know every dollar counts to Western Australian families right now. I want to share the news that savvy motorists could save more than \$1,200 a year by using the FuelWatch website to shop around before they fill-up.

Independent retailers dominated the top cheapest outlets across WA in 2023. Selling the cheapest fuel in the South West region was Liberty Dalyellup, with an average ULP price of 177.3 cents per litre (cpl). In the Peel region it was Liberty Pinjarra with the cheapest at 172.4 cpl and in the Wheatbelt Burk Williams came in cheapest at 179.8 cpl average.

For those who travel to Perth, FuelWatch data has also revealed independent retailers Vibe, Atlas Fuel, FastFuel 24/7 and Liberty outlets occupied all spots in the top ten of cheapest non-membership outlets across the Perth metropolitan area.

Costco outlets at Perth Airport and Casuarina topped the cheapest list overall, but an annual membership is required to access these sites.

The overall average ULP price in WA last year was 187.4 cpl and for diesel we saw an average of 203.3 cpl. When it comes to diesel, we found country areas often pay less than Perth motorists due to competition. But it's always worth shopping around by using the FuelWatch service.

Long gone are the days of not knowing if the cheap fuel you saw on the way to work will be the same price on the way home. The '24-Hour-Rule', established over 20 years ago, means retailers must tell Consumer Protection by 2pm each day what their fuel price will be for the following day. They must keep that price unchanged for 24 hours from 6am the following day making FuelWatch the only service in Australia that gives you the opportunity to access tomorrow's fuel prices today.

When FuelWatch was introduced in 2001, it also required WA regional fuel retailers to display their prices on visible price boards. This is another way FuelWatch continues to help WA motorists by making sure there are no surprises when they get to the bowser.

We are currently in a weekly petrol price cycle, with Tuesday being the cheapest day to fill up but there are always bargains to be found. It's worth noting, diesel does not follow a price cycle.

It takes less than 30 seconds to check out the FuelWatch website at <u>fuelwatch.wa.gov.au</u> to find the best deal near you, it's also worth considering signing up for personalised alerts or you can access FuelWatch through the State Government's ServiceWA app.



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CASH IS KING... OR IS IT?

"Businesses have to accept legal tender." It's a comment we hear a lot at Consumer Protection, so I wanted to take the opportunity to clear this up and let you know what the law says about it.

Businesses can choose which payment types they accept. It is legal for a business to specify the terms and conditions that they will supply goods and services. This includes whether they will accept cash payment.

However, you must be made aware of these terms and conditions before you make a purchase. This could be a clear sign at the register or door stating the business does not accept cash, or the staff verbally informing you that you can't pay with cash.

We know a lot of people like to pay with cash to avoid credit card surcharges. The good news is there are rules about this too. Card surcharges are permitted under the Australian Consumer Law, however the fee must only reflect what it actually costs the business to process the payment, such as bank fees or terminal costs. If a business charges a payment surcharge, it must be able to prove the costs it is based on.

If there is no other way for you to pay without incurring a surcharge, then the business must include the fee in the total cost. For example, your local café charges \$5 for a coffee, but they do not accept cash, and all card payments are surcharged. Then it is not possible for you to buy that coffee at \$5. If the surcharge is 1% then the price displayed must clearly be \$5.05 so you can easily tell how much your coffee really costs.

While the costs associated with taking card payments is obvious, there are also costs for dealing in cash. Handling cash costs businesses in time and wages.

Remember, purchasing goods or services is entering into an agreement with a seller. You do not have to agree to make the purchase if the payment methods aren't acceptable to you. But, it is legal for the business to refuse to accept cash so long as they have made this clear.

If you believe a business is breaching the rules, it's best to broach it with them first. Should negotiations fail, contact Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54, or email <u>consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au</u>.



Kaylor Andrews

Wheatbelt Regional Education Officer Cancer Council Western Australia Kaylor.Andrews@cancerwa.asn.au cancerwa.asn.au

Are you up to date with your bowel cancer screening?

Cancer Council WA is calling for more West Australians to complete the free lifesaving bowel cancer screening test, with figures showing only 4 in 10 eligible Australians are participating in Australia's National Bowel Cancer Screening Program.

Bowel cancer is Australia's second biggest cancer killer. Many people don't realise it kills more Australians each year than breast, prostate or skin cancer.

When you receive the Home Test Kit, don't put it in the cupboard and forget about it – delaying can so easily become ignoring, forgetting, and ultimately not doing the test.



The test is quick, simple and you can complete it in the comfort of your own home. Over 90 per cent of bowel cancer cases can be successfully treated if caught in the early stages.

To find out more about the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program or to order a free replacement kit, go to **bowelcancer.org.au** or call **1800 627 701** for more information.





When UV is 3 or above be SunSmart.

But how do you know when?

Use the free SunSmart Global UV App!

The sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the major cause of skin cancer. UV cannot be seen or felt and can damage your skin on cool or cloudy days. The sun protection times tell you when UV is forecast to reach 3 and above, that's the time to be SunSmart.







Find Skin Cancer Early

Common skin cancer symptoms:

- A new spot or mole on your skin that is red, pale or pearly in colour
- A spot that is different from other spots on your skin
- Any crusty or non-healing sores
- Any spots, freckles or any moles changing in size (width), thickness (height), colour, or shape

Get to know your skin and what's normal for you, particularly if you're over 40 years of age. If you notice any of these symptoms or any other unusual changes, tell you doctor without delay.

If it's skin cancer, the earlier it's found, the greater the chance of successful treatment.

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SPORTS NEWS

SPORTS IN WAGIN

BADMINTON



Mandy Harrington: How good is baddy? Great turnout for our last night of badminton. Congratulations to Amy and Micheal who beat Jonathon and Holly in a very close final.

WAGIN BOWLING CLUB

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



Congratulations to Warren Holt, winner of the 2024 Mens Singles over Ross Old 25:14.



Congratulations to Kim Davidson winning the Plate event over Blake Riches 21:5.



Ladies Championship Singles winner Jenny Ewen and runner up Coral Davies.



Pairs winners Lorraine Carter and Fe Thompson with runner ups Coral Davies and Winnie Hicks.

WAGIN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

B GRADE

Sandra Moffatt (B Grade – Saturday 17th February)

After two weeks of less-than-ideal defeats, the Wagin District Cricket Club were keen to make amends against Towns in Saturday's game at the Clayton Road Oval in Narrogin.

Towns have both an A Grade and B Grade team and, with the A Grade having a bye, the B Grade team welcomed some big names into their side. However, it doesn't matter how big their names are, they will never be as big as the Wagin all-rounders Nuwan Darshika Samarakoon Singappuli Arachchige and Kavindu Gamith Indeewara Chandrasena Pallik Kondage.

Clayton Oval and its turf pitch were looking superb. A T20 Match was held there the evening before, between the Old Dogs and Young Guns of the Upper Great Southern Cricket Association. Kavindu Chandrasena was a last minute call up for the Old Dogs team. He was awarded the match ball for his two great catches and one clean bowl to help steer the Old Dogs to victory. Another reason he was awarded the match ball was because he was absolutely barbecued to be run out during his batting campaign. However, such barbecues aren't witnessed during Wagin batting innings so Chandrasena was full of confidence for the Towns vs Wagin game.

Captain Dwight Kellow maintained form and lost the toss and out went the Wagin team to field. Chandrasena and Samarakoon opened the bowling and despite the Towns batters smacking a few away early, Samarakoon broke through for the first wicket just towards the

end of the third over, clean bowling Chris Bettely. Ben March then came to the crease. With a couple of centuries under his belt already this season, it was a wonderful sight for Wagin when after five runs he smacked the ball straight to Drew McAuliffe for an assured catch. A couple more Towns batters came and went rather quickly. They were sitting 4/33 at the start of the ninth over.



McAuliffe and Jax Moffatt then took over the bowling. McAuliffe's spin was causing the Towns batters some confusion, as was Moffatts variation of pace. However, the batsmen in Hardie and Fowler were hard to shift. It was at the end of the 17th over that Moffatt timed his delivery well, and Hardie hit the ball straight to a waiting CJ Whitelam who had been at an intensive fielding clinic during the week. Towns were now 5/74, and a few overs later progressed to 6/81 when Moffatt clean bowled Fowler.

Dylan Kellow was then brought in to bowl. Kellow possesses a secret power in that the adult batsmen appear to "go easy on the kid" for the first couple of balls until they realise the kid can bowl and does so very well. The batsmen then realise they have their work cut out for them. Kellow claimed three beautiful wickets and finished with 3/22 off 4.1 overs. When he claimed his last wicket, clean bowling Towns' #10 batsman, Towns had posted a total of 133 from 33.1 overs at the crease. Special mention goes to Samarakoon who took two beautiful leaping overhead catches in what was a much improved fielding display from the Wagin team.

Jamo Davidson and Dwight Kellow opened the Wagin batting campaign. While Davidson always looks a picture of athleticism, it was Kellow who ran and ran like Forrest Gump. Kellow ran three runs three times! The pair sent the run rate rocketing up and it wasn't until halfway through the 10th over that Towns claimed a wicket. Kellow was caught on 17 runs and McAuliffe then came in to bat.

Davidson was in good touch and was playing beautiful shots all over the ground. His wicket finally fell at the end of the 24th over when some spin bowling struck his pad and it was judged lbw. This was the first time Davidson had ever got out on an lbw. However, with Mumma Trace in attendance bringing good luck, he had managed to score a magnificent 57 runs off 71 deliveries. This included 8 boundaries. At this stage Wagin were 2/112 and well on track to claim the victory.

McAuliffe and Ron Amour then guided the team to just 3 runs shy of the required total, when they decided to retire to let the junior Kellows, Dylan and Rohan have a turn at the crease. McAuliffe retired on 48 and Amour was on 2. Against the bowling of a Towns

youngster, Dylan made a single and, with young Rohan on strike, he smashed it away and the boys ran the two runs needed for a Wagin victory with a score of 3/134 after 30.2 overs.

The win was much needed for Wagin's finals hopes and it has now lifted them to fourth place on the ladder. The team will now face Cuballing and Kukerin-Dumbleyung for the last two games of the season.

PIESSEVILLE DANCE CLUB

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WAGIN GUN CLUB

Sunday 24th March, 9.30am ISSF Trap Qualifier

SALTBUSH CARNIVAL

Sam West

On the weekend of February the 9th to 11th, the Wagin Clay Target Club held its annual Saltbush Carnival. Participants came from as far away as Carnarvon and Esperance to brave the sweltering heat of over 40 degrees Celsius.

The Wagin club would like to extend its thanks to the sponsors and all members and volunteers who contributed to a well-run weekend. Congratulations to all the winners and those who completed a personal best.

"A big thank you to the hard-working Wagin team for providing us an awesome weekend of shooting hospitality", commented Mark Normington. "Yes it was hot but well worth the trip. Great atmosphere. Well done to all."

SASH WINNERS

Nutrien 25 Pair Double Rise: Royce Normington 49/50 Dohnbouillet Merino 30 Points Koonac Cup:

Paul Luis 108/108

The Moffatt Family 30 Single Barrel Past Members

Trophy: Guiseppe Mezzatesta 30/30

Betterwear Welding 50 Double Barrel Special:

Eric Featherstone 175/175

75t Business People of Wagin Medley:

Cameron Browne 125/125

30t Claas Continental: Eric Featherstone 66/66

Phil Becker Memorial Cup: Cameron Browne 155/155

Ladies High Gun: Tegan Stanley 298/325 Junior High Gun: Jax Moffatt 288/325 Veterans High Gun: Neil Suckling 324/335

C Grade High Gun: Clay Simpson-Smith 307/325

B Grade High Gun: Leanne Knight 303/325



President Eric Featherstone presenting Overall High Gun to Royce Normanton – Kalgoorlie.

A Grade High Gun: Gary Scott 306/325 AA Grade High Gun: Paul Luis 319/325

Overall High Gun: Royce Normington 320/325

GREAT SOUTHERN KART CLUB

Saturday 2nd March Glen Ward Memorial Racing from 3pm Sunday 3rd March Race Day Sunday Racing from 9am

WAGIN NETBALL CLUB

GRDC FUNDRAISER

Londa Finlayson

Thanks everyone for your contributions and help in last week's pre-season Grains Research and Development Corporation fundraiser!

Special thanks to Laura Hutton-Storer for coordinating and making this happen.



2024 NETBALL REGISTRATIONS

Londa Finlayson

Welcome to the season of exciting gameplay, club collaborations and fun for all.

Please help us get the season started smoothly and seamlessly by registering now. Juniors need to be registered by the 13th of March; teams will be submitted that night. Seniors need to be registered by the 13th of March also and attend at least one trial date.

These QR codes will take you directly to PlayHQ. Kidsport needs to be applied for *prior* to registering. Any questions, please contact our President Jodie Sercombe on 0424 379 516. Here's to a great netball year!





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TUE 27	ANNE	MAURIE
WED 28	JOYCE	CHRISTINE
THU 29	MIKE	MIKE
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FEBRUARY 2024

WAGIN COMMUNITY CALENDAR



SATURDAY 3	Next Goal Wins @ Theatre 2pm & 6.30pm Dance @ Piesseville 7.30pm	10	Sallbush Carnival @ Gun Club Wagin/Woody Fox Shoot Book Club @ Library 12pm Catholic Church 6pm Vineyard Church 6.30pm	17	Random Acts of Kindness Day Wonka @ Cinema 2pm & 6.30pm 2 Wheels to Wagin @ Rodeo from 5pm Catholic Church 6pm	24	Vineyard Prayer Retreat Combined Garage Sale © Ventnor St 9am-12pm Catholic Church 6pm		
FRIDAY 2	Playgroup & Toy Library @ Eric Farrow 9am Story Time @ Library 1.30pm Next Goal Wins @ Theatre 6.30pm	6	Saltbush Carnival @ Gun Club Wagin/Woody Fox Shoot Services Australia @ Town Square 9cm-3pm Playgroup: Craft & Toy Library @ Efic Farrow 9cm Story Time @ Library 1.30pm	91	Playgroup & Toy Library ® Eric Farrow 9am Meeting ® CWA 10am Story Time ® Library 1.30pm AGM ® CWA 2pm Wonka ® Cinema 6.30pm	23	Vineyard Prayer Retreat Playgroup: Story Time & Toy Library @ Eric Farrow 9am Story Time @ Library 1.30pm		NOTES:
THURSDAY 1	Chair Exercises © Catholic Hall 9.30am Communifed Hub © Wesley Hall 10am-1pm Twilight Bowls © Bowling Club 5pm	80	The Wagin Wool Press Chair Exercises @ Catholic Hall 9.30am Communited Hub @ Wesley Hall 10am-1pm Milo Crickef @ Rec Cenite 3.15pm Twilight Bowls @ Bowling Club 5pm	51	Chair Exercises @ Catholic Hall 9.30am Communified Hub @ Wesley Hall 10am-1pm Grower Forum @ Eric Farrow 3pm Milo Crickef @ Rec Centre 3.15pm Twilight Bowls @ Bowling Club 5pm P&C AGM ® School 6pm	22	The Wagin Wool Press Uniform Shop @ School 8.45-10am Chair Exercises @ Catholic Hall 9.30am Communifea Hub @ Wesley Hall 10am-1pm Milo Crickef @ Rec Centre 3.15pm Twilight Bowls @ Bowling Club 5pm	29	Chair Exercises @ Catholic Hall 9.30am Communificat Hub @ Wesley Hall 10am-1pm Meeting @ Library 2.30pm Milo Cricket @ Rec Centre 3.15pm Twilight Bowls 5pm
WEDNESDAY		7	Arts & Craff Group © Community Centre 10am Story Time © Library 10am	14	Valentine's Day C Library Lover's Day @ Library Blind Date with a Book @ Library Arts & Craff Group @ Community Centre 10am Story Time @ Library 10am	21	Junior Coaching @ Tennis Club Lincolns Beyond Numbers @ Rec Centre 10am Arts & Craff Group @ Community Centre 10am Story Time @ Library 10am	28	Forkliff Assessment @ CRC 8am Junior Coaching @ Tennis Club Arts & Craff Group @ Community Centre 10am Story Time @ Library 10am
TUESDAY	18—Co-op Workshop ® Uniting Ch. 22-25—The Dry 2 ® Theatre 24—ISSF Trap Qual. ® Gun Club 28—Wagin Cup ® Trotting Club 29—Good Friday Public Holiday 31—Easter Sunday Public Holiday	9	Pay a Compliment Day Book Club for Children @ Library 3.30pm	13	Board Game Affernoon @ Library 3.30pm Youth Art Workshop @ 4pm Electors AGM @ Shire 6.30pm Meeting @ Youth Centre 6.30pm	20	Craff Workshop @ Community Centre 10am Book Club for Children @ Library 3.30pm Meeting @ CRC 6pm Hockey AGM @ Club 6.30pm Meeting @ Youth Centre 6.30pm	27	Homecare Xmas @ Lesser Hall Forkliff Assessment @ CRC 8am Book Club for Children @ Library 3.30pm Council Meeting @ Shire 7pm
MONDAY	8-9 – Woolorama @ Showgrounds 8 – Trip @ District Club 9 – Woolorama Rodeo 12 – Paint & Sip with Linda @ CRC 15 – Footy Club Sale @ Marleys 17 – Golden Lens Comp Closes	5	Stay Active @ Rec Centre 9am Badminton @ Rec Centre 6pm Volunteer BBQ @ SES 6pm Next Goal Wins @ Theatre 6.30pm	12	Interm Swimming Lessons Begin @ School Stay Active @ Rec Centre 9am COS Parenting Program Begins @ Online 10am Camera Club @ CRC 7pm	19	Pilot Refresher @ CRC Stay Active @ Rec Centre 9am Wonka @ Cinema 6.30pm Chamber Meeting @ Club 7pm	26	Premier's Book Awards Close Stay Active @ Rec Centre 9am Training @ SES 6.30pm
SUNDAY	MARCH EVENTS: 1-World Prayer @ Uniting Church 1-Assembly @ School 2-3-Gen Ward Memorial @ GSKC 4-Labour Day Public Holiday 8-Staff Day @ School	4	Catholic Church 8am Anglican Church 9am Baptist Church 10.30am	11	Saltbush Carnival @ Gun Club Fox Shoot Breakfast Tally @ Wagin 7am Anglican Church 9am Uniting Church 9 Wardah 9.15am & Church 10.15am Baptist Church 10.30am	18	Anglican Church 9am Uniting Church 10.15am Baptist Church 10.30am	25	Vineyard Prayer Refreat Anglican Church 9am Unifing Church ® Waratah 9.15am & Church 10.15am Baptist Church 10.30am