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CWA AT WOOLORAMA

Linda Wirth

The Country Women's Association ladies have been representing the Association at Wagin Woolorama for over 45 years. This is the 100th year of CWA in Western Australia, so our presence at the 51st Woolorama was a celebratory one, including our annual catering of the dining room, a CWA of WA Centenary display, and a visit from our Joint Patrons the Governor of WA Chris Dawson and Mrs Darilyn Dawson.

The Wagin branch of CWA, with the assistance of Tambellup, Darkan, Nyabing, Beverley and Woodanilling branches, catered in the dining room at Woolorama. There was a steady flow of patrons enjoying morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas.

Being the Centenary, Governor Chris Dawson and Mrs Darilyn Dawson visited the dining room for afternoon tea, along with our president Joy Kalbus. Also at the table was Mrs Hazel Toovey, who is the long-time member of Wagin CWA.

CWA of WA said, "We are proud to have Governor of Western Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson AC APM and his wife Mrs Darilyn Dawson as our joint patrons."

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WAGIN CRC CALENDAR

▪ Share the Dignity	March		Donations
▪ Closed – Good Friday	Friday 29 th March		
▪ Closed – Easter Monday	Monday 1 st April		
▪ Anzac Day Craft for Kids	Wed 3 rd April	10.30am	Gold coin
▪ Wheatbelt Connect	Tue 9 th April	12pm-2pm	Free
▪ Forklift License Assessment	Thu 11 th & Fri 12 th April	8am-4.30pm	\$81.40 (book by 4 th)
▪ Camera Club	Mon 15 th April	7pm	Free
▪ Legal Topics for Seniors	Friday 19 th April	10am-12pm	Free
▪ Wagin CRC Meeting	Monday 22 nd April	6.30pm	Free
▪ Ladies' Lego Night	Wednesday 24 th April	6pm	\$130 (pay by 10 th)
▪ Food Handling	Upon request		\$30
▪ HR & MC Truck Licence	April/May		Register interest

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share the dignity

March 2024 Dignity Drive

The Wagin CRC is accepting donations of any menstrual hygiene products through the month of March.

What to donate?



Pads and tampons



reusable products (i.e. menstruation cups)



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3rd April
2024



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Ladies Leg® Night

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RSVP's by 10th April 2024.











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Each year the Wagin churches get together just before sunrise on Easter Sunday at Noring Lake to watch and wait for the sun to come up in order to remember that Jesus Christ our Lord has risen and is alive today!!!!.....

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The Wagin Woolorama committee and staff thank all our patrons, exhibitors, volunteers, sponsors, and community members for their outstanding contribution to our 120th Wagin Agricultural Society Show.

See you in 2025!



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Shire of Wagin Community News

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Expressions of Interest open for Shire Townscape & Tourism Advisory Committee

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are now open for the Townscape & Tourism Advisory Committee, with keen community members encouraged to get involved.

Council Advisory Committees play a vital role in shaping our Wagin community. For more information, please visit our website www.wagin.wa.gov.au

Anyone passionate about this area can express their interest in joining a group by emailing shire@wagin.wa.gov.au



Spay it Forward is a program that provides WA concession card holders with access to subsidised sterilization microchipping for their pet cats and dogs through partnerships with veterinary practices around WA. Those eligible for the program must be a resident of Western Australia, an owner over 18 years of age, and a concession card holder.

How does the program work?

1. Complete an online application www.wapetproject.com.au/spay-it-forward/
2. Spay it Forward contact you and create a sterilisation plan
3. You are sent a sterilization voucher.
4. You take your pet to be sterilised.



COMMUNITY BUDGET REQUESTS 2024/2025 – OPEN NOW!

The Shire of Wagin is inviting Community Groups and Organisations to submit their applications for Council contributions to community projects. Shire contributions of up to \$10,000 in value will be considered by Council as Community Budget Requests for 2024/2025. Applications must be in writing and demonstrate positive contribution to the Wagin community. Applications over \$10,000 will only be considered on a one-third Council Contribution / two-thirds Applicant / Grant Contribution basis. Application forms are available at the Shire of Wagin's Administration Office or via the web www.wagin.wa.gov.au. Applications close Friday 17 May 2024.



Restricted Burning Period

The Shire of Wagin is now in a
Restricted Burning Period:
15th March to 30th April inclusive.

During the Restricted Burning Period, permits to burn are required. These may be obtained from the Local Volunteer Fire Control Officer, for your area or the Shire of Wagin if the property is within the Fire & Rescue District. A List of FCO's can be found on our website.

When to obtain a permit:

- For burning bush and grass
- For burning small heaps of garden refuse
- Sunday Burning is discouraged

These times may be varied by the Shire of Wagin depending on seasonal conditions. Changes will be publicized in local papers and on the Shire of Wagin website.



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Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting of the Wagin Bushfire Advisory Committee is to be held on Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at the Shire of Wagin Council Chambers commencing at 7.00pm.

Cr Phillip Blight
Shire President

Notice of Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting

A Committee meeting of the Local Emergency Management Committee is to be held on Wednesday 10 April 2024 at the Council Chambers, Shire of Wagin, commencing 7pm.
Or via Teams online (contact Shire for details)

Cr Phillip Blight
Shire President



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER PART-TIME POSITION

Looking for interesting work that fosters positive community change in the Shire of Wagin? This could be your perfect way to start a career in local government. The Community Development Officer delivers progressive projects, applies for grants, and builds connections across Wagin and beyond. Share your expertise and learn on the job – be part of a cohesive, impactful team and make a real difference.

Working alongside the Community Liaison Officer, you'll implement council projects and scout grant opportunities. Strong computer skills, a positive attitude, and excellent time management and organisational abilities are essential. All backgrounds are valued.

Essential:

- National Police Check and Working with Children Criminal Check (costs reimbursed if obtained in the last three months)
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and professionalism
- Valid motor vehicle driver's license

This role offers a fantastic opportunity to kick-start a career in local government. We understand the importance of work-life balance, and we can accommodate school hours if needed.

A competitive salary for part-time hours (minimum of twenty hours per week) will be negotiated with the successful applicant. The position description can be downloaded from the shire's official website or viewed at the administration office, 2 Arthur Rd Wagin.

For confidential inquiries, contact Mr John Fathers at 9861 1177 or via ceo@wagin.wa.gov.au.

Applications are open until close of business Friday, April 12th, and can be hand-delivered to the Shire Administration Office at 2 Arthur Rd Wagin, or by submitted by email to ceo@wagin.wa.gov.au. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Dr Kenneth Parker
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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Back in the Day

Article: Daily News, 5 June 1937



This meteorite, which fell near Wagin seven years ago, took three men to lift it today, when it was brought to Perth, where it will be exhibited. Its ore content is not yet known; it may contain gold. Mr. H. S. Goldsmith (above), of Wagin, is arranging the exhibition.

WAGIN METEORITE IN PERTH

A large meteorite which fell near Wagin seven years ago reached Perth today.

A rock-like, irregular mass about a foot long and a foot and a half wide, it took three hefty men to lift it. Heavy blows from a hammer failed to make any impression upon it, only the clatter of metal against metal resulting.

Officials of the Observatory and the Museum have shown much interest in it, and it will shortly be on view in a city establishment.

Hurting from the sky and at an oblique angle to the earth, the meteorite fell during an afternoon in April, 1930. It was discovered by Mr. Frank Quinn at a point 15½ miles north-east of Wagin.

PIECE OF SHALE

A small portion of the meteorite sent to Perth for examination was shown to contain five per cent. of nickel, the remainder being iron.

Today Mr. H. S. Goldsmith, who is making arrangements for its exhibition in Perth, said that the small portion sent away for analysis was only a piece of shale which had been broken off with great difficulty.

Analysis of the shale could not be taken as a true estimate of the minerals in the whole of the meteorite.

Mr. Goldsmith said he understood that aluminium, copper, tin, sodium, potassium and occasionally gold had been found in meteorites, and possibly this one might contain a proportion of some of these metals.

Arrangements are being made for the exhibition of the Wagin meteorite in a city store. A weight-guessing competition is also proposed, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the Wagin Ambulance Fund.

WAGIN WEATHER FORECAST

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Thu 21 st	Fri 22 nd	Sat 23 rd	Sun 24 th	Mon 25 th	Tue 26 th	Wed 27 th
						
26°/13°	25°/12°	25°/11°	26°/11°	28°/10°	30°/11°	33°/12°
 0%	 0%	 0%	 0%	 0%	 0%	 0%

11K CONTAINERS RECYCLED FROM WOOLORAMA

Norm Chilcott, All Good Refund Depot

A shout out to the All Good Refund Depot Containers for Change (AGRD C4C) team who recently retrieved 11,469 containers from the Wagin Woolorama. Thank you to team members who donated time over the three days before and after.



Now \$1,146.90 has gone back to the Wagin Agricultural Society for future events! This service was completely sponsored, orchestrated and funded by All Good Refund Depot C4C. We believe the major portion of the containers were saved from landfill. Local government yellow top bins with plastic liners ended up at the refuse site unfortunately. As we have each year, we will continue to try to have this habit changed. Landfill should be the last resort. Event services: call our office team on 9861 2500 if you would like this service from AGRD C4C to happen at your events.

A quick housekeeping note: we have had numerous accounts saying bank details not complete. This means you will see a refund note via email but payment will have nowhere to go until you enable your bank's details, PayPal, nominated charity, etc. So please check your account dashboard or C4C app to make sure payment details are complete. Due to privacy laws we can only help you to a point. Remember, we love TOPS OFF. Cheers.

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Linda Wirth

Page 1 – Top: CWA of WA CEO Trish Langdon, with CWA of WA Patrons Governor Chris Dawson and Mrs Darrilyn Dawson.

Page 1 – Middle: Volunteers from multiple CWA branches, including (rightmost) Margaret Sullivan of Varley CWA, CWA of WA President 2003-2006.

Page 1 – Bottom: Wagin CWA President Joy Kalbus and Secretary Keira Karafilis.

The CWA of WA's Woolorama display featured a Centenary backdrop, with thanks to Barrett Exhibition Group and CSBP sponsorship.

"Our ladies are well and truly whizzing all over the State to represent our wonderful Association at all these fantastic events", said CWA of WA.

Wagin CWA expresses a big thank you to everyone who helped with our event at Woolorama, including the many volunteers who prepared for and ran the dining room. It is most appreciated.

Government House of Western Australia commented positively on the Governor and Mrs Dawson's day at the Show, encouraging everyone to put it in their diaries for 2025.

"There was a buzz in the air as the community came together, to not only 'show off' the best bred animals and produce, but to learn about the latest in agricultural developments and technology, browse the wide variety of displays and exhibitions, and enjoy the immense range of food and entertainment on offer. You could even test your personal Methane output!

"Meeting with the many staff, committee, volunteers and exhibitors that made the two day event possible, the Governor and Mrs Dawson thanked them all for their tireless efforts in making the 120th Wagin Agricultural Show event a huge success once again."

Further Centenary celebrations will include the opening of the 'CWA – 100 Years in WA' exhibition in Darkan on Saturday the 20th of April.

"Come along to the award-winning Shire of West Arthur Betty Brown Historical Centre and enjoy morning tea with the CWA State CEO Trish Langdon, and State President Anne Gething, followed by the official opening of the exhibition", CWA of WA recently announced.

"The exhibition will include early editions of the CWA cookbook and will feature prominent local women who contributed to CWA.

"The day will be attended by many past and present CWA members and local community members. Come and reconnect with a local community and celebrate the contribution of CWA to rural communities throughout WA."

The Shire of West Arthur, West Arthur Community and Resource Centre invite you to the official opening, which will include a morning tea and will have special anniversary items for sale. West Arthur CRC has shared more information about the event on Page 37.

NEXT GEN LAMBING PLANNER APP LAUNCHED AT WOOLORAMA

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

An upgraded version of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's (DPIRD's) award winning Lambing Planner app was launched at Wagin Woolorama 2024.

New features have been added and functionality improvements made to the popular sheep management tool to make it more user friendly and efficient.

The free app assists producers to examine the impact of lambing and joining dates on management activities at key times during the reproductive cycle to improve operational efficiency and flock potential.

"The refresh takes the Lambing Planner app to the next level, adding more value to this useful digital tool", DPIRD development officer Katherine Davies said.

"A great new feature is the choice to register an account, allowing reminders to be sent for upcoming tasks, such as ram in and out dates, pregnancy scanning and lamb marking, and ordering supplies.

"Registration also enables users to save plans to the cloud so they can be accessible on other devices.

"There is also the option to mark tasks as complete, include notes to each task, add plans to their digital calendar and to share plans as a PDF or directly to another Lambing Planner app user."

The app still has useful information on ewe and ram nutrition, condition score targets at different stages and reproductive management, alongside a short best practice guide for lambing with links to further information.

A short instructional video is also available, as part of the app and online, to guide users through the changes and how to get the most out of the app.

The previous version of the app has been downloaded more than 10,000 times on Apple devices across Australia, as well as internationally by users in China, the United States, United Kingdom, South Africa and beyond.

The app has come a long way since its origins as a paper based tool, developed by the department and the ASHEEP & BEEF grower group, with support from Meat & Livestock Australia and Australian Wool Innovation.

ASHEEP & BEEF chairman David Vandenberghe said the Lambing Planner was one of the group's founding products, which continues to assist sheep producers to optimise flock fertility – a driving force to increased profitability.

"The paper based product was built in 2003 as a tool to guide producers through a sequencing formula, where one hundred per cent lambing outcomes were an expectation – not a surprise", he said.

"Producers, researchers and industry continue to raise the bar on lambing outcomes so the latest round of updates is important to bring in new information and functionality to keep moving forward."

The app won gold at the 2017 TECH Design Awards and is one of the department's most popular digital tools.

The updated Lambing Planner app is free to download on iOS and the update will soon be available for Android devices.

For more information and links to download, visit this QR code.

The paper based tool is still available from DPIRD's Katanning office by emailing katanning.customerservicecoordinator@dpiird.wa.gov.au or telephoning 9821 3333.



**DPIRD development officer
Katherine Davies with the next-
generation Lambing Planner app.**



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WAGIN WOOLORAMA

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

7PM MONDAY 25TH MARCH 2024



Come along and share your thoughts and ideas to the success of the 2024 Woolorama.

The Public Information Meeting will be held at the Woolorama Boardroom at 7pm on Monday the 25th of March 2024.

The General Committee meeting will be held straight after the Public Meeting.

Paul Powell
 President
 Wagin Woolorama

DPIRD WEATHER STATION NETWORK NEXT GEN UPGRADE

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's (DPIRD's) weather station network has received a technology upgrade, ensuring the popular weather service can continue to operate effectively in the future.

A total of 173 weather stations across Western Australia were recently upgraded from 3G to 4G, which together with 19 existing 4G stations will ensure a continued, uninterrupted service when Telstra switches off the 3G network later this year.

The upgrade included stations in the Mid West, Peel, Wheatbelt, Great Southern and Goldfields-Esperance regions, as well as sites near Carnarvon and Kununurra.



DPIRD farming systems innovation director David Ferris (pictured centre) said the move to the 4G network provided an opportunity for the department to invest in lasting, high-grade equipment.

"The locally made Unidata CatM-1 technology is a form of Low Power Wide Area Network technology, known as LPWN, which provides superior coverage and increased speeds for Internet of Things, or IoT, devices and applications", Mr Ferris said.

"This investment will ensure regional businesses and residents throughout the State have a high quality service they can rely on for years to come."

DPIRD's first weather station was installed at Jerramungup in 1982, as part of a research project, which has now grown to a network of 192 stations from Kununurra to east of Esperance.

The weather data, available for free via the department's website, includes air temperature, humidity, rainfall, wind speed and direction, with most stations also measuring incoming solar radiation to calculate evaporation.

DPIRD's weather webpages attract around 20,000 visitors per month, including farmers and pastoralists who rely on the information to guide critical day-to-day decisions.

Ag-tech companies also use the weather data via the department's Application Programming Interface (API), which receives about six million data requests each month.

Mr Ferris said DPIRD was committed to continuous improvement to help industry, government and the community across WA access vital weather data to boost business productivity and profitability, as well as essential services.

"Summer provides a salient reminder of how important weather data is to regional communities, guiding harvest and livestock management, as well as responses to fires, storms and flooding", he said.

"We've had great feedback from landholders and communities that have integrated weather data into their operations, which we use to refine the service to ensure it adapts to the needs of users."

DPIRD released a new iOS version of its Weather Stations app late last year and the new Android version will be available mid-2024.



The DPIRD's weather data can be accessed for free online by using the left QR code or via the DPIRD Weather Stations app by using the right QR code.



COOK GOVERNMENT GRANTS BACK COMMUNITY CONSERVATION

Cook Labor Government

The Cook Government yesterday announced \$7 million through the 2024 Community Stewardship Grants to support Natural Resource Management (NRM) initiatives which protect and restore Western Australia's unique environment.

The long-running grants program backs community-led land and water conservation initiatives spanning coastal, agricultural, pastoral, urban, bushland and marine environments across the State.

"The State Government recognises the value of local knowledge, volunteer efforts and good partnerships in conserving WA's unique, natural assets", said Agriculture and Food Minister Jackie Jarvis.

"The Community Stewardship Grants program builds community capacity in natural resource management, supports on-ground local community action and leverages significant volunteer effort to conserve our environment.

"We all have a role to play in conserving our unique landscape for the next generation and I encourage NRM groups to explore the grants program."

The program is open to a wide range of groups, including NRM groups, local government authorities, Aboriginal organisations, Community Resource Centres, Recognised Biosecurity Groups and schools.

"Community groups play an important role in maintaining and improving WA's precious waterways", commented Water Minister Simone McGurk.

"A great recent example is a local project bringing together five community groups to coordinate rehabilitation activities for the Beeliam Wetlands, including weed control, revegetation and mapping."

Small grants of between \$1,000 and \$50,000 are available for short term projects, with large grants of between \$50,000 and \$450,000 available for longer term activities.

Over the past six years, \$45.5 million worth of Community Stewardship Grants have supported more than 400 grassroots not-for-profit and volunteer groups that care for the State's diverse and valuable natural assets.

Projects have included landcare capacity building, wetlands and catchment rehabilitation, dieback control, weed management, and protection of threatened species such as black cockatoos, western ringtail possum and Carter's freshwater mussel.



Carnaby's black cockatoo. Photo by Angus Spencer, Albany.

"I commend the many grassroots groups across Western Australia who are dedicated to delivering important environmental outcomes for their local areas and communities", said Environment Minister Reece Whitby.

"It has been great to see a growing number of First Nations landcare projects supported through this program in recent years, including the Noongar Land Enterprise Group which is repairing ecosystems and biodiversity across degraded land in the South West and Wheatbelt."

For more information and to apply for a Community Stewardship Grant visit bit.ly/StateNRM. Applications close on the 20th of May 2024.

COOK GOVERNMENT DRIVING CARBON FARMING IN WA

Cook Labor Government

The Cook Government is providing \$2.77 million in funding to help future-proof Western Australia's vital agriculture industry through carbon farming.

Carbon farming refers to activities that sequester carbon and store it in trees and soil over the long term.

In WA carbon farming is an emerging industry with huge potential to make a positive difference in the face of climate change.

The latest round of funding from the Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program was announced today at the Nannup Truffle Farm, where a Cook Government-supported revegetation project is already underway.

"It's great to see how the Nannup Truffle Farm has transformed its operations with the support of the Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program", said Agriculture and Food Minister Jackie Jarvis.

"Initiatives like this are not only helping farmers to restore the land but diversify their income by generating carbon credits.

"The Cook Government is committed to sustainability, supporting farmers and future-proofing WA's vital agriculture industry."



Protect
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Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program – Round 3 now open

Access financial assistance to start a carbon farming project

The program supports landowners in the South West Land Division to:

- Develop new revegetation, agroforestry or soil carbon farming projects.
- Access financial assistance to establish a project with a minimum 30% cash co-contribution.

Regional workshops are available to assist farmers to plan a project and prepare a successful application.

Applications close at 12 noon on Monday 20 May 2024.

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Scan the QR code to learn more or visit agric.wa.gov.au/CF-LRP



In 2023, 16,500 local native eucalypt seedlings were planted on 10 hectares of degraded land to sequester carbon, while improving soil health and biodiversity.

The carbon farming project has also helped to reduce the risk of algal blooms in an adjacent dam used to irrigate the truffle orchard.

Fresh funding from the Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program is now available to farmers, the agroforestry industry, Aboriginal landowners and community and natural resource management organisations.

Indigenous landowners, ranger groups and service providers are encouraged to be involved as part of the program's commitment to economic and cultural co-benefits.

Submissions are also invited from agroforestry projects that contribute to the future of the State's timber supplies.

"This is a win for WA farmers, it's a win for the State Government's decarbonisation strategy and it's a win for the environment", commented Warren-Blackwood MLA Jane Kelsbie.

"I particularly encourage Aboriginal landowners and ranger groups in the Warren-Blackwood electorate to attend the workshops in the coming weeks to see how you can benefit from this program."

More than \$3.8 million has already been invested by the Cook Government to support 16 soil and vegetation carbon farming projects since 2022.

These projects will not only generate carbon credits for the State but also landowners.

They aim to remove an estimated 660,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere over the next 25 years, equivalent to removing more than 25,000 cars off WA roads every year.

In addition, more than 100 Carbon for Farmers Vouchers have been provided to help farmers develop carbon farming projects.

A series of workshops will be held in coming weeks to help landholders understand the benefits of carbon farming and prepare a funding application.

For more information and to apply to Round 3 of the Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program, use this QR code.



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NEW REPORT SHOWS WA'S LOVE FOR VOLUNTEERING

Cook Labor Government

Volunteering Minister Don Punch has today welcomed the release of a new report highlighting the significant value, contributions, and growth of the volunteering sector in Western Australia.

The 2023 Western Australia State of Volunteering Report is an independent report led by Volunteering WA, which provides an up-to-date summary of volunteering in the State.

The report found 1.5 million Western Australians aged 15-and-over volunteered more than 398 million hours in 2023, generating \$63.9 billion of social and economic value for the State, up from \$39 billion in 2015.

It's the first report to be conducted on WA's volunteering landscape since 2015 and will be used to help guide and shape the sector's future, while celebrating and recognising the commitment of volunteers across WA.

The report found the top three motivators for volunteering are helping others, enjoyment and being active.

The project was made possible by funding from Volunteering WA and the Department of Communities.

"I am proud to see so many Western Australians generously volunteering their time across the State", said Volunteering Minister Don Punch.

"The Cook Government is committed to supporting and strengthening the volunteering sector, with more than \$6 million allocated to the Volunteer Development Service Program.

"This included a recent \$2.1 million boost for regional volunteering, announced last December.

"Volunteers play a significant role in creating more connected communities for everyone to enjoy.

"I strongly encourage people to seek our volunteering opportunities, to not only give back to their communities, but also to stay active and foster new social connections."

\$425K LOTTERYWEST GRANT TO CELEBRATE VOLUNTEERING IN WA

Cook Labor Government

Minister for Volunteering Don Punch has last Thursday announced a \$425,000 Lotterywest grant to help celebrate and recognise Western Australia's 1.5 million volunteers.

The funding has been awarded to Volunteering WA to administer a small grants scheme of up to \$1,500 for organisations to host an event or activity to celebrate National Volunteer Week.

In 2024, more than 300 WA volunteering organisations will share in \$335,000 through the Volunteering WA National Volunteer Week Grants, to celebrate and recognise their volunteers throughout the week.

Held from Monday the 20th to Sunday the 26th of May 2024, National Volunteer Week is Australia's largest celebration of volunteering and this year's theme is 'Something for Everyone'.



The Lotterywest grant will also help support Volunteering WA's Volunteer of the Year Awards held on Thursday the 23rd of May 2024. The awards recognise the important contributions of volunteers across WA and feature seven award categories.

Volunteering WA CEO Tina Williams said, "This investment in volunteer recognition will help volunteering organisations say thank you to those Western Australians who give so much for the betterment of our communities.

"This announcement aligns with our advocacy to increase State Government funding to recognise and celebrate volunteers.

"We thank the State Government and Lotterywest for this investment in volunteering."

The Cook Government is committed to supporting and strengthening volunteering in WA, investing more than \$6 million to the Volunteering Development Service Program over five years.

The funding includes a recent \$2.1 million boost to support the expansion of regional Volunteering Development Services.

Volunteering services and resource centres play a vital role in boosting volunteering across WA by developing more local opportunities, upskilling volunteers and working with volunteer-involving organisations to respond to community needs.

"The Cook Government is committed to supporting the volunteering sector and celebrating the generosity of volunteers across Western Australia", commented Minister for Volunteering Don Punch.

"I am proud to present this significant \$425,000 Lotterywest grant to Volunteering WA.

"I look forward to celebrating National Volunteer Week and attending some of these community events to recognise the great work of volunteers across the State."

ECONOMIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NOONGAR PEOPLE

Cook Labor Government

The Cook Government is empowering Noongar people to build economic growth and employment opportunities with \$360,000 funding shared amongst six Noongar Regional Corporations.

The Economic Foundation Grants will assist the Noongar Regional Corporations in the South West Native Title Settlement (pictured) to build economic and leadership capability and capacity.

"As a Government we are committed to supporting economic prosperity for Aboriginal communities", commented Aboriginal Affairs Minister Dr Tony Buti.

"These grants will help to do this by strengthening businesses and providing employment opportunities for Aboriginal people."

Grants are available to the Corporations for strategic planning, feasibility studies, independent technical advice and professional services, as well as corporate governance and business leadership training.

The investment will enable the six Noongar Regional Corporations to build on the strengths of their community and culture, and harness available economic opportunities.

Regional Development Minister Don Punch said, "These grants will assist the Noongar Regional Corporations to develop knowledge, skills and self-determination through economic planning and development.

"This great initiative will lay sound foundations to pursue business opportunities and employment pathways that build a strong future for Noongar people."

The initiative is part of the Cook Government's commitment to a shared future and working in partnership with Noongar people to capture economic opportunities that generate enduring employment, social and environmental benefits.



LOTTERYWEST TO SUPPORT FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY

Cook Labor Government

Disability Services Minister Don Punch has today presented a Lotterywest grant of \$381,535 to Kiind, a not-for-profit organisation that supports parents and carers of children with developmental delay or disability.

The funding will go towards a pilot program that provides easily accessible information for parents who are raising a child aged 0-8 years in the early stages of their disability journey.

Outcomes for children with developmental delay or disability often rely on the capacity of parents and caregivers to seek a diagnosis for their child, build an understanding of the diagnosis, and get the right supports in place during the early years of childhood development.

The parent training program will be targeted at early intervention to help them navigate the complex system of service supports and empower them with the skills, knowledge and information they need to best support their child to reach their full potential.

The program will be piloted for 12 months, delivering 24 online sessions, six face-to-face sessions and a suite of useful information resources for families.

Kiind CEO Carrie Clark said, "Families often struggle to navigate the complexities of the systems that support children such as early intervention, health, education and NDIS

services. This can lead to inequity where vulnerable and at-risk families go without critical support during these formative years.

“We appreciate the contribution of Lotterywest and the State Government for their support of this pilot program which will benefit Western Australian families of children with disability.”

The grant aligns with the State Government's 'A Western Australia for Everyone: State Disability Strategy 2020-2030', which sets the foundation for building a more inclusive WA by empowering people with disability to participate meaningfully in all parts of society.

“The Cook Government is committed to supporting people with disability and working with organisations such as Kiind to facilitate better outcomes for people with disability, their families, and carers”, commented Disability Services Minister Don Punch.

“I would like to acknowledge the extraordinary work of Kiind in fostering a more inclusive community and recognise their contribution in supporting families of children with disability to reach their full potential.”

Please use this QR code to view Kiind's upcoming online events, including workshops, webinars, peer support and more.



\$1.3 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR REGIONAL PERFORMING ARTS

Cook Labor Government

Eleven regional performing arts organisations will receive more than \$1.3 million between them to support touring and reaching audiences in Western Australia's regions. The recipients include circuses, theatre shows, music, puppetry, and Aboriginal storytelling.

The State Government support is via Regional Performing Arts funding, including the categories Playing WA and Made in WA, and comes from the Regional Arts and Culture Investment Program (RACIP).

An independent panel of peers from Western Australia's regional arts touring and performing arts industries assessed dozens of applications against stringent guidelines before selecting the recommended recipients. The recommendations were approved by the Culture and the Arts Minister.

Grants total \$1,330,435 for 2024, and the 11 recipients include:

- \$72,258 to Whiskey & Boots for *Mama Stitch* to tour to Moora and Harvey
- \$143,682 to YUCK Circus for their 2025 tour to Mullewa, Walkaway, Geraldton, Narrogin, Albany, Borden, Varley, Hopetoun and Kalgoorlie
- \$147,924 for CircuitWest to deliver *An AWESOME Little Ballet Tour: The Lost Little Llama and Little Red Riding Hood* double bill in Esperance, Kalgoorlie, Busselton, Port Hedland, Karratha, Beverley, Hopetoun, Narrogin, Harvey, Albany and Moora

“Our Government is proud to invest in performing arts work, made right here in WA, and this funding ensures it reaches regional audiences who otherwise might not get to see these wonderful Western Australian shows”, said Culture and the Arts Minister David Templeman.

"A range of diverse and unique stories are being told through the successful applicants and I know receiving arts and entertainment centres and communities will delight in the performances.

"Supporting regional performing arts helps with social cohesion across the State and has flow-on economic benefits for our regional towns that host the productions."

Whiskey & Boots will tour their performance work *Mama Stitch* to the Moora Performing Arts Centre and Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre. They will collect interviews from local people reflecting on their mothers and retell these accounts with original, bespoke, live music.

YUCK Circus will tour two company shows, *DEADSET* and self-titled work *YUCK Circus*, to nine regional communities including Mullewa, Walkaway, Geraldton, Narrogin, Albany, Borden, Varley, Hopetoun and Kalgoorlie. The two works are performed by the same cast, and toured with the same equipment, hence provide sustainable and marketable options for regional communities. The tour will also include circus skills workshops aimed at all ages, all genders, and all physical capabilities.

CircuitWest will deliver a five-week regional tour to 11 regional communities of the children's ballet productions *The Lost Little Llama* and *Little Red Riding Hood* as a double bill. The shows are a collaboration between AWESOME Arts and the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts. It will also include engagement opportunities for young people and skills workshops offered in each community, which includes Esperance, Kalgoorlie, Busselton, Port Hedland, Karratha, Beverley, Hopetoun, Narrogin, Harvey, Albany and Moora.

Regional Development Minister Don Punch commented, "It is fantastic to see regional audiences benefit from the Regional Performing Arts program.

"This latest round really has something for everyone, with circus performances, puppetry and Aboriginal storytelling all represented."



Arts Narrogin and Whiskey & Boots present

MAMA STITCH

Stories about Our Mums

A storytelling experience, celebrating Mums in all their imperfections, challenges and triumphs. Whiskey & Boots use storytelling, headphone verbatim and live music to invite audiences to listen, and reflect and celebrate their maternal line.

Friday 22 March - Thornton Theatre, Narrogin
Saturday 23 March - PRACC, Pingelly

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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

On the 6th of March we all enjoyed a very successful Swimming Carnival. It had a lovely atmosphere of competition, team spirit and community support. I was most impressed to see students having a go and being encouraged and cheered along by their factions and spectators. A huge thank you to the Wagin Swimming Club. Your ongoing support is appreciated and makes for a wonderful day at the pool. Our volunteers are exceptional and make the day run smoothly, including set up, timekeeping, transporting equipment and the pack up at the end of the day. A special thanks to Paul Ward for his ongoing support as the starter at our carnivals and to Kahli Painter and the P&C for running a very successful cake stall and sausage sizzle. The support from our school community on these important days is much appreciated by our staff and your children. Congratulations to Puntapin and to each individual champion and runner up. Mrs Sercombe has worked on selections for the Interschool Team and we wish these competitors the best of luck as they represent our school.



On the 7th of March our Year 9/10 students enjoyed a Career Taster Event presented by the School of Isolated and Distance Education and TAFE WA. There were some very interesting workshops that included Sound Engineering, Carpentry and Plumbing. We hope this sparks an interest for some of our students as they plan their educational pathways and move closer to their time of entry into the workforce.

Our students worked collaboratively and creatively to construct our 2024 Woolorama display. I hope that you all took some time to look at it while at the Show. Individual entries into various competition categories are sure to have shown the artistic and culinary talents of our students in the Special Junior Sections.

NAPLAN testing for year 3, 5, 7 and 9 concludes this week. The best preparation you can provide your child with is a great night's sleep before the testing days, and a focus on doing their best, without putting undue pressure on themselves. Healthy snacks and lots of water help nourish the brain and have a big impact on students' ability to concentrate and maintain focus.

WAGIN DHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2023 RESULTS

Year 4 Girls Champion	Lizzy Scanlon & Kobie Ward	Runner Up	Taylah Baxter
Year 4 Boys Champion	Augie Becker	Runner Up	Lincoln Ward
Year 5 Girls Champion	Neve Scott	Runner Up	Sophie Clifton
Year 5 Boys Champion	Rohan Kellow	Runner Up	John Martin
Year 6 Girls Champion	Sophie Scanlon	Runner Up	Imogen Becker
Year 6 Boys Champion	Charlie Turner	Runner Up	Hunter Beswick
Year 7 Girls Champion	Akilyah Dorante	Runner Up	Carissa Williams
Year 7 Boys Champion	Archie Ward	Runner Up	Zealand Roberts
Year 8 Girls Champion	Angelina Te Hau	Runner Up	N/A
Year 8 Boys Champion	N/A	Runner Up	N/A
Year 9 Girls Champion	Latika Baxter	Runner Up	Hayley Lloyd
Year 9 Boys Champion	Sai Winiata	Runner Up	Chad Howell
Year 10 Girls Champion	Shona Banks	Runner Up	N/A
Year 10 Boys Champion	N/A	Runner Up	N/A
100m Open Freestyle Girls	Sophie Scanlon	Runner Up	Imogen Becker
100m Open Freestyle Boys	Sia Winiata	Runner Up	Archie Ward

Champion Faction Points: 1st Puntapin 602 2nd Noring 503 3rd Cancanning 239

MEET OUR STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2024!



Hunter, Lucy, Hayley, Angelina, Ruby and Ella.



Carissa, Sophie, Hunter, Nathan, Daniel and Ria.

Elections for our 2024 student leadership roles of Faction Captains and Student Councillors were held in week 4. Our successful nominees are:

Student Councillors

- Year 6:** Ella Piesse and Ruby Brockway
- Year 7:** Archie Ward and Hunter Friedrich
- Year 8:** Angelina Te Hau and Tiarna Jose
- Year 9:** Hayley Lloyd and Lucy Finlay

Faction Captains

- Cancanning:** Daniel Longmuir and Ria Iles
- Noring:** Carissa Williams and Sophie Scanlon
- Puntapin:** Hunter Beswick and Nathan Howell

Congratulations to our new student leadership team and well done to everyone who nominated.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

During Term 1 our Positive Behaviour focus has been explicitly taught and modelled in every class. Students displaying expected behaviours in classrooms and playgrounds are rewarded with verbal feedback and EMUS cards. The focus of Classroom Culture including Preparedness, Kindness, Responsibility, Respect and Belonging continues to be a part of our everyday at Wagin DHS and we include other focus alongside.

Weekly class draws of EMUS cards award a recipient with an EMUS certificate and their choice of a class-building activity for the whole class (see photos attached).

EMUS cards from each class were counted and contribute to the EMUS Reward target. Last fortnight our positive behaviour targets for each phase of learning were achieved.

EMUS Reward Targets:

- K/P/1 = 400
- Year 2/3, 3/4, and 5/6 = 700
- High School = 160

Lower primary students were recognised with a VIP Recess, an extra ten minutes of play together on the 7th of March.



Please join us in recognising and congratulating our wonderful students who consistently display our EMUS expected positive behaviours and who looked like they thoroughly enjoyed their EMUS Reward.

Our targets then reset. Students will work with teachers to negotiate their next EMUS Reward activity.

EMUS Voucher: All EMUS cards handed out go into the draw for \$5 vouchers. These can be used to purchase Scholastic items from the library or used for school events such as sausage sizzles.

Congratulations to the following students who received vouchers at our assembly on the 1st of March:

- **Engaged:** Sean and Augie
- **Manners:** Frankie and Milly
- **Understanding:** Ava and Penny
- **Strive:** Chad and Robbie



CANTEEN UPDATE

Wagin DHS P&C

It is with regret that the Wagin DHS P&C Association have had to make the decision to close the canteen permanently, effective from Friday the 1st of March.

The canteen has been running at a loss since before Covid but with small business incentives issued by the government, it was able to keep running through those years. The canteen has, however, been running at a loss since and has come to a point where it is no longer viable.

The P&C held a special meeting in Term 3 last year which was open to the school community, and it was determined that we would consult Canteen WA to get help with ways in which we could try and turn the situation around. Since then, we have made significant changes as recommended but we are still running at a loss. As we are a small business, it is imperative that we have enough money to be able to pay any entitlements to our staff and any other bills before we come to a complete close.

We would like to reassure you that we did not come to this decision easily and we are disappointed that we cannot continue to provide such a great service to the school. Unfortunately, we cannot continue operating as a non-viable business.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our canteen manager Christine Lunt. She has done an amazing job making sure students and staff were fed and we appreciate all her hard work over the years. A big thank you also to all of those who have volunteered their time in the canteen over the years, your time and effort has been greatly appreciated.

The P&C committee aim to open the canteen here and there for special days but as we are all volunteers, it will not be scheduled regularly. However, we will advertise on both the school and P&C Facebook pages to let you know what's happening, so keep an eye out.

Finally, we'd like to thank everyone who has supported the canteen over the years.

If anyone would like further information, please feel welcome to attend our next meeting to be held at the end of this term. Details will be advertised on the Facebook pages.

CONNECT AND RESPECT: STANDING TOGETHER AGAINST VIOLENCE

We all share a responsibility for providing a safe, supportive and productive environment, free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.

Please use this QR code to view the Minister for Education Dr Tony Buti's statement on how families can help keep schools safe.



REMINDERS

Please leave your dogs at home: A friendly reminder that dogs are not allowed to enter school grounds, even if they are restrained on a lead. Education Department policy notes that pets are not allowed on school grounds unless they are a part of a school event or are authorised assistance animals. Thank you for your understanding.

No Hat, No Play: Reminder that all students are required to wear a hat while playing outside during recess, lunch and PE classes.

Food allergies: Wagin DHS is an ALLERGY AWARE environment. This means that nuts or nut products such as Nutella or peanut butter should be avoided due to some students and teachers having severe allergies. Please keep this in mind as you pack your child's lunch.

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 SBIP@health.wa.gov.au or calling 9222 2486.



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

BACK TO SCHOOL GIFT CARDS

Wagin CRC

Gift cards are available now for those who need support with school supplies. These include \$100 Officeworks vouchers and \$50 Kmart vouchers (per child).

This is thanks to a generous grant by Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR) and was organised by Wagin District High School P&C.

Please visit Wagin Community Resource Centre (Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm) with a concession card, or contact us on 9861 1644 or admin@wagincrc.net.au for more information. There are limited numbers remaining.



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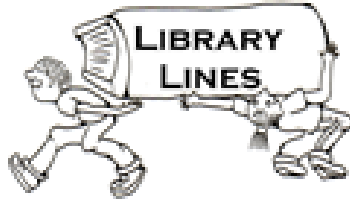
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CALENDAR	
Fri 22 nd March	Interschool Swimming Carnival
Wed 27 th March	Year 7&10 Immunisations
Thu 28 th March	Last Day of Term 1
Mon 15 th April	First Day of Term 2

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Tolkien Reading Day is held on the 25th of March each year. This date was chosen to celebrate annually because it marks the date of Sauron's defeat, a key evil character in *The Lord of the Rings*. **Between 2pm to 3pm on Monday the 25th of March**, share a paragraph with us from one of his books. This is for *The Lord of the Rings* fans.

On Tuesday the 26th of March it is Epilepsy Day Australia. Read a book that has purple in the title, or the cover can have purple on it. How many purple books are you going to read today?

On **Wednesday the 27th of March from 10am to 11am** we will be holding an **Easter themed Story Time**. The book that is going to be read is *The Easter Bunny Hop* which is an interactive book with a bit of dancing. We will also be singing to a special nursery rhyme, *Sleeping Bunnies*, as well as a few of our favourites. For ages 0 to 5. There will also be an easter egg hunt after our book and nursery rhymes.

WAGIN LIBRARY & GALLERY HOURS OVER EASTER:

- Closed on Friday the 29th of March as it is a public holiday.
- Open on Easter Saturday the 30th of March from 10am to 12pm.
- Closed Monday the 1st of April as it is a public holiday.

PROGRAMS

Book Club will next be held on Saturday the 13th of April from 2pm to 4pm. You can be reading any book or audiobook. New members are very welcome and it is free to join. Which is your favourite genre? Please bring a plate to share.

Book Club for Children is for ages Pre-primary to Year 7 and runs every Tuesday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. You can be reading a book from school, the library or home.

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.

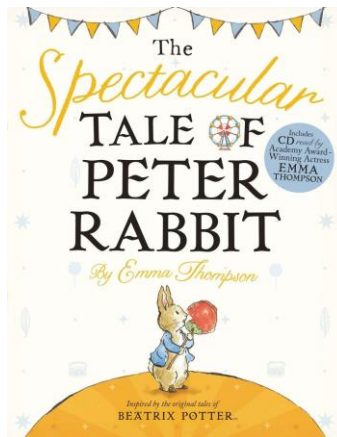
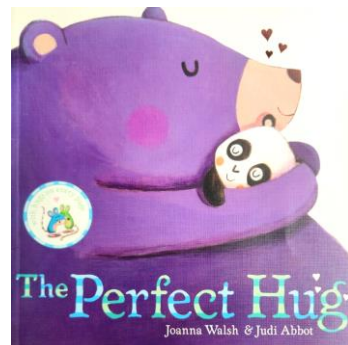
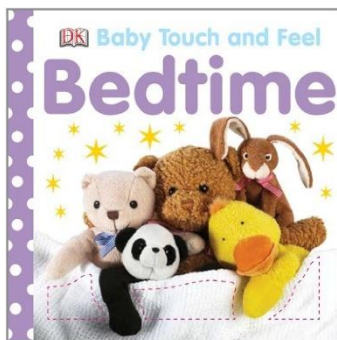
BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

📖 **Bedtime** published by **Dorling Kindersley Limited**. This is a touch and feel board book for ages 0 to 3. Teach your child all about bedtime with Touch and Feel Bedtime. Let their little hands feel all the different textures as they read about the objects associated with bedtime.

📖 **The Perfect Hug** by **Joanna Walsh**. The lovely book is recommended for parents to read to their young children. This fabulous feel-good picture board book is bursting with the cuddliest, snuggliest, most perfect hugs. There are hugs for wrigglers, hugs for gigglers. Hugs that are tickly.

📖 **The Spectacular Tale of Peter Rabbit** by **Emma Thompson**. This is a great story for parents and children to read together. A fair has come to the Lake District! And Peter and Benjamin are forbidden to go. The sign at the fair says, "Everyone Welcome". What could possibly go wrong? Fairs are loads of fun but not for everyone.

📖 **Diary of a Minecraft Zombie Book 11: Insides Out** by **Zack Zombie**. Recommended for ages 7 and above. Zombie must deal with the biggest challenges he has ever faced in his preteen life: his feelings! Zombie is going through some weird changes both inside and out.



FRIENDS OF THE WAGIN LIBRARY & GALLERY

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Friends held a successful Book Sale last Saturday. Thank you to all those who purchased or donated books.

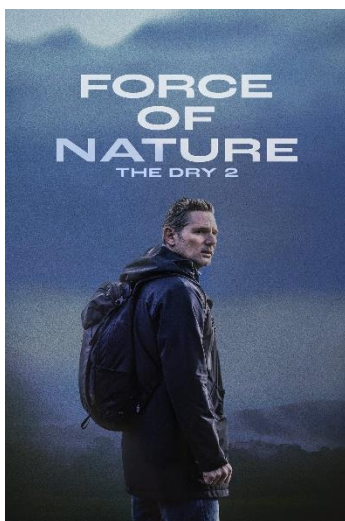
Donations are always welcome. Books suited to be part of Library stock will be acquisitioned and others sold – to very willing buyers. The funds made will be used to help make our little library even better. Watch out for future sales!

If you want to be part of the support for our Wagin Library & Gallery, come along to our next meeting at 2.30pm on Thursday the 28th of March. There will be yummy afternoon tea for all.



BETTY TERRY THEATRE

Editorial by Zach Rayne |  | 6 Trent St Wagin | Tickets: bit.ly/waginbtct or QR code



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. The sequel to 2020 box office success *The Dry*, this Australian-made film series is based on the crime drama novels by Jane Harper. Eric Bana (*Blueback*, *Back to the Outback*) returns for a deadly mystery 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 – *Jurassic 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*).

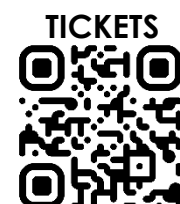
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Friday – 19th April @ 6.30pm
Saturday – 20th April @ 2pm & 6.30pm
Monday – 22nd April @ 6.30pm



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



Wagin Care & Share

Warwick Street

Ph: 9861 2658

Mon-Fri 9am-11.30am

MARCH UPDATE

Jessica Hamersley

Feel the need for a new outfit? Care & Share has LOTS of women's clothing. **Come along and fill a bag – they will give you whatever you would like to wear for \$5.** You will look terrific, and the money made will be donated to a local organisation to help the Wagin community. Win, win!

If you have some spare time volunteers are always welcome to help in the many areas of Care and Share. You may have time for a once-off helping hand, or a more regular commitment.

Donations of useful things are always welcome. If you can drop off donations between 9am and 11.30am Monday to Friday, they will be safely stored. Outside these times it's great to make a time for someone to meet you so that your donations are looked after.

Don't forget, Ross would love some help with the Rose Garden, too.

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.



Volunteering Opportunities



Clothing Store



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Behind the Scenes

- sorting
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Shopfront

- selling

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Woodworkshop



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Pallet repurposing

**Situated in Warwick St opposite the Hospital
Call in anytime Monday to Friday 9am-11.30am**

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Gen Harvey | Email: wwlandcare@westnet.com.au | Phone: 9861 2222 Mob: 0428 231 506



WAGIN / WOODANILLING LANDCARE ZONE

WOOLORAMA 2024

The move to the Lifestyle Pavilion is a winner! What a busy Saturday at Woolorama. A lot of great conversation and advice given on fauna matters across the regions! Plus there were kids' activities, signups to be a fauna volunteer, real wildlife to check out, and more. Thank you to Amber from Katanning and Dumbleyung Landcare for helping out for a few hours, you're a legend!



REHYDRATE YOUR FARM LANDSCAPE BOOTCAMP

You may be interested in Mulloon Institute's event coming to Katanning on the 25th to 27th of 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.

Regen WA presents "How to catch water and restore landscapes for your property". Presenters are landscape planner and hydrologist Lance Mudgway, and landscape planner and environmental engineer Erin Healy.

This is a 3-day bootcamp, or you can attend the introductory Day 1 only for just \$30. Please use this QR code for more information and registration details, or contact Bonnie Jupp of Perth NRM on 0439 288 811 or bonnie.jupp@perthnrm.com.





West Arthur

Community Resource Centre

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27 Burrowes St Darkan | Manager Karen Prowse

UP ALL NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Thank you everyone that attended the Team Darkan Paint and Sip which raised \$1,394 for Up All Night and Ronald McDonald House. In total the team has raised \$6,606 and this funds over 32 nights' accommodation and meals for families at Ronald McDonald House.

RMHC WA is an essential service for thousands of families with sick kids. They believe kids are stronger and brighter together with their family throughout their

medical journey. They provide families with quality accommodation, professional family support officers, learning programs for toddlers to teens, a business centre for parents to work remotely, meals, and a range of services that positively impact their wellbeing! It is a very special home away from home. Their overnight marathon walks, starting after dark and ending at dawn, places you in the shoes of the parents who stay at RMHC WA.



DRAWING & PAINTING WORKSHOP

Is there a Leonardo Da Vinci in your family? No? That's ok. West Arthur CRC is holding a free drawing and painting workshop with Jane Campbell on **Saturday the 23rd and Sunday the 24th of March 9am to 3pm**. Everyone is welcome one or both days. Supply your own materials, canvas board or A3 paper. BYO lunch, morning tea will be provided.

BETTY BROWN HISTORICAL CENTRE

The Shire of West Arthur, West Arthur Community and Resource Centre are excited to invite you to the opening of the temporary exhibition *CWA Celebrates 100 Years* on **Saturday the 20th of April at 9.30am**. Morning tea will be held in the gardens between the CRC and Shire Offices from 9.30am with the official opening planned for 10am. RSVP to Kerryn Chia 0429 631 044 or projects@westarthur.wa.gov.au.

The CWA will also have available for sale on the day a number of items celebrating the 100-year anniversary, including a special release plant from Kings Park and a book celebrating 100 remarkable ladies. For those travelling to West Arthur and wishing to stay overnight, please use this QR code to check out the available accommodation on the Shire website.



REAL AUSTRALIAN STORIES

A REAL AUSTRALIAN

Jeff Stewart

The following is a fictional Australian story.

This is a story about an Australian called Kevin. Kevin was born in Newcastle, New South Wales, loosely known as steel city back then. This was pretty much due to the steel plant owned and operated by what everybody knew as The Big Australian, namely BHP. Somewhere at the beginning of 1959 Kevin came into the world. Nothing real unusual some people would imagine, but according to medical evidence, Kevin's mother was not supposed to be able to conceive anymore new Australians. Somewhere in the vicinity of nine and a half years after giving birth and raising Kevin's brother named Huey, Kevin did, indeed, come into the world, which was somewhat perplexing and indeed a little confusing for all concerned.

The father of Kevin was a middle-class working man called Mervyn. He was descended from a mob of people that was a mixed bag of possibly Samoan, indigenous Australian cross New Zealand Māori. At the end of the day, it was of no consequence. All that really mattered to Mervyn was that in his opinion, he had already won the biggest lottery of all, that being, he was fortunate enough to be born in live in Australia. To Mervyn, that was enough. What was instilled in Mervyn was work ethic. This flowed through the bloodline and continued into Kevin and his other three brothers.



Newcastle's main shopping district towards the top end of Hunter Street, 1968. Photo by Ron Morrison.

The mother of Kevin, a woman called Anne, was a direct descendant of a convict lady that came out on the very first Fleet to land on the East Coast of Australia in 1788. Anne was one of nine children. Once again, work ethic was her family's mantra. Anne became a qualified upholsterer. In the environment of the time, this was a pretty substantiable achievement. As her sons arrived, the nature of this era saw Anne stand down from full-time employment to tend to the welfare of her siblings. She still worked part time doing piece work to compliment the income of her husband, to achieve the great Australian dream, namely owning their first home.

As mentioned, Kevin was somewhat of a surprise package, but in real Australian tradition the family embraced him. Especially his older brothers. He had to grow up pretty quickly, so much so, that his mother Anne put his age up by six months so Kevin could start attending school somewhat earlier than normal. This enabled her to concentrate on other activities

including doing more subcontract upholstery work and taking on sewing work. The sewing was carried out on a Singer treadle machine, operated by your foot pushing a peddle up and down. Anne had an electric machine but preferred her old-style original machine. Both of Kevin's parents, Anne and Mervyn, were children of The Great Depression of the 1920s. The family lived pretty basically and lived with simple needs. In Kevin's formative years, his mother made most of his clothes on the old sewing machine. These and the hand me down clothes from his brothers and the family's neighbours stood him in pretty good stead for growing as an Australian boy.

The life that Australians were presented with through the 1960s was pretty sustainable. The street that Kevin lived in was a bustling hive of activities. There were a fair number of children that also lived in the street. As he grew, he associated with all the age groups. He just loved adventures. An older boy flew model planes and Kevin was enlisted to help out. If somebody needed a driver for a new hill trolley or to try out a new homemade boat for the local creek, Kevin was up for the work. Being bored or having nothing to do did not exist in Kevin's world. Life for Kevin was just one great big Australian adventure.

The street was gravel. In later years as suburbs grew it would be bituminised. The local butcher would deliver meat once a week. The goods were weighed in the back of his Holden panel van, wrapped up and sold. Kevin's mother regularly argued with Fred the butcher about keeping his finger on the scales to charge her a larger amount. The local bakery would deliver the bread by horse and cart. The horse knew the bread round off by heart, and would methodically stop, so that the driver could dispense the fresh bread out of the back of the cart. As it was with the local milk delivery. A guy would leap all over the neighbourhood in the early hours of the morning, putting fresh milk bottles in containers left at the front of the house, first retrieving the empty bottles for exchange. Kevin felt all of these happenings were poetry in motion. That is just how it was. Everything worked, plain and simple.

As the years went along, Kevin grew up somewhat. He attended school, achieved well, went onto high school. With the work ethic that was instilled in him, he graduated at an earlier stage. He started his apprenticeship, though not without a few hiccups. His mother Anne, as mentioned, had put his age up. He had to achieve suitable permission from the powers that were, namely the apprenticeship commission of the time, and written permission from both his parents. All was well. Kevin started his apprenticeship as a fitter and machinist. In the later part of the seventies, Kevin successfully completed his term. He was always on the lookout for a new adventure. His father Mervyn was always questioning Kevin's desire to travel around the countryside. Kevin could not give his father an answer. In the end, they both came to the same conclusion. Maybe, just maybe, it was the indigenous bloodline and the love of our great country behind the drive to see it all.

In the early eighties, Kevin packed his old Falcon sedan and trailer with his possessions and tools and set out for what he saw as the land of opportunity. Namely, Perth, Western Australia. Kevin has done well. Over the years, he worked in most parts of Western Australia and reaped rewards from its many opportunities. In his opinion, they still exist to this day. He still enjoys building and restoring cars. There may be a little of Kevin in all Australians. He also feels he has won the biggest lottery of all time, being fortunate in the fact of being born and raised in Australia.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COMMUNITIES IRRELEVANT IN LABOR'S MARINE PARK PLANNING

Shadow Fisheries Minister Colin de Grussa

On February 16th the Indicative Management Plans for each of the four marine parks proposed for the South Coast were released for public comment by the Cook Labor Government. The proposal is to lock away 45% of the proposed parks in either sanctuary or special purpose zones. It is no secret that I have been a sharp critic of the planning process for the proposed marine parks from the outset. At its most fundamental, my criticism has centred on the lack of scientific research and the flawed consultation process used by the Cook Labor Government to justify its decision to lock away such large areas of our south coast from our vital fishing industries and local communities.

For my criticism I was labelled a scaremonger on the floor of Parliament by members of the Government, in a manner which bore striking similarities to their attacks on the Opposition for raising concerns about the flawed Aboriginal Cultural Heritage laws. As with the ACH laws, it turns out my concerns were well founded.

In March 2023 I called out the Labor Government for not releasing the socio-economic impact studies it had undertaken to help it justify the establishment of the marine park. My intention in doing so was not to make a political point. It is incumbent on any Government to substantiate its case, especially if the proposed marine park and exclusion zones adversely affect our commercial and recreational fishing industries and the many businesses that serve them.

When a Government chooses a course of action that has the potential to destroy livelihoods, it is obligated to put forward a strong argument that doing so is the only available option and will be for the greater good of our state.

Well, as it turns out, we now know why the government had chosen not to release its study. It didn't bother to do one. Through documents released under freedom of information laws we have found out that the government decided not to proceed with a proper socio-economic analysis because it did not represent 'value for money' in their view. Instead, what it chose to do was a 'quick and dirty' desktop study based on generic assumptions on the 'likely' impact a marine park might have, as applies in places like the Ningaloo Coast or Great Barrier Reef.

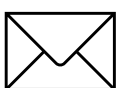
In doing so, the Cook Labor Government simply dismissed the reality that the remote south coast of Western Australia is unique, and that the social and economic fabric of our communities reflect that uniqueness. It walked away from an opportunity to undertake a proper assessment that could have delivered clarity and real value on how the proposed marine park would affect the livelihoods of our commercial fishing industry and the daily lives of our south coast communities.

When asked in Parliament about this issue [in late February], the Premier stood by the report. To be honest, I didn't expect anything different from a Premier who has continually shown utter disdain towards the commercial fishers, local businesses and communities that stand to lose as a consequence of his belligerent and dogmatic quest for his marine parks.

On top of everything else wrong with this process, the conscious decision by the Labor government not to undertake a proper socio-economic study in the manner its own agencies had proposed, makes it crystal clear that our commercial fishing industry and regional communities are seen simply as collateral damage by the Cook Labor Government.

What will be interesting, is whether the same approach will fly for the Marmion marine park, off the Perth Coast. I suspect not – there are simply too many votes at stake. That, after all, is the sad reality for the South Coast – out of sight, out of mind for WA Labor and its Premier.

Write to The Wagin Wool Press: 46 Tudhoe St, Wagin WA 6315 or news@wagincrc.net.au.



Your submission must include your name and contact details, and must not contain profanity, libelous statements or personal attacks against individuals or organisations. It may be edited for readability. Published letters do not reflect the views of Wagin Community Resource Centre Inc.

SPORTS IN WAGIN

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

All are welcome to cool off at Twilight Bowls on **Thursdays, 5pm for a 5.30pm start.**

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



Jenny Ewen: "Well done to all our lady pennant players this year. We couldn't get it over the line this year but finished a very good second. Chris Thompson and Sandra Hill too."

PIESSEVILLE DANCE CLUB

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

Dance Dates:	Saturday 30th March	Moodiarrup	7.30pm-11.30pm
	Saturday 6th April	Piesseville	7.30pm-11pm
	Saturday 13th April	Highbury	7.30pm-11pm
	Saturday 20th April	Popanyinning	7.30pm-11pm

WAGIN FOOTBALL CLUB

WHAT A DAY

Wagin Football Club

Thank you to everyone that supported our Clearing Sale on the 15th of March. We had a great turn out, with 110 registered buyers and a lot travelling from afar to attend the sale.



Our Raffle winners:

- **1st Prize sponsored by Afgri** – Steele Hathway
- **2nd Prize sponsored by Galts Hardware** – Geoff Franz
- **3rd Prize sponsored by Elders Wagin** – Clayton Pense
- **4th Prize sponsored by Wagin Agri Services** – Bryce English

A huge thank you to Steele Hathway and Liam Want for their time to auctioneer the sale for us.

A special mention to Chris and Melanie English, and Gavin and Nicole Kirk, for organising the whole event and working tirelessly behind the scenes. Thank you!

Rest up everyone – we have the Crutching Busy Bee tomorrow at the Beckers'!

CRUTCHING BUSY BEE

Wagin Football Club

This Friday the 22nd of March from 7am. Please come along and drag, sweep, pen up or shear – there's a job for everyone! No matter your age or ability.

Three-time world champion shearer will be working on breaking another world record! Also, it's worth watching West of the highway with the world's biggest and fastest cradle operation.

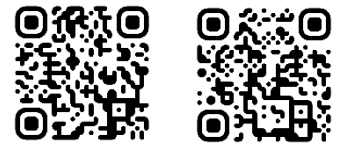
Morning tea will be provided by the ladies.

JUNIOR FOOTY TRAINING

Wagin Football Club

Welcome Back to the footy field fellas. The D Grade Coach is Wade Longmuir and the C Grade Coach is Kim Davidson. Wagin Football Club is looking forward to a brilliant season with them both guiding the juniors through great game play and passion for the game!

Training started this week for C Grade and next week for D Grade. Please register your child (first QR code) prior to the start of training to make the process as smooth as possible for our coaches. Please make sure you apply for KidSport vouchers prior to registering (second QR code). Any questions, contact Londa Finlayson on 0437 287 173.



UNDER 12S COMP IS BACK!

Wagin Football Club

Under 12s versus Katanning is back! The competition is for kids in Year 6 and under. Year 6s playing D grade are welcome and encouraged to play.

The first training will start on Wednesday the 27th of March at 3.30pm. The first game will be on Saturday the 27th of April. Fixtures will be finalised soon. Any queries, contact Aaron Turner on 0428 145 175.

AUSKICK 2024 SEASON

Wagin Football Club

Registrations are now open for Auskick 2024 by using this QR code.



Kids must be 5 years old before the 30th of June 2024 to participate. Now that we have an Under 12s competition against Katanning, Auskick will now only be for kids from Pre-Primary to Year 2. However, some of the Year 3 kids can play Auskick if you feel they are not ready for the step up.

There will be 8 sessions in total throughout Term 2, with the first Auskick at 10am Saturday the 20th of April. Fixtures will be sent out once complete. You must register your child to receive information regarding fixtures, changes to dates etc.

Please call Bryn on 0400 191 112 if you have any queries.

WAGIN GUN CLUB

WAGINITES IN WAGGA WAGGA

Sandra Moffatt

Two Wagin Gun Club members have travelled to Wagga Wagga, NSW to compete in this year's National Trap Championships.

Cameron Browne will be part of the 5 person WA Open State Team. The WA team were victorious last year but that was with 4 out of 5 members being from the Wagin Gun Club. With Browne as the only Wagin representative in the Open team, it will be interesting to see if they can repeat on last year's success.

Jax Moffatt is Captain of the WA Junior State Team. Moffatt was part of the Junior Team last year and also experienced individual success when he won the National Sub-Junior Champion of Champions Title.

Former Wagin resident, Leanne Knight, has also made the migration east as she makes her debut in the WA Ladies State Team.

With well over 450 competitors taking part, including several Olympians, it ensures quality competition for our shooters from the saltbush flats.

ISSF TRAP QUALIFIER POSTPONED

Eric Featherstone

Wagin will be postponing the ISSF shoot this weekend to a later date (yet to be determined). This is due to our final range inspection being yet to be completed.

WAGIN NETBALL CLUB

2024 SEASON – SENIOR TRIALS

Laura Hutton-Storer

What a terrific night for Senior Trials. The first of our senior trials was electric! (That means warm and sweaty but oh, so much fun.)

Longa Finlayson said, "Great to see the turnout tonight! Here's to a great netty season for our Juniors and Seniors, volunteers, officials and generous sponsors!"

Juniors was by all accounts a terrific turn out too. Looking forward to our season ahead!



Life Members Mandy Harrington and Tammy Broom, and Club President Jodie Sercombe. Photo by Laura Hutton-Storer.

CALLING SENIOR COACHES

Londa Finlayson

We need you! Could this be your year to lead our seniors through a brilliant Netball season? Having plenty of fun, fitness, teamwork, game strategies and wins together!

If this is you, then please contact Jodie Sercombe. The Wagin Netball Club would be grateful to have you onboard!



Post game photo – look at this talented bunch! Photo by Laura Hutton-Storer.

WAGIN PLAYGROUP

DIAMONDS IN THE WHEATBELT DANCE

Wagin Playgroup

Diamonds in the Wheatbelt Dance is heading to us next term for a FREE four-week music and movement program. Enrol now if you want to secure a spot for you little one (0-5 years). It will be held on May the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.

Dance in the Wheatbelt shared, "An explosion of fun, laughter, friendship and joy all in a morning with Diamonds. We had such a beautiful and special morning with our guests.

"The amazingly beautiful Shire of Katanning President Kristy D'Aprile joined in for our two sessions. The students enjoyed having her there. We welcomed John Shepherd from CBH Group. It was wonderful having him join us and be a part of the morning to see what this incredible grant funding has offered many families over the year. Dave from Agwest donated a wicked little farm toy that one little girl was very happy to take home!

"A big thank you to you all and families for a great week three of the free Tiny Tots Dance Program in Katanning. We're in Wagin next Term, remember to enrol!"



WAGIN TROTTING CLUB

Season Dates: Thursday 28th March **Wagin Cup** – Sponsored by Palace Hotel

The Wagin Cup, held Thursday the 28th of March, is sponsored by the Palace Hotel. Get ready to hop on down and join us for a night of harness racing, food, fun, chocolate and prize money.

COLOURING: AFL



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<p>Good Friday 29th March 8.30am Arthur River</p> <p>Easter Sunday 31st March 6.15am for 6.22am Norrington Lake West & Service at 10am Wagin Church</p>	<p>Mass First Sunday of each month 8am After, Saturdays at 6pm</p> <p>Reconciliation every third weekend before Mass from 5.30pm</p>	<p>Sunday 24th March Waratah 9.15am Arthur Pederick Wagin 10.15am Arthur Pederick Holy Communion</p> <p>Friday 29th March Wagin 9am G & A-B Wasley</p> <p>Sunday 31st March Norrington Lake West 6.15am for 6.22am Dawn Service Combined Churches Wagin 10.15am G & A-B Wasley</p>	<p>Vineyard Meal and Worship Saturday 23rd March 6.30pm 140 Lalla Rhook Rd Wagin</p> <p>For God so loved the world He gave His only Son ← Come and join Churches of Wagin Easter Sunrise Service Sunday 31st March</p> <p>For enquiries call Wendy or Ian: 0417 145 628 0428 622 049</p>

HISTORICAL VILLAGE ROSTER

	AM	PM
THU 21	MIKE	MIKE
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SAT 23	MIKE	MIKE
SUN 24	MICHAEL	MICHAEL
MON 25	MICHAEL	MICHAEL
TUE 26	ANNE	MAURIE
WED 27	JOYCE	CHRISTINE
THU 28	MIKE	MIKE
FRI 29	CLOSED	CLOSED
SAT 30	MIKE	MIKE
SUN 31	CLOSED	CLOSED
MON 1	MICHAEL	MICHAEL
TUE 2	ANNE	MAURIE
WED 3	JOYCE	CHRISTINE

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WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL: 9861 3200
SHIRE COUNCIL: 9861 1177
WATER SUPPLY: 13 13 75
WESTERN POWER EMERGENCY: 13 13 51
WAGIN STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE: 132 500
AMBULANCE AND FIRE BRIGADE: 000
POLICE STATION: 9852 0000 or 000 OR 131 444

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 Narrogin 9891 4600
AGCARE WHEATBELT 9046 5091
AMITY HEALTH 9842 2797
AVIVO 9621 7900
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE
Men 1800 000 599 **Women** 1800 007 339
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HEADSPACE (Ages 12-25) 9621 5000
HELPING MINDS (Family/friends) 1800 811 747
HERE FOR YOU 1800 437 348
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REGIONAL MENS HEALTH 9690 2277
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WAGIN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 31	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY 1	SATURDAY 2
EASTER SUNDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY International Day of Trans Visibility Easter Sunrise @ Noring Lake West 6.15am Anglican Church 10am Uniting Church 10.15am	APRIL EVENTS: 1 – Easter Monday Public Holiday 3 – Kids’ Anzac Craft @ CRC 3 – Bushfire AGM @ Shire 4 – Aboriginal Health @ Eric Farrow 5-8 – Argyle @ Theatre 10 – LEMC Meeting @ Shire	11-12 Forklift Assess. @ CRC 13 – Opening Day @ Golf Club 15 – First Day of Term 2 19 – Legal for Seniors @ CRC 19-22 – Kung Fu Panda @ Theatre 20 – Auskick Begins	24 – Ladies Lego Night @ CRC 25 – ANZAC Day Public Holiday 25 – ANZAC Day Shoot @ Gun Club 26 – Staff Day @ School 27 – AGM @ Bowling Club 30 – Restricted Burning Ends	NOTES: Careers Taster @ School The Wagin Wool Press Uniform Shop @ School 8.45-10am Chair Exercises 9.30am Communitica Hub 10am-1pm Online Farm Safety Course 12pm Bart @ Library 3.30pm Twilight Bowls 5pm	Share the Dignity Begins @ CRC Assembly @ School 9am Playgroup @ Pool 9am World Day of Prayer @ Uniting Church 9.30am Story Time @ Library 1.30pm	Glen Ward Memorial @ GSKC Book Club @ Library 2pm Vineyard Church 6.30pm Dance @ Presseville 7.30pm
World Wildlife Day Race Day @ GSKC Catholic Church 8am Anglican Church 9am Uniting Church 10.15am Scroungers @ Bowling Club 1pm	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY Stay Active @ Rec Centre 9am Training @ SES 6.30pm	School Faction Swimming Carnival @ Pool 9am Arts & Craft Group @ Community Centre 10am Story Time @ Library 10am Bart @ Library 11am	School Faction Swimming Carnival @ Pool 9am Arts & Craft Group @ Community Centre 10am Story Time @ Library 10am Bart @ Library 11am	Restricted Burning Begins Set Free Weekend Begins @ Vineyard Church Harmony Week Begins Playgroup & Toy Library 9am Footy Clearing Sale @ Bullock Hills Rd - Vernal St 1pm Story Time @ Library 1.30pm	International Women’s Day Staff Development Day @ School Woolorama @ Showgrounds 9am-6pm Story Time @ Library 1.30pm Trip @ District Club 8.30pm	Woolorama @ Showgrounds 9am-5pm Woolorama Rodeo 5.30pm Catholic Church 6pm
Anglican Church 9am Uniting Church @ Waratah 9.15am & Church 10.15am Scroungers @ Bowling Club 1pm	Consumer Protection Info Session @ CRC 10am Craft Workshop @ Community Centre 10am Paint & Sip @ CRC 6pm Special General Meeting @ CRC 6.30pm	Netball Registrations Due Netball Seniors Trials NAPLAN Begins @ School Arts & Craft Group @ Community Centre 10am Story Time @ Library 10am	Netball Registrations Due Netball Seniors Trials NAPLAN Begins @ School Arts & Craft Group @ Community Centre 10am Story Time @ Library 10am	National Butterflies Day Chair Exercises @ Catholic Hall 9.30am Communitica Hub @ Wesley Hall 10am-1pm Twilight Bowls @ Bowling Club 5pm	The Dry 2 @ Theatre 2pm & 6.30pm Catholic Church 6pm Vineyard Church 6.30pm	Book Sale @ Library 9am Catholic Church 6pm
St Patrick’s Day Golden Lens Competition Closes Anglican Church 9am Uniting Church 10.15am Scroungers @ Bowling Club 1pm	Indoor Soccer @ Rec Centre Stay Active @ Rec Centre 9am Co-op Workshop @ Uniting Church Centre 9.30am Camera Club @ CRC 7pm	World Storytelling Day Netball Seniors Trials Arts & Craft Group @ Community Centre 10am Story Time @ Library 10am	World Storytelling Day Netball Seniors Trials Arts & Craft Group @ Community Centre 10am Story Time @ Library 10am	Hawaiian Ride @ School The Wagin Wool Press Chair Exercises 9.30am Bankwest Community Banking Workshop @ Wesley Hall 10am Communitica Hub 10am-1pm World Poetry Day @ Library 11am Twilight Bowls 5pm	Interschol Swimming Carnival Footy Crutching Busy Bee @ Becker’s 7am Playgroup: Easter Craft & Toy Library @ Eric Farrow 9am Story Time @ Library 1.30pm The Dry 2 @ Theatre 6.30pm	Interschol Swimming Carnival Footy Crutching Busy Bee @ Becker’s 7am Playgroup: Easter Craft & Toy Library @ Eric Farrow 9am Story Time @ Library 1.30pm The Dry 2 @ Theatre 6.30pm
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