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SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025 @THE KR&SC FROM 5PM



**ALL WELCOME!** 

# Wheatbelt Community Calendar

December

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14 Kalannie Christmas Tree @5pm	15 Last Kapers for the Year	16 Kalannie Primary School Concert	17	18	19 School Holidays Begins	20
21	22 Kalanne CRC Closed for Christmas Re-opening 5th January	23 Nathan Whippy Griggs @ Sports Club 7pm	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve			

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# Wheatbelt Community Calendar

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# **Shire Notices**



#### Shire of Dalwallinu Recycle Calendar 2025-2026

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#### **Recycle Days**

Wubin, Buntine & Kalannie

Dalwallinu & Pithara Christmas Day



#### WHAT CAN GO INTO YOUR RECYCLE BIN

- Glass All glass and ceramics, whole and broken
- Plastic All plastic containers and plastic wraps (empty with lids off)
- Paper All paper, junk mail and glossy magazines
- Cardboard All cardboard products
- Aluminium & Steel All metals, steel & aluminium excluding aerosol cans
- Liquid Paperboard Milk, juice and laundry detergent cartons.

There will be changes to the service over the Christmas Period, will advise closer to date.

KALANNIE FOOTBALL CLUB

# WHEAT DRIVE

6TH DECEMBER

BURGERS SUPPLIED
TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS
FROM 6.30PM

KSRC

# **Shire Notices**

# 2026 COUNCIL MEETINGS



Shire of Dalwallinu Ordinary Council Meetings will be held on the following dates and times unless otherwise advised.

DATE	DAY	TIME	PLACE
24 February 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Council Chambers
24 March 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Council Chambers
28 April 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Kalannie Sport & Recreation Club
26 May 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Council Chambers
23 June 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Council Chambers
28 July 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Council Chambers
25 August 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Council Chambers
22 September 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Council Chambers
27 October 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Council Chambers
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Jean Knight JP Chief Executive Officer 25/11/2025

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Tenders close at 2pm, Wednesday 21 January 2026.

Jean Knight JP Chief Executive Officer



### RABBIT BAIT REGISTER NOW

CWBA will provide **free 1080\*** and hold a bait mixing day in central locations for landholders in the CWBA region in Februry - March 2026.

#### We will provide:

- Assistance with and pay the cost of obtaining a Restricted Chemical Permit (if you do not already have a current permit).
- The supply of 1080 poison which will be mixed with the landholder's oats or wheat (you supply\*) for the landholder to trail out on your property.
- A LPMT on-site at a pre-arranged bait-mix day close to you!



Register using the online form on our website or contact us on 0473 163 050.

www.cwba.org.au

\*1080 Baiting is the most cost-effective way to reduce rabbit populations!

\*Please get in touch if accessing oats or wheat is an issue for you, we may be able to assist.



# KALANNIE CRC

# COMMITTEE UPDATE

Following the Kalannie CRC AGM the appointment of the following office bearer positions are:

Chairperson: Alieske McLellan Vice Chairperson: Ricki Fulwood

Treasurer: Sally Sanderson Secretary: Sharona Davis

We would like to give a huge thank you to our outgoing Chair Matthew Nixon. We look forward to still having you on our committee and continuing to inspire the CRC staff with new ideas for the Kalannie community. We also welcome any new members to our committee, so please get in touch with us.

kcrcmanager@kalannie.com.au or phone 9666 2194





#### Kalannie Christmas Lights

Get creative and join us in lighting up Kalannie for Christmas!

Great prizes to be won, Santa and his helpers will judge the winners on the 13th December.



#### BECOME A CRC MEMBER

Sign up for a family or personal membership All Kalannie CRC members get:

- Free computer use
- 2 x 1 hour free conference room hire
- Free video conferencing

Email the CRC for a membership form at kalanniecrc@kalannie.com.au or drop ir to pick up a form

# Chistmas Sale

CRAFT AND ACTIVITY KITS | PUZZLES



STOCK UP FOR CHRISTMAS AT THE KALANNIE CRC





L - R: Dalwallinu Branch Manager Johan Calitz and Sales Consultant Dominic Sheehy at the Dowerin Field Days 2025 Dalwallinu Tel: (08) 9661 1002

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7:00am – 6:00pm From 13th of October

SATURDAY MORNINGS 8:00am - 12:00pm

From October 4<sup>th</sup> until December 2025

Branch Manager Johan Calitz – 0427 084 210
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Sales Consultant Dominic Sheehy – 0459 214 350
Sales Consultant Matthew Joyner – 0437 611 725
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Group PF Manager Conor McGuckian - 0438 905 875
Group GM Sales Dillan Elliott - 0477 740 707

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**Shop Hours** 

**Contact** 

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# Kochii Eucalyptus Oil has rebranded to become Fasera.

#### We've changed our name, not our vision.

At the same time we've been producing incomparable Australian eucalyptus oils, we've also been building our position as a global leader in sustainable agricultural carbon sequestration.

Now, operating as Fasera, we produce carbon credits, biochar, wood vinegar and eucalyptus oil via our carefully selected and managed estates of oil mallee trees on land owned by local farmers. Whilst we are changing and expanding, our roots remain firmly in Kalannie, the wheatbelt and Western Australia.









# THE DALLY NEWS



**DECEMBER 2025** 

### **2025 Street Party** Friday 12 December - See You There



#### **CEO Chit Chat**



**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, Jean Knight JP** 

Don't forget that the Annual Street Party is Friday 12 December 2025.

Council have recently awarded a tender to Modular WA for the construction of an additional two modular 1x1 units to be constructed in the Aged Precinct in McNeill Street. This is Stage 1 of the planned upgrade for this precinct.

We thank the Uniting Church for providing \$100,000 towards this project.

The Shire is currently advertising the Wubin Town Hall and Buntine Town Hall for sale by tender. The buildings have not been utilised for many years, and the sale provides an opportunity for a third party to purchase.

With the warmer weather on the way, the Dalwallinu Aquatic Centre is coming alive. The Shire's swim school is booked out along with the Infant Classes. This is a fantastic effort as we all know Safety around Water is a vital skill to learn. Aquafit is also bringing a few to the pool even though the weather has not been the warmest.

Unfortunately, we did not receive any nominations for the 2026 Citizen of the Year. We will be hosting a citizenship ceremony at the Australia Day Celebrations at the Dalwallinu Aquatic Centre on Monday 26 January 2026 from 9:00am following the Australia Day breakfast which starts at 8:00am.

We commenced advertising a survey relating to Seniors Housing. Please take the time to complete the survey as this data will help the Council plan for housing projects into the future.

More details about this survey are available in this newsletter and on the website.

I would like to acknowledge the passing of former Councillor Noel Pearse, who passed away last month. Noel was a Councillor from 1974-1980. My deepest sympathy to his family during this time.

Just a reminder to the community to follow the Shire of Dalwallinu Facebook page. We do advertise on our website and in the TL and Kapers, however the easiest way to follow any news from the Shire is to follow our page.

We welcome two new Works crew to the team this month - Dean Draper and Rodney Aldridge.

Please note that the Shire Admin, Shire Depot and Dalwallinu Discovery Centre will be closed from 3:00pm Tuesday 23 December 2025 and will re-open at 8:30am Monday 5 January 2026

On behalf of the Staff at the Shire, we wish everyone a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year.

#### VALE



**Noel Pearse Shire Councillor** 1974 - 1980

#### **Reminder - Next Rate Instalment** Due 31 December 2025



With the excitement of Christmas and holidays sometimes payments get forgotten or overlooked.

Don't let it slip your mind that the next Rates Instalment due date is 31 December 2025.

If you have any queries regarding your rates account, please contact the Shire's rates officer on (08) 9661 0500 or email to rates@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au.

#### A Word from the Shire President



Cr Keith Carter, SHIRE PRESIDENT

As 2025 draws to a close it is a good time to reflect on the work that has been completed by the Shire over this period. The townships in the Shire are looking fantastic, and this is due to the hard work of the Shire staff.

The work begins well before a machine is started and Jean and her leadership team in Hanna, Marc and Doug are to be congratulated on building a sustainable budget to continue these works each year.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank Councillors who contribute their time towards governing the Shire and working with our CEO and her team to move Dalwallinu forward into the future. The growth in the Shire over the last year has been incredible.

There are only 3 industrial lots still for sale and only 1 residential lot in the new residential estate left to buy. This is a positive for the entire region.

I had the pleasure to join with our staff for a Christmas celebration on Saturday night. This gave Councillors a chance to recognise and thank the staff for their contribution throughout the last The administration team, year. centre, works crew, aquatic cleaners and management

work together to enable Council to complete all their annual targets. So, thank you to all of the team.

On behalf of Council I would like to wish Cr Jemma Counsel a speedy recovery from her recent surgery. We hope to see her fully recovered

acknowledge Sadly, we also the passing of another former Councillor with the recent loss of Noel Pearse. Our thoughts are with his family.

Please remember we will have increased traffic over the Christmas and New Year period. With a lot of tourists on the roads it is always a good reminder to remain vigilant when driving on our roads.

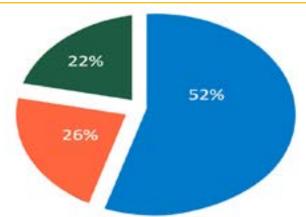
Finally, on behalf of Council I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all again next

#### Capital Projects 2025 - 2026

Commenced 52%

Completed 26%

Not Commenced 22%



#### 2025-2026 Christmas Closure Dates

The Shire of Dalwallinu will close down for the Christmas period at 3pm on Tuesday 23 December 2025. This includes Shire Administration the Office, Dalwallinu Discovery Centre and Shire Works Depot.

The Shire will re-open for business at 8.30am on Monday 5 January 2026. The staff would like to wish all residents of the Shire a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to serving you again next year.



#### **Australia Day Celebrations**





January 2026



Citizenship Ceremony



# At Dalwallinu **Aquatic Centre**

From 8:00am—9.30am
Provided by Shire of Dalwallinu







#### **Aquatic Centre Holiday Opening Hours**



#### **Christmas Rubbish Collection Changes**





The following arrangements have been made for the collection of services which would normally be done on Wednesday 24 December and Thursday 25 December 2025.

#### **KALANNIE, BUNTINE & WUBIN**

The Collection due for general waste in Kalannie, Buntine and Wubin on Wednesday the 24 December 2025 will be serviced on **Tuesday 23 December 202**5.

#### **DALWALLINU**

The collection due for both general waste and recycle in Dalwallinu on Thursday 25 December 2025 will be serviced on **Wednesday 24 December 2025.** 



Phone: (08) 9661 0500 Email: shire@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au

#### **Final 2025 Council Meeting Date**

DATE	DAY	TIME	PLACE
16 December 2025	Tuesday	5.00pm	Council Chambers

#### **Harvest Ban SMS Service**

Please contact Customer Service Officers on 9661 0500 or email sfo@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au if you would like to be removed from this service. If you have new seasonal workers, consider having them added.

To be added contact our Customer Service Officers or email sfo@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au. The following details are required

- First & Last Name
- Employer
- Mobile
- Permanent or 2025/2026 Season List



#### **Dalwallinu Discovery Centre Information**

The Library and Discovery Centre will be closed from

4.30pm - Monday 22 December 2025 and reopen

9am - Monday 5 January 2026

We would like to wish you all a safe and very Merry Christmas





Shire of Dalwallinu 58 Johnston Street, Dalwallinu (PO Box 141) WA 6099

Phone: (08) 9661 0500 Email: shire@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au

#### **Dalwallinu Discovery Centre Information**

#### **Library News**

The holidays are almost here.

We've got great books for the kids, plus a selection of Christmas-dinner awesome inspiration to help you plan the perfect festive feast.

Come in and browse through our shelves to find a book that will interest or enthrall you.

The children can enjoy the relaxing cubby nook for younger readers.

If you have a favourite author and you would like to see if they could be available have a chat to the staff at the DDC.

The library is open from Monday to Friday.

Why don't you call in to find vour next read.



#### **Youth Advisory** Council

Youth Advisory Council wrapped up its final meeting of the year with a burst of energy! We welcomed awesome new members and are already buzzing with fresh ideas for next year.

Our Youth Survey is included in this edition and we want YOUR voice to help shape exciting projects and activities.

The survey is also available on our website, facebook page and from the DDC.



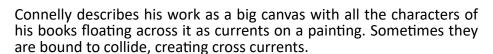
#### **Author of the Month - Michael Connelly**

#### A brief Summary of...

Michael Connelly - is an American author of detective novels and other crime fiction.

Connelly is the bestselling author of 38 novels and one work of non-fiction, with over 74 million copies of his books sold worldwide and translated into 40 languages.

After graduating from the University of Florida in 1980, Connelly got a job as a crime beat writer at the Daytona Beach News-Journal, where he worked for almost two years.

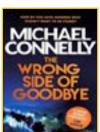


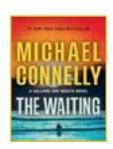
This is something that Connelly creates by bringing back characters from previous books and letting them play a part in books written five or six years after first being introduced.











#### **Seniors Housing Survey**



Supporting the building of seniors' housing is a priority for the Shire and as a result we are undertaking a survey of seniors' housing options. These include:

- Rental units with no services for independant living
- Rental units with supported living services
- Affordable housing for those on limited income to purchase

The survey is being undertaken to help to identify the types of projects that will be the most appropriate for the seniors of the area. We need to get a sense of needs, preferences, when required and what's important to you. The results of this survey will assist in future budgeting and planning needs.

This is about your future. Thank you for participating.

Copies of the survey are available from:

- Dalwallinu Shire Office
- Dalwallinu Discovery Centre
- Shire website https://www.dalwallinu. wa.gov.au/news/seniors-housing-survey/1741

Surveys can be returned to:

- Dalwallinu Shire Office
- Dalwallinu Discovery Centre
- By post to PO Box 141 Dalwallinu WA 6609
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Please return the survey by close of business Friday 20 February 2026.

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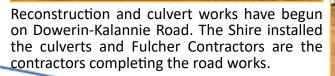
#### **Works & Services**





The Shire has undertaken kerbing works on Locke Street, Kalannie









#### **Youth Advisory Council**

# HAVE YOUR SAY

Hey Dalwallinu Youth – We Want Your Ideas!
Youth Lounge • Skate Park • School Holidays
What activities do you want to see in town?
Got cool new ideas or ways to make our hangout spots
even better? We're all ears!
Swing by the **DDC** today to grab a copy of the
Shire of Dalwallinu survey and let us know what would
make Dalwallinu more fun for you and your friends.

Your ideas can help shape a town that's awesome for everyone!





#### **Youth Advisory Survey**



#### Youth Lounge, Skate Park, School Holidays

Tell us what activities you'd love to see in our town, whether they're new ideas or maybe improvements to existing spaces!

Your ideas will help shape a more fun and exciting place for everyone to enjoy.

0	Daily
0	A few times a week
0	Once a week
0	A few times a month
0	Never – Why Not? (please specify below)
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3. vvr	nat activities do you participate in at the Youth Lounge? (Select all that apply)
0	Playing Games
0	Studying
0	Socialising
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	iat ac you also moot about the routh Lounge.
5. Wr	nat improvements/additions would you like to see in the Youth Lounge?
6. Ho	w likely are you to tell you friends about the Youth Lounge?
0	Yes

No Maybe

1. How often do you use the Youth Lounge?



#### **Youth Advisory Survey**

- 7. What fun activities would you like to do in the school holidays
  - o Incursion Workshops in town Art, Sports, Activities, Movie nights, Disco
  - o Excursion Trips to Bounce, Mini Golf, Aqua, Perth Zoo
  - Other (please specify below)

- 8. What do you think would be most fun to use Skate Park or Pump Track (bike track)
  - Skate Park
  - o Pump Track
  - Other Ideas (please specify below)

- 9. What is your age group?
  - o Under 12
  - 12-15
  - 16-18

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and ideas, we really appreciate your input.







#### **Accommodation Assistance Required for Students**

We are urgently seeking accommodation for next year's student doctors when they visit in March 2026. This initiative has been operating in Western Australia for over 20 years, however the Shire of Dalwallinu have only been involved with this for the last 3 years. We are expecting to host 20 students from 10 to 13 March 2026.

As a host family you are in the unique position of being able to assist and shape the direction that these young people may take. By experiencing life in the country they get a taste of what Rural Doctoring could be. Many of the students taking part in the program have never been outside of Perth.

Shire staff have developed a great relationship with the Supervisors and some of the students have returned to visit and brought their families with them. You may develop lifelong friendships from this experience.

You will need to provide a meal for them on the Tuesday and Wednesday nights and may need to provide them with lunches on some days. The Shire provides a "Thank You" dinner on the Thursday evening which host families are invited to attend. We also extend the invitation to those companies who provide the opportunity for the students to visit during their stay.

If your children are away at school and you have an empty bed for these few days, consider committing to this program. Everyone who has been involved previously has thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

To discuss this further please give Deb a call on 0409 931 407 and she can run through any questions, queries or concerns that you may have.

## Share our Town and rural lifes with doctors of the futu

#### Do you want to help educate our future Doctors?

We will be hosting 20 second-year medical students from Curtin University who will participate in the Curtin Medical School Student Rural Immersion Week in conjunction with the Shire of Dalwallinu, with the aim of inspiring them to pursue careers in rural Western Australia. During their stay, they will visit local farms, industry, general practices, hospitals and schools, and engage in community

#### Do you live in or near Dalwallinu?

As a host, we will ask you to provide accommodation for one, two or more students for three nights, be able to assist with transporting them to/from town, and share what it is like to live in your town with the students. If you only have the ability to any students please still consider this. If you are interested give Deb a call to discuss this matter further.

#### Why host?

#### We would love to hear from you!

This is a life-changing experience for the students, with many having no previous exposure to rural life. By providing these rural immersion opportunities early in their degree, it has been proven that students are more likely to explore rural career opportunities and have a better understanding of treating rural patients. Some students continue to keep in touch and visit their host families, some return to do seasonal work and placements, others have joined mentoring programs and some have inspired host family members to pursue tertiary studies in health and medicine.

For further information, contact Deb Whitehead:

T 0409 931 407

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#### **Employment - Traineeships**

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#### **Public Notices**

#### **Department of Transport Licensing Hours**

Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.00pm

The Shire of Dalwallinu offer licensing facilities on behalf of the Department of Transport. The licensing hours are set by the Department of Transport.

Please ensure you attend the offices early and allow adequate time for processing of your paperwork as the Department of Transport Licensing computers close at 4pm.

Shire staff do not have access after that time to Licensing computers.



If you wish to contact the Department of Licensing their number is **13 11 56** and their website is https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/licensing.asp

#### **SMS Register for Emergency Purposes – Townsites**

Do you reside in Buntine, Dalwallinu, Kalannie, Pithara or Wubin? Would you like your mobile number to be added to SMS register for emergency messaging purposes? SMS services could be used for purposes such as evacuation of the area, extreme weather warnings, road closures etc. This register is does not include harvest ban information.

To register – please contact Shire Administration 08 9661 0500 or sfo@ dalwallinu.wa.gov.au with your name, address and mobile number.



THIS IS NOT THE SAME REGISTER USED FOR HARVEST BANS

#### **Harvest Ban SMS Service**

During Harvest time the Shire of Dalwallinu administers the Harvest Ban SMS Service. As soon as a harvest ban is called all mobile phones registered will receive a SMS directly to their mobile phone.

This service is free of any direct charge. Please note that Harvest Bans are called by the Volunteer Fire Control Officers. We urge you to register your details at the Shire. Farmers and business owners, if you have staff who have moved on and you wish to check, or to have them removed from this service please contact Christie.

#### Fire Rating Widget on Website



Did you know that the Shire has a Fire Rating widget on the Shire website page?

For current Fire Ratings please check the website. The widget is visible on the top right hand side of the website banner and remains visible no matter what page you are viewing.



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#### **Public Health - Septic Tank Tips**

#### Do's for Maintaining your Septic Tank: The Best Tips

Let's look at all the easy tips you should be doing to avoid costly repairs and keep the overall system working as efficiently as possible.

- Schedule regular maintenance. You should pump out the solid waste in your septic tank every 3-5 years.
- Conserve water. Repair water leaks and use low-flow water-saving devices on every faucet, shower head, and toilet in the house! Monitoring your water usage is one of the best ways to help keep your system running smoothly.
- Protect and inspect the drain field. Have it inspected whenever you have the septic system pumped or cleaned.
- Use septic-approved products. Look for cleaning products and toilet paper that state they are safe for septic systems. You can use septic tank additives if you like, but the truth is that we aren't convinced that they work. They don't cause harm, so you can use them if you like.
- Teach everyone in your household about the septic system. Go over the list of Dont's with everyone in your house to avoid problems.
- Run only full loads when using washing machines or a dishwasher. Water conservation matters!
- Do your laundry over several days, not in one go. Limit yourself to no more than 3 full loads of laundry per day.
- Make sure that your septic tank is the right size for your household. Expand or replace your septic
  tank with a larger or better design if your family has grown substantially.
- Limit the food scraps that get into the sink. Scrape plates into the garbage first or start a compost bin.

#### **Dont's for Septic Tank Care: Common Mistakes to Avoid**

These are some common mistakes most people make with their septic system.

- Don't flush products not approved for septic tanks. Toilet paper, cigarette butts, feminine hygiene
  products, disposable diapers, baby wipes, sanitary products, dental floss, paper towels, and other
  products that are not biodegradable should never be put in your septic system.
- Don't ignore unusual activity. Gurgling drains, slow drains, dirty-looking water in the toilet, bad smells from drains, or soggy soil around the leach drain field are all warning signs that the septic tank is full of solid waste and needs to be pumped.
- Don't pour harsh chemicals, bleaching agents, drain cleaners, or grease down the drain. As you
  would expect, grease clogs pipes, and harsh chemicals kill the good bacteria that allow your
  system to work as it should.
- Don't dump even biodegradable items down the drain. While coffee grounds, food scraps, and
  other biodegradable matters are natural, they tend to be problematic. Use a composting bin or
  throw them out in the trash.
- Don't plant trees with invasive roots on or around the drain field. If you aren't sure which trees
  are safe to plant, you can call the friendly staff at Superior Septics.
- Don't use dishwashers or washing machines during heavy rains. Rainfall is already saturating the drain field. Adding extra water from these devices puts a heavy strain on the soil.
- Don't overload your septic tank. Avoid running the dishwasher, washing machine, shower, and toilet simultaneously because this huge amount of water will overburden the irrigation field. Consider running the dishwasher today and the washing machine tomorrow.
- Avoid overusing antibacterial products. Soap is naturally antibacterial so there is no need to use
  antibacterial soaps. Excessive use of this item can disrupt the natural, friendly bacteria that your
  septic system thrives on. Look for eco-friendly soaps or go with old-fashioned bar soaps that are
  environmentally and septic system friendly.













#### **Public Notices**



# FOR SALE

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HALL



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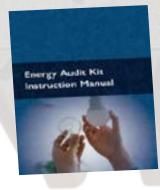
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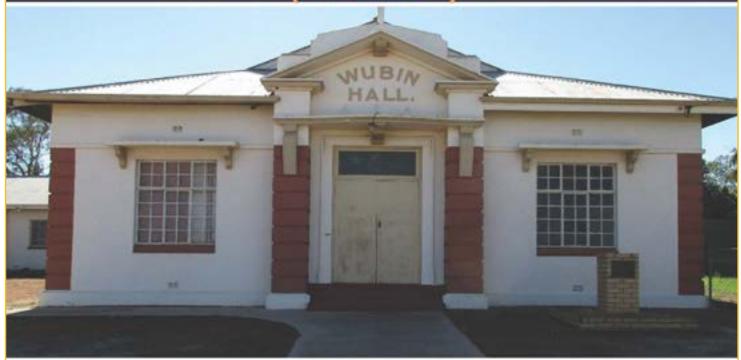






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#### **Industrial Land for Sale**







- · Fully serviced lots'
- Titles anticipated July 2025
- To continue the development of a vibrant rural community, purchasers are required to build within 36 months from sattlement,

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822	YorkStreet	10.103eqm	\$318,181
823	YorkStreet	11.763sqm	\$372,727
529	Butcher Place	5,985aqm	Under Offer
830	<b>Butcher Place</b>	5,432sqm	Under Offer
835	York Street	5.844sqm	Under Offer
835	YorkStreet	5,433sqm	Under Offer
842	YorkStreet	4.884sqm	Under Offer

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#### LAND FOR SALE

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765	Strickland Orive	842sqm	Under Offer
767	Magenta Mews	851sqm	Under Offer
748	Gamenya Place	1,031eqm	\$139,000
750	Magenta Mews	542sqm	Under Offer
751	Magenta Mews	880sqm	Under Offer
762	Gamenya Place	875sqm	Under Offer

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#### Next Ordinary Meeting of Council - 5.00pm Tuesday 25 November 2025

Dalwallinu Council Chambers, 58 Johnston Street, Dalwallinu WA 6609

#### MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

The public are invited to attend any Ordinary Council Meeting to ask questions of the Shire & Councillors. Ordinary Council Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except January) commencing at 5.00pm unless advertised otherwise.



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# Consumer Watch



#### Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety



### Regional Column

Consumer Protection 140 William Street Perth Western Australia 6000

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28 November 2025

#### With Senior Regional Officer for Midwest - Natasha Pirrottina

#### One ride can change everything

Quad bikes are not toys and along with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), Consumer Protection is encouraging farmers, partners, parents and carers to protect their loved ones when riding these powerful machines.

Ahead of the summer holidays the ACCC has launched the 'One ride can change everything' safety awareness campaign. Although some quad accidents will be relatively minor, others can have devastating, lifelong consequences for the rider and their families.

Since 2011, 235 Australians have died in quad bike incidents, with men accounting for more than 80% of fatalities, figures from <u>SafeWork Australia</u> show. Twenty-three of those deaths occurred in Western Australia, with two of them being children aged under 10. In fact, Australia-wide children under-16 make up more than a quarter of all emergency department presentations relating to quad bike injuries.

You should never let kids ride quads made for adults, even as passengers. When they ride an adult-sized quad bike they are often over-confident in their ability to control the bike. Children also don't have the skills or physical strength to handle the power of these bikes and it can have catastrophic outcomes.

Despite being marketed as "all-terrain vehicles", quad bikes cannot safely go anywhere and everywhere. Steep slopes or rough terrain increases the risk of a roll over. Even at slower speeds, these bikes can topple over and crush or suffocate the rider with the hundreds of kilos these machines weigh.

Side-by-sides are another all-terrain vehicle growing in popularity and unfortunately this means so are the incidents. Many fatalities and serious injuries occur when occupants don't use or remove safety features from their vehicles such as seatbelts, doors or netting. Coronial inquests into fatalities involving side-by-sides have found that if victims had been wearing seatbelts at the time of the accident, they would not have been thrown from the cabin.

There are three golden rules to follow when using quad bikes to help you, your loved ones, friends and work colleagues stay safe. Always wear a helmet, but make sure it's the right fit, and done up firmly. Adult-sized helmets don't protect child-sized heads, and no helmet works if it's left in the shed.

# Consumer Watch



#### Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety



Make sure your quad bike is fitted with rollover protection, also called an operator protection device (OPD). If the quad topples over it will be held off the ground to provide a crawl out space. Finally, children under the age of 16 should never ride an adult quad bike, even when an adult is present.

When it comes to side-by-sides, always wear a seat belt and never let children drive. It's also worth checking the manufacturer's advice before letting children ride side-by-side vehicles as passengers.

One ride can change everything. Don't risk it, ride safe every time. Learn more with the national quad bike and side-by-side vehicle guide - productsafety.gov.au/quadbikes



# One ride can change everything



Quad bikes and side-by-side vehicles (SSVs) are one of the leading causes of death and serious injury on Australian farms.

#### Quad bike safety

- helmet on
- rollover protection fitted
- no kids on adult quad bikes.

For more information on quad bike and SSV safety, visit: productsafety.gov.au/quadbikes





#### SSV Safety

- Always wear a seatbelt
- Never let children operate an SSV
- Use the netting / close the cab doors when riding an SSV.



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# Environment



# **Backyard Buddies**

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

December 2025

### The WA Christmas tree, stealing the show (and water!)



A Nuytsia floribunda flowering in Perth bushland, a close view of the characteristic golden yellow blooms.

Christmas is just around the corner, and that means the glorious Western Australian Christmas tree, or moodjar in Noongar (*Nuytsia floribunda*), are in bloom! Not only are they our state's most iconic summer-flowering tree, but they're one of the botanical world's most fascinating survivalists!

#### A tree like no other

The WA Christmas tree is found exclusively in the south-west corner of Western Australia, from Geraldton to Esperance. Growing up to 10 meters tall, it's a member of the mistletoe family (Loranthaceae) and holds the remarkable distinction of being the world's largest hemiparasitic plant. From late November through January, these trees put on a stunning display, with masses of vibrant orange-yellow flowers that can be spotted from a distance across the landscape.

However, the real show happens underground. The Christmas tree's roots can send out specialised structures called haustoria that seek out and tap into the roots of neighbouring plants, stealing their water and nutrients. They are indiscriminate in their parasitism, grasses, shrubs, even other trees become unwilling hosts. There are stories of road crews encountering Christmas trees trying to parasitise underground cables, with their root attachments causing significant damage!

Despite this vampiric lifestyle, the Christmas tree produces its own leaves and photosynthesises like any normal tree. Meaning it is a hemiparasite (only partially parasitic). These parasitic adaptations allow it to access water during WA's notoriously dry summers, and extract nutrients, in an environment of nutrient-poor, sandy soils that dominate the region.

So these holidays, why not jump in the car, or go for a bushwalk and see if you can spot some of these incredible plants found nowhere else in the world.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas from the Backyard Buddies team!



#### Report your observations



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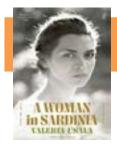
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# **16 Days** in WA recommended reading list 2025 Curated by the State Library of WA



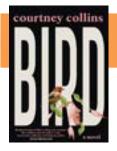
#### **Fiction**



#### **A Woman in Sardinia** Valeria Usala

Based on a true story, a tale of generations of Sardinian women searching for independence in the face of prejudice and

superstition, for fans of Elena Ferrante. A story of three generations of women, their courage and search for independence in the face of superstition and prejudice, in the spirit of Natalia Ginzburg and Elena Ferrante. In this striking debut, based on a true story, Valeria Usala bears witness to an age-old story of violence against women and takes us into the heart of rural Sardinia, where superstitions and cruelty coexist with the joys and companionship of a tight-knit community.



# **Bird**Courtney Collins

You walk and the harvest moon casts the clearest of shadows. You are nervous. With a moon like that, it is not a night for

escaping. It is a night made better for hunting runaway girls. 'Himalayas: Unknown Year' Ten thousand strands of trouble, is what Bird's father says, watching as Bird's sister braids her hair. On the eve of her fourteenth year, that trouble finds Bird. Fleeing her home to escape an arranged marriage, she attempts to vanish into a crowd of pilgrims - not knowing that violence is circling, and that it already has its eyes on her. In search of her own life and her own truth, she could never imagine how long and how far it would take her. Darwin: Present Day. Waking in a hospital bed, Bird tries to remember what brought her here. A man whose gaze she knew to fear, a stolen car, a plastic gun, and a real bullet in her shoulder. Kindness is being offered here, so why is her instinct always to run? Strand by strand, she begins to remember...



#### **Kataraina**

Becky Manawatu

The much-awaited follow-up to the award-winning international bestseller Auē. In Auē, eightyear-old Ārama was taken by

his brother, Taukiri, to live with Kat and Stu at the farm in Kaikōura, setting in motion the ensuing tragedy, which resulted in Stu's death. Aunty Kat was at the centre of events, but, silenced by abuse, her voice was absent from the story. In Kataraina, Kat and her whanau take over the telling. As one. the family recounts her childhood and the time when she first began to feel the greenness of the swamp in her veins -- the swamp that holds her tears and the tears of generations of tīpuna; the swamp on the land owned by Stu that has been growing since the day he was killed. Unflinching in its portrayal of intergenerational trauma and violence, tender in its harnessing of the hope that future generations represent, Katarainais a stunning novel that confirms Becky Manawatu as one of the most talented and powerful writers working in Aotearoa/New Zealand today.



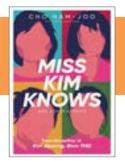
#### Lola in the Mirror

Trent Dalton

Mirror mirror, on the grass, what's my future? What's my past? A girl and her mother have been on the run for sixteen years,

from police and the monster they left in their kitchen with a knife in his throat. They've found themselves a home inside a van with four flat tyres parked in a scrapyard by the edge of the Brisbane River. The girl has no name because names are dangerous when you're on the run. But the girl has a dream. A vision of a life as an artist of international acclaim. A life outside the grip of the Brisbane underworld drug queen 'Lady' Flora Box. A life of love with the boy who's waiting for her on

the bridge that stretches across a flooding, deadly river. A life beyond the bullet that has her name on it. And now that the storm clouds are rising, there's only one person who can help make her dreams come true. That person is Lola and she carries all the answers. But to find Lola, the girl with no name must first do one of the hardest things we can ever do. She must look in the mirror.



# Miss Kim knows: and other stories

Cho Nam-Joo

A woman is born. A woman is filmed in public without consent. A woman suffers

domestic violence. A woman is gas lit. A woman is discriminated against at work. A woman grows old. A woman becomes famous. A woman is hated, and loved, and then hated again. Written in Cho Nam-Joo's masterful, razor-sharp prose, Miss Kim Knows brings together the lives of eight Korean women, aged 10 to 80. Contained in each of these biographies is a microcosm of contemporary Korea, and the challenges and injustices that women face from childhood to old age. As with Kim Jiyoung, Born 1982, the fates of these eight women are the fates of women the world over. And under Cho Nam-Joo's precise, unveiled gaze, nothing and nobody escapes scrutiny – not even herself.



### Roseghetto

Kirsty Jagger

Shayla is on a newspaper assignment when she returns to the public housing estate where she grew up and finds

it demolished. The locals have been evicted, their homes erased, their stories too. Standing among the rubble of Rosemeadow, Shayla is assailed by her memories of living there. The bad secret Daddy asked her to keep. Mummy rekindling a dangerous romance. Making friends with 'the gutter kids'. Surrounded by poverty, confronted by domestic violence, Shayla found her escape in reading. Now it's time to tell the stories of Rosemeadow, including her own. Roseghetto is an unforgettable and moving coming-of-age story, an account of breaking the cycle of violence and poverty.



# The Broken Hummingbird Ann Marie Jackson

In the midst of a marital crisis, Jane hatches an unusual plan to avoid a custody battle, the thing she most fears: she convinces

husband Kevin to walk away from the pressures of New York -- in particular, her demanding job and an affair she almost had -- in the hope that moving to their favourite city abroad will fix their family. In San Miguel de Allende, Jane and her young sons delight in new adventures, but Kevin still seethes. Iane befriends a circle of intriguing women and helps two girls who remind her of the brother she abandoned when her own parents divorced. After witnessing violence involving the girls' father, Jane's vivid dreams, possibly guided by a hummingbird messenger from the hereafter, grow ever darker. When tragedy strikes San Miguel, the community fractures and then rises, and Jane must make a dangerous choice. The Broken Hummingbird balances the raw undoing of a marriage with the joys of discovery that lie in building a new life.







**Contact: Shannon Dawson** 

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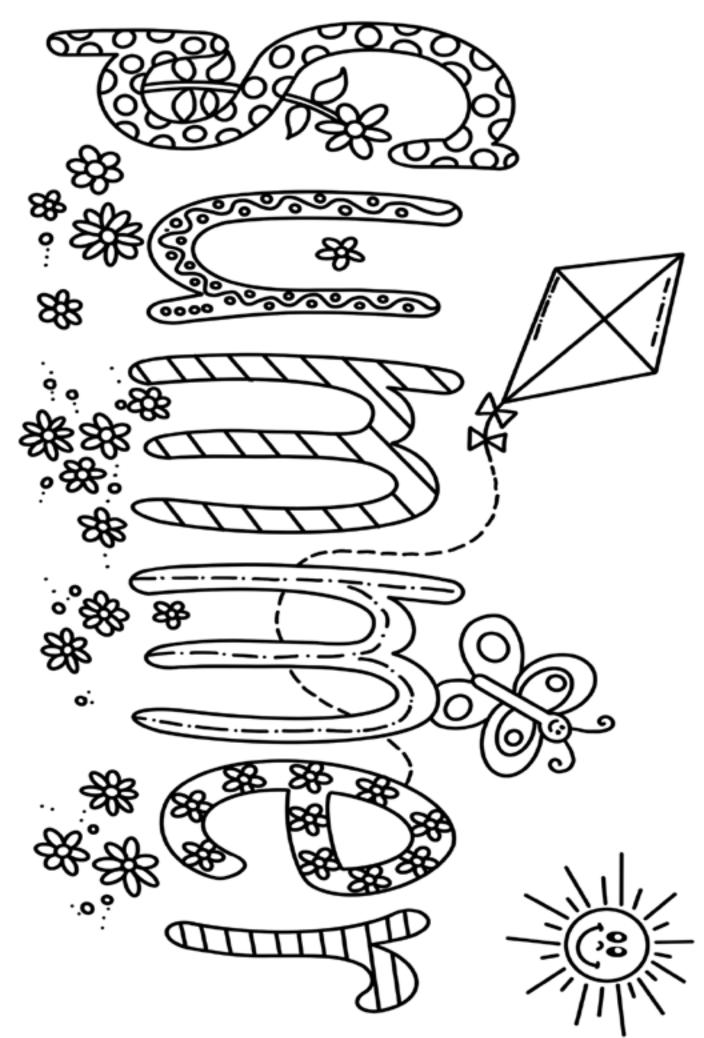
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# KIDS PUZZLES







# Countryside **Memorials**

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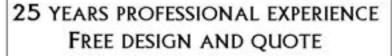
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# Work safely in the heat



### **Avoid heat illness**

- Be aware of symptoms of heat illness
- Use barriers or reflective screens alongside heat sources
- Take breaks in shaded/cool places

- Acclimatise to hot environments
- Share the workload
- Drink water regularly
- Use shade protection, a hat and sunscreen

- Wear light clothing
- Use natural ventilation, fans, blowers or chillers
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle
- Keep an eye on your workmates

Working in hot conditions poster indd 1



Wheatbelt Regional Cancer Prevention Coordinator Cancer Council Western Australia RCPCWheatbelt@cancerwa.asn.au

# Wheatbelt farmer becomes face of Christmas Appeal to support country cancer patients

Wheatbelt farmer, Gerard Hodges, is the face of Cancer Council WA's 2025 Christmas Appeal after a shock skin cancer diagnosis turned his life upside down.

The fit and healthy farmer first noticed what looked like a simple graze on his hand during the 2022 harvest season.

"Bumps and grazes aren't unusual for farmers, so I shrugged it off," Gerard said. "But it just didn't heal. One bandage turned into three."



When the Royal Flying Doctor Service came through town, Gerard had it checked. What was first thought to be a minor basal cell carcinoma turned out to be Stage 4 squamous cell carcinoma, an aggressive form of skin cancer that had already spread to his kidney and liver. Within days, Gerard was in Perth, unsure where he would stay or how long he would be away from the farm. After weeks in ICU fighting pneumonia, organ failure, and even surviving two cardiac arrests, he was told about Cancer Council WA's accommodation Lodges.

Since moving into Milroy Lodge in Shenton Park, Gerard has found more than just a place to stay, he has found peace in the gardens, comfort in the 24-hour support, and connection with others who understand what he is going through.

"I'm so proud to be the face of this year's Christmas Appeal," Gerard said.

"I encourage the WA community to get behind it and support this vital accommodation service for regional people like me."

This year alone the lodges have had almost 5,000 check-ins from country patients and carers. By donating to our Christmas Appeal, you're ensuring country cancer patients like Gerard have vital support when they need it most.

To donate to the Christmas Appeal visit cancerwa.asn.au. For more information about Cancer Council WA Lodges and support services, visit cancerwa.asn.au/cancer-support/get-support/regional-services or call 13 11 20 for information and support.

# WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

# Progression Planning (Succession) Relationships First

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE December 2025

Progression Planning is about retaining family relationships in the progression/succession process by looking at the *people issues* before dealing with the financial and business aspects. It is often the unspoken expectations of family members that can lead to the difficulties experienced. If farming families looked at the relationship aspects and the *people issues*, of their business as part of the progression plan there would be less stress and misunderstanding.

Why Progression? Mixed messages are received and given using the word *succession*. For most it means the *king is dead* who is the next king? Progression is not just a business transaction; it is primarily about *relationships*. One of the greatest risks to a farming family's viability, in the long term, is relationship breakdown that we often don't see coming. Progression shifts the focus to how we move the family-owned business into the next era or generation and how the older generation can successfully make the transition to the next phase of their lives. *Progression* encapsulates these options.



Effective communication allows for awareness, understanding and a basis to reach agreement on issues. Communication must be maintained to both reduce distress and for our positive wellbeing. In fact, many people don't talk about progression until it's too late and/or put it off because it is too difficult.

The following key topics in progression planning need to be canvassed in detail:

- Family communication, it all starts here.
- What is the farm business? Allows understanding of the business the family are involved in.
- Stakeholders, who's involved? It is important to empower all parties to have a role in the progression planning process.
- What do stakeholders want? Questions to ask our spouse/partner and children about progression and/or retirement and business development.
- Transition period. You must establish an agreement that is suitable to your requirements. It's not going to happen overnight.

We need to make Progression Planning discussions part of normal conversation in our business. Only the minority, amongst family-owned businesses, have any documentation around farm and/or business succession. Families must lead the way and own the process, no one can do it for us. Some simple rules that influence good progression planning are:

- Sort the relationships first.
- Debate the issues openly and with those that matter.
- Start planning early, when your kids leave school, the plan should be in place and understood.
- When children come to work on the farm and/or in the business, be clear on where it is going (sell the business not the land or building).
- Seek outside help for more than financial and legal matters (involve more than just the farm consultant, accountant and/or lawyer).
- Have a handover strategy and stick to it.

Remember not all businesses will be able to have a successful progression/succession outcome, for a variety of reasons. Maintain those relationships first, to give it the best shot. A quote from Warren Buffett that fits in well with progression/succession matters... Don't do what others say, just listen to them, and do what you feel good with.





#### MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING TIPS:



#### **GET ENOUGH SLEEP AND REST**

Sleep affects our physical and mental health and can be the first thing we trade in when we get busy or stressed.



### SCHEDULE TIME FOR THINGS YOU ENJOY

Balance in life is important, so taking time out for things you enjoy can make a difference to how you think and feel.



#### **BE ACTIVE AND EAT WELL**

Our physical and mental health are closely linked, so ensure that you are exercising and eating nutritious food.



### NURTURE RELATIONSHIPS AND CONNECT WITH OTHERS

Our connection to others is what keeps us strong, especially during challenging times. Ensure you have people to connect with (face-to-face, over the phone or virtually).



#### ENSURE YOU ARE ADOPTING STRATEGIES TO MANAGE YOUR STRESS LEVELS

If you have are having trouble relaxing or managing intrusive thoughts, the websites below provide an array of tips and tools that can assist you.



#### **MAKE A 'TASKS LIST'**

Break large tasks into smaller, more manageable tasks which can be prioritised in order of importance.



### FOCUS ON WHAT YOU CAN CONTROL

Direct your time, energy, and resources towards things you have direct influence over, rather than things outside of your control (weather/climate, government regulations, commodity markets.



#### **BRING OTHERS TO THE TABLE**

Another set of ears and a logical brain can help with processing and retaining information.



### KEEP THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN

Schedule regular farm business meetings and don't avoid making decisions.



#### KEEP IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH INDUSTRY PEERS, GROWER GROUPS AND CONSULTANTS

They are sources of trusted and valuable information and can also be a good social connection.



### PREPARE AND PLAN FOR THE UNEXPECTED

Contingency planning can avoid further stress.



# BE AWARE OF THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH BEHAVIOURS OR COPING STRATEGIES THAT ARE UNSAFE AND PUT YOURSELF AND OTHERS AT RISK

Unsafe alcohol consumption, misuse of prescription medication and use of illicit drugs.



### TAKE TIME TO PAUSE, BREATHE AND REFLECT

A simple moment of reflection helps us connect our minds with our feelings. It enables us to connect what's happening around us with what's going on in our heads and hearts. Taking the time to ask the right questions of ourselves, and time to get a thoughtful answer, gives us perspective, direction and clarity. By taking time to pause and slow down our breathing (deep circular breaths), we slow down a racing heart, reducing the symptoms of stress headaches and muscle tension.



### PARTAKE IN HELP SEEKING BEHAVIOURS

Please see below for information on Support Services and Helplines available.



### ORGANISE AN INFORMATION SESSION OR WORKSHOP:

CRISIS LINES		Rural West	1800 612 004
Lifeline Lifeline WA provides all Western Australians experiencing a personal crisis or thinking about suicide with access to 24-hour crisis support and suicide prevention services.	13 11 14 <u>Lifeline WA</u>	Rural West provide a free, confidential, mobile, independent financial counselling service to regional small businesses and all primary production enterprises in WA.	Rural West
·		Wheatbelt Mental Health	9621 0999
Suicide Call Back Service Suicide Call Back Service is a free nationwide service providing 24/7 phone and online counselling to people affected by suicide.	1300 659 467	Including: Adult Mental Health Service, Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service, Aboriginal Mental Health Service & Seniors Mental Health Service.	WA Country Health Service
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Beyond Blue Beyond Blue as a reliable source of mental health information, support, and hope.	1300 224 636 Beyond Blue	Amity Health provide a range of funded health and community programs across the Wheatbelt region.	Amity Health
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MensLine Australia  MensLine Australia is a telephone and online counselling service offering support for Australian men anywhere, anytime.	1300 789 978  MensLine Australia	headspace Northam is a free and confidential service for young people aged 12-25. Their service is designed to make it as easy as possible for a young person and their family to get the help they need for problems affecting their wellbeing.	Headspace Northam
Drought Response Hotline	1300 489 832	WEBSITES FOR INFORMATION & RESOURCES	
The Drought response hotline is available 24/7 hotline for farmers to speak to a trained operator who will be able to connect callers with grant information and services most relevant to their needs.	Drought Response WA	ifarmwell ifarmwell is a free online tool kit to help farmers cope effectively with life's challenges and get the most out of every day, regardless of the circumstances they face.	<u>ifarmwell</u>
Kids Helpline	1800 551 800		
Kids Helpline is Australia's only free, confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.	<u>Kids Helpline</u>	National Centre for Farmer Health  The National Centre for Farmer Health supports farmer mental health through research; education; prevention-focused mental health resources including	National Centre for Farmer Health
PLACE-BASED SUPPORTS		Managing Stress on the Farm, Steering Straight and Campfire; and support services including a farmer	
Holyoake	9621 1055	health trained online psychology platform.	
Holyoake give Western Australians impacted by alcohol, drugs and mental ill health the support, hope and confidence they need to live the life they choose.	<u>Holyoake</u>	Managing Stress on the Farm walks farmers, farming families, farm workers, and farming communities through the common causes of stressors on farms and offers practical ways to deal with them. It also includes the Steering Straight plan, which helps individuals manage their mental health with practical,	Free to download via: Managing Stress on the Farm Booklet
Head to Health (co-located with Holyoake)	6383 8040	individuals manage their mental nealth with practical, valuable steps.	
Mental health support for adults (18+ years) with their own or another's mild to moderate mental ill health.	Head to Health Northam	TIACS	0488 846 988
Rural Aid Rural Aid provides critical support to farmers affected by natural disaster through financial,	1300 327 624 Rural Aid	TIACS is a free, confidential phone and text counselling service offering mental health support to farmers, blue-collar workers and those that care about them Australia-wide.	(Mon-Fri 8am-10pm AEST) TIACS
wellbeing and fodder assistance.		Head to Health	Head to
The Regional Men's Health Initiative  The Regional Men's Health Initiative is a team of people who are passionate about raising awareness of men's health and wellbeing in regional, rural, and remote communities throughout WA.	9314 1436  The Regional Mens Health Initiative	Head to Health helps everyone access the mental health and wellbeing services that are right for them. It makes it easier to navigate and choose the most suitable care options, whether that's face-to-face, via phone, or online.	Health

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There are no Services Australia staff at Access Points. If you need more help, use the telephone provided to call us directly.

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### Centrelink phone self service

Phone self service 136 240
To report your income and changes to your circumstances 133 276

#### How to contact us

Go to **servicesaustralia.gov.au** for more information about payments and services or call the listed '13' or '1800' number most relevant to your situation.

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Centrelink debt repayment	Freecall™ 1800 076 072
Child Support	131 272
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Families	136 150
Farmers and their partners	132 316
Financial Information Service	132 300

#### For information in other languages:

<ul> <li>Centrelink</li> </ul>	131 202			
<ul> <li>Medicare and Child Support</li> </ul>	131 450			
Grandparent Advisers	Freecall™ 1800 245 965			
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Medicare	132 011			
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Older Australians	132 300			

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Hazlett Corner Store	9666 2040	admin@hazlettcornerstore.com.au
Kalannie Agquip	9666 2179	admin@kalannieagquip.com.au
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Kalannie Seed Cleaners	9666 2075	info@seedcleaners.com.au
Kalannie Sporting & Recreation Club	9666 2032	ksrc@live.com.au
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Wheatbelt Vet Service	Dalwallinu - 9661 1290 Wongan Hills - 9671 1108 After Hours - 0428 671 022 (emergencies only)	info@wheatbeltvet.com.au
Wheatbelt Podiatry	0459 580 005	wheatbeltpod@outlook.com

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