

Shire of Victoria Plains

Community News

February 2017



Winner of the best dressed Sue Mills with her mum Shirley



Cr Crowther awarding Gavin Halligan representing Victoria Plains St John Ambulance for Group Citizen of the Year



DCEO Ian Graham and Chanel Duggan raising the Australian flag



DCEO Ian Graham announcing the Awards



Bolgart Ladies serving up a beautiful breakfast



Cr Penn awarding Topsy de Vries representing Wally Kerkhof of Kerkhof Camaby Group for Group Citizen of the Year



Phil Cook enjoying his breakfast



Cr Lovelock awarding Gavin Halligan with his award of Citizen of the Year



Cr Clarke awarding Brian McGill with his Citizen of the Year



Cr Smith awarding Chanel Duggan with her Youth Citizen of the Year



Cr Kelly awarding Phyllis Toms with her Senior Citizen of the Year

NEWS FROM THE CHAMBERS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CEO

December 12th 2016 marked a significant day for our Shire of Victoria Plains. That Day we welcomed our new CEO Ms Glenda Teede to the Shire.

She comes to us with some twelve years experience as a CEO in places as varied as Bidyadanga (south of Broome), far North Queensland and most recently West Daly (Northern Territory). She has also worked for Horizon Power as District Business Manager in NW of WA and has had some five years as an Independent Board Member

of WA Fire and Emergency Agency.

Your council undertook an extensive search for a replacement CEO for Harry Hawkins which involved engaging John Phillips of Toodyay as a consultant . Over thirty requests for details of the position were shortlisted to seven people whom were interviewed by all Councillors. Two candidates were asked to give a second presentation and Glenda Teede was unanimously selected for the CEO role.

Many of the Shires residents have met Glenda and I am confident have been impressed by her open and welcoming manner and her ability to recognise the basics of the issues raised.

Some change in the way the Shire is managed will occur but your Council is confident that the future will expand on the solid foundation our previous CEO's have, with the help of our Finance Managers, brought to our Shire. Compliance with the Shires statutory roles will be one of her priorities.

On behalf of us all I welcome Glenda and look forward to the Shire under her administrative role as continuing to be a great "PLACE TO GROW".

David Lovelock (Shire President)



2017 Australia Day Breakfast in Bolgart

Australia Day was celebrated by about one hundred people of all ages at the Bolgart sports centre where we were treated to a great sausage, egg, onion and tomato Bbq put on by the Bolgart CWA and Progress Association. Delicious fruit juice was provided by the Michael Brothers, Bolgart. The flag raising done by DCEO Ian Graham and Chanel Duggan and singing the national anthem was followed by Australia Day WA Community Citizen Of the Year presentations.

Shire President Cr David Lovelock presented Mr Gavin Halligan of New Norcia with a Citizen of the year medallion and certificate in recognition of his tireless volunteer work over more than thirty years with the St Johns Ambulance and New Norcia Fire Brigade and as its Captain for several years.

Brian McGill was also awarded as joint Citizen of the Year by Cr Neville Clarke for his many years of service to the Bolgart community especially for the Sports clubs of the area and help he has given to many in times of need.

Senior Citizen was awarded to Phyllis Toms of Mogumber presented by Cr Jim Kelly for services to the Mogumber community including running the library and Post Office there.

Youth Citizen award was awarded to Chanel Duggan for service to the Yerecion community and working along side our Shire CDO Jaime Hawkins helping with Youth in our Community by Cr David Smith. She had earlier raised our Australian flag.

Two groups were also recognised for very different community involvement .

The Kirkoff Carnaby Cockatoo group for their passionate efforts on behalf of This endangered species in Mogumber Town Reserve received an award presented by Deputy President Cr Stephanie Penn.

Finally Cr Jacqui Crowther presented a group Citizenship award to the Victoria Plains sub centre St Johns Ambulance for their selfless attention to those needing that service and the overarching feeling of security we have just knowing they are there should they be needed.

The severe heat of the day dulled enthusiasm for any outdoor activities but all reports were of a very positive nature for the event.

NEWS FROM THE CHAMBERS

Ward & Representation Review

The Shire received 97 responses to the request for comments on the Ward & Representation review.

Preferences and comments will be presented to Council at the February 2017 meeting.

Interested ratepayers and community members are encouraged to attend the February meeting to hear Council's response.

Shire of Victoria Plains War Memorial - Relocation of Mosaic Tiles

Residents of Calingiri will notice that the mosaic tiles have been removed from their previous location at the War Memorial.

Plans are being finalised about the new location for the mosaic tiles...watch this space!

Gravel - Price Paid to Landowners

An item relating to the price paid to landowners for purchase of gravel was laid on the table and will be discussed at the meeting in February following the DCEO obtaining information on prices paid by neighbouring Shires.

Local Laws Review 2016/2017

A review of the Shires local laws has recently been conducted with the Review, including recommended actions, being accepted by Council.

A workshop will be held with the Consultant for Councillors to discuss proposed amendments to the Local Laws, prior to the February meeting of Council.

Urgent Business

A number of urgent matters were raised as follows:

Mogumber Reserve

Cr Kelly displayed photographs taken of the Mogumber Rodeo arena and a tree on the Mogumber Reserve dated 19 December 2016 of:

- Fencing stays within proximity of trees
- A tree with disturbed ground underneath it and purported damage to tree trunk

The CEO is to investigate.

Water issues - Yerecoin & Piawaning

Council requested that the CEO approach the Water Corporation with regards to ongoing difficulties in relation to the water supply in Yerecoin and Piawaning.

The CEO & Paul Spowart (Building Maintenance) met with Rob Brooks, Operations Manager Mid West Region Water Corporation.

Plant hydrant location in Yerecoin, there are 2 hydrants and the stand pipe for fire fighting purposes, no more upgrades are scheduled.

Piawaning - New pipes are being replaced due to water leakages, no more upgrades are scheduled.

Calingiri - CEO discussed the water pressure in Calingiri when trucks come in and remove water. It has been agreed that the water will now be pumped from Moora, good news for the residents in Calingiri.

The CEO will request that a Water Corporation representative attend the February meeting of Council to provide information.

Mogumber power poles

The CEO is to contact Western Power in relation to replacing the wooden pole tops on the Mogumber three phase power line/s as a matter of urgency due to continued pole top fires.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Invitation to attend

2017 Shire of Victoria Plains

Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting

Interested Community members are encouraged to attend the Bushfire Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday 14 March at 8.30am.

Please contact the Shire on 9628 7004 or email reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

to RSVP



THANK YOU

Shire Works Manager David Holland and his Staff would like to thank the Community for helping with the clean up of the roads after the large amount of rain and storms recently



Call for Nominations

EXTRAORDINARY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

18 MARCH 2017

VACANCY

Central Ward - 1 Vacancy - 4 year term - Vacant

PASSION IS WHAT YOU NEED TO STAND FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The people who stand for Council are as varied as the reasons which motivate them. In WA there are over 1,100 elected members who come from a wide range of backgrounds and who have vastly differing qualifications and life experiences. The decision to stand for Council is a very personal one. To be an effective Councillor you will need to be willing to represent the views of the whole community, you should be interested in your local community, be able to facilitate communication between the community and the Council and participate in the decision making processes at meetings. Meeting fees and some expenses are paid.

Calling for nominations

If you are passionate about your community, enjoy working with people and want to make a real difference, you can stand for local government election.

Nominations open

Nominations opened at 8.30am on Thursday 2 February 2017.

Where to Nominate

Shire of Victoria Plains Administration Centre, 28 Cavell Street Calingiri.

Who can Nominate

Any person who is an Australian Citizen over the age of 18 years who is an elector of the district and is not disqualified under the Local Government Act 1995 may nominate for council. It is not a requirement that a candidate lives or owns property in the ward for which they nominate.

What is Required

Nominations must be on a prescribed form that is available from the Shire Administration Centre. An \$80 (CASH) nomination deposit is required as well as a profile of the candidate consisting of no more than 150 words on an A4 sheet. You can include a passport-sized photo if you wish. If unable to personally attend to nominate, an authorised agent can do this on your behalf.

More Information

A nomination pack is available from the Returning Officer - Glenda Teede
Ph: 9628 7004 Fax: 9628 7008 - Email: ceo@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

Nominations Close

Nominations close at 4.00pm sharp on Thursday 9th February 2017.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PIAWANING DESALINATION PLANT

On Dec 17 2016 The Shire of Victoria Plains was honoured to host the Minister for Water Ms Mia Davies MLA, to open the recently constructed desalination plant, that has been installed as an Emergency Water Supply for the people of Piawaning.

National Party's Mr Shane Love MLA was also present, along with our President Cr David Lovelock, Vice President Cr Stephanie Penn, Cr's Jim Kelly & David Smith.

A large contingent from the Piawaning area including office bearers & members of the Piawaning Progress Association was welcomed by the President. Cr Lovelock also paid tribute to the Engineers from Water Corp and to our Building Maintenance Officer Mr Paul Spowart for the efforts they had put in to the installation process of the project, and overcoming many unforeseen problems. He then invited Minister of Water Ms Mia Davies MLA and Mr Shane Love MLA to cut the tape & press the start button for the pump.

After the ribbon was cut & Ms Davies had declared the Emergency Water Supply open, the crowd adjourned to the nearby Town Hall for some refreshments and a much appreciated light lunch, which was catered for by the Piawaning Progress Association, who continued their reputation of providing excellent food.

As Ms Davies was about to leave for another appointment, Cr Jim Kelly presented the Minister with a bouquet of locally grown wild flowers (grown in west Gillingarra by Magiflower) and thanked her for allocating her time to come & open the plant.



Minister for Water Ms Mia Davies
MLA with Paul Spowart



Mrs Gae Purser, Mrs Marlene Smith
and Ms Janine Varley



Cutting the ribbon is Mr Shane Love MLA with
Minister for Water Ms Mia Davies MLA
and Shire President Cr David Lovelock



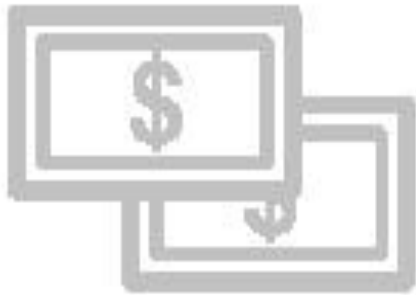
Member for Moore Mr Shane Love
MLA with David Holland



Graeme and Yvonne Buscombe



The new Desalination Plant ready to go



Community Budget Submissions

Not for profit Victoria Plains community groups are eligible to apply for event or project funding for the 2017/18 financial year through the Shire of Victoria Plains Community Budget Submissions.

Further information is available online www.victoriaplains.wa.gov.au or by contacting Jaime on 9628 7004, email cdo@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au
Applications close 31st March 2017



CALINGIRI GYM MEMBERS

PLEASE NOTE



As members of the gym you must leave the gym in a clean and safe condition.

PLEASE make sure all the equipment is put back in the correct place before you leave

ALL Members must take a towel with them to use and also wear appropriate shoes

The Shire has been noticing that there is more than one person per membership using the Gym at the same time.

There is only ONE person per pass at all times (unless it is a Family membership)

Each user must be a Member, you cannot share your Gym pass

Letting someone through the door with your pass will result in your Membership being cancelled and there will be NO refunds



www.buildyourwa.com.au



Moora and VP Residents Share in Funds for Age Appropriate Housing

Older residents in Moora and the Victoria Plains region will soon have increased opportunities to remain close to home as they age, thanks to a \$46.19 million state wide investment.

Shane Love MLA, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development said with funding from the *Royalties for Regions* Growing Our South initiative, the project would see the construction of nine Independent Living Units (ILU) in the Moora Shire with a further four units to be built in the Shire of Victoria Plains.

Innovation Central Midlands - incorporating the Shires of Moora, Dalwallinu and Wongan Ballidu has received more than \$7 million to build 26 units, while the *Avon Valley Aged Housing Alliance* will receive \$6 million to build 22 ILUs across the Shires of Victoria Plains, Dowerin, Goomalling and Toodyay.

"Statewide, the project will provide 150 specially designed, age-appropriate houses across 28 local governments in the Wheatbelt and Great Southern," Mr Love said.

Others projects to receive funding include the *Brookton, Beverley and Pingelly Alliance* (\$7.89 million), *Wheatbelt South Aged Housing Alliance* (\$10.09 million) and the *Cunderdin, Tammin and Quairading Alliance* (\$3.68 million).

Moore MP, Mr Love was in Dalwallinu on December 15 to announce the funding with Minister for Regional Development, Terry Redman.

Mr Love said the cluster style accommodation will enable the growing number of older people in these shires to remain living in their local communities close to family, friends and support networks.

"Staying connected with the community is a real concern for seniors, especially in regional areas, Mr Love added. It's great to see *Royalties for Regions* investing in projects that enable ageing community members to remain in their community for as long as possible."

Mr Love said Regional Western Australia had an older population profile than the State as a whole and an increasing need for aged care.

The State Government's housing program is aligned with the Federal Government's aged care reform, delivering on the findings of the Ageing in the Bush Report.

The Growing our South initiative is a five-year, \$600 million *Royalties for Regions* program to implement major infrastructure and community projects in the Peel, Wheatbelt, South West and Great Southern regions.



2017 COUNCIL SUPPORTER

The Shire is once again offering support to any groups, clubs, or schools who register to clean up a spot within Victoria Plains for the 2017 Clean Up Australia Day.

Register at www.cleanupaustriaday.org.au and then contact Jaime at the Shire on 9628 7004, email cdo@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au and we will help out with some donations of extra rubbish bags, gloves and vests.

The official Clean Up Australia Day dates are:

Sunday 5th March 2017

Community Group / Individual Clean Up Day

Tuesday 28th February 2017

Business Clean Up Day

Friday 3rd March 2017

School Clean Up Day



St John
For the Service of Humanity

COUNTRY AMBULANCE COVER APPLICATION FORM

\$85.00 per annum for a family

\$51.00 per annum for a single

APPLICANTS DETAILS:

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Surname: _____

Given Names: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

COVER REQUIRED: Single or Family (Complete below for family members)

Surname: _____ Given Names: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Please send your cheque/money order to:
St John Ambulance Victoria Plains
P O Box 57, Calingiri, WA 6569 or

Direct Deposit to BSB: 633000 ACC: 148206196 and post your completed application or email to pik1967@bigpond.com with deposit details.

TRANSPORT IS RECEIVED WRITE YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER ON THE ACCOUNT AND SEND IT BACK.

Conditions:

1. The subscription covers ambulance transport to patients in the following categories:

(i) **EMERGENCY;** People who are seriously ill or severely injured due to accident or illness.

(ii) **NO AUTHORISATION NECESSARY**

/convalescent stretcher transport.
People who need medical/surgical ambulance officer in transit and for whom no other form of transport is medically appropriate.

ELECTIVE: People needing the care or skills of an ambulance officer in transit and for whom no other form of transport is medically appropriate.

AUTHORISATION NECESSARY - BY A DOCTOR OR HOSPITAL

OR HOSPITAL

2. The **AMBULANCE BENEFIT FUND** is designed to safeguard the family unit and the individual. Family Membership covers your spouse and all **dependent children until they turn 18.**

3. Membership is not transferable or refundable.

4. This service reserves the right to claim fees under 3rd party Insurance, Workers' Compensation or any other Statutory Authority.

5. Renewal notices are posted out approx. 1 month prior to expiry date. The responsibility rests with the Member to ensure that address details are correct and the contribution is paid by the due date.

6. This service reserves the right to cancel membership, or refuse yearly renewal of membership if the subscriber is found to be abusing the fund by misuse or unauthorised transport.

7. The subscription coverage is restricted to ambulance transport provided by St John Ambulance in Western Australia and ambulance services in other States who have a reciprocal arrangement in place with St John Ambulance in Western Australia.

8. **Qualifying period 7 days from receipt of application.**

9. **A MEMBER IS DEEMED UNFINANCIAL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXPIRY DATE.**

February Newsletter



St John Ambulance

Victoria Plains

Local Officers Recognized For Service



Congratulations to Steven Woods and Gavin Halligan who were awarded the 35 Years of Service Medal. Steven and Gavin attended a ceremony at the Convention Centre in October where they were presented with their medals. The local volunteers celebrated their awards at an end of year get together in New Norcia in December.

To be a volunteer ambulance officer takes commitment, patience and an ability to act efficiently and safely under the most trying of conditions. Steven and Gavin have provided this service to the residents of the Victoria Plains Shire and beyond with the greatest of skill and care.

Need More Information About Your Membership?

If you require information about renewing or becoming a member of St John Ambulance please contact:

Administration Officer - Petrina King

PO Box 57 Ph : 96287084 or 0408910580

Calingiri WA 6569

Email : plk1967@bigpond.com

Did you know.....

If you are not a member of St John's and you require ambulance transport from Calingiri to Wongan Hills it will cost you over \$500? Or from New Norcia to Moora you will be charged over \$700?

Become A Member
Annual Memberships
Family \$85
Single \$51

You will also be supporting your local Centre and volunteer officers.

Memberships were due 31st October. If you did not renew your membership you will not be covered if you require an ambulance.

Since July the ambulance has been called out 26 times.
New Norcia – 13 times
Calingiri – 13 times



Calingiri Sportsground
Lambert Crescent
Calingiri WA 6569
calingirifc@gmail.com

Cougars Courier

January 2017

HOCKEY CLUB AGM

The Calingiri Hockey Club AGM will hold its AGM on the 17TH OF FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7PM at the Calingiri Sports Club.

Please contact Jocelyn King 0428 287170 with any agenda items or queries. Please register your interest to play Minkey, Juniors or Seniors by emailing Jonelle jonandben@bigpond.com before the meetings

FOOTBALL TRAINING

Training has commenced for Senior Footballers. Perth players will be training with Senior Coach Wes Walley at Noolamara Football Club and Wes will run a Friday night training session in Calingiri.

Next training dates are as follows:

Perth (Des Penman Reserve Noolamara): Every Monday and Wednesday from 6pm

Calingiri Sportsground: Wednesday 8th of February 2017 6pm-7pm.

Check the Facebook page for ongoing dates.



NETBALL COACH AND PLAYERS WANTED!!

Contact Bec Johnson
0459 593 988

WHAT'S NEWS....

Upcoming Events...

All Ages T20 Cricket Match 26th of February 2017 from 4pm
Come and join in on this all ages family event. Mixed teams will be made on the day. Bring a salad and BBQ packs will be available to purchase after the game and the bar will be open!

Clearing Sale and Market Day 18th of March 2017 from 12pm
This will be a community event with food stalls and activities as well as a Clearing Sale that's open for the public to sell items with a nominated commission going to the football club as a fundraiser. The Hockey and Netball clubs will also be running fundraising activities on the day. The event will close with a Sundowner in the evening.

Thank you to Landmark who will be assisting us with the sale on the day.

Exciting news for Gold Sponsors this year!

We will be setting up for signage around the oval this year for football club sponsors. Signage will be available to Gold Sponsors who pledge a 3-year sponsorship. Sponsorship packages will be coming soon with more details on what will be on offer this year!

THANK YOU to Mobile Hay Stackers for donating their time and equipment to stack the straw from the Cougars Crop.
Contact Roley on 0428 911 344 for your big bale stacking needs!

WELCOMING WES WALLEY BACK TO THE COUGARS!

Wes Walley has been appointed Senior Football Coach for the 2017 season. Wes has a long history with country footy with many of his playing years spent with the Cougars. Growing up in Miling, he played junior football with the Bindi/Miling Football Club. Wes played for the Cougars for five years from 2005-2015 and was part of the 2006 Premiership Team. Wes recalls those five years as "by far the best playing years of his football journey". Welcome back Wes!

Interested in joining a team in 2017? If you have any questions about being a part of one of our sporting teams or would like any other information, please see the contacts below. We look forward to welcoming new members to our Club in 2017. See the contacts for each team below.



Follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/calingiricougars/>

Footy Club:

President: Linc Mead m: 0428 942 860

Secretary: Elise Woods m: 0427 314 658

Hockey Club:

President: Jonelle Ballantyne m: 0410 456 461

Secretary: Jocelyn King m: 0428 287 170

Netball Club:

President: Bec Johnson m: 0459 593 988

Secretary: Nicky Brennan m: 0429 548 055



Cougars Clearing Sale & Market Day

A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE COUGARS
FOOTBALL, HOCKEY AND NETBALL CLUBS

Saturday March 18 2017

1 Lambert Crescent Calingiri (Calingiri Sports Ground)

12:00pm

**Sale commencing at 2:00pm
Sundowner to follow**

**Other activities will carry on before and after the sale and
food and drinks will be available for purchase**

**The Clearing Sale is open for the public to arrange to sell items
with a nominal part of the sale going to the club as a donation.**

**Forms to nominate an item will be available from the Calingiri,
Yerecoin or Bolgart Traders or can be emailed.**

**Contact Aaron Derbyshire on 0427 267 150 Elise Woods
0427 314 658 or calingirifc@gmail.com**

Spread kindness this February

The festivities of Christmas and the New Year are over and it's back to school and work. Have you thought about how you will manage your post-holiday blues?

The Wheatbelt Health Promotion Network is promoting 'Feel Good Feb' this month, with a social media campaign promoting random acts of kindness designed to put a smile on local's faces.

The Feel Good Feb initiative encourages everyone to complete random acts of kindness for others, and then share a description or photo to spread the message.

The Feel Good Feb initiative was started in the Eastern States by founder Linda Pang. Linda says, "there's been research to prove that acts of kindness spread in a cascading effect throughout social networks – kindness breeds kindness – and also that generosity and acts of altruism are great for your own mental health as well as others." Since then the message has continued to grow.

Act-Belong-Commit Project Officer, Marissa Yeo said Feel Good Feb was about promoting a simple but significant way people could make a difference to their own lives and the lives of others.

"Acts of kindness, however small or large, have the potential to make someone else's day, they're a great way to get a mental health boost too," she said.

"It could be anything. Shouting someone a coffee or giving a gift to a stranger, but it doesn't have to cost you money. Offering to return someone's trolley to the trolley bay, volunteering your time to a not-for-profit or charity, giving someone an honest compliment or smiling at a stranger are all completely free and have the potential to completely brighten someone's day."



The Wheatbelt Health Promotion Network encourages people to post their stories and photos of random acts of kindness to the My Healthy Wheatbelt Facebook page to help spread the message. Don't forget to #actbelongcommit and #feelgoodfeb.



Government of Western Australia
Department of Fire & Emergency Services

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

Total Fire Bans



Total Fire Bans affect everyone, whether you live near bush or in a built up area. They are a prevention measure to warn you of a day of predicted adverse fire weather. On these days you should be particularly careful not to cause a fire to start.

WHAT DOES A TOTAL FIRE BAN MEAN?

It means a person must not:

- light, maintain or use a fire in the open air
- carry out an activity in the open air that causes or is likely to cause a fire.

The ban includes:

- hot works (welding, grinding, soldering, gas cutting)
- all open solid fuel fires for the purpose of cooking or camping
- use of incinerators and other activities (as described in the 'What Can't I do on a Total Fire Ban day?' section).

WHEN WILL A TOTAL FIRE BAN BE DECLARED?

They are declared on days when fires will be difficult to control, are most likely to threaten lives and property, or when widespread fires are impacting the availability of resources.

The decision to put a ban in place is based on the weather forecast. DFES consults with the Bureau of Meteorology to determine when dangerous fire weather conditions are likely. DFES also consults with local governments that will be affected.

The need for the ban to remain is assessed and may be revoked in the morning if weather conditions ease. The status of a ban should be checked after 6pm each day.

HOW LONG IS A TOTAL FIRE BAN IN PLACE FOR?

The ban will be in place from 12.01am to 11.59pm on the day declared.

HOW IS A TOTAL FIRE BAN DECLARED?

They are declared by the Minister for Emergency Services, or his authorised delegate, using the whole local government boundary.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN ONE HAS BEEN DECLARED?

You can check if your shire has a ban:

- on the DFES website at www.dfes.wa.gov.au
- by calling **1800 709 355**
- by listening to ABC local radio and other media outlets
- on roadside Fire Danger Rating signs
- subscribe to RSS or follow DFES on twitter www.twitter.com/dfes_wa



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Total Fire Bans

WHAT ARE THE PENALTIES FOR IGNORING A TOTAL FIRE BAN?

You could be fined up to \$25,000 and/or jailed for 12 months, if you ignore a ban.

CAN I GET AN EXEMPTION TO CARRY OUT WORK DURING A TOTAL FIRE BAN?

Some industries and activities may be given an exemption depending on the nature of their activity.

HOW CAN I GET AN EXEMPTION?

An exemption may be granted if you can show you are taking proper steps to prevent any fire spreading, and that you can control and put out any fire that may start.

Exemptions can cover specific times and locations, and can be changed or cancelled at any time.

You need to apply for an exemption in writing by completing an exemption application form, available at www.dfes.wa.gov.au

WHAT CAN'T I DO ON A TOTAL FIRE BAN DAY? **BBQs**

Can I use my BBQ?

This depends on what type of BBQ or cooker you have, and where it is located. During a Total Fire Ban you cannot light or use a fire in the open air. Undercover areas such as patios, pergolas and huts that are open or partially open to the weather are deemed to be in the open air.

Solid fuel

No. You cannot use any BBQ or cooker that requires solid fuel such as wood or charcoal. This includes wood fired ovens or stoves, and Weber like BBQs.

Gas

Yes. You can use a gas BBQ for cooking if it has an enclosed flame and:

- All flammable material is cleared five metres away from around your BBQ.
- Your BBQ is never left unattended.
- BBQs with exposed flames cannot be used.

Electric

Yes. You can use an electric BBQ where there is no flame.

What happens if I don't have a five metre buffer zone for my BBQ?

In residential areas where there is not enough space to create your five metre buffer, due to a fence or building, you must:

- Ensure the area around your BBQ is free from flammable material.
- Ensure no burning or hot material escapes this area.
- Be in reach of a garden hose.
- Short green grass less than five centimetres in height, paving stones, bricks and reticulated gardens are not considered to be flammable.

Can I have a BBQ in my local park?

Yes. But only under strict conditions. If you are in a public space or park you must only cook in an area sign posted as a BBQ area. You can only use an electric or gas appliance that has an enclosed flame. All flammable material must be cleared five metres around the appliance. Short green grass less than five centimetres in height, paving stones, bricks and reticulated gardens are not considered to be flammable. You cannot use solid fuel such as wood or charcoal in the open air.

Can I use my wood fired pizza oven?

No. You cannot use solid fuel such as wood or charcoal in the open air this includes outdoor wood fired pizza ovens. Undercover areas such as patios, pergolas and huts that are open or partially open to the weather are deemed to be in the open air.

Tools and Equipment

Can I use a chainsaw, plant or grass trimmer, or lawn mower?

Yes. These activities can be undertaken in suburban or built up areas, but not in bush or other areas where their use is likely to cause a fire. If possible postpone this work as the risk of starting a fire is extremely high.

Can I use a generator?

Yes. This can be undertaken in suburban or built up areas, but not in bush or other areas where their use is likely to cause a fire. If possible postpone this work as the risk of starting a fire is extremely high.



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Total Fire Bans

Can I use equipment and machinery (e.g. bobcats, excavators, bulldozers etc)?

Yes. But only if a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban has not been implemented by your local government and not in the bush or other areas where their use is likely to cause a fire. If possible postpone this work as the risk of starting a fire is extremely high. Their use is permitted in suburban or built up areas where the area is sufficiently cleared of flammable material to prevent a fire escaping.

Can I do grinding, welding or other forms of 'hot works'?

These types of activities are not allowed in the open air at all unless you have an exemption.

Can I use an angle grinder, power tools or welder inside my shed?

This depends on the type of shed you are working from. You cannot use any of these if your shed has one or more open sides that are exposed to the weather. This is because of the risk of wind blowing through and causing sparks to land on flammable material starting a bushfire. You can use these tools inside your shed if it is fully enclosed on all sides, and has a door and roof to prevent sparks blowing outside. Please be aware of general safety risks when working inside enclosed spaces, including the risk of fumes.

Can I burn leaves, garden waste and grass cuttings, or use an incinerator?

No. During a Total Fire Ban it is illegal to:

- light, maintain or use a fire in the open air
- carry out any activity that causes or is likely to cause a fire in the open air

Camping and Recreation

Can I light a camp fire?

No. During a Total Fire Ban it is illegal to:

- light, maintain or use a fire in the open air
- carry out any activity that causes or is likely to cause a fire in the open air

Can I cook while camping outdoors?

No. You cannot:

- light a camp fire or maintain a fire in the open air
- use any solid fuel such as wood or charcoal for cooking
- carry out any activity that causes or is likely to cause a fire in the open air

If you are in a public space or park you must only cook in an area sign posted for the purpose. You can only use an electric or gas appliance that has an enclosed flame. All flammable material must be cleared five metres around the appliance.

Can I drive on to my bushland block and go camping?

Yes. But only if a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban has not been implemented by your local government and the road, track and camping area used is sufficiently cleared of flammable material to prevent a fire escaping. You cannot light a camp fire see 'Can I cook while camping outdoors?' for details.

Can I ride my motorbike/motocross bike or quad bike in bush or on a paddock or track?

No. During a Total Fire Ban you cannot use a vehicle in bush or a paddock, unless it is for agricultural purposes. You can only use a vehicle on a road, track or in an area that has been sufficiently cleared of flammable material.

Can I use a dune buggy?

Yes. But only if a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban has not been implemented by your local government and the road, track and camping area used is sufficiently cleared of flammable material to prevent a fire escaping.

Farming and Industry

Can I harvest my crop?

Yes. But only if a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban has not been implemented by your local government. Additionally, check with your local government regarding any fire suppression equipment that may be required to be onsite while harvesting.



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Total Fire Bans

Can I feed or water my stock in a paddock?

Yes. But only if a Vehicle Movement Ban has not been implemented by your local government. If one has been implemented, the immediate welfare of animals, such as urgent watering and feeding of stock has an automatic exemption.

However:

- you must ensure your vehicle is mechanically sound and the exhaust system is in good condition, free of gas leaks and/or has a spark arrester that is well maintained
- you must ensure all reasonable precautions have been taken to prevent a bushfire starting.

Can I operate or move an aeroplane or helicopter in a paddock?

Yes. But only if a Vehicle Movement Ban has not been implemented by your local government. Note however that the following conditions need to be met:

- you must ensure your aeroplane or helicopter is mechanically sound
- you must take all reasonable precautions to prevent a bushfire starting

What if both a Total Fire Ban and a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban are in place?

If both bans are in place for your local Shire then you cannot work or use a vehicle, equipment or machinery powered by an internal combustion engine on land covered by bush, crop, pasture or stubble as there is a chance it will start a fire. However the immediate welfare of animals, such as urgent watering and feeding of stock has an automatic exemption.

Can I work on a professional construction site near bushland, crops or pastures during a Total Fire Ban?

No. You cannot use power tools, including grinders and welders, or carry out any activity that causes or is likely to cause a fire in the open air, unless you have applied for and received an exemption.

Other

Can I use fireworks?

No. Any activity that causes or is likely to cause a fire in the open air is banned. Licensed pyrotechnics should seek further advice from DFES or their local shire council.

Can I use a hot air balloon?

No. Any activity that causes or is likely to cause a fire in the open air is banned.

Can I use blasting equipment or explosives?

There are too many variations with regard to this activity. If it is necessary to carry out this activity you should contact your local Chief Bushfire Control Officer at your local shire council or nearest DFES office.

Does the ban apply to cigarettes, cigars, tobacco and matches?

Throwing a burning cigarette, cigar, tobacco or match away in a situation that causes or is likely to cause a fire, including from a vehicle, is banned



Job Vacancy at Cubbyhouse Relief Early Childhood Educator

We are a community based, committee run childcare centre which offers high quality education and care to children aged 0 - 7. We currently operate Monday to Friday,

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The purpose of the job is to work under routine supervision and assist in the day to day operations of the Centre ensuring the compliance of the Centre with Cubbyhouse's policies and procedures, Government legislation, Workplace Health and Safety and the National Quality Standards.

Applicants must have the following:-

- Completed or currently enrolled in / actively working towards Certificate 3 in Children's Services/ Education Support or higher.
- Current Working with Children Check and Police Clearance.
- Proven experience of effective team working and interpersonal skills.
- Relevant First Aid Certificate (desirable but not essential)

Knowledge of Education and Care Services National Regulations 2012, NQF and EYLF (desirable but not essential)

Should you not meet the Cert 3 criteria above but have a genuine interest in a career within Children's Services please still apply because if successful at interview you could trial the position for a three month period before commencing formal studying.

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Please email or call (08) 96711811 for a more detailed job description or any enquiries regarding the position.



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- At 'drop off', stay and play for a while – read a book or do a puzzle with your child.
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- Bring a family photo to add to our family tree.
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- Go to www.startingblocks.gov.au for helpful information on all early childhood education and care needs.

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To claim Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate you need to call Centrelink, 136 150 - Have your Customer Reference Number (CRN) and date of birth, and your child's Customer Reference Number and date of birth to hand. Other options are to apply online, use the government mobile app or in person or by post. For full details go to www.humanservices.gov.au and then click on Families and then Child Care or please call Mel or Jane at Cubbyhouse on 96711811.



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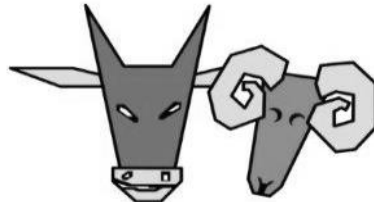
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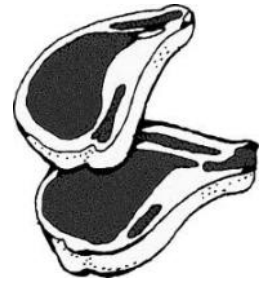
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70% of women with ovarian cancer are diagnosed at an advanced stage of disease.

Only 40% women with ovarian cancer survive five years beyond their diagnosis.

Risk factors

getting older: women over 50 are more likely to develop ovarian cancer than younger women (average age at diagnosis is 63). However, ovarian cancer can affect women of all ages.

inheriting a faulty gene (gene mutation) increases the risk of ovarian cancer

having a strong family history of ovarian cancer, breast cancer, or some other cancers, including bowel and endometrial cancer. It is important to remember that only around 5-10% of all ovarian cancers are due to inherited factors

endometriosis, when the tissue lining of the uterus (the endometrium) is found outside the uterus

hormonal factors such as early puberty, late menopause or the long-term use of hormone replacement therapy (HRT)

Your risk of ovarian cancer is increased if you smoke, are overweight or obese, don't exercise, drink alcohol or have a poor diet.

Symptoms

Ovarian cancer can be difficult to diagnose in its early stages as symptoms can be non-specific or similar to those of other diseases.

Symptoms include:

a swollen, bloated abdomen

pressure, discomfort or pain in the abdomen

heartburn, nausea and bloating

changes in toilet habits (e.g. constipation, diarrhea, frequent urination due to pressure, increased flatulence)

tiredness and loss of appetite

unexplained weight loss or weight gain

changes in your menstrual pattern or postmenopausal bleeding

pain during sex

It is important to know these symptoms, but it is equally important to know ovarian cancer often develops without symptoms. What's more, having these symptoms does not mean you have ovarian cancer, as they may be caused by other conditions. However, if you do have any of these symptoms you should see your doctor as soon as possible.

The Shire of Victoria Plains and all the Community wish to express their deepest sympathy to Mrs Lois Hart and all the Hart family on the very sad loss of Mr Bill Hart, loving husband, father and grandfather.

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6 October 2016

Dear John,

It is my absolute privilege to advise that your contribution to natural resource management in the NACC NRM region is to be recognised through your name being added to the inaugural *Regional NRM Honour Roll* – which will be launched on 17 October at the 2016 *Regional NRM Leadership Awards*.

The *Regional NRM Leadership Awards* have been initiated by the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council this year in collaboration with Central Regional TAFE – to recognise outstanding service to natural resource management in the Northern Agricultural Region of Western Australia.

Being added to the Honour Roll is a recognition of the significant contribution that you have made over a number of years to NRM in the region, and to NACC as an organisation, and other community groups working towards a similar shared vision for a healthy, productive and prosperous region.

Dedicated effort and support from individuals like yourself has made a significant contribution to improvements in land and sea stewardship across our region, and to NACC as an organisation, resulting in real improvements in the region's unique and special natural environment.

We will be formally acknowledge your addition to the *Regional NRM Honour Roll* at the Regional NRM Leadership Awards Gala Event on October 17 at the Central Regional TAFE Aboriginal Learning Centre in Geraldton. We would be delighted if you could join us at the function.

Awards presentations will commence at 5pm, and guests are requested to be seated by this time. The awards will conclude with a cocktail function, including drinks and light refreshments from 7pm.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the event by Monday 10 October via Event Bright > <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/regional-nrm-awards-tickets-28176470582?aff=es2>

Once again, congratulations on being named on our inaugural Honour Roll. I look forward to seeing you at the presentations if you are able to attend.

Yours sincerely,



Richard McLellan
Chief Executive Officer



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- Feb 2nd:** Nominations open for Elections
- Feb 8th:** Football training
- Feb 15th:** Council Meeting
- Feb 16th:** Shire Office opens at 9.30am
- Feb 17th:** Hockey AGM 7pm
- Feb 26th:** T20 Cricket match
- Feb 28th:** Business Clean up day
- Mar 3rd:** School Clean up day
- Mar 5th:** Community Groups Council clean up day
- Mar 14th:** Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting
- Mar 18th:** Extraordinary Local Government Election
- Mar 18th:** Cougars Clearing sale & Market day
- Mar 31st:** Community Group Grant applications close
- Oct 14th:** Calingiri Primary School 100 year Celebration

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