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From the Shire President

Pauline Bantock



How quickly the seasons change, I can feel spring is in the air.

Changes are a part of life, and the Shire is constantly adapting and dealing with changes. From new regulations, emerging trends and even weather conditions.

On the 23rd of August I joined our CEO Sean, together with Cr Woods, Cr Johnson and Cr Lovelock at the Wheatbelt Forum. The Wheatbelt Development Commission outlined the key trends and issues in the Wheatbelt. Mining is predicted to overtake agriculture as the biggest export segment from the wheatbelt over the next 5-15 years.

The Renewable Energy Transition continues to be a big discussion point amongst the rural local governments. We certainly know this topic will take up a large portion of our time over the next couple of years.

On 3rd of September, I joined the CEO in Perth for a roundtable meeting with the Minister for Local Government the Hon. Hannah Beazley. We had the opportunity to discuss the difficulties that band 4 local governments face. Our CEO spoke about our Housing Initiative and the need for collaboration to achieve the key worker housing our regions desperately need. We also asked Minister Beazley to facilitate a meeting between the Minister for Energy and the local governments who have commenced interaction with energy transition developments.

It is imperative that our Shire has appropriate interactions with the State & Federal Government. I have joined the CEO at several meetings of late, where we've had the opportunity to advocate for the needs and wants of Victoria Plains. Federal and State Government elections are just around the corner. On the 27th of August we meet with the Candidate for the Central Wheatbelt, Lachlan Hunter. Our presentation was well received, and it was so nice to hear Lachlan remark "Victoria Plains was the most organised and prepared local government he had met with during his tour of 28 Wheatbelt Shires". As a part of the recent state electoral boundary adjustment, Victoria Plains will move into the Central Wheatbelt electorate. We also have upcoming meetings with our Federal MP Melissa Price. We will continue to advocate for Victoria Plains to all levels and sides of government.

Kind Regards,

Cr. Pauline Bantock
Shire President

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Ordinary Council Meeting

Will be held
Wednesday

25th September 2024

Commencing at 2:00pm in the
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From the Chief Executive Officer

Sean Fletcher



Hello from the CEO

As we know, there never ceases to be a dull moment and that is the case here at the Shire. Since the adoption of the budget, my staff and I along with our councillors were able to undertake the Budget roadshow, that included Yerecoin and Piawaning. Other matters have included:

Corella Management Project

Wheatbelt NRM has now set up a steering committee to help drive the Corella Management Project forward. Members of the steering committee consist of:

- Wheatbelt NRM CEO
- DPIRD
- Edith cowan University
- CBH
- AROC – Representatives are the CEOs from Victoria Plains and Toodyay and the Executive Officer

The project has reached the point where, in the near future, DPIRD will be undertaking a trial regarding the use of Alphachloralose. This is a substance that has been used successfully on pest birds both in WA and other Australian states. In essence, this substance will be applied to grain at a controlled location. It will put to sleep any birds that eat the grain. The corellas will then be collected and euthanised. The remaining birds will then wake up and return to their normal activities. As such, I will be attending the trial to observe its impact before Alphachloralose is released to the member local governments for application.

Other strategies we will explore in the meantime include the use of bunjie netting. This approach has been used successfully for the capture of up to 50 birds at a time. CBH has been trialling five drones at a number of locations and have been successful at moving birds on from grain receival sites for up to 7kms away. CBH is now expanding this to 12 drones and is ultimately looking at implementing 50 drones across WA. CBH is reporting hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage at affected sites.

We will also be sending corellas for DNA analysis at Edith Cowan University to determine the level of interbreeding and this university will be seeking funding to track flocks.

The corella survey app is also going to be revamped so that estimated costs of damage observed can also be sent through with any snap that the public might send through.

Changes to the Local Government Act

The Tranche 2, or final changes to the Local Government Act are now before the Parliament. Once passed into law, the changes will see some of the following:

- The creation of the Office of the Inspector. This role will assist local governments improve their governance and deal with matters through early intervention, mediation and support;
- The implementation of a mandatory community engagement model;
- The implementation of the CEO/Council communication agreement. The CEO will be able to specify how the lines of communication between themselves and the elected members will work;
- The need for CEOs to publicly publish their KPIs and the response to their performance review report.

Continued on from the Chief Executive Officer Sean Fletcher

Wheatbelt Forum

Council and I were fortunate to attend the Wheatbelt Forum on the 23rd of August. The Forum consisted of representatives from all 42 local governments within the Wheatbelt's three zones. The Wheatbelt Development Commission was able to share how in the years to come, mining in the Wheatbelt will eventually overtake agriculture in terms of economic output. We also updated on matters regarding the impact on the lack of housing and what some of us are doing to address this issue, including the Shire of Victoria Plains as the project lead for ten Wheatbelt local governments to build over 400 homes. Other sessions included accessing emergency management funding, where key road projects are heading and the impacts of cybersecurity.

Renaming of the Mogumber Library to the Janice Coxon Memorial Library Mogumber

Linda and I were very pleased to be able to attend the renaming of the Mogumber Library. This was a great community initiative and it was fabulous to hear from Janice's family and friends and other community members regarding the wonderful contribution she made as the library officer at the Mogumber Library for some 25 years.

Piawaning Expo

Some of my family and I managed to attend the Piawaning Expo and enjoyed what it had to offer this year. Have a wonderful September in the lead up to harvest.

Kind Regards,
Sean Fletcher
Chief Executive Officer

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Gillingarra Sport & Recreation Club—C10291910
Calingiri Sports Club—C10232342
Mogumber & Districts Progress Association Inc - C10480955
Calingiri Progress Association - C10399453
Piawaning Expo Inc - C11085061

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From the Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Colin Ashe



Hello everyone,

Not a great deal to report this month except to say my beloved North Melbourne AFL team did not finish on the bottom of the ladder, with my long suffering as a supporter I'm grateful for the small wins!

I will take the opportunity to congratulate all the Calingiri sporting teams, especially the Netball ladies of which a couple of shire employees are team members. It was a sterling effort to reach the GF even though they didn't quite get the silverware. Of course, the Junior Hockey went one better so congrats to them.

ERP

There is still a bit of effort going into the new computer system as to be expected as we fine tune the processes and continue with staff training. Like anything new it can be stressful to make changes, especially from a system that has been used for many years but broadly the team is embracing the change and with a few miles under the belt, the benefits will be realised.

Finance

As previously advised the budget has been adopted and a good portion of rates have been received with thanks. This provides the flexibility to the shires cashflow to get on with the budgetary items whilst grant funding is applied for and received.

Undeniably, the fun doesn't stop for my team – we are formulating the Annual Financial Statements 23-24 and gathering audit requirements which will be required by the 20 Sep 24. Auditors will then be on site on 30 Sep 24.

Rate Payments – just a reminder to ensure you use the BPAY option when making payment, this is basically now automated to ensure your payment is allocated to correct rate assessment. We have had rate payments using the old method of directly depositing into the shire's bank account but it often doesn't have a reference assessment number and so cannot be allocated correctly – BPAY takes the guess work out of this.

Sport and Recreation Master Plan (SRMP)

The budget 24-25 includes \$140,000 of quick win initiatives which we are looking forward to land. At this stage, the plan is to have this adopted at the Sep 24 council meeting and thereafter stakeholder engagement will occur to ascertain a priority list of the major upgrades. The shire has allocated \$150,000 in Reserve Funds for any co-contributions required for successful grants so we are dinkum to make a difference where we can (maybe we can host a GF in the future!).

Kind Regards,

Colin Ashe

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION CUTOFF

Newsletter submissions are due by
4:00 pm on the last Friday of the month.

All submissions to be emailed to:
candice.watson@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

Late submissions may not be accepted.



From the Manager Works and Services

Silvio Brenzi



Preparation for the 25/26 Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network (WSFN) program will commence on the Calingiri New Norcia Rd in September.

This will involve three stages with three separate contractors.

- **Phase 1** includes vegetation clearances to allow for the new 8 meter seal on a 10 meter formation. This allows for the correct shoulder width once sealed.
- **Phase 2** is to follow up with the vertical clearances such as tree pruning that compliments phase 1.
- **Phase 3** is to have an overall survey done so that an overlay design can be done which supports the specifications for the procurement process next year for construction.

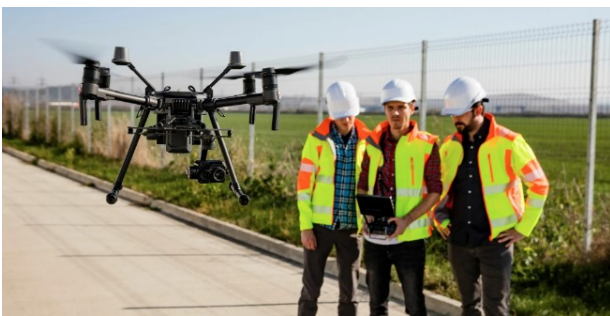
You can expect some traffic control during these works.

This will involve a drone fly over that records the road alignment and levels. Any changes can then be made during works such as camber level on bends and radius widths.

Work is planned to commence at the Calingiri end from the new intersection alignment and work towards the Highway. We will be requesting from WSFN for larger funding provisions to double the length of road done each year as is currently on the Mogumber Yarawindah road which will be finished this financial year.

Tree pruning to Gouge road is also planned for September with the Roads to Recovery scheme. This will commence from the Calingiri West road end and move west. If additional funds remain upon completion, Wyening East road will be next on the list.

Calingiri New Norcia Intersection has had approval for ARC Infrastructure to commence the rail crossing portion of the project. Main Roads will then be responsible for the signage and line marking for this once completed. We are incorporating these works to line up with the Regional Road Group works on the Toodyay Bindi Bindi road in January 2025.



Kind regards,
Silvio Brenzi
Manager - Works and Services



Picture of the Beatles
before they got really big.



From the Emergency Management Officer

Mikayla James



Hello everyone!

On the 3rd and 4th of September, we held a training course for our bushfire volunteers within the Shire. This was to ensure everyone has the latest training and is up to date with everything fire to help best protect you and the wider community. Nic and I would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who attended and gave up two days of your time. It's muchly appreciated and I'm sure your community appreciates all the work you do too. If you'd like to volunteer, please come talk to us or have a look on the Shire website for more information.

Now is also the perfect time to ensure your properties are fit for summer. Not only will a well-prepared property have a better chance of avoiding bushfire and other emergencies, but it will also be much easier for our firefighters to defend should that unfortunate situation arise.

Please ensure your properties are ready before October 1st. Failure to meet the requirements outlined in Section 33 (Found in the fire safety booklet enclosed with your rates) can result in penalties up to \$5,000. Be sure to double check if your property fits in the 4000 and under square metre category, or the 4001 and above square metre category as they have different requirements.

Something else to be aware of as we begin to move towards the warmer months is road safety. We all know that summer sees an increase in trucks and other machinery on our roads. Be sure to take care if overtaking and stay alert for hazards and other dangers, including fatigue. It goes without saying, but don't drive distracted. If you need to send a text, pull over in a safe spot.

The emergency management team is here to answer any questions you might have about fire breaks and summer preparedness.

Kind Regards,
Mikayla James
Emergency Management Officer



From the Community Development Officer

Katrina Humphries



This year the Shire of Victoria Plains was successful with a grant submission through the DFES NDRR2425 (National Disaster Risk Reduction) Grant Funding program of \$91,137.

This successful grant program was for the purchase of a Forestry Mulcher and Skid Steer to assist with the Shires mitigation responsibilities. This equipment will be a major enhanced investment to a safer, stronger reduction of risk for future disaster strategy management through the clearing of vegetation, making access ways safer in times of emergencies.

Through the use of the mulcher, it will lower the amount of green waste the Shire is putting into landfill as the mulch can be re-used on verges around the Shire helping to suppress weeds. The mulch also helps to retain moisture in the soil for our native plants.

The project will support existing and future government programs in priority risk reduction. Without the generosity of departments like DFES who open these grant funding programs, this type of program would not be achieved. So again, a big thank you to DFES for accepting our grant submission and supporting the Shire in purchasing this new equipment.

Renaming of Mogumber Library

On the 22nd of August, the Mogumber Districts Progress Association and the Shire of Victoria Plains hosted a ceremony for the renaming of the Mogumber Library. The Mogumber Progress had been in discussions with the family of the late Janice Coxon who had played an extremely important and pivotal role within Mogumber & surrounding communities. After the Mogumber school closed, Janice had lobbied to keep one of the school buildings at Mogumber to then be turned into a library. Her dream had come true. Janice worked as the librarian from when it opened in August 1981 until the year of her passing in 2005.

The Mogumber Library has now been officially renamed to honour the late Janice Coxon and is called Janice Coxon Memorial Library Mogumber. We had a great turn out of people on the day with members of the Coxon family travelling to Mogumber for the ceremony. Some great memories were shared amongst family and friends, and we all got to spend the afternoon learning about Janice's story and her contribution to the community. The sign was then unveiled by our Shire President Pauline Bantock alongside some of the Coxon family members in recognition and honour of her wonderful work.



Kind Regards,
Katrina Humphries
Community Development Officer



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PIAWANING expo



Spoken by Debbie Darling at the 2024 Piawaning Expo.

I was born in 1941 as Deborah, daughter of Bob & Alice Williams, who lived at Piawaning Spring, which was halfway between Piawaning & Yerecoin.

My Grandfather James Williams commonly known as JG. & Malcolm Purser's Grandfather or Hamish's great grandfather, George Purser were great mates, who grew up in Boulder. They decided to buy adjoining blocks at Piawaning.

1902 My Grandfather bought a residential block with a 2 roomed house, some furniture & a water tank. This block did not include the Piawaning Spring, as at that time Shepherds from New Norcia were watering their sheep there.

Later my grandfather bought more land, which did include Piawaning Spring. He wanted more fresh water from this spring, so he blew it up with Gelignite, but unfortunately, we only got Salt water from then on.

Dad was 15 years old, when his father JG sent him to work on the farm with the contractors. His father, continued to work as an accountant in Kalgoorlie & not on the farm. At that time Dad lived in a tent with corrugated iron sheets at the front.

After the train line was completed from Calingiri to Piawaning in 1919, it meant it was easier to transport materials & livestock to and from the area. No more going to Mogumber to catch the train.

A few years later the house arrived from Kalgoorlie by train. The house was rebuilt of timber, with flat tin walls, pressed tin ceilings and corrugated iron roof.

In 1928 Mum who was 21, arrived to teach at Piawaning. She boarded at the Piawaning Shop, as it was close to the school. All the local farms and Piawaning had tennis courts, this is how Mum met Dad, at a Tennis Gathering on Pursers Farm.

Around this time Dad got a new truck, his 1st which was a Chev, with the number plate VP 78. It carried about 20 bags of grain. The following year Dad got his 1st Tractor, a John Deere with steel wheels. He managed to get it bogged that year, up to the back axle, in the crabholes at the front of the farm. This required a team of horses to pull him out.

In those days, it was a rule of the Education Dept. that female teachers were not allowed to be married, somehow, they must have found out Mum & Dad were getting serious.

As during the 1931 August School Holidays, Mum was sent to teach at Cancanning, which is about 20 km from Wagin.

The Cancanning teacher (Gina Genoni) was sent to teach at Piawaning. In the August School Holidays 2 years later, Mum left teaching & married Dad.

As we all know in 1939 WW 2. Started. Dad was keen to go to War, but because he was a farmer and a primary producer like many others, they were needed to feed the nation and he was ordered to remain on the farm.

Dad did manage to get a job to help with the War effort, it was a being a spotter for planes. This meant that a direct phone line to Pearce RAAF Base was installed. Which meant reporting on all planes flying over, including the Trainee pilots from Pearce.

They would fly from Pearce via Merredin to Piawaning and back to Pearce.

These pilots would practice their Dive bombing, on the farmers working in their paddocks. Apparently, they also took great delight in buzzing flocks of sheep being rounded up and scattering them in all directions, the farmers got quite cranky when it happened 2 or 3 times. Then they would ring Dad to complain, and Dad would then have to report it all to Pearce.

In February 1942 a Cyclone went through the area and we lost the roof off the house and stables, it wrecked the haystacks & uprooted a lot of trees.

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When I was about two years old and into everything. One Sunday, Mum got me all dressed up to go into tennis at Piawaning which was the social gathering for the week. She left me outside whilst she changed. When she found me, I was paddling in the top of the outside copper, in my good clothes including shoes & socks. The copper was full of clothes & water soaking to be boiled the next day. We didn't go to tennis; I think Dad did.

During the War many farmers in the area had Italian Prisoners of War working for them. We had 3 prisoners; one did lovely drawings with chalks as Mum couldn't get coloured pencils, so she gave him coloured blackboard chalks instead. Another was a chef, and would always cook a meal for Mum and Dad, if Mum went out to CWA etc. For some reason he would never cook in front of her. One of the meals he made for them was homemade spaghetti & braised Minor Birds he had caught the birds with a ging and then plucked and dressed them. Mum saw them in the fridge and thought they were large frogs, but they were actually Minor Birds before being cooked. Mum said they were beautiful to eat.

During the war Mum had a lot of chooks, as she sent eggs to Bairds in Perth to sell. I loved the chooks, and I would go to the chook yard pick up a chook and put it in my doll's pram, cover it up and it would stay there until Mum took it back after I had been put to bed. They often left an egg in the pram too.

When I was about three, Dad had me steering the tractor whilst he drove the truck, Mum saw us going up the hill and as Dad had no workmen, she concluded it was me. Dad sure was in trouble. When I was a little older. I was permitted to drive the truck whilst Dad fed grain to the sheep.

I started school in 1948, Wally Gable was the teacher. The school was a weather board building, which was also the Hall. It had a lovely fireplace, which was always lit on winter mornings, and then we got hot cocoa at morning play.

That year the school put a play on, to celebrate Guy Foulkes on the 5th of November. I remember that our costumes had paper frills that went around our necks which left small cuts on all our throats. There was also a Massive Bonfire and all sorts of firecrackers. Something that doesn't happen today.

The school closed at the end of that year.

In 1949 my baby sister Lea was born with great excitement from me. That year all the students from Piawaning went to the Yerecoin School.

Our school bus was a utility, which we travelled in the back of, and we had a tarp put over us when it rained.

Piawaning school reopened in 1950, but I stayed at the Yerecoin school, as I was now on a recognised school bus route.

The family still went to Piawaning for shopping and the social life. Like the Christmas Trees in the Old Piawaning Hall, which were a regular event, and everyone came. We would arrive early, and the kids would play in the cattle yards over at the siding, until a Party Tea was served in the Hall. Then there was the threat from our parents to keep us inside. If we went outside, we would not get a present from Father Christmas when he arrived.

Dad liked to teach me some bush skills, one I remember was being blindfolded, and then he would take me out into the bush, turn me around three times, and undo the blindfold and get me to work out in which direction home was, I loved it.

I rode my bike into tennis at Piawaning on Sunday's. Until one Sunday when I had almost got to the Govt. Dam, when I heard this rumble getting louder, so I jumped off my bike and hid it in the bushes, then hid myself under the culvert until the noise passed, It was the Army going home after a training exercise. Then as I was filthy from being in the culvert went home. Much to Dads' mirth.

In 1953 I started at Boarding school, It definitely wasn't a happy place for me. I couldn't get home quick enough for the holidays, to get out into the paddock with Dad, or the Boys, Brian Mc Connell and Don Bennett who both worked on the farm. Mum used to try and get me to stay at home, with no success.

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Whilst I was away at boarding school, the big New Piawaning Hall was built. They had a grand opening for it, and I got my 1st evening dress to wear to the Opening Ball. With the new hall, there was lots more on, as we had dances, CWA, Church, I think Junior Farmers, and Jonah Parker put on picture shows.

I finally persuaded my parents, that I could leave boarding school after Junior or Year 10. It was planned I would have a year at home doing shorthand and typing by correspondence. Going to Perth to do a course in dressmaking, which I loved. I also got my driver's license at the local police station, which was in the old Butchers shop in Calingiri.

Dad had scrapped the passenger side door of our black car on the white garage wall and got some white paint on the car. The Sargent saw it and asked, "who did it," Dad quickly replied "that I had done it, practising my driving on the way there, going in and out of the white posts". That didn't help the butterflies in my stomach, and teasing Fathers don't help a person to get her license.

I used to drive Mum mad at home, as I would go out in the paddocks instead of working around the house. Mum and Dad ended up getting me a job at Wongan Hills hospital, for a few months as a Nursing Assistant & then I continued working at Lucy Creeth Crippled Childrens Hospital in Mosman Park.

During this time, I met my future husband, on the dance floor at the Embassy Ballroom.

By this time, I rarely came home.

In April 1959 I started My Nursing Training.

Then in June 1961, I was encouraged or forced to leave nursing, as I was going to be married, and married girls weren't allowed to nurse, by Govt. rules.

I married Dick Darting in September 1961 and Dick's work transferred us to Albany to live in 1962.

In 1963 Mum and Dad sold the farm to Max Duggan and left Piawaning Spring.

Dad had been on the farm for 43 years.



Pictured: Debbie Darling and David Hall

PIAWANING DESALINATION WATER PLANT

The upgrades of the Piawaning Desalination Water Plant are now complete, and this water supply is once again operational. The Shire of Victoria Plains would like to take this opportunity to thank the Department of Water & Environmental Regulation once again for the financial assistance through the Community Water Supplies Program. With out these organisations running the grants programs, these types of projects would not be able to go ahead. Also, a big thank you to our Works & Service Manager, Silvio Brenzi, who was the one to be organizing and overseeing this project. Another successful project completed well.

The upgrades that have been completed are drilling a new bore on Shire owned land, installation of a solar powered pump, new pipe laid to the existing tanks, new filtration systems installed to meet the requirements of the water quality and commission of the new system. Please be reminded though, this water is non-potable and if you would like to be able to have access to the standpipe in Piawaning, please get in touch with admin at the Depot on 9628 7232 to organise a standpipe access card.



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Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer

You may have heard by now of the Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer or PSHB and the damage that is being done by this beetle. Well, this tiny beetle is still decimating our native tress and evidence of this beetle has now been found outside the DPIRD quarantine area. PSHB is a small beetle native to Southeast Asia that tunnels into the trunks, stems and branches of trees and plants. This beetle is highly invasive and attacks a wide range of plant species, with over 500 documented globally to have been infected. DPIRD is responding to a detection of this pest in the Perth metropolitan area and a Quarantine Area is currently in place, restricting the movement of wood and plant materials. PSHB are tree-boring beetles that have a symbiotic relationship with a *Fusarium* fungus, which it cultivates inside the tree as a food source for themselves and their larvae. In susceptible trees, the fungus kills the tree by restricting or preventing the movement of water and nutrients within the tree. This causes symptoms such as Fusarium dieback and eventually tree death. The beetle also causes structural damage in the tree. Establishment of this pest in WA would have a significant impact on our urban canopy and possibly threaten our agricultural industry. Underway since 2021, the PSHB eradication program is a nationally coordinated and funded eradication response led by DPIRD. As of September 2024, PSHB has only been found in the Perth metropolitan area. Intensive surveillance and management activities underway across the metropolitan area include:

- Surveillance to determine the distribution of PSHB.
- Containing the pest to prevent further spread to non-infested regions within Western Australia.
- Removing infested trees to eradicate the beetle and save healthy trees.
- Providing advice and information to residents, industry, and other stakeholders.
- Ensuring all response activities are conducted safely, consistently and efficiently.

The State Government has now announced a \$7.2 million tree recovery package to combat the damage that this beetle is doing. We all need to be vigilant for signs of this Borer and do our bit to try and stop the damage and control the spread of infestation. If you would like to know more about the PSHB, please feel free to get in touch with Katrina Humphries our Community Development Officer on 9628 70 or katrina.humphries@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au.



What to look for



Beetle entry hole – the entrance holes of PSHB are approximately the size of a ballpoint pen tip.



Discoloration/staining of wood – the *Fusarium* fungus cultivated by the beetle can cause dark discoloration.



Gumming – thick resin or sap sometimes pushes the beetle out of the gallery.



Sugar volcanoes – crystalline foam may be exuded from entry/exit holes. This is a common sign of infection on avocado trees.



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A Comedy Science Adventure for All Ages!

Join us for free as we explore Energy, Earth and Space at Bolgart and Mogumber Libraries on Friday 4th of October 2024

Janice Coxon Memorial Library Mogumber - 10am - Boundless Energy Show - find out about energy with fabulous games involving light, sound, rainbows, exploding chemicals, blast off with gravity and more.

Bolgart Library - 1:30pm - Earth and Space Show - Unlock the mysteries of our earth and weather. Make a tornado, a cloud, blast into space with rockets and lots more.

Bolgart Library - 2:45pm - High Energy Show - Discover many of the amazing secrets of heat, electricity, very strong magnets, singing tubes and explosive energy.

RSVP by 2nd October to Bridget on 9628 7004 or bridget.moore@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

This event is hosted by the Shire of Victoria Plains and is proudly funded by the LBW Trust (Learning For A Better World) and Friends of the Libraries Australia

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BASKETBALL

The whistle blows, balls bounce and children are totally engaged in their sport lessons with Jarrod. Jarrod has a way of making learning basic basketball skills interesting and exciting. He comes armed with a range of different games each week that steadily build up our confidence, ability and enjoyment of the game.

Over the past four weeks we have been learning how to dribble the ball effectively, did you know this is done with the finger tips rather than the whole palm of the hand? Most of us can do this without even looking at the ball now, a vast improvement from where we started!

Other skills being developed include making rapid speed changes between fast and slow, whilst dribbling, or just running on the court, pivoting on our landing foot, defending the ball from the opposition, chest and bounce passing and shooting from any angle around the D.

We wish to express our gratitude to Jarrod for our entertaining and valuable learning sessions. We look forward to learning more sports skills from you soon, possibly even next term?

Junior Room News

In the Junior Room we have been learning to use interesting describing words in our writing. During Art we've created our Messy Monsters using organic and geometric shapes. Kindy children have been enjoying the role play area as we turned it into a camping space complete with campfire and marshmallows!





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IZZY THE LIZARD

This week Izzy the Lizard visited our Junior Room to discuss Road Safety. She shared some tips that you can do at home to help your children.

- Supervise your child at all times near traffic, particularly when crossing roads.
- Teach your child how to cross roads safely. Children must first stop at the kerb. Then they need to look and listen for traffic, and then decide whether it is safe to cross. ("STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK")
- Make the trip to school together along the safest footpaths and use safe crossing places as an example for your child to follow.
- If you are unable to be there, arrange for your child to be supervised on the way to and from school and during after school activities.
- Explain words like "fast", "slow", "near" and "far". Talk about signs and traffic lights and the safe places to cross. Point out dangerous places and where not to cross; near curves and where things might hide children from view.
- If you are picking children up from school, have a safe meeting place, then cross the street with them. Never call them over from the opposite side of the street.
- Continue to make sure children get in and out of a car on the kerb side.
- Always put a helmet on your child when using all wheeled toys, such as bikes, skates, scooters and skateboards. Good shoes and protective clothing are good habit to develop.



CALCOINART

Congratulations to all our students who competed in last Fridays athletics carnival. We had a fantastic day and were very proud of all your efforts. Well done to the following winners on the day,

Pre Primary Champion Boy - Ollie Riddick
 Pre Primary R/Up Champion Boy - Fletcher Woods
 Year 1/2 Champion Boy - Ryan Glass
 Year 1/2 Champion Girl - Ruby Glass
 Year 3/4 R/Up Champion Boy - Kobe Waters
 Year 3/4 R/Up Champion Girl - Sophie Glass
 Year 5/6 Champion Girl - Layla Waters
 Year 5/6 R/Up Champion Girl - Skye Glass





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HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students:



Ksenija: For trying hard to learn her Pre-Lit letter sounds and for demonstrating great independence when completing tasks. Well done!



Maxwell: For consistently achieving 90-100% in his weekly Spelling tests and for completing extended answers in his literacy. Well done, Max! Keep up the great work.

Izzy visited Yerecoin PS on Tuesday, 3rd September. Izzy is a road safety mascot who knows how to stay safe in the traffic environment. Izzy visits schools to share road safety education messages with young children.

Key road safety messages for children in the early years:

- Hold hands with an adult before you cross the road.
- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! before you cross the road.



Congratulations to Maxwell who recently received a Credit in the ICAS English test.

CALCOINART ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

BOLGART, CALINGIRI, & YERECOA

On Friday, 30th August 2024, Calingiri PS hosted the Calcoinart Athletics Carnival at the Calingiri Sports Ground. The Calcoinart Perpetual Shield was won by Tigers.



Abeeha - Captain of Tigers



Congratulations to our amazing athletes on the day:

Runner-up Yr 1-2 Boys: Beau
Championship Boy Year 3-4: Rocco
Championship Boy Year 5-6: Leo
Championship Girl Year 3-4: Georgia

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