

Shire of Victoria Plains Community News August 2016



Above left: Calingiri Ladies Netball Team.



Above Right: Opening of the Calingiri Netball Courts

Below: Urban Art day for our Youth of Victoria Plains. A fantastic day had by those who attended , including a great lunch made by volunteers



NEWS FROM THE CHAMBERS

Budget 2016 - 2017

Council at its meeting held on the 20th July adopted the annual budget for the 2016 – 2017 year with a rate increase of 4%. Other than rates the main income sources for the year are general purpose grants of \$964,800, Royalties for Regions for the new aged persons units of \$900,000, Roads to Recovery \$567,000 and Regional Road Group funding of \$396,000. A loan of \$170,000 will be taken out to enable the Piawaning desalination plant to be completed before summer. Some of the major expenditure items are Roads and footpaths \$1.485m, motor vehicles, plant and equipment \$705,000, Aged persons housing \$1,057m. Full details of the budget are available by contacting the Finance and Administration Manager, Ian Graham at the shire office.

Avon Tourism Strategic Plan Accepted

Council accepted the Avon Tourism Strategic Plan for the years 2016 – 2019 at the July meeting and included a contribution to them of \$5,000 in the annual budget. The Shire of Victoria Plains is included in the Avon Tourism region which in turn is a part of the Experience Perth area of WA Tourism which encompasses the day trip regions within 2 hours of Perth.

Tyre Recycling and Char Manufacturing in Mogumber

Pearl Global Pty Ltd have set up a tyre recycling and char manufacturing plant in Mogumber and the Department of Environmental Regulation contacted the shire for comment before approving a licence for the project. Council accepted that the company had met all of the environmental issues and resolved that they did not wish to comment.

Lot 100 Mogumber

Council was asked in the July meeting to approve the CEO asking the Department of lands to transfer lot 100 in Mogumber from freehold land owned by the State of Western Australia to Crown Land held as a road reserve. Lot 100 is the land on which Butler Street and Lanigan Street sits and it also includes the unmade portion of Butler Street where it passes through undeveloped but surveyed small blocks south of the Mogumber Tavern. Approval was given for the CEO to pursue this.

Renaming of Golf Course Road Yerecoin

At the June meeting Council resolved to change the name of Golf Course Road to Field Road however after comments from residents of Golf Course Road who are opposed the change the June resolution was rescinded and a new resolution to change the name of a short section of Golf Course Road from Woods Road east to Motoning Road to Field Road was passed and this will now be put to Yerecoin

residents for approval.

Shire Maps

Council asked the administration office to update the shire maps with property owners listed and to have a new map printed off once the update is completed. The old maps were printed some 15 years ago and are well and truly out of date.

Maintenance Grading

Approval was given at the July meeting for the Works Manager to employ another contractor to help with the maintenance grading of unsealed roads in the shire. The western side of the shire has been graded by contractors for several years now and to help staff keep up with the work load it was proposed that the shire be divided up into 3 sections and that as well as the Western portion a second section is contracted out. This section will take in parts of the east and south wards of the shire and ensure that all roads are graded at least once each year.

Freight Collector Roads

Main Roads WA is looking to develop a system of Freight Collector Roads through the regions that will become the main local roads carrying freight to port or the city for sale. The road hierarchy will then consist of small farm roads that connect to the collector roads, the collector roads which will connect between shires and meet up with state owned roads which will form the main freight routes. By doing this it is hoped that traffic will be taken off many local roads and special funding will be made available for upgrading and maintaining these collector roads thereby taking pressure off local government budgets for roads used by heavy transport. The collector roads in Victoria Plains will be the Aglime Route from the western boundary through Mogumber to the Great Northern Highway to New Norcia then along the Calingiri New Norcia Road to the Toodyay Bindi Bindi Road and on to the Calingiri Goomalling Road out to the Goomalling boundary. If the concept is adopted by the state government all farmers will be required to transport their produce via the shortest route to a state owned road or the collector roads even if it means a slightly longer journey.

NEWS FROM THE CHAMBERS

Works Managers Rant

There has been a lot of damage being done to our gravel roads with transport companies carting various materials from farms within and on the boarder of Victorias Plains.

The Shire of Victoria Plain has a policy in place which is a condition on the RAV network that no heavy vehicle is to be driven on any road that is visibly wet. There are many roads that have a condition that you are required to have Council permission to cart over a particular road and that it is not to be used as a through road.

This is costing the Shire a considerable amount of money and time to repair. If you or your contractors do not know what roads have these conditions, they can find out all the information on the Heavy Vehicle Operations web site through Main Roads WA.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It has been noted that a number of Shire residents are taking water from the standpipe behind the Shire Administration Office on Cavell .

Please be advised that this water is for **EMERGENCY AND SHIRE USE ONLY**. The water from the Standpipe is potable and the Shire pays for this supply with ratepayer contributions.

If persons are seen taking the water without authorisation, registration information will be obtained and an invoice will be issued for the estimated amount of water taken.

Exercise for those who are now a little bit more fragile ☺

The Shire is investigating the possibility of facilitating a Seniors Only Exercise Class in Calingiri on a Friday morning. This comes from suggestions made during the Age Friendly Community Planning.

Classes will provide participants with a well rounded, holistic exercise session that will improve strength and cardiovascular fitness in a safe setting. The instructor will ensure participants are exercising correctly, caring for their backs and any other injuries identified. One suggestion from a senior member of our community is to host a class at the Calingiri Gym to teach seniors how to use the equipment gently and correctly.

These classes will only happen if there is enough interest. It is hoped that perhaps car pooling arrangements can be made among residents of other towns to attend, as unfortunately we can't hold the classes everywhere. Please note there will be a small fee involved.

If you think a Seniors Only Exercise Class is a good idea and would be interested in attending please contact Jaime at the Shire on 9628 7004 or email cdo@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

For Sale

Council will be offering our 2008 Manitou Wheel Loader for sale. This machine will be offered with 4 attachments, those being; dig bucket, forks, grab bucket and a crane hook.

All offers should be directed to the main office or at reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au, Submissions will close on the 19th August at 3:00pm.

The successful bidder will be notified by phone or mail within a week of the tender closing. Should you require any further information and viewing of the machine, Please call the Depot on 9628 7232.



CONGRATULATIONS YERECON TRADERS



Local winners at the Wheatbelt Business Excellence Awards!

Yerecon Traders had the honour of winning not one, but two awards at the [Wheatbelt Business Excellence Awards](#) held in Moora . We were awarded winner in our category of medium business (5 - 10 employees) plus we were awarded an 'Excellence in Innovation' award. We are incredibly proud to have been selected as winners and we would like to thank our staff, customers and supply partners for being part of our 'winning' team.

LIBRARY BOOKS

The Calingiri Library will be doing a stock take in August

PLEASE RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS

to the Library before 15th August to ensure the stocktake goes smoothly.

Any outstanding books not returned will be charged to the member with the book on loan

A SPACE TO GROW

With the professional guidance from Artist DARREN HUTCHENS well done to all the students in our district, who took part in painting the fantastic artwork, which is at the moment in our Calingiri Recreation Hall. You will be amazed at the talent of our children and teenagers who did the art work , when it is eventually displayed outside.

We heard the pizza lunch went down well too. Thanks to the volunteers who helped with the lunch. THANK YOU to Jaime Hawkins, our Community Development Officer for organising this event for any child or teenager within the Shire of Victoria Plains.

Val & Dave Keys

Calingiri Netball & Tennis Court Officially Opened

On the 2nd July 2016, the brand new Calingiri Netball and Tennis Court was officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony held prior to the first ever netball match to be played on the court. The ribbon was held over the centre circle by two inaugural Calingiri players and cut to symbolise its opening by Victoria Plains Shire President Cr. David Lovelock.

Netball Club Representative Rebecca Johnson delivered a wonderful speech, in which you could sense her feeling of excitement and achievement to have this wonderful new facility completed for current and future generations of players. The occasion had been many years in the making with Calingiri first fielding a team in the Mortlock Netball Association competition in 2013. As there were no established courts in Victoria Plains, the Calingiri Primary School kindly allowed them to use the school court. Whilst grateful to the school for allowing them to use their facilities, unfortunately it was not the ideal situation with the court being in a state of disrepair and not to regulation size.

With a dream of moving to the Calingiri Sportsgrounds in mind, the club approached the Shire to build a court. The proposal was initially knocked back, but the club persisted, fundraising and gathering volumes of evidence of community support. Eventually they got the majority vote required by Council and the Shire was also successful in obtaining funding through the Department of Sport & Recreation, Community Sporting Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF).

Unfortunately for the Calingiri Netball team the day ended with a loss against Gingin.

As always with these community projects there are many people and organisations to thank including the Department of Sport and Recreation, Shire of Victoria Plains, the Calingiri Tennis, Football and Hockey Clubs, Yerecoin, Piawaning and Calingiri Progress Associations, Smiths Stock Transport and volunteers Max Smith, Murray Smith, Dan King, Kyle Manning and Rebecca Johnson.



VP Open Doors Youth Project – Urban Art Workshop

Wow, wow, wow! That pretty much sums up the awesome day we had at the Urban Art Youth Workshop in Calingiri during the school holidays.

The day was planned as our major engagement activity as part of the VP Open Doors Youth Project. This project was funded by the Department of Local Government & Communities, and has enabled the Shire to investigate how to make our community a better place for young people.

Consultant Jodie Mortadza from Consult Innovate Create, and Professional Urban Artist Darren Hutchens (Daz) worked with the youth to uncover their issues, concerns and vision for the future and turned this into a design for the art piece. Please let me tell any of our cynical not so young community members out there, do not write off “youth of today”, because what they had to say was thoughtful, inclusive and inspiring.

After a lesson in spray painting, participants were able to create their own design on canvas and then turn to the big masterpiece. The finished product was very impressive, especially given that none of these youngsters had tried spray painting before. The artwork centres on a vision for life in Victoria Plains 2050, with the young people wanting to ensure our towns don't disappear and wish that they can become colourful and vibrant, with great things to do. The seedling that matures into a large tree represents both the growing of the district and the importance of ensuring that our natural environment is nurtured. The War Memorial also features, as the youth believe that this is an important symbol of the history of the district that should continue to be recognised and respected.

The finished creation will now be weather-proofed and installed on the outside wall of the Calingiri Rec Hall, facing the playground.

CALINGIRI & BOLGART REFUSE SITE NEW TIMES



The two refuse sites of Bolgart and Calingiri will be closed from Wednesday evening the 17th of August

The two sites will open on Saturday the 20th for residents of Victoria Plains only.

Both of these sites will be manned by Shire employees. Can you please be considerate towards them and follow their instructions as to where to drop off your waste.

You will be asked for your name and address, and will be only allowed to take one 6 x 4 trailer load or its equivalent per day, Charges will be charged if you go over this limit.

All non residents will be charged at the going rates as per Council's fees and charges.

Opening times are:

Calingiri: Wednesday; 9:00 am to 11:30

Saturday; 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Sunday; 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Bolgart: Wednesday; 12:30 pm to 4:00pm

Saturday; 9:00am to 11:30 am

These times are a trial and may be changed at the discretion of the CEO.





REGIONAL CABINET MEETING MOORA AND CENTRAL MIDLANDS

The Liberal-National Government is holding a Regional Cabinet meeting in Moora on Monday, 29 August 2016.

There will be an opportunity for the people of Moora and Central Midlands to raise issues with Ministers at a separate function on Sunday, 28 August 2016.

The meeting is designed to give residents an opportunity to discuss issues of importance to you or the State with the relevant Government Ministers, who will make themselves available at:

'Meet the Minister'
2pm – 4pm
Sunday, 28 August 2016

If you would like to attend, please contact:
The Electorate Office, Shane Love MLA, Member for Moore,
2/29 Moreton Terrace, Dongara WA 6525.
Telephone: (08) 9927 2333.

Email: MooreElectorate@mp.wa.gov.au before Wednesday, 3 August 2016.

Please note: Limited opportunities are available and your expression of interest is no guarantee of gaining an appointment. Each meeting will be approximately 15 minutes in length. Appointment details will be confirmed by Friday, 19 August 2016.

Colin Barnett MLA,
PREMIER

Dear Members of the Community,



We need YOUR help!

Cubbyhouse is on a journey to reflect and develop and we need your help to discover how our service is currently being perceived within the community.

I have created an anonymous online survey, which I do hope you'll take 5-10minutes to complete. This survey is for anyone to complete, current and past parents, parents who are considering using Cubbyhouse and community members! We want to know what you think and your feedback is vital for us in continuing our journey.

You can access it by following this link, <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2ZBRHGK>.

Any questions or queries, please contact me on coordinator@wongancubbyhouse.com.au

Thank you!

Chenaye Davidson
Centre Coordinator

YERECOIN PRIMARY NEWS



Jump Rope for Heart



Students at Yerecoin Primary recently participated in Jump Rope for Heart. The students engaged in many fun, physical fitness activities using skipping ropes. Miss Holtfreter coordinated the fundraising event which promoted fitness and health in all year groups. Thank you to the many parents who assisted with this project. Our Jump Off hour was conducted on Monday, 27th June and students raised an impressive **\$647**. Special mention must go to the Hall family who raised **\$341** for the Heart Foundation.

Music Feste



Junior 'Eye of the Tiger'

Senior '2016 Mash Up'



'Feel like Going Back Home'

NAIDOC Day



Acknowledgement of Country by Monique Smith



Dot Painting with Debesha



Special Guest—
Yvonne Green,

Regional
Consultant,
Aboriginal

Education
Wheatbelt Region



Eagles Cup

Congratulations to Calcoinart 1, a team with students from Calingiri, Yerecoin and Bolgart for winning the Eagles Cup this year!



Shire of Victoria Plains Awards Outstanding Service

The **National Medal** recognises long and diligent service by members of recognised government and voluntary organisations that risk their lives or safety to protect or assist the community in enforcement of the law or in times of emergency or natural disaster.

The **National Medal** is Australia's most awarded civilian medal and it was established in 1975 as one of the first three elements of the Australian honours system.



1. Keith Hunt – 35 years' service to the New Norcia Bush Fire brigade, 1975 – 2011

On 28th July 2016 the Shire of Victoria Plains presented four (4) National Medals to longstanding Volunteer Bushfire Firefighters at a function held at the New Norcia Hotel.



2. David Lovelock – 35 years' service to the New Norcia Bush Fire brigade, 1979 - 2015



3. Ken Edmonds (Posthumous award) – 35 years' service to the Calingiri Bush Fire brigade, 1975 - 2015



4. Mark Graham – 25 years' service to the New Norcia Bush Fire brigade, 1980 - 2016



5. CEO- Harry Hawkins
Ian Comben – DFES Midwest Gascoyne

The Shire President David Lovelock made the presentations together with family and friends who were present and congratulated all of the recipients. "It is an honour to recognise volunteer bushfire firefighters in the Shire of Victoria Plains who have spent many years protecting life and property and protecting the community" Mr Lovelock said. "The awarding of these medals and certificates is a chance to thank people who do not seek recognition and who consider the exceptional work they do as just part of the job." Mr Lovelock said loyalty and dedication were increasingly rare qualities in today's workforce, making the long service and commitment all the more remarkable.



The July Junior Rodeo unfortunately got cancelled due to a huge downpour of rain over the weekend. Thanks to the Junior Rodeo Committee who tried to make things happen. The next Junior Rodeo will be held August 21st. Spectators welcome from 10am. Entries through ABCRA Central Entry System.

The Victoria Plains Youth Team will be at this event, taking the opportunity to talk to youth 12-25yrs.

Mogumber Tavern Bull Ride - Next event 27th August 6pm

The Mogumber Outback Club Fundraising Team will be back with their food stall. The volunteers made over 100 sausage sizzles and 100 of their famous Outback Burgers during the last event held on 23rd July. Thank you to the Volunteers who staff the stall.

It's less than 5 months until the New Year's Eve Rodeo at the Mogumber Arena. The Facebook event page has been launched <https://www.facebook.com/events/935471786565512/>

The Committee is looking for Volunteers for the event. If you can spare 2-4 hours on the 31st Dec or 1st Jan we would be very happy to hear from you. Volunteers will receive free entry to the event and a MOC Shirt. We have positions available from 8am on New Year's Eve through to 12noon New Year's Day.

Tasks include

- Car Parking
- Ticket Gates
- Camp Ground Entry
- Bus Driving
- Bin & Toilet Monitors
- Stock Yards
- Staff meals (sandwich making & drink delivery)
- Breakfast Stall
- Cleanup & Rubbish Collection



Yerecoin Progress Association General Meeting

To be held at Yerecoin hall

Tuesday the 16th August @ 6.30pm

All community members and representatives from local groups welcome. Please contact Tracy Sievewright on 0400999593 with agenda items.

Tracy Sievewright PO Box 157, Yerecoin . WA 6571

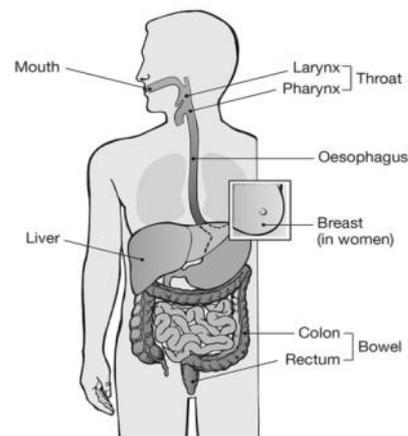
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Drinking alcohol increases your risk of cancer

Drinking alcohol is a timely reminder that alcohol is a cause of cancer. There is strong evidence that alcohol use increases the risk of cancers of the mouth, pharynx, larynx, oesophagus, stomach, bowel, liver and breast cancers. It is estimated that anywhere between 2000 and 6500 new cases of cancer (or 1.9–5.8% of all cancers) are due to alcohol use each year in Australia.

When it comes to cancer risk, there is **no safe level of alcohol consumption**. Even small amounts of alcohol increase your risk of cancer. The more you drink and the more often you drink, the greater your risk.

The world-leading cancer agency - the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - has classified alcoholic drinks and the chemical present in these drinks (ethanol) as a Group 1 carcinogen, the same classification as tobacco.



Other negative effects of alcohol

Drinking alcohol has a number of negative effects other than increasing cancer risk. Other health effects from risky alcohol drinking include damage to the liver, heart and brain, high blood pressure and stroke, and risks to unborn babies. Drinking alcohol at a young age can affect brain development and lead to alcohol-related problems in later life. Alcohol use may contribute to weight (fat) gain, and greater body fatness is a convincing cause of cancers of the oesophagus, pancreas, gallbladder, stomach, bowel, endometrium, ovary, kidney, liver, breast (in post-menopausal women) and prostate (advanced).

Smoking and alcohol

It has been known for a long time that smoking is harmful to health. The combined effects of smoking and alcohol greatly increase the risk of cancer (more so than from either of these factors alone). This is because alcohol makes it easier for the mouth and throat to absorb the cancer-causing chemicals in tobacco. Up to 75 per cent of cancers of the upper airway and digestive tract can be related to alcohol plus smoking.

So what should I do?

To reduce your cancer risk, Cancer Council WA recommends you limit how much alcohol you drink or better still, avoid drinking alcohol altogether. If you choose to drink, it is recommended you drink within National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) guidelines, which advise **no more than 2 standard drinks a day** (for men and women); avoid binge drinking (drinking more than 4 standard drinks on a single occasion) and aim to have at least two alcohol-free days every week.

What is a standard drink?

One standard drink is equivalent to:

- 100ml wine
- 285ml (1 middy) of full strength beer
- 425ml (1 schooner) of low alcohol beer
- 30 ml (1 nip) spirits
- Cocktails may contain more than three standard drinks!



Tips for drinking less

- Setting limits for yourself and sticking to them
- Aim to have at least 2 alcohol free days per week
- Try refreshing non-alcoholic drinks – mineral water with lemon, lime and soda water etc
- Try low alcohol or no-alcohol alternatives such as light beer or non-alcoholic beer
- Use standard drinks to monitor how much alcohol you drink. By converting what you drink into standard drinks, it is easier to keep track.
- Starting with non-alcoholic drinks and alternating with alcoholic drinks
- Drink slowly – take sips and not gulps. Put your glass down between sips.
- Avoid salty snacks – salty foods like chips make you thirsty, so you drink more.
- Avoid 'rounds'. Drink at your own pace, not someone else's. If you do participate in rounds, include some non-alcoholic drinks.
- Eating before or while you are drinking. Eating slows your drinking pace and fills you up.
- Finish one drink at a time: If people top up your drink it can be hard to keep track of how much alcohol you have consumed.

Nutrition Compaction Rotations



THIS IS A FREE EVENT

Carbon farming for profitability and soil health

Friday 12 August 2016 • 1 pm–6 pm

Goomalling Tennis Club, Cnr Quinlan and Hoddy St

Presentations

Chris Gazey (DAFWA)
Managing soil acidity for extra production

Trevor Syme (Grower, WANTFA)
A 'How to Guide' for setting up CTF

Dan Dempster (Grower)
Mapping Water-Holding Capacity using
EM and Radiometric Surveying—VRT trial
funded by Wheatbelt NRM

Matt McNee (WANTFA)
Summer cropping for soil fertility

Phil Ward (CSIRO)
Growing pastures for soil carbon

Nikki Dumbrell (UWA)
The economics of carbon farming



Light refreshments provided
RSVP to jwheeler@wheatbeltnrm.org.au

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This workshop is conducted as part of
WANTFA's Carbon Farming Extension
and Outreach project. This project
is supported by funding from the
Australian Government.



Come and chat carbon
farming at the kitchen
table with Jo Wheeler

BOLGART HOTEL

1916 - 2016



100 YEAR CELEBRATION

Date: Saturday 15th October 2016

Time: 5pm to Late

Music provided

BBQ packs available

Follows Bolgart School celebration

History of the Old Bolgart Hotel

All old Bolgartarians welcome

Meet the past Bolgart Publicans

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Yerecoin Progress Association

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Celebrating 50 Official Years of Yerecoin
Saturday, September 10th 2016
Commence @ Piawaning Hall 10am
Trek To Yerecoin Tennis Club
Machinery Display | Kids Activities
Food & Bar Facilities Available
\$20/per vehicle (includes morning tea)
To register contact Tracy Sievewright:
tracysievewright@yahoo.com / 0400 999 593

Shire of Victoria Plains
Cleaning Contract



Applications are invited from interested persons for Contract Cleaning of Council buildings at Calingiri. For a full description of duties please contact the Shire office on 9628 7004.

Applications will be accepted up until 4pm on Friday 26th August 2016.

Further enquires relating to the duties and the contract may be directed to Building Maintenance Officer, Paul Spowart by phone or email building@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

To obtain a copy of the description of duties please contact Sue Mearns by phone or email ea@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au during normal office hours.

Harry Hawkins
Chief Executive Officer

VP Business Builders Technology Focus: Mogumber July 28th 2016

There was a full house at Mogumber recently, as business owners and community members came along to talk technology and IT for rural areas.

The event, organised by VP Business Builders brought together stakeholders from across the VP Shire, in an effort to gain some insights into how to best manage their internet connectivity.

Daryl Du'Pleisse, from Chittering IT provided an overview of the internet services available to rural regions, and talked about the challenges and viability of each one.

Given the recent roll out of satellite NBN, Daryl suggested that this may be a really viable option for consistent, affordable service for our region and he encouraged attendees to look into it.

Also present was Boyd Brown, Telstra Area Manager for WA. Boyd gave a rundown of the Telstra services available for regional broadband access, plus demonstrated some equipment that could maximises signal efficiency.

Boyd also talked with residents of Mogumber about the upcoming mobile phone tower for the community, which is scheduled to be operational by 2018.

VP Shire Councillor Pauline Carr welcomed the information given, saying it was 'Amazing to have the Area General Manager WA for Telstra visit our town and talk about signal options & the new Mogumber tower'.

Business Builders events are funded by the VP Shire through the community budget grants, with the purpose to connect business owners and stakeholders across the region.





AUGUST 9 IS CENSUS NIGHT.
**OUR MOMENT TO
PAUSE AND MAKE
A DIFFERENCE.**

Look out for your household's Census letter. Use the unique Census Login to complete your Census online on August 9, or follow the directions to order a paper form.

Get online on August 9.

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OUR MOMENT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE 2016 CENSUS

AUGUST 9 IS CENSUS NIGHT. OUR MOMENT TO PAUSE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

What is the Census?

The Census of Population and Housing (Census) is Australia's largest statistical collection undertaken by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). For more than 100 years, the Census has provided a snapshot of Australia, helping to shape our nation's education, health, transport and infrastructure.

When is the next Census?

The next Census will be held on August 9.

What does the Census mean to Australia?

The Census provides important information about Australia's people and their housing. It helps estimate Australia's population, which is used to distribute government funds and plan services for your community.

In 2016, the Census will count close to 10 million dwellings and approximately 24 million people, the largest number counted to date.

What should people expect this Census?

From August 1, most households will receive a letter from the ABS, addressed 'To the Resident'.

The letter will include your household's unique Census Login and instructions on how to complete the Census online, as well as directions on how to order a paper form.

How many people are expected to complete the Census online?

In 2016, more than 15 million people are expected to complete the Census online.

Why go digital?

Completing the Census online is fast, easy, secure and environmentally friendly and helps reduce the cost of the Census to the community.

Can I still complete a paper form?

Yes. If a household is unable to access the internet or would prefer to fill out a paper form, simply call our automated paper form request service. You will need your 12-digit Census Login from the letter you received.

Paper forms must be completed and returned in the Reply Paid envelope without delay - don't wait for a Census Field Officer to collect it.

I have received a paper form. Can I complete it online?

In some locations, households will receive a paper form upfront with the option to complete the Census online. If you're able to access the internet, just follow the simple instructions on the front of the form to complete it online.

If you complete it online, do not mail back your paper form - please recycle.

Will personal information be shared with other government departments?

No. The personal information which you provide in the Census is not shared with any other government departments or agencies including the police, Australian Taxation Office or Centrelink.

The ABS is legally bound to protect the privacy of all Australians and will not release your information in a way that will identify any individual or household.

What happens to my personal information after the Census?

After data collection and processing, the ABS will remove names and addresses from other household information. Names and addresses will be stored separately and securely from other Census data. Names and addresses will be destroyed four years after collection or earlier, once there is no longer any community benefit from their retention.

Is the Census compulsory?

Yes. Everyone in Australia on Census night must complete the Census. It's the law.

Where can I find out more information about the Census?

If you have any questions, like what to do if you're not home on Census night, how to complete the Census in a share house, or what to do if you don't receive your letter, please search *Census*.

**Census**
census.abs.gov.au**OUR MOMENT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



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Enrolments available!

Are you thinking of returning to work?

Looking for some 'ME TIME'?

Do you have a child going to Kindy next year and would he/she benefit from more pre-school skills practice?

Do your relatives live too far away to help out with childcare?

Struggle occasionally to meet school pickup?

We are an Early Learning Centre that provides high quality education and care for children aged 0 to 7 years in a warm, safe and nurturing environment. We are a not-for-profit centre managed by a voluntary committee made up of parents and community members and run at a maximum capacity of 19 children on any session. We have a friendly and dynamic team of 7 staff who are all qualified educators and our opening hours are Monday to Friday, 8.15am to 5.15pm.

We have a fantastic pre-kindy program and fun activities, learning and nurturing for all ages.

Full day - 8:15am to 5:15pm = \$83

Half day - (8:15 to 12:45pm) or (12:45pm to 5:15pm) = \$46.50

Hourly = \$15/hour

After school/kindy sessions available (school pick-up now offered)

We can be very flexible and will do our best to accommodate your needs

Worried about the cost?

Cubbyhouse is an approved child care centre. All enrolments can be assessed for the Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate through Family Assistance. These can be paid as a lump sum to you or can be paid direct to Cubbyhouse and you are only charged the GAP fee. For more information please call Mel at Cubbyhouse or call Family Assistance on 136150 to see what benefits you may be entitled to.

For more information or for an enrolment pack please call Mel on 96711811

or email admin@wongancubbyhouse.com.au

Please feel free to drop in and have a look around the centre and chat to our friendly educators Monday to Friday 8:15am to 5:15pm

3 Stickland St, Wongan Hills (next door to Elizabeth Telfer Building)



Cubbyhouse Invites You To Try Us Out!

USING CHILD CARE FOR THE FIRST TIME IS A BIG DECISION FOR A FAMILY....

But the staff at Cubbyhouse, your local, high quality and community run child care centre, promise to do their utmost to ensure that your first experience is a positive, caring and rewarding one for both you and your child. Call Mel, Chenaye or Jane at Cubby today on 96711811.

Ever thought of enrolling your child into child care but are a little anxious as they have never been left with anyone else before? Here are a few tips:-

- Get to know us - Give us a call and arrange a convenient time for you and your child to come and play at Cubby for a couple of hours – no charge. Look around, meet our friendly staff and join in with our activities.
- If you are returning to work, always start Cubbyhouse before you actually need it. All children are unique and some take longer to settle than others. Some of our current families used Cubby for 2 months before starting a new job and only for a few hours per week.
- At 'drop off', stay and play for a while – read a book or do a puzzle with your child.
- Let staff know what comforts and/or interests your child for example a special blanket or toy and take it to Cubby.
- Bring a family photo to add to our family tree.
- Families will be encouraged to work alongside Cubby – staff will ask for advice about your child, work with you on ideas and do their best to match your home routines where possible – be sure to discuss specific preferences with staff.
- During an initial settling period, families will only be charged for the hours that their child is at the centre - should they need to be collected early.
- Go to www.startingblocks.gov.au for helpful information on all early childhood education and care needs.

Remember you do not need to be returning to work to use child care - Cubbyhouse can help when your relatives live too far away to help, if you need a few hours of 'ME' time, have appointments to attend or to help practise skills children need for kindy.

Worried about the cost?..

Don't be as most families are eligible to some financial help from the Government for childcare and so the maximum a full day at Cubbyhouse would cost most families is \$41.50. Of the \$83 full day fee, our current families (who have both their benefits paid direct to Cubby) only pay between \$23.59 and \$41.50 for a full day at Cubby.

If your family taxable income is less than \$154,697 per year then you are eligible for Child Care Benefit (CCB) as long as you meet some basic criteria. Even if you do not qualify for CCB, it is possible to get a Child Care Rebate (CCR) which entitles you to claim 50% of 'out of pocket' expenses.

You can get up to 24 hours of CCB per child per week without having to work and more if you meet certain work, training, study or volunteer criteria.

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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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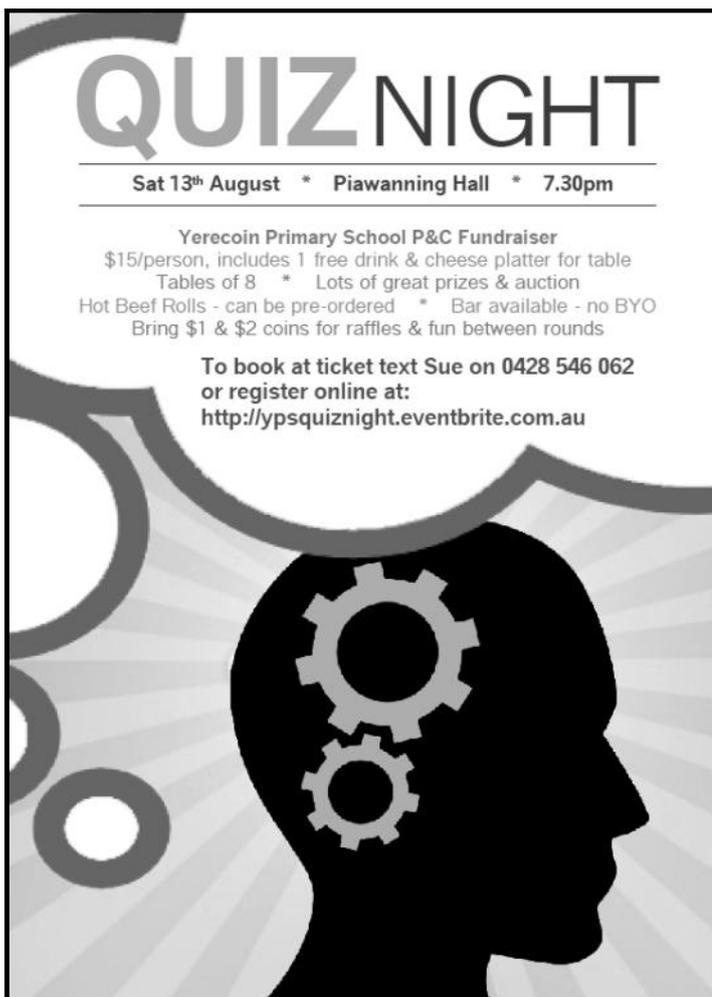
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To book at ticket text Sue on 0428 546 062
or register online at:
<http://ypsquiznight.eventbrite.com.au>



Calingiri Progress would like to thank Dot Jones for her many years of dedicated hard work in the community especially with the Progress Association.

Her involvement in the Anzac Day service has been enormous as it was in Australia Day Breakfasts.

She has always been ready to help whatever the project, including planting seedlings last year at Carnaby Corner (where the entrance statement is located).

Our heartfelt thanks to a great participating member of our town.



Annual Wyening Mission Farm Morning Tea.

Saturday 10th September 10am

All welcome



Save the Date: Wednesday 9th November 2016

Seniors Week Luncheon & Information Session including Q&A on Succession Planning

Further details, including location will be coming in the next newsletter.

This event will be for **ALL** seniors of Victoria Plains, with a bus available to transport attendee's from within the Shire.

I was privileged to spend the day with the children who made the effort to participate in the Youth Urban Art Workshop held recently. They were very ably assisted by professional artist, Darren Hutchens, Consultant Jodie and Jaime Hawkins, and created this magnificent mural .

I would strongly encourage others to participate in any other workshops/events that Jaime works extremely hard organising.

Great effort by everyone involved. Can't wait to see it on show!!

Awesome – well done everyone.

Barbara Kelly

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Calingiri Primary School Update

Weather Station

Calingiri Primary School is one of the only schools in WA to have an online weather station streaming live data through our website. The equipment was purchased with support from the Calingiri P&C and Calingiri New Norcia LCDC adding to initial school funds. The Davis Weather Station monitors a range of weather conditions including temperature, rainfall, wind speed and direction, humidity, wind chill and soil moisture. Local farmers recently visited the school and were very impressed with the range of data available and the ease with which it can be accessed. With weather such a critical element in decision making for agriculture, having up to date information readily available will prove highly valuable. Thanks to the community groups who provided funding.

Check out the site at <http://calingirips.com.au/weather-station/>



Members of Calingiri Farm Improvement Group visited the Calingiri School library and familiarised with the weather station interface.



Robotics

The Senior Room students have been very busily preparing for the WA Robocup Challenge on Friday 5th August. Students have built and programmed a robot which replicates rescuing a victim from a chemical spill. The building and programming have been extremely challenging but persistence is paying off and we are starting to see the robots follow the line, enter the rescue zone, find and remove the victim from danger. With the Digital Technology Curriculum becoming a significant part of the students learning, we are well ahead with our coding and programming. This backgrounding will see our students ready for the workforce of their future.

Emma Derbyshire (Yr 6),
Sophie Mita and Banjo Young (Yr 4)
build their robot



Athletics

Term 3 is the term of the carnivals – Sports Carnivals of course. Our Calcoin Carnival will be held on Friday 2nd September with the Interschool VPSSA Carnival hosted by Yerecoin at the Calingiri Sportsground on the 16th September. We will be preparing for the individual and team events over the term, activities the students always look forward to on a Friday afternoon. Thanks to the shire for their support in getting the school and town ovals prepared.

Staff

A number of Calingiri regulars are on long service this term. Our Principal, Mr Gary Homer is away for the term and his position is being filled by Mrs Suzanne Woods. Mrs Karen Brennan is also on long service and will return from her world travels at the beginning of week 7. Thanks to Mr Tom Woodford who is taking the juniors for the first 6 weeks of term. Our gardener Mrs Nicole McInnes has also had 4 weeks long service returning Monday 1st August.



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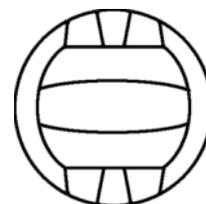
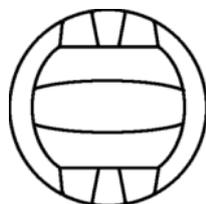
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Toyota AFL Grand Final Greatness Package**

was won by

ticket # 107 Ruth Johnson, Merredin.

Thank you all for your support.



MOGUMBER JUNIOR RODEO

WA ZONE

21st August 2016 - 10am Start

Venue: Mogumber Oval and Arena
on the Bindoon-Moora Rd, corner of Yarawindah Rd
Junior U18 Day permit \$20, Senior 18 & over Day permit \$45

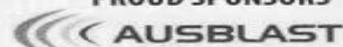


\$100 Juvenile Steer 14-U18 - Entry \$11
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Western Bending 14-U18 - Entry \$7
Western Bending 11-U14 - Entry \$7
Western Bending 6-U11 - Entry \$7
Dummy Roping 14-U18 - Entry \$7
Dummy Roping 11-U14 - Entry \$7
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Dummy Roping U6 - Entry \$5
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Enquiries: Michelle Reinke 0419 911 903

Committee not registered for GST. HELMETS CAN SAVE LIVES.

Exercise Classes

Classes this term are as follows:

Gillingarra:

Mondays 9.30 – 10.30 commencing Monday 25th July

9 weeks \$90 cash for 9 weeks or \$99 EFT payment

At Gillingarra Hall

Yerecoin:

Wednesdays 9am – 10am commencing 20th July

10 weeks \$100 cash or \$110 EFT payment

At Yerecoin Tennis Club

Calingiri:

Fridays 9am – 10am commencing 22nd July

9 weeks \$90 cash or \$99 EFT payment

At Calingiri Football Oval

Once you have signed up for one of the days you are more than welcome to make up any missed classes at either of the alternative days, or come along to extra sessions for \$10 per class (cash). You are still more than welcome to sign up for two days of classes, cost is \$220 inc GST (EFT) or \$200 cash.

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Community Calender

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| 7th August: Nominations close Aust. of the Year | 18th August: Shire Office opens 9.30am—Staff Meeting |
| 9th August: CENSUS NIGHT | 21st August: Junior Rodeo, Mogumber |
| 12th August: Carbon Farming, Goomalling | 28th August: "Meet the Minister" - Moora |
| 13th August: Writers Festival, New Norcia | 10th September: Wyening Mission Morning Tea |
| 13th August: Quiz Night—Piawanning | 10th September: Tractor Run, Yerecoin |
| 15th August: Return all Library Books | 15th October: Bolgart Hotel 100yr Celebration |
| 16th August: Yerecoin Progress AGM 6.30pm | 9th November: Seniors Week Luncheon |
| 17th August: Council Meeting | |



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8.30am-4.00pm

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