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Hello from the Shire President

As we move into the second half of the year, it continues to be a privilege to represent the Shire of Victoria Plains at a range of regional and state forums, advocating for the needs of our communities while celebrating the achievements of our local people.

Earlier this month I was delighted to attend the NAIDOC Round in Calingiri, where the Shire proudly sponsored new playing uniforms for the three Calingiri Cougars sporting clubs. The event was a wonderful celebration of culture, inclusion and community spirit, and I congratulate everyone involved in making the day such a success.

In June I had the opportunity to attend the WA Housing Forum, where representatives from local government and industry met with both Federal and State Ministers to discuss the growing challenges surrounding housing delivery.

This provided an important opportunity for the Shire of Victoria Plains to advocate directly on behalf of our communities, highlighting the unique barriers faced across the Wheatbelt. We reinforced the need for practical solutions that address workforce shortages, infrastructure constraints and the increasing costs associated with delivering housing in regional areas. Ensuring our concerns are heard at all levels of government is critical if we are to support sustainable growth and attract new residents, businesses and essential workers to our region.

Also in June I attended the Joint Shire of Victoria Plains and Shire of Wongan-Ballidu Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) Meeting. Following the meeting, we participated in a desktop emergency exercise based on a simulated chlorine gas leak. These exercises are invaluable in testing emergency response arrangements, strengthening inter-agency coordination and ensuring our emergency services, local governments and supporting organisations are well prepared to respond effectively should a real incident occur. I learnt a lot during this session.

Another valuable opportunity was attending the National Regional Leaders Network Meeting, where discussions centred on the important topic of Navigating Community Division. Communities across Australia are increasingly experiencing differing views on a range of social, economic and development issues, making respectful leadership and constructive engagement more important than ever. The session provided valuable insights into building trust, encouraging respectful conversations and supporting communities through challenging decisions while maintaining strong relationships.

I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our Deputy President, Cr Suzanne Woods, for representing the Shire at the National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra at the end of June. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend as I continue to navigate some ongoing health challenges. Suzanne has generously stepped in on a number of occasions over recent months. I would also like to acknowledge Cr Liz Williams, who has kindly driven me to several of the longer meeting days. This support has made a significant difference and has enabled me to continue fulfilling my responsibilities while managing life's challenges.

I'm looking forward to what the later half of 2026 has to bring us here in Victoria Plains.

Hello from the CEO

As we move into the middle of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to update the community on several important areas of work that continue to shape the future of Victoria Plains.

Renewable Energy and Community Benefits – Progressing Implementation

Over the past month, the Shire has continued its involvement in the State Government's Renewable Energy Community Benefits Pilot Program—one of the most significant strategic initiatives currently underway.

Victoria Plains remains one of four local governments selected to help shape how community benefits from large-scale renewable energy projects are planned and delivered across Western Australia.

The focus is now firmly on implementation. A key next step is the procurement process, which is underway across the four participating local governments to appoint independent facilitators. These facilitators will play a critical role in working with communities, Traditional Owners, industry and government to develop the respective Community Benefit Plans.

At the same time, discussions at the State level continue around governance arrangements, including how Community Advisory Groups will operate and how decisions will be made in practice.

In parallel, the Shire is meeting regularly with Western Power in relation to the Northern Clean Energy Link (North CEL). This project is a proposed major transmission corridor designed to connect renewable energy generation in regional areas into the State's electricity network. It is a key piece of infrastructure intended to support large-scale wind and solar developments across the Wheatbelt.

At this stage, the project is progressing through planning, engagement and approvals, with development expected to occur progressively over the coming years. Our involvement ensures that local impacts, opportunities and community outcomes are clearly understood and considered early in the process.

While there is still work to be done, what remains clear is that Victoria Plains has a seat at the table, ensuring our community is actively shaping how these frameworks operate into the future. Importantly, it also provides a clearer pathway to ensure local benefits are directed into community priorities and long-term outcomes. PoweringWA will be holding a drop-in session at the Mogumber Hall on 31 July 2026. Please drop in and say hello and ask as many questions as you like of PoweringWA and the other government agencies that will be there regarding the Energy Transition.

Advocacy and Regional Leadership

June was also a strong month for regional advocacy and leadership.

Cr Suzanne Woods, Deputy President, and I attended a number of key engagements in Canberra, including national-level discussions focused on the future of regional communities and local government as a whole. This included participation at the National Congress, attending the Rural Local Government Health Funding Alliance and with representatives from both the Avon Midland Country Zone and AMP-UP where met with ministers, senators, shadow ministers and our fabulous local member Melissa Price.

Our discussions focused on key issues affecting rural and regional communities, including:

- the energy transition and its impact on host communities
- long-term funding sustainability for local governments
- regional housing and workforce challenges
- infrastructure investment and service delivery capacity, including but not limited to the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network, the Bindoon Bypass and Coastal Erosion.



At a regional level, engagement continued through forums such as the June Avon-Midland Country Zone Meeting , reinforcing the importance of a coordinated approach across neighbouring local governments.

As seen above, we also continue to advocate through AMP-UP and other regional networks to ensure that the realities of smaller rural shires are well understood in State and Commonwealth decision-making processes.

Emergency Preparedness and Coordination

In June, the Shire participated in the Shire of Victoria Plains and Shire of Wongan-Ballidu Joint Local Emergency Management Committee meeting & exercise.

This exercise was led by Watercorp and brought together local governments and agencies to strengthen coordination and test preparedness arrangements. Emergency management remains a key focus, particularly in a rural context where capability, distance and resource availability all play a role in how effectively we can respond.

Water Security and Rural Resilience

Water security continues to be an ongoing priority for Victoria Plains.

The Shire has long recognised the importance of reliable water supply—not only for day-to-day community needs, but also for emergency response, particularly firefighting and support for agriculture.

This work remains an important part of strengthening resilience across the district as environmental conditions continue to place pressure on water availability.

Rates, Services and Supporting Our Community

As we enter the new financial year, the Shire is finalising the implementation of its annual budget and associated rating framework.

It is important to highlight a significant change at the State level. The State Government has legislated changes that remove local government's ability to levy rates on certain miscellaneous licences. These licences typically apply to activities or interests on Crown land—such as infrastructure, services or operations that occupy land but do not fall under traditional freehold property arrangements.

Historically, these licences provided a mechanism for local governments to recover costs associated with servicing and supporting these areas. Their removal represents a shift in how revenue can be generated and has implications for long-term financial sustainability, particularly for rural local governments.

At the same time, the State Government continues to provide concessions for eligible residents, including pensioners and seniors, to assist with cost-of-living pressures.

The Shire remains committed to balancing financial sustainability with the delivery of essential services and infrastructure across the district.

Looking Ahead

Over the coming months, there are several key areas of focus:

- Continuing to progress the Community Benefits Pilot, including facilitator procurement and community engagement
- Ongoing involvement in the North CEL project and broader energy transition planning
- Continued advocacy on behalf of Victoria Plains at State and Commonwealth levels
- Strengthening community engagement to ensure local priorities guide decision-making

It is also important to acknowledge that some challenges remain ongoing. The realities of fuel supply and cost have not gone away and continue to require careful monitoring and management.

In addition, the Shire is increasing its focus on biosecurity and public awareness. This includes:

- surveillance and information campaigns regarding Avian Influenza (Bird Flu)
- monitoring and awareness of the Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer, an invasive pest that poses risks to vegetation and agriculture

These initiatives are aimed at protecting both our environment and the economic foundations of our community.

As always, I would like to thank our community for its continued support, engagement and resilience.

Together, we continue to position Victoria Plains strongly for the challenges and opportunities ahead.



Hello Residents and Ratepayers

Over the past month, the main focus has been on developing the 2026–27 Budget while also bringing the 2025–26 financial year to a close with the assistance of my team.

I did manage to find some time to head to Optus Stadium to watch the Kangaroos beat the Eagles convincingly by one point, and then travel to Bunbury to watch them get absolutely belted by the Dockers! That required a bit of a walk of shame out of the ground. Luckily, my son is a Dockers supporter and provided some protection from the friendly barbs coming from all directions.

All part of the fun of being a long-suffering Roos supporter!

Budget 26–27

The budget is progressing well and remains on track for adoption by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 July 2026, with rate notices to be issued shortly afterwards.

Like most businesses and households, the Shire continues to face increasing costs due to inflation and the ongoing fuel price volatility. In some respects, we have been fortunate that the fuel crisis emerged towards the latter part of the financial year, after most major projects had already been completed. Unlike many private businesses, local governments cannot simply increase prices throughout the year to absorb rising costs, as rates are generally set annually through the budget process.

One of the key indicators used to inform local government budgeting is the Local Government Cost Index (LGCI). While similar to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the LGCI more accurately reflects the costs local governments face, such as road construction, fuel, gravel, building materials, contractors, and maintenance services. During the final quarter of 2025–26, the LGCI increased by 1.7%, which councils were required to absorb during the year. The forecast LGCI for 2026–27 is a further 3.3%, resulting in a combined increase of approximately 5%.

In practical terms, this means the Shire requires around 5% additional revenue simply to maintain current service levels. Any new initiatives, improvements, or expanded services require funding above this amount. Similarly, the Fair Work Commission approved a 4.75% wage increase, and from 1 July 2026, employers must pay a 12% Superannuation Guarantee to eligible contractors under updated taxation arrangements that demonstrates a snippet of the cost increase.

Regardless of individual views on these changes, they all contribute to rising operating costs. Like many organisations, the Shire cannot absorb these increases indefinitely without impacting service delivery, infrastructure investment, or asset maintenance.

With ongoing uncertainty globally and continued pressure on fuel and material costs, we can only hope for greater economic stability in the near future.

EOFY 25-26

As previously reported, the Shire substantially completed its 2025-26 Capital Works Program, with only the Gillingarra Water Supply Projects and the European Space Agency (ESA) Tourism Project carrying over into 2026-27. Both projects are fully or substantially grant-funded and therefore have minimal impact on the upcoming budget.

The Calingiri Subdivision Project will also continue into 2026-27 as planned and remains fully grant-funded.

Subject to final audit adjustments, the Shire achieved a capital expenditure delivery rate of approximately 94%, which is an excellent outcome and can be summarised as follows:

- \$626,447 on Land and Buildings of which \$459,662 was attributable to the Calingiri Subdivision.
- \$1,393,193 on Plant and Equipment which included the purchase of two new Graders.
- \$4,180,082 on Road Construction which included work on Toodyay-Bindi Road, Wongan Hills Waddington Road and Yerecoin South Road.
- \$359,266 on Other Infrastructure which included the Calingiri Playground, War Memorial Refresh and Footpath Construction.
- Total Capital Expenditure of \$6,558,988.
- No project had material over expenditure without offset grant funding.

To provide some context, the Shire raised \$4,064,972 in rate revenue during the year. This demonstrates the significant effort invested in securing external grant funding to deliver projects and minimise the financial burden on ratepayers wherever possible.

Administration

On 5 July, the inaugural presentation of the Calingiri Indigenous guernseys and uniforms took place as part of our NAIDOC Week celebrations.

This was a project more than a year in the making, involving extensive planning, stakeholder engagement and many moving parts behind the scenes. While there were a few lessons learned along the way, I thought the launch was a great success. The uniforms looked fantastic, the games were played in the right spirit, and I suspect a few opposition teams might have been a little envious 😊.

A special thank you goes to Katrina, who has been involved from the very beginning and undertook much of the engagement, coordination and organisation required to bring the project to life. It was no small task, and her efforts were instrumental in making the day an achievement.

Success is not only measured by winning but most of the teams won....just saying!



Residents travelling through Mogumber will have noticed the successful completion of the new Mogumber-Yarawinda Road connection to Great Northern Highway. The project has delivered a safer and more efficient road interface, improving access for local residents, agricultural traffic, and visitors travelling throughout the region. The upgraded connection enhances connectivity within the Shire and supports the movement of people and goods across our road network.

Further improvements have also been undertaken at the Mogumber Waste Facility, where retaining blocks have recently been installed as part of preparations for future transfer station works. The retaining wall structure forms an important foundation for the next stage of development, which will help modernise waste management services and improve operational efficiency at the site. These early works represent another step toward providing a more functional and sustainable waste facility for the community.

The War Memorial precinct in Calingiri has received a fresh landscape update with the replacement of ageing rose bushes. New native Correa 'Perfect Pollinator Red' plants have been installed, providing an attractive and hardy alternative that will thrive in local conditions while supporting native birdlife and pollinators. The vibrant red flowers will add year-round colour to the memorial area and contribute to a more sustainable, water-wise garden display.

These projects demonstrate the Shire's continued focus on maintaining and enhancing community assets, improving infrastructure, and investing in practical upgrades that deliver long-term benefits for residents.





STAND Community Wi-Fi Now Live

The STAND Community Wi-Fi has now been successfully installed at both the Mogumber and Gillingarra Halls. Signage has been placed outside each hall with easy-to-follow instructions on how to connect.

This important initiative will enhance communication for both residents and visitors, while also providing reliable back-up communication points in the event of an emergency.

Volunteer Week Celebrations

On 14 June, I had the privilege of volunteering in the football canteen. It had been several years since I last helped out in that kitchen, and it was inspiring to see so many dedicated locals generously giving their time to ensure each home game runs smoothly—not only in the canteen, but across all aspects of the day's activities.

It served as a reminder of just how much our community relies on volunteers. I encourage everyone to consider donating a few hours of their time, whether it's helping at a sporting club or supporting another community organisation. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a difference.

Libraries Thriving Across the Shire – Fuel Rebate and Treebate Forms

The libraries in Mogumber and Calingiri continue to grow in popularity, with children enjoying Rhyme Time sessions and adults dropping in for a cuppa and a chat. It is fantastic to see these community spaces being so well utilised once again.

Remember, libraries are about much more than books and quiet reading. They also offer DVDs, music, and welcoming spaces where people can connect, ask questions, and access information. We are also pleased to advise that manual Fuel Rebate and Treebate application forms are now available at all three libraries. Help make your neighbourhood greener and get a cash rebate too with Treebate. For the next three years, up to 10,000 Western Australians a year can claim a rebate on the purchase of a native tree to plant on their private property as part of the Treebate initiative.

Western Australians who purchase a native tree that will reach 3m at maturity, from a local nursery can make a claim of up to \$150 for one tree via the Service app or Manual forms available from the Calingiri Library. If you have purchased a tree in the last year and still have the Invoice and Tag you can claim that.

It's as easy as One, Two, Tree.

One: Buy a tree. Two: Plant the tree. Tree: Make a claim via Service WA.

And don't forget you'll need to keep your tax invoice (must be printed not handwritten) and a photo of the plant label to get your rebate.

1 Rebate per person over the age of 18.

Drop in and speak with our friendly staff—we are always happy to help.

Congratulations, Callum!

Back in April, Callum Walker from Yerecoin travelled to Brisbane as a member of the Western Australian State Team to compete in the Under-18 High Jump at the Australian Athletics Junior Championships.

The Shire was proud to support Callum with sponsorship towards his travel expenses. While he did not quite achieve the result he was hoping for, he still cleared an impressive 1.84 metres. More importantly, Callum gained valuable experience competing at a national level and enjoyed the opportunity to watch and learn from other talented athletes.

Congratulations, Callum, on this outstanding achievement. We look forward to following your sporting journey and celebrating your future successes.

WA Government Energy Transition Community Information Session

On Friday, 31 July, the WA Government Energy Transition Community Information Session will be held in Mogumber. Hosted by PoweringWA, the session will bring together several State Government agencies involved in Western Australia's energy transition to meet with local residents, share information, and answer questions.

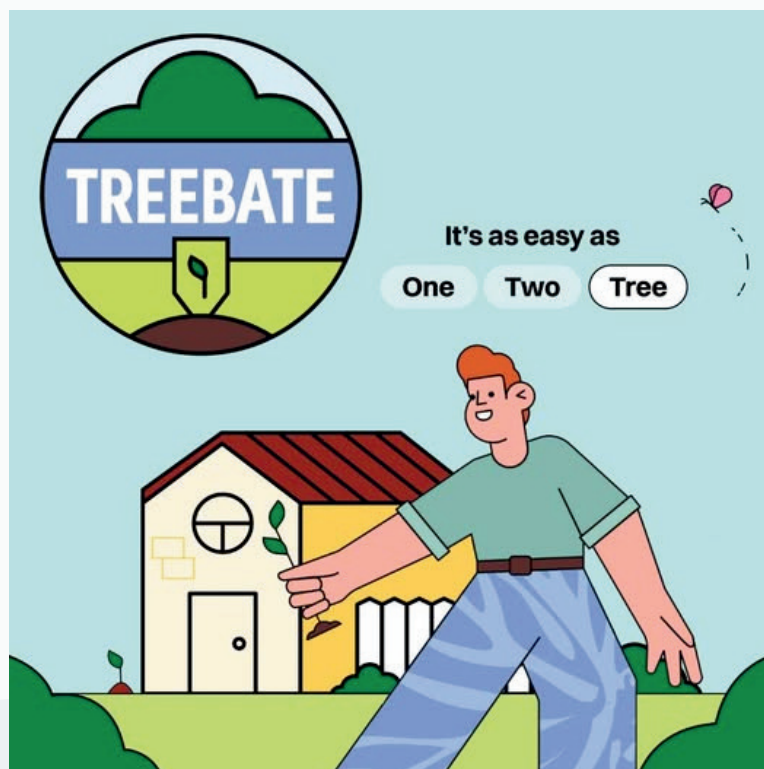
This is an opportunity to learn more about why the energy transition is happening, how you can engage with government consultation processes to ensure your views are heard, and what support is available for communities hosting new energy projects.

Representatives from the following agencies will be attending:

- Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage
- Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
- Department of Training and Workforce Development
- Wheatbelt Development Commission
- Western Power

We encourage all interested community members to attend, ask questions, and learn more about the opportunities and challenges associated with Western Australia's energy transition.

As always, thank you to everyone who contributes to making our communities vibrant, connected and welcoming places to live, work and visit.



Hello Everyone

The Emergency Management team continues to stay busy supporting day-to-day business. The Team has attended a Joint LEMC exercise, The team also had an opportunity to attend a tour of the Gingin Emergency Services Building which also serves as a level 3 incident controller centre, when major incidents across with the area.

Joint Local Emergency Management Exercise

The Joint Shire of Victoria Plains and Shire of Wongan-Ballidu held a desktop exercise delivered by the Water Corporation from the Goldfields Midlands. The exercise focused on the state hazard "HAZMAT".

The committee was presented with a simulated chlorine leak from a Water Corp. Site located in the Wongan-Ballidu Shire. The committee had to work through the preparation prevention response and recovery.

The exercise was well attended with representatives from several agencies, this included WA Police Force, Dept. of Fire and Emergency Services, Dept of Communities, St John Ambulance, Water Corp, Shire of Wongan-Ballidu and Shire of Victoria Plains.

AUS ALERT

The Australian Government is rolling out a new national alert system and its sure a sound you definitely can't ignore!

Your phone will vibrate, play a loud siren-like sound and light up with an alert.

A National Test is going to take place across Australia on 27th July.

So there's no confusion, this alert is not sent through the Emergency WA app or any other emergency app. AusAlert is a new federal government initiative that forms part of Australia's nationally operated emergency alert system, designed to deliver warnings during serious emergencies.

If the trials are successful, states and territories can opt in to using AusAlert from October, depending on local requirements.

Please refer to the attached factsheet for more information




Introducing AusAlert™

In October 2026, the Australian Government is launching AusAlert – a new national warning system that uses the latest technology to send emergency messages to compatible mobile devices.

What is AusAlert?

AusAlert is a fast and reliable way to help communities be informed and better prepared during local and national emergencies.

What is AusAlert for?

AusAlert gives the Australian Government and state and territory emergency services organisations the ability to send national or local alerts about disasters. These could be natural hazards such as bushfires, floods, cyclones and tsunamis, or events like public health emergencies, security threats or biosecurity incidents. It's just one of the many ways we're helping to keep Australians safer in times of disaster.

How does AusAlert work?

AusAlert uses the latest technology to send near-instant emergency messages to compatible mobile devices during disasters.

What are the different types of AusAlert?

There are 2 main types of AusAlert:

- **Critical Alerts** are used for the most serious emergencies. They can't be opted out of.
- **Priority Alerts** are used for emergencies where there is a heightened level of threat because conditions are changing. They can be opted out of.

What will be included in an AusAlert?

An AusAlert will be written in English and will let you know the type of emergency, where it's located, how serious it is and how to respond. It will also tell you the name of the emergency organisation that has sent the AusAlert and where to find more information about the emergency.

For more information, visit ausalert.gov.au

Keeping Your Pet Confined Is the Law

Responsible pet ownership starts at home. Dog owners are legally required to keep their pets confined to their property at all times unless they are under effective control in an approved area. Allowing your dog to roam freely can create risks for the community, wildlife, motorists, and the animal itself.

A secure property helps ensure your pet remains safe, healthy, and where it belongs.

What Makes a Secure Yard?

A secure yard is one that prevents your pet from escaping and prevents other animals from entering.

Some key features of a secure property include:

- Fencing that is high enough for your dog and in good repair.
- Gates that close properly and latch securely.
- No gaps under fences, gates, or walls.
- Adequate barriers around driveways and access points.
- Regular inspections to identify damage caused by weather or wear.

Remember: what is secure for a small dog may not be secure for a larger, stronger, or more agile pet.

Preventing Escape Attempts

Many roaming incidents occur because pets find opportunities to escape.

Common prevention tips include:

- Check gates regularly and install self-closing hinges where possible and repair promptly if necessary.
- Prevent digging by reinforcing fence lines with pavers, mesh, or buried barriers.
- Remove climbing aids such as stacked materials or furniture near fences.
- Provide enrichment through toys, exercise, and interaction to reduce boredom and wandering behaviour.
- Ensure pets are properly exercised and mentally stimulated each day.

A busy and content pet is far less likely to look for ways to escape.

The Risks of Roaming

Roaming pets face many dangers, including:

- Being struck by vehicles.
- Attacks from other animals.
- Becoming lost or trapped.
- Causing traffic accidents.
- Disturbing neighbours or livestock.
- Possible impoundment and infringement fines for owners.

Keeping your pet safely confined protects them from unnecessary harm and helps create a safer community for everyone.

Remember: Secure fences, secure gates, and regular property checks are the best defence against roaming pets. A secure pet is a safe pet.



**SHIRE OF VICTORIA PLAINS
LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO.5**



NOTICE OF PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT OF A PLANNING PROPOSAL

Planning and Development Act 2005
Shire of Victoria Plains

The local government has received a development application to use and/or develop land for the following purpose and public comments are invited.

Property Address:

Lot 72 (No.11309) Great Northern Highway, New Norcia

Proposal:

Building restoration works (i.e. reconstruction of a storm damaged parapet using salvaged materials and associated structural strengthening works).

Details of the proposal, including documentation and plans, are available for inspection at the Shire Administration Centre at No.28 Cavell Street, Calingiri and the Public Notices section of the Shire's website (i.e. [Public Notices » Shire of Victoria Plains](#)).

Comments on the proposal are now invited and can be emailed to reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au or posted to the Shire's Chief Executive Officer at PO Box 21 CALINGIRI WA 6569 by no later than Wednesday 29 July 2026. All submissions must include the following information:

- Your name, address and contact telephone number;
- How your interests are affected; whether as a private citizen, on behalf of a company or other organisation, or as an owner or occupier of property;
- Address of property affected (if applicable); and
- Whether your submission supports or objects to the proposals and reasons why.

All submissions received may be made public at a Council meeting and included in a Council Agenda, which will be available on the Shire's website, unless a submission specifically requests otherwise.

Sean Fletcher
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Victoria Plains

9 July 2026

Wider Community Comes Together to Celebrate NAIDOC Round



On Sunday, 5 July 2026, the Calingiri Cougars welcomed Wongan-Ballidu Boomers for a special NAIDOC Round for a day of Football, Hockey and Netball. The day celebrated the 2026 NAIDOC Week theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy," bringing the community together through sport, culture and connection.

The matches were played in great spirit, with the Calingiri Cougars recording several well-deserved wins. More importantly, the event provided an opportunity to celebrate, learn and show respect for the cultures, histories and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.





The Shire of Victoria Plains sincerely thanks Yued Aboriginal Corporation for hosting a community stall where children enjoyed face painting and painting their own boomerangs. These activities were a highlight of the day and encouraged young people to engage with and learn about Aboriginal culture.

The cultural performances by the Yued Dance Group, accompanied by didgeridoo player Johnny Garlett, were a standout feature of the celebrations. The Shire also thanks Debesha Smith for delivering the Welcome to Country and helping set the tone for a respectful and meaningful event.





The day also marked the official debut of the new NAIDOC uniforms worn by the Calingiri Cougars Football, Hockey and Netball clubs. Developed through a partnership between the Shire of Victoria Plains, Yued Aboriginal Corporation and the three clubs, the uniforms were designed by Yued artist Utah John-Furnace. Featuring emu tracks representing Emu Dreaming and interpretations of the wildflowers and beauty of Yuat Country, the artwork celebrates culture, connection to Country and the passing of knowledge to future generations.





The Shire of Victoria Plains thanks everyone who contributed to the success of the day, including Yued Aboriginal Corporation, Utah John-Furnace, the Yued Dance Group, Johnny Garlett, Debesha Smith, the Calingiri Cougars, Wongan-Ballidu Boomers, volunteers and the wider community. It was a memorable celebration of culture, community and the enduring spirit of NAIDOC Week.



WHAT'S ON AT CPS

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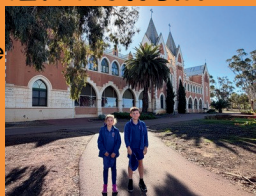
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

On Friday 29 May, we teamed up with the Shire of VP for Clean Up Australia Day. All students enjoyed a sausage sizzle lunch provided by the shire before completing a tidy up of the perimeter of the school block. We are very proud of the take up of this event by our students, it was a fabulous afternoon. We thank the Victoria Plains Shire for their support of this event.



YEAR 3 EXCURSION TO NEW NORCIA

While our year 4-6 students were on camp, our remaining Year 3 students had the opportunity to attend a tour of New Norcia as part of their HaSS curriculum, they are currently learning about local history. The kids were lucky enough to get some free bread from the Bakery!!



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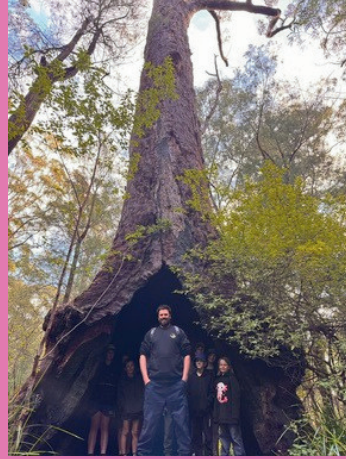
WHAT'S COMING UP?

- Week 11 - Mon 29 June - Junior Room Excursion to the Perth Mint
- Week 11 - Wednesday 1st July - Music Fest - Wongan Hills
- Week 11 - Friday 3rd July - Eagles Cup & Last Day of Term 2
- Saturday 4th July to Tuesday 20th July - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
- Term 3 commences on Tuesday 21st July for students

2026 COMBINED SCHOOL CAMP - ALBANY

Yr 4-6 combined camp was an amazing camp in the beautiful town of Albany! 30 students from Calingiri PS, Miling PS, Cadoux PS and Kalannie PS attended the five-day camp. The students loved the coach bus drive with all students and staff aboard. The bus driver was also excellent and participated in activities with our staff and students. The whaling station was mentioned as one of the highlights of the camp. A big thank you is extended to Ms Haley Riddick and Mr Jarrad Riddick who attended camp.

We greatly appreciate the time dedicated to spending a week with 30 fantastic students at a well organised camp. Congratulations to our students for their super behaviour and 'can-do attitude' in all activities across the week.



GOLF INCURSION

On Wednesday 24th June, we had the pleasure of welcoming PGA Professional golfer Rob Farley to our school. Rob was able to take an hour lesson with all our students, with some of them hitting a golf ball for the very first time. Thanks to the Calingiri Golf Club for arranging this amazing experience for our students.



What's Been Happening at Yerecoin PS?!



Incursions Galore!



A big thank you to Rob Farley from GolfWA, for coming to Yerecoin PS and teaching our students some golfing skills. Also, a big thank you is extended to Jocelyn King for organising the GolfWA incursion for Yerecoin and surrounding schools.



Our students enjoyed a captivating performance by Musica Viva's 'Life is an Echo', featuring musicians of Japanese, Taiwanese and Singaporean heritage. Using the Erhu, Guzheng and a range of percussion instruments, the ensemble shared the beauty of Asian musical traditions in a calming and immersive performance.

What's Been Happening at Yerecoin PS?!



NAIDOC Celebrations!

Our students at Yerecoin Primary School enjoyed celebrating NAIDOC Week through a range of hands-on learning activities. Students baked delicious Lemon Myrtle Scones, created Aboriginal-inspired name plates for our Bush Tucker Garden, and our Kindy students explored a rice sensory tray, threading activities, and other engaging experiences that celebrated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.



Music Feste!

Students at Yerecoin Primary School enjoyed the opportunity to participate in this year's Small Schools' Music Feste, gaining valuable experience performing on stage and showcasing their talents. The whole school performed 'Aladdin', whilst our Senior students impressed the audience with their performance of 'Cups-When I'm Gone'. It was a wonderful celebration of music, confidence, and teamwork. Accolades to students and staff.



Yerecoin PS—Enrol your child now!



You need to apply to enrol your child before 24th July 2026 if they are:

- Starting Kindergarten at a school or community kindergarten - 4 years old by 30 June.
- Starting Pre-primary and enrolling in their first year of compulsory schooling - 5 years old by 30 June.
- Changing schools.
- New to Western Australia.

Please ring Yerecoin Primary School Admin for further student enrolment information on 0896 532 300.



HOW TO USE AN AED



BOLGART SPORTS CLUB



**WEDNESDAY
15th JULY 2026**



2PM

AED LOCATIONS



Bolgart Rural Merchandise



Bolgart Primary School



Bolgart Memorial Hall



Bolgart Sports Club

ALL WELCOME!

LEARN WITH

Jenny & Glyn



BE PREPARED



SAVE A LIFE



STRONGER
TOGETHER

EVERY
SECOND
COUNTS

♥ KNOW IT. USE IT. SAVE A LIFE. ♥



Sunlight Rain Cattle Enhancing Biodiversity

CARRAH OPEN DAY

15TH AUG
9:30AM - 2PM

Come and explore nature friendly farming west of Calingiri with Geoff and Sarah Mason.

Guided walks with Sarah, Geoff and friends to explore.....

- Productive beef farming using regenerative farming methods. Natural fertiliser brewing and supplements.
- Drought proofing the farm using diverse fodder options & rotational grazing. Low stress stock handling.
- Protecting the remnant bushland and revegetating areas to improve biodiversity using native plants.
- Birds on farm and ways to help increase diversity of wildlife.
- Silent woodland walks - get back in touch with nature.



Family friendly - feel close to nature and explore beautiful Wandoo woodland flora and fauna

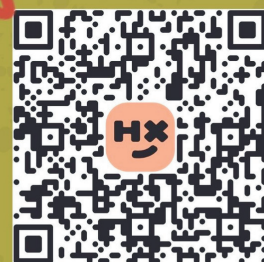
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Address: **Carrah Farms, 1173 Calingiri West Rd, Old Plains WA 6569**

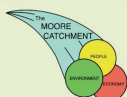
Cost: **\$5 each (towards Carrah conservation). Under 16s free.**

- **Wear appropriate clothing, walks around farm**
- **Morning tea provided. Bring your own lunch.**
- **Rain water available, bring own water bottle.**

Enquiries to Sarah on 0459 212 780 or Rachel at MCC 0409 296 264



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January 2027 operations

For January 2027, the town will reduce to minimal operations as follows:

- The Roadhouse will be open from 9:00am to 5:00pm every day for fuel, hot and cold drinks, confectionary, etc.
The Roadhouse kitchen will not be open.
- The Post Office will operate 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday.
- The Museum and Art Gallery will be open daily 10:00am to 3:00pm.
There will be no town tours.
- The Bakery will not operate all January.
- All accommodation will be closed all January.
- The Administration Office will not open all January, however essential administration will be carried out as normal.
- A simple Mass will be held as normal at 9:00am Sundays, with a simple morning tea following.



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Why every answer matters in the 2026 Census

Tuesday 11 August



Across Australia, individuals and households answer questions in the Census about where they are on Tuesday 11 August 2026.



We create a snapshot of the population. The data is protected by law, which means no one can identify you.



Organisations use the data to plan services, such as schools, hospitals, roads and public transport.

Healthcare can reach vulnerable communities

Housing questions show where people are sleeping rough, so mobile healthcare can reach them.

Street Side Medics



Young men can access mental health services

Data on age, gender and long-term health conditions shows where support is needed.

The Man Cave

Sport is accessible for more people

Information on disability and location helps plan inclusive programs for the future.

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Building resilience in regional and rural communities

Data on local economies helps shape what support is provided, and where.

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WA Government Energy Transition

Community Information Session

The way we power our lives is changing, and your community is at the heart of this transition.

To keep up with growing electricity demand and ensure we have reliable, affordable and sustainable electricity for years to come, we must transition our energy system. This includes the development of new renewable energy generation projects like wind and solar farms, backed by batteries and gas and connected by an upgraded transmission network.

PoweringWA is hosting a WA Government Energy Transition Community Information Session in the Shire of Victoria Plains, alongside other State Government agencies, to help the community navigate this change.



Date & Time:

Friday, 31 July, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM



Location:

Mogumber Hall,
Bindoon-Moora Road,
Mogumber



Attending:

- Dept. of Energy and Economic Diversification (PoweringWA)
- Dept. of Planning, Lands and Heritage
- Dept. of Water and Environmental Regulation
- Dept. of Training and Workforce Development
- Wheatbelt Regional Development Commission
- Western Power

This will be a drop-in event, come by anytime during the opening hours to:

- Learn about the energy transition and access resources
- Chat with Government representatives
- Ask questions and share feedback
- Discuss your community's needs over a cuppa



Find out more about WA's energy transition

Scan the QR code or go to
Stateofenergy.wa.gov.au/poweringwa

PoweringWA is here to help the community navigate WA's energy transition. Need support?
Contact us at: PoweringWASupport@deed.wa.gov.au





OPEN TRAINING NIGHTS

See your local ambulance service up close at the Victoria Plains Training Room

Interested in volunteering or learning more?

Wednesday **17 June** & Wednesday **16 September, 6:30pm**
Seminar Room, New Norcia — Education Centre (north end, near new flour mill)

For more information contact
Tracy Sieviewright on 0400 999 593 or Emma Kelly 0427 515 021



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Upcoming Events



18 JULY

12:00pm - Calingiri Golf - Open Day - Calingiri Sports Club

19 JULY

8:00am - Catholic Mass - Bolgart Catholic Church
8:00am - Anglican Service - Bolgart Anglican Church
10:00am - Cougars Sports - Calingiri VS Dowerin - Calingiri Oval
12:00pm - Calingiri Golf - Open Day - Calingiri Sports Club

21 JULY

8:00am - Agricultural Chemical Skill Set - Yerecoin Hall

23 JULY

9:30am - Calingiri Craft Group - Calingiri Hall
10:00am - Bolgart Ladies Golf - Vivianne Camerer Trophy - Bolgart Sports Club

24 JULY

9:30am - Mogumber Library Rhyme Time

26 JULY

8:00am - Catholic Mass - Bolgart Catholic Church

28 JULY

9:00am - Calingiri Story Time - Calingiri School

29 JULY

2:00pm - Shire Council Meeting - Council Chambers

30 JULY

9:30am - Calingiri Craft Group - Calingiri Hall
10:30am - Ladies Golf - Syred Cup - Bolgart Sports Club
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31 JULY

9:30am - Mogumber Library Rhyme Time

1 AUGUST

12:00pm - Yerecoin Golf - VP Auto Electrical - Yerecoin Golf Club

2 AUGUST

8:00 am - Catholic Mass - Bolgart Catholic Church
10am - Cougars Sports VS Dalwallinu - Dalwallinu Oval

4 AUGUST

9:00am - Calingiri School Story Time - Calingiri School

6 AUGUST

9:30am - Calingiri Craft Group - Calingiri Hall

7 AUGUST

9:30am - Mogumber Library Rhyme Time
Avon Vallys Ladies Golf Tournament Day 1 - Bolgart Sports Club
12:00pm - Yerecoin Golf - Dindo Ambros - Yerecoin Golf Club

8 AUGUST

Avon Vallys Ladies Golf Tournament - Bolgart Sports Club
12:00pm - Calingiri Golf Club Trophy - Calingiri Sports Club
12:00pm - Yerecoin Golf Club - Wiley's Allsorts Trophy - Yerecoin Golf Club



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