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FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

PAULINE BANTOCK



After 11 years of service to the Shire of Victoria Plains, including the past seven years as Shire President, I have come to the decision to resign from Council effective 6th November.

2026 has presented personal health challenges as I've navigated a rare neurological condition involving increased fluid pressure on my brain and eyes. Despite ongoing treatment my health quality has continued to deteriorate over the past 1 O months.

While I remain very positive about the future and confident of a return to good health, the challenges of recent months have made it increasingly difficult to balance the demands of Council with my personal life and business commitments.

Serving the Victoria Plains community for 11 years has been an enormous privilege. To have been entrusted with the role of Shire President for seven of those years is something I will always be incredibly proud of. Public life is not without its challenges, but serving in local government is both immensely rewarding and deeply meaningful.

I've had the opportunity to work alongside dedicated councillors, shire staff, community organisations and residents who genuinely care about the future of our Shire. I leave Council knowing the Shire of Victoria Plains is in a stable and financially sustainable position, with a strong foundation for the future. Equally important, I have every confidence in the professional and capable Council that will continue to guide the organisation. I would like to acknowledge Deputy President Suzanne Woods, Councillor Rebecca Johnson, Councillor Liz Williams and Councillor Neil Smith not only for their support, but for their strong dedication to the Shire which has made this decision much easier. I have no concerns about succession, knowing our current Council is in good hands. I also know we have communities full of strong leaders and I'm hopeful the right person will step forward to fill this vacancy on Council.

I have greatly valued the excellent working relationship with Chief Executive Officer Sean Fletcher, whose strong leadership and organisational skills have been instrumental in building a capable and effective administration team, fostering a positive organisational culture and maintaining a strong working relationship with Council. I am particularly grateful for his support throughout my time as Shire President, especially during the health challenges of recent months.

My sincere thanks also go to the many community members and past councillors who have offered encouragement, friendship and trust throughout my time in local government. It is our amazing community which has inspired and continued to push me forward over the past 11 years. Lastly, I would like to thank my personal supporters. My Husband Dave, who has accepted the personal sacrifice to our life and business while I spent these years on Council. To my Parents Judy & Brian and my close friends who have always encouraged me and supported me. I couldn't have done it without you.

Stepping away from Council will undoubtedly be a significant change after 11 years, but my passion for community remains as strong as ever. I look forward to remaining actively involved in the projects, organisations and initiatives that matter to me, while allowing more time for my personal health and business interests. My time on Council may be coming to an end, but my desire to contribute remains as strong as ever. Thank you to the Victoria Plains community for the privilege of representing you. It has been an honour.

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FROM THE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SEAN FLETCHER

Hello from the CEO



October was another particularly busy month for the Shire, with plenty happening locally as well as continued work on some of the bigger issues affecting Victoria Plains and the wider Wheatbelt.

Catching up with our communities

One of the things I particularly enjoyed during October was having the opportunity to share morning tea with members of our Calingiri, Mogumber and Bolgart communities.

As CEO, much of my time is necessarily spent dealing with projects, funding, advocacy and the day-to-day running of the organisation. These more informal opportunities to sit down with people, have a conversation and hear first-hand what is happening in our communities are therefore especially valuable to me.

Thank you to everyone who came along, shared their views and, importantly, simply took the opportunity for a chat.

Keeping our Wheatbelt Roads on the Agenda

Road funding continues to be one of our major advocacy priorities.

During October, I met with John Nuttall, Program Director of the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network, to discuss the next four-year phase of this important program from 2027/28. The business case for the next phase has now been completed and is being considered at State level. Earlier this year the State Government confirmed that future WSFN funding would require a business case, and the program has since progressed that work.

For a small rural Shire like ours, these programs are incredibly important. The Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network brings together 42 local governments and has already secured substantial Commonwealth and State investment to improve important local government freight routes across the Wheatbelt.

At the same time, the State Government has advised of changes to Regional Road Group funding that would redirect 15% of funding away from the traditional local government road funding arrangements towards State-managed priorities. This is of significant concern across the local government sector, and local governments are now working together on a coordinated response. The Shire has already identified regional road funding as an emerging advocacy priority and has been advocating for a sustainable long-term funding model for Wheatbelt roads.

This is bigger than Victoria Plains. Our local roads carry the grain, livestock and freight that underpin a significant part of the State's economy, and we need to ensure regional communities are not left with an increasing road maintenance burden without the funding necessary to meet it.

Working Holiday Makers, Energy and Housing

Council also welcomed Melissa Price MP during October. The meeting gave us another opportunity to discuss several major issues affecting Victoria Plains and regional Western Australia, including housing, the energy transition and our ongoing advocacy regarding proposed changes to the Working Holiday Maker visa program.

Prior to the meeting, Melissa Price MP wrote to the Commonwealth Minister regarding the Working Holiday Maker proposals and specifically reflected concerns raised by the Shire about regional workforce impacts and the proposed ballot arrangements for second and third-year visas.

It was encouraging to see those concerns being taken forward. We will continue looking for opportunities to make sure regional communities have a voice in decisions made in Perth and Canberra that directly affect our businesses, workforce and communities.

Strengthening the Shire Team

October also saw the completion of our recruitment process for a permanent Deputy Chief Executive Officer. Following interviews on 21 October, I am very pleased that Mark Austin has accepted the position and will commence with the Shire on Monday, 23 November.

Mark Austin brings substantial local government experience to Victoria Plains and will provide additional capacity across our corporate and operational functions. I look forward to welcoming him to the organisation and introducing him to our communities.

Thank you, Pauline

Finally, and most importantly, I want to take this opportunity to personally acknowledge Cr Pauline Bantock, who announced during October that she would be stepping down from Council after 11 years of service, including the past seven years as Shire President.

I have had the privilege of working very closely with Pauline during my time as CEO. She has always had an enormous commitment to Victoria Plains and, just as importantly, to the people who make up our communities.

We have worked together on many issues, sometimes difficult ones, but throughout that time I have greatly valued her support, her honesty, her knowledge of the community and her willingness to roll up her sleeves and get things done.

Pauline leaves Council with the Shire in a strong position and with a considerable legacy from her years of service. I know from the messages that have already been received that her contribution has also been highly regarded well beyond Victoria Plains.

On behalf of the Shire administration, my staff and personally, thank you Pauline for everything you have contributed to the Shire of Victoria Plains. More importantly, I wish you every success with your treatment and recovery and hope that stepping away from Council gives you the time and space you need to concentrate on yourself and your family.

You will certainly be missed around the Council table, but I know your passion for Victoria Plains and its communities will remain.



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FROM THE TEMPORARY

DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ALAN LAMB

Hello from the temporary Deputy CEO

Last month I reported that Colin Ashe had left and I had taken over temporarily. A new Deputy CEO has been recruited and is expected to commence later this month. So, this is my second and final report to you.

Your Shire Council continues to operate on a sound financial footing bolstered by significant grant funding. Below is a schedule of the position with capital expenditure as at 31 October 2026:

As seen below the Gillingarra Emergency Water Project was completed and that progress was made on other projects.

Activity	Actual $	Budget $	Status
New Norcia Emergency Services Building	8,000	28,666	In progress
Emergency Fuel Tank	-	5,000	Not started
Landfill Transfer Stations x3	-	402,690	Not started
Staff Housing Development - HSP2	392,873	4,102,862	In progress
Staff Housing Development - HSP1	6,261	27,000	In progress
Regional Housing (RHSP)	-	3,200,000	Not started
13 Lambert - Ensuite	-	25,000	Not started
12 Harrington St - Laundry	17,163	15,000	In progress
Calingiri Sportsclub	-	25,000	Not started
Heavy Vehicle Rest Area - Calingiri	-	320,000	Not started
New Roller	-	180,000	Not started
New Truck	-	330,000	Not started
New Road Broom	-	15,000	Not started
New Depot Utility - Works	41,988	50,000	In progress
New Depot Utility - Parks & Garden	-	50,000	Not started
New Deputy Utility - Works	1,182	60,000	In progress
New Depot Utility - Admin	-	70,000	Not started
Forklift	42,504	45,000	In progress
8x5 ft Tandem Trailer	-	4,000	Not started
8x5 ft Tandem Trailer	-	4,000	Not started
Footpaths	-	20,000	Not started
Piawanning Waddington Road (RRSP)	231,652	3,478,283	In progress
Yerecoin Sth East Rd	3,063	654,717	In progress
Toodyay - Bindi Bindi Rd Nth	-	450,045	Not started
Gillingarra Emergency Water CWSP	89,685	88,418	Completed
Gillingarra Community Water CWSP	45,180	84,583	In progress
Gillingarra Truckfill CWSP	26,981	109,683	In progress
ESA Tourism Development	-	183,012	Not started
Mogumber Bore	-	65,000	Not started
Totals	906,532	14,092,959	

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FROM THE

MANAGER WORKS AND SERVICES

SILVIO BRENZI

Drainage Upgrades Strengthen Local Road Network



The Shire of Victoria Plains continues to invest in the reliability and safety of its road network, with recent drainage improvement works completed on Wyening East Road, Murphy Gully Road and Cocking Road.

These works were undertaken to address several long-standing drainage issues that have contributed to water pooling, erosion and pavement deterioration during periods of heavy rainfall. By improving the way water is collected and conveyed away from the road formation, the upgrades will help protect road infrastructure, reduce maintenance costs and improve all-weather access for residents, farmers and transport operators.

A key feature of these projects has been the installation of new box culverts in place of older drainage structures in selected locations. While traditional round pipes remain suitable for many applications, box culverts offer several advantages where larger flows or shallow drainage conditions exist.

Box culverts provide a greater waterway area, allowing larger volumes of water to pass through during significant rainfall events. Their wider, flatter design also performs better where there is limited cover beneath the road surface and can reduce the risk of water overtopping the road. In addition, box culverts are generally easier to inspect and maintain and can better accommodate natural watercourses, helping to improve long-term drainage performance.

These improvements will increase the resilience of the Shire's road network and help ensure safer and more reliable travel throughout the district for years to come.

The Shire thanks residents, landholders and road users for their patience and cooperation during the construction period.



Above: Murphy Gully Drainage



Left: Cocking Road, Middle and Right: Wyening East Road

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FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

BRIDGET RALPH



The Yerecoin Disco was a huge success! Around 50 local kids came together, along with parents and carers, to dress up, enjoy some great food, have a dance, and simply spend time together having fun. A big thank you goes to the Calingiri Progress Association for helping with the setup and to the Yerecoin Tennis Club for generously allowing us to use their facility. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves and creating great memories. This event was proudly funded through a grant from Meerilinga's Promoting Positive Childhoods program.

Our CEO's recent morning tea in Bolgart was also very well attended. It was great to see so many community members come along, ask questions, and share their thoughts. A number of matters raised on the day are already being followed up. Opportunities like this are invaluable and help strengthen communication between the Shire and our communities.

The Christmas Display Competition is now underway, and we're already receiving nominations. Remember, you don't have to nominate your own display.

If you've spotted a house, front gate, paddock, or business that has gone above and beyond with their festive decorations, we'd love to hear about it. Once we have a few more entries, we'll put together a list of locations so families can enjoy a Christmas lights drive around the district and take in the fantastic effort people have put in.

Representative from the Staying in Place organisation from Wongan Hills visited on 20 October, and it was fantastic to see such a strong community response. Many residents attended to learn more about the services and support available to help people remain living independently in their own homes and communities. On a similar note, AVIVO has provided some excellent information about the services they offer. If you would like more information, please get in touch with me through the Shire office and I will be happy to pass it along.

The Bingo Afternoon Tea is happening this Thursday, and it's great to see so many people keen to come together for an afternoon of fun, friendship, and a little friendly competition. Thanks to funding received through Advocare, we are able to host this event, and a representative from Advocare will be available on the day to chat with attendees and answer any questions.

Finally, harvest is now well underway across the district, and it's great to see headers rolling and another season progressing. We wish everyone a safe and successful harvest and encourage all road users to take extra care around agricultural machinery on our roads. To add a bit of harvest fun to this edition of the newsletter, be sure to have a go at the Harvest Bingo challenge and see how many harvest sights and experiences you can tick off throughout the season.

As always, it's wonderful to see so many opportunities for our communities to come together, support one another, and stay connected.





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FROM THE
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER

JACK VAN VOORST

Hello everyone,



October kept the Emergency Management team busy preparing for the bushfire season. Fourteen community members came together at Calingiri to complete rural fire awareness training, and we also attended several pre-season brigade meetings to support preparedness leading into the High Threat Period.

Join the Ready

DFES has launched Join the Ready, a new campaign encouraging Western Australians to prepare for natural hazards all year round, not just when an emergency is on the way. With a very dry winter behind us and a warmer-than-usual summer forecast, signs point to another challenging bushfire season.
More than 93% of WA is bushfire-prone, yet only 22% of people in Perth and southern WA feel prepared for a bushfire.
Simple steps you can take now:

- Download the Emergency WA app and set watch zones for your home, farm and other key locations
- Make an emergency plan with your household
- Pack an emergency kit
- Clear gutters and keep vegetation around your home tidy

During an emergency, stay up to date at emergency.wa.gov.au, on the Emergency WA app, by calling 13 DFES (13 33 37), on facebook.com/dfeswa, or through your local ABC Radio.

Prohibited Burning Period: 1 November – 28 February*

*Subject to seasonal conditions

The Shire of Victoria Plains entered the Prohibited Burning Period on 1 November 2026. All residents are reminded that no burning of any kind is permitted at any time during this period. These dates may be changed depending on seasonal conditions.
Report all signs of smoke or fire to 000.

Harvesting, Baling and Off-Road Activities

With the Prohibited Burning Period now in place, landowners are reminded that a firefighting unit in a state of readiness must be on hand for any paddock operations, including harvesting, chaining, raking stubble, straw baling and related activities. The unit must carry at least 600 litres of water, a powered pump and 20 metres of hose.

It should be parked on bare ground within or close to the paddock where the work is under way.

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FROM THE
RANGER
PETER SMITH

Tethering - When It's Allowed and When It's Not

1. Correct, Humane Tethering Practice

Tethering can be used for short periods when it is carried out responsibly. A tethered dog must have access to clean water, shade, shelter, and enough space to move comfortably without becoming entangled. The tether must be secure, properly fitted, and suitable for the size and age of the dog.

2. What "Inappropriate Tethering" Looks Like

Tethering may be considered inappropriate when a dog is left restrained for extended periods, provided inadequate shelter or water, or unable to move freely without the risk of injury. Tethering that causes distress, injury, or prevents a dog from displaying normal behaviours may constitute an animal welfare concern.

3. Dangers of Long-Term or Unsupervised Tethering

Dogs that are tethered for long periods can become bored, frustrated, anxious, or aggressive. There is also a risk of injury from tangled chains or ropes. Long-term tethering can affect a dog's physical health, welfare, and ability to interact safely with people and other animals.

4. Alternatives to Tethering

Whenever possible, dogs should be housed in a secure yard or enclosure that provides adequate space for exercise and shelter. Other options may include secure fencing, dog runs, or appropriately sized crates for short-term management. These alternatives generally provide a safer and more comfortable environment for both the dog and the community.

5. Responsible Dog Ownership

Tethering should only be used when necessary and for limited periods. Providing appropriate living conditions, exercise, companionship, and supervision helps ensure dogs remain healthy, safe, and well-adjusted members of our community.



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MOGUMBER NEW YEARS EVE RODEO

2026



Celebrate New Year's Eve COUNTRY STYLE

- ☆ **Camping included in your ticket price**
- ☆ **5 hrs of rodeo 4pm–9pm**
- ☆ **LIVE BAND 9pm–1am**

A volunteer-run fundraising event, improving services and facilities in the rural town of Mogumber

GILMAC *Mackie Hay*

THE LAST FOUR YEARS HAVE BEEN A SELLOUT!

Purchase your tickets online – no gate sales on the day.

Adults $105 | Pensioners $85 | Children $16

A fully licensed venue. All Children must be accompanied by their parent or guardian to enter. ID will be checked at the gate.

Tickets only sold via our official website, **Mogumber.com.au** or scan the QR code.

More info via Facebook, Mogumber Outback Club Inc
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No Dogs, No Drones and No Glass permitted at the event.

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MEAL VOUCHER

& SOUVENIR HAT

BE PART OF A GREAT COUNTRY EVENT

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DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN

Open for Public Comment

The Shire of Victoria Plains is pleased to share the Draft Council Plan for community review and feedback.

Community input has been central to developing the Draft Council Plan. Feedback gathered through workshops, surveys, and conversations with residents, ratepayers, businesses, and local sporting and community groups has shaped the strategies and actions that will guide the Shire in the years ahead.

The Draft Council Plan is now open for public comment ahead of its consideration for final adoption by Council. Community members are encouraged to review the draft and share their feedback by Monday,9 November 2026.

The Draft Council Plan can be viewed online at www.victoriaplains.wa.gov.au, or a hard copy can be accessed from the Shire Office.

DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN AT A GLANCE

Community Voices

A snapshot of who participated and how they engaged

Activity	Participants
Council and Management Workshop	10
Community Reference Panel Workshop	9
Community Workshop	3
Resident & Ratepayer Surveys	26
Sporting / Community Groups Survey	7
Business Survey	8
Total Engagement	**63**

The Community Said They Value

> *Safe, close to Perth, potential growth in the area*

> *Peace of mind - it's quiet*

> *Small communities are like families, they stick together and help each other in times of need*

> *The community spirit*

> *Prompt and friendly service, always helpful*

> *We have the best of both worlds. Wide open spaces and attractive countryside plus reasonably close to key amenities*

Community Priorities

The key themes and priorities identified through community feedback

Highest ranked 10 year community priorities

- Provision and maintenance of roads
- Bush Fire prevention and control
- Provision and maintenance of community buildings, halls and toilets
- Community engagement and communication
- Support for community groups and volunteers
- Economic and tourism development

Overall Community Priorities for the next four years

Road and Transport Infrastructure	Including road maintenance, road improvements, and concerns about heavy vehicles.
Economic development and tourism	Focus on growing the local economy, attracting visitors, and supporting business diversity and opportunities.
Community Facilities and Amenities	Including new park, improvements to the oval, sporting club, and event facilities. A theme for a desire for stronger local infrastructure to support community life.
Youth, Families and Aged Support	Supporting youth, child and family facilities/activities, as well as aged care and ageing-in-place support.
Housing and Workforce Support	Access to key worker housing and availability of industrial/commercial land for business growth.

The voices of the community told as they see **room for improvement** in the following:

- Maintenance of parks and gardens
- Sport and recreation facilities
- Road maintenance and construction
- How the community is consulted
- Development of industrial land
- Building and planning approvals

Community Priorities by Strategic Pillar

Key themes identified through community engagement

Community

- Supporting youth and families through improved spaces, playgrounds and programs
- Planning for future sporting, recreation and community facility needs
- Strengthening support for volunteers, sporting clubs and community groups
- Supporting our seniors to age in place
- Improving accessibility and inclusion across Shire facilities
- Improving walking and cycling paths / trails

Economy

- Delivery of residential subdivision and workforce housing
- Activating land for residential, industrial and commercial development
- Diversifying the local economy beyond agriculture
- Growing tourism through our natural landscapes, events and attractions
- Improving and promoting caravan parks, camping and short stay accommodation
- Supporting local business
- Maintaining and upgrading the road network
- Improving townsite presentation, public amenities and community spaces

Environment

- Advocating for long term water security
- Supporting emergency preparedness, response and our volunteer emergency services
- Managing the benefits and impacts of renewable energy developments
- Improving waste management services and transfer stations
- Protecting biodiversity, roadside vegetation and natural landscapes

Civic Leadership

- Strengthening communication and engagement with the community
- Maintaining strong regional partnerships and advocacy
- Sustaining sound financial management and organisational capability
- Ensuring equitable representation of all communities across the Shire

Council's Response to Community Feedback

A snapshot of the key overarching strategies proposed in the Draft Council Plan

Community	1.1 Healthy, connected and safe communities 1.2 An inclusive community with diverse opportunities to participate 1.3 Safe, vibrant and accessible recreational and heritage places
Economy	2.1 Support a diverse, resilient and growing local economy 2.2 Increased housing opportunities to attract residents and workers 2.3 A safe and efficient transport network that supports economic growth 2.4 Visitors have a positive experience across our communities
Environment	3.1 Maintain sustainable waste management and water services 3.2 Protect and manage our natural environment 3.3 Responsible management of renewable energy and mining developments 3.4 A prepared and resilient community supported by effective emergency management
Civic Leadership	4.1 Effective leadership and regional collaboration 4.2 Shire communication and engagement is clear, consistent and transparent 4.3 Strong governance and leadership to support a sustainable future

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Wheatbelt
Development
Commission

Board Membership – Call for nominations

The Wheatbelt Development Commission is seeking nominations to fill one community representative vacancy on its Board.

The Wheatbelt Development Commission is a Statutory Authority established under the *Regional Development Commissions Act 1993*. Its purpose is to promote balanced economic and social development in the Wheatbelt Region.

In accordance with the *Regional Development Commissions Act 1993*, nominees for the community vacancy must reside in the Region and can be nominated by a community organisation or themselves. Terms of appointment will be from one to three years. The Minister for Regional Development, Hon Stephen Dawson MLC will make the appointment to the Board after consultation with WA State Cabinet.

The Commission is seeking nominations from people with the following experience:

- Understanding of key issues impacting the development of the Region;
- Demonstrated involvement in either the economic, and/or social development of the Region; and
- The ability to work cooperatively to achieve agreed goals across a wide range of issues and stakeholders.

Please note the closing date for nominations is at **4:00pm on 7 December 2026.**

Further information and nomination forms are available from Teresa Drew, Executive Officer on 9622 7222 or email teresa.drew@wheatbelt.wa.gov.au.

WHAT'S ON AT CPS

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SIDE INDONESIAN VISIT

We had our beautiful School of Isolated & Distance Education Indonesian teachers Ibu Sandra and Ibu Lara visit our senior room students last week for a morning of fun activities. Some beautiful kites were designed along with a yummy noodle dish for lunch. Thanks for visiting us.





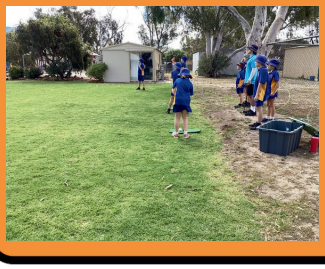






GOLF LESSONS






We received a Sporting Schools Grant which has allowed us to give our senior room students golf lessons! They have really been enjoying their Friday afternoon lessons. Thanks, Jarrad

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WHAT'S COMING UP?

- Week 4 - Mon 2nd Nov - Junior Room excursion to the Bell Tower
- Week 5 - Thurs 12th Nov - Kindy Orientation #2
- Week 6 - Wed 18th Nov - Parent/Teacher/Student meetings
- Week 7 - Thur 26th Nov - Parent/Teacher/Student meetings & Kindy Orientation #3
- Week 8 - Wed 2nd Dec - Year 6 Graduation Dinner

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If your child is

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- starting Pre-Primary
- changing schools

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Kindy PP

The Early Childhood room we have started the term with 'Minibeasts' We had to be 'Minibeast detectives' on the first day back, when our two tiny spiny leaf insects escaped! Luckily, we found them and have called them 'Hidey and 'Seeky'.

Sam bought in his chicks to show us and we loved holding them and watching them .... or were they watching us?

In literacy we have been learning about adjectives and alliteration, as well as exploring the book 'Superworm'. We have written some fabulous 'super' sentences and made some bendy 'superworms'.

This has led to science where they are looking at the properties of different materials. We have also set up a real worm farm which has been very exciting to research and set up. Thanks to Mr and Mrs Black for giving us some worms and helping us. We also looked at them through Mr Black's digital microscope which was pretty cool.

In Numeracy we have been looking at number lines, with the help of jumping frogs, as well as playing games with dice to add and take-away bugs. We have also been measuring how long our pipe cleaner worms are and comparing lengths.

Our fabulous birdbath we started last term is just about completed. We have been having fun with the hammer to smash the tiles and painting, gluing and grouting. Check it out in the Six Seasons garden.







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Junior Room

We have had a great start to Term 4! It is going to be a busy term, and it will be gone in a flash!

This term we have welcomed a new student Harry to our classroom.
Harry has made lots of new friends already and has had a warm welcome from his classmates who have been very helpful and encouraging with assisting Harry in following the school values and routines.



In Science and Technology, we are investigating materials and how they can be changed. We had fun testing out a variety of materials such as paper, plastic, rubber, metal, and fabric to see how they can be changed. We bent, squished, stretched, tore, and twisted them and observed how they looked once they were changed.



In Writing we are learning to write about our opinions in persuasive texts. It is fun to have an opinion about a topic and to respect the opinion of others' if it is different to our own.

Students have been enjoying a variety of Maths activities and games to practice number concepts. It's been lovely to see them working together and encouraging each other.



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Senior Room

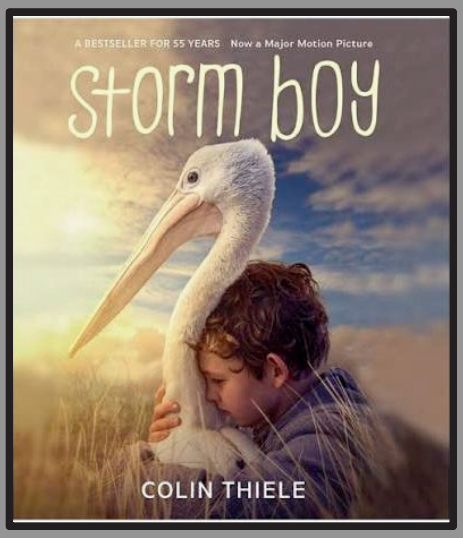
We have settled into Term 4 quickly. Miss Woodhouse taught us some new maths games she learnt on the teachers' learning day. They make us think with our maths brains and are lots of fun.

To finish our novel study of Storm Boy we watched the movie. It was interesting to see how the story can be changed when it becomes a movie.

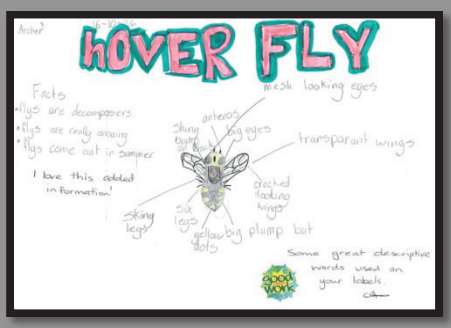
For writing we are continuing to focus on Information Reports as we complete reports for our Country projects. We also spent time on a holiday recount where we demonstrated improved use of paragraphing. Let's not forget our regular persuasive texts where we must convince Miss Woodhouse to employ us in a specific job. Some were so good they needed to present a speech to the class to help decide who had the best arguments.

For sport we are learning the skills for T-Ball such as soft catches and how to use a glove and tee. We look forward to learning more from Mr Hale who is a skilled T-Ball coach.

During Science we have been focused on our research and recording skills to identify insects by the characteristics. Using the internet, microscopes and magnifying glasses we discovered that our native bee was actually a Hover Fly. We had enough information to complete detailed annotated diagrams.







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Six Seasons Garden Project

This year Bolgart Primary School received grant funding from PALS (Partnership, Acceptance, Learning, Sharing). This grant is for funding programs and projects to celebrate Aboriginal culture and preserve history and tradition. Staff and students at Bolgart Primary decided this funding should be used to establish a six seasons garden.

The space behind the library was the perfect place to establish this garden but it just needed a little love and attention. The students researched plants and the Noongar six seasons to decide which plants from the region needed to be in our garden. Every 2 weeks the whole school got together for cultural lessons and research. Our first job was to replenish the soil in the garden beds and lay gravel around the paths. Plants were purchased and a day was set aside for planting. We would like to thank our parents and community members for volunteering their time to help with all aspects of the garden.

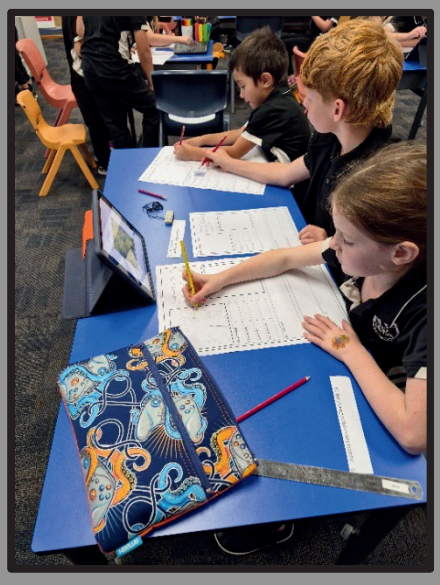
We continued our whole school cultural lessons as we moved through the seasons. Our garden now has the completed yarning circle with the amazing totem poles completed by the Senior class during their art lessons with Mrs Howe. Also, we recently spent time in the garden weeding out unwanted plants and replacing the few that have not survived. The senior students have also finished making the labels that are now identifying the plants in the garden.

Then, with the help of our parents, we covered the garden with mulch to help keep the moisture in for the long hot Summer ahead. It has been a real team effort over the last year, and it looks amazing.

A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Uriarau for getting the totem poles in.







What's Been Happening at Yerecoin PS?!

SPORTS GALORE









We recently had two whole school Basketball Clinics in Sport, with Mason, which were fantastic!

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

As part of Rewards Day for Term 3, our students dressed in their favourite team colours either for Soccer or AFL. We raised a total of $77.60 for childhood cancer research. Thank you for your generosity.





What's Been Happening at Yerecoin PS?!

Teddy Bears' Picnic-2027 Kindy Orientation Morning





Position Available:

Department of Education

Manager Corporate Services

- **Occupation:** Business Administration Managers
- **Employment type:** Permanent - Part Time
- **Branch:** Yerecoin Primary School
- **Levels:** Level 3
- **Region:** Wheatbelt Region, Western Australia
- **Classification:** Level 3, $84,299 - $90,434 per annum (pro-rata) (DOE (SSO) CA 2024)
- **Closing at:** Nov 16 2026 - 16:30 AWST
- **Location:** Yerecoin
- **Division:** Wheatbelt Education Region
- **FTE:** 0.6
- **Position number:** 00008676

For more information please phone School Admin on 0896 532 300:

What's Been Happening at Yerecoin PS?!

World Teachers' Day

We celebrated our amazing teachers on Friday, 30th October 2026. We are so thankful for all of their hard work and commitment to Yerecoin PS.





Yerecoin PS–Enrol your child now!

Please apply to Yerecoin PS to enrol your child, 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.





A Message from Rural Aid

I've had the pleasure of driving up to Carnarvon and back in the last two weeks and see that hay and harvest have begun in a lot of places. Stock work as preparation for summer such as selling stock at the market, crutching and more. In Carnarvon planation growers are recovering after the cyclones and flooding, very busy re-planting crops as they are able to afford to do so. A lot of people are very busy, working long hours which equates to pressure on us physically and mentally.

There are some areas of our state that are not having a bumper year, some are having a year of struggle so just a reminder to be aware when talking about how everyone is having a good year, some aren't.

Listen to your body and self. You are the expert on yourself and your feelings. Notice when you are becoming less patient sometimes even responding angrily or less able to concentrate. What is your body telling you. Make some time to take a small break, pause and enjoy that cup of coffee or tea for 30 minutes. Stop for lunch and have a talk with your team and/or family for an hour. Ideally have a morning, afternoon or day off. A break and rest will reset yourself and you will be more personally productive.

Even when busy we can maintain what matters most to us in life. If we see our core value as spending time with family or taking time to speak with our children, we can still maintain these values. Technology does give us the ability to talk to each other, and most modern machines have hands free options for phones, also they have two-way radios. We can make time to talk to each other busy or not. We can stop, pick up our children and sit them with us in the cab. We can stop and have something to eat together. Even in the paddock or shed.

Keep in touch with family and friends. We have the technology to continue to be there for each other. Especially if we hold a concern, a phone call is a good option. Every day is RUOK day.

Keeping in regular contact and keeping connected to others is also a very effective way to lessen our concerns. When we lessen our concerns, our resulting emotions are more easily controlled. A person who has regular connection and communication with those they value, love and respect is better able to cope. Sometimes when I see a person our counselling session is short because they have people who know them best talking to them. Valuing them.

So please look after yourself, each other and keep safe and connected this busy time of the year. Rural Aid counsellors are here and are happy to assist. Why? because you do matter and are important to a lot more people than you realise.

Roger Hitchcock

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SANTA TO ARRIVE 4.30 PM SHARP

Please bring a plate of FINGER FOOD to share cut up prior and ready to serve.
No heating facilities available. BYO Beverages

Facebook: Gillingarra Christmas Tree
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RSVP BRIDGET 9628 7004 BY 1ST DECEMBER

THINGS FARMERS SAY DURING HARVEST BINGO



IS THAT THE NEIGHBOURS GOING?	JUST ONE MORE BIN AND WE'LL KNOCK OFF	WE MIGHT JUST DO A QUICK SAMPLE BUT WON'T GET INTO IT THIS WEEKEND
MOISTURE'S BORDERLINE, BUT WE'LL SEND IT	WHERE'S THE CHASER BIN?	FLAT OUT LIKE A LIZARD DRINKING
I'LL FIX IT PROPERLY AFTER HARVEST	SHE'LL BE RIGHT	ANYONE WANT AN ICED COFFEE?
HOW GOOD'S THAT SUNSET	YOU ON CHANNEL?	WHAT SETTING IS YOUR CHAFFER ON?
TUNES INTO COUNTRY HOUR	WOULDN'T MIND A COLD ONE ABOUT NOW	THIS DUST IS SHOCKING







Wandoo
WIND FARM



SPONSORSHIP ROUND OPEN
1 - 30 NOVEMBER 2026

WANDOO WIND FARM

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The Wandoo Wind Farm Sponsorship Program supports individuals, groups, and organisations committed to building stronger, healthier, and more connected communities.

Funding is provided through scheduled sponsorship rounds during the development phase of the project, creating opportunities for local initiatives, events, and community activities to receive support.

Once the wind farm is operational, the project intends to contribute to community benefit initiatives in the local region, in line with the State Government's Community Benefit Guidelines.

Sponsorship Focus Areas

- Art, Sports, and Culture
- Community Infrastructure
- Education and Training
- Environmental Sustainability
- Health and Wellbeing
- Social Development

For more information about the program, and to access the application form, please visit **wandoowindfarm.com.au**, or scan the QR code.

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Grevillea
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1 - 30 NOVEMBER 2026

GREVILLEA WIND FARM

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The Grevillea Wind Farm Sponsorship Program supports individuals, groups, and organisations committed to building stronger, healthier, and more connected communities.

Funding is provided through scheduled sponsorship rounds during the development phase of the project, creating opportunities for local initiatives, events, and community activities to receive support.

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Sponsorship Focus Areas

- Art, Sports, and Culture
- Community Infrastructure
- Education and Training
- Environmental Sustainability
- Health and Wellbeing
- Social Development

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Upcoming Events

Shire of Victoria Plains
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15 NOVEMBER
8am-Catholic Mass - Bolgart Church
8am-Bolgart Anglical Service - Bolgart Church
3pm-Social Tennis - Yerecoin Tennis Club

17 NOVEMBER
9am-Story time - Calingiri Primary School

18 NOVEMBER
8:30am- Reformer Pilates - Yerecoin Hall

19 NOVEMBER
9am -LadiesBowls - Club Day - Bolgart Sports Club
9:30am - Craft Group - Calingiri Hall
6pm - SocialTennis and Dinner - Wannamal TennisClub

20 NOVEMBER
9:30am - Reformer Palates - Yerecoin Hall
9:30am - Ryme Time - Mogumber Library

21 NOVEMBER
8am - Yerecoin Markets - Yerecoin Town Hall
7pm - Abbots Dinner - New Norcia Hotel

22 NOVEMBER
8am - Catholic Mass - Bolgart Church
3pm - Social Tennis - Yerecoin Tennis Club
Mixed Social Bowls - Bolgart Sports Club - Serena 0427 351 775

24 NOVEMBER
9am - Story time - Calingiri Primary School

25 NOVEMBER
8:30am - Reformer Palates - Yerecoin Hall
2pm - Shire Council Meeting

26 NOVEMBER
9:30am - Calingiri Craft Group - Calingiri Hall
6pm - Social Tennis and Dinner - Wannamal Tennis Club
7pm - Patrick James Concert - Toodyay Memorial Hall

27 NOVEMBER
9:30am - Rhyme Time - Mogumber Library
9:30am - Reformer Pilates - Yerecoin Hall

28 NOVEMBER
3:30pm - Gillingarra Christmas Tree - Gillingarra School

29 NOVEMBER
8am - Catholic Mass - Bolgart Church
3pm - RS Manning Trophy - Yerecoin Tennis Club
Mixed Social Bowls - Bolgart Sports Club - Serena 0427 351 775

1 DECEMBER

9am - Story time - Calingiri Primary School

2 DECEMBER

8:30am - Reformer Pilates - Yerecoin Hall

3 DECEMBER

9:30am - Craft Group - Calingiri Hall
9:30am - Inclusive Morning Tea and Games - Calingiri Hall
6pm - Social Tennis and Dinner - Wannamal Tennis Club

4 DECEMBER

9:30am - Reformer Palates - Yerecoin Hall
9:30am - Ryme Time - Mogumber Library

5 DECEMBER

7pm - Musical Soiree - New Norcia

6 DECEMBER

8am - Catholic Mass - Bolgart Church
4pm - Social Tennis - Yerecoin Tennis Club
Mixed Social Bowls - Bolgart Sports Club - Serena 0427 351 775

9 DECEMBER

8:30am - Reformer Palates - Yerecoin Hall

10 DECEMBER

9am - Ladies Bowls - Galla Day - Bolgart Sports Club
9:30am - Craft Group - Calingiri Library
6pm - Wannamal Social Tennis and Dinner - Wannamal Tennis Club

11 DECEMBER

9:30am - Reformer Palates - Yerecoin Hall
9:30am - Ryme Time - Mogumber Library
6pm - Calingiri Primary School Concert - Calingiri Primary School

13 DECEMBER

8am - Catholic Mass - Bolgart Church
3pm - Yerecoin Tennis Open Day - Shire of Victoria Plains

16 DECEMBER

8:30am - Reformer Pilates - Yerecoin Hall
2pm - Shire of Victoria Plains Council Meeting - Chambers Calingiri
5:30pm - Bolgart Primary School Concert - Bolgart Hall
6pm - Yerecoin Primary School Concert - Yerecoin School

17 DECEMBER

9:30am - Craft Group - Calingiri Hall
9am - Ladies Bowls Christmas Windup - Bolgart Sports Club
6pm - Social Tennis and Dinner - Wannamal Tennis Club

18 DECEMBER

9:30am - Reformer Palates - Yerecoin Hall
9:30am - Ryme Time - Mogumber Library
12noon - Shire office Closure for Christmas Break

19 DECEMBER

9am - Mens Pennant Bowls - VS Northam - Bolgart Sports Club
3pm - Yerecoin Tennis Christmas Windup - Mackie Hay - Yerecoin Tennis Club

20 DECEMBER

8am - Catholic Mass - Bolgart Church
3pm - Mogumber Christmas Bash - Mogumber Oval

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