

Shire of Victoria Plains



Community News August 2017



PHOTOS SENT IN BY THE COMMUNITY

100th Birthday Celebrations
Calingiri Primary



Calingiri from the Air



NEWS FROM THE CHAMBERS

STAFFING MATTERS

There have been a few changes in the Shire over the last couple of months which has included:

Resignations

- DCEO
- Community Development Officer (CDO)

Recruitment

- The DCEO position being reassessed with the new position being advertised as - will become Corporate Services Manager
- The CDO position has now been advertised.
- Applications have closed for the recruitment of depot staff (leading hand and plant operator).

Other staffing matters

- The new Building Officer/EHO Allan Ramsay has now joined the Shire and is currently working out of the administration office 2 days per week.
- Staff were reminded of a few things recently via CEO internal Memo including the enforcement of Council policy with regard to personal use of Council motor vehicles.
- A HR review is currently being underway with position descriptions being reviewed for a number of positions with priority being given to those roles which are currently vacant including the Rates Officer, Corporate Services Manager and Human Resource Advisor.

SUICIDE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

The very first meeting of the Suicide Prevention Committee was held on 18 July 2017 with a second meeting being planned for September. Staff will be investigating the availability of grants to assist in the development of a Suicide Prevention Plan.

WALGA

The CEO and Shire President recently attended the office of WALGA to discuss policies and procedures with James McGovern and the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) with Scott Roffey.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

Several Councillors together with the CEO will be attending Local Government Week during the month of August. Attendees will be providing reports to Council on activities and information sessions attended.

2017 ORDINARY ELECTION

Council approved the staff recommendation that the 2017 Ordinary Election be conducted by the Electoral Commission and the method of conducting the election would be as a postal election.

ANNUAL BUDGET 2017-2018

Council adopted the 2017-2018 annual budget with the following recommendations:

1. That the Annual Budget for the 2017-18 year as presented be adopted.
2. That in conformity with the adopted budget that Council hereby levies rates for the year ended 30 June 2018 as hereunder:
 - General rate 9.3242 cents in the \$ on GRV and 0.6969 cents in the \$ on UV;
 - Minimum rates be \$420 per assessment on all GRV valuations and \$550 on all UV Valuations;
 - An incentive scheme of four (4) by \$500 cash prizes be offered to encourage payment of rates in full within 35 days of the issue of the rate notice;
 - A late payment penalty of 11% pa be added to the general rates unpaid 35 days after the issue of the rate notice, but not applying to those ratepayers who elect to pay by instalments, except this will not apply to pensioners deferred rates;
 - An instalment plan interest rate of 5.5% be charged for those ratepayers electing to pay their rates bill by instalments;
 - An administration fee of \$4.50 be charged on all assessments per instalment;
 - ESL on all properties is \$75.00 as per legislation;
3. Sanitation Charges – That Council levy charges for the year ending 30th June 2018 as hereunder:
 - Sewerage charges of \$168.00 per connection or ability to connect be charged for sewerage at both Calingiri and Yerecoin townsites;
 - Rubbish removal charges of \$176.75 per annum per 240ltr bin weekly service on GRV properties and UV properties. For additional bins the charges are \$176.75 per bin. For the Calingiri Townsite there is a charge of \$94.00 per annum per 240ltr recycling bin.
4. That the 2017-18 Schedule of Fees and Charges be included in the budget document.

This resolution was passed 8/1 with Cr Broadhurst asking that his negative vote be recorded.

NEWS FROM THE CHAMBERS

Calingiri & Bolgart Tip Passes

The Tip passes which residents/ratepayers currently hold expire at the end of August 2017.

New Tip passes will be issued together with the Rates Notices which will be sent out during the week commencing 31 July 2017.

If you are a resident of the Shire (and not a ratepayer), can you please email the Shire via reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au and provide us with the following information:

Full name:

Residential property address:

Contact number:

The new Tip passes being issued will be numbered for easier identification and ease of use.

Please contact the Shire offices on 96287004 before the end of August should you have not received a new Tip pass.

If you lose your Tip pass, please contact the Shire and a replacement will be issued and the lost card will be recorded as invalid by Tip site staff.

From the CEO

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING

Will be held in the Council Chambers,

on Wednesday 23rd August 2017

Commencing @ 2.00pm

INVITATION

Council Invites you to join them for an informal chat on any matter that concerns you as a Resident of the Victoria Plains Shire.

9.00am

Morning of the monthly Ordinary Meetings of Council.

In the Council Chambers.

FAREWELL IAN

The Councillors and staff at the Shire of Victoria Plains would like to say a huge thank you to Ian Graham who was our Deputy CEO for approximately 5 years. Ian lived in the town of Calingiri during this time.

A quiet man, some would say a quiet achiever. Ian stepped into the role of Acting CEO for a period when required and was always available and approachable.

It is with great sadness but with the very best of wishes that we congratulate Ian on achieving his new role and wish him lots of success as he moves Interstate to further his career.





WELCOME

Mr Alan Ramsay
New Building & Health
for the Shire of Victoria
Plains

MICRO-CHIPPING

If you are interested in getting your cat or dog
Micro-chipped please contact
Shire of Victoria Plains
on 96287004 to make a Booking.



NEWSLETTER CHANGES FOR COLOURED PRINTING PRICES

FULL PAGE COLOUR—\$66.00

1/2 PAGE - \$33.00

1/4 PAGE - \$16.50

FULL PAGE BLACK & WHITE—\$33.00

1/2 PAGE - \$16.50

1/4 PAGE - \$8.25

Email: reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

Calingiri & Bolgart Tips will now be
under new Management through
contractors, starting from the 16th
August 2017. Please be courteous to
these new operators.

The Shire Office would
like to make all
Community Residents
aware there is a fee on all
future Credit Card
Payments
(Not Debit Cards) at the
rate of 1.47% on all future
Transactions.

WET GRAVEL ROADS

Heavy Vehicles

The Shire would like to advise all land owners that they have an obligation to the Shire to abide by the law regarding the use of gravel roads in wet weather. There is to be no access to gravel roads when it is visibly wet. Those who are found to breach these laws, will be liable for prosecution by MRWA under the heavy vehicle regulations.

The costs associated with repairing damages roads are quite significant! If this practice continues, Council will need to consider increasing rates to cover repair costs.

The Shire is also looking at having a text type system that will alert owners and contractors of closed roads within the Shire of Victoria Plains.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services will be sending out a request to the open market for the **Hire of Services for Mitigation Works** in the near future.

This will be conducted through Tenders WA in the upcoming weeks, and you will need to register your business at

<https://www.tenders.wa.gov.au/watenders/index.do>.

I am attaching the information circular with some additional details; however, it will be necessary for you to monitor the site in anticipation of its release.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact John Wheelock on email: John.Wheelock@dfes.wa.gov.au or by phone on: (08) 9956 6001 or mobile 0438 983 324.

Seniors Only Exercise Class



with instructor **Natalie Cahill**

A gentle and varied program aimed at improving participants cardiovascular fitness, muscle strength and flexibility. Participants will be required to complete a medical questionnaire prior to their first class & obtain a medical clearance if necessary.



Wednesday's 10.30am
at the Calingiri
Recreation Hall
\$2/class
10 week term starting
19th July 2017

Contact the Shire 9628 7004 or
 Natalie 0417 994 761

FREE END OF TERM LUNCH WHEN YOU
ATTEND 6 OR MORE SESSIONS!

JOKES

A senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang.

Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him,

'Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on

Interstate 77.

Please be careful!'

'Heck,' said Herman, 'It's not just one car, It's hundreds of them!'



REQUIRED

We need some humour for the newsletter

Do you have a joke or funny stories you would like to share with the Community

Of course they must be clean

Email: csoadmin@victoriaplains.wa.go.au

Fax: 96287008

Calingiri Primary School, Student Stories.

1st August 1917

Dear Diary,

Yay! The ribbon has just been cut to officially announce Calingiri Primary School open/. I am the first student through the gates. When I walked through the gates I saw a metal playground and wooden buildings. I heard someone calling my name.

“Margaret, Margaret!”

I turned around, it was mum. She was waving goodbye in the carriage. Our old Horse Barney pulls us everywhere.

As I walked into the classroom, the teacher was writing many words on the board. She had short, brown, curly hair. She is dressed in a lacy white shirt, a short black jacket, a long brown skirt, stockings and pointy black shoes. I also noticed long fingernails. I suppose she uses those for scratching the blackboard. I found my desk, it was long and wooden. Each desk had a slate and a pencil.

The bell rang and kids came rushing in with excitement but that soon ended with a deafening shush by the teacher. She held the cane up and told us to sit up straight, use our manners and be perfect! Her voice echoes around the room. I was beginning to feel frightened. I quickly sat down and copied what she had written on the board. What a great day!

From Margaret

By Cameron (Year 6)

1st August 1917

Dear Diary,

It’s my first day of Calingiri Primary School. The school has just opened! We have wooded desks with ink wells in them. We have to copy the teacher; so far I haven’t got the cane. I got to school by horse and cart. There are a lot of desks. They are very long and fit a lot of people on them. The first person I saw to be hit with the cane was a person who was writing with his left hand. The teacher had a big chalk board and she kept going around the room inspecting peoples work. Tomorrow I think we are making envelopes.

From Louis (Year 4)



1st August 1917

Dear Diary,

Today I am excited that I am finally going to school. I can’t believe it is finally open – yay!! When I walked into the classroom I saw on desks and ink wells in them. That is what I have to use to write. Because it is my first day of school I was not really neat so I got whacked on my knuckles by the cane.

From Sidney (Year 3)

1st August 1917

Dear Diary,

I am really excited that Calingiri Primary School has finally opened. We all have slate boards and wooden desks. I walked to school and I was the first student there. I was the first student to try our new slate pencils. My teachers are Miss Longford and Miss Brennan. The school is really big and so is the classroom. When we learn, Miss Longford writes first then we have to copy it. She walks around and looks at our work. If you write with your left hand, you will get the cane across your knuckles. When you get asked a question you have to politely stand up and answer what the teacher asks.

From Sophie (Year 5)

1st August 1917

Dear Diary,

The school just opened. The classroom is old. They have wooden desks. I feel nervous because it’s my first day of school. My classroom is full of students waiting anxiously for the teacher to arrive. I have heard if you’re naughty you will get the cane.

From Zac (Year 3)

June 2017

Restricted Access Vehicle Route Assessments

Local Government Update – Issue 8

Welcome to the first Local Government (LG) Update for 2017. It has been some time since our last update and with the 2016/17 harvest season now well and truly behind us, the demand for our services continues to grow with a steady number of new route assessment applications being submitted to our office each month.

As communicated in LG Update 6, we changed the process for applying to add or amend a road on a Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network in September 2016. This has streamlined the process and provides a more efficient service to both the applicant and Local Government, with all requests to add or amend a road on a RAV Network being submitted directly to us at Heavy Vehicle Services (HVS).

HVS is committed to finalising all received applications within three months from date of receipt. This allows four weeks for confirmation of road owner support and up to eight weeks to conduct and process the assessment. Based on the 2016 baseline figures and target turnaround time of three months, approximately 450 road/ road segment assessments may be in process at any given time.

As of 21 June 2017 there are 440 outstanding road/ road segment assessments. Of this number, 149 are with the road owner (often local governments) for confirmation of their support for the requested access. This is the first stage of the assessment process. The remainder are with Main Roads and are at various stages of the assessment process.

Reducing the volume of outstanding road/road segment assessments to this level is largely due to the combined efforts of both Main Roads and Local Governments in providing ongoing support in prioritising the completion of the onsite assessment component. We would like to acknowledge and thank you all for the hard work you have undertaken in making this possible.

What does a route assessment application look like?

A route assessment application may consist of a single applicant (transport operator or road asset owner) requesting RAV access to a single section of road or an applicant or road asset owner requesting RAV access to multiple roads. These factors directly impact on the volume of work required in completing each application, with an onsite road assessment required for each road section or entire road length as determined in the application.

What does this mean for Local Governments?

The majority of route assessment applications being received are for LG roads, meaning you as an LG are likely to be receiving numerous requests from us. To further clarify, we send applications to LGs because:

1. We require your support as the road owner for the proposed RAV access as a prerequisite to an application being assessed and we ask that you respond within 4 weeks. If access is not supported please provide justification in determining the decision, which we can then provide to the applicant.



Free Spirit Bike n Car Club

On Wednesday, the 19th July, the Founder of Free Spirit SMCC, Mal Palmer (Chopper), bought the club trailer in to the July ordinary meeting of Council for an inspection by Councillors. The trailer was the result of a collaboration between the Council and Free Spirit, its goal to raise awareness about domestic violence and depression.

The Free Spirit Bike 'n' Car Club is an organisation who regularly donates their time and energy towards charity programs and events. They say NO to domestic violence, and aim to shine a light on the often difficult topics of depression and suicide. In the past they were involved with providing aid to those affected by the Yarloop bushfire, running \$30,000 worth of hay and supplies to those who needed it the most. They also assisted the Log Fence Pony Club by raising money to repair the club's infrastructure, and are regulars in many local automotive events; spreading their message as widely as they can. In the future the Club plans to assist the Shire in suicide prevention programs and other community-focused concerns.

If anyone is interested in their cause, or about the club in general, please feel free to contact Chopper. His mobile phone number is: 0400 724 612.



Gillingarra News

John Curtin Volunteer Weekend Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd September 2017

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Once again, we are hosting approximately 20 Volunteers from John Curtin University in September. This is an opportunity for our city counterparts to gain an understanding of how rural communities volunteer their time and resources and work hard to keep regions functioning. Many leave with an appreciation of the unpaid volunteer tasks that are often a paid position within a city environment. It is a fun weekend and a great opportunity for Country and City to mix and learn about each other.

We invite you to come along and be a part of this weekend.

Some tasks we aim to complete include:

- Op Shop steps and set up.
- Install birdlife 'metal' Camaby artwork
- Install signage: Walk Trails: Camaby Cockatoo and Bush Explorer
- Tree planting and watering of trees
- Cleaning and Tidying up in and around School Buildings, Church, Toilets, Hall, and Tennis Courts

A Bonfire is planned for the evening.

We would appreciate some assistance on the weekend whether it be of a supervisory nature or hands on. Any time or assistance that can be provided, large or small, is of great value.

We are looking forward to a great weekend.

To be involved or for more information contact Lana 0427 364 167 or [eogsrc@gmail](mailto:eogsrc@gmail.com)



**Trees Cafe
Bolgart**

28 George St, Bolgart
Alan or Kathleen ph96275187

Open
Fri - Sat 10am-3pm
Sunday 9am - 3pm
Sunday Times available

Please join us for breakfast, lunch, morning or
afternoon tea. We now have roast dinners and a few
more additions to our menu. Looking forward to
seeing you again.

Xmas in July- Saturday night 29th of July
Three course set menu
\$40 per head BYO
20% of proceeds to
Bolgart Bike-ride for Telethon
Please call for bookings

Live Music at New Norcia Hotel!

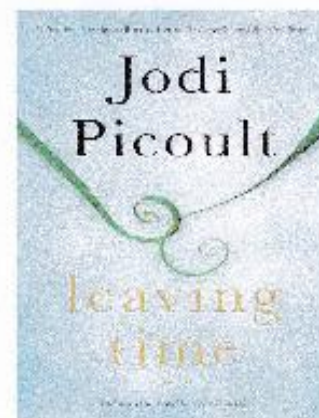
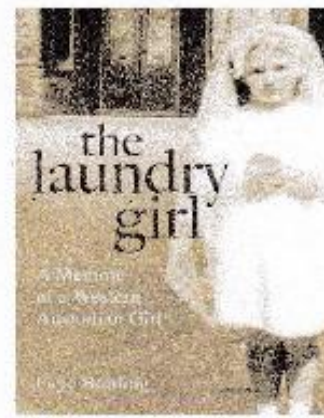
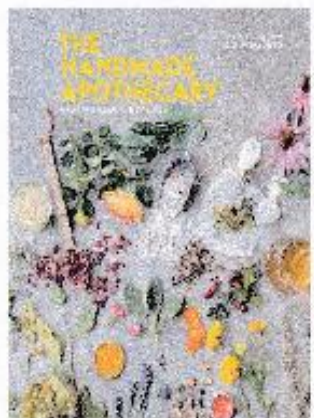
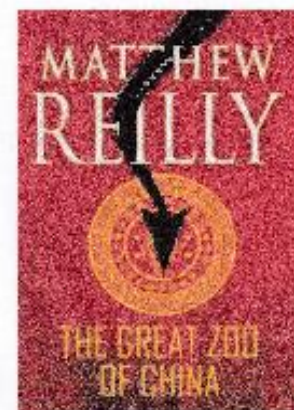
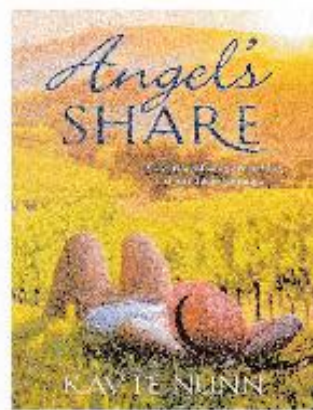
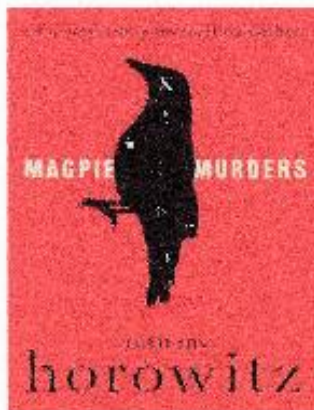
Plus Saturday Happy Hour and Sausage Sizzle

We are happy to promote Live Music at the New Norcia Hotel !
The programme starts on August 12th with TJ O'Donovan. Groove away to folk, blues & contemporary covers while sipping on your \$7.00 pint or \$12.00 cocktail and enjoying a \$2.00 sausage in a bun to keep hunger at bay!
The programme continues on the 19th August with Tony G, treating you to Blues and Classics and then on 26th August Roots and Funk will help you while away the evening. Happy Hour is back! Monday to Fridays between 5pm - 6pm.

Bolgart Library

The latest exchange is ready and waiting for you to check out for your mid winter entertainment. Come and select from the wide range of novels and non-fiction titles available. Also there is a fantastic range of children's literature to encourage your childrens' interest in reading.

A sample of the latest titles:-



Opening Hours:
Monday & Wednesday 10-12
Friday 3-5



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

Cougars Courier

August 2017

MEXICAN NIGHT

Our next Saturday game is against Wongan-Ballidu on Saturday the 5th of August.

COUGARS MEXICAN FIESTA
Grab your sombreros and join us for a night of fun and entertainment!

IT'S THE LAST OF THE WINTER HOME GAMES | 5 AUGUST | DINNER OR BAKE, ROSE BERRIES, CHOCOLATE SWIRLS AND MORE!

Prizes for Best Forward, Scrummle and Senior Moustache Competition

NEW SIGNAGE AT THE OVAL

Next time you are up at the oval look out for the Gold Sponsor's Signage.

Thanks very much the Lachie McInnes for providing the fencing and thanks to those who helped put them up. If you are interested in signage next year please contact us to about Sponsorship options.

SAVE THE DATE
CALINGIRI COUGARS PRESENTATION NIGHT
SATURDAY NIGHT
16TH SEPTEMBER



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:
<https://www.facebook.com/calingiricougars/>

FOOTY NEWS

The end of the season is fast approaching with finals coming up. There have been a few wins in the last month. A Grade won against Dowerin in a wet and windy game. B Grade also had a good win in Toodyay with the yellow shorters adding strength to the side! See the celebration pictures below.



The Ex Nippers, now aged 15-18 have been wonderful additions to Reserves and League this year. We love having them all home on the holidays and getting out there again together for the Cougars.



HOCKEY NEWS

The Senior girls have had tough few weeks, with their fixtured games being against all top four teams. A few weeks ago, the girls faced Dally which was a tough game resulting in a 1-nil loss and the girls hitting the track hard at training to work on some key elements that were missing from the game. It certainly payed off with the girls being able to come away with a 1-nil win the following week against Dowerin, which cemented them in third position on the ladder. The next run of games includes Goomalling, Wongan and Gingin. This will be a great few weeks of hockey with the girls aiming for a top two spot heading into finals! Juniors have had a tough couple of weeks as well against some top sides in the competition. They will be looking forward to the next few weeks to cement themselves a top four spot heading into the finals. It would be great to get some more support on the sidelines to cheer both the juniors and the seniors on!

The Calingiri Nippers Team has played another three games since the last report and are really starting to play as a team and demonstrating some good tackling, marking and good kicking/handballing skills. We had a full team against Dowerin/Wylie with the addition of Blake Meston and Jaxon Crook who both contributed well to the team and all other players in the team did extremely well culminating in our best game of the season. The Awards
Wylie game- Best Player: Ben Clarke, Encouragement: Rory Purser.
Calingiri vs Dally- Best Player: Ben Clarke, Encouragement Award: Louis Mead. Dowerin Wylie Game- Best Player: Andy Waters, Encouragement Award: Jack Kaszanski

Footy Club: President: Linc Mead m: 0428 942 860
Hockey Club: President: Jonelle Ballantyne m: 0410 456 461
Netball Club: President: Krystal Benjerfield m:0457 685 407

Secretary: Elise Woods m: 0427 314 658
Secretary: Claire Brennan m: 0419 464 266
Secretary: Katie Anderson m: 0497 205 437

W.A. JUNIOR RODEO

27th August 2017 - 10am Start

Venue: Mogumber Oval and Arena

on the Bindoon-Moora Rd, corner of Yarawindah Rd.

Junior U18 Event Membership \$20, Senior 18 & over Event Membership \$45

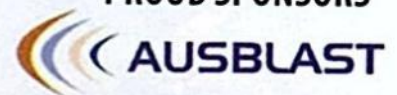


\$100 Juvenile Steer 14-U18 - Entry \$11
\$75 Junior Steer 11-U14 - Entry \$7.50
\$50 Junior Steer Ride 8-U11 - Entry \$5
\$100 Juvenile Barrel 14-U18 - Entry \$9
\$75 Junior Barrel 11-U14 - Entry \$7.50
\$50 Junior Barrel U11 - Entry \$5
\$100 Junior Breakaway 8-U18 - Entry \$11
Western Bending 14-U18 - 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
Dummy Roping 6-U11 - Entry \$7
Dummy Roping U6 - Entry \$5
Lead Line Western Bending U8 - Entry \$5
Lead Line Junior Barrels U8 - Entry \$5

**ABCRA AFFILIATED
 POINTS AWARD
 CENTRAL ENTRY**

**FREE ENTRY SPECTATORS
 CANTEEN FACILITIES**

PROUD SPONSORS



MULTOTEC



All event entries are through the Central Entry, phone 1800 028 992. Entries are taken the 17th & 18th August 9am-5pm AEDT and late entries Monday 21st Aug 9am-12noon AEDT.

Enquiries: Michelle Reinke 0419 911 903

Committee not registered for GST. HELMETS CAN SAVE LIVES.

*Please join us on the verandah
of the Mission House at*

**Wyening Mission Farm
Calingiri**



for morning tea and a chat with native plant specialist

Bob Dixon

Friday 15th September

9.30am for Morning Tea with talk following.

Bob Dixon specialised in advising the public on growing native plants in their home gardens at Kings Park and the Botanic Gardens for 35 years.

He managed Kings Park Bushland scarp restoration project and developed environmental weed control systems. He has translocated rare flora into natural and degraded eco systems.

Bob's has experience on native plants in the wheatbelt area. He will share his extensive knowledge for the native plant gardens and more with us.

Cost \$20 with Lucky draw
RSVP please

Leonie Young 9364 6463
leoniejohn67@gmail.com
Ruth Young 0427 220 463
ruthyoung@wmfarm.com.au



Dear Community,

It is with a tinge of sadness that I write to inform you of my decision to leave my position as Community Development Officer for the Shire of Victoria Plains on the 13th July 2017. I am leaving to further my career at the Shire of Northam.

I have worked at this Shire for 5 years now and in that time I have met so many wonderful people and local characters, experienced great hospitality, but most impressively I have witnessed amazing achievements by our tiny little communities.

The small band of volunteers we have in this shire are an inspiration to me. Despite often being stretched to the limit rarely do I hear complaints, you all get on and do your best to help your town, sporting club or community group to be great.

Thank you to the many of you who have made my job a joy. I will truly miss this place!

Jaime Hawkins



Calingiri Sports Club



BINGO

Saturday 12th AUGUST

‘Eyes Down’

7.30pm

Thank you to everyone who came and made our July Quiz Night such a fun night! Congratulations to our winners!





KidSport is changing

From 1 August 2017, KidSport vouchers can only be used for club registration fees. Uniforms and equipment will no longer be eligible items for purchase within the \$200 a year voucher.

For more details visit www.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport

www.dsr.wa.gov.au



Department of Sport and Recreation

July Newsletter

St John Ambulance Victoria Plains

Wonderful Fundraising Support

Thank you to Cory, Liz and the Payne family who have been selling candles to raise money for the St John Ambulance Victoria Plains as part of the fundraising for Cory's next fun run, City to Surf. The community of Victoria Plains has jumped behind the project, keeping the Payne family busy restocking. A variety of candles, such as vanilla, berry, sandalwood, butt naked, camellia and lotus to name a few are priced at \$3.00 to \$11.00 and are available from the Payne family and Calingiri Traders.



If you would like to sponsor Cory for the City to Surf on 26th August, please contact Liz or Petrina for details or money bins are located at New Norcia Hotel, New Norcia Museum and Calingiri Traders.



Committee

President : John Young

Vice President : Sarah Mason

Administration : Petrina King

Committee Members:

- Jane Graham
- Gavin Halligan
- Nicole McInnes
- Emma Kelly
- Glenda Teede

For peace of mind, knowing that you and your family are covered should you require an ambulance.

Become a Member Today!!

Annual Memberships:

Family \$89 Single \$54

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

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

Administration Officer

Petrina King

P O Box 57

Calingiri W A 6569

Ph : 96287084 or 0408910580

Email : plk1967@bigpond.com

New Membership Fees

Following a review of transport fees and memberships, St John Ambulance Head Office has made a minimal increase to fees effective from 1st July, 2017. Annual family memberships are now \$89 and single memberships \$54. Call out and transport fees have also risen.

Gas Explosion at New Norcia!

A gas explosion at New Norcia led to seven casualties and a frightening scene for local St John Ambulance volunteers last month.

Ten volunteers were on hand to triage (prioritise) the patients, which included a badly injured young baby.

Luckily, it was not a real explosion. Instead, it was a scene created for training purposes by Community Paramedic, Duncan Jones and New Norcia volunteer, Jane Graham.

The training was designed to allow volunteers to experience mass casualties using special mass casualty kits which are located at the New Norcia and Calingiri ambulance sheds. The training included the two ambulances and allowed volunteers to practice their triage techniques, prioritising patients and communicating with St Johns head office.

Our volunteers give up their time to make sure they are well skilled to handle any situation that is thrown at them.





COUNTRY AMBULANCE COVER APPLICATION FORM

\$89.00 per annum for a family \$54.00 per annum for a single

APPLICANTS DETAILS:

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Surname: _____

Given Names: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

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

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

Please send your cheque/money order to:

St John Ambulance Victoria Plains
P O Box 57, Calingiri, WA 6569 or

Direct Deposit to BSB: 633000 ACC: 148206196 and post your completed application or email to plk1967@bigpond.com with deposit details.

PLEASE NOTE: IF AN ACCOUNT FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT IS RECEIVED WRITE YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER ON THE ACCOUNT AND SEND IT BACK.

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

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

(ii) NON-EMERGENCY: People who need medical/surgical /convalescent stretcher transport.

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

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July 31, 2017

CME spent \$4.3 million to defeat Nationals policy

The Nationals WA have labelled the Chamber of Minerals and Energy's (CME) \$4.36 million intervention into the 2017 State Election campaign as a significant and deliberate attempt to alter the result.

On 28 July 2017 the CME lodged its electoral expenditure and gifts disclosure – albeit after the stipulated deadline – with the Western Australian Electoral Commission. The final sum of \$4,361,870 included \$2.4 million in TV and radio advertisements alone – a figure ten times the amount spent by The Nationals WA.

"The CME, on behalf of Rio Tinto and BHP, unashamedly set out – and achieved – to alter the result of the 2017 State Election," Leader Mia Davies said. "The companies sought to create fear through misinformation which made employees and small businesses in the mining sector nervous.

"For every \$1 The Nationals spent in the 2017 State Election campaign, the CME spent \$6. "The CME did not run candidates at the election but were certainly one of the biggest participants. This is evidenced by the almost half a million dollars the CME spent on polling. Make no mistake, this was a deliberate intervention into the political process by a vested commercial interest, the size and likes of which has never been witnessed before in Western Australia."

Ms Davies said the relatively small swing against The Nationals at the 2017 poll (-0.7 per cent compared to -15.9 per cent for the Liberal Party) indicated The Nationals policy to review legacy State Agreements was supported by many Western Australians.

"The fact our vote remained so strong in the face of this colossus scare campaign waged by the miners shows we are on the right track," Ms Davies said. "This has become even more pertinent as the McGowan Government slugs WA households and small businesses with increasing fees and charges, while BHP and Rio Tinto continue to pay a 25c per tonne fee which has not changed in 50 years.

Member for Moore Shane Love MLA said The Nationals were pursuing a parliamentary inquiry into the 2017 Election as a means to address underlying issues that speak to the integrity of the electoral process in our State.

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Member for Moore

July 18, 2017

Feedback on VET education needed by August 7

Member for Moore Shane Love MLA is seeking community feedback on the Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS) program which is currently being reviewed under a State Parliament inquiry.

The submission period for feedback closes on August 7, 2017.

Mr Love is a member of the Education and Health Standing Committee which will examine VETiS to ensure the program is meeting the needs of schools, students and industry. The Committee is also considering the challenges facing regional and remote areas, registration and ongoing monitoring of training organisations and resourcing of the program.

"VET provides an alternative pathway to mainstream education for students who are disconnected from school or likely to enter employment or advanced training," Mr Love said.

"To date, VET has proven a successful program which fosters the interests, skills and abilities of participating students and facilitates a pathway to further education opportunities.

"I encourage students, school boards, employers, parents and citizens associations and local chambers of commerce and industry across Moore to share their views on the VETiS to ensure the program is as efficient and effective as it can possibly be."

The Nationals' spokesperson for education and training Peter Rundle MLA said the inquiry was an opportunity for the education sector to have its say on the program.

"VET is pivotal to ensuring people have the skills, knowledge and qualifications they need to contribute to their workplace in an effective and meaningful way," he added.

"This inquiry affords stakeholders the opportunity to have their views considered first-hand by members of the Committee and to ensure it is meeting the needs of the community."

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July 20, 2017

State Government adopts Nationals' telecommunications plan

Member for Moore Shane Love MLA has welcomed the State Government's decision to adopt the \$22 million Agricultural Telecommunications Fund (ATF) – a central pillar of The Nationals' telecommunication policy.

Previously the State Agricultural Telecommunications Infrastructure Improvement Fund (ATIIF), Mr Love said the ATF was developed by The Nationals in recognition that reliable, high-speed internet access was key to facilitating the development and adoption of new technologies in the State's agriculture sector.

"The adoption of new technologies such as driverless vehicles, remote sensing and variable rate technology delivers important productivity gains and improved efficiencies, and contributes to the overall success of farm businesses," Mr Love said.

"However, farmers cannot implement these cutting edge technologies without access to high-speed internet and mobile phone coverage.

"The Nationals recognised the need to create opportunities for high-priority innovative agricultural telecommunications infrastructure and telecommunications technology to be constructed in regional WA and developed the ATIIF policy to deliver it.

"Despite its continued criticism of Royalties for Regions and cuts to other important programs such as the Grower Group R&D Grants Program, the State Government's decision to adopt The Nationals' ATIIF (now ATF) policy should be viewed as a win for the State's farmers and agribusiness professionals."

The Nationals' spokesperson for telecommunications Hon Colin de Grussa MLC said reliable mobile phone reception and internet access was pivotal in ensuring WA farmers remain competitive in a dynamic international market.

"During the previous term of Government, The Nationals' delivered unprecedented investment to improve telecommunications infrastructure - the construction of 344 new or upgraded mobile phone towers and small cell satellite installations across the State through the Royalties for Regions-funded Regional Telecommunications Project (RTP)," Mr de Grussa said.

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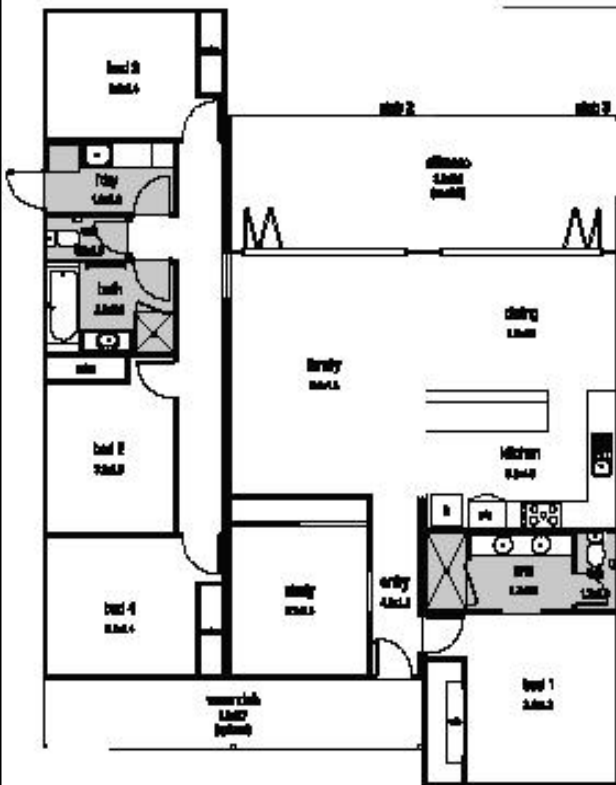
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Aug 5th : Home Game Cougars vs. Wongan
Aug 12th : Bingo @ Calingiri Sports Club – 7.30pm
Aug 12th : Live Music @ New Norcia Hotel
Aug 23rd : Council Meeting – Commencing 2.00pm
Aug 27th : WA Junior Rodeo – Mogumber Oval – 10.00am Start
Sept 9th : Tractor Run 2017 @ Piawaning Hall – 10.00am
Sept 15th : Wyening Mission Farm, Morning Tea & Native Plant Talk – 9.30am
Oct 14th : Calingiri Primary School 100 year Celebration

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