

HE IS RISEN - EASTER SUNDAY AT LAKE NORRING

Jessica Hamersley

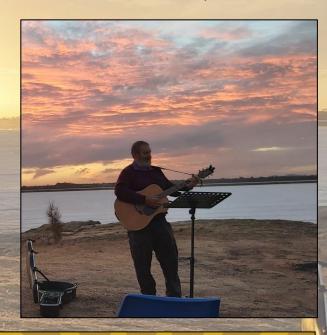
As the sun rose at 6:25am through the clouds over Lake Norring, the Wagin Combined Churches Easter Sunday service began. Conducted this year by Ian and Wendy McDougall for the Wagin Vineyard Church, the service was attended by community members and observed by a number of campers, softly woken by the strumming of Ian's guitar and the singing of the gathered folk.

Wendy's message, garnered from the story of Mary Magdelene's meeting with Jesus outside the tomb, that we all need to make time in our busy lives to notice and assist those in need, is apt to our bustling lifestyles.

After the service of songs and prayers, everyone gathered for tea, coffee and hot cross buns, kindly provided by the Baptist Church's Gail and Dave Long.

All attendees took the opportunity for reflection

All attendees took the opportunity for reflection and fellowship, and to show gratitude to the Combined Churches of Wagin for continuing this powerful tradition on Easter Sunday.





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WAGIN CRC CALENDAR 12pm-2pm **Wheatbelt Connect** Tue 9th April Free Thu 11th & Fri 12th April 8am-4.30pm \$81.40 (book by 4th) Forklift Licence Assessment Camera Club Mon 15th April Free 7pm Friday 19th April **Legal Topics for Seniors** 10am-12pm Free **Wagin CRC Meeting** Monday 22nd April 6.30pm Free Ladies' Lego Night Wednesday 24th April \$130 (pay by 10th) 6pm **Food Handling** Upon request \$30 **HR & MC Truck Licence** April/May Register interest



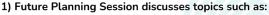




Legal Topics For Seniors

Diary & Info Sessions

19th April 2024 10am 2x45 minute sessions 20-30 minute break for morning tea Please RSVP to Wagin CRC for catering

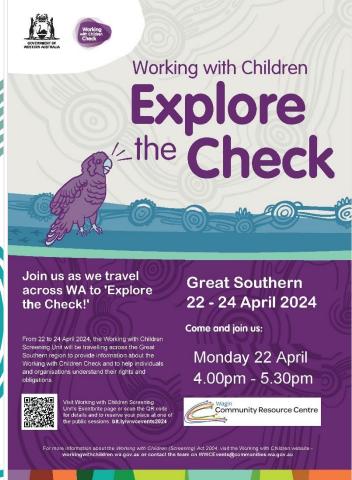


- · Advanced planning documents and their advantages
- · What to consider before drafting to minimize risks.

2) Living Arrangements for Older People session discusses options like:

- Granny flats
- · Multi-generation homes
- · Protecting one's interests even in the context of strong family relationships

The Elder Rights WA service is supported by the Department of Communities













Wednesday 24th April 6pm Delicious platters provided. (Contact us for allergies) Cost: \$130. To be paid for by RSVP date. RSVP's by 10th April 2024.





CENSE COURSE

MC Upgrade (9 Hours Training incl. Assessment) \$3195

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HR Upgrade (8 Hours Training incl. Assessment) \$1895

Please note all attendees



46/48 Tudhoe st











After Event Wagin District Club

Learn how Wheatbelt Connect

Dawn Service at 6am

Main Service at 11am





Shire of Wagin Community News

Issue: 4th April 2024

Ph: (08) 9861 1177 | shire@wagin.wa.gov.au | www.wagin.wa.gov.au



Restricted Burning Period

The Shire of Wagin is now in a Restricted Burning Period: 15th March to 30th April inclusive.

During the Restricted Burning Period, permits to burn are required. These may be obtained from the Local Volunteer Fire Control Officer, for your area or the Shire of Wagin if the property is within the Fire & Rescue District. A List of FCO's can be found on our website.

When to obtain a permit:

- For burning bush and grass
- For burning small heaps of garden refuse
- Sunday Burning is discouraged

These times may be varied by the Shire of Wagin depending on seasonal conditions. Changes will be publicised in local papers and on the Shire of Wagin website



COMMUNITY BUDGET REQUESTS 2024/2025 – OPEN NOW!

The Shire of Wagin is inviting Community Groups and Organisations to submit their applications for Council contributions to community projects. Shire contributions of up to \$10,000 in value will be considered by Council as Community Budget Requests for 2024/2025. Applications must be in writing and demonstrate positive contribution to the Wagin community. Applications over \$10,000 will only be considered on a one-third Council Contribution / two-thirds Applicant / Grant Contribution basis. Application forms are available at the Shire of Wagin's Administration Office or via the web www.wagin.wa.gov.au. Applications close Friday 17 May 2024.



Wagin Swimming Pool Season closed

The Wagin Memorial Swimming Pool has now closed for the 2023-2024 season. A big thank you to Rachael Bairstow and her team for a great swimming season enjoyed by the community. See you in October!



Expressions of Interest open for Shire Townscape & Tourism Advisory Committee

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are now open for the Townscape & Tourism Advisory Committee, with keen community members encouraged to get involved.

Council Advisory Committees play a vital role in shaping our Wagin community. For more information, please visit our website www.wagin.wa.gov.au

Anyone passionate about this area can express their interest in joining a group by emailing shire@wagin.wa.gov.au



Food Truck Program

At the April Ordinary Council Meeting Councilors agreed to a Community Food Truck Initiative. The trial encourages Food Truck vendors to operate on an occasional basis to activate public space and attract customers to the Shire's permanent retail and service base. Over the next 6 months, the Wagin community will see Food Truck Vendors servicing the Wagin Community at the Town Square. For more information please visit our website, follow our Facebook page and keep an eye out in the Woolpress.



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Home Care Update

Welcome to April and Happy Easter to you all!

Wagin Homecare has officially left the Shire of Wagin Administration Building and has relocated to the Town Hall offices on the corner of Tavistock and Tudor. We invite you to come visit and see the new office spaces. The kettle is always on and you're welcome to come to say hello or to check in on services you receive.

Wagin Homecare Office Entrance is Tudor Street.





Works Update

March continued to be a busy time for the Works crew. Low rainfall meant extra watering.

New kerbing installed on Tarbet & Leonora Streets

New kerbing installed on Tarbet & Leonora Streets looks great.

Grading works have been carried out to Thompson, Noble, Ballaying Road South & Riseborough Roads.



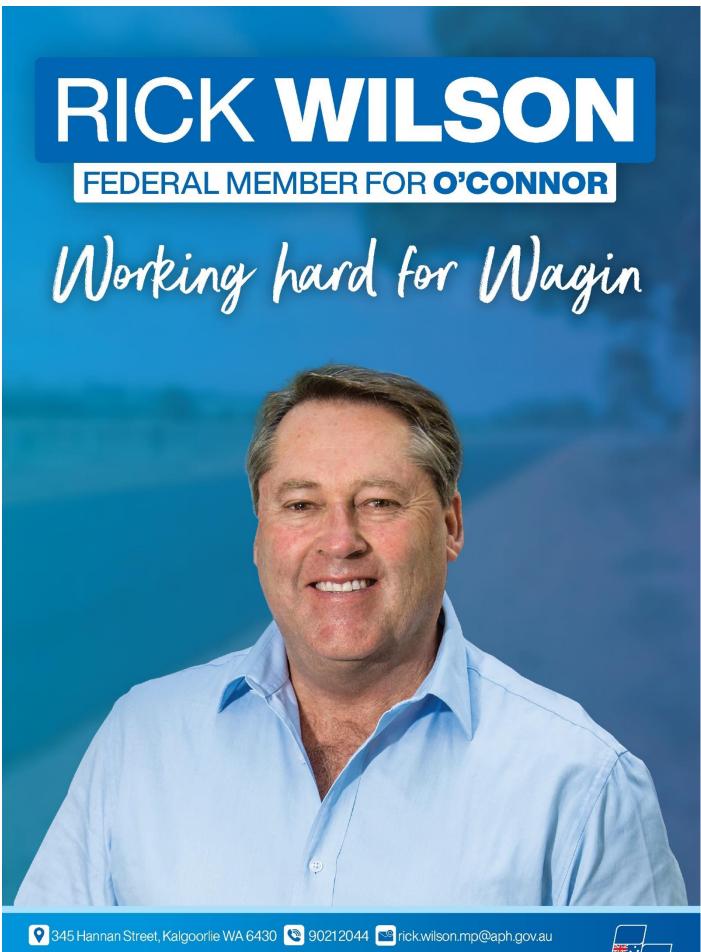


Tarbet Street - New Curbing





Leonora Street Kerbing on both sides of the road





THURSDAY 4TH APRIL 2024

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WAGIN WEATHER FORECAST

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Thu 4 th	Fri 5 th	Sat 6 th	Sun 7 th	Mon 8th	Tue 9 th	Wed 10 th
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MARCH CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Linda Wirth

In the Pot Art n Craft Workshop on the 12th of March, we decorated a terracotta pot using either wallpaper or fabric and lace. The finished products are amazing. Lovely work ladies!

My second March workshop saw the talented gals make a couple of Easter items. Each made a card, all individual, then created a cute little Easter egg basket with lace, little plastic fruit cup, cord and decorations. They were all unique again, and Easter eggs made them special.



The next workshops will be on Tuesday the 9th and 23rd of April at 10am, then they will return to the first and third Tuesdays of the month in May. Come along and destress with some craft fun at the Wagin Community Centre for \$15, all materials supplied.



NEW VIDEO CALL SERVICE TO SUPPORT VICTIM-SURVIVORS

Article supplied by Jordyn Drayton, Holyoake Narrogin

Australians in need of family, domestic and sexual violence support now have an additional avenue for receiving assistance, with the official launch in March of a new, on-demand video counselling service through 1800RESPECT.

For the first time, anyone in Australia reaching out to 1800RESPECT – Australia's national domestic, family, and sexual violence counselling, information and support service – can have the option of speaking face-to-face with a qualified counsellor via the video service.

Users simply need to click the video call button from the 1800RESPECT webpage from a compatible mobile or web browser and follow the prompts to connect to a counsellor.

The launch of the 1800RESPECT video service follows SMS capability included late last year.

It progresses the Albanese Labor Government's commitment to expanding the 1800RESPECT service to ensure those experiencing family, domestic and sexual violence have the trauma-informed, culturally-safe and easily-accessible support they need in line with the National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-32.

Those seeking support or information now have the choice of four different options to contact 1800RESPECT; via phone, text, online chat and video call. The expansion helps empower victim-survivors to seek support via the best medium that suits their needs.

Initially the video call service channel will operate 9am-5pm Monday to Friday (excluding national public holidays) with no appointment needed. A 24/7 delivery model for the video call service channel is planned to be delivered in the future after learnings from the initial rollout phase.

An interpreter can be arranged by 1800RESPECT to join the video call via audio if the service user is more comfortable speaking in a language other than English.

Phone, text and online chat services available through 1800RESPECT continue to be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you or someone you know is experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, domestic, family or sexual violence, call 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732, text 0458 737 732 or visit 1800RESPECT.org.au for online chat and video call services.

Feeling worried or no good? No shame, no judgement, safe place to yarn. Speak to a 13YARN Crisis Supporter, call 13 92 76. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

INITIATIVE TO COMBAT ELDER ABUSE IN DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

Cook Labor Government

The Cook Government is committed to addressing elder abuse, with a new initiative aimed at supporting victims from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

The 'Perceptions of Elder Abuse in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities' initiative will develop a suite of culturally appropriate elder abuse resources and training materials to boost awareness of the issue and provide support.

Seniors and Ageing Minister Don Punch announced the program during 2024 Harmony Week, which brings together Australians from all different backgrounds to celebrate inclusiveness and diversity.

Older people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds have long been identified as one of the groups that know the least about elder abuse, and who experience abuse at a greater rate.

The program is a collaboration between Elders Rights WA and Umbrella Multicultural Community Care Services Inc, through funding provided by the Cook Government.

In 2021, the State Government announced \$4 million in funding over four years to Legal Aid WA through a Memorandum of Understanding to establish Elder Rights WA.

The 'Perceptions of Elder Abuse in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities' is the latest initiative to be delivered through the \$4 million State Government funding.

Elders Rights WA is a statewide wraparound service providing legal advice and support to older Western Australians experiencing elder abuse.

One of their key objectives, in line with the 'WA Strategy to Respond to Abuse of Older People (Elder Abuse) 2019-2029', is to raise public awareness to help put an end to elder abuse.

Elder abuse affects many older Western Australians and may involve financial, social, physical, sexual, psychological, and emotional abuse.



Elder Rights WA and Legal Aid have made free 2024 diaries available for seniors at Wagin Community Resource Centre, ahead of an information session on the 19th of April.

If you or anyone you know is experiencing elder abuse, please contact the WA Elder Abuse Helpline and Information Service on 1300 724 679 or the National Elder Abuse number on 1800 ELDERHelp (1800 353 374).

"Sadly, Elder Abuse affects 1 on 6 older Western Australians and is more prevalent for older people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds", said Minister for Seniors and Ageing Don Punch.

"I'm proud that the Cook Government is investing \$1.9 million annually in initiatives and support services to help put an end to this issue.

"This new initiative aimed at older Western Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse communities will go a long way in addressing the issue of elder abuse and providing support for victims.

"Everyone has the right to feel safe and to be treated with dignity and respect in their community."

Minister Punch announced on the 25th of March that grant funding of \$52,500 is now available for regional initiatives that raise awareness of elder abuse and mark World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) on the 15th of June.

Regional local governments and registered not-for-profit organisations around Western Australia can apply for grants of up to \$3,000 to hold initiatives from the 10th to 30th of June to raise awareness of elder abuse. Metropolitan based organisations can also apply to run in-person regional activities.

Since 2011, WEAAD has been officially recognised by the United Nations and provides an opportunity for people around the world to unite in voicing opposition to elder abuse and the suffering it inflicts upon victims.

The grants program will be delivered by the Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre, with funding from the Department of Communities through an open competitive grants process closing on the 12th of April 2024.

For more information on how to apply use this QR code.

"Elder abuse is a significant issue in our community that has attracted national and local attention, as well as growing momentum for action", commented Minister Punch.



"It is a complex social, health and human rights issue experienced and carried out by Western Australians of all backgrounds.

"This grants program is designed to highlight World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in regional areas and builds on a successful regional grants program last year.

"It is vital that as many people as possible are aware of this significant issue and how and where to access support and information.

"People seeking support can call the Elder Abuse Helpline and Information Service on 1300 724 679."

WA SENIORS URGED TO REGISTER FOR COST OF LIVING REBATE

Cook Labor Government

Minister for Seniors and Ageing Don Punch is encouraging Western Australian Seniors Card members to ensure they are registered to receive the 2024 Cost of Living Rebate.

The annual Cost of Living Rebate is a State Government initiative offered to WA Seniors Card members to assist with cost-of-living pressures.

WA Seniors Card members must register by the **31st** of **May 2024** to receive this year's payment, which will be made in late July. Previously registered members do not need to reregister unless their bank details or circumstances have changed. WA Seniors Card members who have not yet registered have received a reminder letter to apply.

Last year, singles received a payment of \$104 and couples received \$156. The Rebate was first launched in 2009 and has provided over \$394 million in assistance to WA seniors.

In addition to the Cost of Living Rebate, the WA Seniors Card offers some of the most valuable State Government concessions and rebates in Australia, including free off-peak public transport, concessions on local government rates and water service charges, and the \$400 Safety and Security rebate.

WA Seniors Card members can apply for the Cost of Living Rebate by registering for online access to their account or by downloading an application form. Please visit the WA Seniors Card website by using this QR code.

Hard copies of the application form can be requested from the WA Seniors Card Centre. Current members can check if they are already registered to receive this year's payment by contacting the WA Seniors Card Centre on 1800 671 233 or info@seniorscard.wa.gov.au.

"The Cost of Living Rebate can make a significant difference to the cost of living pressures for seniors", commented Seniors and Ageing Minister Don Punch.

"I encourage everyone with a Seniors Card to make sure they are registered before the 31st of May so they don't miss out.

"I am proud that Western Australian Seniors Card members continue to have access to some of the most valuable discounts, concessions and rebates in the country."

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Our new address will be **Lot 461 Vernal St Wagin**.

This is just a sample of some of the vehicles we have listed:



'TACKLING TOUGH TIMES' WEBINAR FOR SHEEP PRODUCERS

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Sheep producers can get the latest information and advice from industry experts on how best to plan and navigate the months ahead to optimise their business at an online webinar.

The free one-hour Tackling Tough Times webinars will be over two days on the 8th and 9th of April, hosted by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) Extension WA.

DPIRD development officer Katherine Davies said the lunch-time webinars would provide information on sheep management strategies for coming months.

"The webinar will help producers with scenario planning, as we come off a long dry summer and head into the autumn period", she said.

"These sessions will harness useful industry and on farm information to assist producers with developing plans, including supplementary and confinement feeding, water management, refining breeding strategy, and market insights to aid decision making, with the aim of putting together lots of pieces to help paint a bigger picture."

The webinars will include time to ask questions of each presenter, plus the option to ask questions throughout with the chat function.

The Monday session will provide a seasonal update and climate outlook from DPIRD research scientist Ian Foster, as well as neXtgen Agri CEO Mark Ferguson outlining opportunities to identify high performing animals and selection strategies.

Terry Melrose from the Regional Mens Health Initiative will address the importance of mental health in decision making on farm.

The Livestock Collective's Holly Ludeman will provide an update on the latest activities and initiatives they are undertaking.

The Tuesday session includes an update on the wool market from Greg Tilbrook, AWN's Wool and Livestock State Manager.

DPIRD research scientist Richard George will provide an update on the WaterSmart Farms program and the latest desalination and water catchment information.

Respected consultant John Young, from Farming Systems Analysis Service, will outline strategies and tactics to plan for the season ahead, while Facey Group's Agricultural Research and Extension Coordinator Kaitlyn Anderson and sheep producer, Audrey Bird, will discuss confinement feeding.

AWI Extension WA's project manager Georgia Pugh will also give an overview of upcoming local events.

To register to attend the Tackling Tough Times webinar on **Monday the 8th and Tuesday the 9th of April 2024** visit this QR code.

The webinar will be recorded and posted online after the event on the same webpage.

GREEN BRIDGE CREATES PATHWAY FOR CANOLA CROP PEST

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Canola crops close to a 'green bridge' of brassica weeds and self sown canola over spring and summer have an increased risk of being impacted by the crop pest diamondback moth, according to recent research.

The findings from Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) research were presented at the recent 2024 Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) Grains Research Updates.



Dr Dusty Severtson monitors canola crops for diamondback moth.

Diamondback moth, which has a limited number of control options, costs Australian canola growers more than \$10 million per annum in lost yield and management costs.

The research, co-invested by the GRDC, drew on widescale green bridge and focus crop surveys across all port zones from 2019-23.

It also considered the distance of crops from a green bridge and environmental variables, such as rainfall.

DPIRD research scientist Dusty Severtson said the research provided valuable intelligence to help growers devise more targeted monitoring and control strategies.

"Brassica weeds, such as wild radish and turnip, and volunteer canola generally gives diamondback moth a head start in colonising crops", Dr Severtson said.

"In years with a widespread green bridge, early canola crop colonisation is likely to occur over large areas.

"Localised summer rainfall typically leads to the formation of green bridge pockets, leading to increased DBM in smaller areas.

"Canola growers will be able to use this valuable information to tailor crop monitoring efforts to control diamondback moth specific to their region to optimise crop potential and profitability."

Higher numbers of diamondback moths caught in pheromone traps proved to generally be a good predictor of subsequent larval infestations, while lower numbers showed higher variability.

"The rise in larvae counts was linked to total rainfall across the growing season, rather than be influenced by the number of rainfall events", Dr Severtson said.

This is the first time that green bridge and focus crops have been monitored for DBM moths using pheromone traps in WA to get a better indication of their presence across large areas.

Previous research has shown diamondback moth affects about 30 per cent of WA canola crops in about half of years.

The pest has become challenging to manage, with increased resistance to many insecticides, which have become increasingly expensive.

Dr Severtson said the research would give scientists, advisers and growers a better understanding of diamondback moths and how to refine monitoring and control options.

"Further modelling is planned to tease apart environmental, agronomic and other variables on how best to manage this difficult pest, as part of another GRDC project", he said.

"Sweep netting canola crops – although frustrating – is still important to gauge levels and inform control thresholds."

GRDC Crop Protection Manager – West Georgia Megirian said the project provided valuable data to inform diamondback moth, or DBM, management for WA growers.

"Across the four seasons of the project, there were notable variations in seasonal rainfall, temperatures, green bridge formation and canola production, providing valuable insights into the behaviour and population dynamics of DBM", Ms Megirian said.

"Further analysis of the data will give Western Australian growers and advisers an improved understanding of what to expect when it comes DBM infestations."

For more information on this research and other Grains Research Update papers and presentations visit this QR code.

BIOSECURITY SIGNS AVAILABLE FOR PRIMARY PRODUCTION

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

There has been a significant increase in the adoption of farm biosecurity signs in recent years, driven by increased awareness as a result of the global pandemic and nearby emergency animal disease threats.

Landholders can have a commercial signwriter make up signs or craft their own, using at template available on the Farm Biosecurity website.

Grain growers can also download a similar template from the Plant Health Australia website.

Free readymade signs for grain growers are also available from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's (DPIRD's) Northam office.

Western Australian Grains Biosecurity Officer Jeff Russell said it was a good time to do an audit of signs, before the growing season commenced.

"These signs have a temporary life span and depending on exposure to the weather, especially the sun and wind, many are reaching the end of their useful life", he said.

"While it is more costly to get a sign made up by a signwriter, growers can view this as a long-term investment for their farm business.

"If a group of growers place a bulk order for permanent signs the price per sign is reduced by sharing the set-up cost, making even more economic sense."

Mr Russell said farm signs were a simple but effective tool to manage onfarm biosecurity risks.



DPIRD WA Grains Biosecurity Officer Jeff Russell encourages rural property owners to upgrade farm gate biosecurity signs to help protect businesses and industry from the threat of pests and diseases.

"Farm signs to direct property entries are a first line of defence tool to mitigate pest and disease threats for all primary producers", he said.

"Adopting a 'Come clean, Go clean' philosophy for machinery, livestock, product and people movements on properties is a powerful step to protect businesses.

"Having a clearly marked parking area and clean down areas to ensure all vehicles and machinery are clean before entering production areas is another useful practice."

For more property biosecurity information and advice visit the Farm Biosecurity website by using this QR code.



Protect Grow Innovate

Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program – Round 3 now open

Access financial assistance to start a carbon farming project

The program supports landowners in the South West Land Division to:

- Develop new revegetation, agroforestry or soil carbon farming projects.
- Access financial assistance to establish a project with a minimum 30% cash co-contribution.

Regional workshops are available to assist farmers to plan a project and prepare a successful application.

Applications close at 12 noon on Monday 20 May 2024.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents, guardians and community. It has been a short but busy term at Wagin District High School and in this final newsletter for Term 1, I would like to acknowledge the effort of our students in the classroom and in the wider school environment. It has been a term of growth and achievement, and I would like to make particular mention of the Woolorama display and the individual entries submitted by some of our very talented students. A big thankyou to Mrs Neil-Smith for her efforts.

There have been a range of extra activities and opportunities to keep students busy and engaged over the past few weeks. NAPLAN testing kept our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students busy and I thank them for their positive attitude and for striving to achieve their best. The Interschool Swimming Team competed in Boddington last fortnight and represented the school well. Our Student Leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Conference which we hope inspired their desire to contribute as leaders to our school and community. A visit from Youth Focus and The Hawaiian Ride for Youth Team helped raise awareness of the importance of maintaining our wellbeing. Each classroom recognised Harmony Week with a variety of activities.

Looking ahead to the upcoming term, there will be some staffing changes within our school. We are very pleased to announce the return of Ms Pickering to our staff and warmly welcome her back to our school community. I will be taking some Long Service Leave and will be working part-time alongside Mrs Kellow and Mrs King. Joining us from the UK is Ms Victoria Drury, who will be assuming a four-year position within the Secondary HASS and English areas. Although we were unable to secure a permanent mathematics teacher, we warmly welcome Ms Melinda Allan from the Flying Squad, who will be joining us in the

interim. Additionally, Mr Noel Cowcher will be dedicating two days per week to working with our Year 7 students in the secondary school. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Ian Ross and Mrs Vicki Ford from the Flying Squad who have been working with the secondary students this term.

As we all look forward to Easter and a well-deserved break, I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

TAKE A BAO

The smells wafting from Home Ec in March were mouthwatering! Our High School students made san choy bao, with a specific focus on presentation.







HARMONY WEEK: EVERYONE BELONGS

Harmony Week is the celebration in late March that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds.

It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Our students were engaged in some fun activities throughout the week.

Our Pre-Primary students celebrated Harmony Day with dress ups from different cultures, learning to say hello in different languages and having some playdough fun.

For Years 3/4 it was a week to celebrate the diverse cultures within their community, their school and their fabulous classroom! They created artwork to reflect the harmony they enjoy in their class every day.

Delicious Vietnamese rice paper rolls were on the Harmony Day menu for Miss Lockyer's 5/6 class!

GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Thursday the 21st of March, 18 aspiring leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Conference in Bunbury. They had the chance to interact with student leaders from other schools while gaining some valuable advice on 'stepping up, taking action and leading from the front'. Students learnt about the qualities of a good leader, and how they could make their voices heard around the school to create positive change. Our student leaders represented Wagin DHS magnificently.



THE WAGIN WOOL PRESS

WAGIN DHS

THURSDAY 4TH APRIL 2024

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL



On Friday the 22nd of March our Year 4-10 Swimming Team travelled to Boddington for the Interschool Swimming Carnival. After an early start from school, we were straight into racing on arrival. The weather was perfect for swimming and each team member displayed great sportsmanship and gave each race their best effort. We had multiple students swimming extra races to ensure we had competitors in each event, particularly in the relay teams. WDHS came away with three medal winners. Congratulation Taylah, Neve and Archie! Thank you to our parent volunteer timekeepers, we appreciated your support. It truly was a fun and enjoyable day.





JOYOUS WEDDING

Julie Mangalavite, Wagin DHS P&C

Wagin DHS P&C were busy bar staff at a wedding in late March. Congratulations Chris and Emily Norwell. What a beautiful day!

Thanks to Kayla Patuwai for our fantastic new aprons and our kitchen helpers Lilly, Jaz and Angelina.

PICTURE PRODUCT FUNDRAISER

Nicole Ward, Wagin DHS P&C

Looking for a school holiday activity? Keen to support our P&C and raise funds for our school?



Fancy a keepsake that lasts? Our P&C is running a picture product fundraiser. Your child's unique artwork is transformed into durable, high-quality melamine picture plates that will last a lifetime.

Your child can use photos, markers, paints and handprints to create their artworks, and you can have as many copies made as you like. So, it's a great gift idea for grandparents and even Mother's Day!

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Please place your order and then contact me for a template to design. I can arrange to get templates to you over the holidays. We are running the fundraiser over the holidays to allow students enough time to get creative.

Templates will need to be returned to me by **Friday the 26th of April**. Payment will need to be made online by using this QR code. The cost of the products is listed at the QR code website.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thankyou in advance for supporting our fundraiser.

FREE INTERNET

The Australian Government School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) is offering free home internet for eligible families with school-aged students until the 31st of December 2025.



clothes or shopping trips

or backpack-friendly 400ml size

To be eligible, families must:

- have no active broadband service;
- have a device capable of accessing the internet;
- o live in premises where they can access a standard NBN service;
- o have a child living at home who is enrolled in an Australian school.

keep the family organised

The free broadband starts from the day the service is activated with a participating internet provider. Families will not be placed on a paid service by the internet provider at the end of the free service without consent.

For more information and a list of participating internet providers, visit NBN Co School Student Broadband Initiative or call 1800 626 269.

If you think you are eligible and want to self-nominate for the free broadband offer:

- call the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610 (Monday to Friday, 10am to 6pm Australian Eastern Daylight-saving Time)
- o visit the School Student Broadband Initiative website.

SERVICEWA – GET READY TO CLAIM YOUR OFFER

Get ready to claim the WA Student Assistance Payment offer using the ServiceWA app. Families in Western Australia with children in school are eligible to receive a cost of living payment for each child.

The WA Student Assistance Payment (WASAP) is an initiative starting on the 15th of April, providing financial support to Western Australian families for school expenses. The payment is available to parents and carers of students in all schools from kindergarten to Year 12, with applications opening on the 15th of April and closing on the 28th of June.

Payments per child available to claim during term two:

- \$150 for kindergarten and primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

This will assist parents to pay for school essentials and extras, including books, stationery, computers, uniforms, excursions and camps.

Eligibility criteria: WASAP is available to students from kindergarten to year 12 who are enrolled in a WA public school, non-government school, or are registered for home schooling.

Students enrolled via the School of Isolated and Distance Education, mature age students studying to achieve a Western Australian Certificate of Education and full fee-paying international students enrolled in a WA school are also eligible to apply.

Student eligibility will be validated through their unique WA student number (WASN) found on school reports, previous NAPLAN results and may also be on a secondary school student's SmartRider. For full details, please visit this QR code.

How to claim: Payments can be claimed through the ServiceWA app. Families are encouraged to get ready to claim the offer now by downloading the ServiceWA app and setting up their Digital Identity through myGovID.

More information about setting up the app is available at the second QR code. Those unable to access the ServiceWA app to claim their payment should visit the third QR code.



BACK TO SCHOOL GIFT CARDS Wagin CRC

Gift cards are available now for those who need support with school supplies. These include \$100 Officeworks vouchers and \$50 Kmart vouchers (per child).

This is thanks to a generous grant by Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR) and was organised by Wagin District High School P&C.

CALENDAR					
Mon 15 th April	First Day of Term 2				
Thu 18 th April	Uniform Shop – 8.45-9.30am				
Thu 25 th April	Anzac Day Public Holiday				
Fri 26 th April	Staff Development Day				
Thu 2 nd May	Uniform Shop – 8.45-9.30am				
Fri 3 rd May	Assembly – 9am				

Please visit Wagin Community Resource Centre (Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm) with a concession card, or contact us on 9861 1644 or <u>admin@wagincrc.net.au</u> for more information. There are limited numbers remaining.

BETTY TERRY THEATRE



ARGYLLE sees director Matthew Vaughn at it again, with his latest bonkers spy film following the unpredictable and exhilarating Kingsman series. A reclusive spy novelist (Bryce Dallas Howard – Jurrasic World series, Rocketman) finds herself embroiled in the world of espionage after her latest novel mirrors real events. Also starring Henry Cavill, Catherine O'Hara, and Chip as Alfie the Cat.

M | 2h 19m | Action

Friday – 5th April @ 6.30pm Saturday – 6th April @ 2pm & 6.30pm Monday – 8th April @ 6.30pm





KUNG FU PANDA 4 shows how far clumsy panda Po, voiced by Jack Black, has come throughout this hit martial arts comedy series. Now set to become the Spiritual Leader of the Valley of Peace and searching for a successor, Po encounters a corsac fox thief (Awkwafina – The Little Mermaid) and fights an evil shapeshifting chameleon (Viola Davis – Air, The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes).

ARGYLL

PG | 1h 34m | Action/Animation

Friday – 19th April @ 6.30pm Saturday – 20th April @ 2pm & 6.30pm Monday – 22nd April @ 6.30pm



TICKETS: Kids \$8 Concession \$11 Adults \$13 (only \$11 on Monday nights)

Cash only Kiosk No BYO please Doors open 30 minutes early Children under 15 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian



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Wagin Library & Gallery Your team: Tina and Monica

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JBRARY

LINES



THURSDAY 4TH APRIL 2024

Mon 2pm-4pm Tue 2pm-5pm **Wed** 10am-12pm 2pm-5pm **Thu** 10am-12pm 2pm-5pm Fri 1pm-5pm

Sat 10am-12pm

Hi to all our Wagin Library & Gallery patrons and friends.

Have you heard of Better Beginnings? Better Beginnings is a Western Australian family literacy program that connects families with books through free reading. Better Beginnings encourages all families to Read, Talk, Sing, Write and Play with their child every day. Sometimes it can be hard to think of things to do. Pop into Wagin Library & Gallery to pick up your Better Beginnings Home Literacy Calendar, to find out about all the fun things to learn and do.

Read a Road Map Day – 5th of April. This day challenges us to test our skills the old-fashioned way, with a paper map. Road maps represent adventure, places unseen and roads untravelled, and were the ultimate guide back to where we started. Holidays are a great time to practice your map reading skills and familiarize yourself with all the various symbols. Try using an old-fashioned map instead of using GPS when travelling.

National Scrabble Day - 13th of April. Originally scrabble was called Criss Cross. The game was based on crossword puzzle and anagrams, and was developed by Alfred M Butts in 1931. It was redesigned and renamed scrabble. Playing scrabble will expand your vocabulary and improve your literacy skills. Scrabble also tests your memory as you learn more words in a dictionary.

World Art Day - 15th of April. We celebrate World Art Day to honour the contributions of artists and promote art in our lives. The theme for 2024 is 'A Garden of Expression: Cultivating Community though Art'. You could try to make some garden art: a emu or kangaroo that can be made out of metal, to be a garden statue in your own garden.

PROGRAMS

Book Club will next be held on Saturday the 13th of April from 2pm to 4pm. New members are very welcome and it is free to join. You can be reading any book or audiobook. Which is your favourite genre? Please bring a plate to share.

Book Club for Children is for ages Pre-primary to Year 7 and runs every Tuesday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, including the school holidays. It provides an opportunity for readers from different levels to connect. We are enticing reluctant readers and challenging engaged readers. You can be reading a book from school, the library or home.

Story Time is for ages 0 to 5 and runs every Wednesday from 10am to 11am. A story will be read and then we will have a sing along to some nursery rhymes.

☆ Ashley Jakobsen said, "Just wanted to give a big shout out to our amazing Librarian Tina. Thank you for our Easter Egg hunt and Easter themed story time. For anyone with young kids, Story Time is great. Tina runs it at the library on a Wednesday at 10am. Our little girl is one and she loves going and playing with the toys and singing the nursery rhymes. Thanks Tina."

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

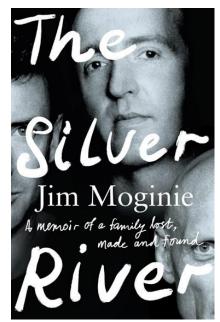
Purple Day or Epilepsy Day Australia was held on the 26th of March. One way to support this day is read books that have the colour purple on them. How many books did you read on this day? Here is one of the purple books we have in the library.

The Lady Has a Past by Amanda Quick. This is an adult fictional historical romance. It is a lively mystery set in California in the 1930s. Lyra Brazier is on her first assignment for Kirk Investigators, when she stumbles upon a husband trying to drown his wife. The man is dead? How did this happen? The health spa is a façade for something far darker than imagined.

We received 42 items in our incoming exchange with a combination of children's books, adult fiction and non-fiction. Here are a few that would touch the heart strings in all of us and many more enjoyable books to read.

- ☐ **Storm** by **Jane Bunn**. This is a children's large picture book. It is a great book for parents and children to read together, then have a discussion afterwards. Where do storms come from? What causes lightning? How does hail form? How do storms make you feel?
- This is My Happy Place by Emma Bowd. A stunning children's picture book that will have everyone thinking about what make us happy. Do you have a happy place where a smile swims over the whole of your face? Celebrate the places, the people and the things that bring us joy in this uplifting and spirited book.
- Mum, I Love You This Much! by Colin Buchanan. A beautiful story that parents and children will enjoy reading together. His colourful uplifting story celebrates the love between mother and child. How much do I Love You, Mum? I wonder, do you know?
- The Love We Share by Jack Carty. A wonderful story for parents and children to read together. It celebrates the enduring gift of family love. The love we share will be there forever, for you and I, our family.
- My Heart by Katrina McKelvey. Another beautiful story for parents and children to read together. This is a picture book about a loving mother-child relationship. It is a very pink book with hearts everywhere. It depicts the many ways a mother's heart can experience love and emotion while her baby journeys through the milestones of growing up.
- This is My Australia by Shelley Cox. A fun educational picture book that uses quirky illustrations to explore all aspects of Australian culture today. Children will love flicking through the pages and identifying classic backyard scenes, Aussie animals, sports and Aussie food. What would you choose if you were eating out? Which of these vehicles have you been in? Children may like to ask their parents or a relative if they know some of the items in this book.
- Two Can Play That Game by Leanne Yong. This is a young adult fiction book. It is a fresh new voice in contemporary fiction. Two Can Play That Game was short-listed for 2024 the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book of the Year. Funny and romantic, an upbeat young adult novel about gaming, featuring video games, a competition and rivals to romance. How did I let my sister talk me into going out?
- Bite Risk by S J Wills. This is a young adult fiction novel with horror, fantasy, science fiction and the paranormal. This is the start of three friends unravelling what is really going on, a journey which will take them on a dangerous path. Sel Archer lives in a normal town with normal residents, except for one night a month. Who is watching their every move?

- Appreciation by Liam Pieper. This is an adult fiction novel about the art world. Everything in this world has a price. A great work of art is no exception. Oli Darling is an artist from the country; it says so right at the top of every press release. With art, comes fame and money, and sometimes there can be danger. How much authenticity is there in art?
- Like Fire-Hearted Suns by Melanie Joosten. This is a historical fiction novel. This is the story of three women whose lives become entwined with the burgeoning women's movement and with each other. London 1908, it's the dawn of a new century and change is in the air. How things have changed for women, and how much they stay the same.
- The Silver River by Jim Moginie. A memoir of family lost, made and found. This is an adult non-fiction book. Jim Moginie was 11 years old when he learned that he was adopted. How would you feel if you found out you were adopted? Would you want to find your birth mother? Jim's quest to find his birth family increasingly led him in different directions. A must read for anyone who loves history in music and likes Midnight Oil.



FRIENDS OF THE WAGIN LIBRARY & GALLERY

Jessica Hamersley

Our monthly meeting was held on Thursday the 28th of March and most of the discussion focussed on increasing



the use of the Wagin Library & Gallery. Manager Tina advised of the upcoming Author Visit of fantasy fiction author Natasha Madden on the **24th of May**. FOWL&G will be providing yummy afternoon tea for this function. Other conversations concentrated on ways of informing Wagin residents of events and opportunities provided by the Library. Library staff will make use of the *Wool Press*, Facebook, posters in all available places and word of mouth to advertise the facilities and events to encourage greater participation.

Focus for April

The Wagin Library & Gallery has quite a large stock of Audio books on CD if you would like to experience a different style of reading. They may make drives in the car, or even doing the ironing, much more enjoyable. See Tina or Monica to view the selection. Also ask about borrowing ebooks or audiobooks online using your library number, for free! Bring in your device for assistance.

There is also a good selection of DVDs if movies are your thing.

The next meeting of FOWL&G will be on Thursday the 18th of April as our traditional last Thursday in the month is Anzac Day. We hope to see you there.

Wagin Care & Share

MARCH UPDATE

Jessica Hamersley

All activities are speeding along again at Care and Share. They are very busy in the wood working shed, getting all the bags of wood ready for the colder weather (which is surely coming?), the clothing store is displaying cool weather clothes and the craft and gift shop is fully stocked. They are also ready for more volunteers. If you have any spare time and the desire to assist the community, pop along Monday to Friday between 9am and 11.30am and have a chat about helping. You will be made very welcome.

Ross is still looking for assistance in the Rose Garden. He would love someone to help out with the weeding and pruning as he is willing and able to do the day-to-day watering and caring.

This month's community donations went to the three local emergency service organisations: Fire, Ambulance and SES – of \$750 each. This happens on a regular basis. Also \$300 was donated to Perth Children's Hospital, in recognition of their assistance to country children.

The next meeting is on **Monday the 22nd of April at 8.30am**. Come if you want to Care and Share!

DO YOU OP SHOP? 10 REASONS TO OP SHOP!

Liz Michelle (Sydney, NSW), teachingbrave.com

- 1. **Bargains!** You can then put the money you're saving into building up your emergency fund or paying other bills.
- 2. **Repurposing items.** Buying these items saves them from going into landfill, recycles them and prevents you from spending your money on fast fashion that may not last.
- 3. Buy and flip. [You can resell or redonate items later on.]
- 4. **Supporting a charity.** The funds raised from the sale of clothes and other goods go towards helping people in need.
- 5. **Fashion inspiration.** Where else can you walk in and find fashion inspiration from last season, as well as from last decade?
- 6. **Satisfying shopping experience.** Walk in with an open mind and no expectations and you might find yourself walking out with bags of items, or just one or two items, or maybe nothing.
- 7. **More variety in one place.** This makes rummaging fun! You honestly never know what you will find and there's definitely something fun about that.
- 8. **Encourages creativity.** You won't find this much variety and opportunity to express your creativity through your wardrobe, like you will in an op shop.
- 9. **Great date idea or fun outing with friends!** I have had some of the most fun days out with friends on an op shop crawl.
- 10. Take the kids! Op shopping can be an awesome learning opportunity for kids!

Appreciation Dinner and Official Opening 2024









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Show Animals and Livestock













51st Wagin Woolorama Snapshot











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51st Wagin Woolorama Snapshot









And there was so much more!
We hope you had as much fun as we did and we look forward to seeing
you in 2025 for our ...

52nd Wagin Woolorama

Thank you to Jemma Bell and Caro Telpher Photograpy - for capturing our 51st event. These images may not be reproduced or used without permission from Wagin Woolorama.

INVITING ALL WAGIN BUSINESSES

THURSDAY 4TH APRIL 2024

2024

Become a part of this year's Calendar

Why:

- Help community projects go ahead
- Grow your business by advertising
- Become a member & share ideas relating to our town

Contact your local Calendar Administrator today, Kassy on 0459125305



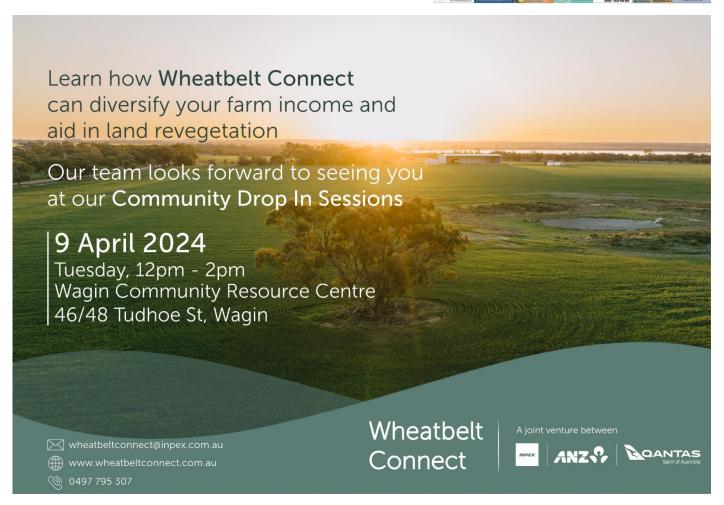


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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

An incredible night was had by those who attended the Darkan CWA International Women's Day event on Wednesday the 6th of March.

The night included guest speaker Caroline Bommes, General Manager, Brand and Marketing at Acciona, who joined us all the way from Melbourne. We were joined by Rosa

Tognela, Honorary Life member of the CWA of WA and former State President, Jen Warburton, Lucinda's founder of Everlastings, shared insights into her business and how it has grown over the past 21 years. It was incredible to hear from our auest speaker, McGowan, the Chancellor of Murdoch University. She spoke of the many connections she had to the people in the room and the importance of education.



An enormous selection of raffle prizes was drawn at the end of the night. Funds raised from the raffle will go directly towards the upgrades to the heritage listed Darkan CWA Building. The raffle was followed by a delicious dessert bar made by the CWA Members.

BETTY BROWN HISTORICAL CENTRE

The Shire of West Arthur and the West Arthur Community Resource Centre are excited to invite you to the opening of the temporary exhibition CWA Celebrates 100 Years on **Saturday the 20th of April at 9.30am**. Morning tea will be held in the gardens between the CRC and Shire Offices from 9.30am with the official opening planned for 10am. RSVP to Kerryn Chia 0429 631 044 or <u>projects@westarthur.wa.gov.au</u>.

The CWA will also have available for sale on the day a number of items celebrating the 100-year anniversary, including a special release plant from Kings Park and a book celebrating 100 remarkable ladies. For those travelling to West Arthur and wishing to stay overnight, please use this QR code to check out the available accommodation on the Shire website.



COMEDY NIGHT WITH FRINGE WORLD WINNER

Comedian Emma Krause will be performing an adult only show at the Darkan Pioneer Hall (Lesser Hall at the Darkan Town Hall) on **Sunday the 21st of April from 6.30pm to 8.00pm**. Tickets are \$22-32 and it's a BYO with a light supper provided. Search online for 'Emma Krause' to get to her website for ticket sales.

REAL AUSTRALIAN STORIES

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YESTERDAY'S HEROES

Jeff Stewart

I hope everyone is enjoying the real Australian stories as much as I do writing them. As I have mentioned many times, I base the stories on real incidents and people that I have had cause to meet over the years. Also as mentioned, I look for a thread to base the stories on. Once again an unusual title, but the story goes something like this. I firmly believe that every Australian has something to offer our country in the way of life experience. Now heading towards 66 years old, in the big scheme of things this age is still considered to be reasonably young. Apparently, the consensus is that only after you turn perhaps 70, then maybe you are becoming old. In some ways I beg to differ. Some of the most vibrant and awake people I have had cause to meet are well past 70 years old. To me personally, age is just a number. In my opinion, the so-called generation gap does not exist. As I have perhaps mentioned before, before you speak or offer an opinion, listen to the other person you are involved in conversation with.

To further reinforce the meaning of this story's title, it goes like this. What I have been really noticing of late is that more and more older Australians are still on the coal face of employment. Whether it is retail or hands on manual work, doing just as they have always done, just getting the job done, as I was once told by the owner of a business I worked for in town. I have employed 63 years' worth of experience, the only reason I terminated the employment was the fact that my arthritic knees could no longer cope with the rigors of the job. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity. After my knees have been replaced with new surgically replaced joints, I to will be active once more to participate in a more productive and active employment situation.

I will reinforce once again, we live and participate in a real good community. I never take it for granted. As we are all well aware, the world is at present in difficult economic and uncertain times, but I honestly believe that as Australians we will keep doing what we do best. Just getting the job done. Our younger people in my opinion are our future. As older Australians, once again in my opinion, it is our responsibility to work with everyone to relay our life's experiences to continue the growth of not only our own community, but the great country we call Australia. I guess what I am trying to relay is, take the time to speak with the other person. In my opinion, you never stop learning. Everyone, at the end of the day, has lived a life thus far, no matter what age group that may come into.

In closing, as previously mentioned, I am coming across more and more older Australians actively involved in the work environment. Maybe just my perception, but for me, there are not really any Yesterday's Heroes, but real-life participating heroes actively relaying their life's experiences to everyone to make our journey through this life a real productive experience. So let us continue our journey and continue to keep our great country going forward the best way we can. I hope everyone enjoys this Real Australian Story. As always, I wish you well, be safe, and enjoy your life.



Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

April 2024

Whitefly woes







Close up of adult whitefly on leaf, mango leaves in home garden with evidence of whitefly, eggs and adults on underside of leaf (photo: left & right: DPIRD, centre: MyPestGuide report)

In the intricate world of plant pests, whitefly, from the family Aleyrodidae, have a misleading name, given they are not flies at all. Instead, they belong to the order Hemiptera, sharing kinship with other sap sucking insect pests like aphids, scale, and mealybugs.

In their juvenile form the nymphs bear a resemblance to scale, while in their adult stage they take on the appearance of small moths. The only part of their name that is accurate, is the 'white'. This is particularly obvious when adult whiteflies are abruptly disturbed and take flight. The result is a large white plume or cloud of these tiny insects around their host plant. This behaviour is often referred to as 'flushing'.

Biology and lifecycle

Whiteflies are a tiny insect with a rapid and prolific lifecycle. Females lay between 30 to 40 near-microscopic eggs on the underside of leaves. Upon hatching, the 0.3 mm nymphs actively seek a feeding spot. Once found, they stay put, feeding, and moulting until their final form reaches 1 mm. The nymph then transforms into a winged adult, approximately 1.5 to 2.5 mm in size, completing the lifecycle in about one month. In spring and autumn, this lifecycle may be completed in as little as 18 days for some species. This efficient reproduction results in multiple overlapping generations each year, making the management of whitefly populations challenging.

Whiteflies are not fussy eaters and have a broad host range of horticultural plants including tropical fruits,

citrus, and solanaceous vegetables, plus many ornamental species, trees, and weeds. They are relatively weak flyers and rely on wind and human assistance for transportation, hitching rides on clothing, gardening equipment, and plant material. Three of five important species of whitefly in Western Australia were introduced this way. The other two, citrus whitefly and the native strain of *Bemisia tabaci*, are both native to Australia.

Impacts and management

Like other sap sucking insect pests, feeding damage caused by whitefly, in both its adult and nymph stages, can result in cell or leaf death (necrosis), impacting plant growth. Certain whitefly species are also able to transmit plant viruses. Virus symptoms include irregular ripening in tomatoes and blanching in carrots and broccoli.

The key to effective whitefly management is early detection. Check the upper surface of leaves for signs of feeding damage such as yellow mottling, silvering, wilting, curling, or distortion and check the underside of leaves for a sticky excretion (known as honeydew) or sooty mould. If found in the early stages, whiteflies can be reduced by removing infested leaves, hosing down with water, or even vacuuming (suitable for pot plants). If insecticides are needed, there are a range of products available. If treating vegetables or fruit trees, ensure you read the label and abide by any withholding periods. For most products, repeated treatments will be required, and remember to pay special attention to the undersides of those leaves!



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Pest and Disease Information Service (08) 9368 3080 | padis@dpird.wa.gov.au



BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE April 2024

It is common for us to be called to help men in the country with what is a seemingly without notice separation that leaves a dumbfounded male struggling to make sense of what just happened. Today women are more likely to be career-oriented, more independent financially, more educated and empowered. Divorce no longer carries the stigma it once did and rightfully women no longer are as accepting of abuse or not having their needs met.

Given this societal change there is an even greater need now for effective communication in relationships. Getting men to talk more is slowly changing, however, too often men tend to be stoic and un-communicative about how their relationship is going: *Too Strong and Too Silent*.

Relationships breakdown for many reasons. For example, emotional disconnection, differing views on finances, too much work, not enough time with the family, stonewalling, lack of respect, or not being appreciated to name just a few.

If we don't communicate what is going on within us, we are not resolving our issues and setting up our relationships to fail. A common quote is 'I tried but he just never listens', or 'I work hard every day, dawn to dusk to provide, I thought I was doing the right thing'.



If we talk about things as they arise, resolution is more likely. Men tend to be too silent but again women can be bad at communicating as well. I often hear comments like 'if only she had said something', or 'I didn't know'. Chances are maybe we were told or didn't want to deal with it or simply didn't listen. We need to learn to communicate more and listening to our spouse is paramount.

Here are 4 tips to improve listening skills:

- Body language: we may say we're listening to our spouse, but the body language says otherwise. Body language accounts for 93% of communication. Face each other, look into our spouse's eyes. Be cautious about our pose, things like being fidgety or folding your arms, tends to give a message of disinterest.
- 2. Ask questions: asking questions shows that we are interested and heard what was said i.e. 'so, then what happened?' or paraphrase 'so what you're saying is...'
- Avoid one-upmanship: listen to the bad day story without jumping in with your worse bad day. Instead ask questions, listen, and show interest, otherwise the message our spouse gets is we don't really care.
- 4. Don't try and fix it: this is a vital thing to remember for blokes. Men will often offer a solution to the problem and try to fix it. We just need to listen and be engaged. Women prefer that blokes don't jump in with their best solution unless asked. Good effective communication is essential for a healthy relationship, don't be too strong and too silent.

As always, remember ... before it all gets too much...Talk to a Mate®!!

- @RMHI_4blokes
- Working with Warriors Podcast
- regionalmenshealth.com.au



SPORTS IN WAGIN

WAGIN BOWLING CLUB

Bowling Club 9861 1475 or waginbowls@gmail.com | **Facebook Group** Wagin Bowling Club | **Mens Captain** Craig Svendsen 0427 612 546 | **Ladies Captain** Jenny Ewen 0428 611 197

A G M for WAGIN BOWLING CLUB TO BE HELD AT BOWLING CLUB ON 27th of April 2024 at 11am

Nomination Forms for election of office bearers are on notice board at the club. (Forms to be signed by nominated person with a proposer and seconder.)

(Light refreshments after meeting.)

An afternoon game of bowls will follow on from the AGM and names are to be in by 11am.

Following on from the bowling afternoon, we will then be holding our:

BOWLING CLUB ANNUAL PRESENTATIONS

This is a catered meal, and anyone attending will need to put their name in so that numbers can be organised with the caterer.

Please get your names in to Kerry (0429 611 522) by Monday 22nd of April.

We are looking forward to a great day at the clubhouse, and hope to have a great turnout for the whole day.

GSBA GRAND FINALS

Peter Spooner

On the 24th of March the Great Southern Bowls Association Grand Finals were held at Wagin Bowling Club between Moodiarrup and Darkan.

Congratulations to Moodiarrup on their win. It was a great game that went down to the last bowl of the day to decide the winner.



PIESSEVILLE DANCE CLUB

Piesseville 9861 1512, Highbury 0433 886 222, Popanyinning 0419 777 610, Moodiarrup 9863 1056

Dance Dates: Saturday 6th April Piesseville 7.30pm-11pm

Saturday 13th April Highbury 7.30pm-11pm Saturday 20th April Popanyinning 7.30pm-11pm

WAGIN FOOTBALL CLUB

AUSKICK 2024 SEASON

Wagin Football Club

Registrations are now open for Auskick 2024 by using this QR code.



Kids must be 5 years old before the 30th of June 2024 to participate. Now that we have an Under 12s competition against Katanning, Auskick will now only be for kids from Pre-Primary to Year 2. However, some of the Year 3 kids can play Auskick if you feel they are not ready for the step up.

There will be 8 sessions in total throughout Term 2, with the first Auskick at 10am Saturday the 20th of April. Fixtures will be sent out once complete. You must register your child to receive information regarding fixtures, changes to dates etc.

Please call Bryn on 0400 191 112 if you have any queries.

WAGIN PLAYGROUP

TOY LIBRARY OPEN 6 DAYS WEEKLY AT OLD COURT HOUSE

Wagin Toy Library

We've got exciting news! We are now located at the Wagin Town Library (at the old Wagin Court Couse) at 81 Tudor Street. Our official opening is starting Term 2 2024!



What's so great about this you ask? Better access for all members! As long as the library is open, as a member you can ask the librarian to let you into the toy library room and use our new online sign in/out system to sign out toys.

The best perk of our move to the Wagin Town Library is that from the start of Term 2 you can access the Wagin Toy Library six days per week during Town Library open hours. The library's hours can be found in the Library Lines in the Wool Press.

Now you can pop in when you do a dash to the shops, before school/daycare pickup, when out for a walk or cuppa, or at times much more family friendly.

Why not pick up some books for the kids whilst you are there too?

Parking is also conveniently located at the rear of the building so it's super easy to park nice and close to load toys directly to your boot.



Sign up with us for our 2024 year via the eform at this QR code.

Once complete, you will receive your login for SETLS so you can start signing out toys as soon as we are open for business. SETLS is our new online catalogue and sign in/out system. Video tutorials can be found on our Facebook page.

. Matera Oval

Narrogin

Narrogin Hawks v Wickepin

Saturday 3 August

Upper Great Southern Football League (Inc)

Fixtures 202

Round 12

Brookton

Brookton/Pingelly v Katanning.

Williams v Wagin ..

Sunday 4 August

Narrogin Toyota

Saturday 27 April

Narrogin Hawks v Brookton/PingellyNarrogin (Night Game)

Sunday 28 April

Quartermaine Oval Stubbs Park Boddington Kukerin/Dumbleyung v Wagin... **Boddington v Williams** Katanning v Wickepin.

Round 2

Poter Rundle MLA Saturday 4 May

.Narrogin Narrogin Hawks v Boddington (Night Game)

Brookton/Pingelly v Williams

Sunday 5 May

...... Wickepin Matera Oval Wickepin v Kukerin/Dumbleyung...... Magin v Katanning Wanderers ...

Round 3

SHEARUNG

Saturday 11 May

Nagin v Narrogin Hawks

Sunday 12 May

Williams Kukerin/Dumbleyung v Brookton/Pingelly.. Nenke Oval Katanning v Boddington Quartermaine Oval Williams v Wickepin

Round 4

There's no ex Saturday 18 May

Sunday 19 May

Brookton/Pingelly v Wickepin.

Boddington v Wagin.

Narrogin Hawks v Katanning WanderersNarrogin Williams Williams v Kukerin/Dumbleyung

Round 5

USSIE STOCKYARD

Saturday 25 May

... Wickepin Katanning v Brookton/Pingelly .. Quartermaine Oval Wickepin v Narrogin Hawks..

Sunday 26 May

Sieless Proudly Supporting Country Football

Kukerin/Dumbleyung v Boddington Stubbs Park ... Matera Ova Wagin v Williams

Round 6

Pingelly

SPORTSPOWER Narrogin Saturday 8 June

Williams v Brookton/Pingelly ...

Boddington Brookton/Pingelly v Wagin. **Boddington v Wickepin**

Sunday 9 June

... Williams Kukerin/Dumbleyung Narrogin Hawks.. Nenke Oval Williams v Katanning Wanderers...

Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 June **Great Southern**

Colts Carnival

Round 7

Saturday 23 June

(atanning v Kukerin/Dumbleyung......Quartermaine Brookton . Narrogin Wickepin Narrogin Hawks v Williams. Brookton v Boddington ... Wickepin v Wagin...

Pingelly

Boddington

Round 8

Sunday 30 June

COUNTRY WIDE
INSURANCE BROKERS

Wagin v Kukerin/Dumbleyung...... Matera Oval Wickepin Pingelly Brookton/Pingelly v Narrogin Hawks.... Wickepin v Katanning Wanderers...

...... Williams

Williams v Boddington.....

Round 9

Saturday 6 July

CSBI

Boddington Stubbs Park Kukerin/Dumbleyung v Wickepin ... Boddington v Narrogin Hawks.

Round 13

Boddington v Kukerin/Dumbleyung Boddington

Narrogin Hawks v Kukerin/DumbleyungNarrogin Wagin v Brookton/Pingelly. Saturday 10 August Sunday 11 August Wickepin v Boddington Katanning Wanderers v Wagin .. Quartermaine Oval . Williams

Round 14

Country Championships

Nutrien Ag Solutions Friday 12 - Sunday 14 July

PrimeAg SERVICES

.. Quartermaine Oval

Katanning v Williams ...

Sunday 18 August

.....Nyabing Boddington . Williams Matera Oval Kukerin/Dumbleyung v Katanning Boddington v Brookton/Pingelly Williams v Narrogin Hawks. Wagin v Wickepin..

.. Wickepin

Wickepin v Williams

Sunday 21 July

Round 10

Brookton/Pingelly v Kukerin/Dumbleyung... Pingelly Boddington v Katanning Wanderers...... Boddington

2024 Finals

.Narrogin

Narrogin Hawks v Wagin

Saturday 24 August 2nd Semi Final

MAKI

Sunday 25 August 1st Semi Final

.. Wickepin

Wickepin v Brookton/Pingelly

Saturday 27 July

Round 11

Sunday 1 September Preliminary Final **Boddington**

Matera Oval

Wagin v Boddington

Sunday 28 July

Katanning v Narrogin Hawks Quartermaine Oval Kukerin/Dumbleyung v Williams Nenke Oval

Sunday 8 September Grand Final

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WAGIN CHURCH SERVICES							
ANGLICAN COMMUNITY	ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH	WAGIN UNITING CHURCH	WAGIN VINEYARD CHURCH				
Sunday 14 th April Service at 5pm Church open 11am other Sundays	Mass First Sunday of each month at 8am After, Saturdays at 6pm Reconciliation every third weekend before Mass from 5.30pm	Sunday 7th April Darkan 9am Robyn Willey Wagin 10.15am Wendy Pederick Sunday 14th April Waratah 9.15am Liz Pederick Wagin 10.15am Arthur Pederick Dumbleyung 11am G & A-B Wasley Holy Communion Sunday 21st April Darkan 9am Wagin 10.15am	Vineyard Meal and Worship Saturday 6 th April 6.30pm 140 Lalla Rhook Rd Wagin Jesus is alive He is risen For enquiries call Wendy or lan: 0417 145 628 0428 622 049				

HISTORICAL VILLAGE ROSTER

	AM	PM
THU 4	MIKE	MIKE
FRI 5	MICHAEL	MICHAEL
SAT 6	MIKE	MIKE
SUN 7	MICHAEL	MICHAEL
MON 8	MICHAEL	MICHAEL
TUE 9	ANNE	MAURIE
WED 10	JOYCE	CHRISTINE
THU 11	MIKE	MIKE
FRI 12	MICHAEL	MICHAEL
SAT 13	MIKE	MIKE
SUN 14	MICHAEL	MICHAEL
MON 15	MICHAEL	MICHAEL
TUE 16	ANNE	MAURIE
WED 17	JOYCE	CHRISTINE

WAGIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES

SHIRE COUNCIL: 9861 1177 **WATER SUPPLY:** 13 13 75

WESTERN POWER EMERGENCY: 13 13 51
WAGIN STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE: 132 500
AMBULANCE AND FIRE BRIGADE: 000
POLICE STATION: 9852 0000 or 000 OR 131 444

WHEATBELT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

ABORIGINAL CRISIS LINE 13YARN/13 92 76
ABORIGINAL WHEATBELT HEALTH SERVICE
Narragin 9881 0385

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ABORIGINAL WHEATBELT MEDICAL SERVICE

Narrogin 9891 4600

AGCARE WHEATBELT 9046 5091

AMITY HEALTH 9842 2797

AVIVO 9621 7900

AVON Narrogin 9622 2612

BROTHER TO BROTHER (Aboriginal Men)

1800 435 799

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE

Men 1800 000 599 Women 1800 007 339

ELDER ABUSE HELPLINE 1300 724 679

FINANCIAL COUNSELLING Narrogin 9881 1363

HEADSPACE (Ages 12-25) 9621 5000

HELPING MINDS (Family/friends) 1800 811 747

HERE FOR YOU 1800 437 348

HOLYOAKE Narrogin (Mental health, drugs & suicide prevention/aftercare) 9881 1999

LIFELINE 13 11 14 **GRIEF/BEREAVED** 9261 4444

MENSLINE 1300 789 978

QLIFE (Queer/LGBTI) 1800 184 527

REGIONAL MENS HEALTH 9690 2277

RESPECT (Assault counselling) 1800 737 732

RURAL AID 1300 327 624

RURAL LINK (After hours care) 1800 552 002 WHEATBELT MENTAL HEALTH Narrogin 9621 0999



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APRIL 2024





SATURDAY 6	Argylle @ Theatre 2pm & 6.30pm Vineyard Church 6.30pm Dance @ Piesseville 7.30pm	13	National Scrabble Day Wille Tito Memorial Opening Day @ Golf Club 11am Book Club @ Library 2pm Catholic Church 6pm	20	Auskick Begins @ Oval 10am Kung Fu Panda 4 @ Theatre 2pm & 6.30pm Catholic Church 6pm	27	Markets @ Youth Centre AGM, Bowts & Presentations @ Bowling Club 11am Catholic Church 6pm		
FRIDAY 5	Read a Road Map Day Argylle ® Theatre 6.30pm	12	Forkliff Assessment @ CRC 8am	19	Legal Topics for Seniors @ CRC 10am Kung Fu Panda 4 @ Theafte 6.30pm	26	Staff Development Day @ School Picture Fundraiser Closes @ School		NOTES:
THURSDAY 4	The Wagin Wool Press Chair Exercises @ Catholic Hall 9.30am Aboriginal Health @ Eric Farrow 10am Communifica Hub @ Wesley Hall 10am-1pm	11	Forkliff Assessment @ CRC 8am Chair Exercises @ Catholic Hall 9.30am CommuniTea Hub @ Wesley Hall 10am-1pm	18	The Wagin Wool Press Uniform Shop @ School 8.45am Chair Exercises @ Catholic Hall 9.30am Communited Hub @ Wesley Hall 10am-1pm Friends of Wagin Library & Gallery Meeting @ 2.30pm	25	Anzac Day Public Holiday Dawn Service @ Memorial 6am Chair Exercises @ Catholic Hall 9:30am Communitea Hub @ Wesley Hall 10am-1pm Main Service @ Memorial 11am Affer Event @ District Club Anzac Day Shool @ Gun Club 1pm		24 – Author Visit @ Library 24 – Assembly @ School 24 – Trots @ Trotting Club 26 – 100 Continental @ Gun Club
WEDNESDAY 3	Kids' Anzac Craft @ CRC 10.30am Ants & Craft Group @ Community Centre 10am Story Time @ Library 10am Bushfire Advisory Committee AGM @ Shire 7pm	10	Arts & Craff Group @ Community Centre 10am Story Time @ Library 10am Meeting @ Youth Centre 6.30pm Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting @ Shire 7pm	<u> </u>	Arls & Craff Group @ Community Centre 10am Story Time @ Library 10am	77	Arls & Craff Group © Community Centre 10am Story Time © Library 10am Ladies' Lego Night © CRC 6pm		MAY EVENTS: 3 – Assembly @ School 7 – Tiny Tots Dance Begins 12 – Mother's Day
TUESDAY 2	Start of Ramadan Book Club for Children @ Library 3.30pm	6	Hay Bales Concert @ Lesser Hall 10am Craft Workshop @ Community Centre 10am Wheatbelt Connect @ CRC 12pm Homecare Grand Opening @ Lesser Hall 12.30pm Tackling Tough Times Webing 1pm Book Club for Children @ Library 3.30pm	16	Book Club for Children © Library 3.30pm	23	Lover's Day Craff Workshop © Community Centre 10am Book Club for Children © Library 3.30pm Council Meefing © Shire 7pm	30	Restricted Burning Period Ends Book Club for Children @ Library 3.30pm
MONDAY 1	Easter Monday Public Holiday April Fool's Day Slay Active © Rec Centre 9am	œ	Stay Active @ Rec Centre 9am Tackling Tough Times Webinar 1pm Argylle @ Theatre 6.30pm Training @ SES 6.30pm	15	World Art Day First Day of Term 2 Stay Active @ Rec Centre 9am Camera Club @ CRC 7pm	22	Meeting @ Care & Share 8.30am Stay Active @ Rec Centre 9am Explore the Check @ CRC 4pm Kung Fu Panda 4 @ Theatre 6.30pm Meeting @ CRC 6.30pm Training @ SES 6.30pm	29	Slay Active @ Rec Centre 9am
SUNDAY		7	Catholic Church 8am Uniting Church 10.15am	14	Unifing Church @ Waratah 9.15am & Church 10.15am Anglican Church Service 5pm	21	Uniting Church 10.15am Anglican Church 11am	28	Unifing Church @ Waratah 9.15am & Church 10.15am Anglican Church 11am