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Protective Behaviours - Parenting Workshop

A FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN.

- Learn how to help children develop their problem-solving and assertiveness skills.
- Understand abuse and abuse prevention.
- Increase your child's personal safety.
- Gain knowledge of the core concepts and strategies of Protective Behaviours.

Where: Southern Cross CRC - Canopus St, Southern Cross WA 6426

When: 10th February 2022 12.00 to 2.00.

Cost: FREE

Facilitator: Janine Wallis, Parenting Connection

Phone: 0447 622 736 or **Email:** jwallis@wanslea.org.au

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**Shire of Yilgarn
Emergency information hotline**

Call (08) 9487 8777

for information relating to bushfire issues including vehicle movement & harvest bans, road closures, flood or other local emergency matters.

Southern Cross Landfill Times

The Tip Shop will also be open during the below hours.

Monday	1:00pm to 4:00pm
Tuesday	1:00pm to 4:00pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	Closed
Friday	1:00pm to 4:00pm
Saturday	10:00am to 4:00pm
Sunday	10:00am to 4:00pm

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1/2 Page (A5)	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
1/4 Page	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$60.00

Local Business and Non-Profit Organisations Advertisements

(Business premises within the Shire of Yilgarn)

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1/4 Page	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$35.00	\$40.00

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- 1/2 page horizontal 180mm x 120mm
- A4 Full page 180mm x 270mm

A5 adverts which are not horizontal will be displayed in print on their side to ensure no modification to advertisements.



DON'T FORGET!
Crosswords' submissions
close every 2nd Tuesday at 12.00 noon

Church Notices / Updates



2022 Publishing Dates

Deadline 12 noon	Publishing Date
15/02/2022	17/02/2022
1/03/2022	3/03/2022
15/03/2022	17/03/2022
29/03/2022	31/03/2022
12/04/2022	14/04/2022
26/04/2022	28/04/2022
10/05/2022	12/05/2022
24/05/2022	26/05/2022
7/06/2022	9/06/2022
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16/08/2022	18/08/2022
30/08/2022	1/09/2022
13/09/2022	15/09/2022
27/09/2022	29/09/2022
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25/10/2022	27/10/2022
8/11/2022	10/11/2022
22/11/2022	24/11/2022
6/12/2022	8/12/2022

48 Altair Street, Southern Cross
 SX Presbytery: 9049 1049 (Sun to Mon)
 Bruce Rock Presbytery: 9061 1094 (Tues to Sat)
 Email: yilgarnwestoniacatholic@gmail.com
 Facebook: Yilgarn/Westonia Catholic Community
 YouTube: Yilgarn Westonia Catholic

As at publication, Our Lady of Montserrat church is operating at 100% capacity. Please check the parish Facebook page for any updates. COVID-19 protocols are posted as a notice on the front door of the church. Please read this notice carefully before entering.

Mass Times

Saturday 6:00pm @ Bruce Rock parish
 Sunday 5:30pm @ OLM church

Saturday evening Mass will be live-streamed from Bruce Rock parish each weekend. The live-stream is for those for whom getting to OLM church on Sunday evening is impractical. Live-streamed Masses will continue to be available in "Catch-up" mode via the parish YouTube channel.



Services for the Uniting Church are held on the first Sunday of each month.

Contact:

Cheryl Auld 9049 8026
 Diane Della Bosca 9049 1149



Antares Street, Southern Cross

Enquiries: Leonie Gethin

Ph.: (08) 9049 1222

2022 Christ Church Southern Cross
 Anglican Services

All services are held at 11.00am on Saturdays

Everyone is warmly invited to come along

19th February 9th April (Palm Sunday Service)
 19th June (Annual Meeting follows)
 20th August 15th October
 17th December (Christmas Service)

SHIRE OF YILGARN

2022 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

In accordance with Section 12 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, it is hereby notified for public information that the following dates and times have been set for the Shire of Yilgarn's 2022 Ordinary meetings of Council:-

Monthly Ordinary Council meetings to commence at 4:00pm on the following dates: -

January 2022	No Meeting Scheduled	
Thursday, 17th	February 2022	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 17th	March 2022	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 21st	April 2022	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 19th	May 2022	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 16th	June 2022	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 21st	July 2022	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 18th	August 2022	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 15th	September 2022	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 20th	October 2022	Mt. Hampton Hall
Thursday, 17th	November 2022	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 15th	December 2022	Council Chambers Southern Cross

The above meetings are open to the public and commence at **4.00pm**. A 15 minute Public Question Time is allocated at the commencement of each meeting where residents are welcome to ask questions, with or without notice, or raise an issue considered relevant to the operations of Council. In some cases prior notification of a proposed question is considered prudent, particularly if the matter requires some research. Residents are also welcome to attend the whole meeting however, they are not permitted to speak (unless directed by the Shire President) or take part in debate on any agenda item.

Other meetings such as the Annual Meeting of Electors and Special Meetings of Council called for a specific issue are advertised separately.

Nic Warren
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PERMANENT PART-TIME CLEANER

The Shire of Yilgarn currently has an opportunity for a reliable person to join our team on a permanent part-time basis. The primary responsibilities of the position is the cleaning of Shire owned premises.

The applicant must be:

- Responsible
- Have a strong work ethic
- Reliable
- Have good personal presentation
- Attention to detail
- Capable of working alone
- Physically able to undertake manual work including lifting, carrying and kneeling
- Excellent communication skills
- Self-motivated

The successful applicant must have a valid C class drivers licence

An information package is available at www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au. Further information can be obtained by contacting our Asset Management Officer – Kim Chrisp on 0429 593 586.

The successful candidate may be required to work early morning or late afternoon/evening hours.

Cleaning equipment and products provided.

Interested candidates are requested to obtain an application pack from:

- administration office at 23 Antares Street, Southern Cross, or
- telephone Corporate Services Officer 08 9049 1001, or
- email payroll@yilgarn.wa.gov.au , or
- website www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au.

Applications **must be received** by **4:00pm** on **Friday 4 February 2022** and should be marked "Confidential Application – Permanent Part-time Cleaner".

Nic Warren
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Yilgarn
PO Box 86
SOUTHERN CROSS WA 6426

PLEASE NOTE: Canvassing of Councillors will disqualify. The successful applicant is required to obtain relevant police checks, and to provide evidence of all claimed qualifications prior to commencing employment. This position is subject to a Pre-Employment Medical and a National Police Clearance.



AUSTRALIA DAY

BREKKY

2022

The Shire of Yilgarn would like to thank all the members of the community that attended the 2022 Australia Day Community Brekky celebration.

It was great to see so many enjoying the cooler weather at the beautiful Constellation Park facilities.

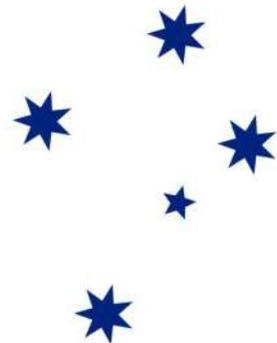
Congratulations to our newest Australian Citizens, Ajay Kumar, Sandeep Kaur and Arjun Guleria who swore their citizenship oath on the day. It is always an honour to be able to be part of this type celebration on Australia Day with it being witnessed by everyone in their community.

Congratulations also go to our award winners: *Alyson Granville* and *Nathan Park*.

Alyson was awarded hers for all the work she does for many community groups and especially for her amazing work in organising the Bullfinch Biggest Morning Tea each year.

Nathan was the first person under 25 to have won the award in nearly 10 years! It is fantastic to see someone so young showing such amazing community involvement. Well done to both of you, you are both assets to our wonderful community.

Very special thanks go to everyone that helped out on the day from setting up, cooking and cleaning up afterwards. These events are not able to go ahead without our amazing volunteers. Thank you!

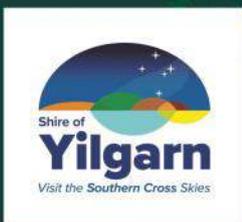




DON'T MESS WITH THE DUMMIES



**Southern Cross
Community Centre
Saturday 5th February
2022**



Doors Open 6pm & Show Starts 6.30pm

Gold Coin Donation Entry





Looking for hosts for medical students

Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program

TUESDAY 15 MARCH TO FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2022

Share what **living** in the **Wheatbelt** is like with **future doctors**

Two hundred medical students will be spending one week in the Wheatbelt in March 2022. During their stay, students will visit local farms, industry, general practices, hospitals and schools, and participate in community activities.

We need you to provide real-life experiences that will give students an understanding of what it is like to live in the Wheatbelt and perhaps inspire them to become rural doctors.

Students will visit the following towns:

The University of Notre Dame Australia students
Bruce Rock, Merredin, Narrogin, Southern Cross and Westonia.

Curtin University students
Cunderdin, Corrigin, Kellerberrin, Moora and Wongan Hills.

As a host, we ask you to provide accommodation and meals for two or more students; live no more than 30 minutes from

town and be able to assist with transport to/from town; share what it is like to live in your town; and come along to a Thank You Dinner hosted in your town by the students.

Why host?

This is a life-changing experience for the students, with many having no previous exposure to rural life or the Wheatbelt.

By providing these rural immersion opportunities early in their degree, it has been proven that students are more likely to consider rural career opportunities.

Some students continue to keep in touch and visit their host families; some return to do seasonal work and placements. Others have inspired host family members to pursue tertiary studies in health and medicine.

For further information, contact **Betony Dawson**:
T 08 6389 4567 | E betony.dawson@ruralhw.com.au





Yilgarn Local Action Group: Skeleton Weed

The Yilgarn Local Action Group would like to wish all its landholders well for 2022. Plants are out and flowering so watch out!

There have not been changes to the Skeleton Weed program for the 21/22 season, as directed by the Department of Primary Industry & Regional Development:

- **New Finds, Code 1 & Code 3** paddocks are eligible for search assistance (\$6/ha.)
- Code 2 paddocks: If you find plants, it immediately becomes a Code 1 and eligible for search assistance after a FULL search is carried out.
- All **code one** paddocks needed to be searched by the **31st of December 2021**. All **other codes** needed to be searched by the **31st of January 2022**.
- All property and **paddock records** to be sent in by the **15th February 2022**.
- Whilst invoices need to be sent in by March 15th, the sooner you complete paperwork, the sooner you'll be paid. :)



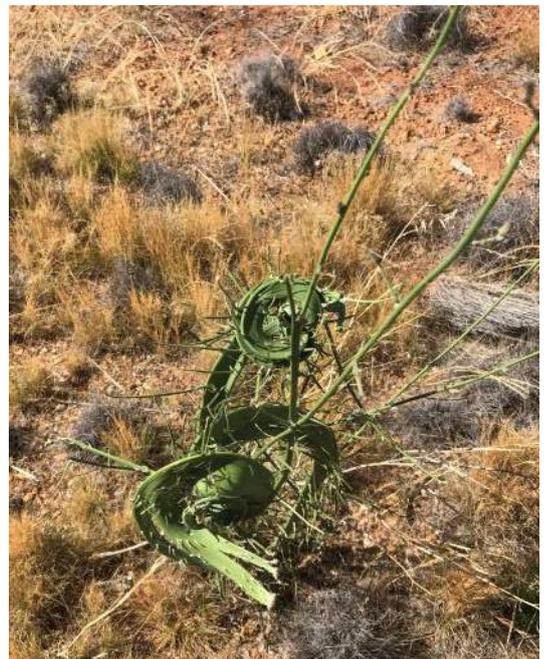
For any further information please contact:

Robbie Della: 0427 791 135

Email: yilgarnLAG@outlook.com

(fax no longer connected, please email returns.)

Or: PO BOX 179, Southern Cross, WA 6426.



Mutated plant.



St Joseph's School, Southern Cross

An affordable, quality Catholic Education

\$250 school fees for PP - Year 6 (no additional costs - *excluding uniform*)

Enquire now for 2022  www.stjoessx.wa.edu.au

Email: admin@stjoessx.wa.edu.au Phone: 9049 2100



National Disability Services administers the ACROD Parking Program, the Companion Card Program and the distribution of Changing Places keys to eligible Western Australians on behalf of the WA State Government.

To ensure as many people as possible are aware of the services and the eligibility criteria, we are offering free information sessions over the coming months.

<https://events.humanitix.com/nds-acrod-cc-mlak>

This session will be presented by NDS's Community Engagement Team who have lived experience with disability and extensive disability sector experience. This session will cover how people with disability, their families and carers, can apply for, and use Companion Cards, ACROD Permits and keys for Changing Places.

The first session was held on 1st February, but there are many other dates you can attend—select the dates information from next to the logo on the page to view the other sessions available.

Southern Cross Football Club Inc



SPECIAL MEETING TO APPOINT TREASURER

Friday 11th February 2022 @ 7pm
Southern Cross Sporting Complex

URGENT

The Club Treasurer position still needs to be filled for the upcoming 2022 season. All other positions have been filled, with players recruited, already training, and ready to get stuck in. But the Club will cease to exist without a Treasurer.

We are looking for an upstanding person with integrity and basic accounting and computer skills and are willing to pay a small stipend for someone with the right experience and qualifications.

Please come to support your Club and help us find the Treasurer we need.

GO BOMBERS 2022 !!

Government services—closer than you think

At the Southern Cross CRC you can access Centrelink, Medicare and other government programs and services.

We are an Australian Government Agency of Services Australia Access Point.

Using our computer, you can log in to your MyGov account and do your business on the spot.

There is a phone for you to access phone self-service or speak to an agency service officer.

If you would rather use your mobile phone or tablet, we have free Wi-Fi available 24/7.

You do not need a password so you can get online straight away.

You can also use the Wi-Fi to download and install the Express Plus mobile apps.

Our staff will even certify your identity documents for you.

So next time you need to do some government business, drop in and see us.

We are open Monday to Friday, 8.30am—12noon, 1.00pm to 4.30pm at the CRC building on Canopus Street, Southern Cross.

Community Directory Information request form

If your details are not currently in the directory, or if you wish to alter the information already in the directory please complete the form and return to us by **31st March 2022**. Completed forms can be dropped at the Community Resource Centre or at the Shire of Yilgarn offices during normal business hours. Alternatively the information can be emailed or posted.

crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au

PO Box 178, Southern Cross 6426

Verbal and faxed submissions will NOT be accepted.

If you are happy with your details as they currently appear you do not need to send your form back.
If you are a business owner and would like to advertise in the directory please contact Monica on 90491688.

PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS

Family Name: _____ Initials: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____

Mobile: _____ 2 Way: _____

Email: _____

Name of person submitting information: _____

BUSINESS LISTINGS

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Mobile: _____ 2 Way: _____

Email: _____

Name of person submitting information: _____

GROUPS & CLUBS

Organisation Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of person submitting information: _____

REMOVE INFORMATION

Name and address to be removed: _____

Name of person giving information: _____



2021/2022 YILGARN SPORTING GRANTS

MINERAL RESOURCES LIMITED (MRL) IS OFFERING GRANTS OF UP TO \$2,000 TO SPORTING CLUBS IN THE SHIRE OF YILGARN.

To request an application form please email communities@mrl.com.au

MRL is committed to working with and supporting the local community, as well as enriching health and wellbeing within communities.

OFFICE: 1 Sleat Road, Applecross, WA 6153
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 Applecross, WA 6153
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www.mrl.com.au



February is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month



February is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month reminding women in the Wheatbelt region to remain ever vigilant, as ovarian cancer symptoms are vague and women often attribute them to other benign conditions. Women should pay attention to any symptoms that are unusual, new, persistent or troublesome.

If you have any of the symptoms and they happen on most days for three weeks or more, particularly if you're over 50 or have a strong family history of breast or ovarian cancer, go to your doctor or Aboriginal Health Professional and get a check-up.

You won't be wasting the doctor's time, and in most cases, it won't be anything to worry about, but if it is cancer, your chances of successfully treating it are much greater. Because it's difficult to detect in its early stages, there are more deaths from ovarian cancer in Australia than any other gynaecological cancer.

In 2017, there were 115 reported new cases of ovarian cancer and 94 deaths due to an ovarian cancer diagnosis. Ovarian cancer is most common in women over the age of 50.

Symptoms can include: pain in the lower tummy (abdomen) or side, a bloated, full feeling in the abdomen, irregular periods or vaginal bleeding after menopause, back pain, passing urine more often than usual, change in bowel habits (hard poo), pain during sex, a swollen abdomen, a feeling of fullness or loss of appetite, indigestion or nausea.

More research is required to better understand the causes of ovarian cancer, but as with many cancers there are steps, we can all take to reduce our overall individual cancer risk, including quitting smoking, maintaining a healthy body weight, getting enough exercise, eating plenty of fruit and vegetables, and reducing alcohol intake.

For cancer information and support please call Cancer Council WA 13 11 20.

Bowel cancer is the second most common cancer affecting both women and men in Western Australia. In 2017, 702 Western Australian men and 605 Western Australian women were diagnosed with bowel cancer.

Common symptoms of bowel cancer include:

- Blood in your poo (once or more)

Or for more than four weeks:

- A change in your normal bowel habit (runny poo, pooing more often or finding it hard to poo)
- A new pain, lump or swelling in your tummy
- Feeling tired or looking pale
- Losing weight without trying
- Not feeling hungry.

If you have any of these symptoms or notice any unusual changes to you body, please visit your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker straight away.

For more information visit www.findcancerearly.com.au



For cancer information and support call 13 11 20

Back to School Again

Where did January go? Schools return on Monday January 31st. Watch out for increased traffic around schools, remember to drop your speed to 40km/h in the school zones 7.30 -9AM and 2.30-4PM. And finally, ensure your children are in the correct Child Car Restraint. Let's make 2022 a safe one on Wheatbelt roads.



Seatbelts

To mark 50 years of seatbelt legislation in Western Australia, it is important to remember that one of the most important vehicle occupant protection features of your car is the humble seatbelt.

You are 10 times more likely to be killed in a road crash if you're not wearing a seatbelt in a car. The five year average (2016-2020) of road fatalities when the vehicle occupant was not wearing a seatbelt is 25: that is 25 people who could still be alive today if they had "belted up". Furthermore, in the same five years the average of people seriously injured when not wearing a seatbelt was 53.

In regional WA, because of the distances travelled, remote locations and fewer vehicles on the road, a crash could easily become a serious injury or fatal crash. Belt up: because you're worth holding onto.



Killed or Serious Injuries (KSI's) are road crashes that result in death or life-changing injuries and remain the biggest challenge for us as a community to prevent. State and Local Governments are working hard to eliminate KSI crashes: while understanding that people will always make mistakes, we all share responsibility for road safety.



RoadWise is funded by the State Government and supported by Local Governments.
www.roadwise.asn.au



Step 1 – Setting up a myGovID account

If you already have a myGovID set up, skip to Step 2

1. You will need any **TWO** of the following documents and access to your email.

Driver's licence *Medicare card* *Birth certificate*
Passport (with visa if non-Australian) *Citizenship certificate*
Immigration Card

2. On your phone download the **myGovID** app

3. Open the myGovID app – select whether to allow notifications or not

4. Select **Create a myGovID**

5. Swipe through the four info screens, then tap on **Start now**

6. Accept the Terms of use

7. Enter an email address – you can use the same email address you use for myGov

8. Tap on **Get code**

9. Access your email and note the myGovID verification code

10. Enter the code in the myGovID app – then tap **Next**

11. You may be asked to use your phone's Fingerprint or Facial recognition function for added security.

Accept if wished – or tap **Not now**

12. Enter a password according to the instructions on screen – then tap **Next**

13. Enter your details and tap **Done** – you can ignore or tap X on the warning about Covid vaccination

14. You will now need to prove your identity using **TWO** of the documents listed above.

NOTE: the system appears to ask for a third form of ID, this is not essential, but can be entered if desired

15. Tap on the first document – e.g. Driver's licence

16. Scan your licence using your phone's camera or enter the details manually.

(If there are scanning errors, either rescan or tap **Edit** and correct these)

17. Tick the consent box and tap **Submit**

18. Tap on the second document – e.g. Medicare

19. Scan your card using your phone's camera or enter the details manually.

(If there are scanning errors, either rescan or tap **Edit** and correct these)

20. Enter your date of birth

21. Tick the consent box and tap **Submit**

22. Your myGovID is now set up – you will now set up your ServiceWA account

Step 2 – Setting up a ServiceWA account

If you already have a ServiceWA account set up, skip to Step 3

1. On your phone download the ServiceWA app
2. Open the ServiceWA app – select whether to allow notifications or not
3. Tap Next
4. On the Consent page scroll down and tap I agree
5. Tap Log in to Service WA
6. On the Log in screen, you will see the myGovID as the preferred option – tap Log in
7. You will be redirected to the Digital Identity website
8. Under myGovID, tick Remember my choice
9. Tap on Select myGovID
10. Enter the email address used for myGovID
11. Tap Remember me then tap Login
12. You will be shown a four digit code
13. Open the myGov ID app, enter the code and tap Accept
14. Open the ServiceWA app
15. On the Your consent screen scroll down – tick the Yes and don't ask me again box
16. Tap Consent
17. Tap Consent again
18. Add your mobile number then tap Next
19. Confirm your mobile number
20. Enter the confirmation code and tap Next
21. Tap Next again
22. Tap on Enable SafeWA
23. Tap on I agree then tap Next
24. Scroll down and tap I agree
25. Tap OK to allow camera access
26. Your ServiceWA account is now set up – you can now link your vaccination certificate

Step 3 – Linking your vaccination certificate

1. In the ServiceWA app, tap on Certificate
2. Tap on Import through your myGov account
3. Login to myGov if required
4. Tap Continue
5. Tap on Medicare
6. Tap on View proof of vaccinations
7. Tap on View history
8. Tap on Share with check in app
9. Tap on Share next to ServiceWA
10. Tap Accept and share
11. Tap Next
12. Scroll down and tap I Agree
13. Tap Save Certificate
14. Everything should now be set up

Did you know?

Did you know that, gold discoveries aside, the arrival of the Goldfields Water Scheme stands out as the most important achievement in the history of Southern Cross. The river of water to the goldfields promised by Sir John Forrest and implemented by C Y O'Connor is an engineering feat as important today as it was a hundred and twenty years ago. It enabled townspeople to live a civilised life and helped open up the surrounding country to farming. It also eased the threat of disease with better sanitation.

From conception it took eight years for the bold and imaginative scheme to reach Southern Cross and then carry on to Kalgoorlie. It had been a bitter struggle with Parliament deeply divided over the huge cost of £2,700,000 for a goldfield that could peter out tomorrow. However Forrest pushed his plan through Parliament and borrowed money from England with our own gold stocks used as security. He gambled that the goldfields would last and secure the State's prosperity, as gold was the only payable commodity the State possessed. Forrest saw that gold production would be increased if water supplies were assured. Also that it would help the railway department, which was carting water for its own use as well as goldfields towns such as Southern Cross.

With regard to the brilliant Charles O'Connor who was the Engineer-in-Chief of Public Works. Some called him a visionary, while others called him a fool with ideas that stretched the credibility. He examined thirty-one schemes in his quest to bring water to the goldfields, before opting for his pipeline starting from Mundaring and powered by eight pumping stations strategically placed along the way. At the time it was the longest pipeline in the world and the largest single undertaking in Australia, and the most expensive.

Alas, O'Connor would never see the fruition of his dream. He committed suicide a year before it was completed, with the official version being through worry and overwork. The unofficial version being that he suicided because of the findings of a Royal Commission into the tardiness of his scheme held eleven days before his death. Enquires showed that O'Connor was too trusting, and as the inquiry unfolded he belatedly realised that his trusted lieutenant, Thomas Hodgson, was not only dishonest but also obstructed and delayed the project. Hodgson used his knowledge of intended pump sites to engage in land dealings. He also accepted kickbacks from contractors. The inquiry reflected adversely on Hodgson who was suspended and subsequently resigned. O'Connor was a man of integrity and may have suicided as a point of honour.

But let's start from the beginning. Way back in 1894 the idea of piping water to the goldfields from the Avon River near Northam was mooted. John Maher and Co was willing to provide water to Southern Cross and Coolgardie by means of steel pipes that they would provide and maintain. However the government was unwilling to grant a private water concession for fear of creating a monopoly and the move did not go ahead.

It was mid 1896 before Sir John Forrest announced that the government 'intends to pump fresh water from the inexhaustible floods that stream down the western slopes of the Darling Ranges to the sea.' He went on to say that the effect would be to place Southern Cross and other towns not much below the most favoured of coastal towns.

Mephan Ferguson and G C Hoskins were the successful tenderers to supply the steel pipes between them. Ferguson's locking bar invention was used for each pipe. It was a huge undertaking with the steel plates being imported from England and America, the locking bars being made in Sheffield England.

The steel plates were rolled and secured with a locking bar to make a total of 61,856 pipes 28 feet long and 30-inch diameter, weight 73,000 tons. They were made up in Midland and Falkirk (Maylands) and placed on rail over a two year period. The pipeline was constructed alongside the railway line for the entire 350 miles. All services such as road, rail, pipeline, and telegraph were then kept together in a corridor.

It was the start when a train steamed into Meenar (near Northam) during February 1900 with the first load of pipes. Later the distribution commenced from Coolgardie backward to Mundaring at the rate of 88 pipes per day. The unloading was a dangerous game with several men crushed to death over the coming years, including Pat Murphy who came with his parents as one of the original pioneers to settle in Southern Cross. Pat had made history eight years earlier when he drove the first coach into Coolgardie, cutting the track as he went.

The pipe was partly buried in a trench cut by hand to hold it firm, as it was feared that the pipe would 'snake' under pressure. This caused more problems than it solved because of maintenance and in later years it was re-laid on the surface on concrete blocks. The old trench is still visible like a huge scar stretching from Mundaring to Kalgoorlie.

Southern Crossites waited impatiently for the promised river of water. The recent years had been dry and the town was becoming desperate. By February 1902 the large gang of pipe relayers were camped at Bodallin and according to the local paper were 'roistering with impunity and becoming unbearable.' The foundations were also down for the pumping engines at Ghooli, with engines being installed before the building could be erected around them. By March the gang was camped at Parkers Road (Moorine). During June the relaying gang moved to Southern Cross and camped near the railway station. The local paper was unimpressed with the ruffian element and their fighting. 'A great number of spielers, vagabonds, and thieves follow the camp.' As a number of goats went missing it was thought that they may have wandered into a sausage machine at the camp. Flying stones from blasting by trench diggers frequently knocked out the telegraph line nearby.

However townspeople were dismayed with the government's decision to supply only a standpipe at Southern Cross – no reticulation. The pipe was laid along Sirius Street in front of the railway cottages. An original pipe can still be seen under the old Bullfinch road at the north end of town. A row of trees alongside the Railway Hotel is now growing in the former trench, marking the route for posterity. The pipe was upraised on trestles where it passed over the lake on the eastern side of town – the trestles being removed only in recent years. In the 1930's the pipe route was relocated to pass through town along Centaur Street. During the 1970's it was again relocated to its present route on the south side of town.

After several months causing disruptions at Southern Cross the pipe laying gang moved on to Woolgangie. Calking the joints with lead and filling in the trench had been completed as far as Ghooli, and it was time to test the fifty mile section between No 5 and No 6 pumps on either side of Southern Cross.

Locals went out to see the water pour into the Ghooli dam, beautiful water clear and clean. As for the pipe line, the local paper claimed that only two joints out of the ten thousand did not leak, and that the job should have been done by private contract, as it had already taken five years and was only as far as Southern Cross.

Take-off pipes were provided at three points in Southern Cross, one for the railways, one at the corner of Phoenix and Sirius Streets for townspeople, and one on the east side of Lake Polaris to supply the mines. Frasers mine had made application earlier for connection and had laid its pipes in readiness. As the mainstay of the town it was fitting that Frasers was the first to receive water, and on Saturday 1st November 1902 the storage tanks at Frasers started to fill. Two days later Council turned on water for the town from the standpipe.

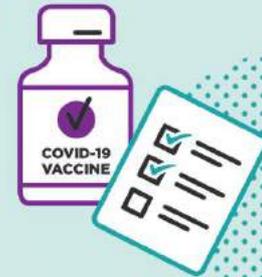
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Get the facts on the vax



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TRUTH



MYTH



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MYTH



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The vaccines are providing good protection against the new strains

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Thu 10 Feb	Protective Behaviours Parenting Workshop @ CRC, RSVP details on poster
Thu 17 Feb	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers, 4pm
Thu 17 Feb	Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town
Wed 2 Mar	Merredin Veterinary Clinic in town @ oval changerooms
Thu 17 Mar	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers, 4pm
Thu 17 Mar	Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town
Wed 30 Mar	Merredin Veterinary Clinic in town @ oval changerooms

ATTENTION CLUBS AND GROUPS!

Send through your annual club/group events, important dates and opening/closing days to crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au to have them featured on the calendar of events for 2022!

Looking to get involved in a group or club? There are many local groups you can join!

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| ✓ P & C / P & F Organisations | ✓ Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade | ✓ Darts |
| ✓ Patchworking | ✓ Yilgarn Agricultural Society | ✓ Football |
| ✓ Progress Associations | ✓ Yilgarn Community Support Group | ✓ Golf |
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| | | ✓ Tennis |

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Feb 25

Mar 11

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Apr 8

Apr 22

May 13

May 27

