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Crosswords

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BLOKE'S BUSINESS

It's time to end the stigma and talk about what's important AND have a laugh!

An invitation goes out to all men in the Yilgarn community for a mens only night of laughs and information. Enjoy a free feed, comedy show and hear from a representative of Regional Men's Health.

COMEDY

**BYO
DRINKS**

Saturday 7th October 2023

Southern Cross Sports Complex Lounge 6.30pm

*Please RSVP for catering purposes by 29th September to:
yilgarn@yilgarn.wa.gov.au or 9049 1688 or 9049 1001





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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. EFTPOS available for fee payment at Shire admin office.

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

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 (Business premises within the Shire of Yilgarn)

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

Church Notices / Updates

Catholic Church

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
CBH Grain Donations (SX): 40564452

Sun 29 Oct - Southern Cross Community Mass @
 Our Lady of Montserrat Church, 11.00am

Mass Times

Saturday 6:00pm @ Bruce Rock Parish **(live-stream)**
 Sunday 5:30pm @ OLM church

Uniting Church

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

Contact:

Cheryl Auld 9049 8026
 Diane Della Bosca 9049 1149

Anglican Church

Antares Street, Southern Cross
 Enquiries: Leonie Gethin
 Ph.: 0429 498 035

2023 Christ Church Southern Cross
 Anglican Services
 All services are held at 11.00am on Saturdays
 Everyone is warmly invited to come along

21st October
 16th December ("Christmas" Service)

SX SPEEDWAY

MEETS 1ST WEDNESDAY EVERY SECOND MONTH AT
 SENIORS CENTRE, 6PM—ALL WELCOME
 COME AND SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE
 SPEEDWAY AND ANY NEW IDEAS ARE
 WELCOME

8th November

2023 Publishing Dates

| Deadline 12 noon | Publishing Date |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 10/10/2023 | 12/10/2023 |
| 24/10/2023 | 26/10/2023 |
| 7/11/2023 | 9/11/2023 |
| 21/11/2023 | 23/11/2023 |
| 5/12/2023 | 7/12/2023 |

2024 Publishing Dates

| Deadline 12 noon | Publishing Date |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 16/01/2024 | 18/01/2024 |
| 30/01/2024 | 1/02/2024 |
| 13/02/2024 | 15/02/2024 |
| 27/02/2024 | 29/02/2024 |
| 12/03/2024 | 14/03/2024 |
| 26/03/2024 | 28/03/2024 |
| 9/04/2024 | 11/04/2024 |
| 23/04/2024 | 26/04/2024 |
| 7/05/2024 | 9/05/2024 |
| 21/05/2024 | 23/05/2024 |
| 4/06/2024 | 6/06/2024 |
| 18/06/2024 | 20/06/2024 |
| 2/07/2024 | 4/07/2024 |

Crosswords for

FREE?!

If you wish to receive the Crosswords for
 free via email, send an email to
crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au to register.



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY POSTAL ELECTION
ELECTION NOTICE
Shire of Yilgarn
(Local Government Act 1995, s4.64)**

The Shire of Yilgarn is holding an election by postal vote on Saturday, 21 October 2023 to fill vacancies in the offices of Councillors as listed below:

| District | 3 Councillors |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| BRADFORD, Bianca | |
| GRANT-WILLIAMS, Elizabeth | |
| NOLAN, Philip | |
| NEWBURY, Donna | |
| ROSE, Linda | |

Election Packages will be sent to all electors on the local government electoral roll where there is an election in their electorate.

You may hand deliver your postal voting papers, or **obtain a replacement package** (if the package is not received, or should any papers be missing), **during business hours before election day** from the following location(s):

Shire of Yilgarn, 23 Antares Street, SOUTHERN CROSS

Post your vote early. Completed postal voting packages must reach the Returning Officer by 6.00pm on election day, Saturday, 21 October 2023.

You may hand deliver your postal voting papers to an electoral officer, or **obtain a replacement package** (if the package is not received, or should any papers be missing), between 8.00am and 6.00pm **on election day** at the following location(s):

Chief Polling Place:

Shire of Yilgarn, 23 Antares Street, SOUTHERN CROSS

The count of votes will commence after 6.00pm at the Shire of Yilgarn Council Chambers, 23 Antares Street, SOUTHERN CROSS.

Electronic Counting Place

30 Beaufort Street, Northbridge **may** be used as an electronic counting place.

**ROBERT KENNEDY
ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER
13 63 06**



**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
Electoral Commission**



Shire of Yilgarn Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards 2024

Nominate an inspiring local community member or group for one of three following awards, fostering community pride and spirit:

- Shire of Yilgarn Australia Day Active Citizenship Award
- Shire of Yilgarn Australia Day Active Citizenship Award for a person under 25 years
- Shire of Yilgarn Australia Day Active Citizenship Award for a Community group or event

Nomination forms are available from the Shire of Yilgarn, CRC or online: www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au

Please note nominations close:
COB Monday, 6th November 2023



Public Notice Temporary Closure of Ghooli Standpipe

Due to WaterCorp undertaking remedial works to remove asbestos contamination at the old Ghooli pumping station and settlement, WaterCorp have requested the closure of the Ghooli standpipe to ensure public safety.

WaterCorp have appointed Merit Consulting Group to undertake the cleanup with Merit taking control of the site on the 26th September and commencing the works on the 2nd October. It is expected the remedial works to take 4 – 6 weeks to complete.

SHIRE EMERGENCY INFORMATION SENT STRAIGHT TO YOUR PHONE

**DO YOU WANT TO
REGISTER FOR
WHISPIR SMS?**



TEXT THE WORD JOIN TO 0428 160 716.
**YOU WILL BE ADDED TO THE SMS LIST TO RECEIVE HARVEST & VEHICLE MOVEMENT
BAN AND ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION FOR THE SHIRE OF YILGARN.**

*YOU WILL RECEIVE A SMS WITH A LINK TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION (BY PROVIDING YOUR NAME AND EMAIL DETAILS).
THIS IS NOT ESSENTIAL (YOUR REGISTRATION WILL STILL BE REGISTERED) BUT MAKES IT EASIER FOR US TO UPDATE DETAILS IF NEEDED.

Community Funding Program 2023 / 2024

The “**Community Funding Program**” will open on Monday 2nd October for applications in the 23/24 funding round.

Objectives of the funding project are:

- To provide a source of funding for non-profit community organisations operating within the district.
- To assist community organisations in maximising their future development.
- To provide an impartial means by which community organisations can access Council funds.

Applications for the following categories are invited:

A - Essential equipment/capital items (up to \$2,000)

Types of equipment:

- Ground maintenance equipment
- Sporting equipment
- Office equipment
- Minor plant equipment

B - Community / Sporting Event related expenses (up to \$2,000)

Funding is available for event related expenses to help cover for, but not limited to, guest speakers, facilitators and other event hire costs. Written quotes must be provided at the time of application.

C - Training & Travel Assistance for local officials/office bearers (up to \$500)

Funding is available to officials and/or office bearers of community organisations who are required to attend regional / state association organised seminars / courses / meetings as part of their duties. Knowledge gained at these activities must then be used to assist the local community organisation in its continued development.

Eligibility

To be eligible the applicant must be based in the Shire of Yilgarn and meet the following criteria:

- Funding is available for activities which will provide benefits directly to the people of the Shire of Yilgarn.
- Only non-profit community organisations operating within the Shire of Yilgarn are eligible to apply.
- Organisations that have failed to acquit funding from the last round by 30 June 2023 will not be eligible for this round of the funding program.

For further information, general conditions and to obtain the “Guidelines and Application form” please visit www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au.

Applications must be received no later than Friday 27 October 2023 by 12.00pm.

Grants & Funding

WA sporting and recreational events grants now open

The Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries is now accepting grant applications for its Sport and Recreation Events Funding Program. The program offers financial support to sport and active recreation organisations to organise a wide range of sports and mass participation events across WA.

Applicants can receive grants of up to \$50,000, across the programs 3 streams: Event Projects, Event Hosting and Country Sport Enrichment Scheme.

Applications close 5:00pm (AWST) on Monday, 16 October 2023.

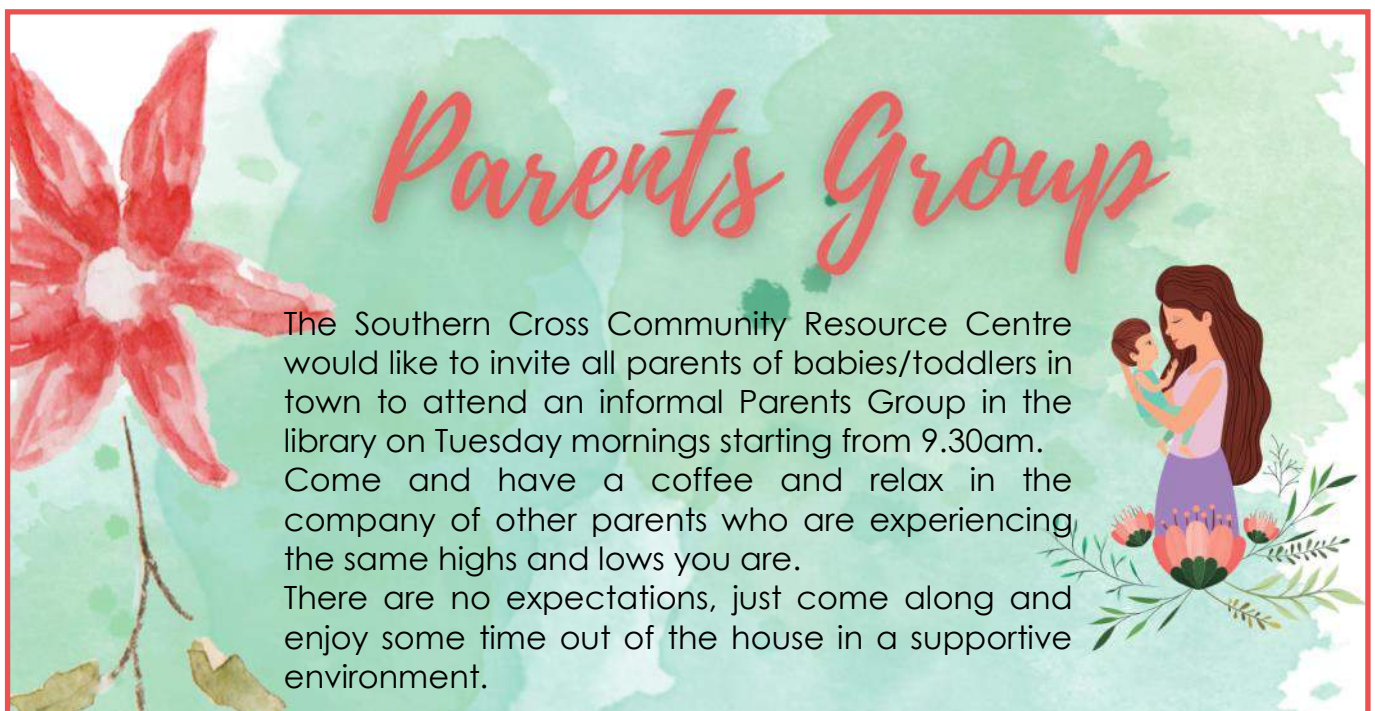
For further information, including a list of organisations that are encouraged to apply, visit: <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/funding/sport-and-recreation-funding/sport-and-recreation-events-funding-program>



**Sport and Recreation
Events Funding Program**

Grants of up to \$50,000 available

Apply now



Parents Group

The Southern Cross Community Resource Centre would like to invite all parents of babies/toddlers in town to attend an informal Parents Group in the library on Tuesday mornings starting from 9.30am. Come and have a coffee and relax in the company of other parents who are experiencing the same highs and lows you are. There are no expectations, just come along and enjoy some time out of the house in a supportive environment.

October **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS** at the CRC



PAINT YOUR OWN MUG!

BOOKINGS NOW CLOSED



LEGO CHAMPIONS

THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER, 9.30AM

**ALL AGES, CHILDREN UNDER 10 MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

FREE

**TO BOOK FOR THE ABOVE SESSIONS, PLEASE EMAIL THE CRC ON
CRC@YILGARN.WA.GOV.AU OR CALL 9049 1688.**

FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENING

Southern Cross CRC

As a joint project with

The Lions Cancer Institute Inc.

The team will conduct a *Free* Skin Cancer Screening in

Southern Cross

On Saturday 21st October 2023

At Senior Citizen's Centre

To book a screening appointment visit:

<https://app.10to8.com/book/cjaipzozumtrumqdpw/>

Or call the CRC 9049 1688.



SOUTHERN CROSS

Southern Cross
Community Resource Centre
Your local connection



Brush & Bubbles

6.30pm Saturday 18th November 2023

Join us for some painting, and socialising! Choose your own paint by numbers canvas, or bring your own project, BYO drinks (tea & coffee provided) and enjoy some nibblies at the Senior Citizen's Centre.

Bookings are essential by 16th November 2023 to the CRC on 9049 1688 or crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au

Cost: \$20 for new canvas purchase, or \$5 for your own project (or existing canvas)



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 & Tuesday 8.15am-12.30pm, and 1.30pm-4.30pm, and Wednesday to Friday 8.15am-12.30pm at the CRC building on Canopus Street, Southern Cross.

Packed with Goodness.

Come along to a FREE 90 minute session for tips and advice on how to pack a healthy lunchbox and choose healthy snacks!



Date/Time: Wednesday, 29th November 2023 at 10.00 am

RSVP: Friday, 24th November 2023

Venue: Southern Cross CRC, Canopus Street, Southern Cross

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AFTER SCHOOL LEGO® CLUB

MONDAYS
(SCHOOL DAYS ONLY)

3:15 PM - 4:30 PM

FREE!



CAN YOU BUILD THE WEEKLY LEGO® CHALLENGE?

***complete it each week to get an entry into a monthly prize draw!! Four chances each month!**



SOUTHERN CROSS CRC

PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY WITH THEIR CHILD/CHILDREN
ATTENDING THE AFTER SCHOOL LEGO® CLUB.
TEA AND COFFEE (FOR THE ADULTS!) AND JUICE BOXES WILL BE PROVIDED.





Country Womens Association of WA Southern Cross Branch

Apr

May

5th - Cocoa & Comfort

Jun

9th - Earring Jewellery Workshop

24th - SXFC Arvo Tea Fundraiser

Jul

21st - Retro Music Bingo

Aug

6th - 'A Winters Day in the Wheatbelt' bus tour

Sep

16th - Yilgarn Ladies Day

Oct

20th - Ink Pot craft activity

Nov

Dec

3rd - Community Christmas Tree

2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: JESS STEPHEN
V/PRESIDENT: ONIDA TRURAN
SECRETARY: CARLY BURTON
TREASURER: EMMA WARREN

New members are always welcome. If you would like to join or re-join, please contact one of our executive committee members or reach out via email & we will happily assist you!

cwa.sxbranch@outlook.com

Community News

Yilgarn Bowling Club

Opening day will be on Sunday 1st October 2023.
Names in by 1pm for a 1.30 start.

Ladies opening day will be Tuesday 3rd October
names in by 8.45am for a 9am start.



40 Altair St

**Sat 30th Sept & Sun 1st
Oct 2023
9am to 5pm**

**Tvs, tools, furniture and
Bricabrac**

0418 931 111

AGM

THE YILGARN COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, 3rd October 2023 @ 6pm
Southern Cross Senior Citizens Centre.
Everyone welcome to attend

Yilgarn Men's Shed AGM
Thursday 9th November 2023
Everyone Welcome

Pulse of the Wheatbelt

Your voice and opinions matter; help inform service provision
by providing information directly to health, wellbeing and
support services located within the region...

Scan the QR code and
complete the survey to
go into the draw to win a
RedBalloon Voucher
valued at \$300!



*The survey will take approximately 7
minutes to complete and is completely
anonymous.

HOLYOAKE
COMMUNICATIONS

Pioneers of Yilgarn

Stage 1.

Citizens who built this district between years 1887 and 1914

Goodin, Arthur: A carpenter by trade, came to Southern Cross during the late 1890's to work as a builder on Frasers South Extended. Afterwards he took over Snook's carpentry and undertaker's business, where he remained until handing over to his son Arthur Jnr in 1930's and retiring to Perth. Among his achievement was building the rifle range butts in 1904 and the picture theatre known as 'Goodin's hall' in 1928. Other works still standing is the butcher's shop on lot 16, and two houses on lot 43. Goodin was a keen sportsman and good cricketer. He also dabbled in mining, owning the Cricket mine at Edwards Find.

Arthur Goodin Junior carried on the business for some years before handing over to son Jim during the 1950's.

©Lance Stevens



SOUTHERN CROSS PHARMACY

will be closed from

Tuesday 26th September

to **Monday 2nd October 2023.**

We will be open again

Tuesday 3rd October 2023.

Please ensure you have enough medication to get you through.



Department of
Education

Shaping the future

VacSwim

Enrolments now open!
Places are limited, so get in early.

Help keep your child safe in the water.
Enrol now for the school holidays.



education.wa.edu.au/vacswim





hit the HOOPS



Aussie Hoops is a fun, inclusive, structured introductory basketball program aimed at 5-10 year olds, with graded increases in competitiveness until participants are ready to transition to local WCBA competitions.

TERM 4

10 Week Program

Time 4pm – time 5:45pm

Southern Cross Complex Indoor

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Tuesday 10th Oct 2023 | Tuesday 14th Nov 2023 |
| Tuesday 17th Oct 2023 | Tuesday 21st Nov 2023 |
| Tuesday 24th Oct 2023 | Tuesday 28th Nov 2023 |
| Tuesday 31st Oct 2023 | Tuesday 5th Dec 2023 |
| Tuesday 7th Nov 2023 | Tuesday 12th Dec 2023 |



COST:

\$80 New Participants

New Participant Pack \$55.99 includes:
Size 4 or 5 Spalding Basketball
Personalized Aussie Hoops Singlet
Personalized Aussie Hoops Backpack
Sticker Sheet



Juniors

**OCT
10TH**

Ages 11

to 16

BASKETBALL

Social Competition

.....
Every Tuesday for **10 sessions**
.....



Fees \$80 per child



BASKET BALL

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

2023/2024 SEASON

OCT 12th

GAMES COMMENCING

7pm

**\$120 Full Season
\$80 Shift/Harvest**

Southern Cross Indoor Courts

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-wa/register/80c153>



Local parents... we need you!

**Join your Local Area Partnership Group (LAPG)
to have a say in the parenting services offered in your community**

Your Local Area Partnership Group (LAPG) is made up of parents, and service providers who help us create a program of FREE parenting services that would better serve the region.

You will meet quarterly to provide feedback, advice and guidance to the local operations of Parenting Connection WA (PCWA). Your input can influence which parenting services will be offered and funded for our community. The option to join online is also available. Transport can be arranged. Children welcome.

Make a difference and support local parents

Contact your local PCWA Parenting Coordinator: Kirsten Dobbs

Phone: 0447622736 **Email:** kdobbs@wanslea.org.au

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Department of **Communities**





Handling Tricky Friendship Days

At this FREE online event, Michelle Mitchell will offer parents practical strategies to help young people better understand themselves, develop robust self-esteem and forge healthy friendships.

Together she will explore:

- How to help young people tap into their inner wisdom
- Six guiding principles that will change the way parents respond to friendship issues
- Practical strategies and language to help tweens hold boundaries with more ease, manage transition in friendship groups, celebrate others, accept disappointments, and resolve conflict

ONLINE EVENT

Thursday, 5 October 2023

6:30pm (1 hour including Q&A)

TO BOOK

<https://bit.ly/trickyfriendship>

Join us live or watch the replay. The replay will be available 24 hours after the live event and is yours to watch and view as many times as you want for 3 months.



About Michelle Mitchell

Michelle Mitchell is an award-winning speaker, and bestselling parenting author. She has been termed 'the teenage expert' by the media and is sought after for her compassionate and grounded advice for parenting tweens and teens.

Her innovative work has been featured on The Today Show, Today Tonight and Channel 10 Morning News and Sky News, as well as countless print media including The Age, The Courier Mail and The Daily Telegraph. You can hear Michelle on radio in Australia on a weekly basis.

This **FREE** online event is recommended for parents and caregivers of tweens (8-12 years).

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CHECK THE SOURCE
this upcoming referendum

Stop and consider

During the referendum you may come across information that isn't supported by evidence, is missing context or is even deliberately misleading. To be well informed, be a critical thinker when consuming information and think about whether the information is accurate and truthful.

Disinformation tactics

Disinformation is knowingly false information designed to deliberately mislead and influence public opinion, and disinformation doesn't spread on its own. People trying to circulate disinformation can use some of the following tactics to intentionally try and mislead you:

Just asking questions

People may intentionally ask questions to cast doubt on something without providing any evidence. Although most questions asked are legitimate, be on the lookout for questions asked in bad faith or about very unlikely situations. Stop and consider why the question is being asked.

Emotional language

Strong language that evokes negative emotions like anger or fear can make it easier for content to go viral. If you see something that makes you feel a strong emotional response, stop and consider why.

Cherry-picking

Cherry-picking occurs when information is provided without context, such as screenshots or statistics without reference to their original source.

Your role as a voter

Referendum laws do not regulate truth in communication or advertising. Take the time to consider if the information is:

Reliable

Is it from a reliable or recognisable source?

Do you know the source of the information? Has it come from an accredited media outlet or official social media account? If you're not sure, check if the account is newly created, or if it has other posts.

Current

When was it published?

Just because a post/article was shared today does not mean it is current. Always check the original source and publication date. Old posts/articles that may no longer be accurate can be shared to make them appear like new information.

The AEC's role

The AEC is the independent agency tasked with running the referendum. The AEC's role is to:

Provide reliable information on the referendum process

The AEC will provide easy access to information regarding how to enrol or vote through our advertising campaign, website, contact centre and social media accounts. If there is any incorrect information about these processes, the AEC will act to correct the record. Outside these processes – the AEC does not have any role in checking the truth of referendum communication.

Investigate the authorisation of referendum communications

Certain referendum communications are required to be authorised to help you to know the source of that information.

Yes and No campaign material

Although the AEC is responsible for issuing the official Yes/No pamphlet, which contains information written by parliamentarians, the AEC does not have a role in regulating the truth in these communications.

Referendums

A federal referendum is a national vote on a question about a proposed change to the Constitution. The Constitution is the founding document for how our country is governed. There have been 44 referendums held since 1901. It's been quite a while since we held one – the last referendum was more than 20 years ago in 1999.

Who needs to vote

All Australian citizens aged 18 and over must vote in a referendum. You must be enrolled and you should update your enrolment details if you have:

- recently changed your name or address
- turned 18, or
- become an Australian citizen.

Visit aec.gov.au or pick up an enrolment form from any AEC office.

When and where to vote

Voting day will be held on a Saturday with polling places open between 8am and 6pm around the country.

Mobile polling teams will also visit many remote areas in the weeks leading up to voting day.

If you can't make it on the day, you may be eligible to vote early either in person or by post.

More details will be available at aec.gov.au closer to the referendum.

How to vote

Voting in a referendum is different to an election. You only need to complete one ballot paper.

The ballot paper will show a question about a proposed change to the Constitution. To vote, write 'yes' if you approve or 'no' if you do not approve the proposed change.

At the polling place, you can ask a polling official, friend, or family member for help on how to cast a formal vote.

 **Don't worry if you make a mistake.**
Ask for another ballot paper and start again.



Commonwealth of Australia
BALLOT PAPER
State/territory

Referendum on proposed Constitution alteration

DIRECTIONS TO VOTER
Write "YES" or "NO" in the space provided opposite the question set out below.

A PROPOSED LAW:
There would be a description of the proposed constitutional change here.

DO YOU APPROVE THIS PROPOSED ALTERATION? **YES**
WRITE "YES" OR "NO"

 **AEC**
Australian Electoral Commission

SAMPLE

Sample ballot paper.

Write **YES** if you approve the proposed change



Commonwealth of Australia
BALLOT PAPER
State/territory

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DIRECTIONS TO VOTER
Write "YES" or "NO" in the space provided opposite the question set out below.

A PROPOSED LAW:
There would be a description of the proposed constitutional change here.

DO YOU APPROVE THIS PROPOSED ALTERATION? **NO**
WRITE "YES" OR "NO"

 **AEC**
Australian Electoral Commission

SAMPLE

Sample ballot paper.

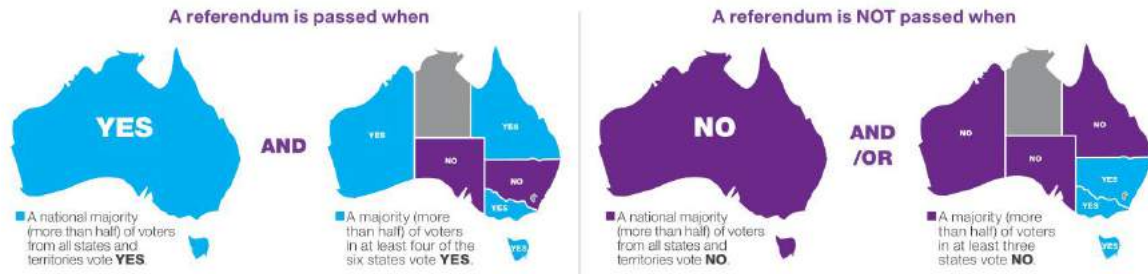
Write **NO** if you do not approve the proposed change

OR

How the result is decided

The proposed change to the Constitution must be approved by a 'double majority' – that is:

- a national majority of formal votes cast (more than 50%) from all states and territories, and
- a majority of formal votes cast (more than 50%) in a majority of states (at least four of the six states).



The result is binding. This means the Australian Government must act on what voters decide.

Mythbusting referendums

MYTH: Referendums can be held about any topic or law.

FACT: They're only held to make a proposed change to the Constitution.

MYTH: The 2017 marriage law survey was a referendum or plebiscite.

FACT: It was a postal survey, and participation was optional.

MYTH: It's not compulsory to vote in a referendum.

FACT: You must vote if you're an Australian citizen aged 18 and over.

MYTH: I need to enrol separately.

FACT: If you're enrolled for elections, you're enrolled for referendums too. Just make sure your details are up to date.

MYTH: I can only vote by post.

FACT: You can vote on the day or check your eligibility to vote early in person or by post by visiting aec.gov.au closer to the time.

MYTH: A referendum needs 70% or more 'yes' votes to pass.

FACT: It must be approved by more than 50% of voters from all states and territories, and more than 50% of voters in a majority of states (at least four of the six states). This is the 'double majority'.

Role of the AEC

The AEC is an independent and impartial statutory authority.

Its role at the referendum is to provide enrolment, voting and information services.

While the AEC will deliver a yes/no pamphlet to Australian households, the information in this product is produced by Parliament. Beyond the delivery of the pamphlet, the AEC has no involvement with campaigns for or against the proposed change to the Constitution.

Stop and consider the source

Your vote at the referendum will help make an important decision for Australia.

During the referendum period, you may come across information that is deliberately misleading.

Stop, check, and consider the source of what you see, hear, or read. Don't be misled by disinformation this referendum.

Visit aec.gov.au for tips on checking the source.



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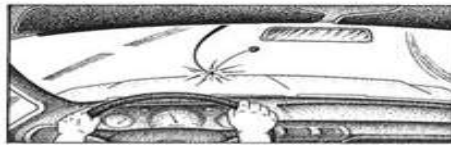
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Calendar of Events

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| Thu 28 Sep | Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town |
| Tue 3 Oct | AGM: Yilgarn Community Support Group @ Seniors Centre 6.00pm |
| Sat 7 Oct | Bloke's Business @ Complex Lounge 6.30pm—RSVP required |
| Thu 19 Oct | Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Mt Hampton Hall, 5.00pm |
| Thu 26 Oct | Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town |
| Sun 29 Oct | Southern Cross Community Mass @ Our Lady of Montserrat Church, 11.00am |
| Sat 4 Nov | Visit the Southern Cross Skies Stargazing Event @ Golf Club |
| Wed 8 Nov | SX Speedway meeting @ Senior Centre 6.00pm |
| Thu 16 Nov | Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers, 5.00pm |
| Sat 18 Nov | Brush & Bubbles @ Senior Citizen's Centre, 6.30pm |
| Thu 23 Nov | Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town |
| Wed 29 Nov | Packed with Goodness Parent Information Session @ CRC, 10.00am |
| Sun 3 Dec | Yilgarn Community Christmas Tree, Lighting of the Tree and Carols by Candlelight—SAVE THE DATE! |
| Wed 6 Dec | St Joseph's Primary School End of Year Concert and Picnic |
| Fri 8 Dec | SCDHS Presentation Night—SAVE THE DATE! |
| Mon 11 Dec | Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town |
| Thu 21 Dec | Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers, 5.00pm |
| Sat 17 Feb | Night under the Southern Cross Skies concert in the Park—SAVE THE DATE! |

Shire of Yilgarn Tourism Committee Meetings are held every 1st Wednesday of each month—please come along to share ideas and input to help support our towns of the Yilgarn!

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| ✓ Country Women's Association | ✓ Southern Cross St John Ambulance | |
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| ✓ Progress Associations | ✓ Yilgarn Agricultural Society | ✓ Darts |
| ✓ Scrapbooking | ✓ Yilgarn Entertainers | ✓ Football |
| ✓ Senior Citizen's Centre activities | ✓ Yilgarn History Museum | ✓ Golf |
| ✓ Southern Cross Gardening Club | ✓ Yilgarn Men's Shed | ✓ Lawn Bowls |
| | ✓ Yilgarn Motoring Enthusiasts | ✓ Motorcycle Club |

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