

CROSSWORDS \$1

COUNTRY ARTS WA AND ACT-BELONG-COMMIT PRESENT

Marty's Party

created and performed by **Marty Putz**

JOIN THE COMEDY
CHAOS IN A
WONDERFULLY WEIRD,

EXPLOSIVE

EXTRAVAGANZA!

PARENTAL WARNING!
Mum & Dad may act like a 10 year old

SHOWS ON THE GO VOTED

Friday 24 February 2017, 6.30pm
Southern Cross Community Centre

Locally presented by Shire of Yilgarn

Gold coin donation!



Department of Culture and the Arts



COUNTRY ARTS WA



GWN7



Tour coordination by Country Arts WA



Southern Cross AP year to date

Average rainfall to Feb	56.1mm	7.9 days
Total for 2017	135.6mm	9 days
Total to this day 2017	64.4mm	9 days
Wettest day	31.0mm	Jan 31
Lowest temperature	12.4°C	Jan 9
Highest temperature	44.6°C	Jan 5

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Last Quarter	New Moon	First Quarter	Full Moon
Tue Mar 21	Mon Feb 27	Sun Mar 5	Mon Mar 13

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DON'T FORGET!

**Crosswords' submissions
close every 2nd Tuesday at 12.00 noon**

2017 Publishing Dates

Deadline 12 noon	Publishing Date
7/03/2017	9/03/2017
21/03/2017	23/03/2017
4/04/2017	6/04/2017
18/04/2017	20/04/2017
2/05/2017	4/05/2017
16/05/2017	18/05/2017
30/05/2017	1/06/2017
13/06/2017	15/06/2017
27/06/2017	29/06/2017
11/07/2017	13/07/2017
25/07/2017	27/07/2017
8/08/2017	10/08/2017
22/08/2017	24/08/2017
5/09/2017	7/09/2017
19/09/2017	21/09/2017
3/10/2017	5/10/2017
17/10/2017	19/10/2017
31/10/2017	2/11/2017
14/11/2017	16/11/2017
28/11/2017	30/11/2017
12/12/2017	14/12/2017

Church Notices



Contact:

John McKane 90 411117
Mobile 0435 507 606
Cheryl Auld 90 498026
Diane Della Bosca 90 491149



48 Altair Street, Southern Cross.
Phone: 9049 1049

Parish Priest Contacts

SX Presbytery 9049 1049 (Friday to Monday)

Kalgoorlie Parish: 9021 2100 (Tuesday to Thursday)

Email: kalgoorlie@perthcatholic.org.au

Fr Andrew Bowron



Antares Street, Southern Cross
Service Dates at 11am

Saturday 11th of March
Saturday 8th of April (for Palm Sunday)
Saturday 13 of May
Saturday 10th of June
Saturday 8th of July
Saturday 12th of August
Saturday 9th September
Saturday 21st October (instead of the 14th)
Saturday 11th of November

Enquiries: Leonie Gethin Ph: (08) 9049 1222

Message from the CEO



The first ordinary Council meeting of the year was held on Thursday 16 February 2017. Council made the following decisions at the meeting:

- ✓ Council agreed to appoint the WA Electoral Commissioner to conduct the 2017 Shire Council elections as a postal election. Postal elections can only be conducted by the WA Electoral Commissioner under state legislation.

The 2015 Shire Council elections was the first election in Yilgarn using the postal election method and resulted in a voter turnout of 48%. Previous in-person elections only attracted a voter participation of approximately one-third of electors.

The postal election method is also beneficial for Yilgarn given the number of Towns within the Shire.

- ✓ The Shire has been working with Main Roads WA regarding the upgrade of the portion of Great Eastern Highway that runs through Southern Cross. We engaged consultant Engineers to prepare concept designs that meet Australian Standards and Main Roads specifications and these were endorsed by Council.

It should be noted that Main Roads WA are responsible for the actual traffic lanes only. The verges are the responsibility of the Shire. Given that the road needs reconstruction this represents a good opportunity to work in partnership with Main Roads to ensure a positive outcome for Southern Cross.

- ✓ The Shire has also engaged consultant Engineers to prepare concept plans for the development of the corner lot on Great Eastern Highway and Antares Street. Council also endorsed these concept plans at the meeting and a copy is included overleaf.

The Shire is keen to get passing motorists to enter into Antares Street to see our magnificent Town. You can see by the concept plans that we have achieved this and will be providing a quality entry statement. If caravans and motorists enter this block along Great Eastern Highway as per the current set up then we lose the ability to entice motorists travelling from the west to enter Antares Street.

- ✓ Council accepted a tender submitted by Avon Waste for the provision of kerbside general waste and recycling collections and bulk recycling collections for a five year period with a five year option of extension.

Council is required to call tenders for this service at the end of each contract. As Avon Waste are the current contractors there will be no change to the kerbside and recycling bin collections.

Shire Staff

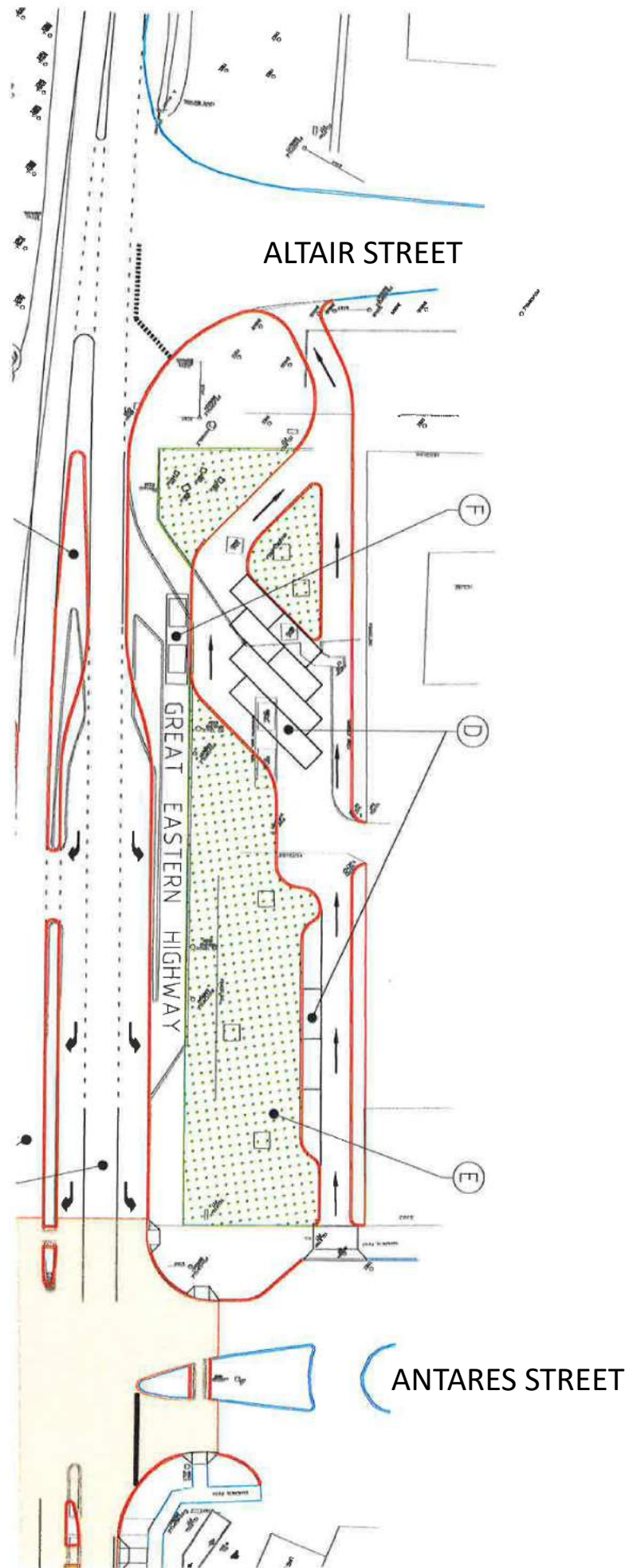
Our previous Deputy CEO finished his employment with the Shire in January 2017. Council has agreed to change the title of this position to Executive Manager Corporate Services to better reflect the responsibilities of the position. The Shire has engaged Mr Cameron Watson to this position. Cameron is currently Deputy CEO at the Shire of Trayning and has substantial local government experience. Cameron will commence with the Shire in April 2017.

Community Events

Make sure you set aside Saturday 18 March to come and watch the movie “Last Cab to Darwin”.

Brian Jones

Chief Executive Officer



SKELETON WEED SUPPORT OFFICER (part time)
10 Months Maternity Leave Contract

The Shire of Yilgarn invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the Skeleton Weed Support Officer part-time position. Please note that this position is offered as a 10 month maternity leave replacement contract and is subject to funding continuing in the 2017/2018 financial year. The start date for the position is in April 2017 and will involve 38 hours per fortnight.

The primary responsibilities for the Skeleton Weed Support Officer position are:

- Providing administrative support for the Yilgarn Local Action Group;
- Provide reception support for Department of Agriculture and Food WA;
- Assist affected landholders meet their skeleton weed program requirements;
- Assist Yilgarn Local Action Group with winter treatment of affected sites;
- Collect and maintain information related to Skeleton weed searching and treatment;
- Assist in preparing reports and financial acquittal/budget applications.

Council operates under the Shire of Yilgarn Employees Collective Agreement 2013, salary and conditions will be in accordance with this agreement. This Part Time position is classified between Level 5 to 6 commensurate with qualifications and experience and will be applied on a pro-rata basis. The salary package for a level 5-6 position is as follows:

- \$25.89 to \$28.01 per hour, dependent on level applied
- up to 15% superannuation
- four weeks annual leave (pro-rata) and annual leave loading
- housing allowance

For further information or to obtain the position description please visit the Shires website www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au. Any questions to be directed to Council's Manager Regulatory Services Nic Warren on 08 9049 1001 or mrs@yilgarn.wa.gov.au

Applicants are asked to address the selection criteria contained in the Position Description. Interested candidates are requested to obtain an application pack from:

- office - 23 Antares Street, Southern Cross, or
- telephone - 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 Thursday 16th March 2017** and should be marked "Confidential Application – Skeleton Weed Support Officer".

PLEASE NOTE: Canvassing of Councillors will lead to disqualification. If successful in obtaining the position you will be required to obtain relevant police checks, and to provide evidence of all claimed qualifications prior to commencing employment. This position is subject to a National Police Clearance and Pre-Employment Medical Assessment.

Brian Jones
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Yilgarn
PO Box 86
SOUTHERN CROSS WA 6426



drumMUSTER CHEMICAL CONTAINER COLLECTION

SOUTHERN CROSS

Appointments for drumMUSTER collections at the Southern Cross collection site will be taken for the dates below:

Monday 20th March 2017
Tuesday 22nd March 2017
Wednesday 23rd March 2017
Thursday 24th March 2017
Friday 25th March 2017



Anyone wishing to take advantage of disposing of old chemical drums will need to make a booking by phoning Manager Regulatory Services Nic Warren at the Shire office on 9049 1001 or emailing mrs@yilgarn.wa.gov.au. Make sure you have estimated the number of containers. Containers will not be accepted if you have not made a booking first.

Please remember that all drums are to be:-

- whole without caps or bungs or taps on/in the containers;
- to be clean inside and outside, including the thread around the opening and caps or bungs are not to be put back on – note that dye stains are accepted as they are not removed through the triple rinse process;
- containers are to be cleaned via the use of one of the following methods of rinsing –
triple rinsing,
pressure rinsing,
integrated rinsing;
- Containers are to be drained and dry of all residues.
- **Note: Metal containers must be punctured 3-4 times through the bottom to assist with drainage of the container.**

We take containers ranging in size from 200Lts to 500gms.

Arrangements can be made for an on-farm inspection if you have a large number of drums (500+). The above conditions still apply though.

Remember you have already paid for this service through the purchase price of drums from drumMUSTER affiliated suppliers. This program reduces the amount of landfill and reuses the plastics for manufacturing of products such as wheelie bins and bollards. It is an offence to burn plastic drums.

Community Groups are also encouraged to contact the Manager Regulatory Services Nic Warren to register their interest in holding future drumMUSTER collections where they are able to earn funds per container collected.



Southern Cross Community Resource Centre

Your local connection

Computer & IT workshops

The CRC is proud to present the following IT workshops:

- Facebook for Business workshop
17 March at 2pm
- Intermediate Word
24 March at 2pm
- Intermediate Excel
7 April at 2pm.

To register your interest, please contact the CRC on crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au or phone 9049 1688.



**\$5
each
session**

Limit of 6 people per workshop, so get in quick!



BUSINESS BASICS WORKSHOP

Tuesday 28 February 2017 | 10.30am – 12.30pm
Southern Cross CRC, Canopus Street

**Are you
thinking about
starting a
business, but
don't know
where to start?**

Business Basics is a FREE two-hour workshop that will introduce you to the first steps in establishing a small business; from an initial assessment – which looks at your suitability to run a business – to financing your business idea, and identifying initial and on-going sales opportunities.

This workshop will also provide you with an overview of all the key points you need to consider, along with hints and tips on where to find more detailed information and advice.

As part of the session you will also receive a practical workbook which can be used as the foundation of your business plan.

For more details or to register contact Julie Flockart at julie.flockart@rsm.com.au or 0409 647 594 or Southern Cross CRC at crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au or 9049 1688.

To secure a place please register by 23 February 2017 , 4.30pm.



Business Local

A Small Business Development Corporation service
funded by the Government of Western Australia

Yilgarn Ladies Day

You are cordially invited to attend a Ladies Day in Southern Cross.

Come along to listen to inspiring and interesting guest speakers, appreciate a healthy morning tea & lunch, indulge in a bit of retail therapy and enjoy the fellowship.

Date: Saturday 11 March 2017

Time: 9.30am start ~ 3.00pm

Location: Southern Cross Recreation Centre

Tickets: \$20 including morning tea and lunch

Available at <https://www.trybooking.com/OUYH>, CRC and Shire office.

Please get your tickets by 6 March 2017. NO door sales!

Guest speaker listing

- "From gravel roads to graves" – Leanne O'Dea, Female Funeral Directors
- "Embracing risk taking" – Anna Dixon, Creative IQ
- "Empowering Women" – Behind every successful woman, is herself"
– Melanie Meier, Psychotherapist/Counsellor,
Wheatbelt AgCare
- "Here's looking at you – kid" – Laura Black, Nurse Practitioner &
– Stephanie Oetiker, Registered Nurse
- "Cancer! WHAT? Not me...??!!" – Anna Joyce, Health Service Manager / Director
of Nursing

This event is supported and sponsored by:

- ✓ Shire of Yilgarn & Southern Cross CRC
- ✓ Health Agencies of the Yilgarn (HAY) Committee

A free crèche will be available at the CRC. Children must be registered before the event.
Please bring children's lunch and water.

Moderate BYO alcohol permitted.

Yoga workshop & future classes

A yoga workshop held on Saturday 18 February in the recreation centre lounge was a great success with 33 participants attending. Yoga teacher Nina explained the basics of yoga, correct breathing and then taught a few poses leading up to all ladies and gents performing two rounds of the "sun salutation" sequence.

Most participants enjoyed the yoga and due to the interest expressed on the day Nina has agreed to come back to hold a regular class on a fortnightly basis.



Nina will be back to hold a **yoga class** on Saturday 18 March 2017 from 7.30am to 9.00am at the rec centre lounge.

It is not imperative that you attended the workshop to attend the class, everyone is welcome. Please register your interest and pay your fee of \$20 at the CRC by 16 March 2017.



Stall holders wanted for Ladies Day

If you wish to have a stall at the Yilgarn Ladies Day on Saturday 11 March 2017 please contact the CRC by emailing to crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au or call 9049 1688.



Save the date – Constitution workshop for all clubs and organisations

The CRC has organised a constitution workshop for all clubs and organisations with facilitator Caroline Robinson from Wheatbelt Business Network.

We encourage all clubs and organisations to send their relevant office bearers to attend.

Date: 28 March 2017
Time: 6.00pm
Location: CRC
Cost: \$5 per person (substituted by the Shire of Yilgarn)

Please register with the CRC by emailing to crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au or call 9049 1688.



**FOOD
SENSATIONS®**

FOR ADULTS

Food Sensations® is a nutrition and cooking program designed to give participants a good understanding of healthy eating as well as skills in how to purchase and prepare healthy foods. The program is designed to provide a hands-on learning experience.

Food Sensations for Adults consists of a program which covers a variety of nutrition topics.

**HEALTHY
EATING**

**MEAL
PLANNING
AND
BUDGETING**

**4
CORE
TOPICS**

**LABEL
READING
AND FOOD
SELECTION**

**FOOD
SAFETY,
PREPARATION
& COOKING**

**Southern Cross CRC
Fri 24 March 2017**

10.30am - 2.30pm

Please register with the CRC by emailing to crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au or call 9049 1688.

**Minimum of 6 people
required and
maximum of 15
people.**



Food Sensations
for Adults
is funded by the
Department of Health.



For more information contact Elouise Hawkins on 9690 1320 or email Elouise.hawkins@health.wa.gov.au

Community News

Road maintenance Noongar Rd South



Dear Residents,

Please note that essential maintenance on Noongar Road South level crossing Bodallin will be carried out between 06:00am and 18:00pm on Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Thursday 9th March 2017.

There will be temporary detours in place.

Motorists are requested to slow down and obey all traffic signs and detours through the work site.

Brookfield Rail apologises for any inconvenience this necessary work may cause.

For further information please contact the Regional Engineer at Brookfield Rail on 0409 671 689.

Meetings

Shire of Yilgarn

Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 4.00pm in the council chamber in the Shire office.

Local Emergency Management Committee

Please see website for details.

www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au

CWA Meetings

Held third Wednesday each Month.


Contact Judy Guerini 0427 904 912

AGM

Yilgarn Agricultural Society Inc. AGM
Thursday 2nd March 2017 at 7:30pm
Held at the Complex, everyone welcome.
Inquiries: 0428 491 315


SOUTHERN CROSS GOLF CLUB AGM
Tuesday 28 February 2017 at 7.30pm
At Southern Cross Golf Club

Everyone Welcome



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
PHILIPPINES**

Am I being unfair to you?



FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2017

Time **7PM**
Place **Anglican Uniting Church**

Laubman & Pank

Eyecare • Eyewear 

Laubman & Pank will be
visiting Southern Cross on

**Monday
20 March 2017**

For appointments please call
the Southern Cross
Pharmacy on 90491056

**Appointments will be
seen at the Hospital.**

Community News

Southern Cross Tennis Club will be conducting a Junior Tennis program in February/March 2017 for 5 weeks. Dates are Wednesday 22 February 2017 commencing 3.30pm for registration, subsequent dates are 1, 8, 15 and 22 March commencing at 4.00pm. Please wear a hat and bring your own water bottle.

Fees

\$20 per Child
\$50 for 3 Children
\$60 for 4 plus Children

For more information contact:
Pauline Eiffler-President 0419 963 418

Sporting fixtures

Moorine Rock Tennis Club

- 25/02/17 Social Tennis
3pm start
Pizza tea
- 05/03/17 MRTC Handicapped mixed doubles invitation day
Sponsored by Summit Fertilisers
Own partners
Entries to David or Lib by 29/02/17
Beef rolls and salad tea
- 11/03/17 Social Tennis
3pm start
BBQ tea. Pooled salads

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.

Pioneers of Yilgarn

Yilgarn timeline (continued)

1901

- WA votes to join Federation, vote swayed by t'other siders in the eastern goldfields
- Archie McIntyre starts SX Times paper. For 20 years he is a controversial figure.
- British biograph moving pictures (silent) shown at SX for first time.

1902

- Rabbits arrive. One displayed in shop window for benefit of doubting
- Thomas's Fire brigade formed, shed for equipment built behind present Shire office.
- Goldfields pipeline reaches SX and water turned on. Retic to homes takes a year.

1903

- Councillor McIntyre stirs up Council, causes much in-fighting, auditors called in.
- Several 160-acre farms taken up. Percy Forrester arrives to start a dairy.
- Oak trees planted down the centre of main street.

1904

- Race Club moves to Greater Sports Ground near hospital, destined for all sports.
- World champion Walter Lindrum puts on a billiard display in SX.
- Council buys electricity from Frasers mine and invites citizens to connect up.

1905

- Original Club Hotel condemned by health inspector. Rebuilt as seen today.
- Town common approved, radius 5 miles around SX. Farmers complain.
- Oak trees removed from main street. Considered no ornament and would never grow.

1906

- Southern Cross Hotel rebuilt after being condemned. Building demolished in 1988.
- School teacher John McKie dies. Kids get two weeks holiday pending replacement.
- Southern Cross brass band popular, playing at various spots around town in evenings.

©Lance Stevens

YILGARN BOWLING CARNIVAL 2016/17 HELD ON 28TH AND 29TH JANUARY 2017

SATURDAY WE PLAYED A PAIRS COMPETITION WITH 26 PAIRS COMPETING.

WINNERS OF SECTION 1 ASH AND GERALD COLLINS 3 WINS
RUNNERS UP MAX ROBERTS AND ROBERT BOSENBERG
THIRD DENNIS TREEN AND JOHN UNKOVICH

WINNERS OF SECTION 2 JAMIE CRIDDLE AND AARON SMITH
RUNNERS UP JASON GUERINI AND RAY COLLINS
THIRD JOHN SYMES AND BARRY SALMON

CONDITIONS WERE VERY HOT ON SATURDAY.

SUNDAY STARTED WITH SOME EARLY RAIN, DOUBTS AS WHETHER WE WOULD EVEN GET STARTED. THE RAIN STOPPED AROUND 8.45 AND OUT WE WENT. NO FURTHER RAIN FOR THE DAY.

SUNDAY WAS A FOURS COMPETITION WITH 14 TEAMS COMPETING.

WINNERS: MAX ROBERTS, GERALD AND ASH COLLINS AND ROBERT BOSENBERG.

RUNNERS UP: STEVE GREGORY, BILL MADIGAN, MAURICE LAND AND JOHN HENDERSON.

THIRD: JOHN SYMES, STUART SCHLLER, NEIL HASSETT AND BARRY SALMON

FOURTH: PAUL HUTTON, PHIL TRELOAR, GRAHAM CURRIE AND CAMPBELL SCHILLING.

THE YILGARN BOWLING CLUB WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS FOR THEIR EXTREMELY GENEROUS SUPPORT.

MINERAL RESOURCES, WA SALT KOOLYANOBING, LIBERTY OIL, EMERALD GROUP, BETTA ROADS PTY, BLACKMAN ENGINEERING, HITCHAI MACHINERY, PETER JACKSON, GREAT WESTERN FUEL SUPPLIES, YILGARN PLUMBING, SHACKS ELECTRICAL, BITUTEK, YILGARN CRANE HIRE, BANNER EXCAVATION

CLUBS THAT WERE REPRESENTED: COLLIE, PINJARRA, BOULDER, JURIE BAY, KALGOORLIE, WESTONIA, BRUCE ROCK, CORRIGIN, MERREDIN CIVIC AND YILGARN.

The Yilgarn Bowling Club would like to thank the SHIRE OF YILGARN for the Community Funding Grant to purchase a Laptop Computer and Printer.

Recently the men played their singles club championships. The winner was David Auld runner up John Symes. A plate section was played for between Noel Teale and Neil Hassett.

They also played their pairs championships recently and the winners were Neil Hassett and Phil Smith from Jason Guerini and Brad Auld.

The ladies played their triples recently with the winners being Glenice Divitini, Margaret Rafferty and Lorraine Smith.

The ladies played their singles championships this week in very hot conditions with some very good bowls played by all. The winner was Cheryl Auld runner up Glenice Divitini.

All other championship results will be published at a later date.



THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF WA (INC) SOUTHERN CROSS BRANCH

BRANCH NEWS FEBRUARY 2017

2017 OFFICE BEARERS

President: Mrs Glenice Divitini

Secretary: Mrs Judy Guerini

Treasurer: Mrs Lorraine Smith

MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE: \$65.00 (Please see Judy with contact details for magazine)

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Patchwork - 7th February Project for the month – Cushion

Patchwork – 14th February continue project or own work

Patchwork – 21st February continue project or own work

Patchwork – 28th February continue project or own work

Patchwork – March 7th 'SHOW AND TELL' cushions

STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT February 22nd, 10am for morning tea

BRANCH FAREWELL – Carla Della Bosca

Carla Della Bosca, previously of the Southern Cross Branch of CWA has now left Southern Cross and moved to Perth to be closer to her family. Carla resisted this move for many years, however left Southern Cross saying that 'the time was now right'.

Carla has served as President, Secretary and Treasurer during her time with the Southern Cross Branch. Carla thoroughly enjoyed the annual conferences of CWA of WA (Inc) and participated in any activities the branch asked her too. Her reports of the annual conferences were full of detail and at times very entertaining as she described what she got up to, who she met up with, business discussed etc.

Carla was a keen participant in all the craft activities the branch undertook. Her knitting and crochet skills were exceptional as with all other craft projects she completed. Carla won many prizes at the Annual Homemaker competitions and always attend the annual Divisional Craft schools.

Divisional events were always attended by Carla and when the divisions disbanded, Carla would attend other branches activities along with other Southern Cross members. She thoroughly enjoyed these outings and would always give a report at the following branch meeting.

Southern Cross Branch members wish Carla all the very best in her new home and she will certainly be missed by all of us here in Southern Cross.



<p>Cover to Cover</p>	<p>Presented by writingWA, this month our guest will be Sarah Drummond discussing her debut novel, "The Sound" with Meri Fatin. Sarah lives on the south coast of Western Australia and she tells tales of the sea. The Sound is her first novel and it is based on the true story of the Aboriginal women and sealing crews who sailed from Tasmania to Western Australia in the 1820s Mar 22 & 25 - 8:00pm; Mar 23 - 12:30pm; Mar 24 - 4:30pm; Mar 26 - 2:00pm</p> <p>Our encore presentation is Rashida Murphy who will be discussing her debut novel, The Historian's Daughter Mar 8 & 11 - 8:00pm; Mar 9 - 12:30pm; Mar 10 - 4:30pm; Mar 12 - 2:00pm</p>
<p>Destination WA NEW for 2017</p>	<p>Destination WA is a television program for West Australians, by West Australians showing what a beautiful state we live in. Travel, Lifestyle, entertainment and events, you will find it all in Destination WA Mar 1, 4, 15, 18 & 29 - 8:00pm; Mar 2, 16 & 30 - 12:30pm; Mar 3, 17 & 31 - 4:30pm; Mar 5 & 19 - 2:00pm</p>
<p>Garden Gurus Autumn Series NEW for 2017</p>	<p>Join the Garden Gurus team as they help make gardening easy and enjoyable with all the information you need to create and maintain a successful garden Mar 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, & 25 - 7:30pm; Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 - 12:00pm; Mar 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 - 4:00pm; Mar 5, 12, 19 & 26 - 1:30pm</p>
<p>Sweet & Sour 2017</p>	<p>A weekly community adult orientated panel talk show that is sometimes controversial, but always entertaining. Hosted by Gary Mitchell. Mar 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 & 29 - 8:30pm</p>
<p>Woodworking Masterclass NEW for 2017</p>	<p>Steve has been a Woodworker/Fine Furniture Maker for over 30 years. He covers many aspects of Woodwork and Fine Furniture Making as well as DIY projects including Tips, Tricks and other Woodworking Techniques Mar 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 & 29 - 7:00pm; Mar 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 - 11:30am; Mar 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 - 3:30pm; Mar 5, 12, 19 & 26 - 1:00pm</p>
<p>SOTA Music Festival - LIVE</p>	<p>Save the date WA Day special presentation, LIVE from Elizabeth Quay, the biggest names in WA music will be broadcast live to your screens from the WA Day Festival, the line-up will be revealed soon. #SOTAFest Monday June 5 – 6pm</p>
<p>WASO Symphony in the City Encore Presentation</p>	<p>Make a date Relive the spectacular event that is the WA Symphony Orchestra and Symphony in the City. Featuring classical and movie favorite's performed by the Orchestra and the WASO Chorus under the direction of Guy Noble. As always, the concert will conclude with the 1812 Overture accompanied by a pyrotechnics display. Friday April 7 – 6:30pm</p>

Westlink is available at Community Resource Centre's and to viewers at home on Westlink Satellite TV Channel 602



A Community Message...

SOUTHERN CROSS POLICE: 9081 2100
75 Canopus Street, Southern Cross, WA 6426
Non Emergency Call : 131 444 - Emergency: 000
Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

.....from the Crew in Blue

Greetings everyone, It has been sometime since Southern Cross Police have had time to publish anything in the Crosswords from the Crew in the Blue. To update you all on what we have been up to since the start of the financial year, below is a list of all charges preferred by officers from Southern Cross Police as a result of investigations and incidents attended.

Please note this does not include matters dealt with by way of infringement and does not include offences whereby we have insufficient evidence to proceed with any charges.

Aggravated Burglary and Commit x 4
Trespass x 7
Aggravated Common Assault x 3
Drive Unregistered Vehicle x 3
Speeding x 2
Drive with Illicit Drug in Oral Fluid x 1
Unlawful Damage x 1
Possess a Prohibited Drug x 1
No Authority to Drive (Never Held) x 1
No Authority to Drive (Suspended) x 1
Breach of Protective Bail x 1
Drive Under the Influence of Drugs x 1

Stealing x 6
Common Assault x 2
Excess .08 x 3
False Number Plates x 2
Threats to Injure or Harm x 2
Criminal Damage x 5
Possess Drug Paraphernalia x 3
No Authority to Drive (Fines) x 2
No Authority to Drive (Cancelled) x 1
Drive Contrary to a Compliance Notice x 1
Breach of Duty x 1
Possess Drug without Prescription x 1

Recently we have had several inquiries as to why the phone number to Southern Cross Police Station is diverted to either Northam or the Police Assistance Centre and community members are requesting they want to speak with local police officers 24/7 whenever they ring. Unfortunately this is not possible and does not occur at any non 24 hour Police Station in Regional WA. I will explain why below:

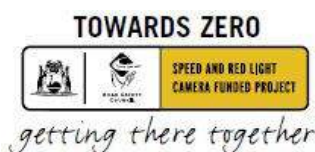
Local police may be busy attending other jobs or conducting inquiries / patrols either on the road or at the Police Station. As a result they are not in a position to answer phone calls or may be out of phone range therefore the station phone will be diverted. If police are off duty the station phone will always be diverted. By speaking with the officers at Northam and the Police Assistance Centre, the officer taking the call can determine if Police attendance is required and / or conduct an assessment to the priority of the job and obtain Police assistance as soon as possible. In the case of an emergency please call 000.

As you can appreciate there are only limited police based in Southern Cross and we do not have the ability to have staff sit and answer phone calls all day. I am sure almost all of you would prefer your police either charging people, investigating crime or being proactive in reducing crime and targeting drug dealers and suppliers rather than answering phone calls at a station.

Regards,

Sergeant Dave THIRLWELL

For a **life threatening** or **urgent situation** call **000** (triple zero).
For matters requiring police attendance or to report a crime call 131 444



CRIME – Together we can crack it! & remember if you **SEE something, **SAY** something.**

It's not just the Wheatbelt: road deaths & injuries have been increasing Australia-wide

The nation experienced a 7.9% increase in road deaths during 2016 compared to 2015, and the Federal Government reports that serious injuries have increased every year since 2000, placing an extra and unnecessary burden on the economy.

Mr Lauchlan McIntosh AM, President of the Australasian College of Road Safety, reports: "Taking a national, aspirational leadership approach to road safety could save at least \$55B by 2020, and save over 2,300 lives and 50,000 serious injuries over the current decade"

"Road trauma costs are felt across the entire community, and health and social service sectors bear the ongoing costs. Benefits of reduced trauma flow through into improved national productivity, a reduction in health costs, and enhanced social well-being", said Mr McIntosh.

In Western Australia funding for road safety comes from the Road Trauma Trust Account, in other words, speed and red light camera fines. Funding is allocated for community education and larger infrastructure improvements such as the works on Toodyay Road at Noble Falls. Planned works on Toodyay Road include overtaking lanes and bridge replacement.

Nationwide, 1,300 people are killed and over 37,000 seriously injured each year. In 2016 there was a 20% increase in road deaths in WA from the 2015 number. Unconfirmed reports show that 40 people lost their lives on Wheatbelt roads in 2016.

What can be done? There is no one silver bullet to fix this problem. In WA our road safety strategy, *Towards Zero*, tells us that we need to approach the problem by focusing on the four "cornerstones" of the Safe System, listed below:

- Safe Roads and Roadsides

- Safe Speeds

- Safe Vehicles

- Safe Road Use (our driving behaviour)

Local Governments and the State Government (Main Roads WA) manage the roads and the posted speed limits on the roads, and are responsible for road safety improvements to the network.

But we the driving public of the Wheatbelt have some control over the vehicles we drive and our own driver behaviour.

The safety features in modern vehicles reduce the likelihood of crashes and improve occupant protection. For information on how safe your car is, pick up a Vehicle Safety Research Group brochure "Used Car Safety Ratings" at your Community Resource Centre, or visit the ANCAP website www.ancap.com.au

Our driving behaviour is an entirely other matter, and over the next few weeks there will be a series of articles on driver behaviour in the Despatch, aimed at informing and reminding everyone of how to stay safe on our Wheatbelt roads. Articles will include information about speed and why speeding doesn't get you there quicker, drink driving, child car restraints and seatbelt use, and the first of these is on driver distraction. For more information on road safety matters, please contact Cliff Simpson, road safety advisor Wheatbelt North, WALGA's RoadWise on 0409 686 138.

Floods in the Southern Cross

This photograph was taken during the flood in 1965. Picture is taken looking directly across to Polaris St from Antares St-Marvel Loch Rd.





Wheatbelt NRM Noongar Elders Advisory Group Membership

Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management Incorporated (Wheatbelt NRM) is an independent community-based organisation leading natural resource management (NRM) endeavours within the Avon River Basin.

We currently have a vacancy on the Wheatbelt NRM Noongar Elders Advisory Group and are seeking to appoint a committed community member to the role.

The Elders Advisory Group meets 4 times per year and discusses natural resource management issues, Aboriginal culture and values and offers advice to Wheatbelt NRM on current and future initiatives.

The group is made up of 10 members from across the Avon River Basin.

Sitting fees and travel costs are paid for meetings.

We are looking for candidates who:

- Ⓞ Are a recognised Elder in the community in this region
- Ⓞ Provide geographical and family spread of representation,
- Ⓞ Have an interest in natural resource management; and
- Ⓞ Demonstrate considerable cultural knowledge

Please contact Michelle Winmar, Aboriginal NRM Facilitator for more information or to obtain an application form.

Michelle Winmar

Project Delivery Officer - Aboriginal NRM

Phone: 08 9670 3116

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Additional information can be found on the website below:

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\$94,000 for upgrades at the Southern Cross Swimming Pool

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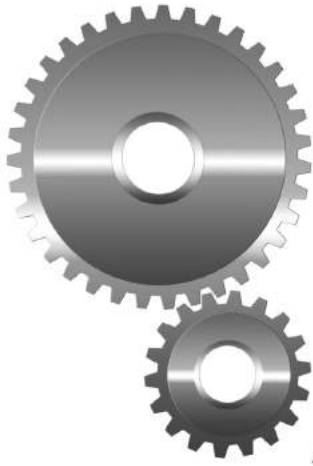
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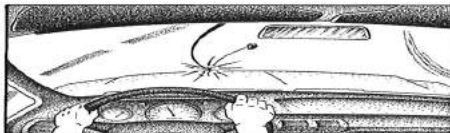
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Fri 24 Feb	Marty's Party @ Community Centre 6.30pm
Tue 28 Feb	AGM: Golf Club @ Golf Club 7.30pm
Tue 28 Feb	Business Basics @ CRC, 10.30am—12.30pm
Thu 2 Mar	AGM: Yilgarn Agricultural Society @ Complex 7.30pm
Thu 2 Mar	Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town
Tue 7 Mar	Seniors exercises resume for 2017
Thu 9 Mar	2017 Grains research update in Merredin 9am-5pm
Sat 11 Mar	State Elections @ Community centre
Sat 11 Mar	Yilgarn Ladies Day
Fri 17 Mar	Facebook for Business course @ CRC
Sat 18 Mar	Movies under the stars—"Last Cab to Darwin" @ Oval
Sat 18 Mar	Yoga class @ Rec centre lounge 7.30—9.30am
Fri 24 Mar	Food Sensations @ CRC 10.30am—2.30pm
Fri 24 Mar	Intermediate Word @ CRC 3pm
Tue 28 Mar	Constitution workshop @ CRC 6pm
Tue 28 Mar	Seniors Games 2017 @ Tammin
Fri 7 Apr	Intermediate Excel @ CRC 2pm

HACC activities are on Mondays & Wednesdays

Fancy Feet is on Tuesdays at 9.30am

Art Group is on Tuesday at 11.00am

Patchworking is on Tuesday at 6pm

Carpet bowls is on Wednesday at 10.00am

Singing is on Wednesday at 7.30pm

Movers & Groovers is on Thursdays at 9.30am

Scrapbooking is on Thursdays 10am—3pm

Carpet bowls @ Seniors Citizen Centre every 2nd Friday

Recycling Days

February 24

March 10

March 24

April 14

April 28

May 12

May 26

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