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Paint the Yilgarn REaD
PRESENTS A

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

Where: Rotary Park, next to the Community Centre
When: Saturday 21st October, 11am-1pm

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FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE, FRUIT CUP, WATER, TEA AND COFFEE

Bring a picnic blanket and cushions (and chairs if you wish) to enjoy some fun activities with your children/grandchildren/nieces/nephews/friends' children... and the official egg launch of Paint the Yilgarn REaD.

Young children enjoy the company of YOU, their parents and carers, more than anyone else, so come on down and spend some time with them in a fun environment and have a FREE sausage sizzle into the bargain! We look forward to seeing you there!

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Local Weather Update



Southern Cross AP year to date

Average rainfall to Sep	280.3mm	73 days
Total for 2017	277.8mm	61 days
Total to this day 2016	287.8mm	76 days
Wettest day	31.0mm	Jan 31
Lowest temperature	-2.3°C	Jun 30
Highest temperature	44.6°C	Jan 5

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Thu Oct 12	Fri Oct 20	Sat Oct 28	Fri Oct 6

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2017 Publishing Dates

Deadline 12 noon Publishing Date

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

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.

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FREE?!

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

Church Notices

Uniting Church

Uniting Church Notice:

Sunday 29th October 2017.

There will be a combined parish service at Southern Cross.
10.30am

Bring and share lunch to follow in Rotary Park.

Contact:

John McKane 9041 1117

Mobile 0435 507 606

Cheryl Auld 9049 8026

Diane Della Bosca 9049 1149

Catholic Church

48 Altair Street, Southern Cross

SX Presbytery 9049 1049 (Fri to Mon)

Kalgoorlie Parish 9021 2100 (Tues to Thurs)

Email: kalgoorlie@perthcatholic.org.au

Service times

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am

Monday 9:00am (school days only)

Anglican Church

Antares Street, Southern Cross

Service Dates at 11am

Saturday 21st October (instead of the 14th)

Saturday 11th of November

Enquiries: Leonie Gethin

Ph: (08) 9049 1222



Mentally Healthy WA

being active, having a sense of belonging and having a purpose in life all contribute to happiness and good mental health

Bushfire Season

It is officially bushfire season. If you live in on or near bushland, you are at risk from a bushfire and developing a **bushfire survival plan** is critical. Being prepared for a bushfire can help save you and your family’s lives, your property and your livelihood.

You need to think about the bushfire risk to your family and home:

- Do you live in or near bush?
- Does your local area have a bushfire history?
- Do you have trees and shrubs within 20 metres of your house?
- Is your house built on a slope?
- Is your bushfire survival plan more than one year old?
- If you answered yes to one or more of these questions then being impacted by a bushfire is a real risk to you and your family. You need to have a bushfire survival plan and keep it updated.

When developing your plan decide together if you will leave for a safer place, which may be to relocate to family or friends or to a Shire shelter if an evacuation is initiated, or stay to actively defend your home. Make sure you write everything down. If you live alone consider creating a plan with a neighbour or friend.

Everybody should have their own tasks and have a list of actions to take if there is a bushfire. Keep your bushfire survival plan in an easy to find place and make sure everyone knows where it is. Practice your plan regularly and review it every year.

For more information on bushfire preparedness, please visit <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/fire/bushfire/Pages/default.aspx>

Being prepared for a bushfire can save your life and property.



Source: The Homeowner’s Bushfire Survival Manual – Department of Fire and Emergency Services - 2014

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

There are a number of ways you can stay up to date with emergency information through the Shire and other organisations.

Harvest Bans

Information on Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans within the Shire of Yilgarn can be heard on the Emergency Information Service Hotline: (08) 9487 8777.

The service is updated daily and also includes information on road and airport closures; and will also be used to provide information in the event of an emergency so it is vital for everyone, not just farmers, to store this number in their phones or at home.

Whispir Alert System

The Shire of Yilgarn has an alert system for fires, road closures, harvest bans, airport closures, emergency information and community events. The alert system works via email and SMS. This is not just for farmers, as any relevant information during an emergency will also be dispersed via this method.

If you would like to receive alerts from the Shire or wish to update your details, please contact the Shire office by phone on 9049 1001 or by email reception@yilgarn.wa.gov.au with "Whispir" in the subject line and provide your preferred email and mobile phone number and which alerts you wish to sign up for.

ABC Radio Harvest Ban Announcements

Closer to summer ABC Local Radio will begin on air harvest ban announcements. The times of announcement will be advised closer to the commencement of announcements.

Bushfire Volunteer Brigade

The Yilgarn Bushfire Volunteer Brigade is currently seeking members, with brigades located at:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bodallin• Bullfinch• Marvel Loch• Miners Settlement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moorine Rock• Mt Hampton• Yilgarn Central (Southern Cross)• Yilgarn South
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If you would like more information on becoming a member please contact the following:

- Chief Bushfire Control Officer – Wayne Della Bosca – 0427 957 206
- Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer North – Ron Burro – 0428 127 710
- Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer South – Alan Nicholson – 0427 4914 054



Come along! Seniors trip to Wheatbelt Art Prize followed by luncheon

The Shire of Yilgarn / CRC has successfully applied for the WA Seniors Week 2017 Community Grants Program and received funds of \$430, which will enable 22 seniors and one volunteer bus driver to attend the Wheatbelt Art Prize on Friday 3rd November 2017 and then enjoy lunch at the Merredin Palace Chinese Restaurant.

The bus will leave at 9.30am and you will be back by 3.00pm.

If you wish to come along please call the CRC on 9049 1688 or email to crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au—first in best dressed.



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Communities**



& hats off to the Saint Fire Ball

The CRC has received a donation of \$500 from St Fire Ball to purchase exercise equipment for the “Movers and Groovers” seniors group who exercise twice a week at the Seniors Citizen Centre. Grant funding was sought to buy the equipment but the application was unsuccessful, so St Fire Ball offered to come to the party and generously support this cause.

Thank you all for your efforts and support to the community.

Small changes,
big differences.



Two hours is all you need for a Triple P Discussion Group

Positive parenting help for Dealing with Disobedience.

For parents and care givers with children aged between 3 – 8 years.

- Wednesday 1st November
- 9am – 11am
- Southern Cross CRC

Jessica Della Bosca

DATE

TIME

VENUE

PRESENTER

BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION

Please register by emailing Jessica.dellabosca@health.wa.gov.au or phone 90 491 321.



www.triplep.net



STAY ON YOUR FEET®

Move

Improve

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Move Your Body!

If you are 65 years or over, you are at increased risk of falling. Falling is not a normal part of aging, yet one in three people aged 65 years and over will fall each year.

Eastern Wheatbelt Primary Health's Zoe Ashby-Deering will be visiting Southern Cross to talk about strengthening your legs and improving your balance to prevent a fall.

On Thursday the 26th October at 10:30.

Please come down for a fun morning, cuppa and chat at the Southern Cross Senior Citizen's Centre.

Everyone is welcome!



Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service



www.stayonyourfeet.com.au



Christmas Shopping Day

18th November 2017

If you would like to sell your products, please register your stall at the CRC.

For further information please email the CRC on crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au or call 9049 1688.

Held at the
Senior Citizen's Centre

FAMILY COUNSELLING SERVICE

WHEATBELT AGCARE

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FAMILY COUNSELLOR

*...helping rural people meet the
challenges of change*

Contact: Melanie Meier
PO Box 101

Nungarin WA 6490

Phone: (08) 9046 5091

Fax: (08) 9046 5063

Mobile: 0488 465 081

Email: wheatbeltfamily@wn.com.au

For Complaints Resolution

Contact in writing

Chairman

Wheatbelt Agcare

PO Box 101

Nungarin WA 6490

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"good country for hardy people"

Community News

Birthday

Birthday Wishes
William Robert Cuffe
88 years 6/10/2017

To my dear husband William,
Wishing you a very happy day for your birthday.
You have gone through many rough storms
crossing many rivers in your lifetime and come
through the other side. Now tell your ailing body
you are not quite ready to throw the towel in yet.
Open up your eyes and enjoy your day.

All my love, your wife Ellen.

Happy 88th Birthday
William Robert Cuffe
06/10/2017

Dear Dad and Pop,
We wish you a very happy 88th birthday on
Friday 6th October 2017. I can not believe
another year has gone by. We have had a lot of
ups and downs but you always have a smile on
your face, keep thinking positive and everything
will work out for the best.

All our love and best wishes
From Ursula, Colin and Kayla

Reminder!

E-WASTE COLLECTION

The Shire will hold an E-Waste Collection on
Saturday 21st October 2017 at the Old Main
Roads Depot, Beaton Road from 9am-11am.

*Residents are asked to bring
their unwanted and
acceptable electrical
equipment for recycling –
there will be **NO** curbside
collection.*



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 on the third Wednesday each month.
Contact Judy Guerini 0427 904 912

Yilgarn Agricultural Society Meeting

First Thursday every month at 7.30pm
All welcome.
Contact the Secretary 0428 491 315.

Yilgarn Men's Shed AGM

12th October 2017
11.00am

Yilgarn Men's Shed
All welcome.

Uniting Church Notice

Sunday 29th October 2017.
There will be a combined parish service at
Southern Cross.
10.30am
Bring and share lunch to follow in Rotary Park.

AGM Notice

The Annual General Meeting of the Southern
Cross Aero Club Inc. will held at 1.00 pm on
Saturday 4 November 2017
There will be a BBQ lunch prior to the meeting
All welcome to attend

Enquiries to
Secretary Gary KENWARD
President Phil NOLAN



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

51 Altair Street, Southern Cross WA 6426

Pre Kindy — Year Six

All community members are invited to come and join

St Joseph's staff and students at our

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 25th October 2017

You are welcome to visit our school any time between
9:00-10:00am; 11:30am-12:30pm; 1:45-2:45pm.

We look forward to welcoming you to our School and
showcasing all that we have to offer.

For more information please contact the School on 9049 1046 or
e-mail admin@stjoessx.wa.edu.au



Skeleton Weed Local Action Group (L.A.G) Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2017

Landholders are encouraged to attend the Yilgarn skeleton weed L.A.G. AGM meeting on Wednesday the 18th of October at 6.00 pm at the Sports complex lounge. Members from DAFWA and the Grain, Seed and Hay Committee will be present to **answer any questions** landholder's may have. *BBQ dinner and drinks will be provided following the meeting.*



To RSVP/receive an Agenda please contact:

Robbie Della Bosca on 0427 791 135

Or

Nicola Granich on 9049 2007

Tuesday-Thursday from 8am

Email rebecca.maddock@agric.wa.gov.au





Dr Andrea Roberts BVMS, PO Box 543
MERREDIN WA 6415 Ph: 0428212945
ABN 23036138418

2017 Pat And Chat Mobile Vet Visiting
Southern Cross and Surrounding Areas on
the following Thursdays:

12th October
9th November
7th December

Laubman & Pank

Eyecare • Eyewear 

Laubman & Pank will be
visiting Southern Cross on

Monday
16 October 2017

For appointments please call
the Southern Cross
Pharmacy on 90491056

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



**St Joseph's Catholic
Primary School**

Currently receiving enrolments for Pre-Kindergarten to Year Six in 2018

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is a dynamic, co-educational, composite primary school, catering for Pre-Kindergarten to Year Six. Innovative curriculum is based on promoting student success with a strong emphasis on developing creative and critical thinking skills. The learning program offered at our school strives to address the needs of all students and aims to provide the broadest range of educational experiences so that every person can enjoy achievement and success. The staff at St Joseph's incorporate a large number of technologies into their teaching and learning practices, including Office 365, robotics, STEM and 1:1 iPad program. Quality teaching and learning is focused on educating for the 21st century.

For enquiries call (08) 9049 1046 Email: admin@stjoessx.wa.edu.au

Visit our website: www.stjoessx.wa.edu.au

CECWA's Health Care Card Discount Scheme is available to eligible card holders.



Yilgarn Occasional Child Care Centre

PO Box 139, Southern Cross
Phone 90491554

yilgarnchildcare@bigpond.com

**If you have young children who attend Yilgarn Occasional Child Care Centre or may attend Yilgarn Occasional Child Care Centre in the future
WE NEED YOU!**

It has been one of our busiest years to date, with the majority of our families requiring the centre to work. We require people to be involved by becoming a committee member or we will close our doors. If you think you can help and want more information about the role a committee member or executive committee member is required to do please contact Sara Loader on 0429 190 882.

Our AGM will be held on Monday 30th October 2017 7:30pm at the Centre.

All positions will be declared vacant:

**President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Committee**

If a committee is NOT formed, the Centre will close after the meeting, which means no Child Care service for our community.

Meeting Agenda

- Election of office bearers
- Membership Fees 2018
- Sessional Fees 2018

If you wish to see this service continue in our Community, you need to show your support by attending the AGM.



Schoen Podiatry in Southern Cross at the Senior Citizen
Centre Thursday 26th October and 7th December.
Call Deb on 0405 390 063 for an appointment.



About

Over the past two decades, the Award has gained a significant profile, and is recognised as a program of influence among parliamentarians, industry, media and Award alumni. Each state and territory winner receives a \$10,000 bursary for innovative ideas and projects, access to professional development opportunities and alumni networks.

AgriFutures Australia is committed to the future growth and advancement of the Award as a means of identifying, celebrating and empowering women. The Rural Women's Award is one of many AgriFutures Australia initiatives ensuring our rural industries prosper now, and into the future.

Who can apply

- The Award is open to all women involved in rural industries, rural and regional businesses and rural and regional communities.
- Location is no barrier. If you want to create impact, innovate and make a difference and/or contribute to enhancing the prosperity of rural and regional Australia, then we want to hear from you.
- Women must be over the age of 18.
- No formal qualifications are required.
- Detailed Award guidelines can be found by going to <http://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/RWA-who-can-apply-what-is-required-v3.pdf>

When we refer to “rural industries” we mean agriculture, forestry and fisheries.

How to apply

Online applications for the AgriFutures™ Rural Women's Award open Thursday 14 September 2017 and close Sunday 29 October 2017 at 9pm AEDT.

Applications must address all selection criteria and include contact details for two referees.

Referees will only be contacted if your application makes it to the final round – i.e. face-to-face state/territory interviews.

State Coordinator contact information is provided below. We encourage you to contact your State Coordinator who will guide you through the application process and provide feedback on your project, initiative or idea.

For further information, please contact the Western Australia Award Coordinator:

Rob Leicester

Department of Regional Development

08 6552 2018

rob.leicester@drd.wa.gov.au

or visit <http://www.agrifutures.com.au/people-leadership/rural-womens-award/>



YME Best Car in Show – David Scuderi with a Holden Torana LC GTR XU1 & the winner of \$700

YME Best Bike in Show – Peter Spurr with a Harley Davidson Street Glide Special & the winner of \$400

People's Choice 1st Car – Fredo Pedrin with a Holden FJ Windowless Panel Van

People's Choice 2nd Car – Phill Rafferty with a Chevrolet Hot Rod

People's Choice 1st Bike – Steve Grimsey with a Vespa & Side Car

People's Choice 2nd Bike – Jason Newton with a Harley Davidson Heritage

Pimp My Pushbike – Jayden Furnell, winner of a medallion and a \$25 Target Voucher

Fuel voucher winners:

\$50 – Shane Dorrington travelled from Esperance

\$150 – Brothers As One West Coast Motorcycle Club Travelled from Esperance

Spot Prize winners:

\$50 – Jan Klucznik with a Ford Deluxe

\$50 – Alyson Granville with a Chrysler CL Charger

\$50 – Roger Loader with a Volkswagen Beetle

\$50 – Jarques Van Eeden with a Suzuki GSXR 1000

\$50 – Shane Price with a Harley Davidson Iron 883

\$50 – Bill Price with a Harley Davidson Deluxe

Raffle winners:

\$100 Note raffle – Jason Newton

Spotlights – David Hansord

Car Battery – Peter Spurr

12v Air Compressor – Chris Coulahan

Thank you to our sponsors, without their assistance we could not run this event:

Shire of Yilgarn ~~ Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore ~~ Mineral Resources ~~ CBH Grass Roots ~~ Westdrill Pty Ltd~~WA Salt Koolyanobbing Pty Ltd ~~ Southern Cross Tyre & Auto Services ~~ Banner Excavating ~~ Club Hotel ~~ ASRF ~~Donovan Ford & Merredin Nissan ~~ SHAC Electrical~~ Southern Cross Motor Mart ~~ Avon Waste ~~ Stephen Transport Pty Ltd ~~ Merredin Panel & Paint ~~ Portacrete Concrete ~~ Westpac Banking Corp ~~ Dunnings Fuels ~~ Leonie Coutis Hairdressing ~~ BP Southern Cross ~~ Edgcombes Jewellery ~~ Great Southern Fuels Merredin ~~ Elders Rural Services ~~ Southern Cross Hardware & News ~~ Railway Tavern ~~ Target Country

Thank You:

Paul Della Bosca & Dave Pasini for the webbers & Aly & helpers for cooking the spit roasts.— Wilma Della Bosca for the farm fresh eggs.— Anne Hanretty for keeping our toilets fresh & clean.— SX Bowls & Tennis Club for the loan of their chairs & wine glasses.—SX Football Club for the loan of their bain marie, - Phill Rafferty for the Sunday music on the oval & John Ciabbarri in the evening.— Coke & Sue Bosenberg for running the bar and all of our great volunteers who cooked potato bakes, cheesy veg, garlic potatoes, made salads and custard. Also our volunteers who cooked & manned the breakfast, manned the gate & office, positioned cars, bikes & stalls.

Thank you to all our members for their tireless hard work in organising and running of our event and we would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers for their help on the day, some of whom are not even members of our club. We are only a small club with 23 members (we grew by 3 members on Sunday), so it is a massive effort. The weather looked ominous in the early morning, but it fined up with only a few showers throughout the day. We had a few stalls & a food outlet which didn't turn up, presumably because of the weather?? So this put some pressure on our remaining food outlet but the public were patient & understanding. We have once again had some great feedback from our visiting car and bike enthusiasts about how much they enjoyed themselves and that they felt very welcomed by the locals. There is nothing like good old country hospitality.



Thank you to all those that attended the WAFarmers Merredin Zone AGM and General Meeting last week. The following motions were carried:

The Zone calls on WAFarmers to voice our extreme displeasure in the reduction in BAHA funding by the current Labor government and that measures be taken to reverse this decision and maintain the current BAHA available to rural families. Consideration must be made of the fact that rural families are taking the load of budget constraints and the disadvantage country students already face; particularly that children could possibly now be away from home for 6 years for their high school education.

That WAFarmers approach GRDC requesting them to widen their research into frost alleviation to include:

The acceleration of a plant-breeding program with frost tolerance with a major characteristic.

To investigate other possible methods of control such as changing soil colour, introducing heat-retaining material, direction of sowing, seed spacing etc.

At the WAFarmers meeting at Kulin on 22 August 2017, Darren West MLC mentioned there would be funding for Tier 3 however there was no funding announced in the 2017 state budget. The Merredin Zone requests that WAFarmers approach Darren West MLC for clarification.

Your WAFarmers representatives elected were:

President: Tim Cusack

Vice President: Scott Stirrat

Zone Coordinator: Felicity Cowan

Grains Council : Josh Fuchsbichler

Grains Council Proxy: Peter Cowan

Livestock Council - position open

Please feel free to contact representatives to discuss agricultural issues that WAFarmers can help with to work towards a more viable, profitable and sustainable future for the agricultural industry.

Tim Cusack 0427 330 120 Scott Stirrat 0427 635 030 Felicity Cowan 0428 191 083

Thank you to all who entered their home made sausages in our competition.

Well done to Colin Ogilvie who took out the inaugural 'Bring Your Ding' Golden Snag.

And well done also to Holly Cusack on winning the 'people's choice award' for her ding snag.





YILGARN HISTORY MUSEUM

SOUTHERN CROSS INC.

Aviation at Southern Cross (Part two)

Regular landings showed the need for a public landing ground, leading to the Yilgarn Road Board inspecting possible sites, one on crown land along the Marvel Loch road and the other near the Magazine. Local farmers Mr Stacey and Mr Forrester were also asked to sell suitable paddocks.

By 1935 there was still no aerodrome at Southern Cross and aviators complained about the lack of a public landing ground. Landing on private property had its limitations plus Forrester charged landing fees.

In October 1937 the town was visited by Messrs Julius and Clancy who were on the last stage of their around Australia flight. Forrester's farm was again utilised while refuelling took place, and after a short tour of the town the pair left for Kalgoorlie enroute for Sydney.

Interest in aviation was growing. In the same month the Royal Aero Club of WA held a carnival meeting on Forrester's farm to gauge interest in forming a branch at Southern Cross. Two planes were used with the famous Jimmy Woods as one of the instructors. Southern Cross Aero Club ended up with 29 members.

For a period the Royal Aero Club stationed a tiger moth at Southern Cross for instructional purposes. It also flew to Marvel Loch to give instruction at that centre. The club used one of Mr Forrester's paddocks but were negotiating for its own private aerodrome.

There was a time when the local representative of one of the oil companies was notified that a small plane piloted by a Mr James would require to be refuelled just before dusk. Mr James was on his last leg of an attempt to break a record – namely a solo flight around Australia. Flares were set out on the landing ground and just before dark the engine of a plane could be heard in the direction of Garrett, seven miles west of the drome. A large number of cars that had assembled to greet the flyer focused their car lights on the landing area, but nothing more was heard of the plane. After some conjecture a large search party consisting of over 20 cars crammed with observers and first aid members set out to search, without success. At dawn the search continued but not a trace of the missing plane could be found. It was not until later in the morning that advice was received that Mr James had decided not to refuel at Southern Cross, so had landed at dusk in a paddock at Garratt, had a sleep and took off early in the morning without bothering to notify anyone. Telegrams of apology were received. Not long after this Mr James was killed in an air crash.

In February 1938 the Yilgarn Flying Club applied to have an aerodrome reserved on an abandoned farm along the Marvel Loch road. Yilgarn Road Board chairman wrote to Lands Dept: 'Re need for an aerodrome at Southern Cross. At present a private farm is used as a landing ground. The Royal Aero Club has been pressing for a ground, and an application was lodged for an abandoned farm, location 229, as an aero reserve. My Board has no funds and therefore makes application to the Civil Aviation Board for financial assistance. Civil Aviation Board has agreed to make available an inspector for purpose of a layout. I think £200 would be sufficient.'

Location 229 was granted, but Main Roads Dept advised that a request to grade and form the airstrip would be considered when funds become available, along with applications of similar nature.

With war imminent Civil Aviation inspected block 229 in June 1939 but was not impressed due restricted in area and depressions, but Cowards abandoned block 230 alongside would do. It would require £633 to make into a landing ground.

In October 1939 a proposed aerodrome on location 230 was approved and advertised through the government gazette as reserve 22059. The Government would pay half and Yilgarn Road Board pay the other half. Main Roads Dept to make the area suitable by putting a fire through to get rid of grass and stumps. The project got no further as Yilgarn Road Board advised with regret that it could not spend

scarce funds on a project with no benefit to ratepayers.

By this stage the war had commenced, with the Military intimating it may take control of reserve 22059, now vested in the Board, for a landing ground. Nothing further happened.

With the declaration of war in 1939, private flying was at an end. Instead there came a different kind of activity on the emergency landing ground at Forrester's farm.

At dawn on New Year's Day in 1940 a small orange coloured training plane landed, to be followed in quick succession by over twenty similar planes. Spectators were dumfounded as nothing like this had happened before. It was a prelude to what was destined for the future. The planes were on the way from the eastern states to the new air training centre at Cunderdin.

The Commonwealth Government had also decided to establish a Flying Training School at Southern Cross. The project was to be a very large one as it was intended to serve as an air training school and repair workshop.

Hostilities showed that WA needed air force capabilities not linked to the coastal region. The Commonwealth sought a site for an inland base and Southern Cross was chosen. It was also on the east/west rail link. At the same time an Elementary Flying Training School was to be established at Cunderdin.

In August 1940 a start was made on establishing No 4 Service Flying Training School on Forrester's farm at Southern Cross, as part of the Empire Air Training Scheme.

A total area of 1,300 acres of prime farming land adjacent to the homestead was resumed from Forrester, he being the pioneer farmer of Yilgarn who established his farm from bush during 1902.

For several months the area was a scene of intense activity. Huge planes carrying the highest ranking personnel in the Australian and American Air Forces were frequent visitors, making enquiries into all aspects of the locality – hospital facilities, water, supplies etc.

Main Roads Dept was delegated to construct the aerodrome, renting buildings on nearby Greater Sports ground as headquarters. Rows of tents to house workers were erected alongside the Koolyanobbing road. Mr Vic Edwards a former Bank Inspector was in charge of developing the ground. One hundred men worked on construction, in addition to structural engineers, surveyors, and others. One thousand men would be stationed at the flying school when completed.

The influx of workers provided an opportunity. Bill Forrester obtained the contract to supply milk, while other local businesses also benefited.

Construction commenced in September on the tarmac, roads, tennis court, paths, and parade ground. A sum of £35,000 was allocated for the work including camps for the operations staff. A further £425 was set aside for a firing range.

The effect on the farm was devastating. All timber and shade belts on or near the selected area were removed, fences demolished, dams filled in, and a house razed. A few trees were retained for ornamental purposes near the administrative block. The entire area was then graded and dragged with lengths of railway line, after which an elaborate system of roadways and approaches were laid out and water bound to cater for the administrative block, workshops, hangars etc. Hundreds of drums of bitumen were carted in for sealing purposes. Huge concrete foundations 6 to 8 feet deep were laid out for engine blocks and stanchion beds etc.

Changes were ongoing. New instructions were issued a month later to proceed with construction but exclude the tarmac area.

In case the aerodrome was incapacitated, Main Roads Dept was asked to prepare plans for an emergency landing ground nearby, with No 1 site being location 230 (present aerodrome) and No 2 site lot 220 one mile south of Garrett siding. 'It is not desired that sustenance labour be considered, but picked men be employed capable of making a good job in quick time.'

However the order was quickly countermanded. 'Re emergency landing ground - no action to be taken for the time being.'



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MEDIA RELEASE

The ABC's of Mental Health Week

This week is Mental Health Week! It's not only a time to raise awareness of mental illness and reduce stigma, it's also a time to reflect on what keeps us mentally healthy.

Act-Belong-Commit is a world-first campaign developed by Curtin University in Western Australia that focuses on what we can and all should do to look after our mental health.

"We're encouraging people to do things they enjoy, and do them more often" said Zoe Ashby-Deering the Health Promotion Officer from Eastern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service.

According to Zoe keeping active, having a sense of belonging and having a purpose in life are all good for our mental health and wellbeing.

"If we keep active, get involved in community activities, and do things that give us a sense of meaning and purpose in life, we not only feel happier, but we can cope better with problems and stress" she said.

We are not really telling people anything new here, there are a range of things that can make people more mentally healthy. The problem is that most people just don't think about their mental health often enough.

Mental Health Week is 7-14th of October, coinciding with World Mental Health Day Tuesday the 10th of October. There are a range of fun activities planned across Eastern Wheatbelt including movie nights, yoga, picnics, community breakfasts and twilight golf.

Please contact your local Community Resource Centre to find out more or organise your own get-together with friends!

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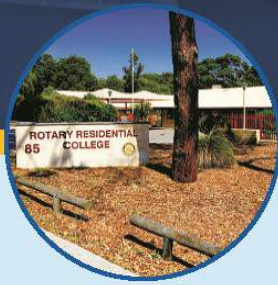
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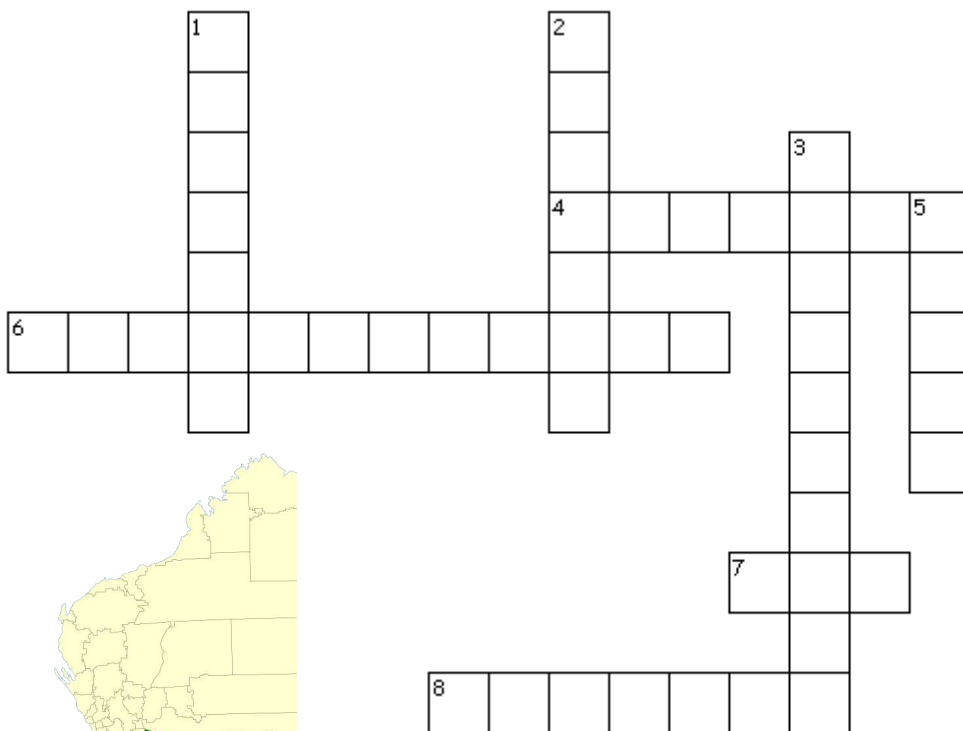


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"Shire of Yilgarn" Crossword puzzle!



Across

4. Main street in Southern Cross
6. The big salt lake heading towards Bullfinch
7. Where the public library is located
8. Southern Cross Football Club's team name

Down

1. Place name within our Shire meaning "White Quartz"
2. The lake that goes around Southern Cross town site
3. Name of the local paper
5. What some of the streets are named after



Want to see more puzzles like this? Email the CRC on crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au with your subject suggestions!



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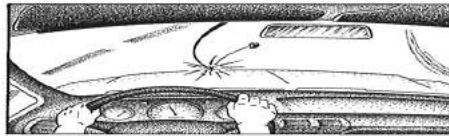
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Yilgarn timeline (continued)

1948

Keith Pollard met with a painful accident while killing a bullock. The knife slipped, severing arteries and sinews in his instep.

Enough footballers are available to reform SX Association which has been in recess.

Our new aerodrome is well used. The Kalg/Perth plane lands most days for passengers.

Local police unearthed a late model car near Duri from a hole 7 feet deep, stolen over east and driven to WA and buried. It was none the worse for its immersion.

1949

Main Roads Dept has completed bituminising the road from Merredin to Southern Cross. The remainder to Kalgoorlie will be done in sections as money becomes available.

The Road Board electricity plant is still running at a loss, despite recent increases to the charge. The long term view is for SX to be supplied by power from Bullfinch Mine.

The football reserve is being extended to accommodate more activities, by reclaiming portion of the surrounding streets.

The local football association has disbanded due insufficient players to maintain three teams. Now there will be half a hundred young men with no sport.

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Thu 12 Oct	Yilgarn Men's Shed AGM @ Yilgarn Men's Shed 11am
Thu 12 Oct	Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town
Mon 16 Oct	Laubman & Pank in town @ Hospital
Tue 17 Oct	SXFC: Busy Bee 5pm & AGM 7pm @ Complex
Wed 18 Oct	Skeleton Weed Local Action Group AGM @ Complex Lounge 6pm
Wed 18 Oct	Eastern District Panel Beaters in town @ Motor Mart
Thu 19 Oct	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers 4pm
Sat 21 Oct	Paint the Yilgarn REaD - FREE family fun day
Sat 21 Oct	E-Waste collection @ Old Main Roads Depot, Beaton Road from 9am-11am
Tue 24 Oct	Southern Cross Golf Club AGM @ Golf Club 7.30pm
Wed 25 Oct	St Joseph's Primary School Open Day—please see ad inside for open hours
Thu 26 Oct	Stay on your feet presentation @ Senior Citizen's Centre 10.30am
Thu 26 Oct	Schoen Podiatry in town
Mon 30 Oct	Yilgarn Occasional Child Care Centre AGM @ Child Care Centre 7.30pm
Wed 1 Nov	Merredin Veterinary Clinic in town @ Southern Cross Oval
Wed 1 Nov	Triple P Discussion Group @ CRC 9am
Fri 3 Nov	Seniors bus trip—Wheatbelt Art Prize and Luncheon
Sat 4 Nov	Southern Cross Aero Club AGM 1pm
Thu 9 Nov	Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town
Wed 15 Nov	Eastern District Panel Beaters in town @ Motor Mart
Thu 16 Nov	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers 4pm
Sat 18 Nov	Christmas Shopping Day @ Senior Citizen's Centre—Book your stalls now!
Wed 29 Nov	Merredin Veterinary Clinic in town @ Southern Cross Oval
Fri 15 Dec	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers 10.30am
Fri 15 Dec	SAVE THE DATE! Carols by Candlelight

HACC activities are on Mondays & Wednesdays @ SX Hospital

Happening at the Senior Citizen's Centre:

- 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 every 2nd & 4th Friday

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- October 13
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