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# Crosswords

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Community  
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Centre

Yilgarn  
LOCAL TV Southern Cross Radio

## CHRISTMAS LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

**FRI  
6TH  
DEC**

**'SHOPPING DISTRICT' ANTARES STREET  
FROM 5.30PM**

ROAD CLOSURE ACTIVE FROM 5.15PM  
GREAT EASTERN HIGHWAY TO ACHERNAR ST  
ROUNDAABOUT

**SPECIAL VISIT BY SANTA 6.30PM**

LIVE MUSIC

**DAREN REID & THE SOUL  
CITY GROOVE FROM 7PM  
AT THE CLUB HOTEL**



**SPONSORED BY THE CLUB HOTEL, HAVCON ENGINEERING,  
BARTO GOLD MINING PTY LTD AND COVALENT LITHIUM!**

### **SOME STALLS ATTENDING SO FAR:**

MULULU, FLAVOURISTA,  
TJT PHOTOGRAPHY, SOUTHERN  
STAR CAFE WITH GIFTWARE,  
SPUD & J@X DOG TREATS,  
ST JOSEPH'S P&F WITH GLOW  
PRODUCTS, THERMOMIX, CROCS  
& JIBBITS, PLUS SEVERAL CRAFT,  
ART PIECES AND ALL SORTS  
STALLS.

### **SHOPS OPEN:**

FOODWORKS  
STATIONARY STORE  
THE NURSERY  
SX HARDWARE & NEWS  
COUNTRY CHARM  
OP SHOP  
SOUTHERN CROSS COFFEE LOUNGE (PLUS  
TEMPORARY TATTOOS FROM 'TRASH'!)  
SOUTHERN STAR CAFE  
THE CLUB HOTEL  
\*AND ANY RETAILER USUALLY OPEN\*

### **FOOD OPTIONS IN THE STREET:**

THE CLUB HOTEL  
ROAST BEEF & GRAVY ROLLS, CHIPS, PIZZA  
  
SOUTHERN CROSS COFFEE  
LOUNGE  
ASSORTED BURGERS, COFFEE, MILKSHAKES,  
ICE CREAMS, HOT DONUTS, CAKES  
  
SOUTHERN STAR CAFE  
FOOD, COFFEE, COLD DRINKS AND CABINET  
SWEETS





# Christmas Lights Competition 2024



## Monday 9th December 2024

There are 2 x \$100 gift vouchers to be won!

An invitation is extended to all Yilgarn residents\*

\*Registration is required for out of Southern Cross town site areas before Friday 6th December at 12 noon by calling 9049 1001 or emailing [aso@yilgarn.wa.gov.au](mailto:aso@yilgarn.wa.gov.au)





# Australia Day 2025

**Sunday, 26th January 2025**

**Rotary Park**

**Join us at Rotary Park for a cooked breakfast from 8am to 9.30am**

**Shire of Yilgarn Active Citizenship Australia Day Awards 9.30am**

**Pool Open from 10am with inflatable from 11am**

**Thong tossing competition with prizes at the pool.**





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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.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1:00pm to 4:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1:00pm to 4:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday and Thursday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1:00pm to 4:00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am to 4:00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00am to 4:00pm</b>

## Crosswords Advertising Rates 2024/25 (as of 1 July 2024)

### Business Advertisements

(Business premises outside of the Shire of Yilgarn)

	Black		Colour	
	No Typesetting	With Typesetting	No Typesetting	With Typesetting
Full Page (A4)	\$35.00	\$55.00	\$160.00	\$180.00
1/2 Page (A5)	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
1/4 Page	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$60.00

### Local Business and Non-Profit Organisations Advertisements

(Business premises within the Shire of Yilgarn)

Full Page (A4)	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$130.00	\$160.00
1/2 Page (A5)	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$70.00	\$90.00
1/4 Page	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$35.00	\$40.00

Lineage (Employment, Real Estate, Garage Sales maximum 6 lines)	\$8.00
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## Advert size specifications for Crosswords (W x H)

1/4 page vertical	90mm x 120mm
1/4 page horizontal	180mm x 60mm
1/2 page vertical	90mm x 270mm
1/2 page horizontal	180mm x 120mm
A4 Full page	180mm x 270mm

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



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

## 2024 Publishing Dates

Deadline 12 noon	Publishing Date
17/12/2024	19/12/2024

## 2025 Publishing Dates

Deadline 12 noon	Publishing Date
14/01/2025	16/01/2025
28/01/2025	30/01/2025
11/02/2025	13/02/2025
25/02/2025	27/02/2025
11/03/2025	13/03/2025
25/03/2025	27/03/2025
8/04/2025	10/04/2025
22/04/2025	24/04/2025
6/05/2025	8/05/2025
20/05/2025	22/05/2025
3/06/2025	5/06/2025
17/06/2025	19/06/2025
1/07/2025	3/07/2025
15/07/2025	17/07/2025
29/07/2025	31/07/2025
12/08/2025	14/08/2025
26/08/2025	28/08/2025
9/09/2025	11/09/2025
23/09/2025	25/09/2025
7/10/2025	9/10/2025
21/10/2025	23/10/2025
4/11/2025	6/11/2025
18/11/2025	20/11/2025
2/12/2025	4/12/2025
16/12/2025	18/12/2025

## Church Notices / Updates

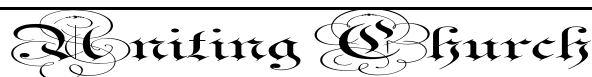


48 Altair Street, Southern Cross  
 SX Presbytery: 9049 1049 (Sun to Mon)  
 Bruce Rock Presbytery: 9061 1094 (Tues to Sat)  
 Email: [yilgarnwestoniacatholic@gmail.com](mailto:yilgarnwestoniacatholic@gmail.com)  
 Facebook: Yilgarn/Westonia Catholic Community  
 YouTube: Yilgarn Westonia Catholic  
**CBH Grain Donations (SX): 40564452**

### Mass Times

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

Christmas Vigil Mass on Tues 24 Dec at 4:00pm



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

### Contact:

Cheryl Auld 9049 8026  
 Diane Della Bosca 9049 1149



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

2024 Anglican Services Christ Church Southern Cross  
 All services are held at 11.00am on Saturdays  
 Everyone is invited

**Saturday 21st December 2024**  
 ("Christmas" service)

## SX SPEEDWAY

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



## Shire of Yilgarn

Local Government Act 1995

### **NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO MAKE A LOCAL LAW**

Pursuant to Section 3.5 of the Local Government Act, the Council of the Shire of Yilgarn resolved at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 21 November 2024 that it proposes to make the following local laws:

**A) Public Places, Local Government Property and Trading Local Law 2025**

**PURPOSE:** To regulate the care, control and management of all property of the local government.

**EFFECT:** To control the use of local government property. Some activities are permitted only under a permit or under a determination and some activities are restricted or prohibited. Offences are created for inappropriate behaviour in or on local government property.

**B) Removal of Refuse, Rubbish and Disused Materials Local Law 2025**

**PURPOSE:** To make provisions about the removal of Refuse, Rubbish and Disused Materials.

**EFFECT:** To allow the local government to manage untidy and unsightly properties more efficiently.

**C) Bush Fire Brigade Local Law 2025**

**PURPOSE:** To make provisions about the organisation, establishment, maintenance and equipment of bush fire brigades.

**EFFECT:** To align existing Local Laws with changes in the law and operational practice.

A copy of the proposed local laws may be inspected at or obtained from the Shire's administration office at 23 Antares Street, Southern Cross, between 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday to Friday, and at the Southern Cross Library located at the Community Resource Centre during normal opening times. Copies will also be available at [www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au](http://www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au)

Written submissions about the proposed local laws may be made to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Yilgarn, PO Box 86, Southern Cross, WA, 6426 or [ceo@yilgarn.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@yilgarn.wa.gov.au) by 4:00 pm Thursday 23 January 2025.

Nic Warren  
Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Yilgarn

## OFF ROAD VEHICLE USE

The Shire is aware of off-road vehicle use within the Southern Cross town site, including the bushland up to Three Boys Road. Due to potential conflicts with pedestrians and nuisances caused to nearby residents, off road vehicle users are asked to avoid this area.

### **What is an Off-Road Vehicle**

The Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978 (the Act), defines an off-road vehicle as:

*"a vehicle which is not licensed, deemed to be licensed, or the subject of a permit granted, under the Road Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012"*

This includes but is not limited to motorbikes, quadbikes, some scooters and buggies.

### **Where can Off-Road Vehicles be Driven**

The Act states off-road vehicles are only permitted to be driven/ridden:

- On privately owned land with the consent of the owners: and
- On land designated as a "permitted area" by the Minister of Local Government.

The Shire of Yilgarn has no "permitted areas" designated by the Minister, which means off-road vehicles should only be operated on private land, with the consent of the owner.

If you are interested in joining the Southern Cross Motorcycle Club, their website for contact and membership details are: <http://www.sxmcc.com.au/>

### **Enforcement**

Both the Shire of Yilgarn and WA Police can enforce the requirements of the Act.

The Southern Cross Police will respond to nuisances around town sites and residences. It should be noted, penalties do apply and if caught on gazetted roads, your off-road vehicle may be seized.

For further information, please contact the Shire of Yilgarn on 9049 1001 or Southern Cross Police Station on 9081 2100.



## Rules for eRideable Devices

New rules have now been introduced to keep eRiders and other West Australian road users safe.

An eRideable device is:

- A small electric rideable device with at least one wheel;
- Is less than 125cm long, 70cm wide and 135cm high;
- Is 25kg or less and not capable of travelling faster than 25km/h on level ground;

The following images detail the basic rules for eRideable use in Western Australia. For more information, visit: <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/road-safety-commission/erideables>







eRideables are classed as vehicles, so all road laws that apply to vehicles apply to riders as well, unless they are expressly excluded.

eRideable riders share the same rights and responsibilities as drivers and must obey the road rules.

Southern Cross Police are authorised to undertake enforcement of eRideable devices and their use.



# Christmas & NEW YEAR CLOSURES

## SHIRE OF YILGARN & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 Dec 2024 OPEN	10 Dec 2024 OPEN <small>CRC closed one hour between 10am &amp; 11am</small>	11 Dec 2024 OPEN	12 Dec 2024 OPEN	13 Dec 2024 OPEN <small>Shire closed from 12pm, CRC closed from 12.30pm</small>
16 Dec 2024 OPEN	17 Dec 2024 OPEN	18 Dec 2024 OPEN	19 Dec 2024 OPEN	20 Dec 2024 OPEN
23 Dec 2024 SHIRE OPEN ONLY	24 Dec 2024 CLOSED	25 Dec 2024 CLOSED	26 Dec 2024 CLOSED	27 Dec 2024 CLOSED
30 Dec 2024 CLOSED	31 Dec 2024 CLOSED	1 Jan 2025 CLOSED	2 Jan 2025 OPEN	3 Jan 2025 OPEN

### YILGARN HISTORY MUSEUM

The Yilgarn History Museum will be closed all day Friday 13th December, and will close for the year from Friday 20th December at 4.30pm, and will reopen on Monday 6th January 2025 at 9.30am.

### SOUTHERN CROSS AQUATIC CENTRE

The Southern Cross Aquatic Centre will be closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

### SOUTHERN CROSS LANDFILL SITE

The Southern Cross Landfill Site will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.





## **Motor Vehicle Licensing**

All matters pertaining to Motor Vehicle Registrations and Drivers Licences will be unable to be transacted during the above closure period and therefore residents are encouraged to have all their licensing requirements attended to prior to 3.00pm Friday, 20 December 2024. You can also perform some licensing enquiries and payments through DoTDirect [www.transport.wa.gov.au/dotdirect/dotdirect.asp](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/dotdirect/dotdirect.asp) or phone 13 11 56.

## **TRANSWA**

During the Christmas/New Year closure period you will be unable to book/print train tickets at the Shire of Yilgarn office. Please visit <https://bookings.transwa.wa.gov.au/dates> to book online, or call 1300 662 205. Unregistered concession holders will need to ensure all tickets are booked and printed before the Shire Office closes as you are unable to purchase online or over the phone.

## **Standpipes**

Prepaid funds will need to be added to Standpipe cards before Friday 20th December to ensure you can continue to access the standpipes over Christmas/New Year. Any funds paid via bank transfer during the Christmas period will be applied after Thursday 2nd January 2025. There will be no disruption of service for post-paid.

## **Library Books**

Users of the Shire of Yilgarn Library are requested to exchange their books before 12.30pm, Friday 20 December 2024 so that they have adequate supplies over the Christmas/New Year Holiday period.

## **Services Australia (Centrelink/Medicare/Child Support)**

Users of the Services Australia Access Point are advised that the Access Point will be closed for the same days/hours as the CRC, and will reopen at 8.15am, Thursday 2nd January when the CRC reopens for the year.

## **Containers for Change**

Green bags and tags will be available at the CRC up until 12.30pm, Friday 20th December 2024 (or until they run out). There will be no bags available until the CRC reopens in the New Year.

*Councillors and staff wish all residents a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.*

Nic Warren  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER





## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST GENERAL HAND ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE**

The Shire of Yilgarn currently has an opportunity for a reliable person to join our team. The primary responsibilities of the position are the construction and maintenance of Shire roads.

The applicant must be:

- Self-motivated
- Have a strong work ethic
- Work well in a team
- HR manual drivers' licence
- Physically able to undertake manual work including bending, lifting and handling various types of tools and equipment
- Physically fit

What we offer:

- up to 19% superannuation contribution
- heavily subsidized housing/housing allowance
- a Rostered Day off every 19 days
- consistent overtime available, current average work day of 9.5 hours (including overtime)
- adverse working conditions allowance
- uniform allowance
- relocation expenses in accordance with Shire Policy

Clothing and protective equipment provided.

Interested candidates are requested to obtain an application pack from:

- administration office at 23 Antares Street, Southern Cross, or
- telephone Payroll/HR 08 9049 1001, or
- payroll@yilgarn.wa.gov.au , or
- website [www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au](http://www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au).

Applications should be marked "Confidential Application – General Hand Road Construction and Maintenance".

**Nic Warren**

**Chief Executive Officer**

Shire of Yilgarn PO Box 86  
SOUTHERN CROSS WA 6426

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

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CASUAL CLEANER

The Shire of Yilgarn currently has an opportunity for a reliable person to join our team on a casual basis. The primary responsibilities of the position are the cleaning of Shire owned premises.

The applicant must be:

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

What we offer:

- Flexible working hours
- Casual loading of 25%
- Option to progress to permanent employment for the right employee
- Full training

Cleaning equipment and products provided.

Interested candidates are requested to obtain an application pack from:

- administration office at 23 Antares Street, Southern Cross, or
- telephone Payroll/HR 08 9049 1001, or
- [payroll@yilgarn.wa.gov.au](mailto:payroll@yilgarn.wa.gov.au) , or
- website [www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au](http://www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au).

Applications should be marked "Confidential Application – Casual Cleaner".

**Nic Warren**

**Chief Executive Officer**

Shire of Yilgarn

PO Box 86

SOUTHERN CROSS WA 6426

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## GENERAL HAND – PARKS AND GARDENS

The Shire of Yilgarn is seeking applications for the position of Parks and Gardens General Hand. The primary responsibilities of the position are maintaining the Shire's parks, gardens and reserves, including the operation of mechanical equipment such as ride-on mowers, whipper snippers, light tip truck and chemical spraying equipment. The applicant must have a minimum C manual drivers' licence.

The applicant must be physically fit as this position requires work outdoors in all kinds of weather. Some of the work is physically demanding as it involves bending, lifting and handling various types of tools and equipment.

This position operates out of the works depot located in Arcturus Street, Southern Cross under the supervision of the Executive Manager Infrastructure.

An information package is available at [www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au](http://www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au) or by contacting Wes Furney 08 90491 001 or [payroll@yilgarn.wa.gov.au](mailto:payroll@yilgarn.wa.gov.au). Further information can be obtained by contacting Executive Manager Infrastructure – Glen Brigg on 0409 791 135.

Written applications, addressed to the CEO and marked confidential, will be received up to **4:00pm** on **9 December 2024**. Refer to the application pack for further information on how to apply.

**Nic Warren**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

Shire of Yilgarn  
PO Box 86 SOUTHERN CROSS WA 6426

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## Expressions of Interest

### **Gardener/Handyperson with own tools/equipment & Transport Caravan Park Grounds Maintenance**

The Shire of Yilgarn are seeking expressions of interest for a gardener/handyperson business to perform regular (approx. 12 hours per week) Grounds Maintenance/gardening work at the Southern Cross Caravan Park with an immediate start.

You must have:

- An Australian Business Number
- Ability to send Tax Invoices for payment
- Own transport, tools and equipment

For further information or to express your interest, please contact Mr Cameron Watson on 9049 1001 or by email on [emcs@yilgarn.wa.gov.au](mailto:emcs@yilgarn.wa.gov.au).

**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.



# EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Shire of Yilgarn is seeking expressions of interest from individuals and organisations seeking industrial land in Southern Cross.

There are a number of industrial zoned lots located in the industrial area of Southern Cross, of which are currently held by the Crown.

Should sufficient interest be identified, the Shire of Yilgarn will approach the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to indicate the interest and request the Department consider developing and releasing the land.

Anyone seeking to express an interest, please forward the following details to [ceo@yilgarn.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@yilgarn.wa.gov.au)

- Name
- Business Name
- Contact Number
- Email Address
- Purpose for land (ie, business type)
- Area of land required
- Expected workforce
- Any additional information







## Shire of Yilgarn

### 2025 Council Meeting Schedule

In accordance with Section 12 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, it is hereby notified for public information that the following dates and times have been set for the Shire of Yilgarn's 2025 Ordinary meetings of Council:-

Monthly Ordinary Council meetings to commence at 5:00pm on the following dates: -

January 2025	No Meeting Scheduled	
Thursday, 20th	February 2025	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 20th	March 2025	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 17th	April 2025	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 15th	May 2025	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 19th	June 2025	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 17th	July 2025	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 21st	August 2025	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 18th	September 2025	Mt. Hampton Hall
Thursday, 16th	October 2025	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 20th	November 2025	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 18th	December 2025	Council Chambers Southern Cross

Prior to the commencement of the Council Meeting, a Councillor Briefing Session will be conducted at 3.00pm.

The above meetings are open to the public and commence at 5.00pm. A 15 minute Public Question Time is allocated at the commencement of each meeting where residents are welcome to ask questions, with or without notice, or raise an issue considered relevant to the operations of Council. In some cases prior notification of a proposed question is considered prudent, particularly if the matter requires some research. Residents are also welcome to attend the whole meeting however, they are not permitted to speak (unless directed by the Shire President) or take part in debate on any agenda item.

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

Nic Warren  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER





## **Request for Community Feedback**

The Shire of Yilgarn Tourism Committee are seeking community feedback on the design of a mural on the Foodworks building facing Achernar St.

The design would need to represent the Yilgarn and be something that evokes the pride that we have in our amazing community.

To have your say in what should be incorporated into this mural please complete this very quick survey: via this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6KRRH89>

or by scanning the QR code above by Wed 8th January 2025.





PHOTO COURTESY RICHARD RILEY

# Can you host a couple of medical students for three nights?

**Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program**  
TUESDAY 11 TO FRIDAY 14 MARCH 2025

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

One hundred medical students will be coming to the Wheatbelt in March 2025.

During their stay, they will visit local farms, industry, general practices, hospitals and schools, and participate in community activities.

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

The students will visit the following towns:

- Bruce Rock
- Cunderdin
- Kellerberrin
- Merredin
- Narrogin
- Southern Cross
- Tammin
- Westonia

As a host, we will ask you to provide accommodation for two or three students, to assist with transporting them to/from town, and share what it is like to live in your town with the students. You are invited to come along to a Thank You Dinner with the students on the Thursday night.

### Why host?

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

By providing these rural immersion opportunities early in their degree, it has been proven that students are:

- more likely to explore rural career opportunities; and
- better able to provide patient-centred care to rural people.

Some students, who have previously been hosted through this program, continue to keep in touch and visit their host families, some return to do seasonal work and placements, others have joined mentoring programs, some have inspired host family members to pursue tertiary studies in health and medicine, and numerous students are now doctors in the Wheatbelt and other parts of rural/remote WA and Australia.

For further information, contact **Rural Health West:**

**T** 08 6389 4567

**E** [futureworkforce@ruralhealthwest.com.au](mailto:futureworkforce@ruralhealthwest.com.au)

*We want to hear from you if you would like to host, even if you need the students to roll out a swag in the living room.*







# Red plate. One mate.

From December 1, red P-platers  
can only have one passenger.



Learn more



Penalties and exemptions apply.



# Community News



**YILGARN HISTORY MUSEUM**



Find us on  
Facebook

[www.facebook.com/yilgarnhistorymuseumsoutherncross](https://www.facebook.com/yilgarnhistorymuseumsoutherncross)

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Are you interested in volunteering for a few hours per week?

Are you interested in local history?

The Yilgarn History Museum would like interested people wanting to volunteer 2—3 hours a week to keep our Museum open every day of the week!

If you'd like to discuss what days are available, hours you could volunteer or what is required to volunteer at our Museum, please see Monica at the Shire office, email [crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au) or call 9049 1001.

## Crosswords for

**FREE?!**

If you wish to receive the Crosswords for free via email, send an email to [crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au) to register.



## Yilgarn Bowling Club

### Mens—December 2024

Sat 7	Narembreen v Yilgarn	Narembreen
Sun 8	Club Day	Southern Cross
Sat 14	Pennants Yilgarn v Merredin Club	Southern Cross
Sun 15	Club Day	Southern Cross
Sat 21	Pairs Championships	Southern Cross
Sun 22	Pairs Championships	Southern Cross
Sun 29	Club Day	Southern Cross

### Ladies—December 2024

Fri 6	Corrigin Carnival	Corrigin
Tue 10	Pairs Championships	Southern Cross
Fri 13	Muka Open day	Mukinbudin
Sun 15	Westonia Open Day	Westonia
Tue 17	Social Bowls	Southern Cross
Tue 24	No Bowls	
Tues 31	No Bowls	

## Moorine Rock Tennis Club

Sat 07/12/24	P&C XMAS TREE- NO TENNIS
Sat 14/12/24	SOCIAL TENNIS 3PM START BBQ TEA & POOLED SALADS
Sat 21/12/24	MRTC CHRISTMAS PARTY OPEN INVITATION TO ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS FUN CLOCK TOURNAMENT SPONSORED BY MOORINE ROCK AG SUPPLIES, 3PM START. BBQ TEA & POOLED SALADS

### Containers for Change

We have a large amount of returned customer bags at the CRC ready for collection — please visit the CRC to see if any of your bags have been returned.

Alternatively you can call the CRC on 9049 1688, and we will look through the pile for you to let you know.

# SX Police Roundup

Hello Southern Cross. The Southern Cross Police Team are back in Crosswords! We will use this forum to keep you updated with local crime trends and investigation updates.

**Hoon Driving:** Police have received a number of complaints of vehicles cutting up on gravel roads near town and more recently burnouts in town. This driving behaviour creates a risk to the members of our community and other road users. Local police will actively target these hoon drivers and their vehicles. On the 2nd of December a 28 year old male was charged for doing burnouts around town. His vehicle was seized for 28 days and he will now have to explain himself to the Magistrate.

**Motorised Scooters:** no doubt you have seen these little devices flying down the streets at a speed that exceeds the capabilities of a couple of band aids and a bottle of mercurochrome. If you ride these motorised scooters, you are required to wear an approved helmet. The penalty is \$50 if you get caught without a helmet. The risk to the young kids on these devices is real, please ensure they wear helmets when riding these devices.

In September this year the high school was broken into. These low lifes urinated on classroom desks and set off fire extinguishers in the classrooms causing damage to office equipment. However, to demonstrate their intelligence, they took photographs of themselves with the classroom iPad. These photographs were discovered by staff a few weeks later and passed onto local police. As a result of inquiries, police were able to identify the 18 year old offenders from Kellerberrin that resulted in their arrest for this matter.... another date with the magistrate.

Until next time, stay safe.

Southern Cross Police Team

## SNAKE BITE KITS

The warmer weather is well on its way and unfortunately with that comes our reptilian friends. Living in a rural area we are all too familiar with snakes!

Whether you like to go out bush, camping, or even have a backyard that is a little overgrown it is important to be prepared for the worst.

Yilgarn Community Support Group have Snake Bite Kits available for sale at \$20.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing a kit or want more information please contact Lisa Boso by phone: 0499 167 321 or email at: [ycsg.inc@gmail.com](mailto:ycsg.inc@gmail.com) or check out our Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/YCSG.inc](http://www.facebook.com/YCSG.inc)



# Water supply in a bushfire

This information could save your life



While leaving high-risk bushfires is the safest option, if you plan to stay and defend your home, you must have an **INDEPENDENT** water supply and pumping capability. This typically requires water tanks of at least 20,000 litres, pump and generator.

This is required as mains water supply and pressure cannot be guaranteed during a bushfire due to the risk of power cuts, fire damage and extreme demand.

Use the Department of Fire and Emergency Services resources to develop your personal bushfire plan: [mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au](http://mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au). You can also download the My Bushfire Plan app via the App Store or Google Play to access your bushfire plan anytime - even without an internet connection.

To support bushfire plans, if you have groundwater bore access to surface water, you can take and store emergency water without it counting against your annual entitlement. For more information on this, and for the location of emergency bushfire water supplies in dryland agricultural areas, visit the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation website.

## Drinking water

We recommend you keep a supply of drinking water on hand throughout summer in case your water supply is interrupted.

## Assistance for customers affected by bushfire

After a bushfire, we can assist you with issues such as damaged water meters and payment difficulties. If you have been affected by bushfire please call us on **13 13 85**.

The Emergency WA website [emergency.wa.gov.au](http://emergency.wa.gov.au) provides emergency information and community safety warnings. Call **000** in a life-threatening emergency or the SES **132 500** for emergency assistance.







# YILGARN HISTORY MUSEUM



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## ***Life Membership of the Yilgarn History Museum for Lance & Robin Stevens***

I, Robin Stevens - together with Lance - was very honoured to receive "A CERTIFICATE OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP" from the Yilgarn History Museum, on the 16 November this year- 2024.

My association with the Museum began when I was asked to become a volunteer of the Historical Society, as it was known then, by Mrs Forrester who was President.

I enjoyed the next 9 years of working bees, social events, even the meetings. Learnt a lot. Mrs Forrester was a fountain of knowledge, so interesting and welcoming, and appreciative of any help you were able to give. As was Carla Della Bosca who succeeded Mrs Forrester.

I continued my interest, as did Lance, during the years we were living in Perth. It was always attending a meeting, a visit with Mrs Forrester, Pauline and Carla whenever we visited Lance's family, until we returned to live in Southern Cross in 2013 and I again became an active volunteer, then Curator after Carla retired, until we moved to Kalbarri in 2023.

I learnt how important it was to know where artefacts were stored, the history of each artefact, to restore and preserve artefacts-written as well as physical; record; display; how to quietly modernize; how important "presentation" is - of artifacts and their show case; appreciate the help and support of each volunteer; the importance of visitors; appreciate the interest and variety of visitors.

I appreciated the experience of entering the Tidy Towns competition, and the help I received from a very busy Community Member plus the honour of winning our section the first time: the experience of the visits of the Medical Students: One Man and a Bike: and the experience of the visit of 6PR.

I sincerely thank all my Volunteers who helped and supported me so willingly-without volunteers no Curator or museum could succeed. And above all, the support of the Councillors, C.E.O., and staff of the Yilgarn Shire for without their help and support, my time as Curator would have been so very, very difficult.

Sincerely, Robin



Open letter of thanks from Lance and Robin Stevens to members of the local Museum and Yilgarn Shire, for granting us Life Membership of the Yilgarn History Museum. This is an honour.

It all began for Robin and me when we returned to Southern Cross to take over the local newsagency in 1984. The job also entailed answering queries from customers about the early history of Yilgarn. Mrs Forrester at the museum then took me under her wing, and coached me on what had transpired over the years. She became my mentor.

I was hooked, and searched high and low for any scrap of local history.

When Mrs Forrester retired I took on her role of Research Officer, or local historian, and continued with this labour of love for the next 38 years.

A new world opened when I moved to Perth in 1995 and had access to records in Battye and the State Libraries. I read newspapers and government files over 100 years old, and recorded articles pertaining to Yilgarn. I had believed this knowledge was lost forever.

Eventually I was able to string my writings together to paint a picture of how the Yilgarn developed from 1887 onwards. This information is now available in book form at the local museum, divided into 20 small booklets to keep selling costs down.

It is my pleasure to have contributed to Yilgarn, and leave something behind for the town where I was born. Eventually someone will pick up where I left off, and continue the role of Yilgarn's historian.

With respect

Lance Stevens, Kalbarri



It was an honour to represent the Shire of Yilgarn at the West Australian Local Government [WALGA](#) Showcase In Pixels Awards Ceremony 🖼️ 🍪 🏆

A proud moment to be a finalist and to see my art on the tower in Yagan Square 🖼️ 😊

The theme for 2024 was 'Heroes Among Us' 🧑‍🚒 I drew Animal Rescuers of the Yilgarn as local hero's in our community. My digital art drawings featured the following people:

☀️ Sergeant Blake - Rescuing Twilight Lamb 🚒 🐑

☀️ Sarah Pollard (me) - Rescuing many sheep, now all pets 🐑 🐕

☀️ Michelle Day - Rescuing many animals over many years in the Yilgarn Shire 🐾

☀️ Laura Black - Rescuing countless, birds, animals and wildlife over many years 🐾 🦘

☀️ Ron Goodhill - Rescuing countless birds, animals and wildlife over many years 🐾 🦘

To other animal rescuers in our community, including Kerry Fairless 🐕 🐎 🐾 Thank you 🙏 for being kind to animals ❤️

Thank you Nic Warren and the Shire of Yilgarn for inviting me to enter this year's competition 🍪 🖋️ 🖼️ 🙏 🥰

Thank you WALGA for acknowledging the contributions of incredible Artists from across WA 🙏 🧑‍🎨 ⭐ 🍪 🖋️

I met some lovely people including WA Artist Jenna Pickering 🥰 and two amazingly talented women from the Moorditj Wirin Circle 🍪 It was an awesome evening! ❤️

Sarah Pollard

Outback Bush Buddies - By Sarah Pollard  
@OutbackBushBuddies on Facebook & Instagram





All the staff at Southern Cross Tyre & Auto Services & 3SIXT Automotive Services would like to wish everyone a happy & safe holiday season!

### **Christmas Trading Hours**

Friday	20/12/24	Normal Trading (7am-5pm)
Saturday	21/12/24	CLOSED
Monday	23/12/24	CLOSED
Tuesday	24/12/24	CLOSED
Wednesday	25/12/24	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Thursday	26/12/24	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday	27/12/24	CLOSED
Saturday	28/12/24	CLOSED
Monday	30/12/24	CLOSED
Tuesday	31/12/24	CLOSED
Wednesday	01/01/25	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
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Friday	03/01/25	CLOSED
Saturday	04/01/25	CLOSED
Monday	06/01/25	Normal Trading(7am-5pm)

We thank you for all your support throughout 2024. We look forward to continuing to provide service for everyone in 2025 😊

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!





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# Pioneers of Yilgarn

## Stage 1.

Citizens who built this district between years 1887 and 1914

**Nunn, James:** Came to Southern Cross in 1898. He worked on the mines and then the railway for some years, while his wife kept a few cows on the town common and sold the milk. Eventually James's wife was making more money than him, so he joined her to establish a dairy, taking up farming land 4 miles east of town. Nunn went on to become one of the leading farmers in Yilgarn. He was also civic minded and for many years a member of Yilgarn Road Board, being a long-serving Chairman. When the district was opened to farming in the mid-1920's, Nunn was a beacon for new land settlers of what could be achieved. He died in 1942 and is buried in our local cemetery. Descendants of Nunn still reside in Southern Cross.

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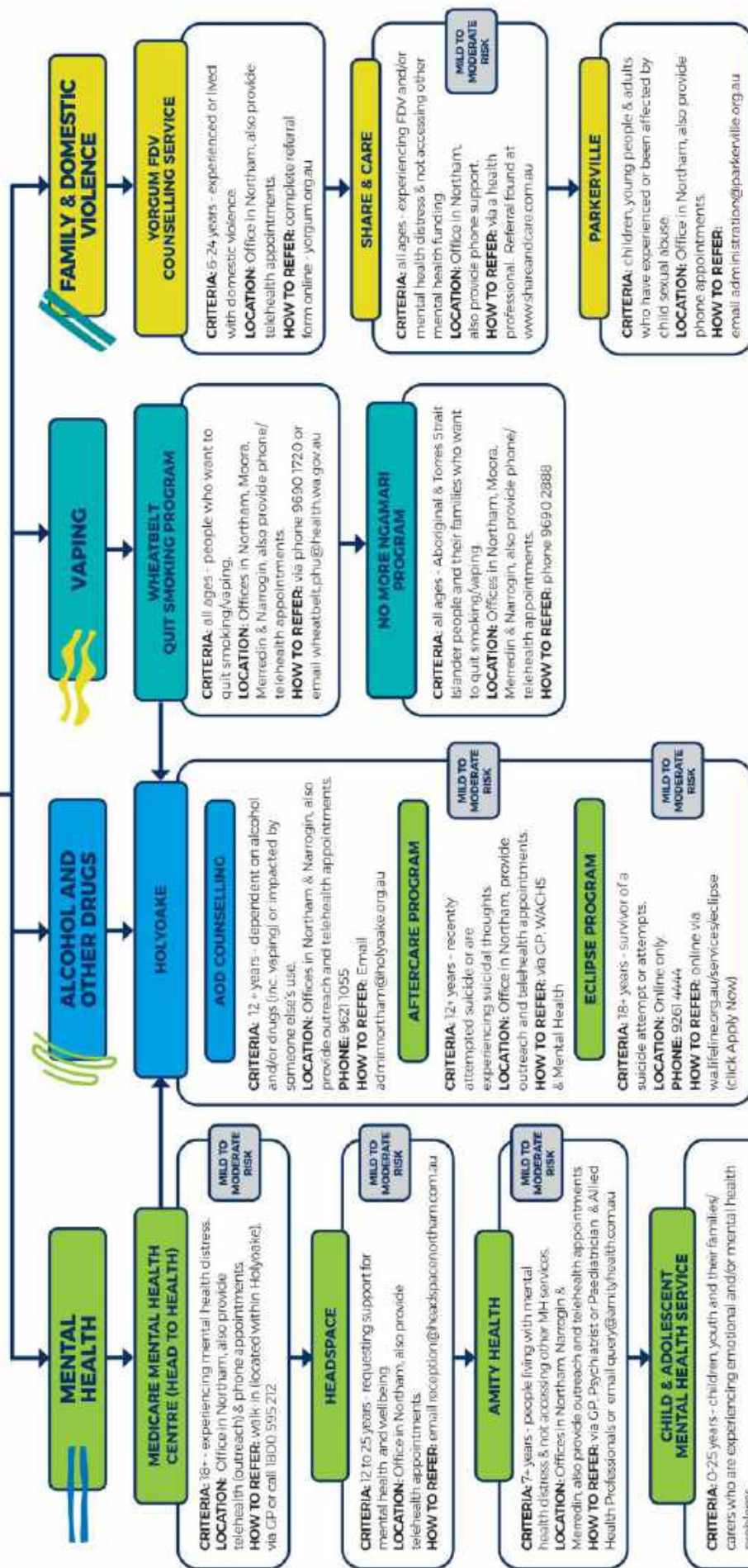
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# ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES

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Thu 5 Dec	St Joseph's Primary School Awards Night & Concert
Fri 6 Dec	Christmas Late Night Shopping—starting from 5.30pm, Shopping District
Sat 7 Dec	Moorine Rock Primary School End of Year Award Night & Concert
Mon 9 Dec	Southern Cross District High School Presentation Night
Mon 9 Dec	Christmas Lights Judging—leave your lights on to be in the running! *registration for outside of Southern Cross townsite required
Fri 13 Dec	Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town—surgery day
Thu 19 Dec	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers, 5.00pm
Sun 26 Jan	Australia Day 2025



## Recycling Days 2024

**Dec 13**

**Dec 27**



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

- ✓ Art Group
- ✓ Country Women's Association
- ✓ P & C / P & F Organisations
- ✓ Patchworking
- ✓ Progress Associations
- ✓ Scrapbooking
- ✓ Senior Citizen's Centre activities
- ✓ Southern Cross Gardening Club
- ✓ Southern Cross Hospital Auxiliary

- ✓ Southern Cross St John Ambulance
- ✓ Southern Cross Vol. Fire & Rescue
- ✓ Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
- ✓ Yilgarn Agricultural Society
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- ✓ Yilgarn History Museum
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