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Crosswords

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OUR LADY OF MONTSERRAT PARISH & ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

INVITES YOU TO OUR

Community Mass

Sunday 26 October 2025

Following Mass join us for light refreshments at St Joseph's School.
Tours of the school are available and children are more than welcome
as the Playground will be open.

11.00am

Community Mass @ Our
Lady of Montserrat Church
48 Altair Street,
Southern Cross

12.30pm

Light lunch @ St Joseph's
School.
51 Altair Street,
Southern Cross

If you are able to bring a Plate of food to share it would be much appreciated.

Everyone
is
Welcome





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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.

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

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(Business premises outside of the Shire of Yilgarn)

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1/4 Page	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$60.00

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(Business premises within the Shire of Yilgarn)

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

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1/2 page vertical	90mm x 270mm
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DON'T FORGET!
Crosswords' submissions
close every 2nd Tuesday at 12.00 noon

2025 Publishing Dates

Deadline 12 noon	Publishing Date
4/11/2025	6/11/2025
18/11/2025	20/11/2025
2/12/2025	4/12/2025
16/12/2025	18/12/2025

2026 Publishing Dates

Deadline 12 noon	Publishing Date
13/01/2026	15/01/2026
27/01/2026	29/01/2026
10/02/2026	12/02/2026
24/02/2026	26/02/2026
10/03/2026	12/03/2026
24/03/2026	26/03/2026
7/04/2026	9/04/2026
21/04/2026	23/04/2026
5/05/2026	7/05/2026
19/05/2026	21/05/2026
2/06/2026	4/06/2026
16/06/2026	18/06/2026
30/06/2026	2/07/2026
14/07/2026	16/07/2026
28/07/2026	30/07/2026
11/08/2026	13/08/2026
25/08/2026	27/08/2026
8/09/2026	10/09/2026
22/09/2026	24/09/2026
6/10/2026	8/10/2026
20/10/2026	22/10/2026
3/11/2026	5/11/2026
17/11/2026	19/11/2026
1/12/2026	3/12/2026
15/12/2026	17/12/2026

Church Notices / Updates

Catholic Church

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

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

Uniting Church

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

Contact:
 Cheryl Auld 9049 8026
 Diane Della Bosca 9049 1149

Anglican Church

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

2025 Anglican Services Christ Church Southern Cross
 All services are held at 11.00am on Saturdays
 Everyone is invited

20th December "Christmas Service"

Crosswords for

FREE?!

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



TRUCK OPERATOR 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
- WA "HC" 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:

- *****heavily subsidized housing/housing allowance*****
- up to 19.5% superannuation contribution
- 9-day fortnight, one rostered day off per fortnight
- consistent overtime available, current average work day of 9.5 hours (including overtime)
- **Annual wage up to \$86,690 (including average overtime hours)**
- 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.

Applications should be addressed to the CEO and marked "Confidential Application – Truck Operator Road Construction and Maintenance", will be received up to **4:00pm on Tuesday 11 November 2025**. 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

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.



FINANCE MANAGER

The Shire of Yilgarn invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the position of Finance Manager. The key responsibilities of the position are:

- Provide leadership and operational management of Finance staff.
- Lead the preparation of the annual financial reports including their presentation to the Office of the Auditor General or their representatives for external audit, this includes the management of the relationship with the auditors;
- Assist the Executive Manager Corporate Services with the production of the annual budget and with its ongoing monitoring and review;
- Supervise finance and accounting tasks including rates, payroll, creditors, debtors and cashier.

A full list of responsibilities is included in the Position Description.

This is a key role and is responsible for ensuring the operational requirements of the finance area are meeting regulatory and legislative requirements with a key focus on continuous improvement and maintaining workflow processes.

The successful candidate will be tertiary qualified and/or with relevant demonstrated experience in all things finance with excellent stakeholder engagement skills.

The position is offered on a 3-to-5-year fixed term Contract with an attractive total remuneration package of up to \$157k including a cash component of between \$90k and \$110k. The package on offer, which includes subsidised housing & utilities and Shire vehicle will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

As this is a supervisory role, an on-site presence is required.

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

Further information can be obtained by contacting Executive Manager Corporate Services – Cameron Watson on 08 9049 1001.

Written applications, addressed to the CEO and marked confidential, will be received up to **4:00pm Monday 10 November 2025**.

Nic Warren
Chief Executive Officer

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

PLANT MECHANIC

The Shire of Yilgarn currently is seeking applications from suitable qualified persons for the position of Plant Mechanic. The successful applicant will be responsible for repairs and maintenance to Council's fleet of well-maintained and near new road construction plant, light vehicles and numerous small plant items.

The applicant must be:

- Self-motivated
- Have a strong work ethic
- Work well in a team
- WA "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:

- *****heavily subsidized housing/housing allowance*****
- up to 19.5% superannuation contribution
- 9-day fortnight, one rostered day off per fortnight
- consistent overtime available, current average work day of 9.5 hours (including overtime)
- **Annual wage up to \$108,200 (including average overtime hours)**
- 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.

Applications should be marked "Confidential Application – Plant Mechanic".

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Chief Executive Officer

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SOUTHERN CROSS WA 6426

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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 , or
- website 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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Community Funding Program 2025 / 2026

The Community Funding Program is currently open for applications in the 25/26 funding round.

Objectives of the funding project are:

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

Applications for the following categories are invited:

A

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

Types of essential equipment:

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

B

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

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

C

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

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

Eligibility

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

- Funding is available for activities which will provide benefits directly to the people of the Shire of Yilgarn.
- Only non-profit community organisations operating within the Shire of Yilgarn are eligible to apply.
- Organisations that have failed to acquit funding from the last round by 30 June 2025 will not be eligible for this round of the funding program.

For further information, general conditions and to obtain the "Guidelines and Application form" please visit www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au or contact Monica Fairless, CRC Coordinator, by email crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au or by calling 08 9049 1001.

**Applications must be received no
later than Friday 31 October 2025
by 12.00 pm.**



Shire of Yilgarn

Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards 2026

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

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

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

Please note nominations close:
COB Monday, 3rd November 2025

HOW DO I KEEP INFORMED?



FIRES CAN HAPPEN SUDDENLY AND CHANGE QUICKLY, SO DON'T RELY ON RECEIVING A WARNING. It's your responsibility to stay informed and alert. Be flexible – get emergency information from multiple sources and never rely on any one source



STAY CONNECTED

Connected communities are safer communities.

Join a Bushfire Ready Group to get to know the risk in your local area.

Keep in contact with neighbours, friends and family, especially during high fire-risk day.

Talk to your local brigade about how to prepare for a bushfire.



STAY ALERT

If you can see or smell a bushfire – that's your warning.

Your surroundings could be the best source of information.

If you live in, or near bush, you need to stay alert. If there are signs of a bushfire you could be in danger. Act immediately to keep you and your family safe.



KEEP YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE

A telephone warning might be sent to your mobile phone or landline in extreme circumstances. This warning system (Emergency Alert) uses the address held by your phone company.

Keep your address details up to date with your phone company to give yourself the best chance of receiving a warning if one is issued.



MONITOR OFFICIAL WARNINGS

During an emergency monitor what's happening. You can find bushfire alerts and warnings at:

Emergency WA
emergency.wa.gov.au

DFES Public Information
13 DFES (13 3337)

DFES Facebook
facebook.com/dfeswa

ABC Radio or 6PR
Your local radio frequency

RSS feeds
Subscribe via
emergency.wa.gov.au

For more information visit
dfes.wa.gov.au/bushfire

or contact DFES Community Preparedness:
Community.Preparedness@dfes.wa.gov.au
or **9395 9816**



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PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY



FIREFIGHTERS WILL BE TOO BUSY FIGHTING FIRES ON THE FRONTLINE TO BE ABLE TO DEFEND YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY.
To reduce the spread of fire and provide some shelter,



PROPERTY UPKEEP

Set calendar reminders to complete these preparations monthly during fire season.

- ☐ Cut the grass around your property to 10cm or less.
- ☐ Prune shrubs so they are not dense.
- ☐ Ensure gas cylinders are chained/secured upright.
- ☐ Check gas release valves face away from property.
- ☐ Clean gutters.



RURAL PROTECTION

Complete these preparations if you own a rural property.

- ☐ Make sure fire trucks can access and turn around on your property.
- ☐ Check bridge loading and cattle grid loading for fire truck access.
- ☐ Create fire breaks along paddock boundaries.
- ☐ Store petrol and gas safely.
- ☐ Install underground water pumps that lead from dams to the house.
- ☐ If a fire threatens, move livestock to a well grazed paddock.
- ☐ Check generator and pumps are working.



LASTING PROTECTION

Set calendar reminders to complete these preparations annually.

- ☐ Keep gas cylinders away from likely direction of fire (i.e. where bush is) and turn release valves outwards.
- ☐ Remove shrubs, wood, mulch or any flammable material, against or near the house.
- ☐ Block any gaps under floor, in the roof spaces, under eaves, external vents, skylights, chimneys and wall claddings.
- ☐ Install metal fly wire mesh on all windows, vents and install a protective screen on evaporative air conditioner.
- ☐ Create a mineral earth firebreak along the boundary of your property.
- ☐ Install a fire or heat radiant shield such as a solid fence.

For more information visit
dfes.wa.gov.au/bushfire

or contact DFES Community Preparedness:
Community.Preparedness@dfes.wa.gov.au
or **9395 9816**



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SOUTHERN CROSS *Aquatic Centre*

POOL SEASON 25/26

OPENING
SATURDAY
1 NOVEMBER

7 days a week
11 am - 6.30 pm*

**Unless otherwise advertised.*

Cat & Dog Registrations

Registrations are due by the 31st of October each year

All dogs over 3 months are required to be:

- Registered
- Micro-chipped

All cats over 6 month must be:

- Registered
- Micro-chipped
- Sterilised

Contact the Shire of Yilgarn for further information.

 **9049 1001**

 **yilgarn@yilgarn.wa.gov.au**

Please note that registrations must take place in person at the Shire of Yilgarn Administration Office.



Government services—closer than you think!

At the Southern Cross CRC you can access Centrelink, Medicare and other government programs and services. We are an Australian Government Agency of Services Australia Access Point.

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

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

If you would rather use your mobile phone or tablet, we have free Wi-Fi available 24/7. You do not need a password so you can get online straight away.

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

Our staff will even certify your identity documents for you.

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

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

Colour Blast Fun Run

On Saturday, 11th of October, the Southern Cross CRC held the Free Colour Blast Fun Run at the Southern Cross Oval. We had brilliant weather for the day - this was a perfect end to the school holidays! The Fun Run was funded by the Western Australian Association for Mental Health with the support of Lotterywest, as part of Mental Health Week 2025.

Around 95 people took part in the Fun Run, visiting several of the colour stations, picking up a bubble wand at the bubble station and running through the obstacle tent!

After the participants had run (or walked) enough laps of the oval, and got sufficiently covered in colour, they enjoyed a yummy sausage sizzle to conclude the event.



Colour Blast Fun Run

The CRC would like to thank Cr Donna Newbury, Cr Lisa Granich (and Gracie!) and Cr Bianca Bradford, Jodie Cobden, Steven Chilcott and Mayette Potter for their help on the day with setting up, handling the stations and cooking the sausage sizzle. Thank you to Jess Stephen who led the warm up before the event! We'd also like to give a huge thanks to Jenna Christie for helping on a station to throw powder!

We'd also like to thank everyone who helped us pack up everything at the end of the Fun Run - Ham, Mark, Rat, Paige, Courtney and Claudia, along with some helpful little hula hoopers who brought the hoops back up to the verandah and helped pack up the cones from the oval!



Colour Blast Fun Run

A big thank you to our sponsors for the event:



Department of
Primary Industries and
Regional Development

We hope everyone who joined us for the Fun Run had a great day - if you haven't already let us know your feedback, suggestions or comments, please visit Jodie at the CRC or email crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au - thank you!





LEGO CLUB IS BACK!

MONDAY AFTERNOONS
FROM 3.15 PM AT THE CRC!

STARTING MONDAY,
3RD OF NOVEMBER
UNTIL THE END OF TERM 4!

*children under the age of 10 need a parent or
guardian present to attend



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Primary Industries and
Regional Development



*A kit is available
at our CRC!*



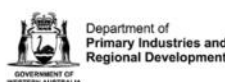
ENERGY AUDIT KIT INFORMATION SESSION

**Monday, 3rd November 2025
10.00am, Southern Cross CRC**

Join us at the Southern Cross CRC to learn about the new Energy Audit Kits available in many locations across WA (including Southern Cross!), how to use them and where to find more information to help your house become more energy efficient!

Learn how to:

borrow the Energy Audit Kits,
use them in your home, and
get further training and
information!



**ENERGY
EFFICIENCY
PILOT
PROGRAM**



Department of
**Energy and Economic
Diversification**

Brush & Bubbles

6.00 pm Saturday 8th November 2025
Senior Citizen's Centre, Southern Cross

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

Choose your own paint by numbers
canvas, or bring your own project!
BYO drinks (tea & coffee provided)
and enjoy some nibbles while
you paint.

Bookings are essential by
6th November 2025 by calling
the CRC on 9049 1688 or
email crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au





CHRISTMAS

in the park

***FRIDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER 2025, 5.00 PM**
ROTARY PARK, SOUTHERN CROSS

STALLS

TJT PHOTOGRAPHY
FLAVOURISTA
SPUD&JAX
SOUTHERN STAR STALL
...PLUS VARIOUS BITS &
BOBS STALLS!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOLD A STALL,
CONTACT THE CRC ON 9049 1688 OR
CRC@YILGARN.WA.GOV.AU

ITINERARY

5.00 PM ROAD CLOSURE
IN PLACE, ERIN POPE
MUSIC, STALLS &
FACEPAINTING

6.00 PM SANTA ARRIVES

7.00 PM LIGHTING OF THE
CHRISTMAS TREE

7.15 PM BROTHER & I

9.00 PM ROAD CLOSURE
ENDS



**PLUS CHECK OUT THE CRC'S POP UP INFO SESSION
STALL TO LEARN ABOUT CHRISTMAS SCAMS AND
SAFETY DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON!**



10 December 2025

Excel for Beginners: Mastering the Basics (Free Workshop)

Event Details

Date: Wednesday, 10 December 2025

Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm

Location: Southern Cross Community Resource Centre, Canopus Street

Presenter: Ben Stangoni, Business Advisor from IPS Management Consultants

Who can participate?

All small business owners wanting to master the basics of Excel.

Main Topics covered in this workshop

- Introduction to Excel
- Data Entry and Formatting
- Basic Formulas and Functions
- Working with Worksheets
- Sorting and Filtering Data
- Creating Simple Charts
- Printing and Page Setup

Why join this hands-on workshop?

Come along to this FREE workshop to be equipped with foundational Excel skills for everyday business use! Don't miss out ... register by scanning the QR code below!

☎ **1300 275 477**
✉ business@ipsau.com.au
🔗 ipsbusinessadvisory.com.au

Scan this QR code to Book Now!

Scroll down our Workshops page and select this workshop!



**Small Business
Development Corporation
Regional**





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

Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program
TUESDAY 10 TO FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2026

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 2026.

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 4509

E 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.



THE UNIVERSITY OF
NOTRE DAME
AUSTRALIA



Community News

Pioneers of Yilgarn

Stage 1.

Citizens who built this district between years 1887 and 1914

Thompson, Frederick: Killed by an explosion of dynamite at Sayers mine about five miles south of Southern Cross during 1888. Safety features in the mining industry were non-existent in those days. Fred appears to be the first inmate buried in pioneer cemetery.

Thorn, William: Came to Southern Cross in the early 1890's as an auctioneer. In 1892 he was appointed first Town Clerk of the Municipality, as well as being secretary to the Yilgarn Road Board. Thorn was responsible for getting both institutions off the ground. However rates and other income was insufficient to get the job done. Thorne became disillusioned and left in 1894 to go into the flour milling industry, where he was highly successful.

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Yilgarn Bowling Club

Mens—October 2025

Sat 25	Pennants Yilgarn v Merredin Club	Southern Cross
Sun 26	Corrigin Open Fours	Corrigin
Sun 26	Club Day	Southern Cross

Mens—November 2025

Sat 1	Pennants Yilgarn v Civic	Southern Cross
Sun 2	Club Day	Southern Cross
Sat 8	Pennants Corrigin v Yilgarn	Corrigin
Sun 9	Club Day	Southern Cross
Sun 9	Errol Pustkuchen Open	Merredin Club
	Triples	
Sat 15	Pennants Narembreen v Yilgarn	Narembreen
Sun 16	Club Day	Southern Cross
Sun 16	Bruce Rock Open Fours	Bruce Rock
Sat 22	Pennants Yilgarn v Bruce Rock	Southern Cross
Sun 23	Club Day	Southern Cross
Sat 29	Pennants Merredin Club v Yilgarn	Merredin
Sun 30	Club Day	Southern Cross

Ladies—October 2025

Tue 28	Social Bowls	Southern Cross
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Ladies—November 2025

Tue 4	Championship 4's	Southern Cross
Tue 11	Social Bowls	Southern Cross
Fri 14	Narembreen Open Day	Narembreen
Tue 18	Social Bowls	Southern Cross
Sun 23	Westonia Open Day	Westonia
Tue 25	Social Bowls	Southern Cross

Yilgarn Cricket Club

25 October	KK v SX @ KN	12pm
1 November	SX v KHP @ SX	3pm
8 November	NB v SX @ NB	3pm
15 November	SX v NU @ SX	3pm
22 November	Test Match / Harvest Bye	
29 November	SX Bye	
6 December	SX v BCC @ SX	3pm
13 December	BK v SX @ BK	3pm
20 December	SX v KK @ SX	3pm
31 January	KHP v SX @ HY	12.30pm
7 February	SX v NB @ SX	12.30pm
14 February	NU v SX @ NU	12.30pm
21 February	SX Bye	
28 February	Semi Finals 1 v 4, 2 v 3	12pm
7 March	Grand Final SF1 v SF2	12pm

JCW 5th—9th January 2026

SCW 18th—23rd January 2026

Moorine Rock Tennis Club

Thur 23/10/25	JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING 3.30—4.30 pm
Sat 25/10/25	OPEN INVITATION DAY SPONSORED BY MCINTOSH & SON 3PM START. STEAK & SALAD TEA
Thur 30/10/25	JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING 3.30—4.30 pm
Sat 01/11/25	SOCIAL TENNIS 3pm START. BBQ TEA & POOLED SALADS
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Sat 08/11/25	SOCIAL TENNIS 3PM START BBQ TEA & POOLED SALADS
Thur 13/11/25	JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING 3.30—4.30PM
Sat 15/11/25	SOCIAL TENNIS 3PM START PIZZA TEA
Sat 22/11/25	FUN CLOCK TOURNAMENT SPONSORED BY LNB ELECTRICAL & ROOTS PLUMBING & GAS 3PM START. BBQ TEA & POOLED SALADS
Sat 29/11/25	SOCIAL TENNIS 3PM START PIZZA TEA
Sat 06/12/25	SOCIAL TENNIS 3PM START BBQ TEA & POOLED SALADS
Sat 13/12/25	P&C XMAS TREE- NO TENNIS
Sat 20/12/25	MRTC CHRISTMAS PARTY OPEN INVITATION TO ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS FUN CLOCK TOURNAMENT SPONSORED BY MOORINE ROCK AG SUPPLIES 3PM START. BBQ TEA & POOLED SALADS



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Round One Vs Corrigin 45/45 in Corrigin

Welcome back.

Fatty wins the toss and bats.

Beautiful day for cricket and our start was solid. The Skip and Hammy made the most of the day, albeit some loose shots, being 0/26 after 7 overs. There were some great cricket shots with both blokes finding the boundary. James with a cut shot through point and then Fatty following suit the very next over with a cut shot of his own.

Just when we thought that these boys were settling in for the long haul a new bowler comes on, has an immediate impact, and goes fishing for the Skipper outside off stump and Fatty played it on. Running one short, Brodie was elevated to 3, pun not intended, well maybe lol.

Having a couple of sighters, he put bat to ball, and he was away.

James led the way with a quick boundary, and we all know Brodie needs no invitation to come to the party. This little gem of a partnership went on for another 11 overs, generating 59 runs, until Brodie was c&b thanks to an outstanding catch, making 20 off 33, including three 4's.

Andrew Steel then made his way to the crease to spend some quality time with his brother, only to see him get c&b the very next over bringing a solid innings of 44 from 64 balls, including five 4's, to a close.

This brought Jai to the wicket, with little known of the man, was an extremely pleasant surprise. Looking pretty good with the willow in hand, and can hit the ball, making 12 off 20 with one boundary. This took our total to 4/104, looking very handy indeed.

Morne ambled out to the wicket with his kit, sent fresh out of South Africa, and he did look a bit more comfortable, throwing his back out swinging from the bootlaces. I enjoy it, I can't help it.

Andrew chipped one up to be caught after working his way to 8 from 24, which, in turn brought yours truly to the crease.

Didn't get to hang around with Tuna for too long, he got bowled the next over making 5 off 12. Walshy and I then put on a, what I couldn't believe when I saw it, a 7 from 28 ball partnership, including two maiden overs. I thought we made more, but stats don't lie. Toby came out to the middle, we had a partnership of 7 and unfortunately, he was caught for 1. Tahlor unfortunately didn't manage to trouble the scorers.

Yilgarn 37 overs, All out 130 🍷

After a satisfactory afternoon tea, we went on the attack, straight up. Bowl tight, aggressive fielding, well, that was the plan and, no plan survives contact with the enemy. Andrew Steel started well with some really good line and length bowling, setting up Nick to come in and claim some scalps. I don't think Nick got the memo with his first over having some rust on it with a few wayward deliveries. Andrew continued with his line and length building a solid partnership with Nick having the home side 0/20 off 6 overs, it was only a matter of time before the batsmen were worn down enough to create an opportunity. Walshy's radar found the stumps, bowling the more damaging Kieren Talbot.

The next over, a change was made, and Brodie took the ball and the loosener went for 4. Brodie being Brodie sent the next ball careening into the pads and deflecting onto the stumps. Wicket number 2.

Nick finished his last over of the spell with a maiden.

Toby was brought on replacing Nick and unfortunately, the batsmen were keen to play a few shots with Brodes and Tobes steaming in and the score after 17 overs was 2/84.

Tuna got his mitts on the Kookaburra to commence the 18th and that miserly streak he has, shone through.

James Steel was thrown the rock at the start of the nineteenth over and was dispatched over the fence the very first delivery. To his credit, James didn't get flustered and proceeded to put the ball in dangerous spots and yielded success later in the over with a great running catch from Jai at Mid on'ish. The age old saying of wickets bring pressure is entirely true.

Tuna, having a severe case of FOMO, decided to get in on the action the next over, getting a delivery through to the stumps.

James, with the taste of blood, continued to loop them up enticing some big shots and suddenly, the batsman decides to go for a stroll down the pitch and, BAM! Yours truly had the bails off in a blink, taking the home team to 5/98 in the 21st over.

The start on the 22nd over the Steel brothers combined when Andrew took a very nice catch to dismiss the Corrigin Captain.

This was the time when big plays were made, the intensity lifted a little bit and the home side only managed 9 runs in the next 5 overs with some mind blowing fielding efforts from everyone, but especially B.Roberts. Diving to his left and flushing the ball to prevent a certain boundary, backing up from the one on his right earlier in the over, chefs kiss.

The pressure built as James continued to throw them up and then the false shot was made. Jai had to run a good 20 meters to his right and took the catch as clean as a whistle, gave the old Fatty Collins chest pump and we could tell that this young bloke was having a blast.

Fatty then decided to rotate the quicker blokes through consecutive overs while James held down the other end. Brodie picking up his second wicket in his one over spell with a very sharp catch from Walshy at mid wicket. BCCC 8/118, getting very interesting.

Tuna picked up the next wicket when it was his turn finishing with a very impressive 2/7 off 6 overs. 1 wicket in hand, needing 9 runs. We have been in these positions before and have lost games. Unfortunately, it is senior cricket and you don't get points for being good blokes.

Fatty took the catch from a James Steel delivery, and we won by 3 runs. James ended with a Michelle along with his 44 runs to top a delightful day out, good effort mate. 🍌



YILGARN
130

GAME HIGHLIGHTS

DEFEATED

BABAKIN-CORRIGIN
127

James Steel 44	James Steel 5/27
Brodie Roberts 20	Morne Du Randt 2/7
Jai Cuthbert 12	Brodie Roberts 2/26
Andrew Crafter 12*	Nick Walsh 1/28

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- Meet with us
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- Ask questions
- Find opportunities

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November

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This is an opportunity to ask us questions, and to meet our key service providers Thiess, P&E Total Solutions & AssetLink, who are also keen to meet local people and businesses looking for opportunities to get involved.

Come grab a hot-dog and a drink and let's build a brighter future for the Yilgarn, together.

Where:

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When:

Wednesday, November 12th, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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Any questions, please get in touch:
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Mon 17th Nov - Fri 21th Nov 2025

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The PPP Project is for **First Nations men aged 18 years and up.**

If you are based in **Southern Cross** you are invited to come along.

If you have any questions you can contact the PPP Coordinator on the below details.

Who can I contact?

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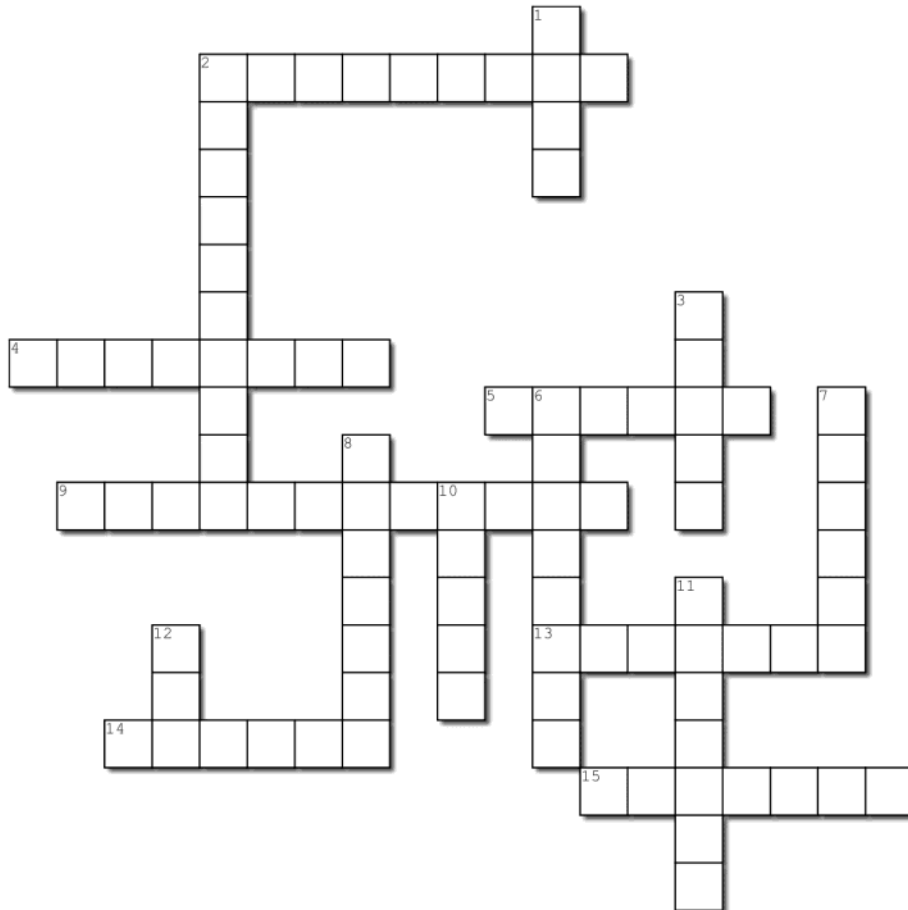
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9. Carved pumpkin
13. Halloween month
14. The walking dead
15. A house where ghosts live is considered _____

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2. What witches use to fly around on
3. Stirrs potions in a cauldron
6. Human that transforms into a wolf
7. Web creator
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11. Disguise
12. What a ghost might say to scare you



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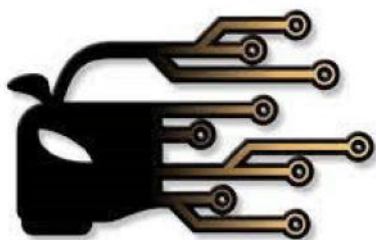
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Mon 27 Oct	Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town—consulting day
Fri 31 Oct	Community Funding Program closes at 12 noon.
Fri 31 Oct	Blue Light Halloween Disco @ Community Centre, 4pm
Sat 1 Nov	Southern Cross Aquatic Centre opens for 2025/2026 pool season
Mon 3 Nov	Switch Your Thinking Info Session @ CRC, 10am
Sat 8 Nov	Brush & Bubbles @ Senior Centre—RSVPs open soon!
Wed 12 Nov	Yilgarn Iron Community Gathering @ Complex Lounge, 5.30pm
17—21 Nov	Puntu Pirni Palya visit to Southern Cross
Thu 20 Nov	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers 5.00pm
Mon 24 Nov	Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town—consulting day
Fri 28 Nov	Christmas in the Park @ Rotary Park from 5.00pm
Wed 10 Dec	Excel for Beginners: Mastering the Basics @ CRC, 11am—REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED!
Thu 18 Dec	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers 5.00pm

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Oct 24

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Nov 28

