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Crosswords

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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



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

2025 Publishing Dates

Deadline 12 noon	Publishing Date
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
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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



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

Christmas Vigil Mass
Wednesday 24 December
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

2025 Anglican Services Christ Church Southern Cross
Everyone is invited

Christmas Service
Sunday 21st December
2.30pm

Meet our NEW Priest, Benjamin Yugusial



Christmas & NEW YEAR CLOSURES

SHIRE OF YILGARN & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 Dec 2025 OPEN	9 Dec 2025 OPEN <small>CRC closed one hour between 10am & 11am</small>	10 Dec 2025 OPEN	11 Dec 2025 OPEN	12 Dec 2025 OPEN <small>Shire closed from 12pm, CRC closed from 12.30pm</small>
15 Dec 2025 OPEN	16 Dec 2025 OPEN	17 Dec 2025 OPEN	18 Dec 2025 OPEN	19 Dec 2025 OPEN
22 Dec 2025 CLOSED	23 Dec 2025 CLOSED	24 Dec 2025 CLOSED	25 Dec 2025 CLOSED	26 Dec 2025 CLOSED
29 Dec 2025 CLOSED	30 Dec 2025 CLOSED	31 Dec 2025 CLOSED	1 Jan 2026 CLOSED	2 Jan 2026 CLOSED

YILGARN HISTORY MUSEUM

The Yilgarn History Museum will be closed on Friday 12th December from 11.30am for the rest of the day, and will close for the year from Friday 19th December at 4.30pm and reopening in the New Year. Times and dates will vary due to volunteer availability.

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 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 19th December 2025. You can also perform some licensing enquiries and payments through DoTDirect 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 19th 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 Monday 5th January 2026. 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 19 December 2025 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, Monday 5th 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 19th December 2025 (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



Shire of Yilgarn

2026 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 2026 Ordinary meetings of Council:-

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

January 2026	No Meeting Scheduled
Thursday, 19th	February 2026
Thursday, 19th	March 2026
Thursday, 16th	April 2026
Thursday, 21st	May 2026
Thursday, 18th	June 2026
Thursday, 16th	July 2026
Thursday, 20th	August 2026
Thursday, 17th	September 2026
Thursday, 15th	October 2026
Thursday, 19th	November 2026
Thursday, 17th	December 2026

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



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





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".

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:

- Average of 40 hours per fortnight
- 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:

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- 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".

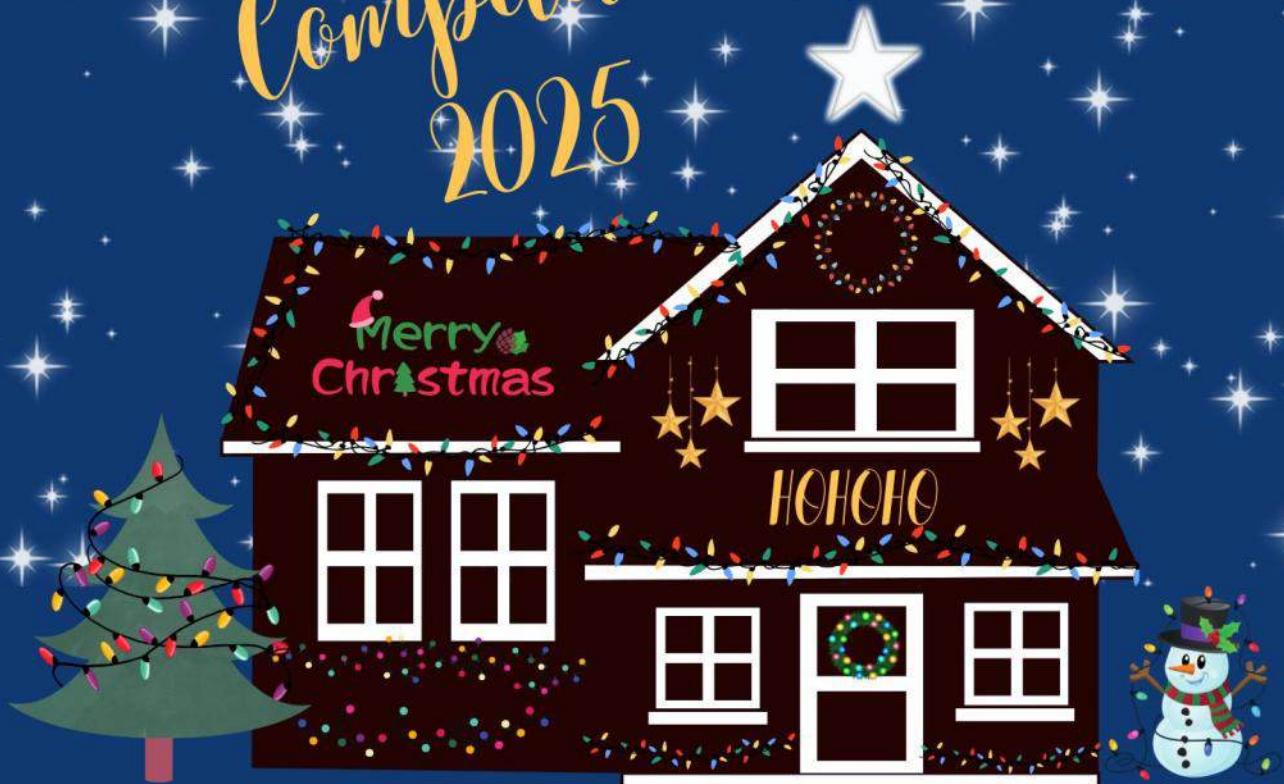
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Christmas Lights competition 2025



Monday 8th December 2025

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 5th December at 12 noon by calling 9049 1001 or emailing aso@yilgarn.wa.gov.au



LEGO CLUB IS BACK!

MONDAY AFTERNOONS
FROM 3.15 PM AT THE
CRC UNTIL THE END OF
TERM 4!

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



Department of
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Regional Development

GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

RURAL DANCE SCHOOL OF WA

Dance Day



RURAL DANCE SCHOOL OF WA

Dance Day





Christmas in the Park





Christmas in the Park





Christmas in the Park





Christmas in the Park



Ho-Ho-Ho

Community News



The collections due for General Waste in Marvel Loch, Moorine Rock and Bodallin on Thursday the 25th of December will be serviced on Tuesday the 23rd of December.

The collections due for General Waste and Recycle in Southern Cross on Friday the 26th of December will be serviced on Wednesday the 24th of December.

My Aged Care

If you need some help around the house or think it's time to look into aged care homes, My Aged Care is here to help.

Visit the My Aged Care website (www.myagedcare.gov.au) to find information about how to access aged care services.

You can apply for an assessment online and search for local aged care providers that meet your needs.

You can also call 1800 200 422 Monday to Friday, 8 am to 8 pm, and Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm. For assistance please contact Donna Newbury at Southern Cross Hospital on 0417 921 884 or 9081 2222.

Yilgarn Bowling Club

Mens—December 2025

Sat 6	Pennants Civic v Yilgarn	Merredin
Sun 7	Club Day	Southern Cross
Sat 13	Pennants Yilgarn v Corrigin	Southern Cross
Sun 14	Club Day	Southern Cross
Sat 20	Mens Club Four Championships	Southern
Sun 21	Mens Club Four Championships	Southern

Ladies—December 2025

Tue 2	Social Bowls	Southern Cross
Fri 5	Corrigin Carnival	Corrigin
Tue 9	Pairs Championships	Southern Cross
Tue 16	Social Bowls	Southern Cross
Tue 23	No Bowls	
Tues 30	No Bowls	

Yilgarn Cricket Club

6 December	SX v BCC @ SX	3pm
13 December	BK v SX @ BK	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

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

Thank you

Thank You

Thank you to the Shire of Yilgarn and to the gardener who mowed down the weeds opposite the empty block opposite my house. It looks so much better and it needed a good mow!

From Elsen



Christmas & New Year Trading Hours

It's that time of year again! Southern Cross Automotive Services & 3SIXT Automotive Services would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. Thank you to all our customers for your continued support throughout the year; we look forward to continuing our services next year! Please see our trading hours for the holiday period below 😊

Tuesday 23rd Dec – 7am to 12.00pm
Wednesday 24th Dec – **CLOSED**
Thursday 25th Dec – **Public Holiday (Merry Christmas)**
Friday 26th Dec – **Public Holiday**
Saturday 27th Dec – **CLOSED**
Monday 29th Dec – **CLOSED**
Tuesday 30th Dec – **CLOSED**
Wednesday 31st Dec – **CLOSED**
Thursday 1st Jan – **Public Holiday (Happy New Year)**
Friday 2nd Jan – **CLOSED**
Saturday 3rd Jan – **CLOSED**
Monday 5th Jan – **Normal Trading Hours (7am-5pm)**

Crosswords for

FREE?!

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

SNAKE BITE KITS

The warmer weather will be here before we know it 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 a small supply of Snake Bite Kits available for sale at \$20.00 each.

If interested in purchasing a kit or in need of a replacement kit (individual items within kit not available to purchase separately) and want more information please contact Lisa by email at: ycsg.inc@gmail.com or by text: 0499 167 321 or check out our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/YCSG.inc



Pioneers of Yilgarn

Stage 1.

Citizens who built this district between years 1887 and 1914

Toomey, Michael: Part of the Phoenix party which discovered gold at Southern Cross in May 1888. Toomey was the bushman and guide for Tom Riseley.

He was the actual finder of the first gold at Southern Cross but had to share equal billing in history with his leader, Tom Riseley. A marvellous bushman, Toomey also discovered gold at Toomey Hills in South Yilgarn.

He went on to discover the Mount Ida goldfield north of Kalgoorlie, where he committed suicide while on a bender.

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Public Notice

Mains water supply cannot be guaranteed during a bushfire

Water Corporation is prepared for bushfire season. However, we cannot guarantee that water pressure or water supply will be maintained in the event of a bushfire. Extreme demand, fire damage and power cuts can all result in a total loss of water.

If you plan to stay and defend your property during a bushfire, you must have your own independent water supply and pumping capability. You cannot rely on mains water.

Details and resources about how to prepare for bushfire season can be found at mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au. For warnings and advice visit emergency.wa.gov.au.

watercorporation.com.au



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WANTED

The CRC has the opportunity to hold a community presentation evening focusing on the following areas:

- Frequency Therapy (Rife & PEMF)
- Sound Healing (resonance & binaural beats)
- Colour & Light Therapy
- Aromatherapy
- Healing Touch & Massage
- Breathwork & Affirmations

If this community presentation evening is of interest to you, please let Monica or Jodie at the CRC know to add you to our EOI list. Please also let us know what evenings work best for you, and if a certain time of year is best (such as after harvest).

9049 1688
crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au



FOR SALE

3x1 house with 2 bedroom granny flat
renovated kitchen, bathroom, laundry
entertainment area under cover car
parking for 2 cars on 1011 m² block
freshly painted inside and out

For more info please call
Roger on 0467365488



YILGARN COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP INC.

We are once again in the organising stages of planning to operate the Driver Reviver Van in Southern Cross over the Christmas/New Year period. This time, we've decided to try something quite bold and we've added more dates! Please see the dates and times below:

DATES	TIMES
Saturday, 20 th December 2025	10am to 4pm
Sunday, 21 st December 2025	10am to 4pm
Monday, 22 nd December 2025	10am to 4pm
Tuesday, 23 rd December 2025	10am to 4pm
Wednesday, 24 th December 2025	10am to 4pm
Friday, 2 nd January 2026	10am to 4pm
Saturday, 3 rd January 2026	10am to 4pm
Sunday, 4 th January 2026	10am to 4pm

The Van will be set up at the Pioneer Cemetery (next to the Caravan Park, East of Southern Cross).

If you can help us out on a 2 hour shift, we would be very grateful for your time, especially at this time of year.

The Roster to pop your name down is located at [SX Hardware & News](#).

Excluding our precious Volunteers, operating the Driver Reviver in Southern Cross would not be possible without the assistance and support of the following:





SEEKING NETBALL COACHES!

We are seeking expressions of interest for the following positions:

- Junior Coach
- A Grade Coach
- B Grade Coach

We are looking to start preseason in February next year, allowing us time to bond as a team in preparation for the 2026 Season.

If you are interested please contact our President:
Holly Panizza
0488 688 333
yna@outlook.com.au

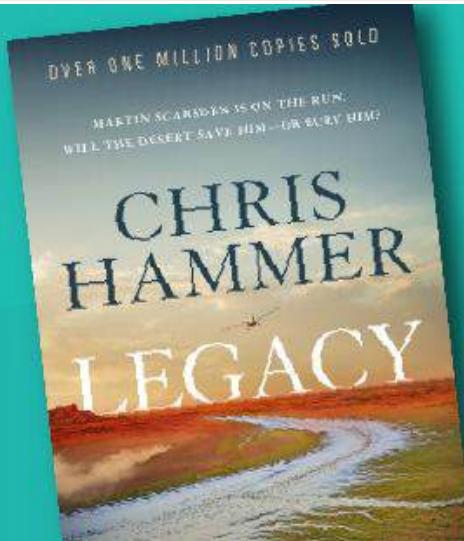
LIBBY BOOK CLUB

FEATURING CHRIS HAMMER

Zoom event

Wednesday 10th December
7.30PM AWST | 10.30PM AEDT

**David Allan-Petale interviews Chris Hammer,
author of *Legacy***





**WE ARE SEEKING AND WELCOME
NEW VOLUNTEERS!
PLEASE ATTEND THE NEXT
MEETING IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
GET INVOLVED.**



AGM

Thursday the 29th of
January 2026.

7:00pm
The Club Hotel

Seeking nominations for:

- Secretary
- Coaches (Colts & League)
- Trainers
- Team Managers
- Second Canteen Manager
- Committee Members

It is strongly recommended that all interested in the 2026 season attend the AGM. We need your nominations and support for our club to progress.

Please send through apologies to Holly:
0488 688 333
or southerncrossfc@icloud.com

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.

YILGARN
COMMUNITY
SUPPORT GROUP INC.

BINGO NIGHT

Fundraiser



SAVE THE DATE!!

7th March 2026

more information to come



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Wheatbelt farmer becomes face of Christmas Appeal to support country cancer patients

Wheatbelt farmer, Gerard Hodges, is the face of Cancer Council WA's 2025 Christmas Appeal after a shock skin cancer diagnosis turned his life upside down.

The fit and healthy farmer first noticed what looked like a simple graze on his hand during the 2022 harvest season.

"Bumps and grazes aren't unusual for farmers, so I shrugged it off," Gerard said. "But it just didn't heal. One bandage turned into three."



When the Royal Flying Doctor Service came through town, Gerard had it checked. What was first thought to be a minor basal cell carcinoma turned out to be Stage 4 squamous cell carcinoma, an aggressive form of skin cancer that had already spread to his kidney and liver. Within days, Gerard was in Perth, unsure where he would stay or how long he would be away from the farm. After weeks in ICU fighting pneumonia, organ failure, and even surviving two cardiac arrests, he was told about Cancer Council WA's accommodation Lodges.

Since moving into Milroy Lodge in Shenton Park, Gerard has found more than just a place to stay, he has found peace in the gardens, comfort in the 24-hour support, and connection with others who understand what he is going through.

"I'm so proud to be the face of this year's Christmas Appeal," Gerard said.

"I encourage the WA community to get behind it and support this vital accommodation service for regional people like me."

This year alone the lodges have had almost 5,000 check-ins from country patients and carers. By donating to our Christmas Appeal, you're ensuring country cancer patients like Gerard have vital support when they need it most.

To donate to the Christmas Appeal visit cancerwa.asn.au.

For more information about Cancer Council WA Lodges and support services, visit cancerwa.asn.au/cancer-support/get-support/regional-services or call 13 11 20 for information and support.

Every minute, every hour, every day.



BARTO GOLD MINING

Community Feedback and Information

Barto Gold welcomes feedback from the community of Southern Cross and Marvel Loch as key stakeholders. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with any feedback or requests for information that you may have with regards to our operations.

Community Sponsorship

Barto is committed to supporting the local communities in Southern Cross and Marvel Loch. Information on our community sponsorship and guidelines is available from the contact details below. This information can also be obtained from the Shire Office in Southern Cross.

Recruitment

Please feel free to get in contact if you are interested in any position, applications can be made on Seek.com. We also welcome expressions of interest from skilled individuals in other work areas.

Please contact:

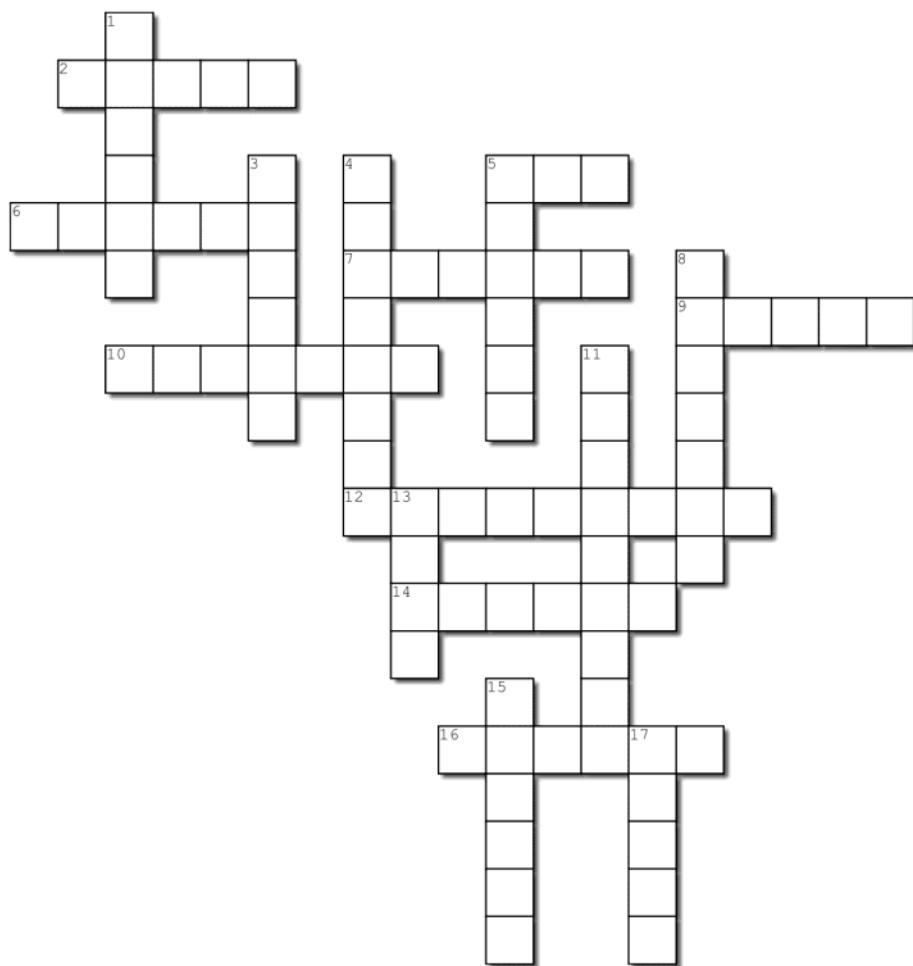
SX.Community@BartoGold.com.au

0460724168

Name: _____

Christmas

Complete the crossword puzzle below



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

2. Deck the halls with boughs of ...
5. ... to the World
6. Away in a _____
7. Christmas Drink
9. _____ cane, a sweet often hung on the Christmas tree
10. One of Santa's reindeers
12. ...were hung by the Chimney
14. Circular Tree Branch often hung on the front door
16. Shiny string on the Christmas tree

Down

1. _____ day, the day after Christmas
3. The snowman
4. Under the Tree
5. _____ bells, _____ bells
8. Christmas Hater
11. December 25th
13. Santa Clause is coming to _____
15. _____ night, holy night
17. Santa's helpers



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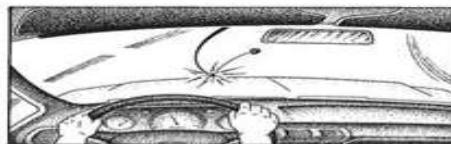
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December Kindness 2025

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1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about	5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today
8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13 See how many different people you can smile at today	14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one
15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving	19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you
22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy
29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2026				

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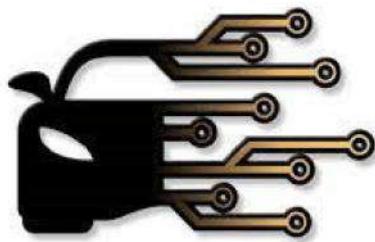
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Services Listing

The Yilgarn Community Support Group would like to ask our community to think about donating to our not for profit group via Containers for Change.

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Calendar of Events

Tue 9 Dec	CRC closed for 1 hour between 10am and 11am.
Wed 10 Dec	Excel for Beginners: Mastering the Basics @ CRC, 11am—REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED!
Thu 11 Dec	St Joseph's Awards Night and Concert @ 6.30pm BYO picnic will be held after the concert.
Fri 12 Dec	Shire of Yilgarn & CRC open for the morning only
Sat 13 Dec	Moorine Rock Primary School Christmas Concert 6.00pm
Tue 16 Dec	Deadline for last Crosswords of 2025
Thu 18 Dec	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers 5.00pm
Fri 19 Dec	Shire of Yilgarn & CRC close for the year
Thu 25 Dec	Christmas Day
Fri 26 Dec	Boxing Day
Thu 1 Jan	New Years Day
Mon 5 Jan	Shire of Yilgarn & CRC reopen for 2026
Thu 29 Jan	SXFC AGM @ The Club Hotel, 7pm
Sat 7 Feb	SAVE THE DATE! Back to School Pool Disco 6.00pm—8.30pm!

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
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Recycling Days 2025

Dec 12

Dec 24



Recycling Days 2026

Jan 9

Jan 23

Feb 13

Feb 27