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Crosswords

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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



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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

Crosswords Advertising Rates 2025/26 (as of 1 July 2025)

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

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



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



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:

- 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".

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GENERAL HAND – PARKS AND GARDENS

The Shire of Yilgarn currently has an opportunity for a reliable person to join our team. The primary responsibilities of the position are maintaining the Shire's parks, gardens and reserves.

The applicant must be:

- Self-motivated
- Have a strong work ethic
- Work well in a team
- WA "C" 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 \$82,621 (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 – General Hand - Parks and Gardens", will be received up to **4:00pm** on **Monday 5 January 2026**. Refer to the application pack for further information on how to apply.

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Chief Executive Officer

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PO Box 86
SOUTHERN CROSS WA 6426

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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
- WA Construction card "White card"
- 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 \$86,110 (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 **Monday 5 January 2026**. Refer to the application pack for further information on how to apply.

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Chief Executive Officer

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CARAVAN PARK GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Shire of Yilgarn is seeking the services of a Contract Grounds Keeper for the Southern Cross Caravan Park. It is expected that the prospective provider will have the following:-

- Valid ABN
- Valid Driver's Licence ("C" class minimum)
- Own Insurances, such as Public Liability and Workers Compensation
- Own small plant and tools – i.e Lawn Mower, Edger, Vacuum/Blower and other such manual gardening equipment.

It is anticipated that the position will entail up to 12 hours per week and payment for hours worked will be via invoice received.

Expressions of Interest quoting hourly rate will be received up until ***Friday, 9th January 2026***. For further information please contact Mr. Cameron Watson, Executive Manager Corporate Services on 0428 775 325 or emcs@yilgarn.wa.gov.au.

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	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 19th	March 2026	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 16th	April 2026	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 21st	May 2026	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 18th	June 2026	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 16th	July 2026	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 20th	August 2026	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 17th	September 2026	Mt. Hampton Hall
Thursday, 15th	October 2026	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 19th	November 2026	Council Chambers Southern Cross
Thursday, 17th	December 2026	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



LEGO CLUB



THEME: UNDER THE SEA!



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LEGO CLUB



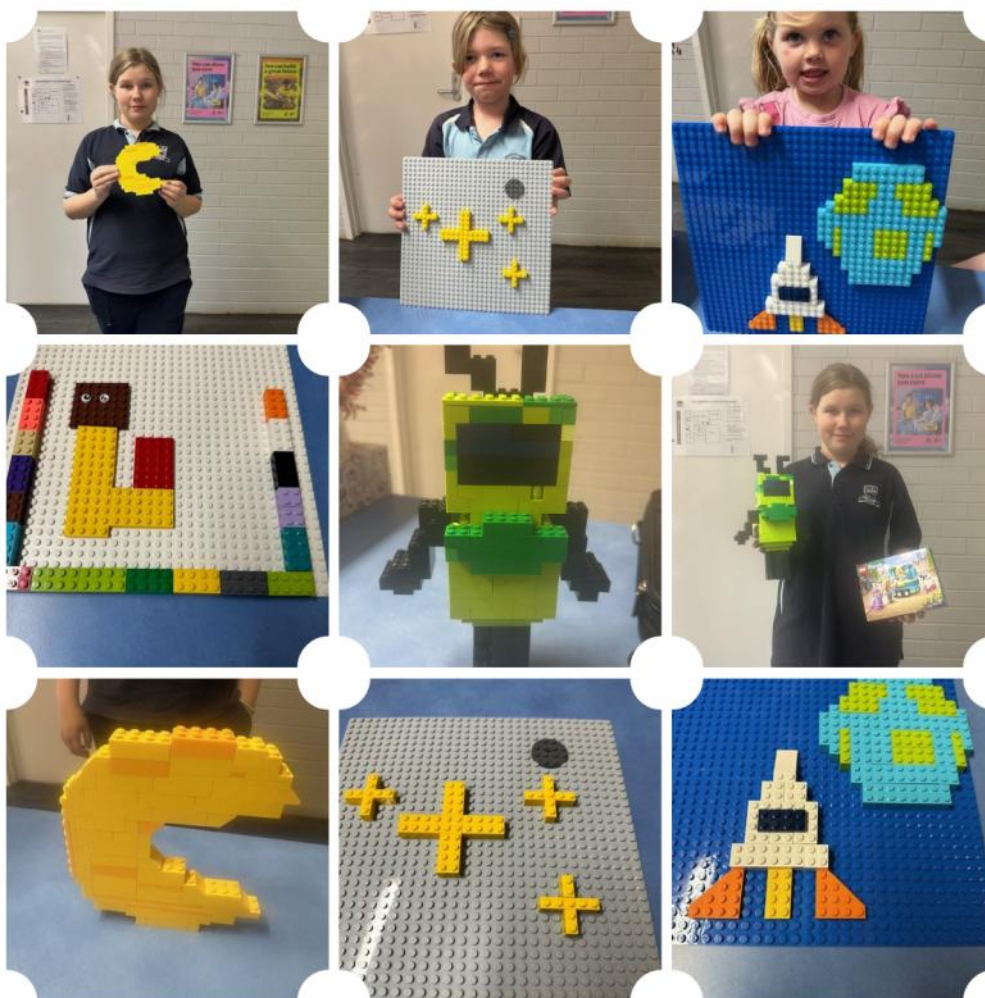
THEME: IN THE JUNGLE!



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Regional Development



LEGO CLUB



THEME: SPACE!



Department of
Primary Industries and
Regional Development



2025



SX HARDWARE & NEWS



Christmas Lights COMPETITION



WINNERS



ROGER & JENNY MCLEAN
JOSH & GEORGINA

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

GLEN & KATHY BRIGG*
GERALD & SHIRLEY COLLINS
CHRISP FAMILY
POWELL FAMILY
CRAFTER FAMILY
BOSO FAMILY
JESSE & BROOKE
DEB & WARREN
MATT & EUNICE
DAN & CHLOE
GARY & GREER
MAYETTE
MARY-LOU



*REMOVED THEMSELVES FROM JUDGING



WHEATBELT

- COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRE -

KNOW THE LAW

Join us for a practical, community-focused session on staying safe on Wheatbelt roads

Mobile Cameras • Licence • Traffic offences/accidents

Date: 16 January 2026

Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm

Venue: Southern Cross Library

SAFE JOURNEYS



(08) 9622 5200



admin@wheatbeltclc.com.au



159 Fitzgerald street, Northam



**ROAD
SAFETY
COMMISSION**

7th

6PM TO
8.30PM

FEBRUARY
2026



Back to School

POOL DISCO



SOUTHERN CROSS AQUATIC CENTRE

**MUSIC, LIGHTS, INFLATABLES
AND
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE!**



Department of
Primary Industries and
Regional Development



Visit the *Southern Cross Skies*

TACKLING INDIGENOUS SMOKING

SOUTHERN CROSS

POOL PARTY

TUESDAY 6 JANUARY

2:30PM - 5:30PM

SOUTHERN CROSS AQUATIC CENTRE
ANTARES STREET

COME AND JOIN THE SWAMS
TEAM FOR A BBQ, RAFFLE
PRIZES AND LOTS OF FUN!



BREATHE WELL
LIVE WELL

WOAK WARLANG
WONGIN WARLANG



For more information, contact SWAMS Administration.

☎ Admin: (08) 9797 8111

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🌐 www.swams.com.au

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.

Ethel received a wonderful surprise visit from her 18 year old Great Grandson, Vincent Smith last week.

What lovely photo!



Yilgarn Bowling Club

Mens—December 2025

Sat 20 Mens Club Four Championships Southern Cross
Sun 21 Mens Club Four Championships Southern Cross

Mens—January 2026

2 - 4 Inter League Round Robin Fours
3 - 4 Club Day Southern Cross
10 - 11 Club Day Southern Cross
17 - 18 Club Championship Pairs Southern Cross
24 - 25 Narembeen Open Narembeen
Sat 31 Yilgarn Pairs Southern Cross
Sun 1 Yilgarn Open 4's Southern Cross

Ladies—December 2025

Tue 23 No Bowls
Tues 30 No Bowls

Ladies—January 2026

Tue 6 Social Bowls Southern Cross
Tue 13 Social Bowls Southern Cross
Sat 17 Champ of Champ 4's Merredin
Merredin Civic
Tue 20 Social Bowls Southern Cross
Tue 27 Social Bowls Southern Cross
31 - 1 Feb Men's Carnival Southern Cross

Yilgarn Cricket Club

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

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)

YILGARN
COMMUNITY
SUPPORT GROUP INC.

The Yilgarn Community Support Group would like to give a huge thank you to the following for their generous support while we run our Christmas Hamper Raffle:

- The Club Hotel for selling tickets on our behalf
- Elsen for sitting down the main street to sell tickets and
- Leonie for donating to create our beautiful hampers.

There are still tickets available at the Club Hotel and the CRC, \$2ea or 3 for \$5.

The raffle will be drawn at midday on Friday 19 December at the Shire Admin Office. Winners will be notified by phone.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous 2026.

YILGARN
COMMUNITY
SUPPORT GROUP INC.
ABN: 20 450 209 163

SNAKE BITE KITS

The warmer weather is now here and our reptilian friends are already on the move.

With only a couple weeks now until Christmas / New Year and planning for holidays – whether that includes going out bush, camping, or even spending time on a beach it is important to be prepared for the worst.

Yilgarn Community Support Group have 2 x Snake Bite Kits available for sale at \$20.00 each. If the demand is there, we will supply and stock more.

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

Tron, Adam: Adam was an early arrival at Southern Cross and set up a boot-making shop. His trade was important in the days when everyone walked. Adam made boots for ten years, starting from scratch to build each boot meticulously. He died at a young age in 1902 and is buried in our local cemetery.

Vanzetti, Eugene: Vanzetti was a far-sighted entrepreneur of the mining industry. He charmed Italy out of millions during the 1890's, setting up syndicates which owned the Golden Pig mine at Southern Cross, as well as a large gold treatment plant at Seabrook near Northam along the Mortlock river. 'If unable to take water to the gold, then take the gold to water.' Seabrook battery intended to crush for mines all over the goldfields which did not have their own plant, including the Golden Pig. But government freight charges were too high. The Golden Pig went broke and so did the battery. Remains of Vanzetti's private railway linking the Golden Pig to the government line is still visible. Vanzetti's next venture was taking over the abandoned Central mine. This also did not pay as the rock at depth was too hard for the machinery of the day. Another of Vanzetti's dreams which did not see the light of day was building a private railway from Toodyay to Mount Jackson and Menzies. It would have opened up a huge gold mining area. Vanzetti was a visionary before his time.

©Lance Stevens

Shire news



Please note that the Southern Cross Aquatic Centre's hours on Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December will be 10am to 3pm to allow staff to travel for Christmas.



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

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



NOTICE

Dr Nwoko is on leave **Thursday
25th DECEMBER
to **Monday 26th January 2026**
inclusive.**

Please ensure that you're up to date with your scripts & referrals prior to this time

We will be closed for **Christmas break** from Thursday 25th December, and will open for half days from Tuesday 13th January 2026

The GP will be open half days for admin purposes (booking appointments, etc): *Tuesday 13th, Thursday 15th, Tuesday 20th, and Thursday 22nd January*

We will re-open *Tuesday 27th January 2026* for business as usual

Please accept our sincerest apologies for the delay in informing the community.

As always, if you are experiencing an emergency please call 000 immediately!

If urgent medical attention is required, please call the Southern Cross Hospital on 9081 2222, or attend the hospital for triage by a nurse and a doctor will be contacted if required.



Round Six Vs Nukarni T20 at Home

● Round 6 highlights ●

Nukarni @Bomber Park

Lost the toss, again, you have got to be kidding me. I don't know whose cat you run over Fatty, but they know.

As a keeper, you get to have a front row seat to the bowling. This week the strike pair of Steel Walsh were back. The second ball of the top of my head. (I was still getting changed, bit jelly)

The opener copped a dipping Yorker from Steely and that seemed to be the trend for the next 4 overs with each bowler taking 2 wickets. A wicket every over, back to their soul destroying best. Although Andrew did cop a bit of stick towards the end.

To my delight, our first change bowler today, Jesse Harvey.

He saw how much fun Steel Walsh were having and thought he would get in on the action by taking a wicket in his first over.

Angelo Guerini on for the second change bowler get taken to the boundary first ball (and of course I got stuck into him) but of course his little loopers troubled the batsmen so much Fatty Collins got his second ever run out with immediate regrets haha.

The Guerini Harvey Combination of 7 overs went 1/31, outstanding. After 14 overs Nukarni were 6/57.

The next wickets that fell were in the last over of the day and the big 400 Pound Tuna is on a hat trick.

James and Young Henry opened the batting and from the seats, they made it look like tough going. A little bit streaky with some good fortune and they put on a partnership of 37 before Will ran James out? Come on boys, that was never 2.

Enter the Skipper, continuing to just push it around for a run a ball. He even managed to find the boundary again.

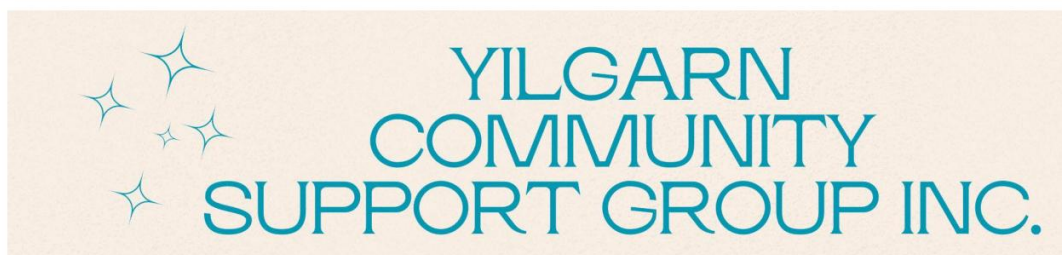
Big Will just couldn't get the bat on the ground in time in the 16th over and the big fella was a bit tuckered.

Here we were, Tuna and myself, talking sh** about the balls these blokes were missing.

***** clearly wasn't mucking around, he happened to mention this during the aforementioned period.

Making 20 off 10 assisting the Skipper to the victory line in the 18th over.

Carn the Garn!!!! ●●



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:



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7th March 2026

more information to come

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SEEKING PLAYERS FOR OUR 2026 SEASON!

We are seeking expressions of interest for Junior and Senior players for our 2026 CDNA Competition. This is to help our committee get organised prior to the season commencing.

ALL players previous and new are welcome to join our netball community! If you are new, please contact us to be added to the group chats to be included in all up-to-date information.

Contact us:

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-  yilgarnnetball
-  Holly Panizza – 0488 688 333
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JUNIOR NETBALL INFORMATION

- Boys and girls ages 8–12 (must have turned 8 prior to the start of the season and not turn 13 prior to the 31st of December).
- Involves training one night a week, playing home games in Southern Cross and travelling to away games in Burracoppin, Bruce Rock, Corrigin, Naremben, Kulin/Kondinin, Nukarni & Hyden.
- Pre season will be starting mid March 2026. Depending on numbers we may hold a Grading session.
- Season starts from the 18th of April until the 8th of August 2026.

Contact us:



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- Pre season will be starting in February 2026.
- Grading in March 2026.
- Season starts from the 18th of April until the 29th of August 2026 (including finals).

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AGM

Thursday the 29th of
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7:00pm

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Seeking nominations for:

- Secretary
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- Trainers
- Team Managers
- Second Canteen Manager
- Committee Members

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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](mailto: SX.Community@BartoGold.com.au)

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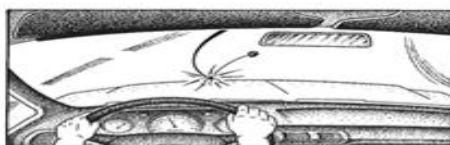
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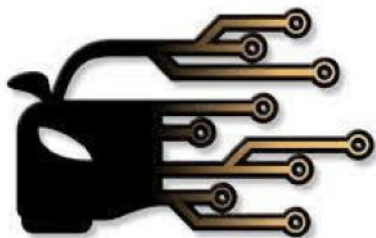
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Thu 18 Dec	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers 5.00pm
Fri 19 Dec	Shire of Yilgarn & CRC close for the year
Wed 24 Dec	Southern Cross Aquatic Centre hours for Christmas Eve: 10.00am—3.00pm
Thu 25 Dec	Christmas Day
Fri 26 Dec	Boxing Day
Thu 1 Jan	New Years Day
Mon 5 Jan	Shire of Yilgarn & CRC reopen for 2026
Tue 6 Jan	SWAMS Southern Cross Pool Party @ Southern Cross Aquatic Centre 12pm — 3pm
Thu 15 Jan	First edition of Crosswords published for 2026
Fri 16 Jan	Road Safety "Safe Journeys" info session @ CRC/Library, 11am—12pm
Thu 29 Jan	SXFC AGM @ The Club Hotel, 7pm
Sat 7 Feb	SAVE THE DATE! Back to School Pool Disco 6.00pm—8.30pm!
Sat 7 Mar	SAVE THE DATE! YCSG Bingo Night Fundraiser

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✓ Darts
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✓ Golf
✓ Lawn Bowls
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✓ Netball
✓ Shooting
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| ✓ Progress Associations | ✓ Yilgarn Community Support Group | |
| ✓ Scrapbooking | ✓ Yilgarn History Museum | |
| ✓ Senior Citizen's Centre activities | ✓ Yilgarn Men's Shed | |
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Dec 24

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Jan 9

Jan 23

Feb 13

Feb 27

