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Crosswords

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A vibrant poster for a 'Pool Disco' event. The background is a light blue water texture with several translucent bubbles. In the top left, a large blue bubble contains the text '7th FEBRUARY 2026' and a smaller bubble next to it says '6PM TO 8.30PM'. In the top right, there is a large, detailed disco ball. The words 'Pool' and 'Disco' are written in large, bubbly, 3D-style letters; 'Pool' is blue and 'Disco' is pink. Between and around these words are small, colorful musical notes and starburst icons. At the bottom, the text 'SOUTHERN CROSS AQUATIC CENTRE' is in bold blue, followed by 'MUSIC, LIGHTS, INFLATABLES AND FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE!' in pink. The bottom left features the 'Southern Cross Community Resource Centre' logo with a rainbow arc, and the bottom right features the 'Shire of Yilgarn' logo with a stylized landscape and the tagline 'Visit the Southern Cross Skies'. Small logos for the 'Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development' and 'GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA' are at the very bottom left.

7th FEBRUARY 2026
6PM TO 8.30PM

Back to School

POOL DISCO

SOUTHERN CROSS AQUATIC CENTRE
MUSIC, LIGHTS, INFLATABLES
AND
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

Southern Cross Community Resource Centre

Shire of Yilgarn
Visit the Southern Cross Skies

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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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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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
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
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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

2026 Anglican Services Christ Church Southern Cross
Everyone is invited

Meet our NEW Priest, Benjamin Yugusial

WANT TO PLACE AN AD FOR RENT OR HOUSE FOR SALE ADVERT?

Contact the CRC on
9049 1688 or crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au
to organise your ad to appear in our next
edition!





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 \$123,474 (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.



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



LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION CALL FOR NOMINATIONS Shire of Yilgarn

An Extraordinary Postal Election will be held on Thursday, 26 March 2026 in the Shire of Yilgarn to fill the following vacancy:

District

1 Councillor

20 October 2029

Nominations Open on Tuesday, 3 February 2026

Nominations Close at 4.00pm Tuesday, 10 February 2026

Nominations must be lodged with the Returning Officer:

- at any time during the above period by arrangement; or
- between 2.00pm and 4.00pm Tuesday, 10 February 2026 (close of nominations) at the Shire of Yilgarn, 23 Antares Street, SOUTHERN CROSS.

Nominations Requirements

Candidates are required to lodge with the Returning Officer:

- The Commission's preferred method for candidates to nominate is through the Commissions Nomination Builder. This tool assists candidates in completing their nomination form, including their profile and additional information. The Nomination Builder can be accessed via www.lgportal.waec.wa.gov.au/noms. Candidates can complete their nomination details and profile, print the completed form with the allocated nomination ID, and lodge it with the Returning Officer. Alternatively, a copy of the prescribed nomination form is available from the Returning Officer or via www.elections.wa.gov.au/Candidate-Information
- a single A4 page profile of not more than 1,000 characters (including spaces) containing information about the candidate;
- a nomination deposit of \$100 (cash, EFT, bank cheque or postal order);
- a recent passport-sized photograph (optional);
- every candidate must complete the online course titled *Local Government Candidate Induction*, available at [Induction for Prospective candidates | LGIRS candidates](#), prior to nominating and provide the course code on the nomination form; and
- in addition to the candidates A4 profile, Candidate can provide additional information that they consider to be relevant to their candidature. This written statement cannot be more than 2,000 characters (including spaces), must be in the English language and is for publication on the local government's official website only. (optional)

Please Note:

Where an agent lodges a nomination on a candidate's behalf, it must be in the prescribed form with a written authorisation signed by the candidate. The documents may be hand delivered or posted to the Returning Officer and must be received by the close of nominations.

Information

Full details about eligibility and nomination procedures for prospective candidates can be obtained by contacting the Returning Officer, **Lisa BOSO** on **0474 113 967** or the Western Australian Electoral Commission on 13 63 06.

DENNIS O'REILLY

ACTING ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER

13 63 06





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



Proudly supported by



ANZAC Day Brush & Bubbles

6.00 pm Saturday 18th April 2026
Senior Citizen's Centre, Southern Cross

Cost: \$10.00

Cost will include watercolour painting book and light refreshments.

NUMBERS ARE LIMITED!

Bookings are essential by
28th March 2026 by calling
the CRC on 9049 1688 or
email crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au

Tea & Coffee provided, BYO alcoholic drinks

Community News

AGM Notices

Yilgarn Motoring Enthusiasts AGM
Sunday 22nd February
9am at the YME clubroom



YILGARN HISTORY MUSEUM



Find us on
Facebook

www.facebook.com/yilgarnhistorymuseumsoutherncross

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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

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

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

Moorine Rock Tennis Club

Sat 07/02/26 SOCIAL TENNIS, 3PM START
PIZZA TEA

Sat 14/02/26 MENS & LADIES DOUBLES
ROUND ROBIN

NICHOLSON & LAPSLEY SHIELDS

3PM START. STEAK & SALAD TEA

ENTRIES TO ASH/ABBY BY 12/02/26

SPONSORED BY WEST COAST WOOL

Sat 21/02/26 SOCIAL TENNIS, 3PM START
BBQ TEA & POOLED SALADS

Sat 28/02/26 OPEN INVITATION DAY

HANDICAPPED MIXED DOUBLES

SPONSORED BY SUMMIT, 3PM START

ENTRIES TO ASH/ABBY BY 26/02/26

TEA-BEEF & GRAVY ROLLS

Yilgarn Bowling Club

Mens—January 2026

Sat 31 Yilgarn Pairs Southern Cross

Mens—February 2026

Sun 1 Yilgarn Open 4's Southern Cross

Sat 7 Pennants Civic v Yilgarn Merredin

Sun 8 Club Day Southern Cross

Sat 14 Mens Club Singles Championships
Southern Cross

Sun 15 Mens Club Singles Championships
Southern Cross

Sat 21 Pennants Yilgarn v Merredin Club
Southern Cross

Sun 22 Club Day Southern Cross

27 - 7 Country Week Perth
March

Ladies—January 2026

31 - 1 Feb Men's Carnival Southern Cross

Ladies—February 2026

Tue 3 Social Bowls Southern Cross

Tue 10 Singles Championships Southern Cross

Tue 17 Social Bowls Southern Cross

Sat 21 Champ of Champ Pairs Naremben

Tue 24 Social Bowls 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

YILGARN
COMMUNITY
SUPPORT GROUP INC.

BINGO NIGHT

Saturday, 7th March 2026
Yilgarn Recreation lounge
doors open at 6pm, starting 6.30
Call: 0499 167 321 or email:
ycsg.inc@gmail.com
to RSVP

Fundraiser

BINGO!

BINGO!

\$10.00
ENTRY

BYO

RAFFLES

Lots of
prizes

Bingo cards
\$1.00ea

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

SHIRE EMERGENCY INFORMATION SENT STRAIGHT TO YOUR PHONE

DO YOU WANT TO REGISTER FOR WHISPIR SMS?



TEXT THE WORD **JOIN** TO 0428 160 716.

YOU WILL BE ADDED TO THE SMS LIST TO RECEIVE HARVEST & VEHICLE MOVEMENT BAN AND ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION FOR THE SHIRE OF YILGARN.

*YOU WILL RECEIVE A SMS WITH A LINK TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION (BY PROVIDING YOUR NAME AND EMAIL DETAILS). THIS IS NOT ESSENTIAL (YOUR REGISTRATION WILL STILL BE REGISTERED) BUT MAKES IT EASIER FOR US TO UPDATE DETAILS IF NEEDED.



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:

-  Yilgarn Netball Association
-  yilgarnnetball
-  Holly Panizza – 0488 688 333
-  yna@outlook.com.au

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.



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:



Yilgarn Netball Association



yilgarnnetball



Holly Panizza – 0488 688 333



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Helping Students Get Connected for Learning

The Regional Tech Hub offers free, practical advice to help families in regional, rural and remote Australia improve their home connectivity for education. Families can request a *free Connectivity Report* showing what internet options are available at their address, along with tips to boost Wi-Fi and improve home learning setups.

Eligible students may also be able access tools like **free Microsoft 365** and **Canva for Education** to support schoolwork and digital skills.

Need help with online learning at home?



1300 081 029



[RTH Education at Home Resources:](#)

<https://regionaltechhub.org.au/regional-tech-hub-resources/education-resource-hub/>



SENIOR NETBALL INFORMATION

- Females from the age of 13.
- Involves training one night a week, playing home games in Southern Cross and travelling to away games in Burracoppin, Bruce Rock, Corrigin, Narembreen, Kulin/Kondinin, Nukarni & Hyden.
- 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).

Contact us:



Yilgarn Netball Association



yilgarnnetball



Holly Panizza – 0488 688 333



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MumSpace website

MumSpace is a free Australian website supporting the emotional wellbeing of pregnant women, new mums, and their families. It helps women find the right support for where they are right now, from practical advice and early support through to effective online treatment for perinatal depression and anxiety. Resources can be explored at an individual pace, with flexibility to move between options as needs change. MumSpace is also used by healthcare professionals. All programs available through MumSpace are evidence-based, accredited to the National Safety and Quality Digital Mental Health Standards, and developed and evaluated in Australia. <https://www.mumspace.com.au/>

DadSpace website

DadSpace is a free Australian website supporting the emotional wellbeing of fathers during pregnancy and early parenthood. It brings together practical advice, real stories, and evidence-based support designed specifically for dads. Fathers can explore everyday guidance, peer resources, and structured online programs for depression and anxiety, and choose what suits them best as their needs change. DadSpace can be accessed at any time and is also used by healthcare professionals. Evidence-based programs available through DadSpace include DadBooster, which is accredited to the National Safety and Quality Digital Mental Health Standards. All resources are developed and evaluated in Australia. <https://www.dadspace.com.au/>



**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.



You don't have to travel for quality mental health care.

Access online psychological support with MindSpot GP.

- Free
- Clinically-proven
- Convenient



Speak to your GP for a referral to MindSpot GP

mindspot.org.au/mindspot-gp



MindSpot GP is supported by WA Primary Health Alliance under the Australian government's Primary Health Networks Program

Our Commitment to You

We believe that partnerships with the community are integral to our success. This commitment is supported by us seeking your input into our business through surveys, customer feedback and our advisory groups who represent the community, specific interest groups and industry bodies.

For all concerns, suggestions or complaints regarding Great Eastern Highway, Parker Range Road, Marvel Loch-Forrestania Road, Marvel Loch Road and Bullfinch Road contact Main Roads.

Your suggestions... how can we improve?

We welcome any feedback you may have, including suggestions on how we can improve our services to you and your feedback on what we are doing well. **Call 138 138 or email us enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au.** We are also committed to an accessible, fair and equitable complaints handling process where we work together with you, our customers, to drive business decisions and improvements.

For more information on how to make a **complaint online** please visit <https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/Pages/complaintsFeedback.aspx>





Share&Care

Community Services Group

Building resilience in communities

FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

ATTENTION MERREDIN

Our Financial Counsellors are coming to your Community Resource Centre on the below Tuesday's in 2025 to meet with you face to face.

4th February | 18th March | 8th April | 13th May | 10th June | 8th July

12th August | 9th September | 14th October | 11th November | 2nd December

Appointment times are 10.30am | 11.30am | 12.30pm

How can a Financial Counsellor help you?

- Did you know that Financial Counsellors provide a free and confidential service?
- They can help organise your finances and prepare a budget for you.
- They can see if you are eligible for government assistance.
- They can negotiate repayment arrangements with your creditors.

Is this you?

- Do you feel stressed by money worries?
- Do you need help consolidating debts?
- Do you want to know more about Centrepay?
- Do you want to know about the No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS)?
- Do you wish you knew how to budget?

If you answered **YES** to any of these please call or email our office to arrange an appointment. You don't want to miss out!

Don't leave these matters to the last minute. The earlier we can assist you the earlier your matters can be actioned.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ASSISTING YOU!



08 9622 2828



admin@shareandcare.com.au

Supporting People Who May Be Eligible for the NDIS



Many people living with long-term or permanent disability in and near Southern Cross, Western Australia are not aware that they may meet NDIS access criteria. In practice, it is often health and community professionals who are best placed to recognise when NDIS support may be appropriate.

What the NDIS is

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a national scheme that provides funded supports to eligible people with permanent and significant disability, focused on improving functional capacity, independence, and participation in everyday life.

Key eligibility reminders

- Age: Under 65 at the time of NDIS access request.
- Residency: Australian citizen, permanent resident, or Protected Special Category Visa.
- Disability focus: NDIS funds disability-related supports that improve function and participation. It does not fund clinical or medical treatment, acute care, or health system responsibilities.

Functional impact considered by the NDIA

Functional impact may affect domains such as mobility, communication, self-care, learning, self-management, or social interaction.

Children and young people

Children and young people may also be eligible where disability or developmental delay results in substantial and ongoing functional impact.

Who may meet NDIS access criteria

A person may be eligible if they have a permanent or likely permanent condition that substantially impacts functional capacity. This may include physical disability, intellectual disability, autism, psychosocial disability (where it is the primary disability), acquired brain injury, neurological conditions, or Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Eligibility is determined by the NDIA based on evidence and functional impact, not diagnosis alone.

Common indicators professionals notice

- Assistance needed with daily living or community participation
- Long-term functional impairment despite appropriate treatment
- Difficulty maintaining housing, employment, or social participation
- Unsustainable reliance on informal supports
- Escalating risk or preventable crises without disability supports

Evidence and professional input

NDIS access decisions are evidence-based and may include reports or information from treating health professionals and allied health practitioners that describe the permanency of the condition and its functional impact.

How Empowerment House Australia can assist

Empowerment House Australia works alongside health and community professionals to support informed conversations about NDIS access. Where appropriate and with the individual's consent, we can assist with understanding potential eligibility and support the NDIS access application process. We also provide ongoing NDIS supports once approved, in collaboration with existing care teams.

When to contact us

When you are unsure about potential NDIS eligibility, when a client is asking about the NDIS, or when disability-related supports are unmet despite existing services.

What this is (and is not)

This is collaborative guidance around NDIS access and disability supports. This is not a guarantee of NDIS approval, pressure to refer, or a replacement of clinical or case management roles. NDIS access may not be appropriate where support needs are short-term, primarily medical, or expected to resolve with treatment.

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Understanding the NDIS – Plain English



The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a program that helps people with permanent and significant disability get support to live their everyday lives.

What the NDIS can help with

The NDIS may help with supports that make daily life easier, such as getting out into the community, learning new skills, or getting help at home. The NDIS does not pay for medical treatment or hospital care.

Who might be able to get the NDIS

You may be able to apply for the NDIS if you are under 65, live in Australia, and have a disability that is permanent or likely to be permanent and affects your daily life.

Getting help

Applying for the NDIS can feel confusing. With your consent, Empowerment House Australia can explain the process and support you while the NDIA makes a decision.

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Citizens who built this district between years 1887 and 1914

Williams, Evan: Constable Evan Williams was the first policeman in Southern Cross, arriving with his assistant in May 1889. Evan built his own police station with bush timber, where the primary school now stands. Police work was mundane at first – drunk and disorderly, assault charges, checking miner's rights, and searching for lost persons. Prisoners were chained to a log. Williams' most famous case was arresting Frederick Deeming the murderer at Southern Cross, then accompanying him to Melbourne where he was tried and hung. Williams was also involved with the miners' strike of 1892, which took tact and authority to keep under control. When Kalgoorlie was discovered in 1893, an experienced Williams was transferred to the new find, and Southern Cross lost a good man.

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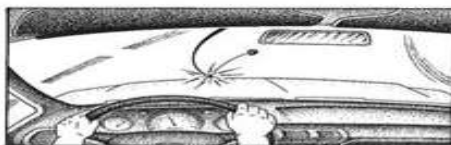
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Community Sponsorship

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:

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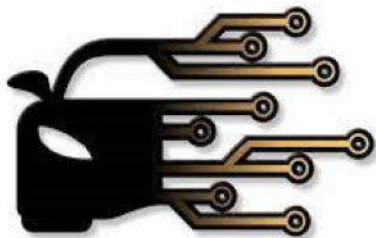
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Services Listing

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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Thu 29 Jan	SXFC AGM @ The Club Hotel, 7pm
Sat 7 Feb	Back to School Pool Disco @ Southern Cross Aquatic Centre 6—8.30pm *Inflatables, Music, Lights & Free Sausage Sizzle*
Thu 19 Feb	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers, 5pm
Fri 20 Feb	Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town
Sun 22 Feb	AGM: Yilgarn Motoring Enthusiasts @ clubroom, 9am
Sat 7 Mar	YCSG Bingo Night Fundraiser @ Rec Centre Lounge, doors open 6pm
10—13 Mar	Medical Students in town for Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program—Rural Health West are still looking for host families, see poster inside for more information if you can host students for 3 nights!
Thu 19 Mar	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers, 5pm
Sat 18 Apr	ANZAC Brush & Bubbles @ Seniors Centre—RSVP to the CRC!

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

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| ✓ Country Women's Association | ✓ Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade | ✓ Lawn Bowls |
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