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# Crosswords

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**YILGARN COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP INC.**

## BINGO NIGHT

**Fundraiser**

**BINGO!**

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

**\$10.00 ENTRY**

**BYO**

**RAFFLES**

**Lots of prizes**

**Bingo cards \$1.00ea**

Call balls: 3, 7, 8, 13, 16, 24, 24



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## Shire of Yilgarn Emergency information hotline

**Call (08) 9487 8777**

for information relating to bushfire issues including vehicle movement & harvest bans, road closures, flood or other local emergency matters.

## Southern Cross Landfill Times

The Tip Shop will also be open during the below hours. EFTPOS available for fee payment at Shire admin office.

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

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

## Church Notices / Updates



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

## 2026 Publishing Dates

Deadline 12 noon	Publishing Date
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
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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

### Easter Service Times

Thurs 2 April 7:00pm - Holy Thursday Mass  
 Fri 3 April 3:00pm - Good Friday Service  
 Sat 4 April 6:30pm - Easter Vigil Mass  
 Sun 5 April - no Mass

### Mass Times

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



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

# Local Government Extraordinary Election



## Candidate Details



Ballot paper name **SMITH, Kelly-Maree**  
Candidate name **Kelly-Maree Ruby SMITH**  
District **Shire of Yilgarn**  
Nominating for **Councillor for Shire of Yilgarn**  
Election type **Extraordinary**  
Enrolment status **SMITH, Kelly-Maree is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Yilgarn.**

My name is Kelly-Maree Smith. I have lived in Southern Cross for 22 years. I'm a Manager of Dunnings Shell Roadhouse. I am involved with playing darts with the local Yilgarn Ladies Darts Association and I've only recently joined the Yilgarn Community Support Group in a volunteering capacity. In my spare time, I love read. I love our community and would like to become more involved and learn something new and help to make a difference.

**Email:** misskellymaree1@gmail.com

## Candidate Details

**No Photo  
Supplied**

Ballot paper name **GRANT-WILLIAMS, Elizabeth**  
Candidate name **Elizabeth Leanne GRANT-WILLIAMS**  
District **Shire of Yilgarn**  
Nominating for **Councillor for Shire of Yilgarn**  
Election type **Extraordinary**  
Enrolment status **GRANT-WILLIAMS, Elizabeth is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Yilgarn.**

I bring to the Shire of Yilgarn 10 years previous experience in Local government where I investigated and won Grants for the benefit of my community for Sport, Recreation and Community Capacity Building. I have lived in the Shire of Yilgarn for the past 5 years and many will recognise me as your local Postal delivery lady. With a keen interest in Town sustainability, I offer my support to the community to ensure that the Yilgarn Shire continues to remain a safe place to live, work and bring up children. I bring enthusiasm to the position of Shire Councillor and am keen to work with the Yilgarn Shire Council with the communities interest at heart.

**Mobile:** 0497 350 260

**Email:** Elizabethgrantwilliams66@gmail.com

## Candidate Details



Ballot paper name **STEPHEN, Dane**  
Candidate name **Dane Alexander STEPHEN**  
District **Shire of Yilgarn**  
Nominating for **Councillor for Shire of Yilgarn**  
Election type **Extraordinary**  
Enrolment status **STEPHEN, Dane is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Yilgarn.**

I was raised in this community and have strong ties to the people and place, shaping who I am. Prior to returning to the Yilgarn, I completed a degree in Exercise Rehabilitation at UWA and worked for several years as an Exercise Physiologist.

In 2018, we made a conscious decision to return to the family farm, reinforcing my long-term commitment to this community and its future. I have been actively involved in the local football club over many years in delegate, coaching and captaincy roles, which has strengthened my appreciation for the importance of strong, inclusive community organisations.

My wife and I are now raising our two young boys here, the same place that gave me my grounding and values. We are invested in building a safe, connected and prosperous community for future generations.

Currently, I am the CEO of an 8,500-hectare cropping business, managing up to seven staff during peak periods. I am proud to lead a workplace where people feel valued and supported to grow.

**Mobile:** 0428 491 201

**Email:** d.stephen92@hotmail.com

## Candidate Details



Ballot paper name **DALGETTY, Kevin**  
Candidate name **Kevin James DALGETTY**  
District **Shire of Yilgarn**  
Nominating for **Councillor for Shire of Yilgarn**  
Election type **Extraordinary**  
Enrolment status **DALGETTY, Kevin is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Yilgarn.**

I am Mr. Kevin James Dalgetty, who wishes to formally nominate myself as a candidate for the role of councillor in the Shire of Yilgarn. I'm pleased to provide a comprehensive overview of my life, experience and commitment to the community.

I was born into a large family in the Geraldton region and am a proud member of the Wajarri-Yamaji people. As a child impacted by the Stolen Generations, I was raised in a system that instilled in me the values of respect, hard work, and community responsibility. These early experiences shaped my dedication to fairness and representation.

My reason for candidacy is because I believe I can offer honest and balanced representation. I have the time to dedicate and deepen the roots in the community; I am eager to advocate for road maintenance and infrastructure upgrades, enhancing the townscape and public parks, fair and transparent rate management, supporting local sports and recreation and encouraging stronger local business and shopping opportunities.

**Mobile:** 0456 366 537

*Candidates appear in ballot order.*



# Appointment of Chief Executive Officer



Welcome  
TO THE SHIRE OF YILGARN



**Ben Forbes**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
JOINING THE SHIRE FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2026

Following a thorough and competitive recruitment process, the Shire of Yilgarn's Council is delighted to announce that Ben Forbes has been endorsed as the Shire of Yilgarn's new Chief Executive Officer.

Ben will be returning to the Shire of Yilgarn after 3 years as the Executive Manager Corporate Services at the Shire of Narembeen. As a Chartered Accountant with several years in small business taxation advice, Ben brings a unique balance of local government and commercial experience to the role that Council believes will align with our values and the strategic priorities.

Ben has provided the following statement following his appointment:

I am deeply honoured by the faith placed in me by the Shire of Yilgarn's Councillors. I have a deep love and appreciation of Yilgarn and its residents from the time that I spent working for the Shire as the finance manager back in 2021 and 2022. I'm so thrilled to have the opportunity to live and work in the community again.

As the Shire's new Chief Executive Officer, I will strive to work with Council, staff and the community to ensure that our operations are efficient and effective, that our facilities and infrastructure are appropriately managed and that we are transparent, approachable and accountable.

Cr Bryan Close  
Shire President

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# 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](mailto:crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au)

Tea & Coffee provided, BYO alcoholic drinks



Lions Cancer Institute (WA) Inc.  
ABN 26 521 960 054



# ***FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENING*** *(Minimum Age 18)*

## **The Southern Cross CRC**

*As a joint project with*

## **The Lions Cancer Institute Inc.**

The team will conduct a *Free* Skin Cancer Screening in

Southern Cross  
On Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026  
Outside the Senior Citizen's Centre

*To make an online screening appointment*

[lionscancerinstitute.org.au](http://lionscancerinstitute.org.au)

Or

Scan QR Code

Or

Phone 9049 1688



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- Set custom watch zones
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- Access a live feed of incidents
- Get official emergency information, fast



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# Community News

## AGM Notices

Yilgarn Ladies Darts Association AGM  
Tuesday 3rd March 2026 - 7pm  
In the SX Recreation Complex Lounge

All past and new players welcome.

Any new players who are wanting to play, please contact our President, Sandy Ciabbarri - 0448 017 727.

## Thank you

Yilgarn Men's Shed  
Cash for Cans

Since October 2020, there has been 5 billion 10c containers diverted from going to waste in WA. Over \$500 Million in refunds! Southern Cross has been part of that.

Thank you to everyone that has donated to our Men's Shed

## Yilgarn Cricket Club

28 February      Semi Finals 1 v 4, 2 v 3 12pm  
7 March            Grand Final SF1 v SF2 12pm

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

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



## Yilgarn Bowling Club

### Mens—February 2026

27 - 7 March      Country Week Perth

### Mens—March 2026

Sun 1	Club Day	Southern Cross
Sun 8	Club Day	Southern Cross
Sat 14	Pennants Elimination Final	
Sun 15	Pennants Preliminary Final and Grandfinal	Southern Cross
Sat 21	SEBL Champ of Champ	
Sun 22	SEBL Champ of Champ	
Sun 22	Club Day	Southern Cross
Sat 28	Closing Day Bob Clarke Memorial	
Sun 29	SEBL Champ of Champ	Bruce Rock

### Ladies—March 2026

Tue 3	Social Bowls	Southern Cross
Tue 10	Social Bowls	Southern Cross
Sat 14	Champ of Champ Singles	Bruce Rock
Tue 17	Social Bowls	Southern Cross
Tue 24	Closing Day / Meeting	Southern Cross
Sat 28	Club Closing Day / Bob Clarke Memorial	

## Moorine Rock Tennis Club

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

Sat 07/03/26 SOCIAL TENNIS, 3PM START.  
BBQ TEA & POOLED SALADS

Sat 14/03/26 FUN CLOCK TOURNAMENT  
SPONSORED BY TJT PHOTOGRAPHY  
3PM START. BBQ TEA & POOLED SALADS

Sat 21/03/26 SOCIAL TENNIS, 3PM START  
PIZZA TEA

Sat 28/03/26 CLOSING DAY  
CAPTAINS Vs PRESIDENTS  
SPONSORED BY MOORINE ROCK  
BUILDERS & MOORINE ROCK HOTEL  
TEAMS EVENT, 3PM START.



being **active**, having a sense of **belonging** and having a **purpose** in life all contribute to happiness and good **mental health**

18+ EVENT **Back to our Roots, Bring your Boots!**  
**BALL**  
 ENTRY \$80

WESTONIA TOWN HALL  
 SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2026 @6pm

SOPHIE JANE BAND, ENTERTAINMENT, LICENCED BAR (NO BYO) TAPAS STYLE FOOD

Bookings, search "Back to our Roots! Bring your Boots!" at [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) or scan the QR

Event Contacts ; Stacey & Lani 9046 7063, [community@westonia.wa.gov.au](mailto:community@westonia.wa.gov.au)

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**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.



**ONSITE OPTOMETRIST  
2026 ATTENDING DATES**

March 3<sup>rd</sup>

*If your frames need repairs, you are welcome to bring them into the clinic while we are in Southern Cross. Appointment not needed.*

**PLEASE CALL 08 9091 1855  
TO BOOK AN  
APPOINTMENT**



## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

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

Are you interested in local history?

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

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



## **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](http://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.



Southern Cross

Community Resource Centre

*Your local connection*

## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WANTED**

Basic How to Use a  
Computer Workshop

Are you interested in learning how to use a computer?

Please register your interest with Jodie or Monica at the CRC!

Please also let us know if you own a laptop that you would be able to bring from home.

Ph: 9049 1688



# SOUTHERN CROSS COMBINED WINTER SPORT 2026 FIXTURES



## Round 1

18th of April 2026  
HOME (School Holidays)  
v Kulin Kondinin

## Round 2

25th of April 2026  
AWAY (ANZAC Day)  
v Burracoppin

## Round 3

2nd of May 2026  
HOME  
v Hyden

## Round 4

9th of May 2026  
AWAY  
v Corrigin

## Round 5

16th of May 2026  
AWAY (Belt Up Round)  
v Bruce Rock

## Round 6

23rd of May 2026  
HOME  
v Narembeen

## BYE

30th of May 2026  
(Long Weekend)  
Netball Association  
Champs

## Round 7

6th of June 2026  
AWAY  
v Nukarni

## Round 8

13th of June 2026  
AWAY (Think Mental  
Health Round)  
v Kulin Kondinin

## BYE

20th of June 2026  
Great Southern  
Colts Carnival &  
Netball Regional  
Champs

## Round 9

27th of June 2026  
HOME  
v Burracoppin

## Round 10

4th of July 2026  
AWAY (School Holidays  
& Hurt 2 Help Round)  
v Hyden

## BYE

11th of July 2026  
(School Holidays)  
Country Week Footy

## Round 11

18th of July 2026  
HOME (School Holidays  
& NAIDOC Round)  
v Corrigin

## Round 12

25th of July 2026  
HOME  
v Bruce Rock

## Round 13

1st of August 2026  
AWAY (Pink Breast  
Cancer Round)  
v Narembeen

## Round 14

8th of August 2026  
HOME  
v Nukarni

## Semi Finals

TBC  
15th of August 2026

## Prelim Finals

TBC  
22nd of August 2026

## Grand Finals

TBC  
29th of August 2026



# PRE-SEASON TRAINING

Mondays & Wednesdays

6:30pm @ SX Oval

All new & returning players are  
encouraged to come along!





**YILGARN  
SKELETON  
WEED**

OFFICIAL

# Yilgarn Skeleton Weed Local Action Group Meeting

Our Meeting will be held on Wednesday **18TH March 2026 @ 6pm** at the Club Hotel. Dinner will be provided and drinks can be purchased at the bar (if you have any dietary requirements let me know and I can arrange something for you).

- ❖ Any winter spray paperwork will be handed out on the night.

To RSVP/receive an Agenda: Tiarah Cotter, LAG Admin on 0428546288 or email [Tiarah.Cotter@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:Tiarah.Cotter@dpird.wa.gov.au)



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# The Golden Feather Hunt

\* 3 March - 8 May 2026 \*

Find an Emerald, Silver or  
**Golden** Feather bookmark in  
the children's or YA section of  
your local library for a chance  
to WIN awesome prizes.

📱 Tag @scribblersfest and  
share your feather find using  
#goldenfeatherhunt  
[scribblersfestival.com.au](http://scribblersfestival.com.au)

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Department of Fire & Emergency Services



# Never bin your batteries

Binning your batteries is a fire risk  
and is harmful to people and the planet.

**Don't  
toss them**  
in general waste or  
recycling bins



**Tape  
them**  
using clear  
sticky tape



**Take them**  
to your nearest  
B-cycle accredited  
Drop off point



## **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.



# **NUNGARIN**

## **Wheatbelt Markets**

### **Sunday 1st March 2026**

8am to 12noon

**The Markets are back again for 2026! A great family day out!**

**Stalls are located in the main street and the hall.**

**The Markets own ice-cream van will be on site.**

**The March sausage sizzle will be run by the  
Markets Committee.**

**Our “Op Shop” has been given a giant reorganisation and it looks  
better than ever. There is a great variety of goods for sale.**

**The NCDG Café will be open in the hall for light lunches.**

**The Nungarin Heritage Machinery & Army Museum is open from 9am to 1pm.**

If you want to book a stall call **0448244063** or email  
**nungarinwheatbeltmarkets@gmail.com**

**Something for everyone at the Nungarin Wheatbelt Markets!!!**

**Follow us on Facebook**





# Keep our Wheatbelt healthy and safe

## E-cigarette (vapes) and tobacco products: reporting illegal sales

**Vapes can only be legally supplied in Western Australia through a registered pharmacy with a valid prescription.** Non-pharmacy retailers such as tobacconists, vape shops and convenience stores cannot sell any type of vaping product.

**Retailers are required to hold a valid licence to sell tobacco products.** All tobacco products must be in plain packaging, labelled with graphic health warnings.

Use the QR code to find out more, or check the public register of tobacco sellers' licences online.



Find out more

## If you suspect someone is selling tobacco and/or vapes illegally, report to:

**WA Health**



**Crime Stoppers**



*All reports remain anonymous*



Government of **Western Australia**  
WA Country Health Service



# Quit vaping & smoking support: Services in the Wheatbelt

## Vape Free Me, Smoke Free Me

A free program run by WA Country Health Service. It offers tailored support to help you gain control of your smoking or vaping. Appointments available face-to-face or phone. Phone 08 9690 1720 or email [wheatbelt.phu@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:wheatbelt.phu@health.wa.gov.au)



## No More Ngamari



### No More Ngamari

A culturally appropriate program run by the Wheatbelt Aboriginal Health Service. It offers 12 weeks of free support, advice and nicotine replacement therapy to help you quit smoking or vaping. Phone 08 9690 2888 for an appointment.

## Quitline

A confidential phone-based support service. For the usual cost of a call, a trained advisor (including Aboriginal advisors) can help you to plan and develop strategies to quit vaping or smoking. Visit [www.quit.org.au](http://www.quit.org.au), phone 13 78 48 or text 0477 765 007 to receive a free call back.



## HOLYOAKE

Whenever you're ready.

### Holyoake

Holyoake offers quit smoking support to people who would also like support with alcohol or other drugs. Visit [www.holyoake.org.au](http://www.holyoake.org.au) or phone 08 9621 1055



### Your GP (general practitioner)

You can book in with your GP to discuss quitting or any other health concerns. Search local GPs at [www.healthdirect.gov.au](http://www.healthdirect.gov.au)



Scan here for a digital version of this resource

Scan here for a quit options to support young people





# Quit vaping & smoking support: Digital & app options

## Clear the Air

Clear the Air is a digital campaign and free self-help platform aimed at young people. Take the quiz to see how vapes affect you or find tips on how to quit vaping and stay vape-free.

Visit [www.cleartheair.org.au](http://www.cleartheair.org.au)



## QuitCoach

QuitCoach is a platform that provides you with a personalised quit smoking plan. It is designed to provide useful advice wherever you are on your quitting journey.

Visit [www.quitcoach.org.au](http://www.quitcoach.org.au)

## My QuitBuddy

My QuitBuddy is an app that helps you get, and stay, smoke and vape free. It provides helpful tips and distractions to overcome cravings, and tracking systems to chart your progress.

Download from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).



## QuitTxt

QuitTxt sends you several SMS messages each day. They're designed to help you prepare to quit smoking, maintain your motivation and help you stay on track after you quit. Visit [www.quitcoach.org.au](http://www.quitcoach.org.au)

## I Can Quit

I Can Quit lets you take control of your journey to a non-smoker/vaper with a personal quit plan, motivational tips and tools such as a progress tracker and calendar. Visit [www.icanquit.com.au](http://www.icanquit.com.au)



Find out more at [www.healthywa.wa.gov.au](http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au)



# Virtual Child Health Service

Connect with a child health nurse and other parents and carers online from a place that suits you.  
A **FREE** service for country WA families.

## Early Parent Group:

- for parents and carers of babies aged **newborn to three months**
- four one-hour sessions over four weeks – book into any session you choose.
- meet others, share experiences and information on getting to know your baby, development and play, safety, sleep and settling.

## Solid Start:

- for parents and carers of babies aged **three to six months**
- a one-hour session about when and how to introduce solid foods to your baby.

## Let's Sleep:

- for parents and carers of babies aged **six to 12 months**
- this two-hour session is about sleep patterns, bedtime tips and establishing good sleep routines.

## Terrific Toddlers:

- two 90 minute sessions for parents and carers of toddlers aged **one to three years**.
- session one – behaviour and sleep
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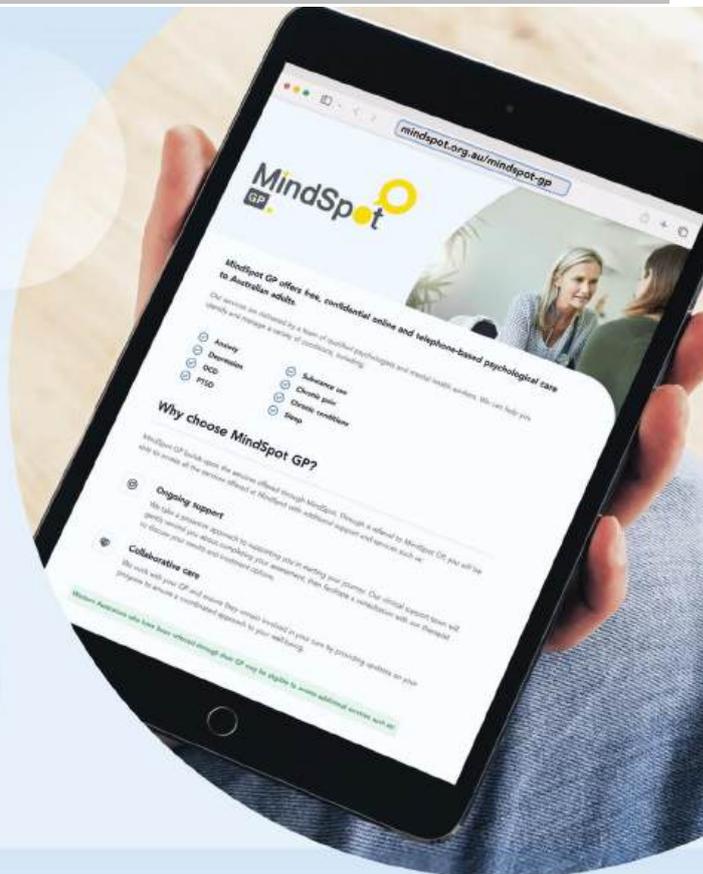




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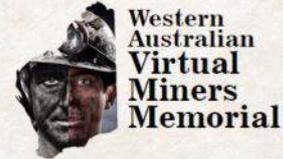
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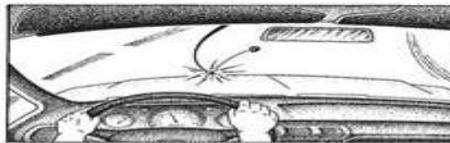
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Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August,  
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### **Community Sponsorship**

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:**

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

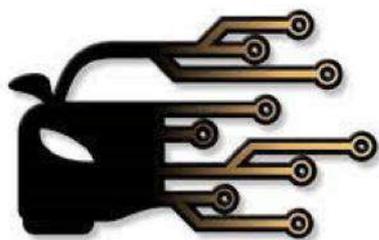
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# Services Listing

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 3 Mar	AGM: Yilgarn Ladies Darts Association @ Complex Lounge 7pm
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
Fri 20 Mar	Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town
Sat 21 Mar	Lion's Skin Cancer Screening bus in town outside Senior Citizen's Centre Appointments required!
Thu 16 Apr	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers, 5pm
Fri 17 Apr	Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town
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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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
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| ✓ Country Women's Association   | ✓ Southern Cross St John Ambulance  | ✓ Basketball                      |
| ✓ P & C / P & F Organisations   | ✓ Southern Cross Vol. Fire & Rescue | ✓ Cricket                         |
| ✓ Patchworking                  | ✓ Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade       | ✓ Darts                           |
| ✓ Progress Associations         | ✓ Yilgarn Agricultural Society      | ✓ Football                        |
| ✓ Scrapbooking                  | ✓ Yilgarn Community Support Group   | ✓ Golf                            |
| ✓ Senior's Exercises            | ✓ Yilgarn History Museum            | ✓ Lawn Bowls                      |
| ✓ Senior's Games (Jan—Mar)      | ✓ Yilgarn Men's Shed                | ✓ Motorcycle Club                 |
| ✓ Southern Cross Gardening Club | ✓ Yilgarn Motoring Enthusiasts      | ✓ Netball                         |
| ✓ Southern Cross Hospital       |                                     | ✓ Shooting                        |
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