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# Crosswords

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LOST WE  
FORGET

**ANZAC DAY**  
**SATURDAY APRIL 25TH 2026**  
**DAWN SERVICE 6:00AM**  
**MID-MORNING SERVICE 11:00AM**  
**MEMORIAL HILL, SOUTHERN CROSS**





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

## 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](mailto: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

## 2026 Publishing Dates

Deadline 12 noon	Publishing Date
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

### 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  
 Saturdays 11pm

May 16th  
 July 18th  
 September 12th  
 November 14th  
 December 19th—Christmas Service

\* Dates subject to change. Dates displayed on the Church Notice Board

Meet our NEW Priest, Benjamin Yugusial



## ***EXPRESSION OF INTEREST***

### ***Independent Member – Deputy Presiding Member***

#### ***Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC)***

The Shire of Yilgarn is seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified and experienced individuals to join its Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) as Independent Member – Deputy Presiding Member.

#### **About the Committee**

The ARIC is a formally appointed committee of Council that provides independent oversight and assurance in relation to audit, risk management, financial reporting, legislative compliance, and continuous improvement.

The Independent Member – Deputy Presiding Member is appointed to act in the role of Presiding Member when the Presiding Member is unavailable. This role does not involve an ongoing support or assistant function. When acting in the role, the Independent Member – Deputy Presiding Member assumes all responsibilities of the Presiding Member for the relevant meeting(s), including chairing meetings and overseeing the conduct of Committee business.

This role is advisory and oversight in nature and does not involve operational or executive decision making.

#### **What We're Looking For**

Applicants will have current qualifications and/or be able to demonstrate extensive senior level experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Financial management
- Audit and assurance
- Governance, compliance
- Risk Management
- Fraud, cyber security, internal controls.

You will bring strong judgement, independence of thought, and the ability to contribute constructively in an oversight environment.

### **Eligibility and Independence**

Applicants:

- Must be a natural person, who is either an Australian Citizen, or a Permanent Resident. Companies or other corporate entities are not eligible.
- Must not be a councillor of any local government.
- Must not be an employee of the Shire of Yilgarn.
- Must not have been subject to bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings under the Bankruptcy Act 1966 (Cth).
- Must not have been convicted of a serious local government offence; or convicted of a criminal offence for which the indictable penalty was or included imprisonment for more than five (5) years.

### **Time Commitment and Remuneration**

The Committee meets at least quarterly. Sitting fees (currently \$450 per meeting) and reimbursements apply in accordance with Council policy.

### **How to Apply**

Submit an Expression of Interest including:

- a brief cover letter identifying the role(s) you are applying for
- a current Resume
- a short statement addressing relevant skills, qualifications, experience, and independence.

For further information or a copy of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees Terms of reference please contact Cameron Watson, Executive Manager Corporate Services at [emcs@yilgarn.wa.gov.au](mailto:emcs@yilgarn.wa.gov.au) or 08 9049 1001.

Peter Clarke  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

## SHIRE OF YILGARN

### NOTICE TO BUSINESSES AND LANDHOLDERS

### FUEL & FERTILISER SHORTAGES AND DELIVERIES

If business proprietors and farmers/landholders in the Yilgarn district are experiencing difficulties in the regular supply of fuel and fertiliser, it would be appreciated if these could be emailed to the undersigned with detailed information relating to your current situation.

With respect to fuel supplies, the Shire will then pass these concerns onto the State Government's Fuel Security State Control Officer at the Department of Energy and Economic Diversification who is tasked with coordinating statewide fuel security and resilience planning.

Similarly, fertiliser shortages will be reported to the appropriate Government Departments.

Peter Clarke  
Acting Chief Executive Officer  
[ceo@yilgarn.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@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.

## Expression of Interest

### **Cropping of Lots 36, 44 & Reserve Lot 88 (Airport)**

Interested parties are invited to submit an expression of interest to crop Lots 36 & 44 Great Eastern Highway, and Reserve Lot 88 Great Eastern Highway (Airport) for a term of 3 years.

The current agreement has ceased, with the new agreement commencing on the appointment of the new Leasee.

The successful party will be required to pay to the Shire of Yilgarn the following, on the 1<sup>st</sup> July each year of the lease:

- \$2,200 (incl GST) annually for the lease of Lot 36 & 44;
- \$500 (incl GST) annually for the lease of Lot 88.

The draft general terms agreement is available via contacting the Acting Chief Executive Officer via [ceo@yilgarn.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@yilgarn.wa.gov.au) with those submitting EOI required to acknowledge they understand the above annual charges and draft agreement requirements. The Shire may consider leasing the lots individually upon request.

All submissions should be title “Cropping Lease 2026-2029” and addressed to:

Peter Clarke  
Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Email: [ceo@yilgarn.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@yilgarn.wa.gov.au)  
or  
PO Box 86  
Southern Cross WA 6426

Submissions close at **4:00 pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

# Anzac Day, Saturday 25th April 2026

## Southern Cross

Come along to one or both of the services held in town on Saturday 25th April 2026. The Dawn Service at 6am & the 11am Service are both held at Memorial Hill on Antares Street.

We would love to see you there. Please come and give a little of your time to remember and pay respect to those who gave and continue to give so much for us all.

### *Lest We Forget*

#### **ANZAC DAY Temporary Road Closure –Southern Cross**

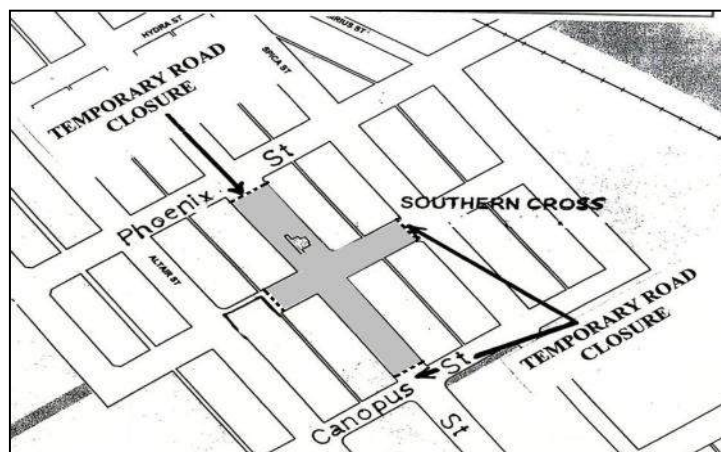
Residents are hereby advised that the following roads will be closed from **10.30am through to 12.00 noon on Saturday 25th April 2026** during the Anzac Day Service.

Necessary road closure signage and markers will be in place to direct traffic during the above time.

**ANTARES STREET** will be closed between the Antares - Canopus Streets intersection and Antares - Phoenix streets intersection.

**CENTAUR STREET** will be closed between Spica and Antares Streets.

*Details of the above road closures are illustrated below*



# Community News

## Southern Cross Golf Club

### APRIL 2026

Sun 26th Club Day

### MAY 2026

Sun 3rd Havcon Engineering Par  
Sun 10th Thomson Drilling 2 Person Am-  
(Mother's Day) brose  
Sun 17th BP Service Station Canadian  
4's Championships Own Partners  
Sun McIntosh & Son Stableford  
Sun SX Hardware & News Stroke



## DRIVER REVIVER – EASTER 2026

Over Easter the Driver Reviver Van was in full operation from the Pioneer Cemetery. The Van ran for a total of 18 hours with having 23 vehicles stop and providing refreshments for 34 Drivers and Passengers.

On behalf of the Yilgarn Community Support Group, I wish to thank the Shire of Yilgarn for getting the Van in place for us and for organising our signage, SX Hardware & News for allowing us to leave the Roster, and the CRC for the advertising in the Crosswords.

Most importantly, the Driver Reviver wouldn't be successful without the generous time given from our Volunteers. I wish to thank Colin & Ursula Cuffe, George & Pat Boso, Deb & Carol (from the Caravan Park), Anne Carnicelli and Leonie Gethin. Thank you Everyone and hope we can count on your support again! Please keep checking our Facebook page for updates in regards to Christmas 2026.

## Public Notice

The Pipeline Challenge will be coming through Southern Cross next week, and the group will be camping near the Outdoor Courts on the grass area behind the Oval (dog running area) on Wednesday, 29th April, through to Friday, 1st May.

It is advised that during these days, people avoid the area with their dogs or keep them leashed when walking around this area.

## Thank you

The Bullfinch Shooting Club would like to sincerely thank the Shire of Yilgarn for the Community Funding Program.

We have had the opportunity to upgrade our old, worn out equipment and bring in some new items.

The support we receive from the Shire of Yilgarn is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!!



GEORGE & MATILDA  
EYECARE  
FOR  
WEST SPECS

**ONSITE OPTOMETRIST  
2026 ATTENDING DATES**

May 11th – 12th

*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**

# Southern Cross Golf Club

## SX Golf Club News

Our golf season has teed off to an impressive start, with strong numbers despite the persistent flies and warm conditions. Good to see our regular members back and it's been great to see some new faces.

### **Opening Day 12th April : Club Day - Draw for partners, teams event.**

Winning team: Noel Teale - 32 points    Jason Guerini - 31 points    James Steel - 40 points

Total Score: 103 points

Runners up: Shaun Chrisp - 32 points    Donna Newbury - 41 points    Ben Martin - 25 points

Total Score: 98 points

### **Stephen Transport Stableford Event 19th April**

A fabulous turn out of 17 players made for a great day of golf. We extend our sincere thanks to Stephen Transport who continue to support our golf club. Your sponsorship helps us promote our game and maintain our club facilities and it is genuinely appreciated.

Winner: Adam Della Bosca 37 points

Runner up: Lib Irving 36 points

3rd: Flynn Chrisp 31 points, on a count back from James Panizza 31 points

Next Sunday 26th April Club Day for Anzac long weekend

Sunday 3rd May Par event sponsored by Havcon Engineering

## **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.

### Back to School: Fuel bodies and protect skin

The school bells are ringing once again! As we settle back into the busy rhythm of term time, we know mornings can feel like a bit of a whirlwind. To help navigate this, **Crunch&Sip** has amazing resources for you! From stress-free nutrition swaps to lunchbox ideas. Be sure to visit [crunchandsip.com.au](http://crunchandsip.com.au).

Did you know that UV radiation can't be seen or felt? Even during this time of year, levels stay high enough to require sun protection. Protect your child's skin by checking the local UV levels at [myuv.com.au](http://myuv.com.au) before they head out to play!

## Packed with Goodness.

### How to pack a lunchbox full of goodness

#### The Main

Pack a substantial meal from the five food groups. We recommend trying to include some whole grains, protein (like lean meat, or beans), and some vegetables.

#### The Mini

Pack smaller portions of the five food groups. This can include slices of cheese, popcorn, grainy crackers, or homemade muffins.

#### The Munch

Pack any fruit and vegetables your children enjoy. Cut, whole, raw, or cooked.

#### Water

Always pack water for your child.



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WA

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# Think UV, not heat.

**Check the UV regardless of the season -** it doesn't have to be hot for UV to damage your skin.



Protect your skin when **UV is 3 and above.**



**SunSmart**



Access the daily sun protection times via the free SunSmart Global UV app



Every minute, every hour, every day.

*You're invited to*  
***Bullfinch Biggest Morning Tea***  
*Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May*



*Bullfinch Town Hall (old school site) from 9:00*  
*Lots of raffle prizes, door prizes, lucky \$100 note, on-the-spot*  
*cash prizes, sausage sizzle and lots more!!*

*Any donations greatly appreciated.*  
*Merchandise and Eftpos also available at the venue.*



*Contact Alyson 0428316807 for any information*



# 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 CDNA

13th of June 2026  
AWAY (Think Mental  
Health Round)  
v Kulin Kondinin  
**EDFL BYE - Great  
Southern Colts  
Carnival**

## Round 8 EDFL

20th of June 2026  
AWAY (Think Mental  
Health Round)  
v Kulin Kondinin  
**CDNA BYE - 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

15th of August 2026  
Netball & 1<sup>st</sup> Football Semi  
16<sup>th</sup> of August 2026  
2<sup>nd</sup> Football Semi

## Prelim Finals

22nd of August 2026  
Netball Prelim  
23rd of August 2026  
Football Prelim

## Grand Finals

29<sup>th</sup> of August 2026  
Netball Grand Final  
30<sup>th</sup> of August 2026  
Football Grand Final



Government of Western Australia  
WA Country Health Service

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part of raising healthy  
country kids. ”**

Rhiannon  
Country Mum and Nurse

**Every  
immunisation  
matters**

Keep your child up to date.

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**FREE Childhood Influenza Vaccinations are available from your local Child Health Nurse**

**Eligibility: For children aged 6 months to <12 Years.**

**Call Jess on  
9081 3352 or 0419 220 212  
to make an appointment**

## Nungarin Museum Vintage Rally and Searchlight Party Shines Bright in 2026

The Nungarin Museum community came together in spectacular fashion for the 2026 Nungarin Museum Vintage Rally and Searchlight Party, with a day and evening full of activity, history, and community spirit.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the many incredible volunteers who made the event possible. From the dedicated Museum Committee and Museum Members and also those from the broader Nungarin community, who generously offered their time to help out on the day. The day was a true team effort and as the saying goes “many hands make light work” and without this support the day would not have been the success it was. Special recognition also goes to those who worked tirelessly in the lead-up, cleaning and preparing the Museum grounds to ensure everything was ready to welcome visitors.

Thanks to sponsorship from Bendigo Bank Mukinbudin, the event offered something for everyone. Attendees enjoyed a wide range of engaging activities, including immersive VR goggles that gave participants the unique experience of riding in a tank or diving on a sunken submarine. The climbing wall provided excitement for the more adventurous, while the Horseworks display offered a fascinating glimpse into the past, demonstrating how grain was crushed and chaff cut using horsepower.

Adding to the historical atmosphere were impressive displays by the 10th Light Horse Brigade, giving visitors a deeper appreciation of military history and heritage.

The highlight of the evening—and undoubtedly the star of the show—was the lighting of the WWII searchlight, which illuminated the night sky and captivated all in attendance. It was a powerful and memorable moment that brought history vividly to life.

Adding to the atmosphere, after the sun when down, local business owner Ashley Mackin, along with Ben Chandler and Amber Cooke, who entertained the crowd with their musical talents, creating a lively and welcoming environment for all who attended.

The Nungarin Museum extends its sincere thanks to the Shire of Nungarin for their continued support, helping ensure the success of this community event, showcasing our small town and what it has to offer to the wide Wheatbelt Region. Thanks also go to those who brought along their much loved Vintage Cars and machines to showcase to interested visitors. Special thank you to Alex Smithers who also was able to convince the Army to allow the showcasing of a modern military vehicle which contributed to the displays.

Attendance at the event was a little down on previous years (perhaps thanks to the recent increase in fuel costs or maybe it was due to the event coinciding the Easter Celebration), however the Museum Committee still feel the 2026 Vintage Rally and Searchlight Party was a resounding success—one that showcased not only the region’s rich history but also the strength and spirit of its community.



*Photo credit: gasgaslex Photos*



## ***The Story of Bullant McIntyre (continued)***

During a rare absence of the mayor from a Council meeting, McIntyre saw his chance and urged his colleagues to push through items that the mayor had previously vetoed – namely the erection of a shed for the Fire Brigade; also authorising that all correspondence to government departments be channelled through their member, Captain Oats. When Montgomery returned he refused to sign the minutes.

The opposition newspaper in town had a field day reporting the ongoing saga and painting McIntyre in bad light:

....At the last council meeting the mayor stated he did not approve several items in the previous minutes, therefore he would not sign them. With regard to Captain Oats, the mayor had written to him several times but got no reply. Oats had ignored the council, therefore the mayor objected to the motion that all government correspondence be forwarded through their Member. The mayor said that he had worked hard in the interests of the ratepayers, and he considered the motion was a slight on the Chair and that the councillors had no confidence in him. With regard to the erection of a fire brigade station, the question arises whether the money was granted by the Government for a fire brigade only, or was it to provide a water supply for prevention purposes. Previously when the government had been approached it was represented that it was necessary to bring water into the Cross from the dam for this purpose. (Oats was a former mayor of Southern Cross who won the inaugural seat of Yilgarn in State Parliament)

The councillors stood their ground.

....Councillors declared they saw fit to ignore any quarrel between Oats and the mayor and they wanted the motion to remain. Councillors proposed that Montgomery vacate the chair to allow interim Mayor Wells to sign the minutes. The mayor refused to do this. Councillor's Wells and Hood said it was useless for them to remain and left the chamber. There being no quorum left the mayor closed the meeting.'

There was deadlock in the council. Montgomery stated the first unpleasantness occurred when Councillor McIntyre tabled a motion censuring him (Montgomery) which he refused to receive. Also the alleged want of veracity by Captain Oats in his letters to the 'Times' made him resolve to have nothing further to do with the Captain. During his absence the councillors had deliberately passed a motion that all correspondence to government departments should be sent to the Member. Montgomery took this as a motion of no confidence in himself. The bulk of the councillors were Oats' supporters and they were trying to run the council in the interests of the Captain. This he would not allow as experience had shown that Oats was a complete bungler.

The opposition newspaper was scathing:

....It is a pity that the present deadlock exists but Montgomery should not be judged too harshly for his actions after the pin-pricking tactics adopted by McIntyre over so long a period. McIntyre wanted the minutes to include all motions, whether they were carried or not, so as to constitute a record of what councillors had attempted to do. This was duly passed in the absence of Mayor Montgomery, even though the councillors knew the mayor would be 'narked.' McIntyre carefully steered it through knowing that Montgomery would not over-ride it; he had scored a point. In connection with the fire brigade, we wonder about the scruples in signing minutes that voted government money granted for one purpose to another direction. The Council has set itself against Montgomery but he refused to tamely submit.'

....Another council meeting where Montgomery refused to sign the minutes, or to vacate the Chair to Wells. There was some pushing and shoving when Wells attempted to take possession of the books, leading McIntyre to state that the mayor needed a good hiding. Montgomery attempted to read out the correspondence himself; however the councillors all left the Chamber, jeering as they went.'

....All councillors except George Wilson have signed the offending minutes. Ratepayers generally agree that it is time this child's play ended. They say that McIntyre, Wells, Hood, and Stubbs should resign.'

....Mayor Montgomery has 'climbed down' with very bad grace and signed the minutes according to our contemporary. As far as we are concerned he has 'climbed up.'

*The Story of Bullant McIntyre will be continued in the next edition of Crosswords.*

The Southern Star Cafe

# Mother's Day

## Brunch

*Celebrate Mum with a Special Brunch!*



Enjoy a delicious selection of brunch favourites, sweet treats, and freshly made delights.

**Sunday, May 10th • 10 AM – 2 PM**

*Treat Mum to a relaxing and memorable morning with great food and a beautiful setting.*

*Bookings essential*

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# WANT TO CREATE

# ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE



# IN THE WHEATBELT?

Go in the  
draw to  
win!

- ✓ Create environmental impact for future generations
- ✓ Make a difference to the future of the Wheatbelt's Natural Environment
- ✓ Help Wheatbelt NRM know where to direct essential funding in your area



Scan the **QR** code to complete the survey!



**wheatbelt**  
natural resource  
management



# Want to learn more about the NDIS?

## Come and meet the NDIA

Take the opportunity to drop by and connect with the NDIA team to discover how we can support you



Tuesday 5th May 2026



10:00am to 12:30pm



**Southern Cross CRC**  
Canopus St, Southern Cross

If you want to know more about the NDIS, the team will answer your questions and speak about what we do:



How the NDIS works



Am I eligible?



How do I apply?



Using your plan

# Puntu Pirni Palya

GOLDFIELDS FIRST NATIONS  
MEN'S WELLNESS PROJECT



The Puntu Pirni Palya (PPP) Project is here in

## Southern Cross

**Tuesday 2- Friday 5 June  
2026**

PPP is a project by First Nations men, about First Nations men, for First Nations men. Language, culture, tradition, and connection is core to this project.

You can come along and create artefacts alongside your local Men, who will be working on the project in your community.

The truck and staff will be at Southern Cross for a few days. When the project is at Southern Cross there will be;

- A portable fully equipped workshop truck,
- materials and resources, and
- workshop coordinators.

**The project provides a safe space for men to connect, share, and use wellbeing.**



## How can you get involved?

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

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

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

## Who can I contact?

**PPP Men's Coordinator**

**PHONE** (08) 9021 3788

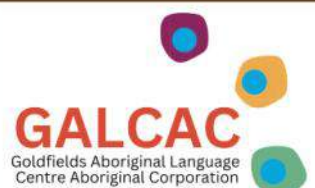
**EMAIL** [menscoordinator1@wangka.com.au](mailto:menscoordinator1@wangka.com.au)

## Workshop Coordinators

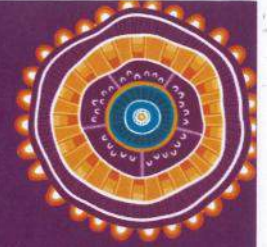


**Les**

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# Do you have questions for the NDIA?

## Visit us at the Mobile Service Centre in Southern Cross

The NDIA will be on board the Services Australia Mobile Service Centre. Connect with our NDIA team and discover how we can support you



Thursday 18th June 2026



9.00am to 2.30pm



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- ✓ Check restrictions before moving wood, plant material or live plants from the Perth metropolitan area.
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- ✓ Do not burn wood with signs of borer damage – PSHB disperse when infested wood is burnt, increasing the risk of further spread.
- ✓ Check your plants for signs of PSHB infestation.
- ✓ Report suspect borer activity via the MyPestGuide® Reporter app.



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# Are You Fit to Click?

● Stop your scroll ⚠ Check warning signs ✓ Protect Yourself

Do you pause and think before you click on a link?

YES

NO

Do you keep your passphrases, software & devices up to date?

YES

NO

Do you feel confident, safe & alert when navigating online?

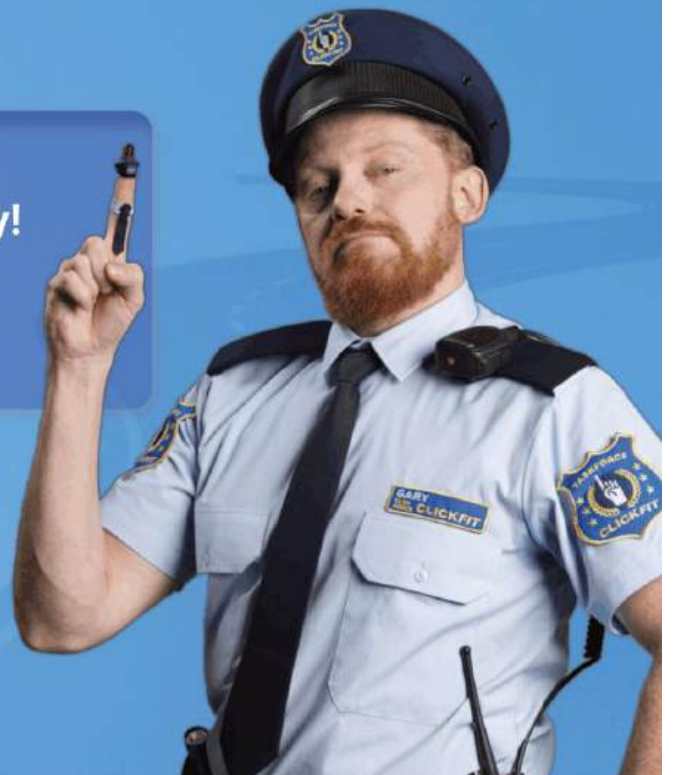
YES

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## 📊 Your Results

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## Six simple steps to get ClickFit:

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- 4 Stay alert to emerging scams
- 5 Stop and think before you click
- 6 Verify the source before you click, call or pay

## Check the digital blind spots

*Stop before you click*

*Swerve to avoid dodgy links via text or email*

*Slow your scroll to a safe speed*

*Stay alert to cybercriminals online*

**Stop your scroll**

**Check warning signs**

**Protect yourself**

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Text Message  
Today 13:35

Unusual login attempt detected.  
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Text Message - SMS

**Stop your scroll - Check warning signs - Protect yourself**

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2026  
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Are you interested in learning how to use a computer?

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

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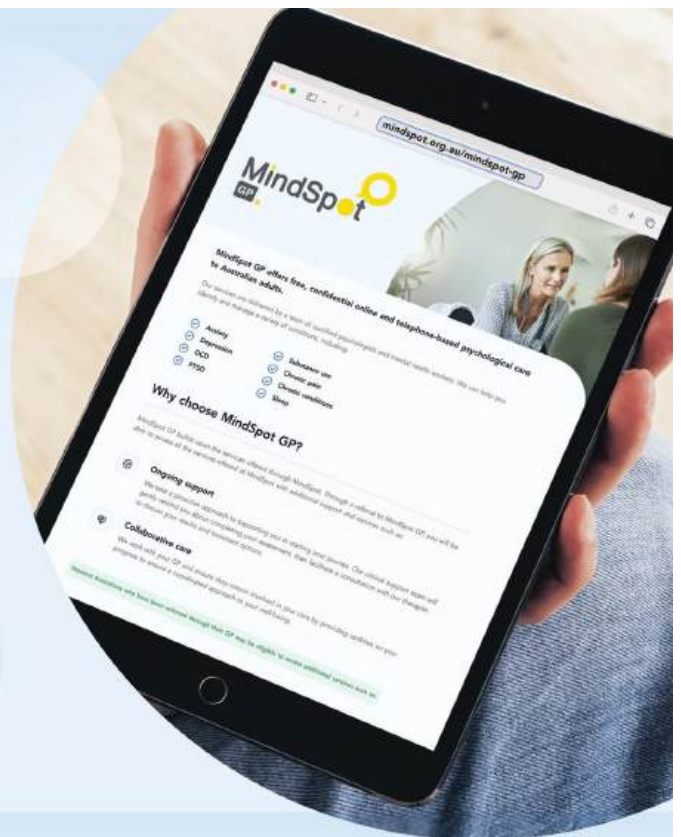
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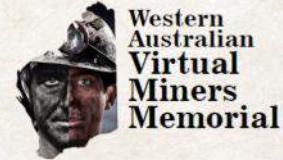
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## Our Commitment to You

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?

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### **Community Feedback and Information**

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

### **Community Sponsorship**

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

### **Recruitment**

The following positions are currently available at Barto Gold. 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.

- ❖ Site administrators
- ❖ Process technician
- ❖ Geology database specialist
- ❖ UG Mine foreman
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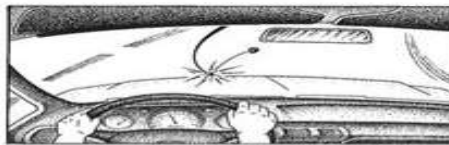
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You can apply for an assessment online and search for local aged care providers that meet your needs.

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MONTHLY THURSDAYS + FRIDAYS

### APRIL

- THU 23
- FRI 24 (TRIAL)

### MAY

- THU 21
- FRI 22 (TRIAL)

### JUNE

- THU 18
- FRI 19 (TRIAL)

### JULY

- THU 16
- FRI 17 (TBA)

### AUGUST

- THU 13
- FRI 14 (TBA)

### SEPTEMBER

- THU 10
- FRI 11 (TBA)

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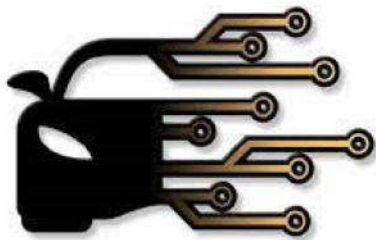
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# Services Listing

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.

Our Scheme ID is:  
**C10321638**

All donations received support our most vulnerable community members who need it the most.



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# Calendar of Events

Sat 25 Apr	ANZAC Day—6am dawn service and 11am mid-morning service at Memorial Hill, Southern Cross.
Mon 27 Apr	PUBLIC HOLIDAY—ANZAC Day (observed) - Shire & CRC will be closed.
Fri 15 May	Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town
Thu 21 May	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers, 5pm
Fri 12 Jun	Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town
Thu 18 Jun	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers, 5pm

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

- |                                 |                                     |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ✓ Art Group                     | Auxiliary                           | <i>Sporting groups including:</i> |
| ✓ 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                        |
|                                 |                                     | ✓ Tennis                          |

## Recycling Days 2026

**Apr 24**

**May 8**

**May 22**

Recycling is collected every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.

