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Crosswords

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KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAM



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Department of
Primary Industries and
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10:00am – 11.30am

VENUE: CRC building

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Wed 30th Sept CRAFT DAY Trinket Boxes, photo frames etc

Fri 2nd Oct CHALK DRAWING

Mon 5th Oct LEGO DAY (come in any time during the day to create)

Wed 7th Oct CRAFT DAY Trinket Boxes, photo frames etc

Fri 9th Oct WOOL CRAFTS

PLEASE REGISTER FOR CRAFT DAYS AS SPOTS WILL BE LIMITED

9049 1688 crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN



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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.

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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 & Tuesday	1:00pm to 4:00pm
Wednesday and Thursday	Closed
Friday	1:00pm to 4:00pm
Saturday & Sunday	10:00am to 4:00pm

Crosswords Advertising Rates 2026/27 (as of 1 July 2026)

Business Advertisements (Business premises outside of the Shire of Yilgarn)	Black		Colour	
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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

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(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

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A4 Full page	180mm x 270mm

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

2026 Publishing Dates

Deadline 12 noon	Publishing Date
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

2027 Publishing Dates

Deadline 12 noon	Publishing Date
12/01/2027	14/01/2027
26/01/2027	28/01/2027
9/02/2027	11/02/2027
23/02/2027	25/02/2027
9/03/2027	11/03/2027
23/03/2027	25/03/2027
6/04/2027	8/04/2027
20/04/2027	22/04/2027
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27/07/2027	29/07/2027
10/08/2027	12/08/2027
24/08/2027	26/08/2027
07/09/2027	09/09/2027
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05/10/2027	07/10/2027
19/10/2027	21/10/2027

Church Notices / Updates

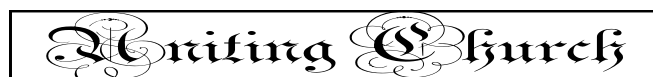


48 Altair Street, Southern Cross
 SX Presbytery: 9049 1049 (Sun to Mon)
 Bruce Rock Presbytery: 9061 1094 (Tues to Sat)
 Email: yilgarnwestoniacatholic@gmail.com
 Facebook: Yilgarn/Westonia Catholic Community
 YouTube: Yilgarn Westonia Catholic

CBH Grain Donations (SX): 40564452

Mass Times

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



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
 Saturdays 11pm

November 14th
 December 19th—Christmas Service

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

Meet our NEW
 Priest Bishop Benjamin Yugusial

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CASUAL CLEANER

The Shire of Yilgarn currently has an opportunity for a reliable person to join our team on a casual basis. The primary responsibilities of the position are the cleaning of Shire owned premises.

The applicant must be:

- Responsible
- Have a strong work ethic
- Have good personal presentation
- Attention to detail
- Capable of working alone
- Physically able to undertake manual work including lifting, carrying and kneeling
- Excellent communication skills
- Self-motivated

What we offer:

- Average of 12 hours per fortnight
- Casual loading of 25%
- Option to progress to permanent employment for the right employee
- Full training

Cleaning equipment and products provided.

Interested candidates are requested to obtain an application pack from:

- administration office at 23 Antares Street, Southern Cross, or
- telephone Payroll/HR 08 9049 1001, or
- payroll@yilgarn.wa.gov.au , or
- website www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au.

Applications should be marked "Confidential Application – Casual Cleaner".



Ben Forbes
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.

Community Funding Program 2026 / 2027

The Community Funding Program is opening soon.

Objectives of the funding project are:

- To provide a source of funding for non-profit community organisations operating within the district.
- To assist community organisations in maximising their future development.
- To provide an impartial means by which community organisations can access Council funds.

Applications for the following categories are invited:

A

**Essential equipment
/capital items
(up to \$2,000)**

Types of essential equipment:

- Ground maintenance equipment
- Sporting equipment
- Office equipment
- Minor plant equipment
- Minor building works

B

**Community / Sporting Event
related expenses
(up to \$2,000)**

Funding is available for event related expenses to help cover for, but not limited to, guest speakers, facilitators and other event hire costs. Written quotes must be provided at the time of application.

C

**Training & Travel Assistance for
local officials/office bearers
(up to \$500)**

Funding is available to officials and/or office bearers of community organisations who are required to attend regional / state association organised seminars / courses / meetings as part of their duties. Knowledge gained at these activities must then be used to assist the local community organisation in its continued development.

Eligibility

To be eligible the applicant must be based in the Shire of Yilgarn and meet the following criteria:

- Funding is available for activities which will provide benefits directly to the people of the Shire of Yilgarn.
- Only non-profit community organisations operating within the Shire of Yilgarn are eligible to apply.
- Organisations that have failed to acquit funding from the last round by 30 June 2026 will not be eligible for this round of the funding program.

For further information, general conditions and to obtain the "Guidelines and Application form" please visit www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au or contact Monica Fairless, CRC Coordinator, by email crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au or by calling 08 9049 1688.

**Applications must be received no
later than Friday 30 October 2026
by 12.00 pm.**



Shire of Yilgarn Australia Day Awards 2027

Nominate an inspiring local community member or group for one of three awards, fostering community pride and spirit:

- Shire of Yilgarn Australia Day Active Citizenship Award
- Shire of Yilgarn Australia Day Active Citizenship Award for a person under 25 years
- Shire of Yilgarn Australia Day Active Citizenship Award for a Community group or event

Nominate a local business in the new 2027 Local Business Award category:

- Shire of Yilgarn Australia Day Local Business Award

Nomination forms are available from the Shire of Yilgarn, CRC or online at www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au

Please note nominations close:
COB Monday, 2nd November 2026



Small Town Reinvention Conference



From Sunday the 6th to Friday the 12th, Councillor Linda Rose, Councillor Lisa Granich and the CEO attended the Bank of Small Ideas' Small Town Reinvention Conference in Western Queensland.

The conference was attended by local government, not-for-profit and state government representatives from all around Australia – everyone came together with the common purpose to learn from the success, community spirit and entrepreneurship of small regional communities in Western Queensland.

It was a thoroughly inspirational event. The conference toured towns as small as Aramac with only 200 residents to larger regional hubs like Blackall.

The common thread from these regional communities was the strong sense of community spirit. There was a clear and evident pride that the residents had in their town. It was often the case that a single idea or a single person substantially transformed their town for the better, paving the way for others to build on their success.

The Yilgarn and its residents have a lot to offer, and there's no time like the present to get started with our own success story. We want to hear from passionate members of our community. Any and all ideas are welcome, we want to hear about projects, events, services and anything else that you can think of that would benefit the district.

Whatever ideas you may have in mind, consider the following two points:

1. Who is willing to be involved?
2. What can the Shire do to help facilitate your ideas?

Anyone and everyone is welcome to come and share their ideas at the next tourism committee meeting on 6 October 2026 at 5.30pm at the Shire administration office. You don't have to stay for the committee meeting if you'd prefer not to!

If you're unable to attend the meeting, please email your ideas to the CEO directly at ceo@yilgarn.wa.gov.au

CRC CLOSURE

TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2026

The CRC will be closed all day Tuesday, 13th October 2026.

There will be no access to any CRC services on this day,
and Play Learn Rhyme will not be held this week.

We will reopen on Wednesday as normal.
We apologise for the inconvenience.



**AMENDMENTS TO THE 2026/2027
SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES**

In accordance with section 6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995, notice is hereby given that the following fees and charges will be imposed **effective from 18th September 2026**:

Community Bus Hire (Bond)

The bond for the hire of the Community Bus has been increased from \$300 inc-GST to \$500 inc-GST.

A copy of the amended 2026/2027 Schedule of Fees & Charges can be obtained on Council's website at www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au or from the Shire of Yilgarn administration office.

Ben Forbes
Chief Executive Officer

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.



SOCIAL TENNIS

16TH OCTOBER - 11TH DECEMBER 2026
FRIDAY EVENINGS - 5:30PM ONWARDS
SOUTHERN CROSS COURTS
BYO DRINKS, MEAT & A SALAD TO SHARE

FANCY A HIT? COME ALONG FOR A FUN, RELAXED
GAME OF SOCIAL TENNIS.
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT TASH 0408 447 035



Please note: Social Tennis will not be held on the 30th October or the 27th November due to other events.



SHIRE OF YILGARN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Photo submissions wanted!

Do you have a great photo taken in the Shire of Yilgarn? Why not submit it for the Free Community Calendar?

Please send high resolution photos to crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au or drop in a copy on a thumbdrive to the CRC to submit your photo. Please include your name, location of where the photo was taken, and if the location is publicly accessible.

Please note:

- Photos featuring people will not be accepted unless permission is provided.
- Photos that are not from the Shire of Yilgarn area will not be accepted for submission.
- Due to the volume of photo submissions the CRC may receive, not all submissions will appear in the 2027 Shire of Yilgarn Community Calendar.





SHIRE OF YILGARN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Advertise your business in the 2027 Calendar!

Contact Monica by emailing crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au or visit the CRC for an advertising form.

Spaces are limited, and placement is arranged on a first in basis - all adverts and forms must be received by the 2nd of October 2026.



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.

KIDS' CHRISTMAS ART CONTEST

WHAT COULD YOU ENTER?

- ✓ Drawings and paintings
- ✓ Colouring in, paint by numbers or diamond art
- ✓ Sculptures
- ✓ Art from recycled materials

Entries must have a "Christmas" theme.

Open to children aged 4 - 17 years old.
Sections include 4 - 8 years, 9 - 12 years, 13 - 17 years.

Entries close Friday 20 November 2026 at 12.00 pm.

Winners to be announced at the Christmas in the Park on Friday, 27 November 2026.

Assorted prizes to be won!

SUBMIT ENTRIES TO:

Southern Cross CRC
Canopus St, Southern Cross



Stalls



Live Music

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

FRIDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2026, 5PM - 8.30PM

Register now to hold a stall!

EMAIL CRC@YILGARN.WA.GOV.AU
OR CALL 9049 1688



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Stalls



*Live
Music*

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

FRIDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2026, 5PM - 8.30PM

The Yilgarn Community Christmas Tree

**BYO PICNIC CHAIRS,
NIBBLES & DRINKS**

GIFTS PROVIDED TO CHILDREN UP TO YEAR 6

\$15 PER CHILD

INCLUDES PRESENT, JUICE BOX & LOLLY BAG

PLEASE RSVP BY 23 OCTOBER WITH NAMES AND AGES OF
CHILDREN TO CWA.SXBRANCH@OUTLOOK.COM

CWA PAYMENT DETAILS

BSB: 036 128 ACC: 280026



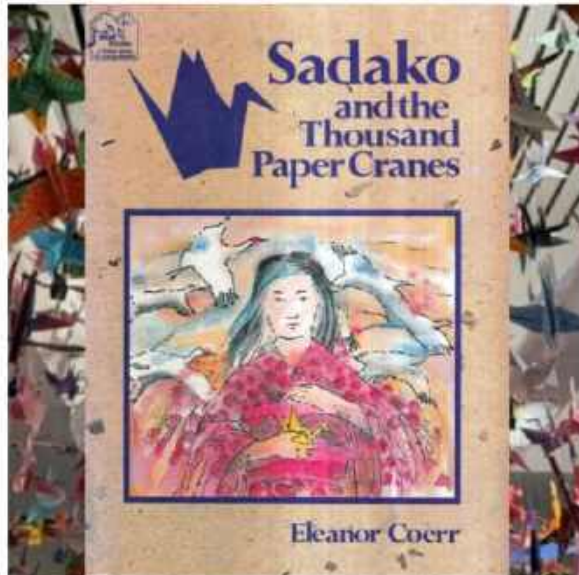
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What's been happening at the

Southern Cross
Community
Resource
Centre



Book Week Inspired Art Installation

Paper cranes made by the SCDHS Year 7 - Year 10 students

What's been happening at the



Play Learn Rhyme

Every Tuesday afternoon during School term from 3pm!

What's been happening at the

Southern Cross
Community
Resource
Centre



Otherworldly Emergence Series Launch

Videos from some of the authors, information on all the books plus yummy treats!



LEGO CLUB IS BACK!

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

*children need a parent or guardian present to attend



Department of
Primary Industries and
Regional Development



JOIN US FOR THE

YILGARN LADIES DAY



3 COURSE LUNCH, GUEST SPEAKERS &
COCKTAIL BAR

 OCT 24 2026



TOWN HALL
Southern Cross

DRESS CODE: BRIGHT & BOUJEE



Visit the link below or use the QR code to
purchase your ticket

<https://events.humanitix.com/yilgarn-ladies-day/tickets>



Community News

Wanted

I'm on the hunt for off-cuts or sheets of new or near new corrugated iron.

With "spring" in the air, I'd like to get back into my tin cut-outs for my garden. Sadly I could only bring a small amount with me when I moved to Southern Cross.

So, if you can help, I can be reached on: 0419 376 043 or at 40 Altair St.

Cheers and many thanks, Mary-Lou



LEGO CLUB Monday 26th October

Lego Club will not be held on Monday 26th October.

Lego Club will continue as normal from Monday 2nd November.



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!

Thursday and Friday afternoons currently require a regular volunteer.

If you'd like to discuss what is required to volunteer at our Museum, please see Monica at the CRC, email crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au or call 9049 1688.

CBH Pre-Harvest Meetings

The pre-harvest meetings are an opportunity to get involved in planning for your local sites and hear about any important changes for the coming harvest. We encourage and welcome everyone to come along and provide input.

Date	Time	Location	Sites
23/09/26	11:30am	Mt Hampton Hall	Dulyalbin & Bodallin
23/09/26	3:00pm	Munty Pub	Muntadgin
24/09/26	2:00pm	Bruce Rock District Club	Bruce Rock & Shackleton
02/10/26	10:00am	Southern Cross CRC	Southern Cross
02/10/26	3:00pm	Narembreen Rec Centre	Narembreen, Mt Walker & South Kumminin
02/10/26	3:00pm	Merredin Bowling Club	Merredin, Burracoppin, Warralakin

For more information, contact your local CBH office or visit cbh.com.au/harvest/pre-harvest-meetings



Death Notice

GRAY, Joan

Formerly of Southern Cross.

Passed away peacefully at NRH on 10 September 2026, aged 69 years.

Much loved Mum, Granny, Aunt and cherished member of her family.

Joan was known for her fiery spirit, stubborn nature and fierce love for her family.

She will be sadly missed by Sara, Colin, Jess, Shannon, Gemma, William, Finn and Archer. Finally at peace.

Forever loved and always remembered.

Funeral Service for Joan Gray (Formerly of Southern Cross)

Family and friends are warmly invited to attend the funeral service for our beloved Mum, Joan.

Southern Cross Cemetery

Friday, 25th September 2026

11:00am

A wake will follow at our property in Toodyay from 6:00pm.

All are welcome to join us as we continue to remember and celebrate Mum's life.



BORONA, Laurie

On behalf of George & Pat Boso and Family, we extend our condolences to all the Borona Families for the sad passing of Laurie.

May he now rest in peace.



AGM Notices



SXFC
AGM
WEDNESDAY @ 7PM
21ST OCTOBER 2026
CONTACT CLUB SECRETARY FOR FURTHER DETAILS
BRODIE ROBERTS 0439 978 670
HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

The Yilgarn Community Support Group will be holding their AGM on Wednesday October 14 2026 at the Southern Cross Community Resource Centre (CRC) starting at 5:30pm.

All positions will be declared vacant.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

We'd love to see some new faces join our wonderful little group.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at the Yilgarn Men's Shed
Thursday 1st of October 2026 @10.30am

WANT TO PLACE A RENTAL 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!

Southern Cross Golf Club

SX GOLF CLUB NEWS

Great Eastern Freightlines 13th September Stableford

A big Thank you to Josh & Hannah for coming on board and for the great prizes from Great Eastern Freightlines

Winner: John Nicholson 35 points

R/Up on a countback: Shaun Chrisp 35 points

Closing Day 20th September Ambrose Fun Day

Winning team: Dave Pasini, Jason Guerini, Ben Martin & Karin Wesley

We wrapped up our season with a hamburger tea and our presentations.

MENS AWARDS:

Club Champion: Shaun Chrisp

Nett Winner: Flynn Chrisp

Eclectic: Jason Guerini

Consistency: Flynn Chrisp

LADIES AWARDS:

Club Champion: Lib Irving

Nett Winner: Karin Wesley

Eclectic: Donna Newbury

Consistency: Karin Wesley

Mens 4's: Dave Pasini & Shaun Chrisp

Mixed 4's: Donna Newbury & Shaun Chrisp

Congratulations to David & Cheryl Auld on winning our major \$1000 raffle prize.

2026 Raffle Results - Permit No: LS224653826

Major Prize: \$1000

14. David and Cheryl Auld

Weekly \$50 Draws:

5 July:	27 Cheryl Auld	59	Glenn Nicholson
12 July:	33 Kira Della Bosca	60	Amanda Della Bosca
19 July:	85 John Nicholson	100	Andrew Scarfone
26 July:	75 Nat Beaton	70	Chrispy
2 Aug:	96 Will Gray	77	James Panizza
9 Aug:	96 Will Gray	11	Jason Guerini
16 Aug:	3 Jess Della Bosca	33	Kira Della Bosca
23 Aug:	43 Alexa Watts	44	Thea Chrisp
30 Aug:	15 Fatman	75	Nat Beaton
6 Sept:	88 Laurie Dodge	82	Kez & Garth

Thanks to our sponsors, our committee and our members for a successful 2026 golf season.

YILGARN NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Senior Netball Awards 2026

A Grade Fairest and Best (Sponsored by The Hilder Family) - Britt Kent

A Grade Runner Up Fairest and Best (Sponsored by M & T Beaton) - Jess Stephen

A Grade Coaches Award (Sponsored by S. Della Bosca) - Lottie Cooke

A Grade Players Player (Sponsored by P & J Cobden) - Britt Kent

A Grade Most CDNA Votes (Sponsored by Old Aprelia) - Jess Stephen

B Grade Fairest and Best (Sponsored by W & D Della Bosca) - Millie Della Bosca

B Grade Runner Up Fairest and Best (Sponsored by O Truran) - Abby Nicholson

B Grade Coaches Award (Sponsored by T. Collins) - Rebecca Maddock

B Grade Players Player (Sponsored by S & K Collins) - Millie Della Bosca

B Grade Most CDNA Votes (Sponsored by S. Bosenberg) - Millie Della Bosca

The Peggy Guerini Memorial Award - Best Club Person (Sponsored by The Guerini Family) - Sarah Della Bosca

Junior Netball Awards 2026

Fairest and Best (Sponsored by N & P Eiffler) - Claudia Pucar

Runner Up Fairest and Best (Sponsored by G & N Beaton) - Bonnie Caldwell

Coaches Award (Sponsored by S. Della Bosca) - Amelia Freestone

Players Player (Sponsored by M & S Dunbar) - Clara Simonsen

The Vi Della Bosca Memorial Award - Junior Endeavour (Sponsored by C. Guadagnin) - Clara Simonsen



PRESIDENTS REPORT



Holly Panizza

**YILGARN NETBALL ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT**

2026

Congratulations to all our members for a fantastic 2026 Season! Our Yilgarn Netball Association comprises of our CDNA Competition and our Net, Set, Go Program. I would like to thank Ashlee, Millie and Tash for their amazing efforts this season, especially while I was away. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes, and we are very lucky to have such a dedicated executive committee. I would also like to thank the Football Club and their committee for working with us for another season.

For our CDNA Competition we had an increase in our numbers this year, with some new players, having a total of 24 Seniors and 15 Juniors. Whilst our senior teams didn't make it to finals this year, they were competitive in both grades which was excellent to see. Our juniors are improving year by year, and this time they came away with a few more wins.

This year Netball WA introduced a new and improved Net, Set, Go framework in the hope that all kids will learn the exact same skills and have the same program. We had a total of 30 Net, Set, Go participants this season, great numbers for the future of YNA. Thank you to our Net, Set, Go coach Leah, and our coordinator Tash for ensuring a seamless transition into the new program this year.

As an Association we wanted to move towards a more holistic approach aligning the movement through Net, Set, Go, to Juniors, then to Seniors. Thank you to Sarah for bringing the coaches together to discuss what skills were needed to prepare them for a smooth transition between our different netball levels.

Unfortunately, we didn't manage to get enough numbers for a social competition this year. Thank you to Alexa for trying her hardest to get this off the ground. If anyone has suggestions on something we should change to get more people involved please feel free to speak to our committee, or even better, attend the AGM! In previous years it's been a great way to keep fit and have fun during the week, and I would hate to see it diminish.

I was impressed on the improvement in the sportsmanship of our whole club this season, welcoming new players, being kind and inclusive to those who had injuries, and those who got involved in our club fundraising and volunteering. This reflects well on our Association and our town. I know a highlight of this years team bonding was the Wig Out bus trip organised by Tash and Allaina! Thank you for all the work you did on our social events.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT



Holly Panizza

**YILGARN NETBALL ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT**

2026

Our competition wouldn't have been possible without the help of our volunteers. I would like to mention Ashlee, our senior Team Manager and Leah Gale & Leah Lawrence our junior team managers. We were so lucky to have you and your organisational skills on our sideline. Due to a disappointing amount of umpire volunteers last season, I worked alongside our AUDO Sandy to develop an umpire development program, including a 2-week umpiring workshop run by Sandy herself. We are so lucky to have someone with her expertise and experience to teach us. Thank you to everyone who attended this, those completed their Netball Rules exam, and who gave umpiring a go this year! Special mention to Tammy who umpired all the A grade games.

Many country town associations including ours are run on exclusively on volunteers. From scorers & timers, to those who help pack up training or do a stint in the canteen, thank you for helping keep our club running. We truly would not have netball without you all.

Fundraising is an essential part of our association. It helps us keep our fees low, gives us opportunities to invest in beneficial items for our club, and to donate to charities close to our heart. In 2026, the football club invited us to join forces in the canteen, thank you to Millie for putting her hand up to be the YNA canteen manager this year, and to Bec for all your work too, it is such a big job. Thanks to the committee for organising the afternoon tea & dinners, our crown raffle, our Mother's Day raffle, races night & beer pong fundraisers. Excellent work to everyone involved and thank you to everyone who made donations. This continues last year's upward fundraising trajectory and puts our Association in a sustainable financial position, opening opportunities that we didn't have previously. Thanks to the Yilgarn Shire's donation, we were able to purchase an iPad needed for our move to electronic scoring. We were also able to purchase ourselves some new equipment and buy some framed association photos to go up in our changerooms. Thank you to Tash for organising and to Sarah for her photography skills. It is important to remember the growth and history of our association. On that note, I would like to congratulate the following players on reaching their 50 games milestone this year; Alexa Watts, Britt Kent, and Claudia Pucar. I am looking forward to seeing lots more milestones next year, there is quite a few nearly there.

I can't wait to see what 2027 has in store for us. Everyone should be very proud of how strong our association is and the growth we are having all round.



The Story of Bullant McIntyre (continued)

Sometimes McIntyre was on the receiving end. Rival newspaper the 'Sunday Times' loved to snipe:

....Yankee mine and newspaper proprietor McIntyre of Southern Cross was in his all fired glory toting Mines Minister Gregory and his party around the district. Macs pet frenzy is the water scheme where water charges for struggling mine owners is four times higher than charged to farmers and market gardeners. 'The unfortunate poor blander runnin' a mine for the gardama country's benefit', yells he, 'has the blood drained out of him to lap nurse and spoon feed a horde of contaminated suckers whose highest aim is a soft-seed pumpkin or a swag-bellied sow.'

(Reference to McIntyre being a Yank is well off the mark. He was born in Haddon Victoria from Scottish parents)

....The Southern Cross Times frequently rears up to heave chunks of Billingsgate at the Mines Department for neglecting the moribund mining interests of Yilgarn, but an official return laid on the table of the House does not support the contention of the Times. Indeed it rather strikes the flatulent organ in the solar plexus and demonstrates that on occasions it yells out of the roof of its Panama hat.'

The local paper strikes back:

....This field is not as moribund as the Sunday Times reporter who penned the above cheap sneers. This organ may be flatulent but it blows only the breath of truth. The Sunday Times is windy and plays on conjecture.'

A Perth journal joins in:

....There is no doubt that the Southern Cross district has great possibilities, but it badly needs a sensible paper and sensible correspondents to advertise its products. More harm than good has been done to this centre by the publication of ridiculous reports emanating from cranky people.'

This does not stop McIntyre. Another famous clash was with Miss Newport the Legal Manager of Marvel Loch mine in which McIntyre had invested his money:

....There have been some strange proceedings in connection with the Marvel Loch Company, with shares behaving erratically for no reason. It looks as if the Melbourne directors are determined to play skittles with this stock as they want a market rather than a mine. Their representative arrived here the other day and immediately obtained a fortnight's exemption on the company's lease. He then proceeded to put off the manager and all hands. He remained to audit the books and put a caretaker in charge. This hysterical action of the legal manager Miss Newport on behalf of the promoters casts a shadow of suspicion. Mr Hogg, the manager, has steadfastly refused to gouge the eyes out of the mine and has been asking for development money. Instead he was told by directors to get the wages out of the mine. Nothing but vigorous action and careful watchfulness on the part of local shareholders will prevent certain sharpers ruining a splendid property.'

....The high handed action of Miss Newport in closing down the Marvel Loch mine has caused WA shareholders to ask nasty questions. WA shareholders hold 30% of the shares, yet are not notified of shareholder meetings, or receive a copy of the articles of association, or elect directors, or have any say whatsoever in the affairs of the company. Southern Cross people were elbowed out of Fraser's mine a few years ago by a crowd of gentlemen who ran very close to the criminal code and they are not going to be pushed out of such a good thing by a bouncing petticoat.'

....For the past month the Marvel Loch mine has been disgracefully treated. Mr Hogg the manager was urged to stope good stone and make the results pay the expense of developing the property. This he rightly declined to do in view of the fact that Miss Newport and Co had advised that there was a good credit balance in the bank. The attorney and WA director instructed Mr Hogg to draw on the Melbourne office. He did so and had the draft returned unpaid, along with a request for him to resign. Mr Moore from Coolgardie then came and put off all hands without paying their wages. A fortnight later Moore came again and put Mr Hewitt in charge, but again the wages were not paid. As Mr Hogg had not resigned or received notification of dismissal, he and Mr Hewitt clashed. The workers are now uncertain whom to obey; the consequence is they do as they like. We strongly advise people to leave this scrip alone until the atmosphere is cleared up. It will need careful watching. We will not stand to see that the WA shareholders are fooled or bamboozled by any 'New Woman' company promoter or financial faker from over the Bight.'

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





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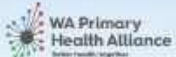
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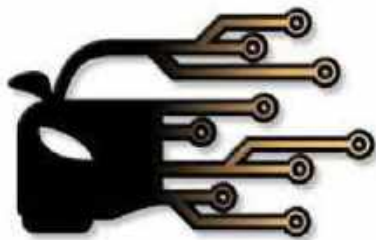


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Fri 2 Oct	CBH Growers Meeting @ CRC, 10am
Fri 2 Oct	Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town
Tue 6 Oct	Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting @ Council Chambers, 5.30pm
Tue 13 Oct	CRC closed for the day. No Play Learn Rhyme this afternoon.
Wed 14 Oct	AGM: Yilgarn Community Support Group @ CRC, 5.30pm
Thu 15 Oct	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers, 5.00pm
Fri 16 Oct	Social Tennis begins - Southern Cross Tennis Courts, 5.30pm
Wed 21 Oct	AGM: Southern Cross Football Club @ Complex, 7pm
Sat 24 Oct	Yilgarn Ladies Day
Mon 26 Oct	Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town
Mon 26 Oct	No Lego Club this afternoon at the CRC
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