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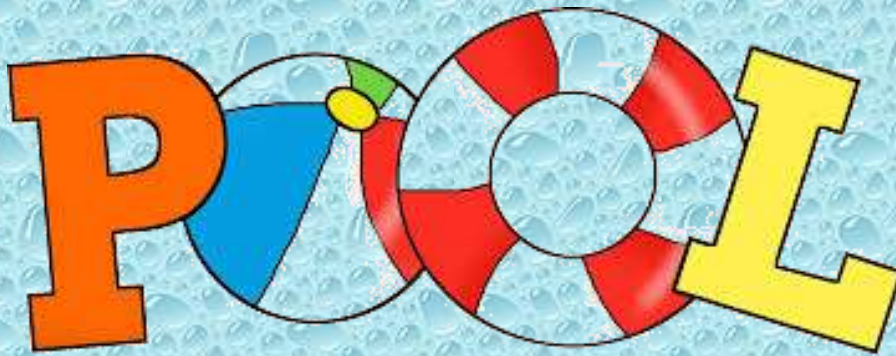
Opening
Wednesday
1 Nov 2017!



Shire of
YILGARN

"good country for hardy people"

Free



entry!

The Shire of Yilgarn is pleased to announce that entry to the Southern Cross swimming pool will be free of charge again this season.



The Crosswords is produced by the
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Southern Cross WA 6426
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Local Weather Update



Southern Cross AP year to date

Average rainfall to Oct	280.3mm	73 days
Total for 2017	279.6mm	62 days
Total to this day 2016	292.6mm	79 days
Wettest day	31.0mm	Jan 31
Lowest temperature	-2.3°C	Jun 30
Highest temperature	44.6°C	Jan 5

Moon Phases

Last Quarter	New Moon	First Quarter	Full Moon
Sat Nov 11	Fri Oct 20	Sat Oct 28	Sat Nov 4

Crosswords Advertising Rates 2017/18 (as of 1 July 2017)

Business Advertisements

(Business premises outside of the Shire of Yilgarn)

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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

Local Business and Non-Profit Organisations Advertisements

(Business premises within the Shire of Yilgarn)

Full Page (A4)	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$130.00	\$160.00
1/2 Page (A5)	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$70.00	\$90.00
1/4 Page	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$35.00	\$40.00

Lineage (Employment, Real Estate, Garage Sales maximum 6 lines)	\$8.00
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1/4 page vertical	90mm x 120mm
1/4 page horizontal	180mm x 60mm
1/2 page vertical	90mm x 270mm
1/2 page horizontal	190mm x 120mm
A4 Full page	180mm x 270mm

A5 adverts which are not horizontal will be displayed in print on their side to ensure no modification to advertisements.



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

2017 Publishing Dates

Deadline 12 noon	Publishing Date
31/10/2017	2/11/2017
14/11/2017	16/11/2017
28/11/2017	30/11/2017
12/12/2017	14/12/2017

2018 Publishing Dates

Deadline 12 noon	Publishing Date
9/01/2018	11/01/2018
23/01/2018	25/01/2018
6/02/2018	8/02/2018
20/02/2018	22/02/2018
6/03/2018	8/03/2018
20/03/2018	22/03/2018
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7/08/2018	9/08/2018
21/08/2018	23/08/2018
4/09/2018	6/09/2018
18/09/2018	20/09/2018
2/10/2018	4/10/2018
16/10/2018	18/10/2018
30/10/2018	1/11/2018
13/11/2018	15/11/2018
27/11/2018	29/11/2018
11/12/2018	13/12/2018

Church Notices

Uniting Church

Uniting Church Notice:

Sunday 29th October 2017.

There will be a combined parish service at
 Southern Cross.
 10.30am

Bring and share lunch to follow in Rotary Park.
 Contact:

John McKane	9041 1117
Mobile	0435 507 606
Cheryl Auld	9049 8026
Diane Della Bosca	9049 1149

Catholic Church

48 Altair Street, Southern Cross

SX Presbytery 9049 1049 (Fri to Mon)
 Kalgoorlie Parish 9021 2100 (Tues to Thurs)
 Email: kalgoorlie@perthcatholic.org.au

Service times

Saturday 6:00pm
 Sunday 8:30am
 Monday 9:00am (school days only)

Anglican Church

Antares Street, Southern Cross

Service Dates at 11am

Saturday 21st October (instead of the 14th)

Saturday 11th of November

Enquiries: Leonie Gethin
 Ph: (08) 9049 1222

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.



E-WASTE COLLECTION

The Shire will hold an E-Waste Collection on Saturday 21st October 2017 at the Old Main Roads Depot, Beaton Road from 9am-11am.

*Residents are asked to bring their unwanted and acceptable electrical equipment for recycling – there will be **NO** curbside collection.*

E-Waste - Did You Know ??

- ✓ Electronic waste or “E-waste” may be defined as anything that operates from a power source; either mains power, solar or a battery, and can include computer equipment, entertainment devices, mobile phones, television sets and kitchen appliances.
- ✓ Approximately 98% of all electronic products are recyclable.
- ✓ Small batteries from hand-held devices can also be recycled.
- ✓ To be recycled, e-waste is first disassembled and broken into the base materials such as: Steel, Plastic, Brass, Aluminum, Stainless Steel, Glass, Lead, Wood, Copper Gold, Silver, Palladium and other precious metals.
- ✓ This process also separates out hazardous materials such as Lead, Cadmium, Barium, Beryllium, Arsenic, Ink fluid, Toner dust and Mercury, and prevents them from entering land-fills and waterways.

Recycling does cost money, which may deter people from choosing this option, **however landfilling electronic products can cause damage to the environment**. When E-waste is dumped in landfill the hazardous materials mentioned above are leached out, these can then **contaminate the soil and ground water**.

For more information contact Robyn Downes via 9049 1001.

Reduce the burden on Landfill and **Recycle** the materials used in the production of our everyday electrical devices.



Shire of Yilgarn Recycling Calendar 2017/2018

October 2017						
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	Marvel Loch, Moorine Rock & Bodallin Rubbish Only
	Southern Cross Rubbish Only
	Southern Cross Rubbish & Recycling, Marvel Loch, Moorine Rock & Bodallin Recycling



WHAT CAN GO INTO YOUR RECYCLE BIN

- **Glass** - Clean Bottles and Jars (lids removed)
- **Plastic** - Empty bottles & containers with 1, 2 or 3 printed on bottom
- **Paper** - Clean, untied newspapers, paper, magazines, telephone books.
- **Cardboard** - Clean, flattened boxes and cartons.
- **Aluminium & Steel** - Cans, tins, clean foil, aerosol cans.
- **Liquid Paperboard** - Milk, juice and laundry detergent cartons.

How Do I Keep Informed?

Bushfire Fact Sheet

Take these four steps to help you keep informed about bushfires and emergencies near you.

1

Get connected – connected communities are safer communities

- Join a Bushfire Ready Group to get to know the risk in your local area
- Keep in contact with neighbours, friends and family, especially during high fire-risk days
- Talk to your local brigade or local government about how to prepare for a bushfire

2



Stay alert – if you can see or smell a bushfire – that's your warning

Your surroundings could be the best source of information. If you live in, or near bush, you need to stay alert. If there are signs of a bushfire you could be in danger. Act immediately to keep you and your family safe.

Understand that no warning system is foolproof.

Remember, fires can happen suddenly and change quickly, so don't rely on receiving a warning. It's your responsibility to stay informed and alert.

Be flexible – get emergency information from multiple sources and never rely on any one source of information.

3

Monitor official warnings

Sign up ahead of the season to get notified of bushfire warnings on social media or via apps.

During an emergency monitor what's happening.

You can find bushfire alerts and warnings at:



www.emergency.wa.gov.au



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www.twitter.com/dfes_wa



www.facebook.com/dfeswa



RSS feeds – subscribe via www.emergency.wa.gov.au



ABC local radio or 6PR emergency bulletins



Third party apps such as Emergency AUS, WALGA's LocalEye, DPAW Alerts and National Bushfires

Please note that these apps are not provided by DFES and DFES can give no guarantee that they will notify you in an emergency.

4

Make sure your phone company has your up to date details

A telephone warning might be sent to your mobile phone or landline in extreme circumstances. This warning system (Emergency Alert) uses the address held by your phone company.

Keep your address details up to date with your phone company to give yourself the best chance of receiving a warning if one is issued.



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For more information visit dfes.wa.gov.au
or contact DFES Community Engagement – 9395 9816

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BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN LEAVING FOR A SAFER PLACE

Use this guide to develop a bushfire survival plan that is suitable for your family and personal situation. You may wish to sketch a plan of your house and property to help you identify hazards and plan actions to reduce these risks.

FAMILY CONSIDERATIONS

This bushfire survival plan is for (list all household members):

What will be your trigger to leave? (consider triggers such as seeing a fire, the smell of smoke, family members being home alone, the Fire Danger Rating, loss of water or power and the ability to leave your home safely)

What will you do with your pets and/or livestock?

What will you take with you? (eg. survival kit, personal documents, personal items, medications and mobile phones)

How will you get to your safer place?

Where will you and your family/household go?

Address:

What will you do if someone is at school or work?

Who have you told about your bushfire survival plan and your intention to leave?

List any actions that you need to take that are specific to your home: (that may not be outlined in the leaving for a safer place checklist)

Who will you call when you arrive at your safer place?

List the items of protective clothing you will need: (everyone should have protective clothing in case they are unable to leave)

Where will you store your protective clothing?



BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN LEAVING FOR A SAFER PLACE

WHAT IS YOUR BACKUP PLAN?

You and your family planned to leave but it is too late.
What will you do?

What might go wrong with your plan to leave? (eg. you have no transport)

How safe is your home if leaving is no longer an option?

PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY

What will you do as the fire front approaches? (ie. closing all doors and windows, filling buckets with water, turning off your evaporative air conditioner)

Identify potential fire risks around your home: (gaps in roofing and structure, evaporative air conditioners, vents, chimneys etc.)

List equipment you will need: (hoses, rakes, shovels pumps, generators etc.)

Where is your independent water supply and how will you access it? Do you have at least 20,000 litres?

What will you do if your home catches on fire while the fire front is passing? Where will you go to be safer?



BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN PLANNING TO ACTIVELY DEFEND

Use this guide to develop a bushfire survival plan that is suitable for your family and personal situation. You may wish to sketch a plan of your house and property to help you identify hazards and plan actions to reduce these risks.

FAMILY CONSIDERATIONS

This bushfire survival plan is for: (list all household members)

Who will leave for a safer place? (consider very young children, elderly, people with disabilities and ill family members).

Where will they go and how will they get there?

What will be the trigger for them to leave?

What will you do if someone is at school or work?

What additional items do you need to add to your survival kit and where will it be stored?

PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY

Identify potential fire risks around your home: (gaps in roofing and structure, evaporative air conditioners, vents, chimneys etc.)

List any modifications you need to make and when:

List equipment you will need and where you will store it: (hoses, rakes, shovels, pumps, generators etc.)

Where is your independent water supply and how will you access it?
Do you have at least 20,000 litres to defend your property?



BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN PLANNING TO ACTIVELY DEFEND

PERSONAL SAFETY

How many people will you need to actively defend your home?

Who will be there to help you?

List the items of protective clothing you will need: (everyone should have protective clothing in case they cannot leave)

Where will you store your protective clothing?

What is your backup plan if one person is home alone?

What is your backup plan if you cannot to return to your home to actively defend your house (roads blocked)?

ON THE DAY OF A BUSHFIRE

List what you need to do before the fire front arrives that are specific to your property: (that may not be listed in the 'planning to actively defend' checklist)

What do you need to do to make your pets and livestock safe?

If you plan to relocate some family members, pets or livestock and then return to your house, when will this be done and how long will this take?

What will you do if your home catches on fire while the fire front is passing? Where will you go to shelter?

Australia Day Active Citizenship Award

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

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

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

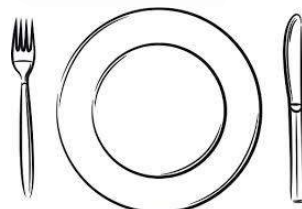
Please note nominations close on Monday, 6th November 2017

Shire of Yilgarn Senior Citizen's Christmas Luncheon Sunday 3rd December 2017, 12.30pm

Any residents who have recently turned 60 and wish to attend the Annual Senior Citizen's Christmas Luncheon, please contact the Shire on 9049 1001 by no later than

8th of November 2017

to ensure you receive an invitation.



Reminder — Community Funding Program 2017 / 2018

The "Community Funding Program" will close on Friday 27 October 2017 at 12.00pm.

Applications for the following categories are invited:

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

Types of equipment:

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

B - 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.

For further information and to obtain the "Guidelines and Application form" please visit
www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au.

Southern Cross Swimming season 2017/18

Dear Residents

Please note that the Southern Cross swimming pool will open on Wednesday 1 November 2017. Council has again decided that the entry to the pool will be free of charge for this season.

The opening hours will be:

Monday—CLOSED except public holidays

Tuesday to Sunday 11.00am to 6.00pm



Please remember that all children under 10 years of age attending the Swimming Pool must be accompanied by a responsible adult otherwise they will not be allowed entry.

Early Morning Swimming

Please register your interest for early morning swimming on Wednesday and Fridays from 6.00—7.00am with Pool Manager Gary Stewart. If 4 or more people register their interest the early morning swimming will proceed.

Water aerobics

Marg Pasini will offer water aerobics on Tuesday and Thursday, 5.30-6.30pm, \$2. Everyone welcome.

Please contact Jenny Gemund, Manager Community Services to discuss possible activities or any other matters relating to the swimming pool.

Small changes,
big differences.



Two hours is all you need for a Triple P Discussion Group

Positive parenting help for Dealing with Disobedience.

For parents and care givers with children aged between 3 – 8 years.

- Wednesday 1st November

DATE

- 9am – 11am

TIME

- Southern Cross CRC

VENUE

Jessica Della Bosca

PRESENTER

BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION

Please register by emailing Jessica.dellabosca@health.wa.gov.au or phone 90 491 321.



www.triplep.net



STAY ON YOUR FEET®

Move

Improve

Remove

Move Your Body!

If you are 65 years or over, you are at increased risk of falling. Falling is not a normal part of aging, yet one in three people aged 65 years and over will fall each year.

Eastern Wheatbelt Primary Health's Zoe Ashby-Deering will be visiting Southern Cross to talk about strengthening your legs and improving your balance to prevent a fall.

On Tuesday the 14th November at 10:30 am.

Please come down for a fun morning, cuppa and chat at the Southern Cross Senior Citizen's Centre.

Everyone is welcome!



Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service



www.stayonyourfeet.com.au



Christmas Shopping Day

18th November 2017

9.00am—12.00pm

If you would like to sell your products, please register your stall at the CRC.

For further information please email the CRC on crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au or call 9049 1688.

Held at the
Senior Citizens Centre

Community News

Infant Aquatics

Infant aquatics is designed to assist infants, young children and parents to become familiar with the water and develop water confidence through participation in a range of safe and enjoyable aquatic activities.

The classes are:

- Baby 6 months+
- 2 year old
- 3 year old
- 4 year old

If you are interested please ring Marg Pasini
0447 045 909

Doing it tough in rural WA?

If you are a farmer, forester, professional fisher or you run a small business supporting these industries, and you're having a hard time of it financially, we're ready to give you a hand.

You may think it's hopeless but I can absolutely tell you, based on years of experience and hundreds of cases, that there are options that will help you regain control of your life, and we can show you how.

Visit <http://rfcswa.com.au/> for more information.

Beverley Soaring Society

are delighted to be able to tell you that the Beverley Soaring Society will be visiting Southern Cross once again this December, arriving on Monday 4th December and departing on Friday 15th December.

LOST EARRING

A ruby stoned earring with diamonds around the outside was lost on Thursday 12/10/2017 while attending Mrs Greenfield's funeral.

It could have been lost between Mrs Greenfield's house and the cemetery.

If you have found the earring, please call the CRC on 9049 1688 so it can be returned to the owner.

Meetings

Shire of Yilgarn

Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 4.00pm in the council chamber in the Shire office.

CWA Meetings

Held on the third Wednesday each month.
Contact Judy Guerini 0427 904 912

Yilgarn Agricultural Society Inc.

AGM Thursday 26th October at 7.30pm at the Sporting complex

Business for discussion will be the future of the Yilgarn Agricultural Show as a new committee will have to be formed for this event in 2018

All position are vacant for Nominations: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary By appointment, Entries Secretary, Chief Ground Steward, Chief Hall Steward, Committee Members. The Secretary position is paid an Honorarium each year.

Anyone interested in joining and are interested in the society are most welcome to attend.

AGM Notice

The Annual General Meeting of the Southern Cross Aero Club Inc. will held at 1.00 pm on
Saturday 4 November 2017

There will be a BBQ lunch prior to the meeting
All welcome to attend

Enquiries to

Secretary Gary KENWARD

President Phil NOLAN

Health Agencies of the Yilgarn Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at 6.00 PM

NOVEMBER 7 – 2017

At the SOUTHERN CROSS DISTRICT HOSPITAL
In the DAY ROOM.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A COMMITTEE
MEETING.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

51 Altair Street, Southern Cross WA 6426

Pre Kindy — Year Six

**All community members are invited to come and join
St Joseph's staff and students at our**

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 25th October 2017

**You are welcome to visit our school any time between
9:00-10:00am; 11:30am-12:30pm; 1:45-2:45pm.**

**We look forward to welcoming you to our School and
showcasing all that we have to offer.**

**For more information please contact the School on 9049 1046 or
e-mail admin@stjoessx.wa.edu.au**



**St Joseph's Catholic
Primary School**

Currently receiving enrolments for Pre-Kindergarten to Year Six in 2018

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is a dynamic, co-educational, composite primary school, catering for Pre-Kindergarten to Year Six. Innovative curriculum is based on promoting student success with a strong emphasis on developing creative and critical thinking skills. The learning program offered at our school strives to address the needs of all students and aims to provide the broadest range of educational experiences so that every person can enjoy achievement and success. The staff at St Joseph's incorporate a large number of technologies into their teaching and learning practices, including Office 365, robotics, STEM and 1:1 iPad program. Quality teaching and learning is focused on educating for the 21st century.

For enquiries call (08) 9049 1046 Email: admin@stjoessx.wa.edu.au

Visit our website: www.stjoessx.wa.edu.au

CECWA's Health Care Card Discount Scheme is available to eligible card holders.



Dr Jemma Green

Investment Banker
Sustainable finance and economics expert
Senior Research Fellow, Curtin University



Prof. Lyn Beazley

Neuroscientist and educator
Chief Scientist of Western Australia (2016-13)
Australian of the Year 2015, WA



Rob Boase

Wheatbelt farmer and Landcare champion
Individual Landcarer of 2017 WA

Wheatbelt NRM

2017 Annual General Meeting Community NRM Forum



WHEN: Thursday 26 October

TIME: 9.30am to 1.00pm

WHERE: Bridgeley Community Centre
91/93 Wellington Street, Northam WA 6401

RSVP: On the link below or contact Maren on
9670 3100 or email mlavery@wheatbeltnrm.org.au

This is a FREE event with morning tea and lunch provided. RSVP is essential.

Wheatbelt NRM is looking to the future and how we can help our community create a healthy environment that has a viable agricultural industry and retains a strong sense of place. We believe the community is best placed to inform management of their natural resources.

At the 2017 Annual General Meeting we want to hear what measures you think will best determine its management over the next 5 years. We have three inspiring speakers who will inspire the audience and give insight into the rapid economic change surrounding sustainability, community participation in environmental science and demonstrate how one person can make a difference to their community.

www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au/agm17



This event is supported by Wheatbelt NRM through funding from the National Landcare Programme

Watch out for NBN Scams

The ACCC is warning the community that scammers are pretending to be from NBN to con victims out of their money and personal information.

Scamwatch has received 316 complaints this year about scammers impersonating NBN with nearly \$28,000 reported lost.

“Scammers are increasingly using trusted government brands like NBN to trick people into falling for scams. Their goal is always to either get hold of your money or personal information,” ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

The three common scams reported to Scamwatch that involve scammers impersonating NBN are:

- signing victims up to fake accounts – scammers will ring victims to ‘connect’ them to the NBN network for a low price. They will often demand payment be made through iTunes gift cards
- gaining remote access to computers – scammers pretending to be from NBN will call a victim with claims there are problems with their computer. The scammer uses this ruse to gain remote access to the victim’s computer to steal valuable personal information, install malicious software or demand payment to fix ‘problems’ they have discovered.
- phishing – scammers impersonating NBN will call victims to steal valuable personal information like their name, address, Medicare number, licence number. The scammer may tell the victim they’re entitled to a new router, for example, and say they need these personal details to confirm the victim’s identity.

“Australians over 65 are particularly vulnerable to this scam with fraudsters using phone calls to target their victims,” Ms Rickard said.

“NBN will never phone you out of the blue to try to sign you up to a service over its network. NBN is a wholesaler meaning they don’t sell direct to the public. If you get an unsolicited call like this, it’s a big red flag that you’re dealing with a scammer,” Ms Rickard said.

“NBN will also never call you to remotely ‘fix’ a problem with your computer, or to request personal information like your Medicare number or your bank account numbers. Don’t listen to the reasons they give you for needing this information.”

“Finally, if someone ever asks you to pay for a service using iTunes gift cards, it is 100 per cent a scam. Legitimate businesses, especially those like NBN, will never ask you to pay for anything in this way,” Ms Rickard said.

People can protect themselves by following some tips:

- If you’re ever in doubt about contact you’ve had from someone saying they’re from NBN trying to sell you an internet or phone service, hang up the phone and call your retail service provider to check if the person calling is a fraud.

You can only connect to the NBN network by purchasing a plan through a phone and internet service provider. Go to [NBN’s website](#) to check if your home or business address is able to connect to the NBN network and see which phone and internet providers are available in your area.

- Never give your personal, credit card or online account details over the phone unless you made the call and the phone number came from a trusted source.

Never give an unsolicited caller remote access to your computer.

If you think you have provided bank account or credit card details to a scammer, contact your bank or financial institution immediately.

Further information is available at www.scamwatch.gov.au.



YILGARN HISTORY MUSEUM

SOUTHERN CROSS INC.

Aviation at Southern Cross (Part three)

Then without warning the work ceased. This led to much disquiet and rumours that the aerodrome on Forrester's farm would not be completed. One most insistent was that the morrell ground was too dusty and therefore unsuited for landing planes. Another rumour was that men and material were needed for more urgent work elsewhere. It was considered that if the scheme was to be abandoned then someone had blundered. Thousands of pounds had been spent – was this to be wasted.

The dust problem had been aggravated by only 477 points of rain falling in the previous year, and construction taking place in November and December, probably the two dustiest months possible.

The officer in charge of construction advised headquarters that owing to uncertainty that now exists with respect to work at Southern Cross; he found it necessary to re-consign 32 tons of bitumen to Greenhills.

At 5pm on 21st November 1940 the axe fell, with Main Roads Dept at Southern Cross instructed to cease all work and close down job 1145. 'A normal sized gang to be returned to Noongar with the balance paid off and returned to their home towns. Two clerks to be retained until clerical work was dealt with. All material to be consigned away and everything left in a tidy condition. Value of completed work £3,655.'

A mass meeting of 122 residents assembled in the town hall to investigate reports regarding closure of the aerodrome. A Progress Association was formed to despatch telegrams to members of parliament asking for an enquiry. A delegation was appointed to wait on the Premier. 'There is no doubt that the Department of Air and Transport has been misinformed.'

Had the plan eventuated, scenes and activity reminiscent of the gold rush days would have been experienced at Southern Cross?

Why was the decision made: Doug Brinkley writes in his book that the WA flying fraternity led by Squadron Leader's Norman Brearley and John Larew made their experiences known of difficult flying conditions that exist around Southern Cross and Kalgoorlie? Flying was very bad in summer due to salt lake country which restricted flying during the heat of the day; also Southern Cross was almost a ghost town. Air Commodore George Jones who visited the work in progress, agreed.

A telegram was despatched on 3rd of December to transfer the training school from Southern Cross to Geraldton. Plans were kept identical, including using the same contractors and job authorisations. Geraldton was seen as more suitable and offered more for recreation leave. Grass and lucerne was planted to keep down the dust problem.

On cessation of construction at Southern Cross the engine beds were covered, leaving rows of concrete outcrops up to two feet high. An extensive system of gravelled roadways water bound to hardness of concrete was also left behind. This vandalism covering 80 acres is still visible today.

In December 1942, Forrester asked for compensation for the destruction of his farm, rejecting compensation of £1,500. Mr Dudley Jones accountant at Merredin handled the case.

The case was not heard until June 1944, where Forrester outlined the background of how the best of his farm had been resumed by the government to build an aerodrome. No progress had since been made in obtaining recognition for resumption of the homestead or land. He outlined that after preliminary work the project was abandoned and the land returned to Forrester, along with concrete foundations and roads. Excavations had been made for engine beds, and roads of extensive granite were watered until they were solid. The area once had two belts of timber comprising large blackbutt three miles long and a chain wide to serve as shelter and windbreak, plus various shade trees in the paddocks. The fencing was 6-wire and in places rabbit netting. The land was handed back in April 1941 with the timber grubbed and cleared, the two dams filled in and levelled, a mile of pipeline pulled up and shifted, troughs removed, and internal fencing pulled down. The whole area had been levelled by a drag (railway line) and the soil pulverised to a fine dust without any binding. Soil erosion followed with the area becoming a virtual dust bowl.

He went on to say that soil erosion commenced two years ago and every puff of wind now raises dust storms. The homestead is unbearable to live in with dust deposited in barrow loads. The paddocks are now hillocks and small sand dunes. Some fences have been buried by the erosion and in one place necessitated another being put on top of it. He can do nothing with the area and it will require much expenditure. It is believed abandonment of the project was because of the dust.

In its defence, the military called in an agricultural 'expert' who claimed that sheep did not need shade, so removal of trees was of no consequence.

After a lengthy appeal case, Forrester was successful in getting a considerable increase on the original offer of £1,500. However it was ten years before the land was restored to good working condition. For several years it was impossible to get vehicles or machinery onto the land which was covered in hillocks two feet high and more, where drift sand had built up around tussocks of grass.

Southern Cross was blighted by dust storms from Forrester's paddocks for years after the war, until a green belt was established surrounding the town. The cement foundations and rock-hard roads in the paddocks remain a feature of the failed experiment.

Throughout the war the Forrester family manned a voluntary Air Observer Post. All planes whether seen or just heard were reported to the co-ordinating centre at Merredin, so that movements of all known airborne planes could be checked and pin-pointed.

Even though the Training School was not established, the aerodrome was used a great deal during the war period by hospital planes, transports, bombers, and many others.

One unusual arrival was a large amphibian which taxied with a terrific roar amidst a dense cloud of dust. The first thing the crew did was throw an anchor overboard.

There was only one serious incident involving aircraft near Southern Cross. On 27th August 1944 an RAAF Vultee Vengeance aircraft on a training flight from Pearce crashed near Holleton in Yilgarn. The fate of one member of the crew remains a mystery to this day. It seems the aircraft became lost in bad weather and when fuel was exhausted the pilot and navigator baled out. Warrant Officer A S Ingram walked to a farmhouse but navigator C L King was never found. There has been speculation ever since that his skeleton would be found during land clearing for farming.

In another incident, reaction was varied when United States fighters buzzed the town of Southern Cross during March 1942. Most residents made a dash for cover.

Then, with peace, came a different type of activity on Forrester's farm – helicopters doing survey work for mining companies, planes doing geophysical surveys, private and aero club planes, and passenger services from Kalgoorlie, Norseman, Perth, and other centres.

In March 1947 Civil Aviation was again asked has any progress been made in finalising a proper landing ground at Southern Cross. This led to a public aerodrome being built three miles east of town on location 230 reserve 22059 and placed under supervision of the Road Board for £20 per annum, plus payment for any maintenance done.

The local newspaper claimed that Southern Cross aerodrome was getting more like Guildford every day. 'Rarely does a day go past without the Kalgoorlie to Perth plane calling to set down or pick up passengers.' Ray Cook the schoolmaster was a regular commuter.

Directions for laying flares were issued, the ground needing to be laid in circles to accommodate the flares.

Occasionally the aerodrome was dragged and top dressed and rolled. Posts at the end of the runway needed whitening, strip markers needed shifting and tie-down blocks installed.

However facilities were non-existent, leading to sanitary conveniences being installed during 1953.

In 1960 Harvey Carlson won tender to lease the remainder of location 230 not used as aerodrome for cropping purposes, a tender which is let every year.

At one stage the Royal Aero Club opened a flying instructional training school, but there was little money about for such pleasures and few took up the offer.

In 1963 the Road Board took control of the aerodrome under Local Ownership plan and was issued an aerodrome licence.

The main complaint at the time was McRobertson Miller Airline charging passengers prohibitive landing fees at Southern Cross and Bullfinch. 'Country residents should be given encouragement to use air travel, and if MMA won't give the service then other airlines should be invited to do so.'

Eventually the aerodrome became so run down that DCA carried out an inspection, and advised that several trees need lopping or removing. 'If Council desires to continue on with the aerodrome it will be re-surveyed to give the proper slay area and line up the runways so that tree removal is kept to a minimum. Reason for removals and lopping is due to altered DCA standards because of Fokker aircraft.'

Southern Cross Shire Council continues administering the local aerodrome to this day. A recent feature of the aerodrome is an automated weather reader, which transmits information direct to the Weather Bureau for reading on the nightly news, as 'Southern Cross Airport.'

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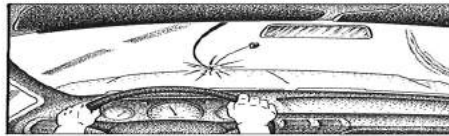
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Pioneers of Yilgarn

Yilgarn timeline (continued)

1950 Great Western Consolidated is building a boarding house and twenty five houses at Bullfinch. It plans to reopen the mine and employ hundreds of men.

The aerodrome is now fitted with kerosene path lights plus a signalling lamp. Volunteer observers in remote areas are needed so as to report all aircraft movements to a central point. Census reveals fifty vehicles use Great Eastern Highway each day.

The native tracker at the police station is being withdrawn. The Commissioner should reconsider this as Yilgarn covers 13,000 square miles of country, mostly bush.

1951 A new Dodge ambulance has been ordered. The old 1936 Ford ambulance will be stationed at Bullfinch.

Plans are underway to mine the iron ore deposit at Koolyanobbing and rail to Wundowie for smelting. Bell Bros has won the contract to cart from Kooly and place on rail at SX.

SX State School is the most primitive in the goldfields. Teachers and pupils have to contend with appalling conditions. No upgrading has been carried out for years.

The local rifle club will hold its first shoot after being in recess since the war.

Our local newspaper correspondent is finding it difficult to cover all district news, and needs assistance. Will you help out!

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Wed 25 Oct	St Joseph's Primary School Open Day—please see ad inside for open hours
Thu 26 Oct	Yilgarn Agricultural Society AGM @ Sporting Complex 7.30pm
Thu 26 Oct	Schoen Podiatry in town
Mon 30 Oct	Yilgarn Occasional Child Care Centre AGM @ Child Care Centre 7.30pm
Wed 1 Nov	Swimming Pool opens for 17/18 season
Wed 1 Nov	Merredin Veterinary Clinic in town @ Southern Cross Oval
Wed 1 Nov	Triple P Discussion Group @ CRC 9am
Fri 3 Nov	Seniors bus trip—Wheatbelt Art Prize and Luncheon
Sat 4 Nov	Southern Cross Aero Club AGM 1pm
Tue 7 Nov	Health Agencies of the Yilgarn AGM @ Southern Cross Hospital Day Room 6pm
Thu 9 Nov	Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town
Tue 14 Nov	'Move your body' Stay on your feet presentation @ Senior Citizen's Centre 10.30am
Wed 15 Nov	Eastern District Panel Beaters in town @ Motor Mart
Thu 16 Nov	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers 4pm
Sat 18 Nov	Christmas Shopping Day @ Senior Citizen's Centre—Book your stalls now!
Fri 24 Nov	Australia Day Awards nominations close
Wed 29 Nov	Merredin Veterinary Clinic in town @ Southern Cross Oval
Sun 3 Dec	Shire of Yilgarn Senior's Luncheon
Mon 4 Dec	OPSM (was Laubman & Pank) in town @ Southern Cross Hospital
4—15 Dec	Beverley Soaring Society in Southern Cross
Fri 15 Dec	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting @ Council Chambers 10.30am
Fri 15 Dec	SAVE THE DATE! Carols by Candlelight

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