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MENTAL HEALTH

**Things you can do
when you are in isolation**

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read



call friends



eat and sleep
well



exercise and
stretch



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online games



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Mental health support:

beyondblue 1300 224 636 **Lifeline** 13 11 14

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Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

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Alcohol and Drug Support Line (08) 9442 5000

Country Toll-free 1800 198 024

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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.

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

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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

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1/4 Page	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$35.00	\$40.00

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1/2 page vertical	90mm x 270mm
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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

2020 Publishing Dates

Deadline 12 noon	Publishing Date
12/05/2020	14/05/2020
26/05/2020	28/05/2020
9/06/2020	11/06/2020
23/06/2020	25/06/2020
7/07/2020	9/07/2020
21/07/2020	23/07/2020
4/08/2020	6/08/2020
18/08/2020	20/08/2020
1/09/2020	3/09/2020
15/09/2020	17/09/2020
29/09/2020	1/10/2020
13/10/2020	15/10/2020
27/10/2020	29/10/2020
10/11/2020	12/11/2020
24/11/2020	26/11/2020
8/12/2020	10/12/2020

Church Notices / Updates



48 Altair Street, Southern Cross

SX Presbytery 9049 1049 (7 days)

Email:

matthew.hodgson@perthcatholic.org.au

In accordance with federal government directives concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, Our Lady of Montserrat church is now temporarily closed.

Weddings and funerals may still be celebrated in the church – in restricted formats. Please enquire with the priests of the parish if you would like either a wedding or a funeral celebrated in the church or a graveside funeral celebrated by a Catholic priest.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on request. So too is the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady of Montserrat church at the times below. Masses can be viewed on-demand on the parish's YouTube channel ("Yilgarn Westonia Catholic").

We are also in the process of setting up a live-stream service on the parish's FaceBook page ("Lucy Montserrat"). Please submit a friend request to the page to stay connected.

Every Sunday – 8:30am

SHIRE OF YILGARN COVID-19 UPDATE

On behalf of Council I would like to sincerely thank all Yilgarn residents for their patience during the past month, particularly with the reduced Administration and Community Resource Centre office hours. Hopefully opening times can be increased in the near future based on the reduction in infection rates of COVID-19 throughout the State.

Council for the first time, conducted its March 2020 Ordinary Council meeting via teleconference in order to meet social distancing measures. Whilst not the preferred method to conduct meetings, it did meet its purpose and was successful in Council undertaking its normal decision-making processes. Future meetings may also be conducted in this manner and residents will be advised via advertising in *Crosswords* on a monthly basis.

With Federal and State Governments introducing a range of stimulus initiatives during COVID-19, Council at the above meeting also resolved a number of local initiatives to assist ratepayers and sporting and community groups in the district, which are as follows:-

- **2020/2021 Budget – Council Rates**

Council has resolved that it will impose a **0% rate increase in the 2020/2021 Budget** based on last year's rates in the \$. All Western Australian Local Governments have been lobbying the State Government to also place a freeze on land re-valuations however, the State Government has stood firm on this matter and has instructed the State Valuer to continue with this process. Unfortunately this may affect the dollar amount of rates imposed.

- **Community and Sporting Groups – 2019/2020 Fees and Charges Waived**

Council has resolved that Fees and Charges imposed on community and sporting groups for the use of Council facilities for the 2019/2020 financial year will be waived and these groups will be receiving refunds in the coming months.

Should COVID-19 restrictions in the utilisation of Council facilities continue into the 2020/2021 financial year, Council will re-assess Fees and Charges imposed at that time.

- **Waiving of Outstanding Rates Interest 1 March 2020 – 30 June 2020**

To ease some of the financial burden on ratepayers, late payment interest calculated on outstanding rates has been waived effective from 1 March 2020 to 30 June 2020.

With the current declared state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the present and ongoing financial and economic impact this has had on ratepayers, interest calculations on all outstanding rates, including those on instalments, has been waived for the remainder of the 2019/2020 financial year. Beyond 30 June, further consideration on Outstanding Rates Interest will be made in the 2020/2021 Budget deliberations

- **Easing of restrictions / reduced services due to COVID-19**

With the State Government's easing of certain COVID-19 related restrictions due to the lessening of the crisis in Western Australia, it has been decided the Shire Administration can recommence operations as well.

Effective from Monday 4th May the Shire of Yilgarn Administration will recommence full-service provision with the requirement to make a booking and limited opening days being removed.

Social Distancing of 1.8m and a maximum of ONE (1) patron in the Administration Reception at any time will be enforced. If more than one patron is in attendance, the additional patron/s will be required to wait outside.

General Update of Current Projects

- **New Southern Cross Swimming Pool Project**

The project is progressing extremely well with the scheduled completion date being 12 November 2020. This date is subject to change as COVID-19 issues may affect supply of materials or if workers on-site are infected with the virus. Hopefully this will not be the case and all precautions are being taken in respect to these matters.

- **New Constellation Park Playground**

New Playground equipment is currently being installed at Constellation Park. This is the first stage of developments for Constellation Park, with a bike track, especially for smaller children, being proposed in the 2020/2021 financial year as Stage 2.

- **Yilgarn Recreation Centre – Asbestos Removal**

This project is now complete after two stages. All asbestos sheeting on the roof and façade has been removed with a new metal façade replacing the previous one. New entrance signage is currently being planned and funds will be allocated in the 2020/2021 Budget to complete the look of the building.

- **Automatic Doors Installed at Southern Cross General Practice**

Council has installed automatic entrance doors to the Southern Cross General Practice. The installation is very opportune at this time and alleviates the need for patients to touch door handles when entering the Surgery.

It is business as usual at the Shire, even if some of our inside staff are working from home. Our construction, maintenance and gardens personnel are undertaking their normal duties, albeit with some social distancing measures being in place.

Please feel free to contact any of Council's Management team on matters pertaining to their particular portfolios on 90491 001:-

Cameron Watson – Executive Manager Corporate Services
Robert Bosenberg – Executive Manager Infrastructure
Grayson Hindmarsh – Executive Manager Regulatory Services

Peter Clarke

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Tender No. 11/2019-2020 – Caterpillar 226B Skid-Steer Loader

Tenders are invited and will be received until Wednesday 6th May at 4.00 pm at the Shire offices, Antares Street, Southern Cross WA 6426 for the outright purchase of Councils current Caterpillar 226B Skid-Steer Loader

For further information and arrangements for inspection of this vehicle can be made by contacting Robert Bosenberg, Executive Manager Infrastructure, Mob 0409 791 135 or email: works@yilgarn.wa.gov.au

Tender documents can be obtained by contacting Laura Della Bosca on 08 – 90 491 001 or email: ea@yilgarn.wa.gov.au late tenders will not be accepted. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Peter Clarke
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Yilgarn

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Envelope marked Confidential*



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SHIRE OF YILGARN

DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2030

Following the conduct of a Community Survey, Key Stakeholder Interviews and a Community Workshop, the Shire of Yilgarn's Draft Community Strategic Plan 2020-2030 has now been prepared.

Council at its Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, 16 April 2020 resolved the following in respect to the Draft Plan:-

Moved Cr Rose Seconded Cr Shaw

That Council endorses the content of the Draft Community Strategic Plan 2020-2030 and advertises the Plan calling for public comment prior to it being re-presented to Council for final adoption at the June 2020 Ordinary meeting.

As per the above resolution of Council, public comment on the Draft Plan's content is being sought. The Plan is available on Council's web page www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au or alternatively, a hard copy can be obtained by contacting the undersigned on 90 491 001.

Residents are encouraged to review the Draft Plan and provide submissions/ comments which will close on **Friday, 5 June 2020 at 4.00pm.**

Peter Clarke
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO IMPOSE DIFFERENTIAL RATES

Section 6.36 Local Government Act 1995

The Shire of Yilgarn, at the April 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting, resolved to adopt the 2020/2021 Rate Objects & Reasons which included the Differential and Minimums Rating model expected to be imposed as part of the 2020/2021 Budget. The 2020/2021 Rate Objects & Reasons recommended the following differential and minimum rates:

<i>Land Category</i>		<i>Rate (Cents in the \$)</i>	<i>Minimum Rate</i>
UV	- Mining	17.3923	\$400
UV	- Rural	1.7575	\$400
GRV	- Mine Sites	15.8148	\$400
GRV	- Single Persons Quarters	15.8148	\$400
GRV	- Residential / Industrial	11.2332	\$500
GRV	- Commercial	7.9074	\$400

A Statement describing the Objectives and Reasons for the proposed differential rates is available for inspection at the Council's Administration Centre during normal office hours or on Councils website.

Electors and ratepayers are invited to make submissions on the proposed differential and minimum rates for Councils consideration. Submissions are to be addressed to, Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Yilgarn, P O Box 86, Southern Cross, 6426.

No submissions will be considered after **4pm, Monday 25th May 2020**.

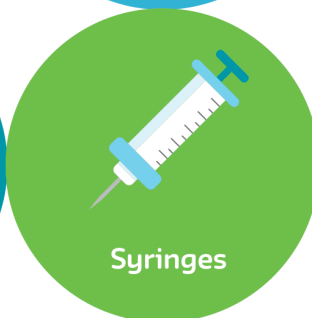
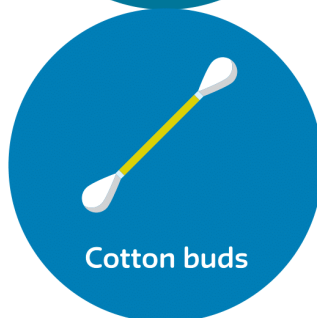
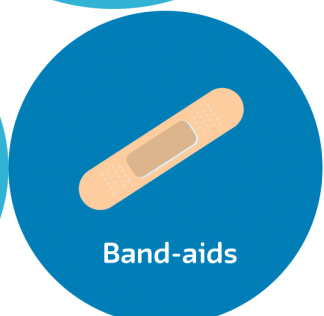
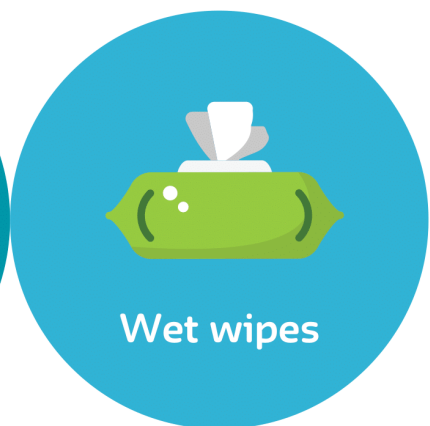
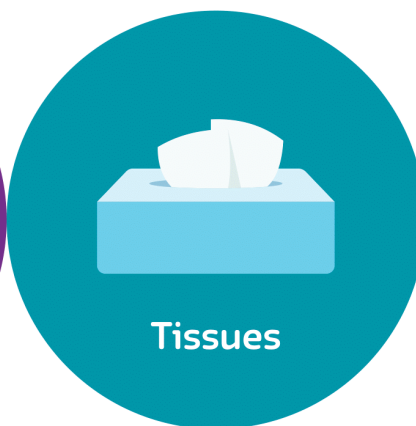
For further information please contact Mr. Cameron Watson, Executive Manager Corporate Services on 9049 1001 or emcs@yilgarn.wa.gov.au.

Peter Clarke
Chief Executive Officer

Think before you flush!

Flushing these items can cause blockages in your pipes and the broader wastewater system.

Don't flush:



If it's not one of the 3 Ps - toilet paper, pee and poo - put it in the bin instead.

Community News

In Memory

Carla Della Bosca - CWA Southern Cross Branch

Members were saddened to learn of the passing of our much loved member, Carla Della Bosca during April.

Carla has served as President, Secretary and Treasurer during her time with the Southern Cross Branch. Carla thoroughly enjoyed the annual conferences of CWA of WA (Inc) and participated in any activities the branch asked her too. Her reports of the annual conferences were full of detail and at times very entertaining as she described what she got up to, who she met up with, business discussed etc.

Carla was a keen participant in all the craft activities the branch undertook. Her knitting and crochet skills were exceptional as with all other craft projects she completed. Carla won many prizes at the Annual Homemaker competitions and always attended the annual Divisional Craft schools.

Divisional events were always attended by Carla and when the divisions disbanded, Carla would attend other branches activities along with other Southern Cross members. She thoroughly enjoyed these outings and would always give a report at the following branch meeting.

Southern Cross Branch members extend sincere condolences to Carla's family. Carla will be missed by all of us here in Southern Cross and we say thank you for all Carla did for everyone in our community.

DELLA BOSCA Carla

To Marian, Phillip, Ron

and families, our thoughts

are with you all at this

difficult time.

Paul and Judy Guerini

DELLA BOSCA, Carla.

The Yilgarn Historical Museum express their genuine appreciation of Carla's involvement and dedication in her many years as Curator of the Community's Museum.

Carla was a font of local history and very willing to share her knowledge. She could tell you where any given object could be found. She was a keeper of traditions, caring leader and a tireless worker during her time of volunteering, sometimes during trying conditions. It became her life and showed in the legacy she left on her retirement.

Deepest sympathy is extended to her Family, and Extended Family.

Vale, Carla.

LIBRARY BOOK SELECTION&COLLECTION

The Southern Cross Public Library will be taking requests from our library customers for 'selection&collection' during our current business hours (Mon, Wed, Fri 10am-12pm).

Collection will be made from the table outside the CRC doors to ensure social distancing and no face-to-face contact is made. As the restrictions for libraries is still ongoing, there will be NO SHELF COLLECTIONS by customers—staff will collect the books on your behalf and will sanitise them prior to collection.

Please let staff know:

- what genre of books you would like
- and/or favourite authors

When new exchanges arrive, books will be selected from the new exchange shelf first.

Please call during the above times, or email your book requests to crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au and we will select books, scan and wrap them for you. If you have any questions regarding the service, please get in contact with us.



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DID YOU KNOW?

IN THE YEAR 1935, THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN CROSS IN THE ROAD BOARD DISTRICT OF YILGARN, HAD A "SOUTHERN CROSS SPORTS CLUB".

It had an "OFFICIAL" Committee of: PRESIDENT: Mr F Grubb; SECRETARY: Mr C Goodin; TREASURER: Mr W Metzke; STARTER (pistol): Mr L Carlson; GALLOPS: Mr G Henderson

JUDGES: HORSES-Messrs O Hatt and J Beckworth. CYCLE: Messrs T. McMahon and M Martain. FOOT RUNNING - Messrs Hogg, Williams and Phillips.

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS: Messrs O'Brian and Hewby. HON SURGEONS: Drs Hodby and Shanahan.

GENERAL COMMITTEE Ground Organiser, Colours and Numbers, Clerk of Scales, Time Keepers, Stewards, Gate and Parking stewards.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7 1935: The Southern Cross Sports Club ran a "SPORTS:MEETING" starting at 12 noon and culminating in a BIG DANCE held in LIDDLES Hall at night. The "The Greater Sports Ground" and "Race Course" - just over 100 acres in area -were situated between the Caravan Park and Koolyanobbing Road.

INCLUDED IN THE RACE PROGRAMME: Schools Relay Race; Junior Cycle Race Half mile; One Mile Cycle Race -3 heats & 18 cyclists; Handicap Sprint, 75 yards -3 heats & 19 competitors; Yilgarn Handicap Trot -one and a half miles and 18 horses; Two Mile Cycle Race -3 heats & 28 cyclists; Sheffield Handicap, 120 yards -3 heats & 21 competitors; Sports Handicap Trot -one and a half miles & 19 horses; District Hack Race -Five Furlongs & 16 horses; Hack Race -Six furlongs & 14 horses.

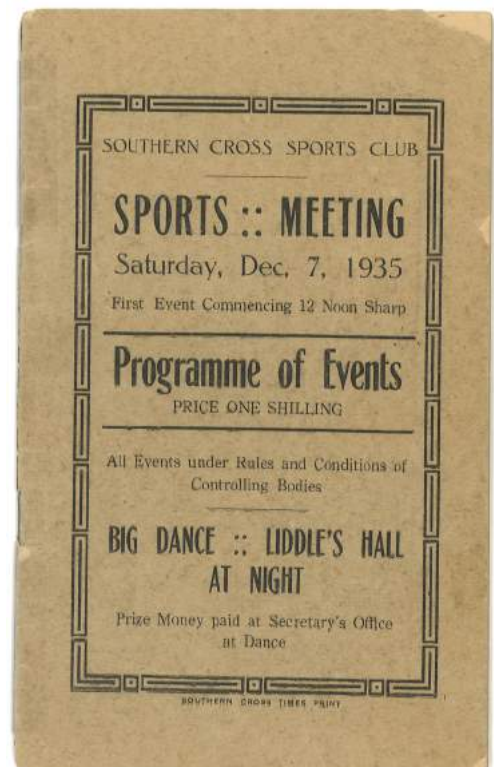
BUSINESSES ADVERTIZED IN BROCHURE: Styles Drapery; Universal Providers -Hewitt Bros -Malvern Star Cycles & Paint; Chas Berryman -General Carrier, Special Service Marvel Lock; E.G. Hames -Refreshment Rooms; District Trading Stores -Miss E.M. Tippler, Draper, Mercery, Fancy goods, Boots & shoes; Palace:Hotel -under new management; Palace:Garage -re-opened; G.R.D. Sanders -Dental Surgeon; G.B. Skidmore -Hairdresser & Tobacconist; Mrs:Tuckey -Meals & Beds; Southern Cross Hotel; A. Eaglestone -Licensed Plumber & Ironworker; Southern Cross Billiard Salon - three good tables; Worthing and Barry -Licensed Auctioneers & Secondhand:furniture; Syd Carlson -THE BUTCHER; Elite Store -G.E. Williams Prop -Grocery, confectionery, Greengrocer;

F.N. Page -All classes of Building; Blue Gum Teooms -Mrs Fitzgerald; D.W. Corbitt -Accountant; J Little -Bootmaker; E.M. Ochiltree -Universal Garage; Wimps Cafe; Southern Cross Pharmacy-

A.M. Steinthal; W. Metzke -Hardware Stores, Service Station; W.P. Dunstan & Co -THE BIG STORE -Empire Products; E.E. Watkins -Mining & Mercantile; J.H. Canute -The Practical Trailer; Mrs A. Hammer -Fruiterer & Greengrocer; Mills Cash Store -Circulating Library; D. Braysher -Hairdresser & Tobacconist; Elsbury & Sons -Bakers; C.Scott, Bullfinch -General Store & Agent; Lionel F. Kelly, Bullfinch-General Storekeeper, Exchange Hotel, Bullfinch -Mrs J Stack Prop.; L. Oldfield -General Carrier; H Chadwick -Premier Butcher; Geo Henderson -Carrier; Morrison Motors Ltd -FORD; Railway Hotel.

THIRTY SIX BUSINESSES IN ALL ADVERTISED

Robin -Curator



Influenza Vaccination Program for 2020

Annual Influenza vaccination is the most important measure to prevent influenza and its complications.

Government funded under 65 year old influenza vaccines should be available in the clinic from **around mid to late April all being well.**

We already have stock of the over 65yo's. Appointments can be booked now for administration of the vaccine.

Please note: This year we have been advised that, vaccination can be done as soon as possible once we have stock of vaccines, no longer having to wait until May.

Eligibility for government funded influenza vaccines in WA in 2020 is unchanged from 2019.

The following individuals in WA are eligible to receive government funded vaccine:

- persons 65 years or older
- children 6 months to less than 10 years
- pregnant women (any trimester)
- Aboriginal people 6 months and older
- individuals 6 months and older with medical conditions that place them at risk for complications of influenza, including:
 - cardiac disease
 - chronic respiratory conditions
 - chronic neurological conditions
 - impaired immunity
 - diabetes and other metabolic disorders
 - renal disease
 - haematological disorders
 - children aged 6 months to 10 years receiving long term aspirin therapy.

Private influenza vaccinations:

We will be offering private flu vaccines for a small cost to those who do not meet the above criteria, and also for those companies who wish to have their employees vaccinated. Please contact the practice on 9049 1147 for appointment scheduling and further information.

Help stop flu from spreading

Good hygiene practices, such as washing your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water can assist with reducing the risk of infection.

COVID-19 (Corona Virus)

In light of current events relating to the COVID-19 situation, please maintain social distancing when you come to the clinic. The amount of people in the waiting room area at any time will only be 2, so please be prepared to be waiting outside, seats available, or waiting in your car parked outside the clinic.

Anyone with cold/flu like symptoms will be asked to wait in your car or seated outside. Please do not enter the clinic. You can pop your head in the door to let us know you have arrived or give us a call to say you are waiting.

Those people who have travelled overseas in the last 14 days, and, or have come into contact with someone who has tested positive to COVID-19 is asked to stay at home, isolate. Our doctor is happy to then carry out a phone consultation.

We hope to keep everyone safe and healthy as possible during this difficult time.

Thank you for your understanding.

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If you wish to receive the Crosswords for free via email, send an email to crc@yilgarn.wa.gov.au to register.

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!

Did You Know?

Did you know the Wheatley area along the Koolyanobbing road was once known as Tin Hill. This area was opened to farming during the 1920's.

However the Farmers Progress Association was unhappy with Tin Hill for a name, and voted on changing it to either Wheatley or New England. The votes were tied, so the chairman exercised his right to vote and chose Wheatley. In those days of a thousand acre farms there was dozens of farmers at Wheatley. They had their own hall which also doubled as a school.

The depression ended their dreams and most walked off, broke and disillusioned. Today most of Wheatley district is owned by the Guerini families and Della Bosca families.

Wheatley hall started its life as a cordial factory in Southern Cross. When farming collapsed during the depression, the hall was moved to Noongar for use as hall and school.

A few years later it was sold to a mining company and moved to Campion. It was common practise to recycle buildings.

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Children won't have to miss out on a fantastic Constable Care experience while learning from home.

They've just launched 'Constable Care TV', which re-imagines primary school incursions as a fun, interactive web series.

The videos use puppetry and song to teach children important safety skills.

Check out this kid-friendly explanation of self isolation!

<https://bit.ly/2RI0MJU>





THE HON MELISSA PRICE MP

Federal Member for Durack
Minister for Defence Industry

Coronavirus Care – caring for others in our community

The coronavirus is a major global public health challenge that is having a significant impact on the daily lives of many in our community.

All levels of government are taking strong and carefully considered steps to reduce the spread of coronavirus and to protect all Australians, particularly the elderly and the vulnerable.

While the government focuses on the social and economic challenges the global pandemic is causing, it is important we step up as a community and help those around us who may need support over the coming weeks and months.

Although social distancing and self-isolation are important tools in the fight against coronavirus, they can pose challenges for those in our community without a support network.

Together with my staff in my three Durack regional offices, we are working hard to find answers to your questions and offer reassurance to you all in Durack during this challenging time. You are most welcome to call my Geraldton office on 9964 2195 if you require any assistance or get in touch with me via email at melissa.price.mp@aph.gov.au. I know there is a lot of wonderful community care being undertaken in Durack and I thank you for all your efforts and kindness. If you would like to help out in your community and would like to know more about what is happening in your town or region, please call my office and we will gather the information for you.

I will continue to share the latest coronavirus information on my Facebook page 'Melissa Price MP' and through email updates. If you would like to receive those email updates and you are not a subscriber, please email or call my office and they will put you on the list. I would also encourage you to keep in touch by regularly monitoring the advice from the Federal Government at www.australia.gov.au.

By working together we will get through this difficult time.

Please take extra care of yourself

Kind regards,

Melissa Price
Federal Member for Durack
Minister for Defence Industry

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Helping your child cope with stress

-  **Respond to your child's reactions in a supportive way.** Children may respond to stress in different ways such as being more clingy, anxious, withdrawing, angry or agitated, bedwetting etc.
-  Children need adults' love and attention during difficult times. **Give them extra time and attention.** Remember to listen to your child, speak kindly and reassure them. **If possible, make opportunities for your child to play and relax.**
-  **Try and keep your child close to you** and try avoid separating them from parents and caregivers. If separation occurs (e.g. hospitalisation) ensure regular contact (e.g. via phone) and re-assurance.
-  **Keep to regular routines and schedule as much as possible,** or create new ones, including school/learning as well as time for safely playing and relaxing.
-  **Provide facts about what has happened,** explain what is going on and give them clear information about how to reduce their risk of being infected by the disease in words they can understand depending on their age. This also includes providing information about what could happen in a re-assuring way.

For more information visit thinkmentalhealthwa.com.au

COVID-19 – Government Support

Date: 14 April 2020

Support for individuals

Mental Health Get help to cope with life's changes.	Visit headtohealth.gov.au/ for links to online counselling or call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifeline 13 11 14 (24 hours) • Kids helpline 1800 55 1800 Visit thinkmentalhealthwa.com.au
Superannuation Individuals can access up to \$10,000 of their super in 2019-20 and a further \$10,000 in 2020-21.	Apply to the ATO through MyGov (www.my.gov.au) from mid-April Find out more at Treasury.gov.au/coronavirus
Retirees Temporary reduction to minimum drawdown requirements for account-based pension.	Find out more at Treasury.gov.au/coronavirus
Financial Support Expanded eligibility for some payments and moves to make them easier to claim.	Claim online at servicesaustralia.gov.au Or over the phone on 132 850
Economic Support Payment \$750 payments for people on certain government payments.	Will be paid automatically to people who are eligible. Find out more at Treasury.gov.au/coronavirus
Job Keeper A subsidy of \$1,500/fortnight per employee for up to six months. Available to businesses, not-for-profits and sole traders. Support payments exempt from paying payroll tax.	Your employer will notify you if they intend to claim the payment on your behalf. Find out more at Treasury.gov.au/coronavirus
Relief Services Expanding access to the No Interest Loans Scheme.	Find out more on at moneysmart.gov.au (search 'No Interest Loans Scheme')
Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Fee relief while supporting child care services to keep their doors open and employees in their job.	For more information visit australia.gov.au and scroll down to 'Education & child care information'
Renting Evictions will be put on hold over the next six months, for those in financial distress.	New arrangements announced 30 March. Further details to come. Visit business.gov.au (click on for 'COVID-19 information')

Support for individuals - continued

WA government support - Household fees & charges

A freeze will be placed on household fees and charges, including electricity, water, motor vehicle charges, the emergency services levy and public transport fares.

No disconnection for power and water.

Visit www.wa.gov.au (search 'COVID-19 Western Australian Government Response')

WA government support - Energy Assistance Package

Payment will increase from \$300 to \$600 for eligible concession card-holders

Visit www.wa.gov.au (search 'COVID-19 Western Australian Government Response')

WA Shopping hours

Coles and Woolworths to be granted temporary extended trading hours.

Special arrangements for pensioners, the elderly and people with disabilities to shop from 7am to 8am Monday to Saturday and between 10am to 11am on Sunday

Visit www.wa.gov.au (search 'COVID-19 Western Australian Government Response')

Support for small business and not-for-profits

<p>Job Keeper</p> <p>A subsidy of \$1,500/fortnight per employee for up to six months. Available to businesses, not-for-profits and sole traders.</p>	<p>Your employer will notify you if they intend to claim the payment on your behalf.</p> <p>Find out more at Treasury.gov.au/coronavirus</p>
<p>Boosting cash flow for employers</p> <p>Up to \$100,000 to eligible small and medium-sized businesses and not for-profits that employ people, with a minimum payment of \$20,000.</p>	<p>Automatically applied to the accounts of eligible businesses when they lodge their activity statement for the relevant periods.</p> <p>Find out more at Treasury.gov.au/coronavirus</p>
<p>Supporting apprentices and trainees</p> <p>Wage subsidy of up to \$21,000 per apprentice or trainee.</p>	<p>Talk to the Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN) in your area. Search for your local AASN at australianapprenticeships.gov.au</p> <p>Find out more at Treasury.gov.au/coronavirus</p>
<p>Loan Support</p> <p>Government will provide lenders with a guarantee for loans, to increase their willingness and ability to provide credit. Loans of up to \$250,000 up to three years, with an initial six-month repayment holiday.</p>	<p>For more information visit: Business.gov.au (select 'coronavirus information')</p> <p>Find out more at Treasury.gov.au/coronavirus</p>
<p>Renting</p> <p>Evictions will be on hold for six months by the states and territories, for those in financial distress.</p> <p>The WA Government will waive rental payments for small businesses and not-for-profit groups in Government-owned buildings for six months</p>	<p>See mandatory code of conduct for commercial tenancies</p> <p>For more information visit business.gov.au (select 'coronavirus information')</p>
<p>Temporary relief for financial distress</p> <p>Increase to threshold at which creditors can issue statutory demand, extra time to respond.</p> <p>Relief from personal liability for trading while insolvent.</p> <p>Temporary flexibility in Corporations Act 2001.</p>	<p>You don't need to apply. These relief measures will be in place for six months.</p> <p>For more information visit: Business.gov.au (select Coronavirus information')</p> <p>Find out more at Treasury.gov.au/coronavirus</p>
<p>Backing businesses to invest</p> <p>Instant asset write-off threshold has been increased to \$150,000. Now includes larger businesses.</p> <p>A time limited 15-month investment incentive to support business investment and economic growth over the short-term, by accelerating depreciation deduction</p>	<p>Check your eligibility for the instant asset write-off with the Australian Taxation Office</p> <p>For information visit: Business.gov.au (select 'Coronavirus information')</p> <p>Find out more at Treasury.gov.au/coronavirus</p>

Support for small business and not-for-profits - continued

WA Government support for businesses

Payroll tax paying businesses with a payroll between \$1 million and \$4 million will receive a one-off grant of \$17,500.

\$1 million payroll tax threshold brought forward by six months to July 1, 2020.

Businesses can now apply to defer payment of their 2019-20 payroll tax until July 21, 2020.

Visit wa.gov.au (Search Payroll Tax Employer Guide)

Small business support services

The Small Business Development Corporation has created a COVID-19 assistance center to provide dedicated guidance on available support options.

To access the service, contact 133 140 or email info@smallbusiness.wa.gov.au

Find out more at smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/coronavirus

COVID-19 relief fund

Grants are available for eligible not for-profit and community organisations that are experiencing financial hardship related directly to COVID-19.

Apply for grant support by visiting lotterywest.wa.gov.au or by calling 131 777.

WBN - COVID19 REGIONAL BUSINESS INFORMATION - 3

The Wheatbelt Business Network is a not-for-profit MEMBER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION. We are here to help Wheatbelt businesses of all sizes navigate through information and adapt to changing times.

To support the wider business community we have summarised information already available in the public domain. **WBN members to date have received more detailed information and support.**

JOBKEEPER - STEPS

To help employers, the government has introduced the JobKeeper payment delivered through the ATO. Here are the STEPS you need to take to get ready:

1. Check if you and your nominated employees meet the eligibility requirements
<https://www.ato.gov.au/general/jobkeeper-payment/employers/eligible-employers/>
2. Some cloud accounting packages have been updated and include a JobKeeper report which will help you identify which employees may be eligible if your business is
3. Enrol at <https://www.ato.gov.au/general/jobkeeper-payment/employers/enrol-and-apply-for-the-jobkeeper-payment/>
4. Notify eligible employees that you (their employer) intend to participate in the JobKeeper scheme.
5. Confirm with eligible employees that they agree to you being the primary employer to receive JobKeeper Payments.
6. Send the nominated employees the JobKeeper Employee Nomination Form to complete and return to you. <https://www.ato.gov.au/Forms/JobKeeper-payment---employee-nomination-notice/>
7. Keep the Employee Nomination Form on file (must be retained for 5 years).
8. Pay the minimum \$1,500 to each eligible employee per JobKeeper fortnight. The first fortnight starts on 30 March and ends on 12 April. Alternatively, you can make one combined payment of \$3,000 for the first two fortnights paid by the end of April 2020.
9. Enrol for JobKeeper from 20 April using the Business Portal and authenticate with MyGovID

APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES

Applications are now open for the Australian Government's small business **wage subsidy to retain apprentices and trainees.**

http://www.apprenticeshipsupport.com.au/getattachment/News-and-Events/News/coronavirus-stimulus-package-announcement/Supporting_Apprentices_and_Trainees_Q-A.pdf.aspx

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS – AS AT 19 APRIL 2020

- The Federal Government has implemented an overseas travel ban
- After Tuesday 31 March 2020, Western Australians will **not be allowed to travel outside their designated region.** The Wheatbelt is made up of 42 local governments. We have suggested to businesses to make available a letter or proof of reason to travel until the official State Government form is made available www.wheatbelt.wa.gov.au
- **WA borders are closed.** Previously people entering the state had to isolate for 14 days. Now they will be turned away unless they meet exemption criteria. The rule will also apply to West Australian residents returning home. Exemptions include healthcare workers, Emergency services workers, Transport freight and logistics, FIFO, People with specialist skills not available in WA, National or state security and governance, and Courts and judicial services
- A summary of **prohibited activities and venues** (applicable to business) is well summarised - <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/announcements/covid-19-information>

- **New COVID19 Relief Funding from Lotterywest** for crisis and relief funding, Event Cancellation Relief for Arts, Sports & Community Groups and Resilient Arts, Sports, Events & Community Groups
- Further relief for **households experiencing financial hardship** due to COVID-19, including extension of the Energy Assistance Payment, no disconnections for power and water and additional support for Keystart customers
- \$502 million for small businesses including **a reduction in electricity bills, licences fees waived, and additional payroll tax relief**
- New initiatives to apply until 30 September 2020. State Budget deferred until 8 October 2020 for Government to focus on COVID-19

STIMULUS PACKAGES FOR BUSINESS - FEDERAL - <https://treasury.gov.au/coronavirus/businesses>

Find financial assistance, eligibility and timing for the new government support for Australian businesses

STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR BUSINESS – STATE

<https://www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/blog/coronavirus-stimulus-package-small-business>

ONLINE BUSINESS RESOURCES

Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA – COVID19 dedicated website - <https://covid19.cciwa.com>

- a COVID-19 Guide for Employers including answers to employee leave;
- an outline of the new COVID-19 subsidies for business;
- screening questionnaires for staff and external parties;
- a work-from-home OHS checklist; and
- an updated sample staff communication.

RURAL WEST (FORMALLY RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE) - www.ruralwest.com.au

Rural West delivers the Rural Financial Counselling Service of WA, Small Rural Business Financial Counselling and the Drought Communities Small Business Support Program. If you're a small to medium enterprise, primary producer, not-for-profit, community club or other group and in financial distress, please contact them

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORP. <https://www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/coronavirus>

- FREE online webinars – cash flow forecasting, managing employees
- Information for employers
- Health fact sheets

PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION - <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/coronavirus-covid-19>

We recommend that you follow public authority advice in regard to health and hygiene measures as well as social distancing rules.

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

beyondblue and Ahead for Business have free online resources to help with emotional support. You can also seek help by phone: beyondblue 1300 224 636 / Lifeline 13 11 14

Hon Mia Davies MLA

Member for Central Wheatbelt

2020 NRM COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP GRANTS NOW OPEN

MEDIA RELEASE

24 April 2020

The 2020 Community Stewardship Grants are now open for community-based projects that help conserve, restore, rehabilitate or enhance a local natural area, conserve WA's biodiversity and maintain or build the capability of NRM community groups across the State.

Local Member Mia Davies MLA has encouraged local groups to get their applications ready, and invited them to contact her office for support or assistance as they prepare their submissions.

"There are two categories available, small grants valued between \$1,000 to \$35,000, and large grants intended for more strategic, complex projects between the value of \$35,000 and \$450,000," Ms Davies said.

"Applicants being encouraged to apply include Landcare groups, Land Conservation District Committees, production groups, and 'friends of' groups.

"Aboriginal community organisations, Community Resource Centres, local governments, regional NRM bodies, primary and secondary schools and recognised biosecurity groups are also eligible."

Ms Davies said the funding allowed local groups to focus on key areas in their own backyards.

"This funding can help underwrite projects to tackle salinity, combat erosion, protect threatened species and eradicate pests and weeds," she said.

"It allows projects to be driven by local people who intimately understand the environment and natural resources of our region," Ms Davies said.

Ms Davies said groups interested in securing a grant should apply through the Natural Resource Management website – www.nrm.wa.gov.au. Applications close on 15 June 2020.

Member for the Agricultural Region Martin Aldridge MLC said it was important that grassroots funding programs like the Community Stewardship Grants continued to operate during the COVID-19 emergency.

"Groups can be planning and securing funds for projects for when the restrictions related to COVID-19 are eased," Mr Aldridge said.

"Staying connected during these difficult times through shared interests and community groups is a good way to beat the isolation we're all experiencing at the moment."

For media enquiries please contact Mia Davies on 9041 1702 (Merredin office), 9622 2871 (Northam office) or email mia.davies@mp.wa.gov.au.



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Calendar of Events

Mon 4 May	Shire Administration Office returns to regular operating hours (see inside for more details)
Thu 14 May	Pat & Chat Mobile Vet in town
Thu 21 May	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting
Thu 18 Jun	Shire of Yilgarn Council Meeting



Little things you can do

- ✱ Get out of bed at your usual time each day.
- ✱ Make time for study or work.
- ✱ Cook healthy meals.
- ✱ Set aside time to engage in mindfulness meditation, relaxation to get on with a hobby.
- ✱ Go to bed at the same time as usual.
- ✱ Make time to connect with others each day.

If you are feeling anxious or worried, talk to a friend or family member or for more information or to try the mental health check up tool visit thinkmentalhealthwa.com.au

Recycling Days

May 8	September 11
May 22	September 25
June 12	October 9
June 26	October 23
July 10	November 13
July 24	November 27
August 14	December 11
August 28	December 25