

The Yalgoo Shire Council's new Deputy President



Raul Valenzuela being sworn in by Shire President Terry I turbide

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If you would like to see yours or even a loved ones birthday displayed in the bulldust for all to see Please contact the shire to let us know. 08 9962 8042

2013 COUNCIL MEETINGS

Yalgoo Chambers

Thursday 21 March 2013

Thursday 18 April 2013

Local Emergency Management Committee

Tuesday 28 May 2013 Yalgoo Chambers

Thursday 20 June 2013

Thursday 18 July 2013



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Thursday 23 May 2013

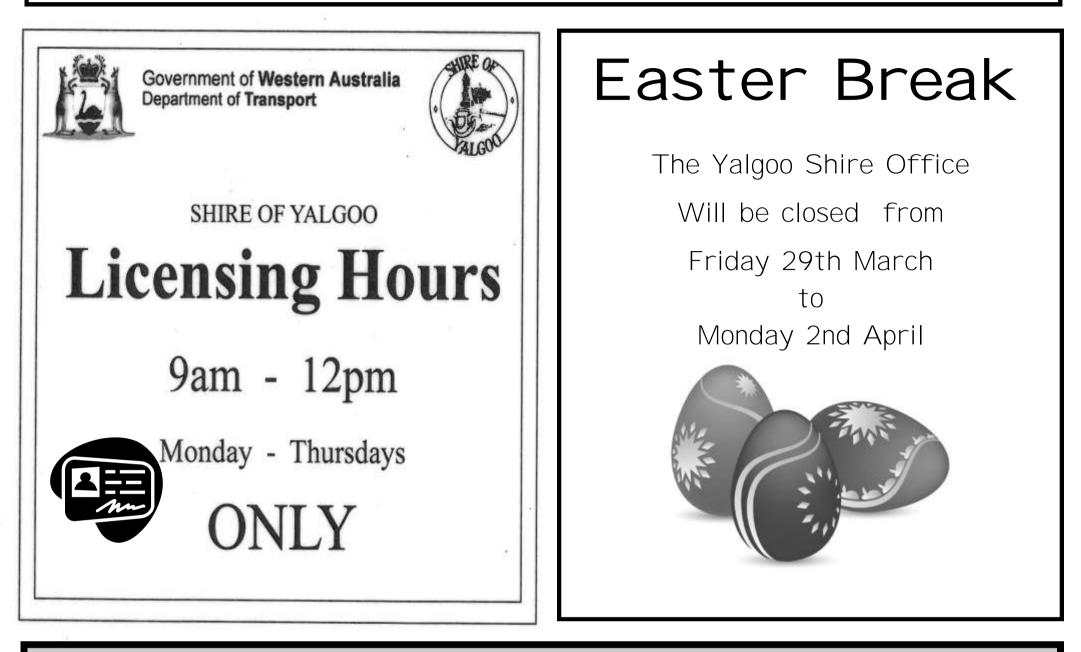
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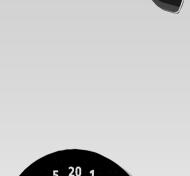
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EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT 7pm –10pm

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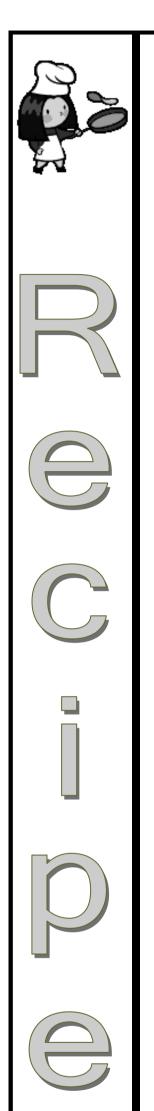
Also coming soon



Yalgoo pool competition







Barbecued whole snapper with lime and chilli

There's nothing better than having friends and family around for Easter and sharing beautiful food. This recipe turns delicious fresh seafood into a wonderful Easter feast.

INGREDIENTS

- □ 1.5kg whole snapper
- 1 stick lemongrass, trimmed, halved, cut into 5cm lengths
- \square 4 garlic cloves, bruised
- \Box 6 kaffir lime leaves, torn
- \Box Fresh coriander sprigs,
- □ Sliced green onion,
- □ Steamed jasmine rice
- □ Lime wedges, to serve DRESSING
- \Box 1/2 cup sweet chilli sauce
- \Box 1/2 cup lime juice
- \Box 1 tsp caster sugar
- \Box 1/3 cup light soy sauce
- □ 2cm piece fresh ginger, peeled, finely grated
- \Box 1 1/2 tbsp fish sauce
- \square 2 tbsp peanut oil
- □2 tbsp chopped fresh coriander



Step 1

Preheat a barbecue to medium-high

with hood closed. Rinse fish inside and out under cold running water. Pat dry with paper towel. Make 3 shallow cuts, 1cm-deep, in thickest part of each side of fish.

Step 2

Place a large sheet of baking paper on top of a large sheet of foil on a flat surface. Place fish in centre of paper. Fill cavity with lemongrass, garlic and lime leaves. Season fish with salt and pepper. Fold up baking paper and foil to enclose fish, scrunching to secure foil.



Step 3

Barbecue the snapper, with the hood closed, for 30 to 35 minutes, turning halfway, or until cooked through.

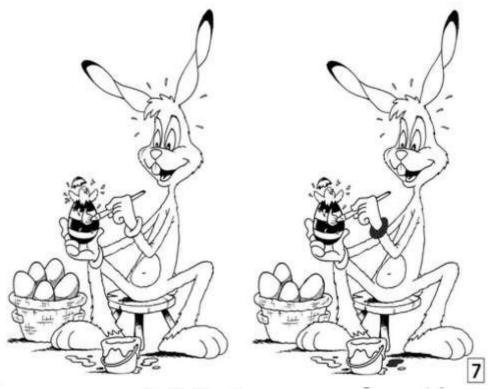
Step 4

Meanwhile, make dressing: Combine sweet chilli sauce, lime juice, sugar, soy sauce, ginger, fish sauce, oil and coriander in a jug.

Step 5

Unwrap fish and carefully transfer to a serving plate. Drizzle with dressing. Top with coriander sprigs and green onion. Serve with lime wedges and rice.

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Daily Routines

Match the words with the pictures by inserting the correct number into



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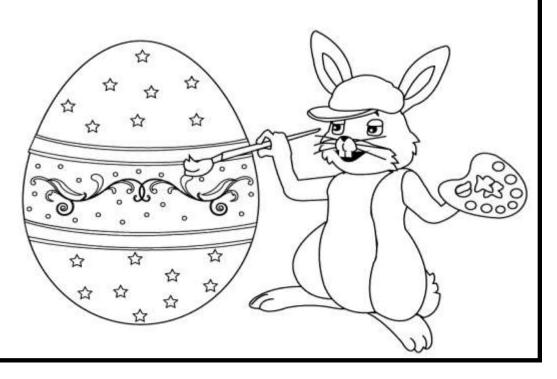
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On The Beat with Yalgoo Police

From the Officer in Charge

I am very pleased with the standard of the vehicles in our community, which has improved recently in particular so keep up the good work in maintaining your vehicle to a good safe standard. At the station we have been very busy with our normal duties and also developing some community initiatives within the community which I will implement in the near future. A reminder that Easter is fast approaching and we will be out and about conducting traffic patrols at this time, which is traditionally a high risk time on our roads so I urge you all to pay particular attention to your driving to ensure we all have a safe Easter.

Noel Minnock - Sergeant

Do you know where your children are?

Lately there has been a number of what I would call "nuisance offences" where children, some as young as 7 are becoming involved in damaging fences and throwing rocks on to roofs. The cost of repairs is significant and those affected are not prepared to accept this type of behaviour and neither am I. If a child under your care is involved in this type of activity expect a call from myself or one of my officers. So in essence know where your children are and what they are up to.

Road Safety in our school

I am delighted to say that with the support of the Yalgoo Primary School Principal Mr. Hall and his staff we have been able to commence a Road safety Awareness program in the school. 1/C Adrian COMEAGAIN is delivering the program to the students in an informal manner aimed at creating an awareness of road safety issues that affect us all including seatbelts and child restraints. I am excited about the program and I look forward to see it develop, which can only improve your children's road safety awareness.

Crime Prevention

As I mentioned previously and I can not reinforce enough, your local police rely heavily on your input to make our community a safer and better place to live. If there is something going on that you know is not right I encourage you to report it so I can do something about it.

I wish you all a nice Easter and keep safe.

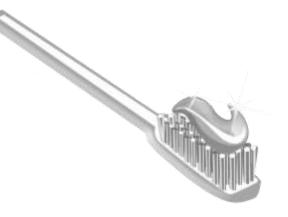
YALGOO GYMKHANA Saturday 30th March 2013



Nominations commence at 8:30 am

Important message to the Yalgoo Community. Trish Grinham has resigned as Secretary/Treasurer after 6 years following the completion of the 2013 Gymkhana. Our appreciation is expressed for her dedication over this time. Thank you. If this very popular event is to continue it will be necessary to have a community member to take up this position. Please contact president D Morrissey on 08 99637682 or Trish on 08 99637984

MURCHISON DENTAL TEAM VISITING SCHEDULE 2013







11 March	-	26 March	2013
6 May	-	17 May	2013
27 May	-	7 June	2013
10 June	-	14 June	2013
24 June	-	5 July	2013
22 July	-	2 Aug	2013
19 Aug	-	30 Aug	2013
2 Sept	-	6 Sept	2013
16 Sept	-	27 Sept	2013
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Yalgoo Nursing Post

Murchison Outreach Service Mobile Clinic

24 January

14 February

21 February

14 March

20 March

11 April

18 April

16 May

23 May

13 June

20 June

11 July

Meekatharra RFDS Flying clinics 2013

March

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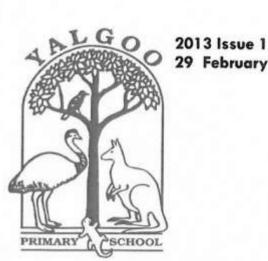
From the 20 March - 28 March

GWN, WIN, ABC & SBS Channels will be switched off between

10am to 4pm

Due to installation on the new digital TV





29 February



Principal's Message

Welcome back to a new year at Yalgoo Primary School.

As we start the new year we welcome a new member to our staff.

Miss Louise Marriott will be taking the Kindy/ PrePrimary/Year 1 class. Welcome to Yalgoo, Louise, we hope you will enjoy your time here.

I would also like to welcome back all the staff who were with us last year and hope we will continue to work towards the improvement of the students.

As you will see from the newsletter we have appointed Student Leaders from among the pupils and we hope that they will take their responsibility seriously and be role models for the younger students.

Please make a note of the important dates in this newsletter and we hope to see more parents and family members coming along to Assemblies and other events to celebrate the successes of our students.

Attached to this newsletter is some important information for parents/carers on the type of behaviour we will not accept at school and the consequences for these behaviours. Please take the time to read them carefully and discuss them with your children.

Lets work together to make our school a place where the students are able to learn in a safe and respectful environment.

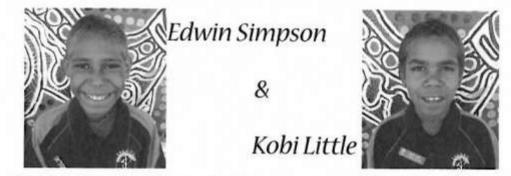
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Our Student Leaders

We are pleased to announce our Student Leaders for 2013.



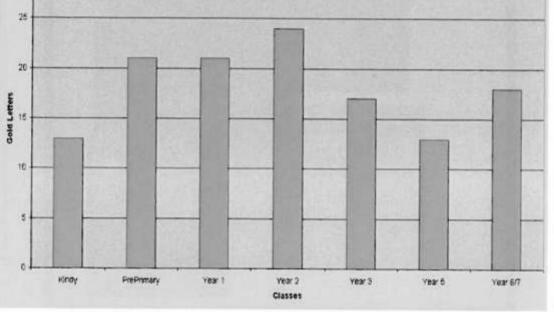
The Student Leaders have been chosen for their excellent example to other students, their leadership qualities and dedicated attitude to their school work.

We know they will be great representatives of our school.

CONGRATULATIONS



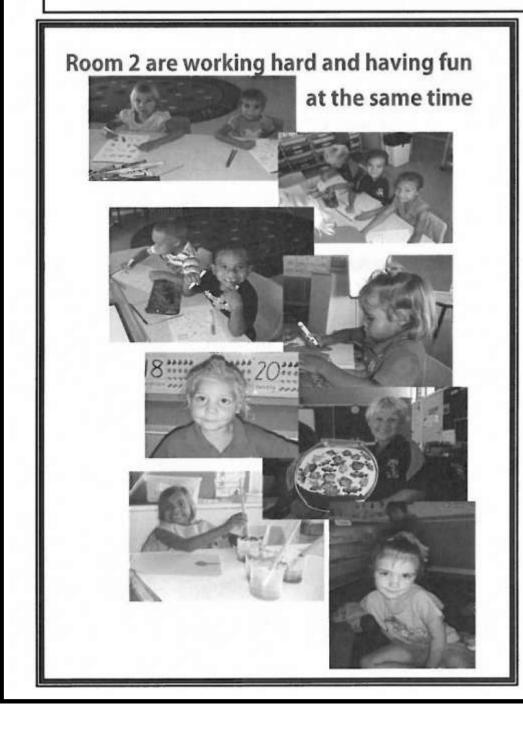


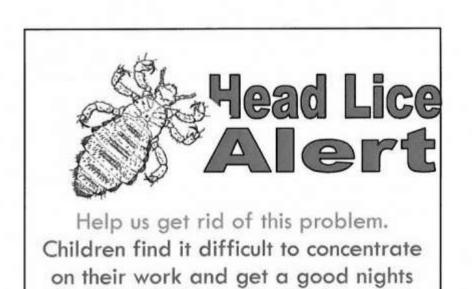


Important	Dates	this	Term	
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Wed 07th	February	Accombly
Wed 27th	9.00am March	Assembly
Mon 4th	All day School Closed	Labour Day Holiday
Thur 7th	5.00pm	School Council Meeting
Wed 13th	9.00am	Assembly
Thur 14th	TBA	Constable Care Visit
Wed 27th	9.00am	Assembly
Thur 28th	9.00am	Easter Parade
		School Photos
Fri 29th	All day School Closed April	Easter Friday
Mon 1st	All Day School Closed	Easter Monday
Wed 10th	9.00am	Assembly
Sat 13th	All day	Yalgoo Races
Fri 19th	2.30pm	Term 1 Ends
Mon 6th	8.00am	Term 2 Starts

We look forward to seeing lots of family and friends at Assembly and for the Easter Parade.





What to do. Wash the child's hair. Apply a generous amount of conditioner (Cooking oil works also works well) Comb the hair using a nit comb. Wipe comb on a piece of white cloth or paper. Repeat until no more lice are combed out. Please check your children regularly and treat them if necessary.

sleep if they are constantly scratching.

Country High School Hostels Ex Gratia Scheme

Applications for the Country High School Hostels Ex Gratia Scheme are now open.

This Scheme has been established to provide ex gratia payments to eligible applicants who were subjected to abuse as a boarder of a hostel operating under the auspices of the Country High School Hostels Authority during the period 1960-2006.

The hostels covered by this scheme include:-

Albany

- Albany Residential College
- Amity House
- Priory

Bunbury

Craig House

Carnarvon

Carnarvon Hostel

Esperance

- Esperance Residential College
- St Andrew's Hostel

Geraldton

- Dellahale House
- Geraldton Residential College
- John Frewer House

Kalgoorlie

- Goldfields Hostel
- Kalgoorlie Residential College

Katanning

- Great Southern Residential College
- St Andrew's Hostel
- Katanning Residential College
- Reidy House

Merredin

- Merredin Residential College
- St Michael's Hostel

Moora

- St James Hostel
- Moora Residential College

Narrogin

- Caloola House
- Ellimata House
- Narrogin High School Hostel
- Narrogin Residential College

Northam

- Adamson House
- Northam Residential College
- St Christopher's Hostel

Port Hedland

Hardie House

An application form can be downloaded from this page or alternatively telephone **1800 246 768** (9am - 4:30pm weekdays) or email <u>chsh@communities.wa.gov.au</u>

Applications to this scheme will close on Friday 31 May 2013 at 5.00pm (WST)

If you are feeling distressed and need to talk to someone, please phone the counselling hotline at Crisis Care on 1800 227 792



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FAQs

Department for Communities

Country High School Hostels **Ex Gratia Scheme**

Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility

Q: Am I eligible?

A: You are eligible to apply if you are over 18 years of age and experienced abuse prior to 1 January 2007 while boarding at a hostel administered by the *Country High School Hostels Authority Act 1960* (CHSHA) at: Albany, Bunbury, Carnarvon, Esperance, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Katanning, Merredin, Moora, Narrogin, Northam or Port Hedland.

Q: Am I still eligible if I was a boarder at a country hostel but suffered no abuse?

A: No. The ex gratia payments are only open to those who experienced abuse while boarding at a CHSHA hostel.

Q: Are family members or the estate of deceased persons who were formerly boarders at a CHSHA hostel eligible to apply for an ex gratia payment under this Scheme?

A: No. Family members or the estate of deceased persons who were formerly boarders at a CHSHA hostel are NOT eligible to apply for an ex gratia payment. The person on whose behalf the Application is being made must be living at the time of the Application.

Q: What can I do if I am under 18 years of age and have been abused while boarding at a CHSHA hostel?

A: You can contact the Department for Child Protection by either telephoning **1800 622 258** (freecall) or writing to: Department for Child Protection PO Box 6334 East Perth WA 6892

If the application process has been distressing and you need to talk to someone, please phone the counselling hotline at Crisis Care on **1800 227 792**.



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Applications

Q: Do I need a lawyer to represent me with my Application?

A: No, legal representation is not required as the assessment process will be carried out by experienced, professional people and verified by an independent person. Should an Applicant choose to use a lawyer, this may incur costs that will need to be borne by the applicant.

Q: Will information be provided to help me complete an Application?

A: Yes, the Guide to completing the Application is designed to provide you with helpful information. It is available at www.communities.wa.gov.au or can be obtained by phoning **1800 246 768** (freecall) or emailing **chsh@communities.wa.gov.au**.

Q: When can I submit my Application to the Scheme?

A: Applications open on 30 November 2012 and will be open for 6 months.

Q: What is the final date to put my Application in?

A: To be considered for the Scheme you must have your Application in by 5.00pm (WST) on Friday 31 May 2013.

Q: Can I make more than one Application?

A: No, You can only make one Application to the Scheme and it is very important to include in your Application as much information as you can about all your negative experiences while boarding at a country hostel.

Q: Can I make an Application after the Scheme's closing date?

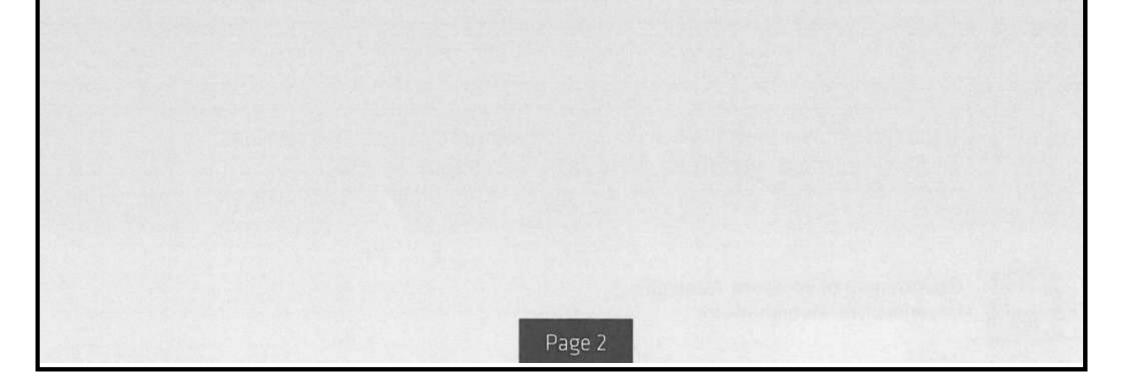
A: No. Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.

Q: A friend has had similar experiences to me while boarding in a country hostel, can I copy their Application?

A: No. The Application must contain your own personal experiences. It is an offence to knowingly provide false or misleading information.

Q: What if I was abused by a fellow boarder?

A: The Scheme only covers abuse perpetrated by hostel employees and/or volunteers.



Application Process

Q: How will my application be assessed?

A: Research will be carried out to verify you were a country hostel boarder, after which an Assessor will review your written application and conduct a telephone interview. The Assessment Panel will then determine your ex gratia payment offer.

Q: How long will it take to process my Application?

A: The length of time is dependent on how many Applications are received; however, it is anticipated that all ex gratia payment offers will be made by 31 December 2013.

Q: Will I be asked for additional information to support my application?

A: All applicants will be contacted by telephone prior to their claims being assessed to discuss if there is any further information to support their application.

Please note: For these reasons, it is vital that you keep the Scheme informed of any changes to your contact details. Forms to change contact details will be available at www.communities.wa.gov.au. If you cannot be contacted, then your Application will be assessed only on the information you have provided in your written application.

Q: Will the information I provide in my application be confidential?

A: Yes, all details and documents provided will be subject to strict confidentiality.

Q: What happens if I have a complaint about the Scheme?

A: Complaints can be made on the basis of an error of process and/or an error of fact. They will be managed according to the Complaints Internal Policy and Procedures Guidelines of the Department for Communities which are available at www.communities.wa.gov.au If an applicant is not satisfied with the outcome of a complaint, they are able to take it to the office of the Western Australian Ombudsman.

Q: What happens if I change my contact details?

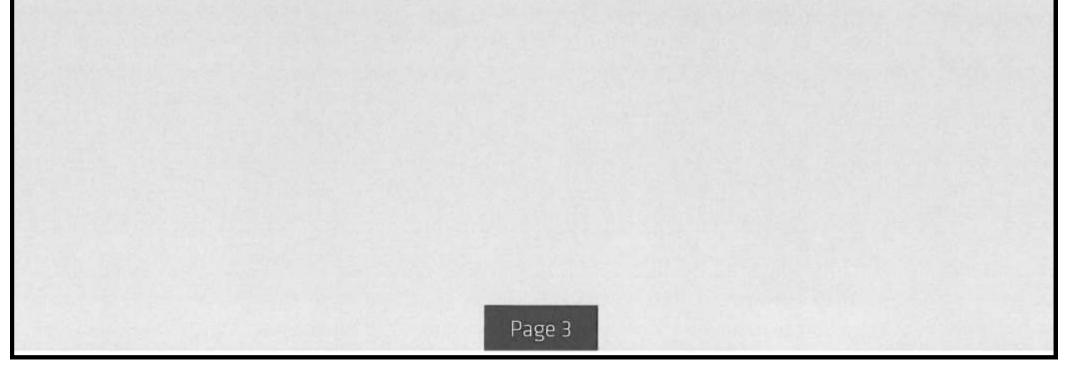
A: If any of your contact details change after you have submitted your Application, it is essential that you advise the Scheme of your up-to-date contact details. You can update your details by calling the Scheme on **1800 246 768** (freecall), emailing **chsh@communities.wa.gov.au** or filling out the change of contact details form at www.communities.wa.gov.au

Q: What happens if I am diagnosed with a terminal or life threatening illness after submitting my application ?

A: If you are diagnosed with a terminal or life threatening illness before your Application is finalised, it is important to inform the Scheme and to provide a medical certificate showing the following details:

- your current condition
- date of diagnosis
- current treatment
- your prognosis.

In these circumstances, the assessment of your Application will be given priority.



Ex gratia payments

Q: How is the ex gratia payment determined?

A: The ex gratia payment will be determined by an assessment team and will be based on the severity of the abuse you suffered.

Q: What happens if I am not satisfied with my ex gratia payment offer?

A: The quantum of an ex gratia payment cannot be the subject of a complaint. The assessment decision will be final and not subject to review, unless there has been an error of process or error of fact.

Q: What conditions are associated with accepting an ex gratia payment?

A: Apart from providing the Scheme with your personal bank account details, there are no conditions for accepting an ex gratia payment offer.

Q: Will any ex gratia payment I receive be taxed? A: The Australian Tax Office has confirmed that payments under this Scheme will not be taxed (either as ordinary income or for capital gains).

Q: Will receiving an ex gratia payment affect my Family Tax benefit payment?

A: As the ATO has confirmed that ex gratia payments under this Scheme will not be taxable, Family Tax benefit payments will not be effected.

Q: Will receiving an ex gratia payment affect my **Centrelink pension?**

A: Ex gratia payments made under this Scheme will be exempt from the social security income test.

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e: chsh@communities.wa.gov.au w: www.communities.wa.gov.au

National Relay Service TTY: 13 3677 (for people with hearing and/or voice impairment)

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Media Statement



ENDS

Wednesday 20 February 2013

GOOD HEART 2013 KICKS OFF WITH CALL FOR WORKS

Good Heart 2013 was launched in Geraldton today, with a call for the region's Indigenous artists to prepare their contribution for this year's exhibition.

In its sixth year, the OPR Good Heart Mid-West Aboriginal Art Project showcases traditional and contemporary works by emerging and established mid-west artists to a metropolitan audience.

It's estimated more than 20,000 people have viewed the works of mid-west artists since Oakajee Port and Rail introduced the project in 2008.

"The quality and reputation of the work coming out of the mid-west is now being recognised at a State, national and international level," OPR Crosslands Chief Executive John Langoulant AO said.

"Works are usually quickly snapped up, making their way into both WA and overseas collections.

"More importantly, the project is helping support a sustainable Indigenous arts industry for the region and providing significant exposure for emerging and established artists."

This year, the main exhibition will be staged in Perth's CBD from **10-14 June**. A preview will be hosted by Geraldton Newspapers Pty Ltd in conjunction with the City of Greater Geraldton Regional Library from **13-27 May**.

Works including canvas, ceramics, woodwork, artefacts and textiles must be submitted for consideration by Wednesday 1 May, 2013.

Emerging and previously exhibited artists interested in submitting works can contact Nan Rickards on 0417 184 290 or email <u>nan.rickards@bigpond.com</u>.

The Mid West Development Commission continues to lead the development of plans to raise the profile of the region's Indigenous arts community. OPR and other Good Heart supporters work closely with the MWDC to deliver on its vision.

Realising the full potential of the local arts industry requires appropriate support to artists through strong and viable arts centres including the Yamaji Art Gallery, Geraldton Wirnda Barna Artists in Mount Magnet and the Tjukurba Art Gallery in Wiluna.

Rob Newton Public Relations Manager t +61 8 9486 0777 m +61 (0)488 717 005 e <u>rnewton@opandr.com</u> - www.opandr.com

Oakajee Port and Rail's (OPR) vision is to deliver an integrated bulk iron ore supply chain for the midwest – through the construction of a deepwater port 24km north of Geraldton, and a 570km railway, servicing the region's emerging mining operations.

Community & Youth Development News from Pip

Camp Kalbarri – Book your place!

The Shire Bus is heading for Kalbarri for a 4 night camp at the PCYC, leaving on Friday 26 April and returning on Tuesday 30.

This camp is mainly for the kids but note that any child under 8 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

We'll be fishing and abseiling and canoeing and all sorts of other great stuff so if you want to come then let me know as soon as possible so we can make all the travel and accommodation arrangements.



Conversion to Digital TV in Yalgoo

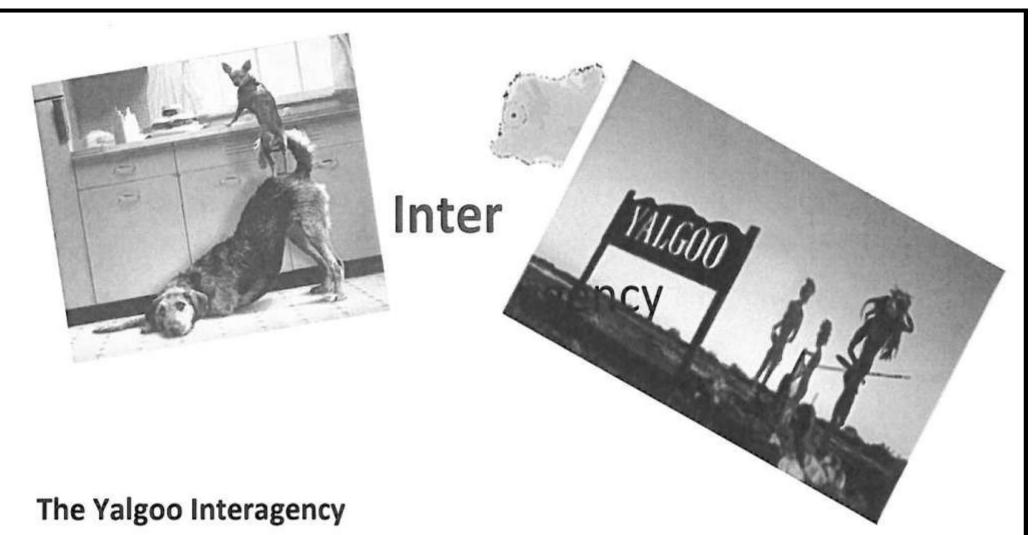
Well, believe it or not we are still waiting for the technicians to come to Yalgoo to start the process of installing our Satellite dishes and connecting the set top box to our TVs. Unfortunately I still can't give you any idea exactly when they will be here but just like I said last month ... it should be soon.





And just another little reminder, when the installers come to do the work, you do not have to pay the \$250 that was advised in the letters you received recently. The Shire has an arrangement with Skybridge to pay the \$250. No Yalgoo household has to pay this amount. So DO NOT PAY ANYONE ANY MONEY FOR THIS WORK. If they ask, tell them to come and see me at the Community Hall or to go the Shire.

And as with last month, for those of you who have not registered for the digital conversion, Don't worry! It is not too late. Come and see me at the Community Hall and we can get your house organised.



The Yalgoo Interagency is up and running on the first Monday of every month

starting at 1.30pm.

The Interagency gives you the opportunity to come and tell a whole mob of government and community workers, (mainly from Geraldton), what services Yalgoo needs. It could be about services for kids, for oldies, for families, for the sick, or to do with sport or education of jobs or whatever. If you have something on your mind and you want someone to know about it then the Interagency might be the place for you.

Don't be shy...come along and have your say!

Child Car Restraints

As reported earlier in the year, the Shire and Centacare are running a child car restraint project with the aim of making it safer for families in Yalgoo to transport their young children. In WA, the law



states that all children under 7 years of age are required to be in an approved child restraint while traveling in a vehicle.



We now have 24 restraints made up of baby capsules or for the older kids, boosters. If you have a child under 7 years old and you need a capsule or a booster then come and see Mata or Pip at the hall so we can register your interest.

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PLAY GROUP

Support Play Group and come along with your child. Play group gives you the opportunity to mix with other parents and their children. At playgroup we like to celebrate being a parent, grandparent or carer. You have the chance to be involved in activities with your child and

having fun too. Play Group is about YOU and YOUR CHILD and how they grow and develop. Play group is held at the Primary school, for further inquiries please contact Tamisha or Mata on 99628207 or the school on 99628024



"Nau mai Saere mai - See you there All welcome"

"BOOKS IN THE HOME" 2013

Centacare has received its first allocation of books from BOOKS IN THE HOMES (term one) for our 0 – 3 year old's. My apologies mum if I have missed your name, can you please contact me on 08 99628207 to get bubs books ordered.



"On the 6th February of every year New Zealanders of all ethnic backgrounds and creeds gather to commemorate the first signing of the Treaty at Waitangi. The Treaty of Waitangi is an historic document which clarifies the rights of the Maori people and the European settlers that lit the way to New Zealand nationhood, which Waitangi Day celebrates. Under the terms of the Waitangi Treaty, the Maori people agreed to accept British sovereignty. They in turn were granted citizenship and land rights. Today **Waitangi Day** is celebrated by New Zealanders both Maori and Pakeha (Kiwi's) throughout the world".

"It was great to see a good turn-out from the local families of Yalgoo at the Waitangi Day celebrations held at Maitland Park in Geraldton on Saturday 16 February 2013. A fun family day of entertainment for all. Music, dance (Kapa Haka) and (kai) food, food and more food, the hāngi and raw fish were superb. A

huge thank you to the Shire for the use of the bus."







REGULAR FEATURES

Kupu hou - New words

Whakangahau :	Celebration
Nau mau Haere mai :	Welcome
Kai:	Food

Counselling Services

Northern Districts Community Support Group - Morawa Family Counseling Service Family and financial counselors available to provide support to rural individuals and families; through counselling; information and education. This is a free service to the shires of Morawa; Coorow; Carnamah; Three Springs; Mingenew; Perenjori and Yalgoo.

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"TE<mark>N</mark>Ā RĀ KOUTOU KATOA"

Another Chance

The blue sky stretched for miles in a wide open arc, the sun shining constantly day after day.

Suzie, out in the garden with baby Mark, was sad, she was thinking of home and her reasons for going. She felt trapped in this new home, it was so vast, not at all like she'd expected, it was also so lonely.

When John had got the job overseas it had been so exiting, an adventure that they could share. The reality was so different, that it physically hurt, an ache in her heart for those she missed. There was also the lack of transport, not like at home. She'd been used to the trains and buses coming by often and lots of taxi's that came when you needed them.

She remmembered last week, trying to get a taxi to the high school for her eldest, Emma, it had made her late for her appointment. "Not a good first impression," she'd thought at the time. It was lucky that the Principal was understanding, she'd had the same problems when she'd emigrated.

"That's another thing that suprizes me," thought Suzie, as she sat watching the baby crawl on his rug." The amount of immigrants in Perth, I don't think I've met a west Australian native yet." Suzie had been in Perth for six months and hadn't made any real friends yet. It was hard to break in and she was feeling very low-spirited and longing for a friendly face.

John had got quite well in with a group at work and was having a few late nights, he was also drinking more which was another problem. Suzie had tried to talk to him about it but he always shrugged it off, "I'm just fitting in," he said, "they all drink after work here and I'm not going to try and change them". That evening after supper Suzie sat stroking the cat, a little stray who'd wandered into her life, wondering about how she could change her life. The cat purred contentedly on her knee as she considered her options.

Another Chance(2)

John was sitting out in the kitchen doing some last minute studying for his exam next day, the baby was asleep and the eldest doing her homework.

The house was silent and still, exept for the odd cough(John) and the purring of the cat.

Suzie thought about the things she needed to do. "Firstly learn to drive, we can afford it and also to buy another car, I wonder how he'll react," she mused, "I think I'll try him out".

"John," she rose, placing the cat carefully on the sofa, "how would you feel about me taking driving lessons".

He looked up from the books he was buried under, "I think its an exellent idea, I wish you'd do more for youself as I can't do it all", he replied, "in fact, when you've done that you can take evening classes, if you'd like, Mark won't be a baby forever".

"What, I thought you wanted me to be a stay at home person", Suzie retorted in suprize, "when we got married you said I'd never have to go to work".

"Yes, but I've realized that times are changing, I've no right to stop you doing as you wish. We'll have to organise a timetable though and fit it around my job, is that ok".

"Yes", said Suzie, in a rush of exitement, "that's great, I didn't think that you'd be so good about it".

John got up and put his arm around her, "I've noticed how upset you've been lately", He said, "I'm going to cut back on the nights out and start taking you places again, we should be able to find a babysitter".

Suzie started to cry, she hadn't felt so good in ages. John hugged her tightly and they fell to discussing ways of changing their lives to forfill both their needs.

The next morning a cheerfull Suzie rang the driving school and arranged for lessons, after which she took a walk with Mark, in his stroller, to the licensing branch. Soon she was back home with her provisional drivers licence in her hand. At twenty-nine years old, she had another chance at life.

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