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Yalgoo Bulldust

Yalgoo Family Festival Day—A Great Success!

National Families Week was celebrated in Yalgoo with a community based Family Festival Day, coordinated through Centacare and MEEDAC. The aim of the day was to celebrate and acknowledge the important role of that families have in helping children as they grow and learn. An estimated number of 120+ attended, some coming from Mt Magnet and Morawa to attend the festival. Radio MAMA came out and conducted a live, outdoor broadcast on the day, Gavin Egan provided some rocking live music and Constable Care made a guest appearance.

Yalgoo Family Festival day was also an opportunity for the community to participate in preparation and organization of an event, for the Yalgoo community, by the people of Yalgoo. It is only through community involvement in preparation for the day; planning a menu and doing the catering, assembling resources, putting up marquees, making an outdoor theatre, looking after various activities and coming along to participate that such a Festival was possible. It may have been one person's idea to do something but it was the community which responded and accepted the challenge and the result was a successful Family Festival Day.

In fact without the support of the Men and Women involved at MEEDAC, the festival would not have happened at all!

Thanks to:

- ♦ MEEDAC crew for all their fantastic hard work for the festival, including Charmaine's team of fantastic ladies who did all the cooking for the AWESOME yummy lunch.
- ♦ MMG for purchasing an additional marquee for the community, and the supplies for building the outdoor theatre. Yalgoo Hotel
- ♦ Brendin Flanigan from Mid West Development Commission for his MC talents,
- ♦ Darryl from Faithe events for the PA system and technological help,
- ♦ Stan and Slack from the Yalgoo Hotel organized some roo hunting for the festival lunch
- ♦ AND.... Radio Mama, Constable Care, Morawa High School, Roadwise, St Johns Ambulance Yalgoo Crew and **everyone** who came out and contributed and participated in a terrific day. Most of thanks to those from Yalgoo who came along! Yalgoo is a community which can achieve great things using the skills and resources from within the community and the Midwest region.



From the CEO's desk

May 2012



Condolences to the Hodder Family

To Councillor Laurence Hodder, to my staff Thomas (TK), Des, Cliff, Elisha, Di and Craig, I offer deepest condolences on the sad passing of your father, brother and Uncle, Councillor Tom Hodder.

Tom was a beloved and central figure in Yalgoo and he will be sadly missed by Council and by so many family and friends in the community of Yalgoo.

Bush Fire Debrief

The Bush Fire debrief, after being cancelled due to fires, was finally held and well attended at Yalgoo.

Thank you to everyone who participated and it was a pleasure to be able to reward your efforts with a relaxing social event after the formalities.

President Terry Iturbide and I will be attending an emergency management forum in Perth on Friday 1 June.

We know that we can expect fires in the coming season and with the experience and reflection that we have all gained we can expect them to be well managed.

Paynes Find Bush Fire Brigade

The long awaited training for the bush fire brigade at Paynes Find was carried out on 23 May 2012.

Congratulations to the newly formed Paynes Find Bush Fire Brigade.

Where is our Rage Cage?

As you have all read, the Shire's application to the Department of Sport and Recreation Country Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund was successful.

However, we cannot commence the project until the Mid West Investment Plan application for funding, which has been recommended by the Mid West Development Commission, is approved by cabinet and the Shire has entered into a funding agreement.

The Shire hopes that this will occur in June. Once we have all of the funding confirmed we can commence the project. Provided that the final funding is approved in a timely manner we are aiming to have the project completed by 30 June 2013.

Town site Infrastructure and Sewerage

Clearly the situation in town with failing septic and anaerobic transfer units is totally unacceptable and the Shire has applied for funding through the Mid West Investment Plan for a sewerage system in Yalgoo.

The Mid West Development Commission has provisionally recommended this application; however before they will assess the application for funding we must prepare a town site infrastructure plan.

The Shire successfully applied for funding to Northern Planning to undertake the necessary planning and has engaged Porter Engineering. You will see surveyors in town in the coming month.

The project may take up to two years to complete and the Shire is committed to achieving this critical infrastructure for Yalgoo.

Morawa Road

The Shire is committed to seeking funds to complete the sealing of the Morawa Road to ensure that our community has sealed access to the recently announced Super Town of Morawa.

The Shire has made an application to use Country Local Government Fund Regional 2011-12 funds for this purpose. This application is outside the guidelines, as it requires partner funding. The Shire has strong support from educators in Yalgoo and Morawa, Murchison region Shires and the Shire of Morawa for this extraordinary application.

The Shire will seal up to a further 10 kilometres of the road in 2012-13 and up to a further 14 kilometres if the CLGF funding application is approved.

Yalgoo Community Hub - Community and Youth Centre

The Shire is persistently working towards identifying funds for this project and has recently submitted an application to the Mid West Community Foundation to fund the architectural design drawings.

Sharon Daishe
Chief Executive Officer

OBITUARY



That Man is a Success (adapted)

That man is a success
Who has lived well,
Laughed often and loved much;
Who has gained the respect of intelligent men and women
And the love of children:
Who has filled his niche and accomplished his task;
Who leaves the world better than he found it,
Who has never lacked appreciation of Earth’s beauty
Or failed to express it;
Who looked for the best in others,
Am gave the best he had.



Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thomas Keith Hodder

Born: Yalgoo, 15th April 1947
Died: Perth, 22nd May 2012

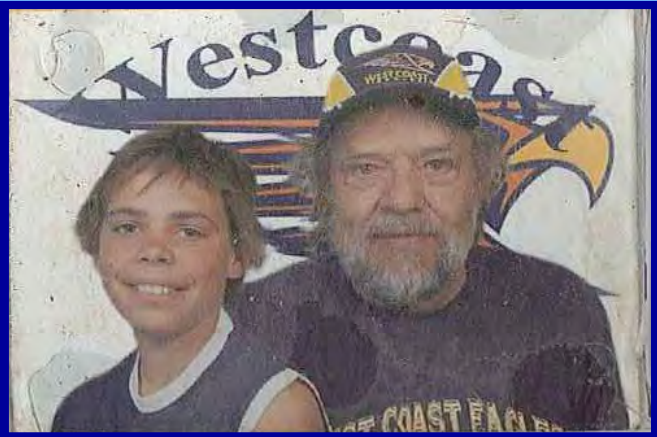
Tom Hodder was the fifth of 13 children born to Rosemary and Cecil Hodder in a house where today the Yalgoo Caravan Park is situated. The Yalgoo of Tom’s younger days is very different, Gibbons Street was full of houses, there were three general stores, butchers shop, garage and the existing hotel. The iconic Dominican Chapel of St Hyacinth is all that remains of the Monastery and Catholic school. Tom, his brothers and sisters attended the state school and attended the Anglican church where he was baptized (along with his siblings). During the week the family lived in the Yalgoo house returning weekends to Bunnawarra Station, (managed by Tom’s father), Cecil picking them up in the Cheviot truck or the FJ Holden. Tom won a scholarship to attend high school in Geraldton, boarding with his cousin Joe Dann. At the end of Tom’s schooling he returned to Yalgoo and worked alongside his father, contracting, well sinking, fencing mustering and most of the other stations around Yalgoo and for a time at Barnong. Tom spent time working for the Shire of Wiluna and together with brother, Cliff he joined the Yalgoo Shire in 1976, later following Cliff to Jerramungrup Shire. Upon returning to Yalgoo Tom took up employment with the APB maintaining the Rabbit Proof fence where he remained until his retirement due to ill health.

Circumstances made it difficult for all of his family to be physically together but Tom made sure that that they all kept together with a strong bond of love. Tom’s children—TK, Michelle, Patrick, Chris, Jason, James and Marcus knew him to be a good father full of heart for them all. He shared his love of Country endeavoring to take both his children and grandchildren out camping with him while he worked on the ‘Rabbity’

Tom played cricket, darts, was a member of the Yalgoo rifle club and a keen golfer. When the interest in golf waned Tom was instrumental in keeping the club going and together with TK worked on the greens to make them playable. Tom enjoyed a good game of footy following Swan Districts and then the Eagles. A trip to visit Tom’s son in Port Hedland to pursue the love of fishing was always on the cards. Tom liked to be busy and was always helping out making it difficult to get him to relax. At the time of his death Tom was a serving Councillor of the Shire of Yalgoo doing his best for the community.

Tom was one of natures’ gentlemen, he enjoyed a beer and a good laugh, he will be remembered for his great love for his family, the love of Country and in the words of TK “the best pool player he ever played against.”

Tom is survived by his 12 siblings, children—TK, Michelle, Patrick, Chris, Jason, James, Marcus, 19 grandchildren and 1 great grand child.
He will be sadly missed.





POLICE ROUNDUP



The town of Yalgoo has been very quiet over recent months and from our perspective we are very happy with policing the town.

Other than the one incident back on the 12th of May, when a couple of local youths decided to go to the Yalgoo Primary School and break into a classroom to steal property.

Offenders for the incident at the school was arrested by Police and accordingly dealt with.

From the Yalgoo Police, it's great to see that most of the kids around town are doing the right thing by going to school and also wearing helmets when riding their bikes.

A/Sgt Revis Ryder - 12266
Yalgoo Police Station



Advertisement

Do you want to promote what you have to offer?

The *Yalgoo Bulldust* can help you.

At the Shire we can place an advertisement in the bulldust for the following charges:

Advertising Commercial - Full Page	(Black & White)	\$33.00
Advertising Commercial - Half Page	(Black & White)	\$22.00
Advertising Commercial - Quarter Page	(Black & White)	\$16.50
Advertising Community - All of above	(Black & White)	<u>FREE</u>

Please call the Shire If you have any enquiries on 08 9962 8042

Dog Sterilization

A vet will be visiting Yalgoo in four weeks time and if you would like your dog sterilized please contact the Yalgoo Shire on 99628042. A booking will need to made by Friday 8th June. Thank you.

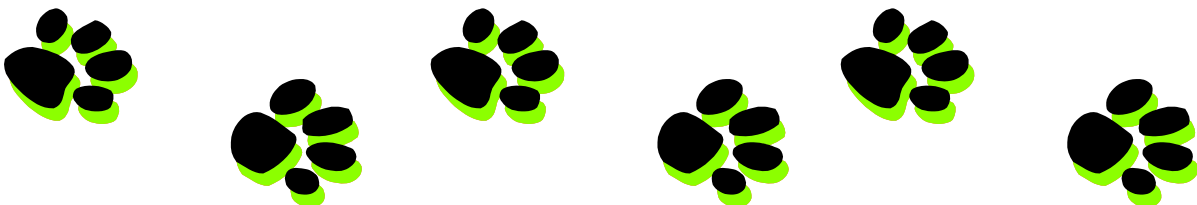
Dogs...Dogs...Dogs



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Reminder to all dog owners, that dogs over 3 months need to be registered.
You are only permitted to have two dogs per house.
You must be over 18 to own a dog.
You are required to have suitable fencing to keep your dog in.
Dogs are not permitted to roam around town either licensed or unlicensed.
All dogs are to be on a leash while in public.
The designated exercise area for dogs is at the railway complex.
Fine breaches of the dog act are enforceable and are not cheap.

Please contact the shire if you need assistance.



Yalgoo Family Festival Day





REMINDER — DEADLINES FOR BULLDUST ENTRIES

The deadline for articles and notices to go into the Yalgoo Bulldust is the second last Friday of every month.

Contributions can be left at the Shire of Yalgoo Office or email to reception@yalgoo.wa.gov.au

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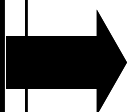
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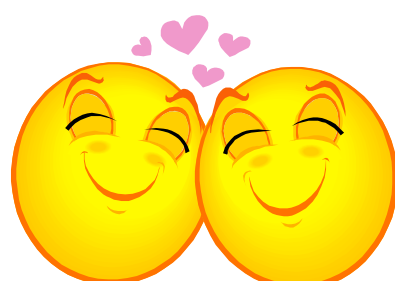
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Here is one to think about!



“Where there is love there is life.”
Mahatma Gandhi





Happy Birthday



June 2012

11th

Malik Skeen

17th

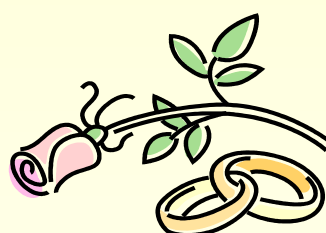
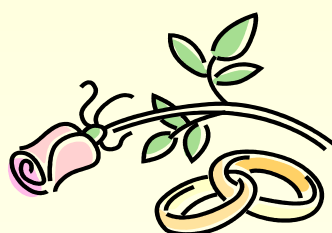
Nikkida Hodder

24th

Elisha Hodder

29th

Gladys Hodder



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.

2012 COUNCIL MEETINGS

Yalgoo Shire Council Chambers

- ◆ Thursday 21 June 2012
- ◆ Thursday 19 July 2012
- ◆ Thursday 23 August 2012
- ◆ Thursday 18 October 2012
- ◆ Thursday 22 November 2012
- ◆ Wednesday 12 December 2012

Paynes Find Community Centre:

- ◆ Thursday 20 September 2012

Special Council Meeting

- ◆ Tuesday 7 August
- ◆ Thursday 9 August



MEEDAC*News & Updates***New Location of
Centrelink Office**

As of the 17 January 2012, MEEDAC has become the new Centrelink Agent for the area of Yalgoo. The agency is self serve with Victor and Charmaine completing centrelink training to help with any enquiries for those who may need help filling out centrelink forms.

MEEDAC Phone: 9962 8323 Fax: 9962 8347

Centrelink Phone: 9962 8212 Fax: 9962 8213

Meedac Office is also an agency for Medicare—Enquiries—Claims & Lodgements

Medicare/PBS Aboriginal & Torres Straight access line—Free call 1800 556 955

Office hours for Centrelink & Medicare are: 8:00am—11am



Yalgoo Primary School

In week 5 some of us kids went to Geraldton Camp School, we went swimming and did activities with Cue Primary School and us kids went sand boarding, went to the Greenough Wildlife Park and we saw all the animals in the park. There was an old kangaroo and we had a snake show.

By: Katie Flanagan

In week 5 we went to Geraldton for a swimming camp and we had to get up at 6:30 am every morning to be ready for morning fitness. Yalgoo Primary School kids were in charge of lunch and breakfast duties.

By: Thelma Hodder

In week 5 some of the Yalgoo Kids went to Geraldton for a camp one of our activities that we did was a bike ride down to the Dome and back to the Camp School. It was a long ride but we had fun.

By: Shannon Simpson

We went to Geraldton for a swimming camp in week 5. We went sand boarding at South Gates and it was fun. We also went fishing and I was the only one to catch 3 fish.

By: David Skeen



Yalgoo playgroup!

Playgroup in review:

In March this year it was such a lovely day we had playgroup in the water park and morning tea at the community park.



In early May, Playgroup combined with a Families as First Teachers session and enjoyed a terrific time of learning, growing and having fun together.



Notices to Yalgoo Community

from the Centacare Parenting Services Coordinator, Xanthe White

Playgroup:

As a mark of respect, the Yalgoo playgroup will be closed for the next 4 weeks. It will re-open again and the community will be advised of the next opening date through notices that will be placed at the school, the shop and through the Bulldust.

Op- Shop:

If you wish to access items from the Op Shop, between Friday 1st June and Tuesday 19th June, and it is particularly for funeral attire, please contact Heather Boyd, DCEO at the Shire office. An arrangement will be made through her for you to have access and to make payment.

Yalgoo Playgroup is going to need your help!

In July, the Yalgoo community will be asked to consider the future of the Yalgoo Playgroup in its current location.

A range of questions will be published in the June edition of the
Bulldust for your consideration.

FOOTBALL UPDATE

Gus MOURISH Cup

I'm not sure of the year when the Towns FC and Mullewa first starting competing for the cup, but on Sunday the 20 May 2012, the Mullewa team had a victory and not only did we get the 4 points for the game, the club was also able to take the cup away from them.

I was advised that the last time that Mullewa had been victorious was in the 2005 grand final when they beat "Towns".

So it was a great achievement for the club and more so for his 3 sons who are current players at Mullewa.

Regards.

Revis Ryder
A/Sgt 12266
Yalgoo Police Station
99628032



Notice of Disposition of Property Local Government Act 1995 s3.58

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Yalgoo proposes to dispose of Lot 185 Shamrock Street, comprising 2.1185ha in the town of Yalgoo WA 6635, to Ferrowest Ltd for the consideration of \$88,000 (inc GST) plus a non-refundable annual option fee of \$33,000 (inc GST) on entering into the Option Deed then \$6,600 (inc GST) on each anniversary of the Option Deed while the option remains unexercised. The market value of the disposition, as ascertained by a valuation carried out by Landgate on 8 February 2012, is \$120,000 (inc GST). Submissions relating to the transaction are invited, and must be received by the undersigned by noon Thursday 14 June 2012.

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Geraldton to Meekatharra Bus Timetable

Geraldton to Meekatharra		N4	
From Geraldton	931 Mon	933 Thu	940 Tue #
From Meekatharra	942 Fri ♦		
Geraldton (Railway Station)	Dep 1.15	PM 3.00	AM 9.00
Mullewa (Swimming Pool)	Arr 2.30	4.15	Dep 7.55
	Dep 2.35	4.25	9.55
Yalgoo (General Store)	Dep 4.00	5.50	Dep 8.22
Mt Magnet (Swagman Roadhouse)	☺ Arr 5.27	7.15	☺ Arr 9.18
	Dep 5.57	7.45	Dep 9.48
Cue (Post Office)	Dep 6.53	8.40	Dep 11.15
Tuckanarra	Dep 7.20	9.07	Arr 12.40
Meekatharra (Post Office)	Arr 8.15	10.00	Dep 12.45
			Arr 2.00
			3.55

☺ Comfort stop

Connects at Mullewa with service to East

Perth Terminal see timetable N3

♦ Connects at Geraldton with service to

East Perth Terminal see timetable N1

Amendments apply on most public holidays and during school holidays. Coaches will only stop at other authorised stopping points if pre-booked.
Transwa recommends passengers be ready to board 15 minutes prior to departure.

EAR INFECTIONS

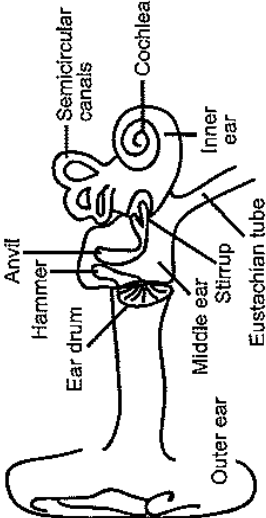
An ear infection is one of the most common health problems for young children. It can cause pain and distress to children and is one of the reasons why they may wake at night. Ear infections can also affect children's hearing.

The information in this topic is about middle ear infections, called Otitis Media. Children can also get infections in the ear canal (called Otitis Externa). These infections are not covered in this topic.

Parts of the ear

- The ear has three main sections:
- the outer ear (the ear canal and the ear lobe)
 - the middle ear, which is separated from the outer ear by the ear drum
 - the inner ear, which is where nerves detect sound and where the part of the ear involved with balance is.

The middle ear is normally filled with air so that the ear drum, and the small bones which join the ear drum to the inner ear, can move freely, carrying sound clearly to the nerves of the inner ear. There is a tube (called the eustachian tube) that goes



from the back of the throat to the middle ear so that air can get into the middle ear. When you yawn or swallow you will often hear a 'pop' as air goes up or down the eustachian tube, keeping the air pressure in the middle ear the same as the pressure outside of the ear.

The cause of middle ear infections

In children, during a cold, sinusitis, throat infection or hay fever, the eustachian tube often gets blocked and air cannot get into the middle ear. A sticky fluid collects in the middle ear and this fluid can get infected with bacteria, causing the middle ear infection. The build up of fluid and pus causes a pressure that is painful. Children cannot 'catch' an ear infection, but they can catch a cold from other children or adults, which then goes on to cause the ear infection.

The most common age for middle ear infections is between six months and two years. Most children have 'grown out' of middle ear infections by around six years of age, when the eustachian tube is larger and does not get blocked as easily. Up to 80 per cent of children will have an ear infection at least once and many have them several times.

Some things that make ear infections more likely are:

- bottle feeding (breastfeeding gives some protection)

- going to day care, because children get more colds
- being near smokers.

Signs of middle ear infection

- An older child will complain of ear pain and headache, and will have a temperature and feel unwell. The child will not be able to hear as well in that ear and there may be signs of a cold, sinusitis, sore throat or hay fever.
- In a younger child, the signs may include getting upset easily, a raised temperature, not wanting food and problems with sleeping. This will usually happen a couple of days after the start of a cold or other cause of the middle ear infection.
- Sometimes children will appear unwell, and may vomit or have diarrhoea without any clear signs that the infection causing them to be sick is an ear infection.

What happens without treatment

Sometimes the ear drum will 'burst' during an attack. A small split develops in the ear drum and pus and blood-stained fluid can drain out. This fluid can be seen in the ear canal. After the fluid drains out and the pressure is relieved, the child will feel better. The burst ear drum usually heals fully without treatment.

For other children, the infection will settle without treatment but there can be fluid

in the middle ear for several weeks or months, and this can interfere with hearing (see glue ear overleaf).

Treatment of middle ear infections

Although most children will have healthy ears by about two weeks after the middle ear infection started, even if they do not get any antibiotics, most children are prescribed antibiotics when they are seen by a doctor and found to have a middle ear infection.

- Antibiotics probably help the infection to get better more quickly, and they prevent some of the severe infections that can develop from a middle ear infection (when the infection spreads into areas around the middle ear).

- Mastoiditis (infection of the sinus in the bone just behind the ear) used to be a fairly common complication of middle ear infection that is rarely seen today.

If a child is having many middle ear infections, removing the adenoids is often helpful (usually not done until the child is at least three years old).

What parents can do

- Most children feel more comfortable if they are given something for pain. Paracetamol or ibuprofen are commonly used. Work out the dose needed for your child from the instructions on the container.

What is asthma?

Asthma is a disease of the airways in the lungs. It affects the small airways which are called "bronchioles".

About one in nine children and about one in ten adults in Australia have asthma.

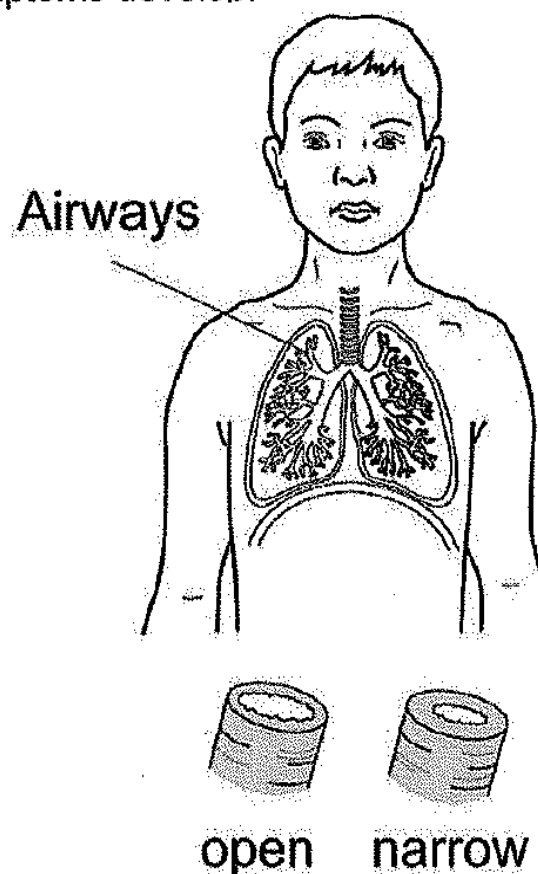
Children with asthma have "twitchy" or sensitive airways. When the airways are exposed to certain triggers, the airways react and asthma symptoms develop.

The changes in the airways are:

- The muscles in the airways squeeze tightly
 - The lining of the airway becomes red and swollen
 - The airways produce lots of mucus.
- All this leads to airway narrowing.

A diagnosis of **likely** asthma is based on the following criteria:

- Multiple wheezing episodes (you can have two - three wheezy episodes and not be diagnosed with asthma).
- Family history of asthma, eczema or hay fever
- The cough and wheeze improve in response to reliever medication



What is asthma?

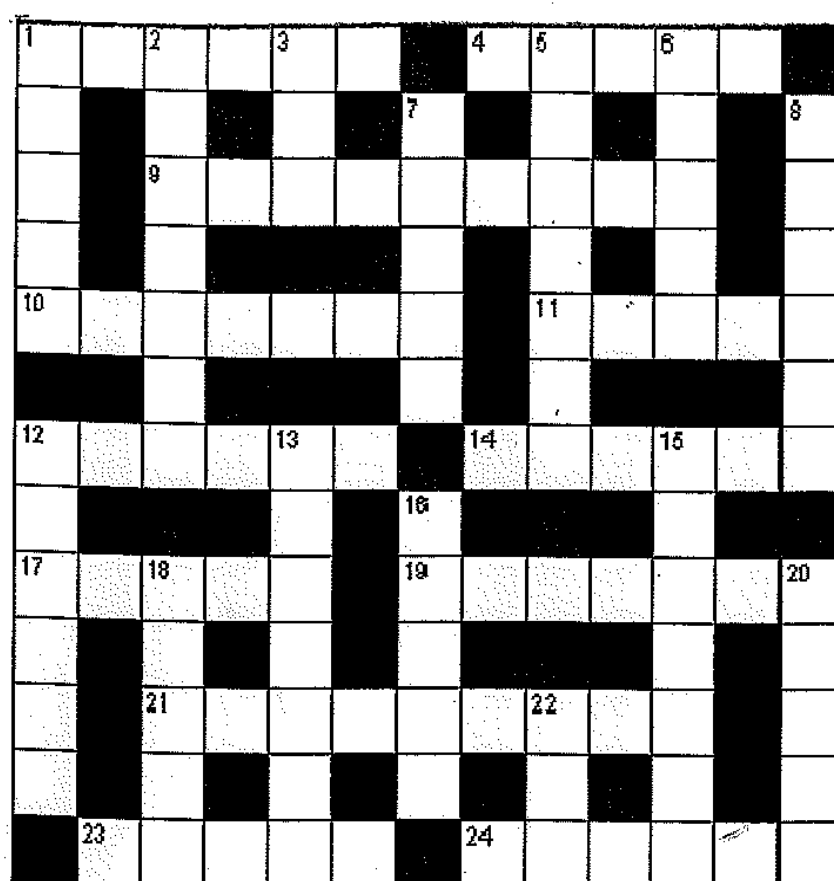
- **Coughing** - may be a dry cough at first
- **Wheezing** - a whistling or high pitched sound which may be heard as the child tries to push air out of their narrow tight airways
- **Shortness of breath** - breathing may become quicker and shallow. This leads to breaths out which are prolonged and forced
- **Tight chest** - younger children may describe tummy ache, due the work of the "tummy" muscle (diaphragm) to assist with the work of breathing
- **Vomiting** - in some asthma attacks, the child may vomit.

In worsening asthma, which may take a few hours to a couple of days to develop, you may notice the following:

- Sucking in around the ribs, tummy or throat
- Continuous coughing
- Rapid heartbeat
- Increased effort to breathe
- Problems talking because they are so short of breath

Early treatment may stop the attack from getting worse. Worsening asthma requires prompt treatment.

Cryptic 01



Across

1. Bank employee, who can say (6)
4. Balance found in muesli bran (5)
9. Crumbling old places fell down (9)
10. Not as old as that confused Reno guy (7)
11. Plenty of land in tarmac resort (5)
12. Opposed to poetry (6)
14. Purloins duck between beginning and end of shifts (6)
17. Last letter in some game (5)
19. Tolerates some token duress (7)
21. Alter code when moved (9)
23. One of the Earps, sounds interrogative at first (5)
24. Shuffle a paper then come into view (6)

Down

1. Sum up tall youth, essentially (5)
2. Let cure become a lesson (7)
3. Find a fish in a wee lake (3)
5. Begins tantrum in a moment (7)
6. Palindrome instrument (5)
7. Found in large scale drama crowd (5)
8. Hesitates to use spa turbulence (6)
12. Committee on a ship (6)
13. Evidence of injury, allow for redness (7)
15. Shorten a river crossing (7)
16. Serenity, sounds like part of something greater (5)
18. Nobleman with ponytail is before his time (5)
20. Grasp earnest weapon, essentially (5)
22. High point found in octopus (3)



Solution - Cryptic 01

Lamb Shank Soup Recipe

- 2 large lamb shanks, trimmed to remove as much fat as possible
- 2/3 cup pearl barley
- 2/3 cup dried beans (you could use lima, borlotti, cannellini, haricot beans etc)
- 2-3 carrots, chopped into rounds
- 2-3 onions, diced
- 1-2 parsnips, chopped into round
- 2 beef stock cubes
- 1 tsp salt
- Water

1 cup small pasta (such as twists, macaroni, risoni etc)

Lamb Shank Soup Recipe Method

Put all ingredients (except pasta) in a large stockpot or deep saucepan and fill with enough water to just cover all ingredients. Bring to the boil, then reduce heat to very low and simmer until the beans are tender (it is easier to make this at the start of the day and just let it simmer all day). You will need to check it a couple of times and top up the water if it is starting to look too dry.

Once ready to serve, remove the shanks from the pot. Turn the heat up on the soup, add the pasta and an additional cup of water and simmer the soup until the pasta is cooked. While the pasta is cooking, shred the meat from the shanks. Once the pasta is cooked, remove from the heat, return the meat to the pot and serve.



Media Statement



Friday 25 May 2012

OPR HANGS TEN WITH MID-WEST LONGBOARDERS

Longboarders from across the State will hit the surf at Coronation Beach for the 12th annual Geraldton Winter Classic Longboard competition on 2-3 June.

With category sponsorship from Oakajee Port and Rail, the event attracts more than 80 competing surfers in categories including Open Men's/Women's, Juniors, Standup Paddleboard and Aged divisions.

Geraldton Longboard Club President Brian Hood said the Winter Classic was a premier surf event, which promoted the region.

"Competitors including current and past State champions come from all over WA to surf the renowned breaks at Coronation Beach," Mr Hood said.

"Geraldton's beaches and country lifestyle also make it a great trip for the family."

Mr Hood said support from the business community was vital in contributing to event costs, trophies and prizes.

"The support from local businesses is fantastic, such as the OPR sponsored competitor draw to win a standup paddleboard," Mr Hood said.

The event presentation dinner will be held from 6.30pm on 3 June at the Wintersun Hotel in Geraldton.



Geraldton Longboard Club President Brian Hood and OPR Regional Manager Peter Spalding.

Hi-res version available on request

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Media Statement



Wednesday 23 May 2012

CHILDHOOD TRAVELS INSPIRE GOOD HEART FEATURE WORK

The childhood journeys of Mid-West/Gascoyne artist Sonya Edney have provided the inspiration for her stunning piece, *Yalibirri Nesting Time* – the artwork featured in promotional material for Oakajee Port and Rail's 2012 Good Heart Mid-West Aboriginal Art Exhibition.

The acrylic-on-canvas work tells the story of an early-morning search for emu eggs near Mount Augustus, in the Upper Gascoyne.

"We drove through creeks and across big clay pans. With all the different wildflowers, it was like a pretty coloured carpet," Sonya recalled.

"We came to a place where spinifex covered the ground. My father stopped the Landrover and told everyone to be silent.

"We could hear the sound of bumping that the yalibirri make when they lay on their nest – they were protecting their eggs."

Yalibirri Nesting Time vividly captures the experience and Sonya's ongoing connection with the land.

Her work is being used on posters, flyers, invitation and in advertising to promote 2012 Good Heart.

"Sonya's piece was selected for its striking use of colour and attention to detail," Exhibition Manager Nan Rickards explained.

"It's indicative of the high quality of work being produced by the region's established and emerging artists."

The exhibition showcases traditional and contemporary works by the region's Indigenous artists to both regional and metropolitan audiences.

Last year's event was viewed by a record 5,000 people and featured 177 works by artists from communities including Wiluna, Mullewa, Northampton, Meekatharra, Mt Magnet, Cue, Yalgoo and Morawa.

A preview of the exhibition - hosted by Geraldton Newspapers Pty Ltd in conjunction with the City of Greater Geraldton - is currently showing at Geraldton Regional Library, until 2 June.

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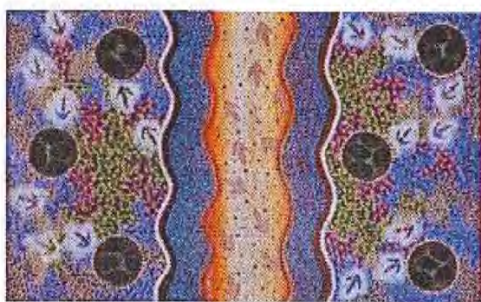


The main exhibition will be staged in Perth's CBD from **18-22 June**. Entry is free.

The exhibition will be opened by the Governor of Western Australia, His Excellency Malcolm McCusker AC CVO QC and WA Premier, The Hon. Colin Barnett MLA.

The Mid West Development Commission (MWDC) continues to lead the development of plans to raise the profile of the region's Indigenous arts community. OPR works closely with the MWDC and is guided by its vision.

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



Yalibirri Nesting Time

Sonya Edney

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(Hi-Res version and photo of the artist available on request)

Good Heart 2012 is proudly supported by OPR's partners – AECOM, ANZ, Gilbert + Tobin, BMT JFA Consultants, Crosslands Resources, DLA Piper, Geraldton Newspapers, Geraldton Port Authority, Market Creations, Mid West Development Commission, Oceanica Consulting, WorleyParsons Services and MYR Consulting.

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Oakajee Port and Rail's (OPR) vision is to deliver an integrated bulk iron ore supply chain for the mid-west – through the construction of a deepwater port 25km north of Geraldton, and a 570km railway, servicing the region's emerging mining operations.

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Meekatharra Volatile Substance Use Information Workshop

Volatile Substance Use - Information, Issues and Responses

Content:

- Overview of volatile substance use
 - Prevalence/substances/methods used
 - Long and short term effects/
 - VSU-related harms and risks
 - Signs of intoxication/overdose/withdrawal
 - VSU-related legislation
- Best practice approaches for preventing and managing VSU
- Key principles for a coordinated VSU response
- Regional, state and national responses to VSU

Date:	Monday June 18th 1:30-430pm Tuesday June 19th 9-1pm
Venue:	Telehealth Room Meekatharra Hospital
Facilitator:	Midwest Community Drug Service present Angela Rizk, Coordinator, Volatile Substances Program Drug & Alcohol Office

Registrations for this training are essential

RSVP by June 11th/2012

For registration, please complete the attached form

Registration Form

Meekatharra
Volatile Substance Use
Information/Training Workshop

Family name	<input type="text"/>		
First name	<input type="text"/>	Mr/Miss/Mrs/Ms/Dr	<input type="text"/>
Job title	<input type="text"/>		
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E-mail completed Registration Form by COB, June 11th/2012
to:

Email: Darren.quartermaine@health.wa.gov.au

If you have any queries about the training please contact:

Angela Rizk: (08) 9370 0362 or Angela.rizk@health.wa.gov.au

Government of Western Australia
Department of Indigenous Affairs



STOP THE VIOLENCE

Anti Violence Community Meetings June 2012

Tuesday 12th June Geraldton 9.00am—11:am 1st Floor SGIO Agencies
only former MWDC Conference Room.
Tuesday 12th June 1:30pm—2:30pm Yalgoo Railway Building
Wednesday 13th June 9:00am—10:30am Meekatharra Shire Chambers
Wednesday 13th June 1:30pm—2:30pm Mt Magnet Shire Chambers
Thursday 14th June 10:00am—12:00pm MAOA members only Bundiyarra
Aboriginal Corporation



Stop the Community Violence, feuding and assault.

Have your say about

Community Violence in the Midwest Yamatji Region and show your support against these activities.

**Speakers include Wayne McDonald Operations Service Manager
Department of Indigenous Affairs
Mr McDonald will be travelling Patrick Shepperdsen a consultant engaged by the Department to develop a
Midwest Anti Violence Strategy**

Paynes Find

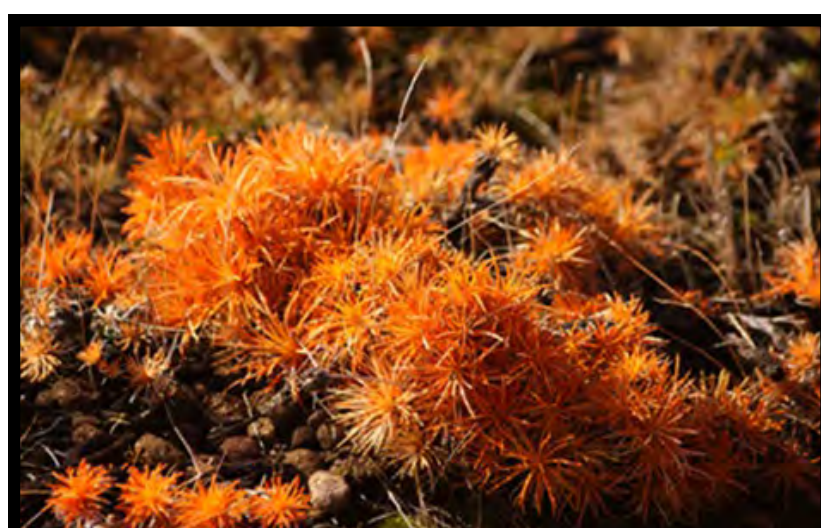
At the start of our rains, Paynes Find had only 10mm from the 1st of April to the 6th May 2012, while some of our closer neighbours were lucky enough to have had a little more, bringing out the best in our local natural beauty .



With our Airfield looking great, friends of our locals flew up from Perth, capturing some lovely aerial shots with the first colour changes as the rain begins to take effect, to create the beauty that surrounds us - reaching from Ninghan Station to Maranalgo Station.



Also a trip out to Bullamania Rock on Oudabunna Station, saw the rain starting to run over the rock, with some of our early colours coming through as the small plants are just starting to blossom around the ponds of water across the beautiful rock.





Welcome to PALs 2012!

Thank you to everyone who applied for 2012 PALs Project funding! We received a diverse and exciting range of projects and are pleased to announce that this year 193 schools will be participating in 216 PALs Projects! This year there are a number of projects for Sorry Day and NAIDOC, as well as projects relating to attendance programs, confidence and mentoring skills, cooking and gardening, healthy lifestyles and musical and performing arts. We look forward to working with everyone to achieve some great project outcomes!

Please contact the PALs team if you have any queries or if we can be of any assistance – you can reach us on 08 9235 8051 or pals@dia.wa.gov.au. Please also keep an eye on the PALs website over the year for exciting news and updates. <http://pals.dia.wa.gov.au>

Photo Competition

At PALs we love to be updated on how your projects are going, and what better way than to see you implementing your project with your students!

If you have a great photo of your project coming together send it through to us at pals@dia.wa.gov.au and we'll place the best photos on the website! It's a great way to see the benefits of PALs projects, and you might get an idea for a project to run next year!

Keep an eye on the PALs website to see if your photo is featured.



NEWS

PALs Awards

Don't forget that all PALs Projects undertaken in 2012 will need to enter a submission into the PALs Awards. Submissions for the PALs Awards will be open in September, and further information will be circulated soon. Keep your camera handy though, and document any important steps in your project – to make your submission to the PALs Awards easier.

Previously submissions have been received as presentations, photo books, reports, story boards and folders – have a think about how you would like to display and enter your project into the awards, to make sure you record anything important that you'll need for your submission during your project.

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**Oakajee
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EXHIBITION DETAILS

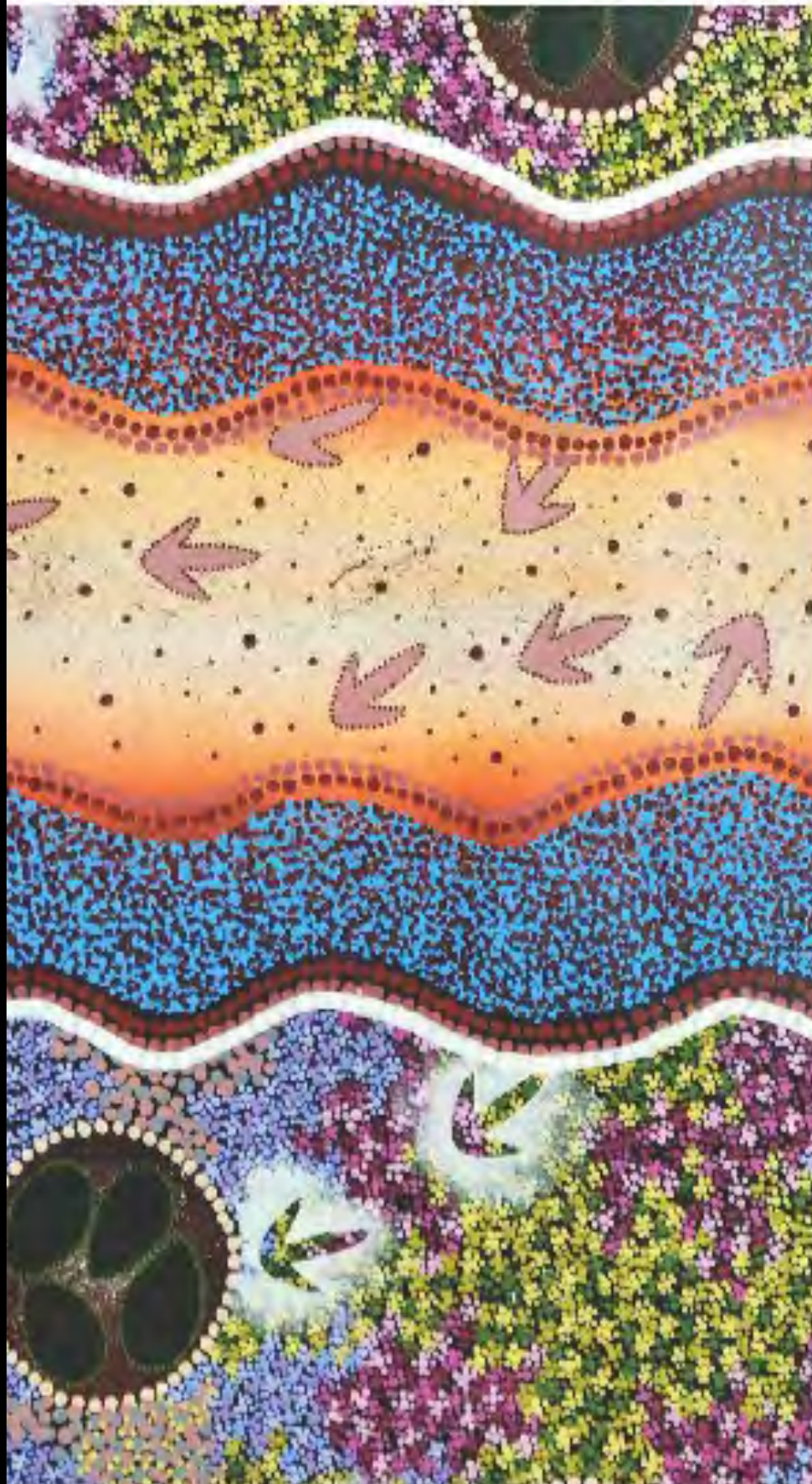
10am to 4pm, Monday 18 June - Friday 22 June 2012

Foyer, QVT Building, 250 St Georges Terrace, Perth

Enquiries to Nan Rickards on 0417 184 290

All artwork is for sale.

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GOOD HEART

MID-WEST ABORIGINAL
ART EXHIBITION 2012

ART FROM THE HEART

THE ART WORKS

Many Aboriginal people preserve their connection with their country through expressive art forms reflecting the vibrant colours and culture that have been conveyed through stories. Their work reflect the country, the bush, the culture, colour and command of the land.

Good Heart was established in 2008 to showcase the works of Indigenous artists from the mid-west to a broad audience, and to promote their heritage and culture.

More than 50 artists from Western Australia's mid-west region will be showcasing more than 100 works of canvas, textiles, woodwork, ceramics and artefacts at Good Heart 2012.

All works may be purchased, with all proceeds going to the artists.

To view the Good Heart 2012 catalogue, please visit www.opandr.com

THE CONTRIBUTORS

The Good Heart MidWest Aboriginal Art Exhibition is a partnership project supported by members of the mid-west and Western Australia business community and demonstrates their commitment to the development of community and economic benefits for the region.

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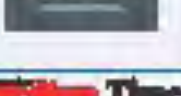
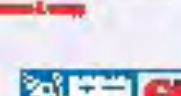
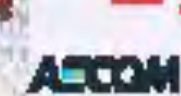
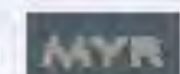
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