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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

The Annual General Meeting of Electors will be held in the Council Chambers 37 Gibbons Street Yalgoo on Tuesday 31 January 2012 commencing at 10.30 am.

Order of Business

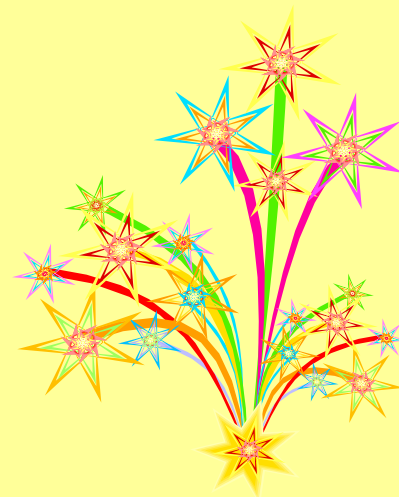
1. To receive the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2011.
2. General business.

You are invited to provide any matters that you intend to discuss in writing to the Shire by 4.00pm Tuesday 24 January 2012.

Copies of the Annual Report are available for inspection from the Shire Office and Library, 37 Gibbons Street, Yalgoo. You may request an electronic copy by emailing pa@yalgoo.wa.gov.au

Sharon Daishe
Chief Executive Officer

Happy New year



Please note that there will not be a Newsletter published in February as the editor will be away on leave. The next edition will be published in March.

Yalgoo Bulldust



2012 Council Meeting Dates

Yalgoo Council Chambers:

- ♦ Thursday 16 February 2012
- ♦ Thursday 22 March 2012
- ♦ Thursday 19 April 2012
- ♦ 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, 24 May 2012
- ♦ Thursday, 20 September 2012



Councillors in 2012

President ITURBIDE Cr Terry K

Deputy President Cr TERRY Len J

HODDER Cr Thomas K

HODDER Cr Laurence

VALENZUELA Cr Raul

GRINHAM Cr Neil

REMINDER—CUT OFF DATES FOR BULLDUST ENTERIES

The cut off time 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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I N S P I R A T I O N



“The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson.”

“Memory is a way of holding on to the things you love, the things you are, the things you never want to lose.”

RECIPE:

PUMPKIN, BEEF AND RED BEAN STEW

We made this in the last Ladies Cooking group, this recipe was given to us by the dietitian students who helped to run the session.

500g Beef (or Roo)
1 400g tin of red kidney beans, drained
1 teaspoon ground cumin
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 large (or 3 small) carrots
1 small onion
2 small potatoes
1/2 small pumpkin (any type)
4 cups (or 1L) of chicken stock (salt reduced if possible)

1. Wash your hands with soap and dry.
2. Chop up beef, onion, carrot, pumpkin & potato and keep separate.
3. Turn temperature in pan to medium heat. Add oil, onion & beef, and cook until brown.
4. Add remaining ingredients.
5. Mix well. Turn up heat until it boils.
6. Reduce heat to medium/low and cook for 30mins (test pumpkin & potato are soft when pricked with fork)
7. Serve with rice, pasta, damper, bread or on its own!

Tips:

When we cooked this we cooked it for longer than 30mins to make a thicker sauce. You could add some corn flour dissolved in a little bit of water to thicken the sauce.



SAVE THE DATE!
ABORIGINAL PLAY AND LEARNING FORUM

NGALAK BOORNA WANGKINY MOORDITJ
WE TELL OUR STORY PROUDLY

FRIDAY 16TH MARCH 2012
9AM TO 4:30PM

Just a friendly reminder that the Aboriginal Play and Learning Forum is coming

Registrations will open on the 1st February 2011

What's being covered at the forum?

The importance of story to identity, culture, and belonging in an Aboriginal context; communicating through different language forms; hearing loss and language development, play and Home language; practical play ideas and activities.

Who should come?

Parents; playgroup leaders and coordinators; childcare workers; and people working with Aboriginal families with young children (aged 0-5). Priority will be given to Aboriginal staff working in early childhood settings.

Where is it?

Wollaston Conference Centre – Wollaston Road, Mt Claremont (Perth).

Who's organising it?

This forum is an interagency initiative supported by Playgroup WA (Inc), the Yorganop Indigenous Professional Support Unit, The Smith Family, Department for Communities and Southwest Education Region, Albany.

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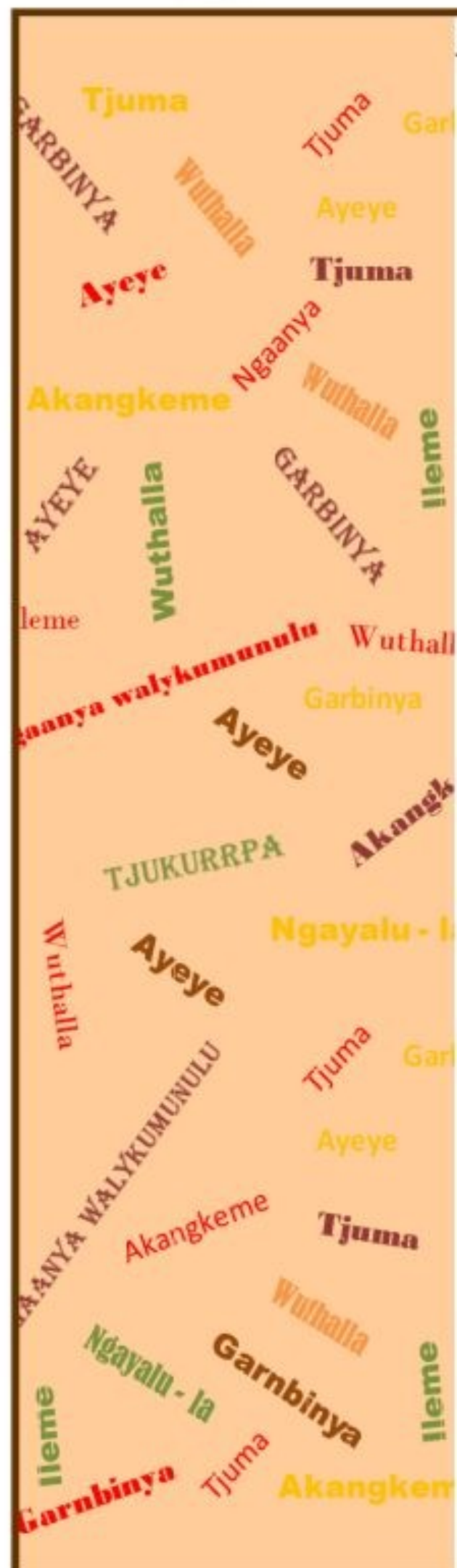
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WA YOUTH AWARDS

Nominations for the 2012 WA Youth Awards will open in mid-January and close on February 24. The awards are coordinated by the Department for Communities in conjunction with the Youth Affairs Council of WA. They were established in 1999 to ensure that young Western Australians receive recognition for their achievements and contribution to the community. These awards are open to all young Western Australians aged 12 to 25 years, youth-led groups and youth workers.

Please consider nominating an outstanding young person for an award in 2012.

Categories recognise young people for their achievements in the arts, protecting the environment, leadership, sport and recreation and overcoming adversity. There is also a special category for young people aged between 12-17 who have made positive changes within their local community.

Nomination kits will be available to download mid-January at the following website:

www.communities.wa.gov.au/youth

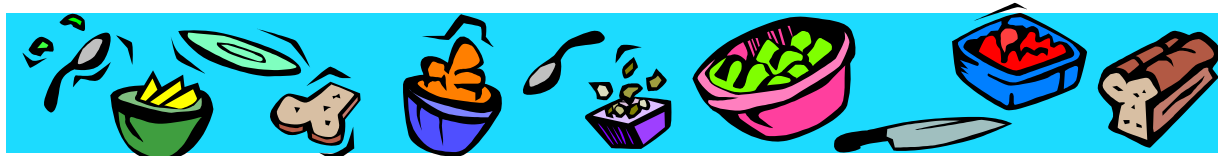
Holiday Activities!!!



Friday 13th January - DISCO!!



Tuesday 17th January - Community Dinner



... And thanks to the two Indigenous Community Volunteers, Shelly and Greg who have come all the way from NSW, there will continue to be fun activities for the kids each morning and afternoon (except Saturday) until we head off for camp on Thursday.



Edmund Rice Camps
for Kids WA.

JANUARY MEGA CAMP



Yalgoo Kids



ERCKWA is inviting you to attend a Mega Camp this January school holidays. You will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of exciting activities and meet some cool ERCKWA leaders.



- When:** Thursday 19th - Sunday 22nd January 2012
- Where:** Tuppin House, Moore River
- Pick Up:** We will meet you in Jurien Bay at 1.30pm on Thursday to have a picnic lunch and meet the kids before driving on to Moore River.
- Drop Off:** We will drive as a group to Jurien Bay on Sunday morning, share morning tea and play a few games before you depart for Yalgoo.

Please call or email Carly on 9365 2816 or cemercadante@edmundrice.org to discuss numbers & referrals etc.

Bus leaves Yalgoo 9.30am on Thursday morning.

Ruth has enough referrals for this camp that already fill the bus, but if any kids have missed out see Ruth urgently to complete a referral form so they can be on the wait list, in case any places open up.

Ruth still also needs one adult over 18yo to assist in supervision of the kids on the bus & at camp, please let Ruth know if you're interested.

FAMILIES AS FIRST TEACHERS

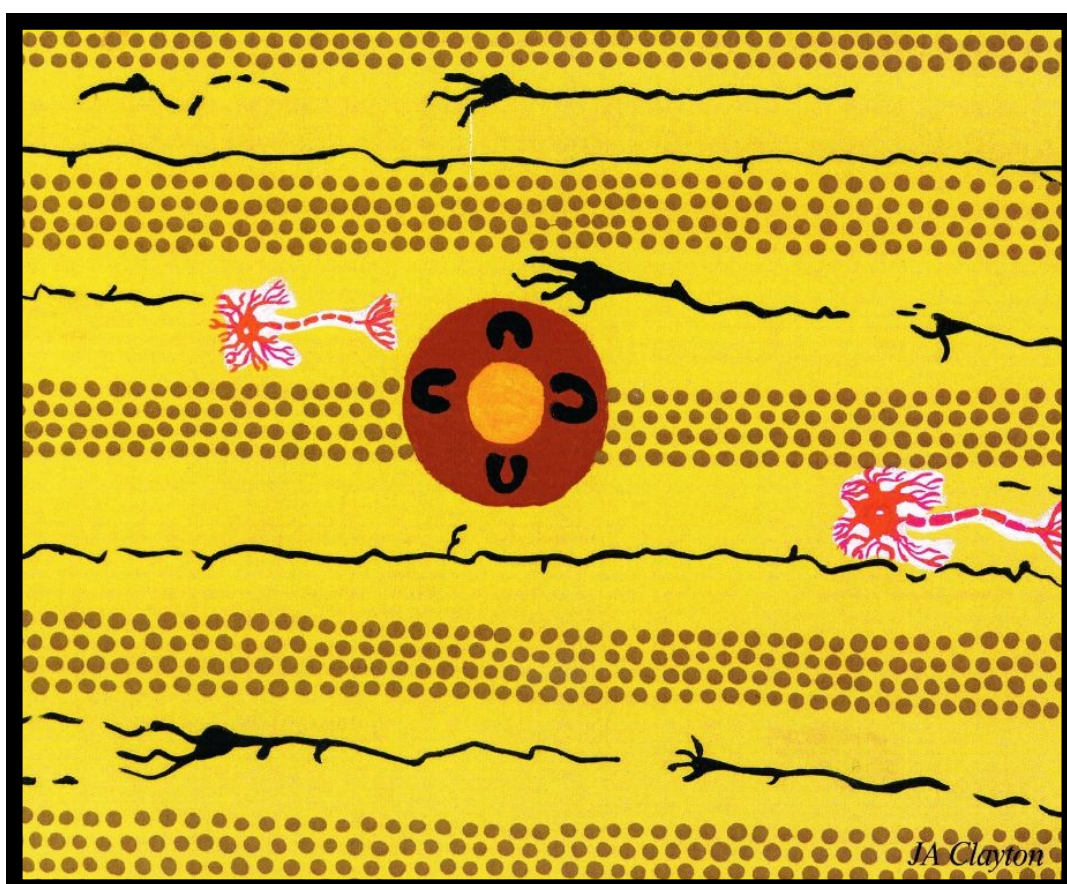
The *Families as First Teachers* (PaCE) Program started in Yalgoo this month.

It's a series of monthly get-togethers that celebrate being a parent or carer and the amazing and very important role that families have in being their children's first teachers!!!

Families as First Teachers will carry on through to December 2012 (during school terms).

The Making Tracks Story: THE FIRST SESSION

Jacquie Keogh, from the Gero Regional Community Ed Centre, presented *Parents in Tune with Education* about the impact parents & carers have on developing children's brains:



Before Babies are Born

Think of tracks through the bush. Imagine there is an area in the bush that hasn't been used very much. When people start to move through the area perhaps to get between waterholes or special places they might use lots of different ways to get there.

A healthy pregnancy and caring supportive family will give babies the best start in life, ensuring they develop strong and healthy brains.



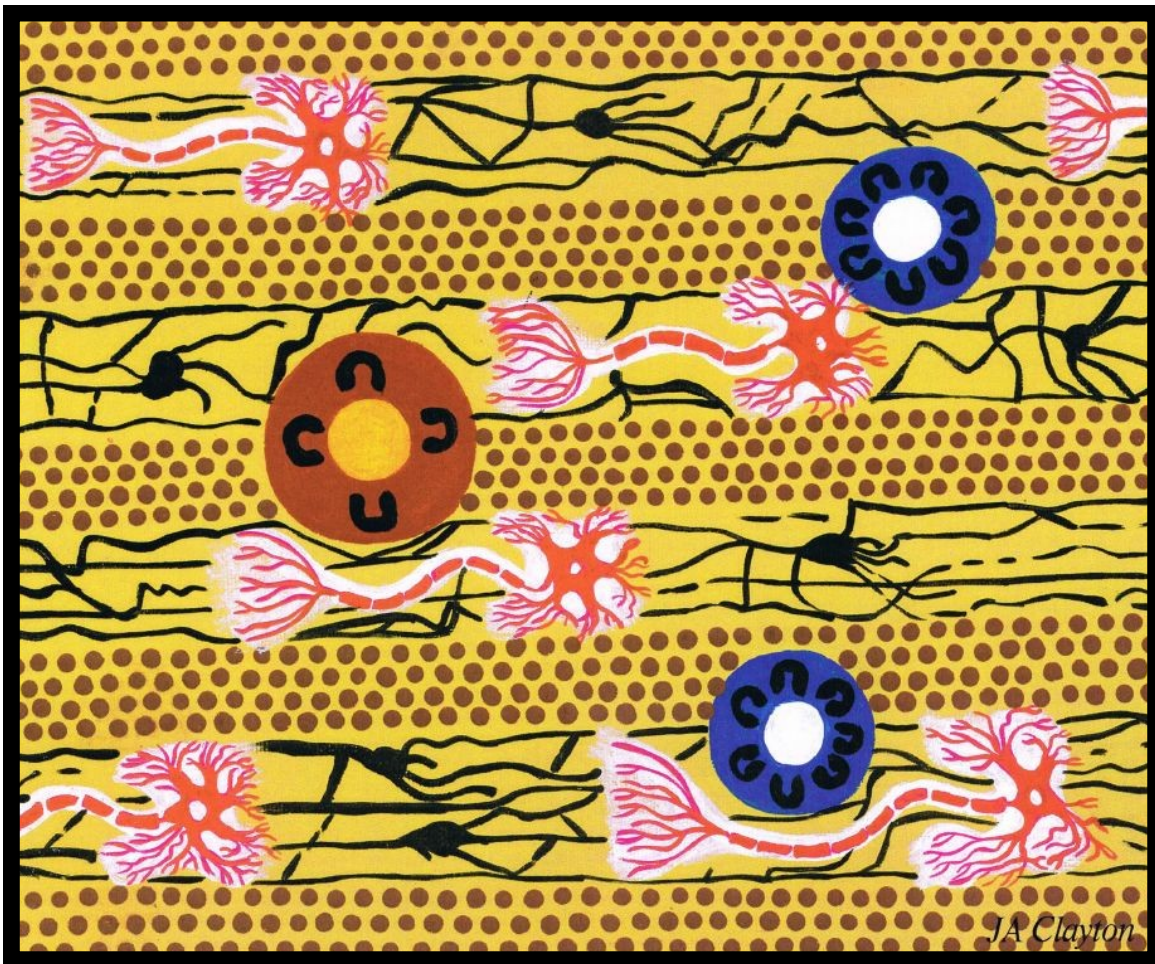
Early Childhood

Gradually they will begin to use the same tracks over and over. Those tracks become strong and the other ones disappear. It's the same with young children's brains. If you sing to them often or they play music then those pathways will become strong. If they are told stories or have books read to them (or later practice reading themselves) those pathways will become strong.

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FAMILIES AS FIRST TEACHERS continued...

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As Children Grow...

If children don't have the play, reading and learning opportunities in their early years then it will be much harder as they grow older to strengthen those pathways because the brain cannot be as easily wired. Positive experiences at home, at play group, at kindy and at school will create strong pathways.

Going to school everyday lets children practice important skills and strengthens their brains. School & further training & education will help children and teenagers continue to learn throughout their lives. Family support will always be important.

Art work: JA Clayton, Geraldton Regional Community Education Centre, WA 2009

FUN FACTS

The world's biggest sharks -- the basking shark and the whale shark -- are also among the least dangerous sharks.

When an armadillo gives birth, it almost always has four babies.

Baby camels are born without a hump.

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Parent Pointers

Emphasizing the Importance of Reading

- ▶ Parents who read usually have children who read.
- ▶ Reduce TV viewing time and videogame time, and increase reading time.
- ▶ Set aside a time each day when you and your child will read.
- ▶ Read aloud to your child. Reading with expression shows a child that you love books and that you enjoy reading to them.
- ▶ Share what you have read with your child, and ask your child to do the same with you.

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**Keep an eye out for the next
“Families as First Teachers” session in February!!**

FAMILIES AS FIRST TEACHERS continued...

A child who can recognize 8 out of 10 words in any sentence can read that sentence and can generally work out the rest of the words themselves.
Give your Year 2 child a head start by sticking this to your fridge and helping your child to learn these words by regularly reading and spelling the words with them.

YEAR 2 SPELLING / SIGHT WORDS



all	each	just	put	this
an	from	like	said	time
are	girl	much	saw	too
as	good	name	some	was
away	has	next	still	what
back	have	now	take	when
because	help	off	that	with
boy	his	our	them	year
came	home	out	then	you
down	house	play	they	your

Yalgoo Nursing Post Community Notice

We would like to inform the community that the days
and times the Nurse will be available at the Yalgoo

Nursing Post will be changing as from

MONDAY 30 January 2012.

This is due to personal circumstances.

The Nurse will be available at the Nursing Post on

Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00pm

Times for other clinics — RFDS and GRAMS — will NOT
be affected by these changes.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Cash Hall

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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 - Enquires
Claims and Lodgements**

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

Office hours for Centrelink and Medicare are: 8.30 am—4.00 pm.

Youth Explorer Voyage (PLYEV)
Curriculum Council Endorsed Program

Leeuwin Voyage Update



Leeuwin January Voyages

Voyage 12/01: 07/01 - 13/01 Fremantle to Busselton

Voyage 12/02: 17/01 - 23/01 Busselton to Fremantle

**SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE!**

Kick off 2012 with a once-in-a-lifetime experience - a voyage onboard the *Leeuwin II*.

The Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation offers one of the last true ocean adventures - sailing on board Australia's largest tall ship *Leeuwin II*. Our *Youth Explorer Voyages* allow youth aged 14 and up to develop the skills required to be an active member of a team and a micro-community. On board, participants experience the vastness of the natural environment, sail through the night, and have the opportunity to climb to the top of the tallest mast.

Providing participants with responsible risk taking and a real-life hands-on adventure, these *Youth Explorer Voyages* encourages all participants to build individual self-esteem, social confidence and self-reliance. This rewarding voyage helps youth identify and set personal goals and develop valuable skills which are transferable to their home, school, and work lives.

Participation in our *Youth Explorer Voyages* and completion of a portfolio of work is equivalent to 1 unit or a semesters worth of study (5 WACE points) for students in year 10, 11 and 12 of High School.

Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation



FARMSAFE WA ALLIANCE

FREE WORKSHOPS!

For Rural Community Members

Farmsafe WA Alliance is an independent not-for-profit, non-government organisation encouraging and leading the way to safer farming.

WORKSHOP DETAILS

CARNAMAH	5TH MARCH	2.30-5.30pm
MORAWA	6TH MARCH	2.30-5.30pm
MINGENEW	7TH MARCH	2-5pm
GERALDTON	10TH MARCH	2-5pm
MULLEWA	11TH MARCH	1.30-4.30pm
CUE	13TH MARCH	10-1pm
MT MAGNET	14TH MARCH	2-5pm

Venues to be advised....

**Register NOW as
places are limited..**

*Visit our website for more information or
call us to secure your place!*



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Emergency Care and Injury Management

Farmsafe WA is coordinating a project funded by the Department of Health, Western Australia which will involve the delivery of a series of free community workshops throughout the Midwest region during March 2012.

Delivered in partnership with St John Ambulance, Fire and Emergency Service Authority (FESA), Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS) and the WA Regional Police, the workshops will include interactive skill stations run by the different emergency services.

The workshops will cover practical information on how to deal with medical and other emergencies in rural environments and will cover topics such as:

- ◆ Emergency planning and preparedness
- ◆ Practical skills and specific scenario demonstrations
- ◆ The role each emergency service plays in the community
- ◆ Who to call in a medical emergency
- ◆ A chance to meet your local emergency service officials

The workshops will run for approximately 3 hours and include complimentary refreshments. All attendees will receive a show bag with freebies, including health and safety information and resources.

The Emergency Care and Injury Management Project is an initiative of Farmsafe WA Alliance and is funded by the Department of Health, Western Australia and supported by the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS), Fire and Emergency Service Authority (FESA), St John Ambulance and the WA Regional Police.



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Department of Health
Public Health



Who needs fireworks?

From the Outback to the ocean, WA welcomes the New Year

Published in the Sunday Times - 1st January 2012



Dirt music: Nathaniel Simpson and his sister Kelsie, from the tiny town of Yalgoo, enjoy some bush cricket as 2011 comes to a close.

Picture: Daniel Wilkins

Pub stumps drawn early

NO crowds, no police patrolling the streets and no waiting for a cab – welcome to New Year’s Eve in Yalgoo, where even the town’s only pub didn’t stay open until midnight last night. Residents in the tiny central WA town, 600km northeast of Perth and with a population of 130, spent the last day of 2011 with a game of bush cricket, a few backyard barbecues and a quiet drink at the Yalgoo Hotel. Other families went camping on the Moore River or headed to Geraldton to celebrate with family. “About the only excitement up here is a bushfire that’s been burning since Monday,” Yalgoo Hotel publican Mick Forster said last night. “That’s the only reason I’m still open – to feed the fireys.” After a game of cricket, little Jerome Simpson said 2012 would mean going to kindy with the “big kids” in Yalgoo, while for 10-year-old Juan Hodder and his 12-year-old cousin Zac Simpson, it’s the chance to spend the summer holidays going camping and playing with friends. And with more than 50 per cent of Yalgoo’s population being children, it’s never hard to find someone to play with. “The children are gorgeous, they have so much character,” Centacare indigenous children’s program co-ordinator Ruth Burmeister, who works with local families, said. “Each child has their own strong individual personality. I feel very lucky to work here and do what I do. “Yalgoo isn’t a town without its problems – the issues that are prevalent everywhere are here, somewhat, as well. But I think that everyone in Yalgoo has got something to contribute to the town.”

Yasmine Phillips



Well-worn pitch: Jerome Simpson, 3, gets ready to take block for some bush cricket in Yalgoo.

Picture: Daniel Wilkins