

YALGOO RACE DAY SATURDAY 8th APRIL

Gates open 11 am..

All the usual fun will be on again this year with a full 6 race program featuring the cream of the regional racing circuit, best dressed comps, bouncy castle, Mikey's Cup kid's foot race and plenty of food and drink.





The Yalgoo Jockey Club would like to thank all major sponsors over the last few years that have supported the Yalgoo Shire & Jockey Club with staging this important event.

The Yalgoo Jockey Club is looking for volunteers to help on race day, Saturday April the 8th. Any available time that you can give will be very much appreciated. Please contact the Secretary/treasurer of the Jockey Club on 0437898287



Hope to see you there

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The Yalgoo Bulldust can help you.

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

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Advertising Commercial - Half Page	(Black & White)	\$25.00
Advertising Commercial - Quarter Page	(Black & White)	\$18.00
Advertising Community - All of above	(Black & White)	<u>FREE</u>
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Advertising Community - All of above	(Colour)	FREE

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

From the CEO's Desk

Project Updates.

Arts Centre. The project is on track and we are expecting delivery of the building in Mid April. It will then take a few weeks to do some final works on the building so we can begin to fit it out inside with some equipment and tidy up the outside and do some concrete work for the undercover areas and verandas.

Landscaping will be finalised when we are notified of a Lottery-west grant or in the new financial year.

We will be asking for nominations shortly from interested community members to join a Management Committee along with myself and some nominated councillors. This will enable the centre to identify and report to council its activities and management strategies to make the centre a success.

Repair works will begin this month to the flood-ways on Ninghan Rd. The contract will last about 10 days and traffic management will be in place during the works.

Morawa Road widening is in the final stages of quotation and works beginning at the Geraldton Mt Magnet Road end will also commence in about 4 weeks time. This will begin the first stage in creating a 7 meter wide seal.

Maranalgo Road has also received a new/replacement grid at one location. This has been sourced from interstate and has proved to be very cost effective. However, a Geraldton company has now been able to design and construct grids around this design at very similar costs. It will be great to support local Mid-West companies instead of sending our money interstate!



<u>Playground at Shamrock Park.</u> A new playground that encourages activity and climbing skills along with new bollard fencing to the perimeter of Shamrock Park will begin in the first week of May. Edging to the perimeter of the playground will hold the new white sand below to protect anyone that falls. (Picture on next page)

Depot Gate. A new automatic gate has been installed at the depot and will soon be linked to the alarm system and electric fence to protect the shires assets. This works well with the CCTV system and new barrier fence recently installed.

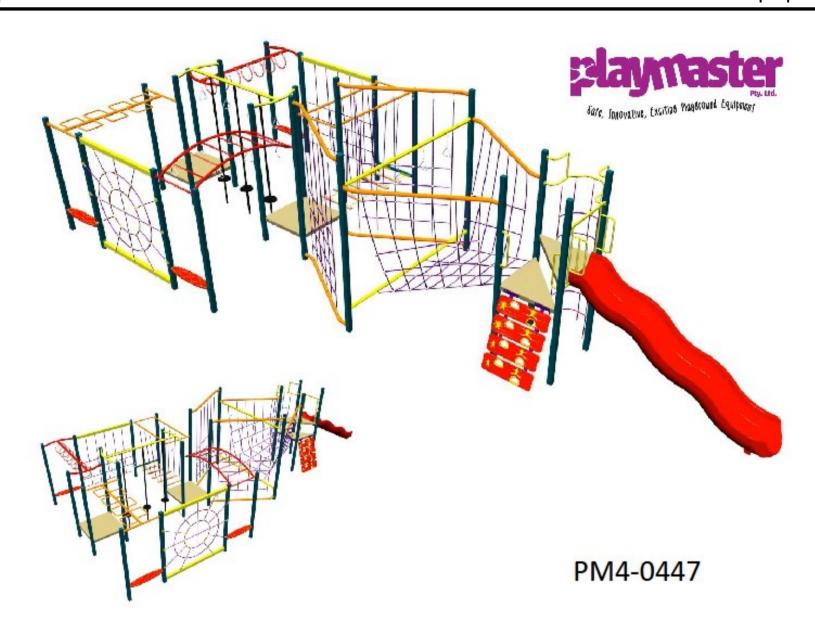




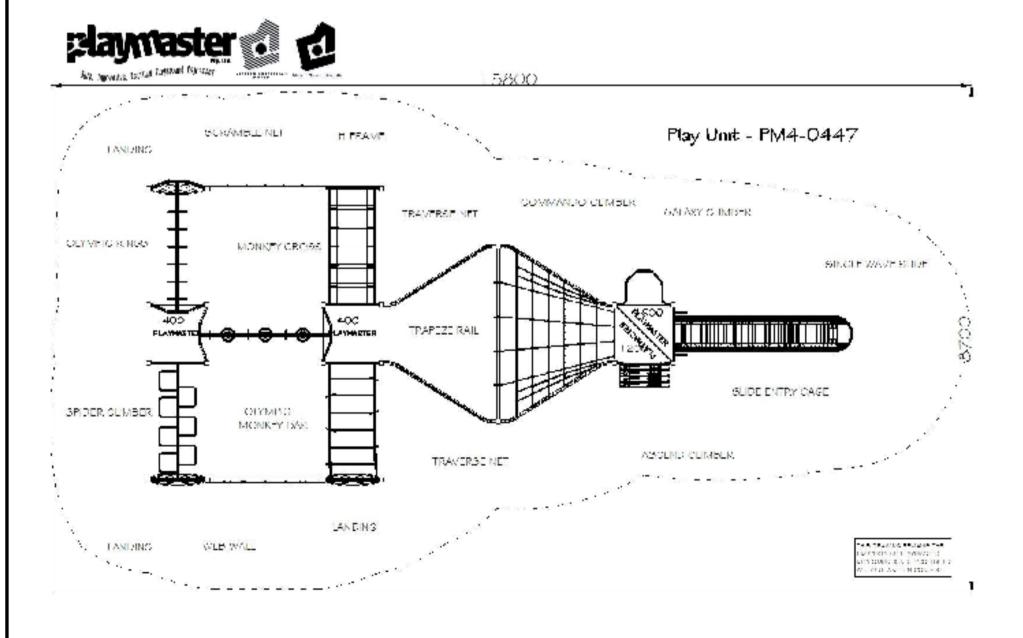
<u>Solar Lights at Paynes Find.</u> The shire has recently purchased 6 solar lights to be installed on Great Northern Highway at the Paynes Find entrances. There will be 3 at each entry/exit intersection near the roadhouse. The picture shows the style of lights to be installed at another location.

<u>Plant and Equipment.</u> Parks staff may have been seen in their new vehicle around town. This new approach has provided savings to council for purchase price and ongoing operational costs. The vehicle has a tip tray, tow ball for trailer use and is 4WD.





Playground for Shamrock Road Park



Presidents Page

Hi everyone, since the last edition things have been a bit quiet.

First of all I like to wish Matt McSporren all the best and say thanks for his role he has played in our outside workforce.



Australia Day this year I was unable to attend but the reports and feed back I received everything worked out like a treat, thanks to all involved in making this day a great family day out.

We have also had some significant rainfall events through out the Shire in the last 3 months, the damage to our roads seem to be minimal so I would like compliment our shire staff and contract teams for the quality work done on our roads over the last 12 months as the roads have held up remarkably well.

The Arts and Culture centre is getting very close to being delivered a day that the majority of us are looking forward to. This project had to be funded by the Shire and inside fittings by Lotteries West this is a great outcome for the Community so lets make it the best in the region.

The Wild Dog Bounty scheme has been rolled out, this is included in detail in this edition.

Through the Murchison Regional Vermin Council we have finalized the business plan, revitalization plan, cost benefit analysis and the establishment agreement for the final stage of the Cell fence project.

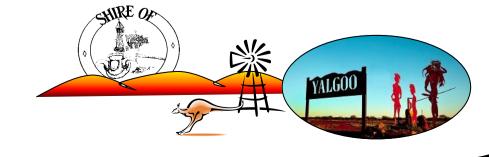
This has been forwarded to the new State minister for Ag and regional development. It is also been given to Federal senator to pass on to Federal ministers.

Looking forward to feed back and working with both State and Federal ministers to make this happen.

We have an extra ordinary election coming up for the one vacancy on council this was advertised in last Saturdays west. The election date is the 10th of June 2017.

Neil Grinham.

Shire President.





Ordinary Council & Committee Meeting Dates for 2017

The Shire of Yalgoo schedule of meeting dates and locations for 2017 are as follows:

Ordinary Council commence at 11.00 am and are held in the Council Chambers, Gibbons Street, Yalgoo, or in the Community Centre, Paynes Find.

Month	Date	Day	Time	Council	Audit	Committee	Location
January	24	Tuesday	10:00 am	Special			Yalgoo
January	27	Friday	11:00 am	Ordinary			Yalgoo
February	9	Thursday	10:00 am	Electors'			
February	24	Friday	11:00 am	Ordinary			Yalgoo
March	24	Friday	10:00 am		Audit		Yalgoo
March	31	Friday	11:00 am	Ordinary			Yalgoo
April	28	Friday	11:00 am	Ordinary			Paynes Find
May	26	Friday	11:00 am	Ordinary			Yalqoo
May	26	Friday	10:00 am			Finance	Yalgoo
June	30	Friday	11:00 am	Ordinary			Yalgoo
July	28	Friday	11:00 am	Ordinary			Yalgoo
July	28	Friday	10:00 am			Finance	Yalgoo
August	25	Friday	11:00 am	Ordinary			Yalgoo
September	29	Friday	11:00 am	Ordinary			Paynes Find
October	27	Friday	11:00 am	Ordinary			Yalgoo
November	24	Friday	11:00 am	Ordinary			Yalgoo
November	24	Friday	10:00 am		Audit		Yalgoo
December	15	Friday	11:00 am	Ordinary			Yalgoo

The Ordinary Council and Committee meetings are open to the public.

Silvio Brenzi Chief Executive Officer







AN EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION IS TO BE HELD AT THE SHIRE OF YALGOO ON 10 JUNE 2017

for the office of One (1) Councillor

Term of office expiring in October 2019

Voting Times on Election Day

Polling places will be open from: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm on Saturday 10 June 2017

Polling places are:

Yalgoo Shire – Administration Centre, 37 Gibbons Street Paynes Find – Community Centre

Voting Times before Election Day:

Early voting places are open from now until 4:00 pm on Friday 9 June 2017.

You can get a ballot paper immediately by going to the Yalgoo Shire Administration Centre, 37 Gibbons Street, during office hours 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday - Thursday & 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Friday.

Absent & Postal votes can be cast at any local government office in Western Australia during office hours from now until 4:00 pm Tuesday 6 June 2017.

Postal vote application forms are available now from the address below.

You should apply as soon as possible so that the voting papers can be posted out to you and you can either re-post your vote to the Shire offices to be processed, or your vote can be returned to us in person before 6.00 pm on Election Day.

Need Help to Vote?

Electoral staff or a person you trust (who is not one of the candidates or a scrutineer) can assist you if required.

Vote Counting:

Members of the public and candidates are welcome to attend the counting of the votes after 6.00 pm on Saturday 10 June 2017, at the Yalgoo Shire Administration Centre, 37 Gibbons Street, Yalgoo.

Enquiries:

On or before Election Day:

Returning Officer
Silvio Brenzi
Yalgoo Shire Administration Centre
37 Gibbons Street
Yalgoo WA 6635
Ph: 08 9962 8042

Fax: 08 9962 8020 ceo@yalgoo.wa.gov.au









ENROLLING TO VOTE For the Local Government Extraordinary Election on Saturday 10 June 2017

My circumstances are:	Do I have to apply to be on the roll?
Question: You live in the district and are on the State electoral roll.	Answer: No need to apply.
Question: You live in the district and are not on the State electoral roll.	Answer: Yes – Get a form from any post office or the WA Electoral Commission and get the form back to them by 5.00 pm on Friday 21 April 2017. (Or see how to apply below).
Question: You are not an Australian Citizen but were on the local government electoral roll in 1996 and have owned or occupied rateable property in the district since then.	Answer: Yes – (See how to apply below).
Question: Your property is rateable and is owned or occupied by more than two people or by a company.	Answer: Two people only who are not already on the local government roll for the district (or ward) must be selected by a majority of the owners or occupiers or the company. They must be on the State or Commonwealth roll to be eligible. If more than one property is involved the same two people must be nominated for all the properties.
Question: You own property that is rateable in the district and you are on the State or Commonwealth electoral roll but you live elsewhere.	Answer: Yes — (See how to apply below).
Question: You have a right of occupancy of property in the district that is rateable and you are on the State or Commonwealth electoral roll but live elsewhere.	Answer: If you have a right of continuous occupation under a lease, tenancy agreement or other legal instrument for at least the next 3 months following the date you apply, you should make an application – (See how to apply below).

HOW TO APPLY

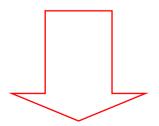
You can get an enrolment form called an 'Enrolment Eligibility Claim' form from the Shire offices at 37 Gibbons Street, Yalgoo or from any local government office. At the Shire offices, you can also check to see if you are already enrolled to vote, for the Election on 10 June 2017. If you are not already enrolled, you may fill out an application form at the Shire offices and staff will be available to assist you. If you are posting the form to the Shire, the completed application form for enrolment must reach the CEO (person named below) by 5:00 pm on Friday 21 April 2017.

Those nominated by a company must attach the letter of nomination to the form.

Silvio Brenzi
Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Yalgoo
37 Gibbons St, Yalgoo WA 6635

Telephone: (08) 9962 8042

Email: <u>ceo@yalgoo.wa.gov.au</u>



YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!!







SHIRE OF YALGOO EXTRAORDINARY LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN— PERSON ELECTION CLOSE OF ENROLMENTS

5:00 PM FRIDAY 21 APRIL 2017

Enrolling to Vote

A local government extraordinary in–person election is to be held in the Shire of Yalgoo on <u>Saturday 10</u> June 2017. You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote at the election if you reside in or are an owner or occupier of rateable property in the district.

Residents

You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State electoral roll as at **5.00 pm, Friday 21 April 2017.** If you are not already on the State electoral roll and meet the eligibility criteria, or if you have changed address recently, you must complete an enrolment form.

Enrolment Forms – Residents

Electoral enrolment forms are available from the Shire of Yalgoo; all post offices, all Australian Electoral Commission Offices or the Western Australian Electoral Commission. They must be completed and returned to any Divisional Returning Officer of the Australian Electoral Commission in Western Australia by **5.00 pm, Friday 21 April 2017**.

Non Resident Owners and Occupiers

If you are a non—resident owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Yalgoo and are on the State or Commonwealth Electoral roll, you are eligible to enrol to vote but must submit an Enrolment Eligibility Claim form to the local government, as enrolment is not automatic.

A non– resident owner who was on the last Shire of Yalgoo local government roll continues to retain that status as long as the rateable property to which the enrolment relates is owned. Occupiers do not have continuous enrolment and should contact the Shire of Yalgoo to confirm their enrolment status.

If you are not on the State or Commonwealth electoral roll and own or occupy rateable property in the Shire of Yalgoo, you may still be eligible to enrol to vote.

Please contact the Shire of Yalgoo for details.

A body corporate that owns or occupies rateable property may nominate two people who are on either the State or Commonwealth electoral roll in respect of a residence outside the electorate.

Enrolment Forms – Non Resident Owners and Occupiers

Enrolment Eligibility Claim forms can be obtained from the Shire of Yalgoo and must be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by **5.00 pm, Friday 21 April 2017**.

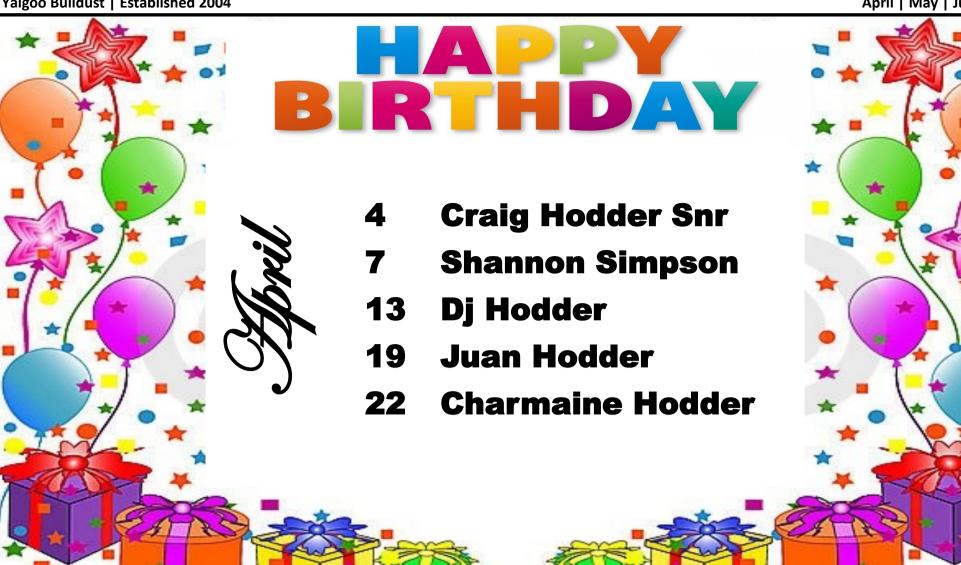
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Mother Day Gift Basket

Raffle

Race Day 8 April 2016

Raffles on sale throughout the day \$1 for 3 or 50c each

Must be present at the time of the draw on the race day otherwise a redraw will be done.





Yalgoo Centacare Office Gibbons Street, Yalgoo, WA 6635

Email: <u>Tamihana.cummings@centacareyalgoo.org.au</u>

WOMENS GROUP/ BUSINESS

Wednesdays group continue to meet weekly, John (Dietician) comes in to cook once a month, food is prepared in the hall and taken down to primary school. All ladies welcome to come join us, for cooking day, to do arts and craft, have a cuppa and a yarn or blob out and relax amongst your peers.



Saturday women's business is run in the hall every second Saturday and it's great to see the numbers of ladies down enjoying each other's company. A big welcome to Judy Hill who has come on board to kick start the sewing program, thank you for the time and energy you give the community.

OP SHOP



Opens Monday to Wednesday from 9am to 10-45am, will stay open longer if we have cover, or when Michelle has the hall open during the day.

We will open shop during Women's business every second Saturday for all the community members that work during the week, if you have time pop on down to the hall Michelle or I will be happy to open op shop up for you whenever we are in the hall or my office.

PLAY GROUP

We have moved yeehaa!! Our learning space has been moved into the main hall and area has been set aside as the class room, we have an inside and outside play area along with an arts and craft space for the babies. Tamisha runs play group Mondays and Wednesdays, she will be putting an activity time table together for school term two that will be displayed out the front of the community hall by the end of the upcoming school holidays. Parents that



want to use play group area Tuesdays and Thursdays if the hall is open come on in, we ask you to keep the place clean and tidy, this place is the best place to teach our children to pick up after themselves.

Food for thought

Parents as first teachers! Why wait for someone else, why wait till your babies is three then send them to school, the more you give the greater your child has to succeed in this world. Learning starts with what parents teach or show their children through actions or words make it positive and fun then learning becomes positive and fun for your child

WILD FLOWERS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Welcome on board to Michelle Hodder who has started running the afterschool program for the primary school children in the community hall Monday and Wednesdays, I run the gym program for the boys on the same days and times.

Shakira run her first girls business program on the 3/4/2017, this is a new program being developed with Shakira and Linaire, I got to hear a lot of laughter and learning going on, the future looks bright as long as we have family getting involved with their children.



The numbers of children who have come down to the hall to enjoy the resources and spend time with each other and family this month has peaked out at over 200. These numbers are a direct link to Michelle and her family who have come on board to support theirs and the community's children.

Grams Family Fun Day thank you to the parents and children, we had a mellow day of relaxing under a shady tree listening to music and yarning. The children spent the day swimming, eating, riding camels, climbing high walls and getting freebee hats and deadly grams t shirts. As a community we can support these types of events if we have enough parent cover and well behaved children.

All Centacare/ Shire outings for the children are governed by children's behaviour at school in the community and community hall, if we reward bad behaviour the children have no reason to even think about their behaviour. The other side of the coin is to punish a child when there brother or sister has been naughty by stopping them from enjoying something good for being good. Cutting ones nose off to spite your face leaves a whole in your head. To stop your good child because of your bad one leaves a whole of confusion in a child's heart and mind, this has happens during my time in Yalgoo.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

PARENTS NEED TO TAKE THE HIGHER GROUND AND ACT LIKE A GROWN UP WHEN IT COMES TO THE IMPACT OUR DECISION MAKING HAS ON OUR CHILDREN.

<u>FOOTY AND NETBALL BACK ON</u>

Footy and netball session draws ever nearer, the bus has been booked and funding applied for, to the children the expectations around your behaviour on the bus does not change based on who sits in the bus or drives it. As the funding and bus has been applied for under Centacare and you're footy and netball supported by your parents make sure you do right by them or you may find that we all lose the use of the community bus. To the parents reminding the children that using the bus is a privilege not a right, look after what we have and we get to use it for a long time.

MEN'S/ YOUTH AND COMMUNITY WORK SHOP

We are finally getting there, a big welcome and thank you to DJ, you have started the ball rolling and I hope we continue to gather momentum. DJ has been busy down at the old gun club with young Zac Simpson setting up our work space, the job is dirty and hot the fly's and bugs hang out with you like you are best friends but the boys keep working towards the goal of creating a space for fathers and sons, uncles and nephews come to work, share and learn from each other.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It's easy to find funding to buy tools, equipment, gym gear, set up a community hall or create an after school program, without the people of the land or the locals who call Yalgoo home helping out all you have is service providers, providing. By taking ownership and responsibility we end up with community doing for community, hence the numbers swelling in the last month at the community hall during the week and on weekends and the work being done down at the men's/youth shed.

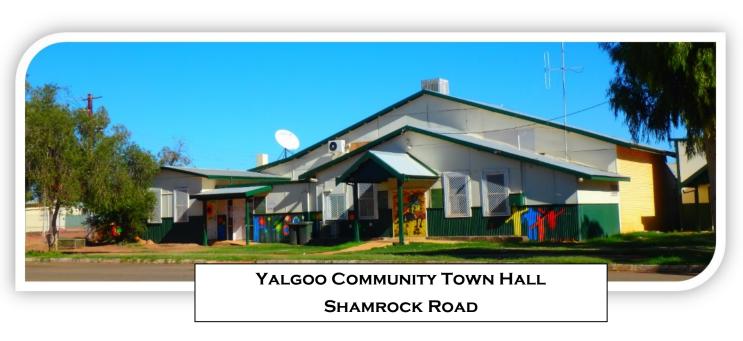
YALGOO LOCAL DRUG ACTION GROUP

Thank you to the ladies who turned up for our meeting a couple of months back, things have been moving along behind the scene, the Yalgoo races are almost upon us. We managed to secure \$3000 of funding to run activities and provide healthy alternatives to alcohol and greasy food. We will operate a free fruit and hot drink stand along with supplying information on the harmful effects drugs and alcohol can have on individuals, families and community. There will be a children's activity area that will have interactive games like croquet, bocce, quoits, sticky wicket and the old horse shoe toss game. There will be organised races, as well as tug of war for all those that need to pull something on the day beside your money out of your pocket. Our first LDAG community barbeque was a mellow Saturday affair, we had a good turnout of locals who came to share company and food while hearing about the direction we are taking our LDAG. In the last year we have secured \$12000 of funding for gym gear, equipment for community hall and tools for men's/youth & community work shop. The key here is to make sure this gear stays in your community by getting involved and taking on a leadership role for the future.

Funding has also been granted so we can celebrate volunteer's week in May, look forward to putting on a community movie night and barbeque tea to thank all the people who give their time to their community. There will be a bit of work to organise and run this many hands make light work, we will be having a meeting to plan this day within

the next three weeks.

Tamihana Cummings
Centacare



YALGOO COMMUNITY HALL

COMMUNITY HALL WILL BE OPEN MONDAY TO THURSDAY FROM 9AM TO 1-30PM, MICHELLE BELL WILL LOOK AFTER THE HALL AND RESOURCES DURING THIS TIME. WE HAVE ACTIVITY TABLES SET UP TO DO ART WORK AND CRAFTS, AND AN AREA FOR SITTING AND RELAXING. THE RESOURCES COME FROM THE SHIRE THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND, THIS IS NOT A BOTTOMLESS PIT OF MONEY, AND WE NEED TO LOOK AFTER RESOURCES AND WORK OUT WAYS TO SELF FUND.

PLAY GROUP OPERATES TWICE A WEEK MONDAY AND WENSDAY 9AM TO 12PM.

TAMISHA RUNS THIS PART OF THE PROGRAM, MUMS AND BABIES ARE MOST WELCOME TO COME AND USE THE PLAY GROUP AREAS AND RESOURCES ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, SAME TIMES!

THE MORE WE ARE INVOLVED WITH OUR CHILDRENS LEARNING THE GREATER THE OPPORTUNITIES OUR CHILDREN WILL HAVE LATER ON IN LIFE.

OPENING HOURS: MONDAY – THURSDAY: 9AM TO 1-30PM.

HALL WILL NEED TO BE CLEAN, VACATED AND READY FOR THE WILDFLOWERS AFTERCLUB: (AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM) BY 1-30 PM, THIS GIVES US TIME TO SET UP PROGRAMS.

WILDFLOWERS AFTERSCHOOL CLUB: 2-30PMTO 4-30PM

MICHELLE WILL BE RUNNING PROGRAMS WITH THE CATER 3 CLASS (LITTLE PEOPLE) AND THE YOUNG LADIES OF CLASSES 3, 4 AND 5, MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS.

COMMUNITY GYM:

MONDAY TO THURSDAY: 11- AM TO 12-30PM MEEDAC WORKERS, 6- PM TO 7-30PM COMMUNITY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY 2-30PM TO 4- PM WILDFLOWERS AFTERCLUB (BOYS CLASS 3, 4, AND 5) WE ARE ALWAYS IN THE NEED OF PARENTS THAT HAVE TIME FOR THERE CHILDREN, IF YOU WISH TO HELP KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY HALL AND YOUR COMMUNITY GYM OPEN LONG AFTER SERVICE PROVIDERS HAVE LEFT YALGOO COME ON DOWN AND HAVE A YARN WITH MICHELLE, LINAIRE OR TAMIHANA.

WOMEN'S GROUP:

WEDNESDAYS WEEKLY FROM 10-30AM TO 1-30PM JOHN DIETICIAN IN ONCE A MONTH COOK SCHOOL LUNCH FOR YALGOO PRIMARY CHILDREN WITH THE LADIES.

EVERY SECOND SATURDAY FROM 9-AM TO 1-30PM: CHILDREN FREE DAY.

WILDFLOWERS OP SHOP:

THURSDAYS TAMISHA: 9- AM TO 1-PM Centacare

MONDAY TO THURSDAY: 9-AM TO 10-45AM EVERY SECOND SATURDAY 9-30AM TO 11-30AM

FUND RAISING FOR THE WILD FLOWERS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!!!



Community Development Report

By Linaire Hodge

School Holiday program

From the 9th to the 24th of January, we had a variety of facilitators come to Yalgoo over the school holiday program .

One of the positive outcomes was the good behaviour shown from the majority of children whom attended and

participated in the program ,this is a reflection of the work that has been done working with the children for the last 18 months. The children are able to participate in all programs and be respectful to facilitators and the locals who came to work at the Community Hall during the program.

A Big Thank you to all facilitators and volunteers whom assisted us over the School holiday program, Gina Wright and son Deniro for taking the Anti Bullying program

Saint Johns Denise Page for sending out your facilitator to run the children's First Aid and managing snake bites training. The children learnt so much and enjoyed their gifts of First Aid boxes.

Thanks To;

- 1) Michelle Hodder and Maureen Hodder for making morning tea and afternoon tea,
- Water Corporation in Geraldton for supplying water bottles for the children and volunteers which took us through to Australia Day,
- 3) To Mullewa and Morawa pools staff whom gave great feed back of how well the children of Yalgoo behaved whilst utilizing their facilities. Yalgoo is welcome back there anytime!

Lastly to our great volunteers whom assisted us in providing meals and engaging with the children over the program, Without your help we could not do the best job possible with the children.









These photos are of some of the facilitators who engaged with the children over the 2.5 weeks of the school holiday program .

Australia Day 26 January 2017

A great Day and turn out, It was really nice to see some different faces from outside of Yalgoo.

Tamihana and Raul worked endlessly assisting with the program for the days Event.

With BBQS to track down, pool slides to erect, tables and chairs collected and set up for the Elderly and families .

A big wonderful thank you to the generous people who volunteered for the days event!

- 1. Raul ,Joe ,Gail and your families for all you help for feeding the breakfast crowd
- 2. Water Corp Geraldton for the bottles of water
- 3. Josie's Café Mullewa for the delicious cakes and puddings,
- 4. Mc Davies Meats Geraldton for the packed BBQ meat that feed the masses,
- 5. Shantel Dodd and young Madison for presenting Welcome to Country,
- 6. Centacare Tamihana for setting up the pool sides, cleaning up, & giving your time for the event,
- 7. C.E.O. Silvio for your support and the Shire for funding for this event.

On a sad note

I have to express my disappointment towards the 7-10yr old boys who broke into a residents home whilst your parents / grand-parents attended the event. Stealing and destroying from your own families home whilst they were away in Geraldton enjoying their Australia Day Celebration. (Shame on you mob)

This family feeds your children ,volunteers at the community hall to look after your children on a daily basis .The people of the town have had enough as it seems to be the same children every time ,some parents discipline there mob ,but some parents seem to encourage this behaviour .

For those parents who were informed these boys were about to break into the home of

Michelle Hodder and her family (Shame on you) for not intervening, or at least informing the Police.

If you don't take control of these boys, they will end up in the justice system in their teenage years.

The Shame is not doing anything to guide your sons negative dis respectful behaviour or asking for help.

We will support parent along with your children, but the consequence for bad behaviour is banning children from the Community Hall activities, after school programs and school holiday programs, including any excursions outside of Yalgoo.

In my culture if you steal from family ,we disown you until you make things right .

Your town has had enough, If you cannot see the wrong in what your sons have committed, then SHAME on you .

Next years Australia Day will be down scaled

If you have any issues my office door is always open to yarning and resolutions finding.

Ka pai te korero (Enough said).

WINJA WAJARRI BARNA LTD

Chantelle is the Community officer in Geraldton who came out to Yalgoo a few months ago to deliver applications for distribution.

The posters are for all Winja Wajarri Barna Aboriginal families to apply for assistance in:

- 1. Youth program Healthy lifestyle, Leadership ,Promoting confidence, Good self esteem,
- 2. Seniors Welfare Program (Elders 60+ can apply),
- 3. Medical hardship program (Emergency accommodation, Dental care, Hearing Aids, Walking frame),
- 4. Cultural Program (Encouraging traditional culture) assistance community with NAIDOC,
- 5. Educational program (Enhance your skills to gain employment) Fees or stationary,

If you require any assistance either young or elderly, please contact Chantelle at Winja Wajarri Barna Ltd on 0437 777 383 for an application form and any questions you may need answered.

We have had some successful applications approved already.

Successful applicants will received new appliances for their homes, arts and crafts resources or financial assistance.

Well done Joshua Simpson for contacting me to assist you in this funding and MMG Golden Grove & the Winja Wajarri Barna Sponsorship program

GRAMS FAMILY DAY OUT 25 March

Off to the GRAMS family day at Nukara Farm in Geraldton.

The Yalgoo Community Bus was full of family members from Yalgoo, excited children carrying their bags of spare clothing ready for the days event.

There were plenty of free give always ,entertainers ,dancers and promotions of health and wellness .

With the families support of \$5.00 per person we were able to feed every one all day Saturday and Sunday at the hall .

Tamihana won the grocery package worth \$350.00 in which we donated on behalf of Centacare and the Shire C.D.O. for feeding the children of Yalgoo at the Community Hall

Thank you to GRAMS for giving Yalgoo town an eventful fun day out ,with plenty of activities for the children to do .





Women's Business Saturdays (Fortnightly) Community Hall

Forming and brain storming ideas

This Saturday we are meeting to yarn about what programs we can run during the week to assist Tamihana and Michelle, who run the after school program and weekend programs.

I will be asking the children to assist in a working bee to help "KEEP YALGOO CLEAN UP" next week

Tamihana needs a working bee to start on the nature play garden to get it ready for Tidy Towns.

Come down and be part of your community, if you have the motivation to run or facilitate programs for the children, youth, ladies please come put your name forward to Tamihana.

All ladies are welcome.

EMR Bayalgu Indigenous Pre employment program 10 weeks training course

Clint for EMR Golden Groove mining sent through applications for anyone interested in

applying for the Bayalgu Indigenous 10 week training course .I have given out over 18 application forms to MEEDAC and community members .

The supervisor from MEEDAC Becky, will be able to assist you with your application forms.

You will need

- 1. Participate in a full medical,
- 2. Drug test (home kits are on there way out here) See Becky,
- 3. Curriculum Vitae and Cover letter (Becky will assist you),
- 4. Police check.

Don't be discouraged by the paperwork ,Becky will assist you with your application.

Have faith in yourselves to achieve the goals and dreams you set for your self and your family.

Doray Minerals Mine Cater Care applications

If you are interested in wanting to be a Chef, cleaner or apprentice at Doray Minerals.

We have already had one successful lady achieve her goal and is working as a apprentice, starting February this year at Doray Minerals Deflector Site.

Congratulations to **Miss Margarete Ann Hodder** for trusting in the Shire of Yalgoo C.D.O and Centacare Coordinator for assisting you in your successful application .

Margaret has stated she enjoys working there and is looking forward to coming back to Yalgoo to talk to others about her success. Well done girl we are proud of you Margarete!.

Lottery West funding Approved

Funding applications from last year to Lotterywest were successful in the following areas;

- 1. The Community Hall
- 2. Day care centre (Old Police station)
- 3. New Arts & Crafts Building

I am pleased to announce it was approved this year and I have been able to furnish the Community Hall with couches, television and stereo. These items are to serve the townsite and stations and pastoral families, in all the programs run by the Shire C.D.O and the Centacare Coordinator, eventually furnishing for the other buildings will be purchased when they are completed later in the year.

I would like to thank Lottery West for your support in assisting the Shire and community of Yalgoo.

Women's Business

By request of the ladies who cant make Wednesday women's group I have started up Women's Business every second Saturday down at the Community Hall.

We have Judi Hill facilitating the sewing class (Rotational turns for all women to learn or assist).

We all bring in morning tea and share.

Come down and relax ,have a cuppa ,yarn ,do some arts and crafts ,jewellery ,or bring your own talents along to share .

We sell second hand clothing and items to raise money for the children's lunches.

We welcome all donations.

Additional facilitators will be arranged if and when needed

Rules in place;

- 1. No bullying ,put downs ,back stabbing or family feuds .
- 2. No children and teenagers please
- 3. No taking more then your share ,as others miss out on resources .
- 4. Support the second hand shop ,so we can support the children's lunch program .

We are strong, independent women ,if you need to make items for your families , that's great but please give a donation towards the children's lunch program.

If you would like to make items for your children and grand children then go down to the hall, week days between 9 am and 5pm .

Thank you Judi for giving up your Saturdays to facilitate the sewing classes, its great having you on board.

Thanks to Amanda Rolland for coming in to yarn about the exciting business you have started out at the Station.

Thank you Mick and Leonie for facilitating your workshop last Saturday celebrating National Women's Day .This photo was in the Geraldton Guardian or Midwest Times on the 23 March 2017.



Up and coming Events for April, May June & July

April 2017

Yalgoo Race Day 8th April starting 11 am to 9pm

People from far and wide come to the Yalgoo Race day, not just for the races but to catch up with friends and family .

Fashion of the field show for both men and women dressing up from top to bottom to take out the best dressed prizes.

Children's activities run by volunteers

Bar and food services available

For more information contact Judi Hill on 0437898287

April 14th Good Friday

Public holiday

April 15th women's business (Every 2nd week we open 9am to 1pm)

Community Hall Yalgoo, all ladies from far and wide are welcome to join in all the activities .

Come & purchase second hand clothing.

We welcome all donations to help raise money for the children's lunches .See Michelle /or Tamihana. Michelle Hodder is our new Program Facilitator for the after school program Monday and Wednesdays Michelle will be in the Community Hall Tuesday ,Thursdays and Fridays 2 30 to 5pm ,drop in for a cuppa and yarn or just hang out in the Community Hall.

Term 2 School Holiday program April

Starts 17th to the 28th, Community Hall and Rage Cage at 10 30 am to 12pm them 2pm to 3 30pm. We need parent volunteers to assist in helping with morning and afternoon tea .

We need parents to facilitate the arts and crafts program

Parents to watch the children in the pools and slide pool.

New faces and parents along with care givers would be great.

We are not a free babysitting day care centre, so don't just send your children along on their own.

Come join in and participate in the fun, if we get enough volunteers we may be able to go on excursions

Don't be shy come and help assist in your children's holiday program.

April 25th ANZAC DAY Service

Public holiday

To be held at the Shire building by the commemorative wall

Service for ANZAC Day starts at 7am

Speeches will follow by Raul and Neil if available on the day

Raise the flags and place down the wreaths

Children to present their projects for ANZAC day

BBQ breakfast and cup of tea available thanks to the Shire

Music during breakfast

Clean up and finish then the day is your to be with your families and friends.

Shamrock Park play area

The Shamrock play area will be completed within 6 weeks ,The old play equipment will be discarded I have chosen three primary colours red ,Black & Yellow.

<u>Tidy towns Competition—1st May to 1st June 2017</u>

I have entered Yalgoo, townsite and surrounding areas in the Tidy Towns competition again this year.

We come so close to winning our category last year and we made the state finals.

It was amazing an credit to the Yalgoo children and parents, the Shire workers and the MEEDAC workers for helping clean up the town .

We are working on the nature play garden at the Community Hall over the next few months, so come down, join in and make your town colourful, clean and tidy.

I will be out with the children on the cool days to pick up rubbish so please come join us if you see us cleaning up your town.

Lets do it again, but this year we will enter into more categories:

- 1. Environmental Sustainability
- 2. Heritage and Culture
- 3. Environmental Education
- 4. Young legends
- 5. Litter prevention and waste management
- 6. Community Action & Wellbeing

The Community Gym 27 Stanley street

If you are interested in joining the Community Gym.

The hours are as follows:

Monday to Thursday

MEEDAC at 11:00am TO 12:00pm

Children training with Tamihana (Boys) 2:45 pm to 3:30pm

Women inside with "Linaire Fitness 6 pm to 7pm

Outside Gym 6:00pm to 7:00pm with Tamihana

I have been training the ladies from 6 pm to 7pm on the fit training program ,we get up to 5 ladies attending on a regular basis .

We are eventually going to move back to the Community Hall to enable more women who are interested in their health and well– being .

If you are interested in staying health and becoming fit, join in!

Or, if you would like to run and facilitate fitness programs, come see me at the Shire office.

We will start up a new fitness program called "Hot Hula" for all adults interested in getting fit and healthy.

You only need to train 3 days a week to keep your body in a healthy state!

Eat plenty of fresh vegables and fruit for carbohydrates and your vitamins.

Meat & Eggs for your protein,

Drink plenty of water for Hydration,

Try to cut down on fizzy drinks like coco cola and sports drinks as they are full of sugar!

Men and boys see Tamihana about training in the community gym.

Everyone welcome



May June July 2017

Banners in The Terrace (Theme is Members only)

Its that time again, Last year the Shire got to the State finals from having 22 people participate in painting the Banner .Well done!

This year we are going to enter the Digital Category.

So get in your designs and photos of Yalgoo weather its your own, or sharing ideas with others. Please come see me at the Shire office if you have questions.

I have been given a few ideas from community members on how they see members of families members, past and present that would be used.

This competition is opened to all Yalgoo community members weather you are in town out on a station or pastoral owners .

Council will decide on which design is successful. Keep in mind that there could be more than one selected.

Send in your ideas via email ,phone call ,or face book or just pop on in to my office .

This is a photo of last years Banner which made it to the state finals in Perth.

Yalgoo was awarded for the most original Banners.

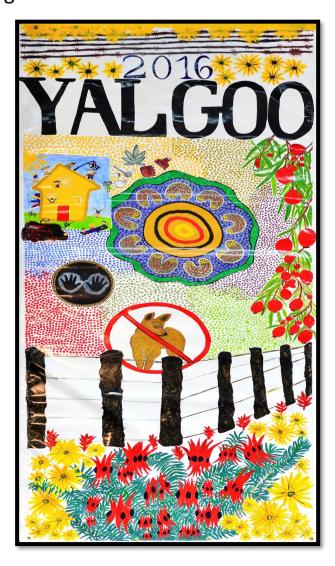
I believe the story that went with the Banner was the reason we received this award.

Due to the Banners content there was lots of debate, the local community decided to show a contrast of the good and the bad in Yalgoo.

To the beautiful wild flowers ,that we get to appreciate every year ,from the destruction that the ferrel dogs create around our districts.

To the power of Family and Mob and the impact of drugs and alcohol on us all.

The power of honesty and looking at oneself was the reason we won most original story last year.





YALGOO MEEDAC OFFICE





Hello Yalgoo Community

As you may be aware there has been some changes at Meedac Yalgoo Office. In early February Deb and Dave said farewell to our office and two new members began their journey at Meedac.

Hi, my name is Tony Walsh and I am the new Helping Hands Supervisor at Meedac Inc. My wife is Mary-Kate, your Clinical Nurse. We normally live in Northampton but we are enjoying the chance that Yalgoo has given us to be together. After 20 years of FIFO/DIDO work and four children who would think that Yalgoo would enter the equation. I will meet and greet as time goes by, see you around town. P.S I am the tall one!!!

Hellloooo Yalgoo!!! My name is Becky Phillips and I am the new Case Manager at the Yalgoo Meedac Inc. office. I have been living in Yalgoo since January 2016 when my family decided it was time for a change and move from Wangkatjungka (a remote Aboriginal Community near Fitzroy Crossing) to be closer to our family members (especially a new Grand-Daughter) in Perth. I am getting married this year to Phil Joseph who is the Principal of our wonderful little Primary School. Before working here, I was helping at the school as an Education Assistant and at Wangkatjungka I was the Canteen Manager/Education Assistant. However, my background is mostly administration. I have had great support from Meedac and the local community settling in. A big thank you to everyone for your support.

I am really enjoying working with the community and having a blast with the crew. They have been really busy since we came on board. My job here is to look after participants who help out in our activities Yalgoo Helpings Hands, Yalgoo Voluntary Work and at Pia Wadjarri Community Crew it can either be myself or Roma from the Mullewa branch visiting on a monthly basis.

Meedac runs Community Development Programs on behalf of the Australian Government. Meedac provides a free gardening service to those people in the community who would otherwise find it difficult to upkeep or maintain their yards or gardens. This work is completed by the local Helping Hands team upon evidence of a disability / aged pensioner card. We are not able to mow everyone's lawn in the community due to policies stating that if we did everyone's lawn we are effectively taking away job positions that could otherwise be paid for.

The Helping Hands team works independently to complete tasks set by local Shire Works Supervisors as well as assist local non-profit community, environmental and historical groups with general maintenance to grounds and buildings, as well as the beautification of local parks and gardens. Meedac has found that the Helping Hands team become an intricate part of their local community and over time this activity present's opportunities of employment for our jobseekers participating in these projects through the local shire, businesses and contractors.

Meedac also helps with Counselling and Health Intervention. A Community Mentor, works with our Jobseekers that have health or personal barriers such as drug and alcohol dependency, as well as relation/personal issues or barriers. This is to assist Job Seekers with all barriers which can affect their ability to engage in job seeking and their activities.

Yalgoo Helping Hands begun February frantically trying to get everyone's lawns mowed due to large amount of water we hadgumboots were nearly ordered for everyone!! Once the jungle was cleared the next project has been getting the Yalgoo Race Track along with the Shire Workers ready for the races in April. The guys have been amazing working in the heat walking the whole track five times, picking up rocks from the track so the horses don't hurt themselves when racing, mowing the surrounding lawns and cleaning the Railway Rooms. An awesome effort!

When that project is finished we then hope to move on to creating veggie gardens so we can supply the community with fresh veggies, herbs and hopefully fruit. Tony is also in talks with Tamihana to work on the Men's Shed and a Family Shed for the Community and other little projects around town. During winter we will look at freshening up the office space with a new coat of paint!

So if you have any gardening that requires Yalgoo Helping Hands team to maintain for you, please make sure you present evidence of a disability / aged pensioner card. You can contact the office on 9962 8323 for bookings. Please be advised though we cannot enter your house and that dogs must be locked inside or tied up for the protection of our workers. The Meedac/Centrelink office is open every day however my hours as Case Manager will be Monday & Wednesday 8.00am – 2.30pm and Friday 8.00am – 12.30pm.







Yalgee School Newsletter

Term 1, Issue 2 ~ March 2017

Message from the Principal

Hello everyone.

Well, it's nearly the end of term 1 for 2017 and it's been a great start to the rest of the school year. Our students have been quite well behaved and really trying to do their best most of the time in class. We have had swimming lessons, visited the Bird Rescue Sanctuary in Geraldton and we have the dental van at school right now!

As we all know, it's very important for children to come to school every day to get the best from their school years. As adults, we know how important it is and your job as parents, carers and community members is to encourage EVERY primary school aged student to come to school EVERY day. The school is here JUST for the education of all of OUR children and without them, we would not have a reason to be here so send the kids to school

We have started to focus on our school motto. I wonder how many parents or community members out there know we have a motto here at Yalgoo PS. If you don't know it, ask a child/student and see what they tell you, then, ask them to explain what it means.

The students are earning points every day they attend school for all sorts of incentives. We have stickers, Tasty Treats, awesome Pencils and lots of other goodies they can win. They earn points simply by doing the right thing at school, wearing the school uniform to school and/or challenging themselves to improve in their chosen area in class. Since introducing the incentives program in week 4, students have earned over 100 rewards for improving themselves!! Well done to you all

Also, I would like to let parents and carers know that Thursday 6th April and Friday 7th April are Pupil Free days. On the last 2 days of Term staff will be out training and the students are not required to attend. This means, Wednesday 5th April will be the students' last day for Term 1.



Term 2 begins on Monday 24th April. Tuesday 25th of April is ANZAC Day and the school will be closed on this day. Students will then attend from Wednesday 26th April as per normal times.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday and I look forward to seeing you next term.

Regards, Mr Phil Joseph

Principal: Mr. Phil Joseph

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KINDY & PRE-PRIMARY

Years 1, 2 & 3

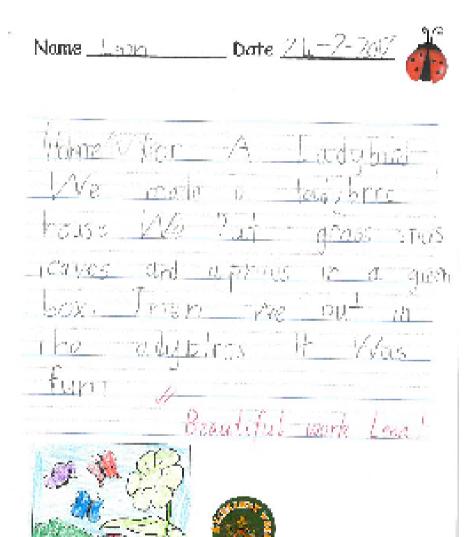
What's been happening in our class?

Room 2 have been busy organising the outdoor area behind our room. Bob the gardener finished putting up the bamboo fencing and we have begun to plant the garden boxes.

We built a cubby and have a lot of things to use with it such as table and chairs, cooking utensils, plastic food, a work bench and many other items which make it a fabulous area to spend time in. The Kindy and Pre-Primary children spend the most time in this area with the years 1-3 allowed to play there at the end of the day if time allows.

We also made some ladybird homes, making sure we included everything ladybirds need.

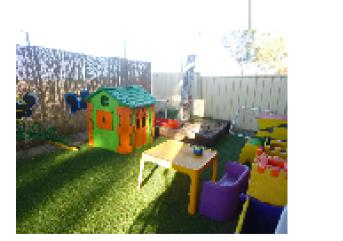
We are talking about Easter until the end of term as it falls in the holidays. Happy Easter from Room 2!













Years 4, 5 & 6

What's been happening in our class?

Room 1 has been really busy this term. We have looked at counting money, measurement and various aspects of Number. On camp we visited the bird rehab centre at Just Raptors and we came back and constructed our own bird aviaries to help the sick and injured birds. We also had a competition on who could construct the most detailed diorama out of the boys and girls. In each group everyone had a particular piece of their diorama for them to make. Room 1 would like to wish everyone a happy easter.











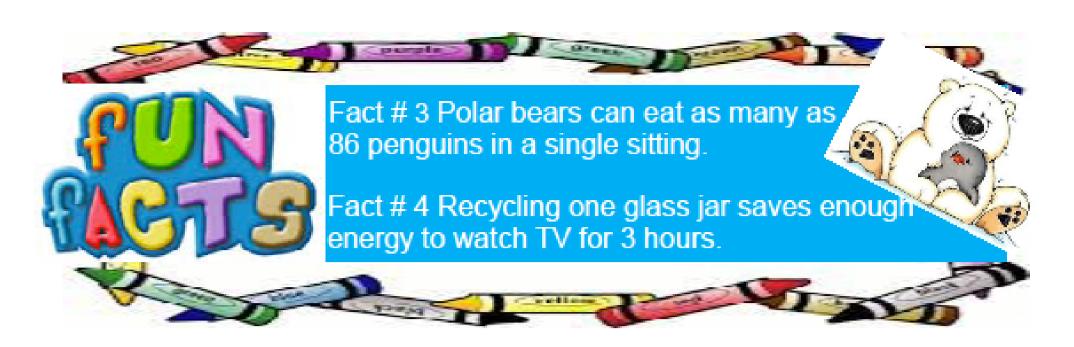








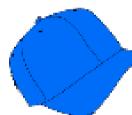




WHAT IS HAPPENING AT OUR SCHOOL



If your children have school uniforms to wear please make sure they wear them to school and not on the weekends: remember the school shirts worn by the children represents the school so any bad behaviour shown in the shirt reflects badly on the school.



Please remember that the children must bring a hat to wear whilst outside playing.

Remember NO HAT, NO PLAY!

LOCATED AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER

As of this year you must provide a sick note if your child is away from school. You can either provide a <u>sick note</u> which is on the back of the newsletters or phone the Principal. If you child is away for more than 2 consecutive days a medical certificate must be provided.

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School Holidays

Monday 10th to Friday 21st April

Term 2 Dates

Begins Monday 24th to Friday 30th June

Anzac Day—Public Holiday

Tuesday 25th

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YALGOO HEALTH CENTRE

Clinics for April, May and June

RFDS Doctor Thursday April 13th, 27th

May 11th, 25th

June 8th, 22nd

Child Health Nurse Wednesday 3rd May, 7th June

Optician 26th April

Mobile Dental Service 10th, 11th 12th May

21st, 22nd, 23rd June

GRAMS 11th April, 15th May, 12th June - Podiatrist, Diabetes Nurse Educator, Aboriginal Health Worker

Dietician Wednesday 26th April,17th May, 21st June

GRAMS Psychologist – Gary, call the Health Centre for dates.

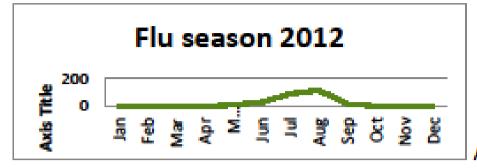
Please call Mary-Kate or Sondra at the clinic on 9962 8600 if you would like to make an appointment.

Mary-Kate Walsh Community Health Clinical Nurse

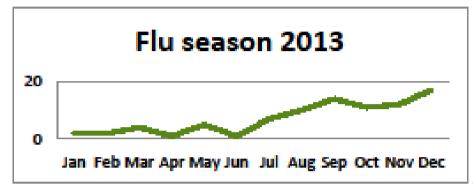
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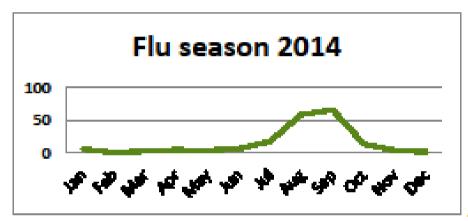
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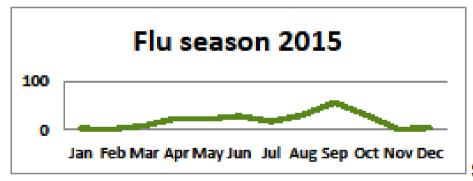
August Peak



Small number Sept/Dec Peak



August/ September peak



September peak



September peak

When should you have your flu jab for maximum protection?

Late May or June

Timing is everything don't have it too early



Government of Western Australia WA Country Health Service

Have Your Say!

The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Midwest wants to hear from you about what we are doing well and how we can improve our service.

You can publicly and anonymously share your story about your health experience with WACHS Midwest via www.patientopinion.org.au, completing a feedback form or by calling Patient Opinion on 1300 662 996.

By sharing your story on Patient Opinion, you can tell us what is important to you, and we can show how we are listening and making improvements based on your feedback.

Patient Opinion is just one of the ways that you can provide feedback to WACHS Midwest.

You can also speak to health service staff or managers in person, over the phone, or fill out a feedback form available at health service sites.

For more information about Patient Opinion Australia visit www.patientopinion.org.au or contact Michele Young, Patient Opinion Coordinator Michele.Young@health.wa.gov.au or 9956 8695.

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Women's Group

Making Fascinators
&
Sewing













Greetings from the Caravan Park

The months are flying by and here we are again processing another Bulldust Edition.

Hopefully visitors will notice and appreciate the addition of our new Reticulation system installed by Mid West Turf. Gardens and lawns are getting a regular watering without the labouring of moving sprinklers. J

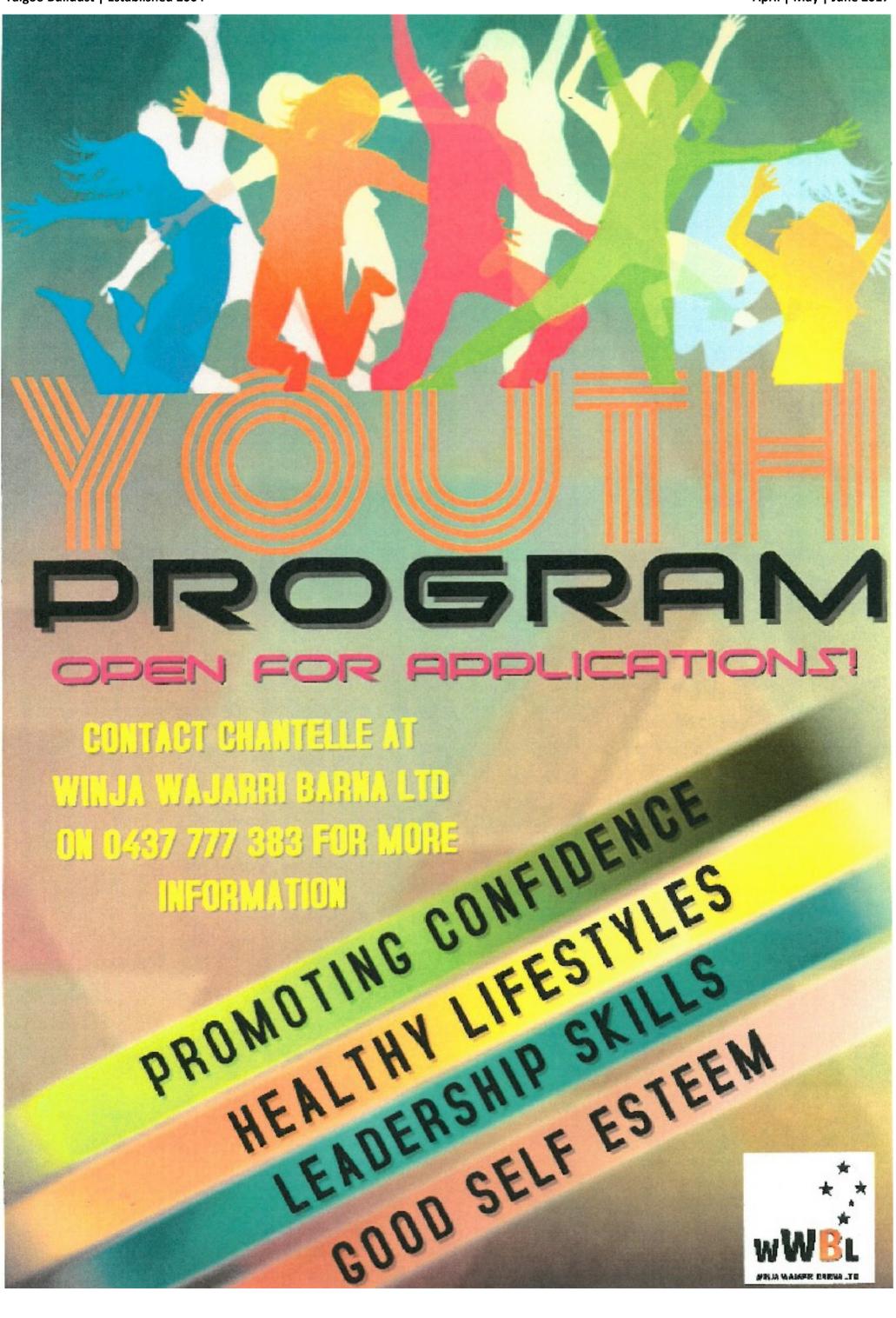
We have another new addition to the caravan park in the form of a Gazebo; kindly relocated by the Shire Boys. Thank you to Ray Pratt and your team of workers. It will be a great meeting point for our travellers for happy hour while they watch the sun set.

The weather has cooled off enough to complete the planting of natives in the rock garden at the front of the office. The young mudlarks that flew out of their nest for the first time this week have found their water source in the form of our bird bath. Happy days.

Yalgoo race day is approaching fast with bookings maxed out. I hope every one enjoys the day and stays safe.







SENIORS WELFARE PROGRAM







Improving health & wellbeing of our Elders



Items you can apply for but are not limited to:

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- DRYERS
- FRIDGES
- BEDS

- COOLERS/HEATERS
- SHOWER CHAIRS
- RAMPS
- FREEZERSSAFETY RAILS
 - WALKING AIDES

- SLIP PREVENTION
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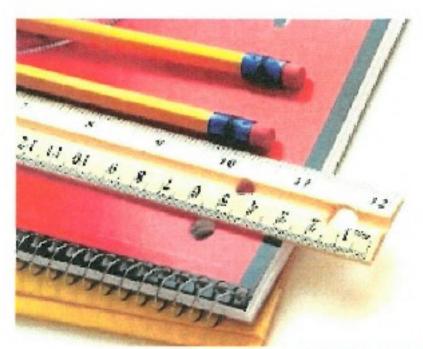
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Do you want to obtain an accredited qualification but need that little extra support?

We can help you with your textbooks. PC requirements enrolment fees or stationery





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Blues for the Bush Update

After an incredible 2016 event, The Shire of Perenjori and Bush Heritage Australia advise that 2017 will be used to build further community engagement and develop a business plan to best support the ongoing success of our unique rural event - Blues for the Bush. Both organisations are committed to an event in 2018 and propose the 22nd to 24th September 2018 as the weekend of the next Blues for the Bush.

The not-for-profit event is a celebration of community, culture and conservation and has been successfully staged in 2013, 2014 and 2016 at Charles Darwin Reserve, Perenjori.

According to the Shire of Perenjori President Mr Laurie Butler, the event has grown considerably and to ensure it can continue to entertain visitors and locals, it is important to use this year to review and reflect, using past learnings to plan for the future.

CEO of Bush Heritage Australia, Mr Gerard O'Neil also highlights that, "The Shire of Perenjori and Bush Heritage Australia remain committed to this event as a valuable opportunity to bring together people from near and far and showcase the natural landscape, conservation activity and hospitality of our region.

We strongly value the relationships we have built with Shire of Perenjori and our key Sponsors in delivering the event over the past three years and look forward to continuing with these partnerships to stage the most successful and dynamic program for the event in 2018".

During 2017, the Shire of Perenjori in partnership with Blues for the Bush plans to deliver a series of Community Arts Projects that will complement the Blues for the Bush ethos of celebrating community, culture and conservation. These projects will use a number of different artistic and creative mediums to encourage local people to try their hand at new skills and connect with their community. If you are part of a local community group or organisation and have some ideas on the type of projects you would like to see delivered in the lead up to the 2018 Blues for the Bush please contact Christina Laue at the Shire of Perenjori via email cdo@perenjori.wa.gov.au or call 08 9973 0100.

For more information please sign up to our mailing list at www.bluesforthebush.org.au or visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com.bluesforthebush

Media Release

Vincent Catania MLA Member for North West Central

\$52 million injection for PATS to benefit North West Central

15th February 2017

The Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) will receive a massive \$52 million boost if The Nationals WA are returned to Government at the State election.

PATS provides vital financial assistance to regional West Australians by subsidising travel and accommodation for patients travelling long distances to seek specialist medical services.

Member for North West Central, Vince Catania welcomed today's announcement that The Nationals' will increase existing subsidies, revise eligibility requirements and expand the scheme if re-elected on March 11.

"Unlike city people, regional West Australians often travel vast distances to access vital health services so this scheme is essential," Vince said.

"As the only party solely dedicated to regional WA, The Nationals' understand the importance of ensuring all regional West Australians have access to specialist health services regardless of where they live."

Mr Grylls said The Nationals' flagship *Royalties for Regions* program had provided a funding boost to PATS in 2008/09 but there was room to transform the program to ensure it better meets the needs of regional West Australians.

"A recent Parliamentary inquiry into PATS highlighted a number of issues with the way eligibility is determined, the outdated subsidy schedule for fuel and accommodation expenses, the health services and the claims process," Vince said.

"This is why The Nationals WA are committed to the continual improvement of this important Scheme to ensure the standard of healthcare in regional areas, and access to services, matches that of the metropolitan area."

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Patient Assisted Travel Scheme

Our commitment: The Nationals WA will improve the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme with a \$52 million investment.



Background

The Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) provides financial subsidies toward some of the travel and accommodation expenses associated with receiving medical treatment that is not available in their home town.

The Nationals WA believe PATS needs to be improved to ensure the standard of healthcare in regional areas, and access to these services, is comparable to the metropolitan area.

A recent Parliamentary inquiry into PATS highlighted a number of issues, recommending changes to eligible health services and the outdated subsidy schedule for fuel and accommodation costs.

Royalties for Regions provided a much needed funding boost to PATS in 2008/09, but it is the vision of The Nationals WA to see PATS transformed so it better meets the needs of those living in regional WA.

What we know:

PATS needs to be improved. The Parliamentary Inquiry identified several problems with the way eligibility is determined, the outdated subsidy schedule for fuel and accommodation expenses, the health services covered and the process for claiming.

Distance criteria can be unfair

A family requires weekly specialist medical care for their two children at Princess Margaret Hospital. The family lives within 100km of the hospital are not deemed eligible to receive financial subsidy for fuel and accommodation costs, despite the considerable distance travelled over the weeks and months.

Patient preference is not taken into account

The Scheme will only provide subsidies to the nearest specialists. This may be a private practitioner where patients are faced with higher costs, or a practitioner that isn't preferred.

No retrospective claiming

If a patient requires urgent after-hours medical treatment in Perth, there is currently no capacity for retrospective claiming to assist with their return travel expenses.

Our commitment:

If The Nationals WA are in government after the next election, we will commit \$52million to enhancing the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme by:

Increasing the Existing Subsidies:

- Increasing the fuel subsidy to 19 cents;
- Increasing the accommodation subsidy to cover approximately 50% of the average hotel rate in Perth (Private \$23, \$46 (with escort); Commercial \$100 (with or without an escort);

Changing the Eligibility Requirements:

- Changing the air travel eligibility to 8 hours or 700km surface travel, instead of the current 16 hours or 1,400kms;
- Including eligibility for cumulative travel (greater than 200kms for 2 or more trips per week);
- Changing the Scheme to provide patients with access to the public health system in the first instance, even if that is further away.

Enhancing the Scheme:

- Extending subsidies for patients with treatment modalities greater than 6 months;
- Providing patients requiring long term treatment and their escorts with the option to return home once, every 30 days;
- Providing pregnant women with an additional week of accommodation when relocating for childbirth, and providing funding assistance for a travelling escort;
- Including coverage for:
 - Allied health services (Out-patient department referred)
 - Dental treatment for children aged 9-16 under General Admission,
 - Oral medical and oral pathology specialists services; and
- » Implementing an electronic application and claims form system

The Nationals WA welcome your feedback on this policy:

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BIG BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER



Come and have a great breakfast feed and help raise important funds for the Yalgoo St John's Ambulance Service.

Breakfast is available at the Railway Station from 7.30 am to 10.30 am on Sunday 9 April.

\$10 for the Big breakfast

Includes: toast, eggs, sausages, bacon, tea & coffee



Yalgoo Gymkhana

Easter Saturday 15th April 2017

Start 9:00am

Nominations from 8:00 am

Adults \$50.00

Juniors and Sub-Juniors \$20.00

Heaps of prizes to be won



Food and drinks available for sale

Bar open from 12.00 noon



All Welcome!

(Contact Kylie Rowe 0428611585 or Ruth Rowe 0419140742 for more information)





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Mondays to Thursdays 9am - 12pm

For any information regarding

Drivers licence
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Bookings for Driving Assessments
Learners Permits
vehicle registrations
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Transfers of vehicles
Transfer of Interstate/overseas Licence
Permits for Unlicensed vehicle
Order & Replacement Copies of Licence
Or any other request

contact the
Shire of Yalgoo
(08) 9962 8042
Ask for Judi, Diane or Elisha
Email: reception@yalgoo.wa.gov.au

Yalgoo Library



The library is open during office hours 9am to 4pm

Mon - Fri

New books arrive every month

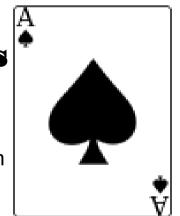
You may request certain books just ask Judi or Diane at the front desk

Games and Puzzles are available for kiddies (Ask at the front desk)

Yalgoo Hotel News

CHASE THE ACE

Every Thursday's between 6 & 8pm drawn between 8 & 9pm.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Yalgoo Shire

Depot and Equipment is

OFF LIMITS

Unless you have permission from the Works Forman or Chief Executive Officer

This applies to all residents for their own personal safety

Dog Registration

All dogs over 3 months of age and cats over 6 months must be registered and wear a registration tag and a disc showing the owner's name and address.

ALL dogs & Cats must be Microchipped.

Registrations are due on November 1, and can be obtained for a period of one or three years. Proof of sterilisation is required at the time of registration.

Applicants must be over 18 years of age. Reduced rates (50%) are available for Pensioner Concession Card holders.

If your cat or dog wanders from home, it may be picked up by the Shire Ranger and taken to the pound

Fees are imposed on all impounded animals and are payable to the Shire Council before the release of the animal.



- PLEASE NOTE -

After 72 hours, an impounded animal, (unregistered), if not claimed or released, is disposed of

Rip the feedback section and hand into the Shire office or place in Newsletter feedback box at the Yalgoo General Store Post Office.