



December 2023



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS NEWSLETTER

1. Words from Shire President
2. Words from the CEO
3. Christmas Party



Words from the Shire President



Hi All

Time seems to be going so fast, harvest is continuing with a few finishing soon and Christmas and end of year functions being celebrated.

There have been a few fires in the last couple of weeks and we thank everyone with their quick response and effort to extinguish these fires and mop them up. If you ever need information about where fires are or wondering what the smoke is around the place, please go to the Emergency WA website at 'emergency.wa.gov.au', this site shows any fires that are happening in WA including Prescribed Burns.

There will be a meeting at the beginning of February to discuss Community events and activities for the 2024 year. If anyone is interested and would like to be involved please contact the Shire Office.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy and joyous Christmas and New Year. Have a safe break and travels over the Christmas and January period and we will catch up with everyone at the Australia Day Breakfast which will have a number of new activities this year for families and the community.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

*Merry
Christmas*

A decorative graphic of holly leaves and berries, with green leaves and three red berries.

Dale Douglas
Shire President

Words from the CEO

Well another year is upon us and Christmas and New Year are so close. The Shire has been busy with Road Construction Works funded by Roads to Recovery and Local Roads Community Infrastructure Grants working on Kojonolakan, Trimmer and Flagstaff Roads and with general grading around the shire.

This month at Council, they have supported the Woodanilling P & C for Christmas in the Park with support of \$500 for the event. The Shire is excited to assist the community in such an event, so please make your way down to the Centenary Park at 4pm on the 16th December. The Shire was also successful in securing a grant from National Australia Day Council for \$10,000. This will assist in supporting the Australia Day event with the Citizenship Ceremony and annual breakfast, Morning Melodies, Smith & Weston band, face painting, waterslide, bouncy castle and food. Please look out for details for this event.

With fire season in full swing, we would like to make sure the community is bushfire plan ready. Please refer to <https://mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/> to make sure you are ready in an event. With this, it was great to see the support that the Shire received during a major fire event. We would like to thank the CWA ladies who turned up in the need for making sandwiches for the fire crew. It was great to see the quick response to assist from a community perspective. Thank you to Woolworths Katanning and Leanne and Matt Moulden from The Woody Shop for their assistance. You know when you are in a great community when fire responses are quick by our Brigade Members – we thank you for your service and unconditional support through any emergency but specifically on Friday with two events occurring at the same time. It is very much appreciated.

So with that, please look out for Santa coming your way, enjoy family, embrace that Christmas spirit and if you have the chance on the 16th December, come and celebrate in the Park.



Kellie Bartley
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS
OPENING HOURS

THE SHIRE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
Will be closed from
4pm Friday 22nd December 2023
and will re-open on
9.00am Wednesday 3rd January 2024

THE SHIRE DEPOT
Will be closed from
4pm Friday 22nd December 2023
and will re-open on
7am Wednesday 3rd January 2024



WHATS ON IN THE COMING MONTHS

- 8th December-** Painting of the train station
- 15th December-** Shire office closed - Christmas Party
- 16th December-** Christmas in the Park - 4pm
- 19th December-** Ordinary Council Meeting - 4pm
- 22nd December-** Shire office & Depot last business day for 2023 - 4pm close
- 25th December-** Christmas Day
- 26th December-** Boxing Day
- 1st January-** New Years Day
- 3rd January-** 9am Shire office & Depot return to normal business hours
- 26th January-** Australia Day Breakfast



JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Are you looking for a JP in Woodanilling.
Ray Baxter - 9823 1546
Russel Thomson - 0419 950 217
Peter Bartholomeusz - 0447 771 511
Stephen Jefferies - 9823 1508

TIP OPEN HOURS

Thursday - 9am - 1pm
Sunday - 2pm - 5pm

Shire Opening Hours

Office Hours - 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday - Friday
Receiving Hours - 9.00am to 4.00pm Monday - Friday



From the Woodanilling Principal,

The children have supported Kahlia Stephens with her Playgroup initiative to upgrade the artwork in the Skate Park. Students met with the artist to develop drawing and then went to the park to start some painting. They had lots of fun.

The students have been attending swimming lessons for the last two weeks and it has been wonderful to see their swimming and water awareness skills develop. As a reward for the end of the year, and participating to a high degree in their lessons they will be heading to the All Ages Playground for lunch and a milkshake after the lesson on Thursday 30th November.

Our End of Year Concert, to celebrate all we have achieved, will be held at the school on Wednesday 13th December at 3:30pm. Students and staff are busily preparing a play and songs, and we hope you can join us for this event.

The year is drawing to a close and it has been amazing. Thanks to our newly established and committed team who have worked hard to deliver a great program. The students have developed beyond our expectations as they engage with the high quality explicit teaching and learning we have delivered.

Our staff will remain the same for 2024, although I will be leaving to take up a principal position at Darkan PS. Woodanilling has had a big impact on me, and I will dearly miss the lovely students, amazing parents, dedicated team and the positive school culture that has blossomed.

Throughout 2023, we have all worked as a team to develop a strong strategic direction, and this was evident in our positive Public School Review. I feel that this will be a guiding force for the duration of the 2023 -2025 School Plan that has been developed. Ms Aleksandra Mutavdzic will be taking over the position of principal and brings with her many years of experience in leadership.

I wish everyone well, especially our Year Four students who will graduate and move into Katanning Primary School. It has been a pleasure to work in such a wonderful place. Stay safe and enjoy the festive season.

Michelle Williamson
Principal



We conducted a Bushfire Evacuation and then the children took turns using the hose and investigating the Fire truck.



CWA NEWS



It has been a year of great achievements for the CWA group which has expanded its numbers 100%. So good to welcome Brigitte, Liz and Colette. We have a few stalwarts in the background too who are always willing to step up when needed - as they did in preparing sandwiches for our wonderful voluntary firefighters last weekend. The camaraderie at this event was heart warming (a little dash of wine helped too LOL!!!)

We are now air conditioned, have a hot water system and back steps that mean a safe exit in emergency. Playgroup has continued with varying numbers but with an ethos of family sharing and caring. They are times to be treasured as kids grow up so quickly. Our ties with the Woodanilling School P & C has strengthened and is very important to our community.

Our next community event will be "Christmas in the Park" with the traditional sausage sizzle. I hope to see lots of you there on the 16th December. How quickly the year has come to this point so in closing, on behalf of all of us to all of you, a safe and happy Christmas, New Year and holiday season. See you in 2024!

Carpet Bowls



The competition has seen the emergence of a newcomer in Mike Turner in the lead. We don't play for "sheep stations" but the degree of seriousness sharpens with finals coming up. The usuals in Marj and Laurie will, no doubt, be up there too vying for the trophy that does exist but never materializes!!! Anyway, carpet bowls provides a good social outlet for us all.

If you are keen, we have bowls - just come and have a go. Best wishes to everyone for the Christmas season. We'll recommence in 2024 - stay tuned for the date and time.



PLAYGROUP

Playgroup meet weekly alternating between the school and CWA Cottage. If you would like to join or visit please contact Kahlia 0439 754 391.

CBH COMMUNITY GRASS ROOTS GRANT Workshops have now commenced alternating between the Skate Park and Golf Club. The artwork produced so far is outstanding and we are very excited to showcase the final masterpieces with the Community at the Woodanilling Christmas Tree in the Park on 16th Dec 2023.



Woodanilling Primary School P&C Association

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US
FOR THE ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS *Tree* PARTY in the park!

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER ~ 4.00 PM

CENTENARY PARK
WOODANILLING

SANTA'S ARRIVAL 5.45PM

YUMMY CWA SAUSAGE SIZZLE

WAGIN FUN-TASTIC FACES FACE PAINTING

SEA BREEZE ICE CREAM TRUCK

COLD DRINKS



If you would like your child to receive a gift from Santa, please wrap and clearly write the child's full name on the present & drop it to the Woody Shop before 5.00pm Friday 15th. \$15 limit applies.



community event - all ages welcome
please BYO alcohol, nibbles & picnic rug



PUBLIC NOTICE

Council Meetings for 2024

The Shire of Woodanilling has resolved that Council Meetings will be held on the following dates in 2024:

No Meeting held in January 2024

20 February 2024

19 March 2024

16 April 2024

21 May 2024

18 June 2024

16 July 2024

20 August 2024

17 September 2024

15 October 2024

19 November 2024

17 December 2024

All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers, 3316 Robinson Road, Woodanilling. One of these meeting dates will be held at an alternative location, to be decided within the district.

For further information, please contact the Shire Office on 9823 1506 or by email:

shire@woodanilling.wa.gov.au

Kellie Bartley

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

25 October 2023



Public Notice

Mains water supply cannot be guaranteed during a bushfire

Water Corporation is prepared for bushfire season. However, we cannot guarantee that water pressure or water supply will be maintained in the event of a bushfire. Extreme demand, fire damage and power cuts can all result in a total loss of water.

If you plan to stay and defend your property during a bushfire, you must have your own independent water supply and pumping capability. You cannot rely on mains water.

Details and resources about how to prepare for bushfire season can be found at mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au. For warnings and advice visit emergency.wa.gov.au.

watercorporation.com.au



FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT



FIGHTING A FIRE CAN QUICKLY TURN INTO A VERY DANGEROUS, LIFE THREATENING SITUATION. There is a very good chance you will be on your own as firefighters may be too busy fighting fires on the frontline to help defend your property, and it is highly likely that the water and electricity to your property will be shut off. The heat will be intense. **Think about it; is your life, or the lives of your family worth risking?**



EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO BE COMPLETELY PREPARED TO STAY AND DEFEND:

If you are planning to stay and defend fill out this checklist to ensure you are completely prepared, and prepare your house and property before a bushfire threatens to reduce fire spread.

- An independent water supply of at least 20,000 litres – the mains water will likely be shut off.
- A generator (>1.5kVA) and sufficient fuel to power a pump – the electricity is likely to be shut off.
- A firefighting or pressure pump that can operate up to 400lpm and is shielded from high temperature.
- At least two hoses with metal hose fittings (so they won't melt) that are long enough to reach all parts of your house.
- Bury plastic water pipes where possible, so they won't melt.
- Ladders for inside and outside the house to reach gutters and roof space.
- Metal rakes and shovels to break up burning materials.
- Knapsack or garden backpack spray unit to help put out spot fires.
- Cotton mops and metal buckets to put out embers.
- Protective clothing, masks, gloves, boots and hat/helmet for everyone.
- Emergency kit.

For more information visit
dfes.wa.gov.au/bushfire

or contact DFES Community Preparedness:
Community.Preparedness@dfes.wa.gov.au
or **9395 9816**



GOT **15 MINUTES** TO BURN?

Creating a bushfire plan takes just 15 minutes
and is the best way to keep your household safe.

My Bushfire Plan

Available on the
App Store

GET IT ON
Google Play

HOW **FIREPROOF** IS YOUR PLAN?

Create or update your bushfire plan today.

Visit mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au or download the app.



Peter Rundle MLA
MEMBER FOR ROE

Narrogin Office
PO Box 378
Narrogin WA 6312

Ph: 08 9881 1225

Esperance Office
107 Dempster St
Esperance WA 6450

Ph: 08 9071 6555

@PeterRundleMLA facebook.com PeterRundleRoe

E: Peter.rundle@mp.wa.gov.au | www.peterrundle.com.au



Home Maintenance & Renovations

Call Greg



Phone (08) 98 211 471
Fax (08) 98 211 473
A/H Emergencies
0427 017 462

3/114 Clive Street
PO Box 841
KATANNING WA 6317

www.kojonupvethospital.com.au
kvc@kojonupvethospital.com.au

Find us on
Facebook



All Good Refund Depot

20A Tavistock Street
Wagin WA 6315

9am - 1pm Thurs, Fri & Sat
Phone 08 9861 2500
Drop Off & Pick up Hotline
0439 956 175



NEATCARE TREE SERVICES

TREE LOPPING & PRUNING

Email: sales@neatcare.com.au
neatcaretreeservices.com.au

Neatcare Tree Services

0409 782 628

For all your mechanical repairs and servicing call
your local mechanic Bob Hyndman Ph: 0438 441
390



Woodanilling Spreading Service
Spreading service for Woodanilling & surrounding areas.
Load cells & GPS, Loader lime, Super, Urea. Pick up from
CSBP Wagin available



Phone: Tim Brown
0418 470 920 or 9823 1115
timothy.brown@bigpond.com

BAD BOY MOWERS

viewing available

152 Beaufort St, Katanning

0459 977 449



THE INDUSTRY STANDARD FOR ZERO-TURN MOWERS

48" DECK	54" DECK	60" DECK
Kohler KT740 725cc 25 hp	Kohler KT745 747cc 26 hp	Kohler KT745 747cc 26 hp
\$12,999 <small>INC GST</small>	\$13,695 <small>INC GST</small>	\$14,295 <small>INC GST</small>

Front axle suspension and seat suspension make the elite range a very smooth ride.

48 and 54 inch deck size machines in stock and ready to go now.

Included in the sale will be a free 1st service and free delivery!!

Total Ag Centre are a family owned and operated business by husband and wife team Kahlia and Damien Stephens.

With over 15 years machinery dealership industry experience, we are well placed to service and support a wide range of agricultural machinery, from small fixed plant to large modern broadacre equipment in a 200 km radius from Katanning.

Our business has grown to develop Total Ag Centre as a local dealership for the KIOTI range of 26hp -140hp tractors and equipment. With full backup and support from PFG Australia we are bringing the full range of quality KIOTI products to the local region. Including and not limited to the Versatile K9 series UTV's up to the premium large platform HX Series. Along with a wide range of attachments for slashing, hoeing, digging or mowing to suit farming, horticulture, property maintenance and grounds care needs.

We are pleased to offer both kioti products and service, as well as maintenance and service to an extensive range of existing customer machinery, particularly Agrifac sprayers. Additionally, all makes of hay and harvest maintenance and breakdown support, as well as being fully licensed air conditioning repair agent.

After sales parts and service support available from our dealership based in Katanning.

Visit our newly launched website at www.totalagcentre.com.au

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3rd Angela Owen	13th Eva Wise	24th Jaylin Harward
5th David Hislop	14th Rick Wise	25th Rhys Mader
6th Penny Shackley	14th Tim Brown	25th Bridget Powell
7th Kyeisha Hayward	15th Tony Boulton	25th Heather Thaxton
7th Nicholas Wilcox	15th Alex Douglas	27th Vaughan Baker
7th Sheila Hughes	15th Lara Owen	29th Charlie Bessell-Browne
8th Mark Hislop	16th Donald Carter	30th Lucy Quartermaine
11th Marilyn Mills	17th Mal Baxter	
11th Joseph Shackley	18th Josh Kippin	
13th Amy Bolt	21st Tex Wise	
17th Rae Davison	22nd Cathi Bessell-Browne	



We would love to see new suggestions and ideas for the Wongi.

Do you know someone with an upcoming milestone or a

new local to have their birthday added to our calendar or ad put into the Wongi. Perhaps you would like to place an add or make a comment or let us know something interesting.

Email- shire@woodanilling.wa.gov.au with your comments, suggestions and updates

Hannah Wilson
3316 Robinson Rd
WOODANILLING WA 6316
Phone: 9823 1506
NEW IDEAS ENCOURAGED!!

NEXT WONGI - November
Deadline for Articles - 15th November

Advertising Rates 2023/2024

The below rates are for an A4 page size and in black & white (per month)

Full page \$66.00

Half page \$33.00

1/4 page \$16.50

Business card \$8.25

if you would like to advertise your business in the Wongi, please email
cso2@woodanilling.wa.gov.au

DISCLAIMER

Due to the Trade Practices Act 1974, this publication accepts no responsibility for the accuracy or reliability of the contributors or advertisers. The publisher reserves the right to refuse matter considered unsuitable.

The opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Shire of Woodanilling or the Wongi Volunteers