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# SHIRE NOTES



Keep these critical steps in mind to stay safe and keep in touch if an emergency disrupts internet and phone connectivity:

## 1. nbn's priority

First and foremost, we want to ensure people are safe. This means that our highest priority is to maintain and restore the nbn® network, ensuring that communities remain connected, particularly with emergency services.

## 2. Safety-critical devices

If you require a safety critical device to work during a power outage or nbn outage, such as a medical alarm, fire alarm, lift phone, home phone and other health monitoring devices, nbn recommends you speak to your device supplier about the best solution for ongoing service continuity.

## 3. Restoration times

Depending on the severity of the impact, restoration times may vary, and repairs could be necessary in multiple locations.

## 4. In extreme scenarios

nbn's investments are designed to deliver a more resilient nbn network, even if one part is affected, the overall network remains operational. We work with emergency services to ensure we prioritise service restoration promptly, deploying temporary resources and assisting impacted communities as soon as safety permits.

## 5. Power reliance

The nbn network requires power at multiple points, and backup power is crucial for continuity. Ensuring power resilience is a collaborative effort involving power providers, nbn, and the community, including residential, business and government customers.

# SHIRE NOTES

## STAY CONNECTED: CRUCIAL POINTERS FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION DURING EMERGENCIES

### TIP 1: Be prepared



If it is important for you and your business or community group to always remain connected, consider exploring alternative communication and power solutions and regularly test these to ensure they function effectively during emergencies. Additionally, it's also essential to understand your local council's emergency management plans and know where to go in times of crisis.

### TIP 2: Stay mobile



Create an emergency kit with a fully charged mobile phone and a portable battery pack. This will be invaluable during power outages or if your nbn network connection is affected. Remember to conserve battery by turning off mobile data for unnecessary apps.

### TIP 3: Stay updated



During emergencies, local radio provides crucial information. Include a battery-powered radio in your emergency kit. Additionally, follow emergency services on social and news channels, including State Fire and Rescue, Police, and services like nbn (@NBN\_Australia).

### TIP 4: Backup



Ensure you can access critical information and essential documents from anywhere. Consider creating digital backups on a USB drive or in the cloud. These documents may include insurance policies and financial records.

## RECONNECTION OF YOUR NBN SERVICE AFTER AN EMERGENCY

If you've been affected by an emergency event and your nbn network service is down, follow these steps once it's safe to enter your premise - whether that's your residence, business, community group, enterprise, or any other location:



**1. Check your power:** First, ensure that your power has been restored.



**2. Visually inspect the nbn equipment:** If it is safe to do so, visually check for any obvious signs of damage such as damaged cables coming into your premise or antennas on your roof - i.e., has fallen and is laying on the ground or ripped up by tree roots. Check the lights that are on the nbn equipment - it may have been damaged during the event.



**3. If you find equipment issues or still have no nbn network connection:** Please contact your provider who can test your service, address any issues within their control, and arrange for an nbn approved technician to assist if necessary.

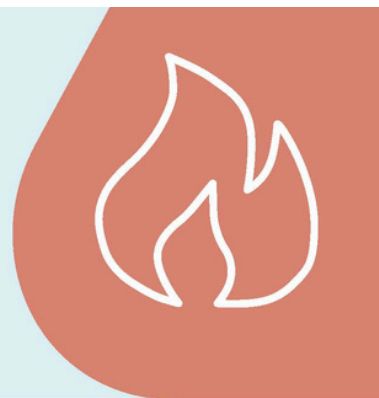
For more information, visit:  
[nbn.com.au/Emergency](https://nbn.com.au/Emergency) or [nbn.com.au/Outages](https://nbn.com.au/Outages)



# SHIRE NOTES

## Water supply in a bushfire

This information could save your life



While leaving high-risk bushfires is the safest option, if you plan to stay and defend your home, you must have an **INDEPENDENT** water supply and pumping capability. This typically requires water tanks of at least 20,000 litres, pump and generator.

This is required as mains water supply and pressure cannot be guaranteed during a bushfire due to the risk of power cuts, fire damage and extreme demand.

Use the Department of Fire and Emergency Services resources to develop your personal bushfire plan: [mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au](https://mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au)  
You can also download the My Bushfire Plan app via the App Store or Google Play to access your bushfire plan anytime - even without an internet connection.

To support bushfire plans, if you have groundwater bore access to surface water, you can take and store emergency water without it counting against your annual entitlement. For more information on this, and for the location of emergency bushfire water supplies in dryland agricultural areas, visit the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation website.

### Drinking water

We recommend you keep a supply of drinking water on hand throughout summer in case your water supply is interrupted.

### Assistance for customers affected by bushfire

After a bushfire, we can assist you with issues such as damaged water meters and payment difficulties. If you have been affected by bushfire please call us on **13 13 85**.

The Emergency WA website [emergency.wa.gov.au](https://emergency.wa.gov.au) provides emergency information and community safety warnings. Call **000** in a life-threatening emergency or the SES **132 500** for emergency assistance.



# SHIRE NOTES

## Fire fighting and water supply

A message for fire fighters



### What to do in an emergency

Before you hook into the water supply system, **call us on 13 13 75** (24 hours).

If we know where you're headed, we may be able to help maintain supply or provide an alternative location that has better pressure.

#### Reminder to the community

Please help us spread the word that you cannot rely on mains water during a bushfire due to the risk of power cuts, fire damage and extreme demand.

#### Hydrant location

If you are unsure where the closest hydrants are located, please contact DFES or our Operations Centre on 13 13 75, who will provide you with the exact locations.

#### Broken hydrants

Any issues with hydrants should be reported to DFES to ensure repairs are made.

#### Testing

Please contact us before testing hydrants in your area as it may cause nearby properties to experience discoloured water.

Before you hook into the water supply  
call us 24 hours on **13 13 75**



## 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](https://mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au)**. For warnings and advice visit **[emergency.wa.gov.au](https://emergency.wa.gov.au)**.

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## WORDS FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

A lot has been happening in our community since the last Wongi! From markets with a car display to the Melbourne Cup function, bushfire breakfasts, and another Sundowner, it's been a busy and vibrant time. Well done to everyone who helped make these events a success. Let's keep supporting our fantastic community!

Harvest is in full swing, so here's a reminder to stay vigilant on the roads. There's an increase in heavy trucks and wide machinery moving about—please take care.

There's been plenty of discussion about renewable energy, particularly wind turbines. If you hear about any developments in your area, please ensure you keep your Local Council informed with any details.

Since Telstra switched off the 3G network, some areas have experienced reduced coverage, slower data speeds, and weaker signal strength. If you're affected, please email us at ([shire@woodanilling.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@woodanilling.wa.gov.au)) or contact the Shire. A form is available further down to report specific areas where coverage or speeds have declined.

It's that time of year again for nominations for the Australia Day and Shire Recognition Awards! If you know an individual or group that has made an outstanding contribution to our community, please nominate them. Forms are available at the Woody Store, Shire Office, or online on the Shire's website.

As we approach Christmas and the New Year, we wish you all the best for the holiday season. Enjoy this special time with loved ones, and stay safe.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Cr Dale Douglas  
Shire President



# SHIRE NOTES

## WORDS FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Happy November,

With the Christmas / New Year period almost upon us, the Shire of Woodanilling is excited to share updates on the ongoing enhancements to Centenary Park, made possible through the current round of Local Road and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) grant funding.

We are committed to ensuring Centenary Park remains a vibrant, accessible hub for the community to enjoy.

Key improvements currently include:

- **Refurbishing the Lawns:** Local contractors have been engaged to restore the lawns through thorough weeding, verticutting, aerating the soil, and applying topdressing.
- **Public Toilet Upgrades:** To enhance cleanliness and safety, a non-slip Epoxy coating will be applied to the concrete floors of the public toilet facilities. This improvement will also make maintenance more efficient for our dedicated team.
- **Landscaping Improvements:** Leading into the festive season, landscaping works will be carried out to enhance the gardens and park surrounds, providing a refreshed and welcoming space for all.
- **New and Refurbished Picnic Tables:** In partnership with the Woodanilling Men's Shed, two new wooden picnic tables will be built, and the existing ones will be refurbished, offering improved amenities for park visitors.

Future stages of the Project:

- **Playground Revitalisation:** The Shire is in the process of preparing a Lotterywest grant submission to fund a new playground and soft-fall surface. This major stage of the project is contingent on being successful in the grant submission which we hope to know about in February next year.

Mr Paul Hanlon  
Chief Executive Officer



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## WORDS FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Keep an eye out for these exciting changes as they unfold, and join us in celebrating the improvements during your next visit to the park!

I am also very proud to say that we now have 99% of our approximately 120 Bush Fire Volunteers trained through the DFES Rural Fire Awareness training. This is a fantastic effort from all volunteers involved and my particular thanks goes to our Community Emergency Services Manager Cindy Pearce and Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Evan Hall and Captains for driving these high standards.

Have a great December and stay safe as the weather warms up.

Mr Paul Hanlon  
Chief Executive Officer



# SHIRE NOTES

## SHIRE OF WOODANILLING CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

# CHRISTMAS CLOSURE



Shire of Woodanilling Administration Office will be closed from 4pm Friday 20th December 2024 and will reopen at 9:00am on Monday 6th January 2025.

The Woodanilling Refuse and Recycling Site will only be open during this period on the following days.

Thursday, **26th** December 2024 from **9am to 1pm**

Thursday, **2nd** January 2025 from **9am to 1pm**

Saturday, **4th** January 2025 from **12pm to 5pm**



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# SHIRE NOTES

## 2025 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Woodanilling Shire wishes to advise the following dates for the  
2025 Ordinary Meetings of Council starting at 4pm

18 February 2025

18 March 2025

15 April 2025

20 May 2025

17 June 2025

15 July 2025

19 August 2025

16 September 2025

21 October 2025

18 November 2025

16 December 2025



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## COMMUNITY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Community Citizen of the Year Awards provide a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge individuals making outstanding contributions to the local community throughout 2024. All award winners will be announced at the 2025 Australia Day Breakfast. Nominations are invited for contributions to various areas, including education, health, fundraising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sport, arts, the environment, social inclusion, or any other initiatives that enhance the advancement and wellbeing of our community.

Nominations are open for the following Citizen of the Year Award categories:

- Community Citizen of the Year
- Senior Community Citizen of the Year (65 years or over)
- Young Community Citizen of the Year (under 25 years)
- Active Citizenship (Community Group or Event)

Nominations for the 2025 Community Citizen of the Year Awards opened on September 1, 2024, and will remain open until December 13, 2024. You can submit nominations via the Shire website under Community Awards, or by contacting the Shire by phone at 9823 1506 or via email at [shire@woodanilling.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@woodanilling.wa.gov.au) to request a nomination form.

Additionally, nominations are also open for the Shire of Woodanilling's Community Long Service Award, with forms available on the Shire website.

Let's celebrate those who make a difference in our community!



# COMMUNITY

## WOODANILLING PLAYGROUP

Woodanilling Playgroup meet weekly alternating between the CWA cottage and School. Visitors and new members welcome. This month we will be doing lots of Christmas based craft and weather depending, some water play.

If you would like to join in at anytime please head to our Facebook page for updates or contact Kahlia 0439 754 391.



# COMMUNITY

## TOM CURTAIN



**TOM CURTAIN TOUR - WOODANILLING OVAL**

**SATURDAY 1ST  
FEB 2025**

The show is entertaining, engaging, interactive and family-friendly, and consists of:

- 1 hour Katherine Outback Experience Show of real horse training and working dog demonstrations including plenty of hands-on fun for the kids!
- 2 hours of live music by Tom Curtain, Laura Frank and Chris Matthews.

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More information through humanitix or search event through Facebook. Tickets available to pre purchase online. Door sales available. Gates open 5:30pm. Event ends 9:00pm.

# COMMUNITY

WOODANILLING PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY

# CHRISTMAS *tree party*

Music by  
**SMITH & WESTON**  
FACE PAINTING!

**IN THE PARK!**

CHRISTMAS SHOOT  
BY KR PHOTOGRAPHY!



SPECIAL GUEST *Santa* ARRIVES AT 5.45PM

**DECEMBER 14, 2024 AT 4.00 PM**

**CENTENARY PARK, WOODANILLING**

**Slow cooked meat  
& gravy rolls!**

**cold drinks**

**BYO alcohol, chair  
or picnic blanket**

**Lolly Bags &  
Icy Poles!**

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 13TH. \$15 LIMIT APPLIES.



# COMMUNITY

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## WOODANILLING CWA

Since the Art Exhibition in September we've participated at the Woody Woodpickers' Markets with the usual tea, coffee and cake stall. We have upcoming catering events in December to wind down the year.

Our little cottage has again been blessed with the sounds of little feet with Playgroup resuming after an interrupted third term. It's a cosy and cool meeting place for the children and young Mums.

Robyn Ennor has commenced sewing sessions on Wednesday mornings and a small group had attended so far. Robyn has a depth of sewing knowledge to share from patchwork to dressmaking and embroidery. 10.00 start. Stay for as long as you like until 12.00.

Thanks to all members and the community for your support and remember - meetings are held on the third Monday of the month. Our thoughts are to trial evening meetings next year. Any suggestions on this, let us know.




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## SHORT MAT BOWLS

A few regular attendees have been enjoying our Monday afternoons at the Rec Centre and despite cries of "Woody!" meaning the bowl has hit the wood (not good) and "It's off!" (also not good)- there has been some improvement in the ranks. Our sessions culminate in a welcome cuppa and cake courtesy of the amazing Maureen.



2.00 is the time - see you there.

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## GAMES DAY AT THE REC CENTRE

Looking for a fun way to spend your Monday afternoons? Join us every Monday from 2-4pm at the Rec Centre for Games Day! Mike and Marion Taylor will be hosting a variety of board games and card games. For just \$3, enjoy a relaxing afternoon with tea and biscuits included. Come alone or bring a friend—everyone is welcome!



# COMMUNITY

## WOODY WOODPICKERS

I will kick off with the Woody Woodpickers Market Day, wow what a lovely turn out of stunning cars, Woody Woodpickers and Colin truly appreciate all the effort that our fellow vehicle enthusiasts went too.

The stall holders, a huge thank you to each and everyone of you for supporting our Towns little market day. My behind the scenes helpers thank you kindly. The gold coin tin raised \$375 for our Woody men's shed, well done to the boys for cooking up a storm on the Stato back end BBQ. All in all it was a great day.

Will see you all again at our February Farming Market Day on February 1st, (all farming equipment welcome) Location TBA.



# COMMUNITY

## WOODY WOODPICKERS

Woody Melbourne Cup Luncheon:

Now onto our Melbourne Cup Luncheon, what a wonderful day was had by all.

The Fashion on the Field turned out a fair bit of fun and a good laugh with all, well done to our 5 winners, you all looked amazing. The array of food on offer was outstanding. A huge well done to Mrs Shackley on taking out the big win, also thank you for my lovely flowers and bringing a tear to my eye.

We raised \$250 for our Woody P&C. Again a massive thank you to all our behind the scenes helpers on such a successful day. See you again next year

Till next time, Sandy.





Colouring In Competition- Submit your entry to the Shire Office or email [shire@woodanilling.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@woodanilling.wa.gov.au)

We love to feature all children's drawings so please feel free.

**Please submit your name, age & contact details with your entry.**

# RECIPES

## CHRISTMAS GINGERBREAD TRUFFLES

### INGREDIENTS

1 1/2 cups gingerbread cookies, finely crushed  
1/2 cup cream cheese, softened  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger  
200g white chocolate, melted  
Red and green sprinkles for decoration

### Step 1

In a large bowl, combine the crushed gingerbread cookies, cream cheese, ground cinnamon, and ground ginger. Mix well until the mixture forms a dough-like consistency.

### Step 2

Roll the mixture into small balls (about 1 tablespoon each) and place them on a baking tray lined with parchment paper. Chill in the fridge for 20–30 minutes until firm.

### Step 3

Dip each truffle into the melted white chocolate, ensuring they are completely coated. Use a fork to lift them out and let the excess chocolate drip off.

### Step 4

Place the coated truffles back on the parchment paper and immediately sprinkle with red and green sprinkles before the chocolate sets.

### Step 5

Chill the truffles in the fridge until the chocolate is firm. Serve on a festive platter and enjoy these sweet Christmas treats!

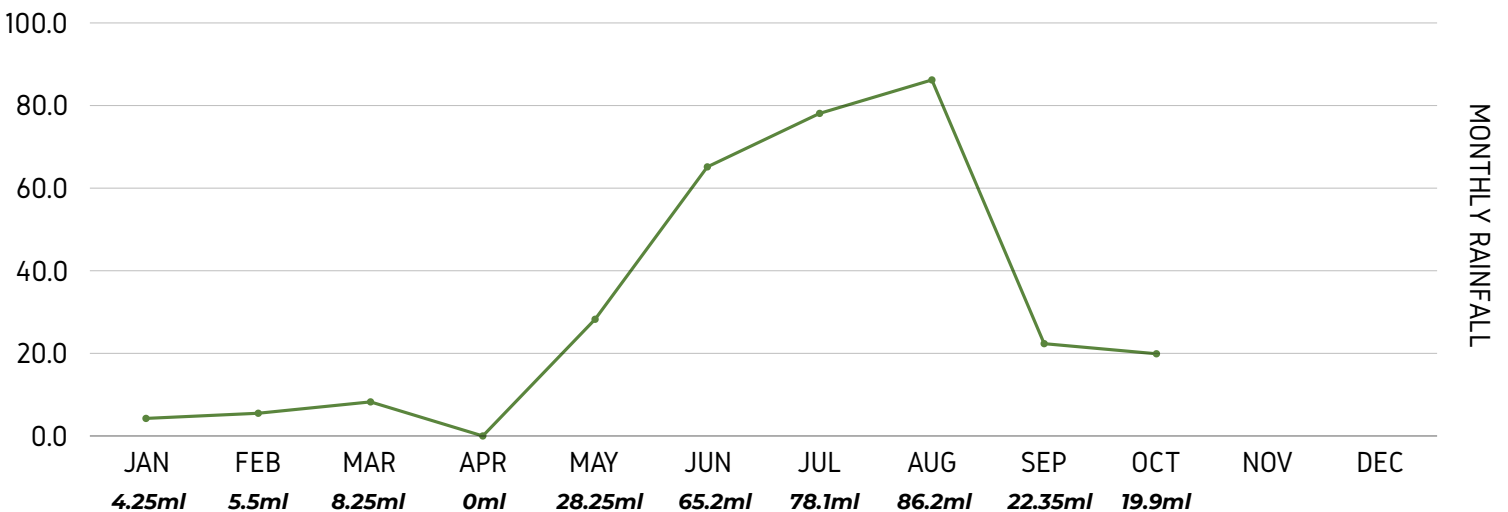
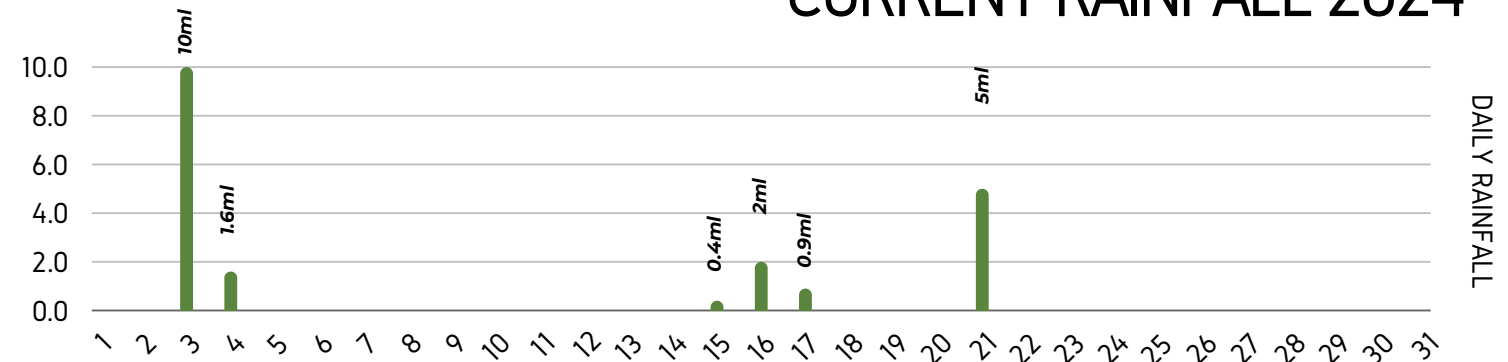


# COMMUNITY

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

## CURRENT RAINFALL 2024



Source: This information is provided by a local resident at their own property. This data is not intended to be part of an official record. All parties should conduct their own due diligence before relying on this information.



# COMMUNITY

## SHIRE EVENT CALENDAR

17th December	December Ordinary Council Meeting

## DEATH NOTICE

**Douglas Ian**

30.12.1935 – 15.11.2024

With deepest sadness we announce the passing of our Father, Papa and friend Ian ‘Dougo’ Douglas. Much loved husband of Barb (dec), Loving and supportive Dad and friend of Dale, Fiona, Jamie and Ross, Father-in-law to Alex, Anthony and Jules, Papa to nine grandchildren. Reunited with Barb. Forever in our hearts. Rest Peacefully.



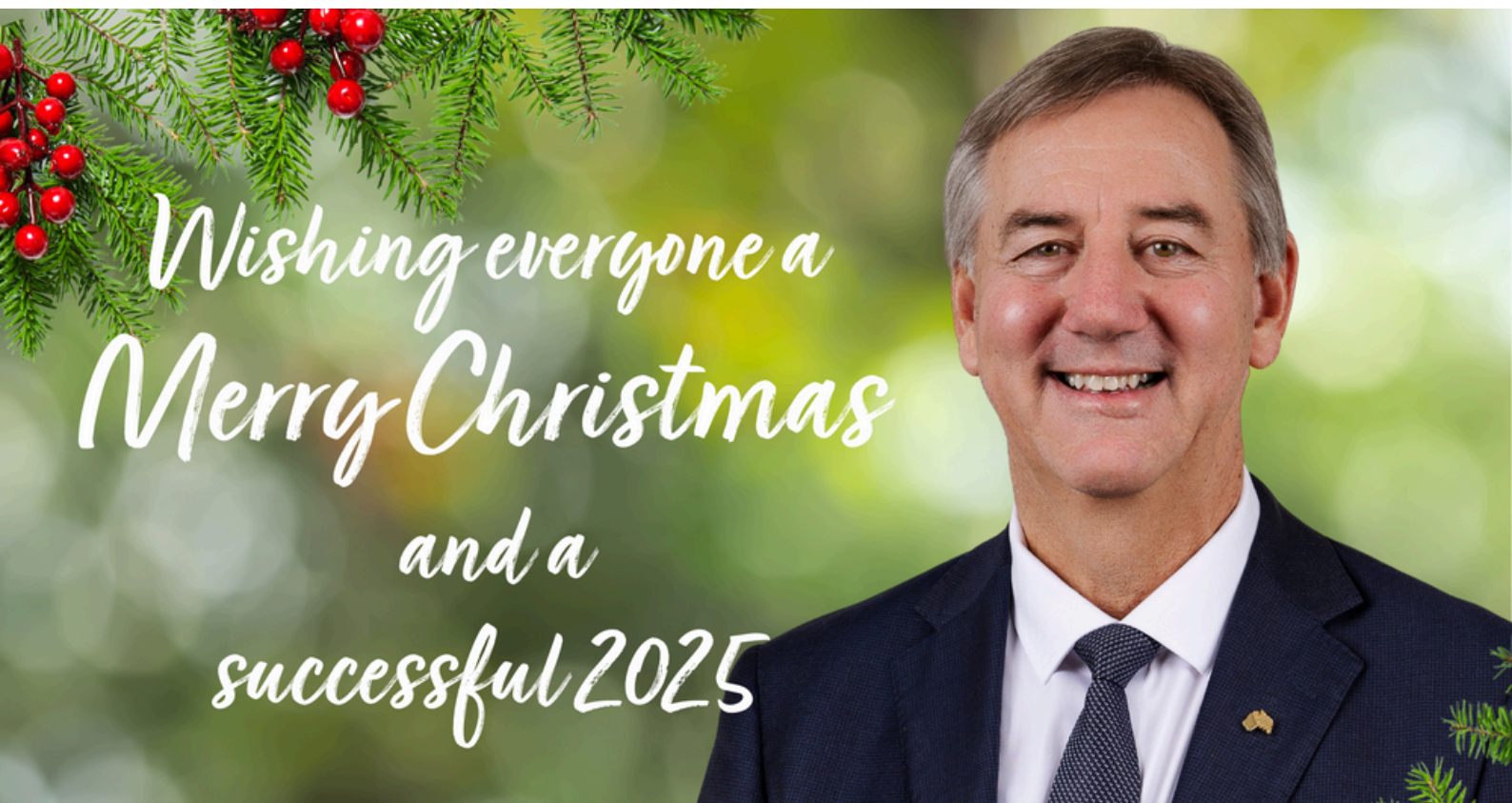


**Contact your local Area Manager, Chloe Turner**

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**Shires of Boyup Brook, Katanning, Kojonup, Wagin and Woodanilling.**

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# ON FARM DEMO'S AVAILABLE

Stock units from all our brands are currently available for viewing at our Katanning branch.



Bad Boy



Deutz Fahr



Brookfield



Kioti

The 340hp Deutz-Fahr 9340 Warrior is available for On-farm demonstrations during and post harvest operations.

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## WONGI CONTRIBUTORS

All contributions are to be sent to the new Wongi email or to the volunteers listed below; or may be left at the Woodanilling Store in a box provided or handed into the Shire office. Any queries, comments or complaints are to be directed to the Wongi Volunteer.

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## WONGI CONTACT

For any inquiries, please contact Ciara Whitmore at 3316 Robinson Rd, Woodanilling WA 6316, or by phone at 9823 1506.



*NEW IDEAS ENCOURAGED!!*

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

By chance do you know someone with upcoming births, marriages, milestones, new locals to have their birthdays added or ad put into the Wongi. Any comments in passing, interesting activities happening in Woody?

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For black & white A4 advertisements per month:

Full page: \$66.00 - Half page: \$33.00 - 1/4 page: \$16.50 - Business card: \$8.25

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