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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND SHIRE PRESIDENT

As the year draws to a close, we are reminded of the incredible sense of community that makes Woodanilling such a wonderful place to call home.

As the President and CEO, we are immensely proud of not only the hard work of our Council and staff but also the invaluable contributions of community members who continue to dedicate their time and energy to making our Shire a better place to live.

2024 has been a busy year from community events including Australia Day and the Bloom Art Exhibition to the completion of important infrastructure projects. We have delivered a number of important road projects including the emergency works on Oxley Road, as well as gravel sheeting priority rural roads in the Shire. We have also managed to complete a number of important planning documents including the DRAFT Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan which is now available for public comment. Please have your say over the coming weeks, as we look to finalise the plan for adoption in February 2025.

On behalf of the community, as the Shire President, I would like to thank our CEO Mr Paul Hanlon for his contribution to Woodanilling as he has decided to take up a position in Queensland to move closer to family in February next year.

Looking ahead to 2025, we have a number of key projects still to finish before the end of the Financial Year. Thank you for your support and dedication to our beautiful community throughout the year. The festive season is a time to pause, reflect, and reconnect with what matters most including our family and friends.

On behalf of the Shire of Woodanilling, we wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. May your holiday season be filled with joy and laughter.

Cr Dale Douglas
Shire President



Mr Paul Hanlon
Chief Executive Officer



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2025 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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

11 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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DISCOVER OUR NEW VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADES WEBPAGE

We're excited to launch our new Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades webpage, designed to provide clear and essential information for current and prospective volunteers.

Here's what you'll find on the page:

- **Brigade Overview:** Learn about the role of our Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades and how they help protect the community.
- **Volunteer Requirements:** Find out what's needed to join and support the brigades.
- **Training Information:** Details on the required Rural Fire Awareness training and how to enrol.
- **SMS Alerts:** Sign up to receive important fire safety updates and notifications.
- **Contact Details and Resources:** Access useful links and connect with brigade leaders for further information.

This page is your one-stop shop for everything related to our bushfire brigades. Whether you're a volunteer or considering joining, it's the easiest way to stay informed.

Scan the QR code below to visit the page:



Stay informed, stay prepared, and learn how you can help protect Woodanilling from bushfires.



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BUSHFIRE INDUCTION FORM

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WHS Induction and Orientation – Bushfire Volunteers

Name of Inductee:		Brigade Position: eg Fire Fighter	
Name of Inductor:		Date of Induction:	

Ref #	Topic	Requirements	Yes	No	N/A	Your Initial to indicate that you understand and have read the requirement.
1	Work Health and Safety - Shire Code of Conduct and Bushfire Guidelines / SOPs. Shire Structure	The above Shire is committed to complying with the WHS legislation to provide a safe and healthy work environment for all employees, contractors, and volunteers. Safety is a shared responsibility with its success dependant on the cooperation and contribution of everyone involved in Shire activities. All concerns are to be reported to the Chief Bushfire Control Office, (CBFCO), Bushfire Control Officer (BFCO)Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM), Bushfire Control Officers (BFCO), or Chief Executive Office (CEO).				

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2	Personal Protective Equipment and Clothing	Working on the fire ground there is a minimum requirement. These are listed in your Shire SOPs. Bushfire Volunteers are urged to take care of the PPE provided and must be wearing PPE when attending incidents. Refer - SOP for further information.				
3	Basic Induction on a DFES / Shire Appliance	Volunteers are expected to familiarize themselves with the Shires / DFES appliance before use. Please contact the FCO/Captain of the brigade to run you through the familiarization. Volunteers using their own equipment on the fire ground must ensure they follow road traffic legislation at all times. If equipment is considered not appropriate the Incident Controller can request that it be removed from the fire ground.				
4	Standpipes / Fast Fill Trailers	Standpipes and Fast Fill Trailers are utilized to access water for fire suppression. Through your Brigades FCO/ Capt make yourselves familiar on how this equipment works. If you come across any issues when using this				

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		equipment notify your Brigades FCO/Capt.				
5	Medical / Wellness	Volunteers are required to be physically able to carry out the task allocated to them on the fire ground and manage their own fatigue levels through continual self-assessment. Volunteers shall advise the CBFCO, FCO / Capt or CESM immediately of any impairment to their ability to work safely. Refer - SOP for further information.				
6	Communications	A number of communication channels are utilized ON and OFF the fire ground. Make yourself familiar with the procedure. Refer – SOP for further information				
7	Training	An appropriate level of training and competency is required to carry out tasks safely. It is the responsibility of you as a volunteer to ensure you are working within their scope of competency and capability. If in doubt or unsure advice your CBFCO, FCO/ Capt or CESM immediately. Refer – SOPs for further information.				



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Handouts supplied to inductees should include Shire Code of Conduct and Bushfire SOPs, and the Bushfire Brigades Local Law, these Documents are available on the Shires website.

As the inductee, your signature below acknowledges that you have read, and understood and will follow the information provided in the WHS induction and orientation for Bushfire Volunteers. Prior to undertaking any work for the Local Government, you will clarify any queries you have in relation to the information provided either to the CBFCO, FCO or CESM.

Inductee comments / concerns	
Signature of Inductee:	
Date	
Signature and Date of Inductor:	

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MANDATORY TRAINING FOR BUSH FIRE VOLUNTEERS

If you want to join the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades, completing the Rural Fire Awareness training is mandatory. Without this training, you cannot assist on the fireground.

Why Training is Required

The Rural Fire Awareness training ensures that all volunteers:

- Understand fire safety protocols and how to work effectively during emergencies.
- Are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed for fireground operations.
- Help maintain a safe environment for everyone involved.

What the Training Covers

- Fire behaviour and safety practices.
- Roles and responsibilities on the fireground.
- How to respond effectively in fire emergencies.

Details about enrolling in the training are available on our Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades webpage.

No Training, No Fireground Access

If you want to volunteer, start by completing the training—it's essential for your safety and the safety of others.

Scan the QR code below to visit the webpage and learn more:



Take the first step to becoming a valuable part of Woodanilling's bushfire response team.

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HOW DO I KEEP INFORMED

How Do I Keep Informed?

Bushfire Fact Sheet

Take these four steps to help you keep informed about bushfires and emergencies near you.

1

Get connected – connected communities are safer communities

- Join a Bushfire Ready Group to get to know the risk in your local area
- Keep in contact with neighbours, friends and family, especially during high fire-risk days
- Talk to your local brigade or local government about how to prepare for a bushfire

2



Stay alert – If you can see or smell a bushfire – that's your warning

Your surroundings could be the best source of information. If you live in, or near bush, you need to stay alert. If there are signs of a bushfire you could be in danger. Act immediately to keep you and your family safe.

Understand that no warning system is foolproof.

Remember, fires can happen suddenly and change quickly, so don't rely on receiving a warning. It's your responsibility to stay informed and alert. Be flexible – get emergency information from multiple sources and never rely on any one source of information.

3

Monitor official warnings

Sign up ahead of the season to get notified of bushfire warnings on social media or via apps.

During an emergency monitor what's happening.

You can find bushfire alerts and warnings at:

www.emergency.wa.gov.au

13 3337 (13 DFES)

www.twitter.com/dfes_wa

www.facebook.com/dfeswa

RSS feeds – subscribe via www.emergency.wa.gov.au

ABC local radio or GPR emergency bulletins

Third party apps such as Emergency +, WALGA's LocalEye, DBCA Parks and Wildlife Alerts and National Bushfires

Please note that these apps are not provided by DFES and DFES can give no guarantee that they will notify you in an emergency.

4

Make sure your phone company has your up to date details

A telephone warning might be sent to your mobile phone or landline in extreme circumstances. This warning system (Emergency Alert) uses the address held by your phone company.

Keep your address details up to date with your phone company to give yourself the best chance of receiving a warning if one is issued.



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For more information visit dfes.wa.gov.au
or contact DFES Community Engagement – 9395 9816

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HOLIDAY CLOSURE



WOODANILLING SHIRE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CLOSURE

The Shire of Woodanilling Administration Office and Depot will close at **4:00 pm on Friday, 20 December 2024**, and the Administration office will reopen at **9:00 am on Monday, 6 January 2025**, Depot will reopen on **Tuesday, 7 January 2025**.

During this period, the **Woodanilling Refuse and Recycling Site** will operate on the following days:

- Saturday, 21 December 2024: 12:00pm - 5:00pm
- Sunday, 22 December 2024: 2:00pm - 5:00pm
- Thursday, 26 December 2024: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Thursday, 2 January 2025: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Saturday, 4 January 2025: 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

We appreciate your understanding and wish you a safe and joyful holiday season!

📞 Emergency Contacts During this time

Paul Hanlon - 0428 032 089

Chief Executive Officer

Jason Dinsdale - 0460 416 990

Leading Hand

📞 (08) 9823 1506

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UPDATE ON OVAL AND CENTENARY PARK

We want to share a quick update to the operation of the Woody Oval and Centenary Park lawns over the dry season. As I am sure you are all well aware, water is a precious commodity across our community. The winter rains did not fill our dams this year across the region including on our farms. As such, our town dam did not hit capacity even with pumping water daily from our town sump. This means, the Shire has to manage our water resources moving forward on our town green spaces including the Woody Oval and Centenary Park.

Woodanilling Oval

Due to the low utilisation of the oval in the dry months and larger surface area, we have made the decision to conserve our water resources utilising a Care and Maintenance approach to the oval. We will be applying a lower amount of water to the lawns which will help to keep the root system alive until conditions improve to grow our winter playing surface again. You may notice a significant colour change in the lawn, however this is to be expected in the dry, hot and windy conditions with a lower amount of water.



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Centenary Park

Due to the higher utilisation and smaller surface area, we have made the decision to concentrate the application of water on Centenary Park over the dry season.

This is an important space in the community over the summer months, with beautiful shaded trees and shaded playground. With the recent work to improve the lawn conditions and continued efforts to upgrade the facilities in the park, we are sure you will enjoy this space over the coming months. I would like to thank our contractors for the work they have done to date and for working with us to manage our green spaces in these difficult conditions.

Thank you for your understanding and please do not hesitate to contact the office should you have any questions,



Mr Paul Hanlon
Chief Executive Officer



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WOODANILLING TOWN TEAMS



JOIN THE WOODY TOWN TEAM PLANNING SESSION!

The Woody Town Team is here to inspire a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable community in Woodanilling. Together, we'll empower our local community to collaborate on revitalisation, improvement projects, and exciting activations.

Planning Session Details

Date: Thursday, 6th February

Location: Woodanilling Recreation Centre

Time: 6:30 PM

The purpose of this event is to introduce the Woodanilling Town Team concept to the community, Gather community input and Set priorities for action

Nibbles and drinks provided!



Come along, get involved, and discover how you can contribute to fantastic community projects and programs. Let's make Woodanilling a better place, together!

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WOODANILLING PLAYGROUP



MERRY CHRISTMAS

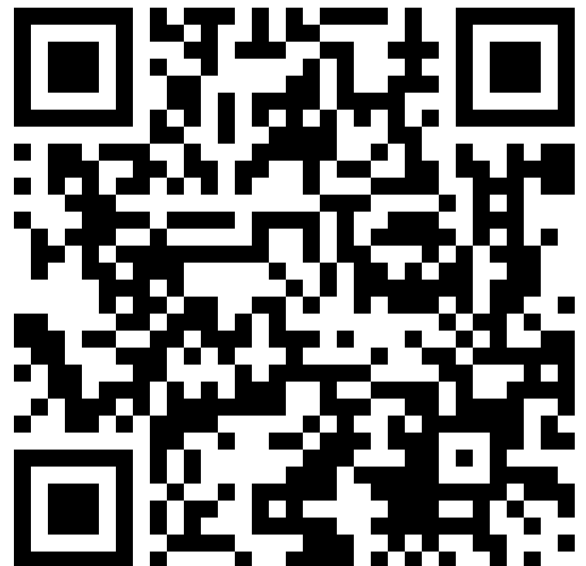
We would like to sincerely thank the CWA,
Shire of Woodanilling and Woodanilling
Primary School for supporting our families
throughout the year.

We wish everyone a safe and happy
Christmas and New Year.

We look forward to commencing back in
2025, creating memories and strengthening
relationships.

WOODANILLING PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Woodanilling Primary School Newsletter
is now being introduced on Sway! To View
simply double click the photo if you're
accessing the Wongi via phone or computer
scan the attached QR code.



COMMUNITY

CHRISTMAS TREE

The Woodanilling Christmas Tree Party in the Park brought festive cheer to the community once again this year! With Santa making his grand appearance (along with his trusty driver and helper), live entertainment, and activities for all ages, the event was a true celebration of the holiday spirit.

This year's event featured Lisa's Crafty Life, Smith & Weston, and KR Photography. Thank you to everyone who attended and celebrated the season with the community. Events like these highlight the strength and togetherness of the Woody, and we're thrilled to see such wonderful support for local celebrations. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!



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TOM CURTAIN



Good Life Tour

TOM CURTAIN

KATHERINE OUTBACK EXPERIENCE
 LAURA FRANK
 CHRIS MATTHEWS

WOODANILLING

SAT 1 FEB 2025

FAMILY FRIENDLY | 1 HR HORSE & DOG TRAINING SHOW | 2 HR LIVE MUSIC

WOODANILLING OVAL

GATES OPEN 5PM | PRE-EVENT MUSIC 5:30PM | OUTBACK SHOW 6PM

ONLINE TICKETS: ADULT: \$43 | SENIOR: \$38 | STUDENTS (6-17YR): \$28 | KIDS (5YR&U): FREE | FAMILY: \$127
 DOOR TICKETS (IF AVAIL.): ADULT: \$50 | SENIOR: \$45 | STUDENTS (6-17YR): \$35 | KIDS (5YR&U): FREE | FAMILY: \$154
 COMPANION CARDS ACCEPTED | FOOD AND DRINKS AVAIL | BYO CHAIRS | OUTDOOR EVENT

TICKETS: WWW.TOMCURTAIN.COM.AU





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WOODANILLING CWA

Another year has passed and we've celebrated our 90 years and CWA of WA's 100 years. It's been a productive one ending with a catering event at the Rec Centre for the West Coast Wags motor home group. They were most complementary of their Christmas dinner and might return next year.

Importantly, 2025 will see the formal launch of Woodanilling Town Team and CWA is a partner to this. Let's work together to tackle some community projects about town.

As mentioned last month, we are considering evening meetings which may entice more people to attend. Stay tuned for this. Our first meeting is always in February.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and happy New Year. See you in 2025!!



SHORT MAT BOWLS

We hope to relaunch in the New Year and welcome anyone to join. We've become rather a small band of bowlers and would love to enliven the competition with "new blood." It's fun and a social experience to brighten the day.



GAMES DAY AT THE REC CENTRE

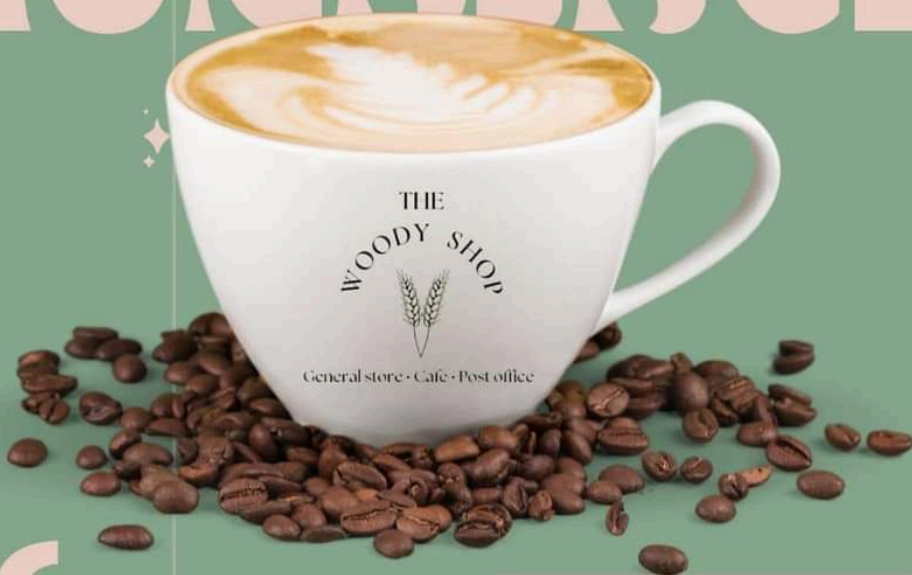
Looking for a fun way to spend your Monday afternoons? Join us every Monday from 2-4pm at the Rec Centre for Games Day! Mike and Marion Taylor will be hosting a variety of board games and card games. For just \$3, enjoy a relaxing afternoon with tea and biscuits included. Come alone or bring a friend—everyone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



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SUPPORT OUR LOCAL
WOODANILLING BUSINESS

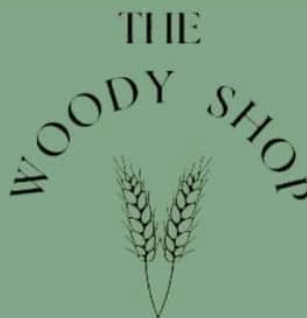
Social COFFEE MORNINGS



Start your day off right
with a freshly brewed
coffee and great company.

10.00am
every Thursday at

Customer loyalty cards
available.



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Colouring In Competition- Submit your entry to the Shire Office or email 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

PRAWN AND MANGO SALAD WITH LIME DRESSING

INGREDIENTS

500g (1 lb) cooked prawns,
peeled and deveined

2 ripe mangoes, sliced

1 avocado, sliced

1 cucumber, thinly sliced

1/4 red onion, thinly sliced

4 cups mixed salad greens

1/4 cup fresh coriander

leaves (optional)

For the dressing:

Juice of 2 limes

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon honey

Salt and pepper, to taste

Step 1:

In a large serving bowl, combine the cooked prawns, mango slices, avocado slices, cucumber, red onion, and mixed salad greens. Add coriander leaves if desired.

Step 2:

In a small bowl, whisk together the lime juice, olive oil, honey, salt, and pepper to create the dressing.

Step 3:

Drizzle the dressing over the salad and gently toss to combine, ensuring the prawns and mango are evenly coated.

Step 4:

Serve the salad immediately as a light, refreshing main dish or side.

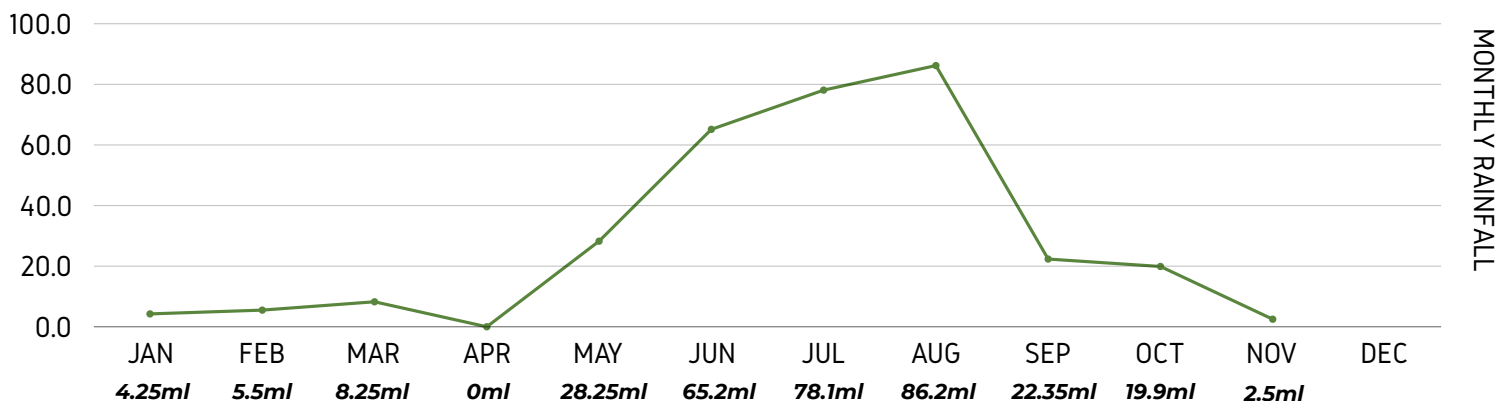
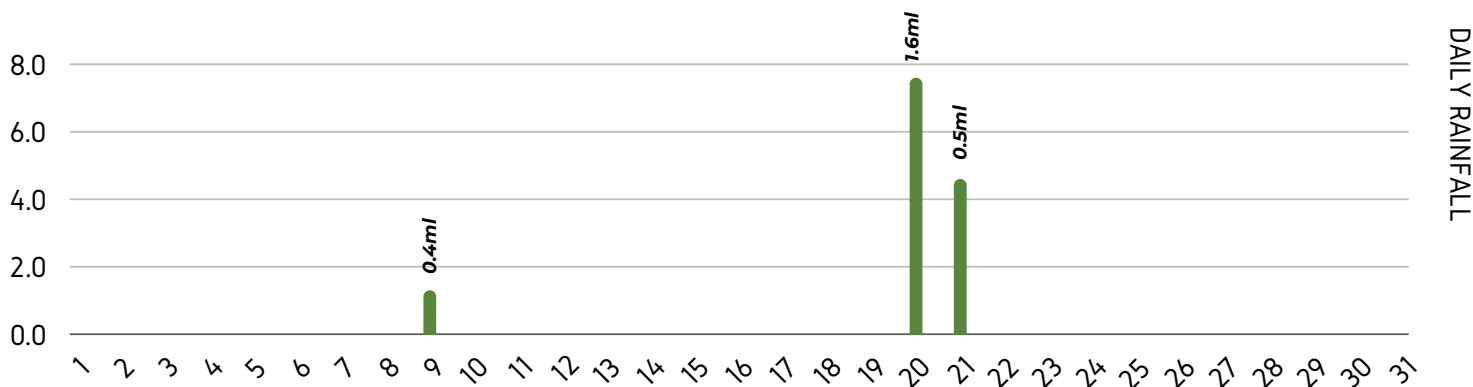


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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st Bonnie Eckersley	13th Mitchell Baxter	28th Serenity Shackley
2nd Kerry Crosby	15th Helle Crossley	29th Hugh McFarland
2nd Kevin Powell	18th Kahlia Stephens	30th Benjamin Wilhelm
2nd Pip Treloar	18th Morris Trimming	30th Shaun Shackley
5th Bryce Passfield	20th Damien Stephens	30th Sam Trimming
11th Lynette Carew-Reid	21st Julie Brown	30th Tegan Wise
12th Frank Mader	23rd Ian Garstone	

NOVEMBER 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.

SHIRE EVENT CALENDAR

26th Jan 2025	Australia Day
11th Feb 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting



Contact your local Area Manager, Chloe Turner

0447 469 245 cturner@summitfertz.com.au

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

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Wishing everyone a
Merry Christmas
and a
successful 2025

PETER RUNDLE MLA

MEMBER FOR ROE

DEPUTY LEADER OF THE NATIONALS WA

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Seasons greetings and endless gratitude. Thank you to our valued customers for supporting our family owned business.



Bad Boy



Deutz Fahr



Brookfield



Kioti

The team at Total Ag Centre would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas. May your New Year be productive and Fruitful

TOTAL AG CENTRE

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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.

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?

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

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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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