



MARCH 2025



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SHIRE NOTES

A MESSAGE FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

Well time does go quick, we are already in March.

I'll start with the big announcement in that Council has appointed Anika Serer as our new Chief Executive Officer and will commence her position on the 5th May 2025. Anika has a wealth of experience in Local Government and has spent a lot of her time in rural areas. I know everyone will make her welcome when she arrives.

We again had an extremely successful Australia Day event starting with breakfast and then continuing throughout the day with many different activities for both young and old. The day was supported by an Australia Day Grant.

Congratulations to the Australia Day Awards Recipients:

Active Citizen of the Year (Over 25); **Pauline Edgcumbe**

Community Group or Event: **Woody Stock – Bev and Greg Smith**

A big thank you to everyone that helped with organising and making things happen on the day. I'd like to make special mention to Hannah and Ciara for all the work they did in preparing and creating a great Community event.

Town Teams is now registered in Woodanilling and I would like to congratulate those involved in achieving this. I'll let them tell you all about themselves and some of the activities they have planned. I would like to specially thank the Woodanilling CWA for auspicing the group.

The Shire is carrying out several roadwork activities on our gravel and sealed roads for the next few months. Please be patient and obey the posted speed limits to keep our staff and contactors safe.

Council adopted the Strategic Community and Business Corporate Plans at a Special Meeting in February. This is the Communities Plan for the future and gives guidance and direction to the Council. Thank you to all those who contributed.

Stay safe.

Cr Dale Douglas
Shire President





SHIRE NOTES

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.



SHIRE NOTES

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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MANDATORY TRAINING FOR BUSH FIRE VOLUNTEERS

Any Fires lit are your Responsibility

28th February to 15th April - Permits are required for all fires lit during the restricted burning times and must be obtained from your local Fire Control Officer who will explain the conditions under which fires may be lit.

All firebreaks and fire hazard reduction measures had to be completed for all areas within the Shire of Woodanilling by 15th November and must now be maintained at that standard until 15th April.

add the officer



SHIRE NOTES

COMMUNITY WATCH

Ideally, we would like Woodanilling to be a welcoming, safe and secure place for everyone. Especially leading into the Holidays. As a community we can improve our personal safety and household security by reporting suspicious behaviour and sharing information that helps build awareness. We strongly encourage reporting of crime or suspicious activity in your area to Police or Crime Stoppers.

Crime Stoppers—1800 333 000

You can report information about criminal activity to the Crime Stoppers hotline or visit www.wa.crimestoppers.com.au to report online.

EASTER CLOSURE

The Shire office will be closed on Friday 18 April, and will remain closed on Monday 21 April, Tuesday 22 April, and Friday 25 April for the Easter and ANZAC Day public holidays. The office will be open on Wednesday 23 April and Thursday 24 April, with normal operations resuming on Monday 28 April.

The depot will be open only on Thursday 24 April during this period, with normal services resuming on Tuesday 29 April.

We thank you for your patience and wish everyone a safe and restful Easter and ANZAC Day.





COMMUNITY

WOODANILLING CWA

On behalf of the CWA in Woodanilling, I would like to thank the community for their support in 2024 as we look back on a busy year for its few members. We are a very small group of around 6 to 9 members but managed to complete some worthwhile activities in Woodanilling and surrounding areas.

In 2024, we:

- Helped CWA Wagin with catering at the Wagin Woolorama
- Helped Leanne clean the Woody Shop fridges and shelves before opening to the public
- Assisted with the Big Morning High Tea at the Woody Shop
- Supported Woody P&C with their Katanning Show fundraiser and Christmas party sausage sizzle
- Catered for two funerals, the ANZAC Day morning tea, and the Woodanilling Art Exhibition opening night
- Held three market cake stalls
- Catered for 17 West Coast Caravanners Club Christmas dinners
- Ran a mosaic planter box workshop at the CWA Cottage

We also opened our doors to several groups and individuals including Playgroup, Tutoring, and Robyn's Sewing Group.

In 2025, we've already answered a call-out from the Wagin Fire Brigade, with three members volunteering at the Wedgecarrup Hall—serving lunch one day and supplying snack packs the next. We also returned to Wagin for Woolorama, where five members helped with catering over two days. CWA Woodanilling has agreed to support the new Town Team Action Group by holding insurance cover and facilitating use of one of our bank accounts.

If you think you'd like to make a difference in Woodanilling, please come and join us. We meet in the third week of each month at the CWA Cottage—we'd love to welcome new members.

Colette Annice

Secretary / Treasurer

☎ 0488 711 272





COMMUNITY

WOODANILLING CWA

Well, Autumn is certainly living up to its unpredictable weather nature! We've had welcome rain, some unwelcome heat—and time just keeps flying.

Our small group has already pitched in at the Wagin Woolorama, and we're now turning our attention to ANZAC Day. As usual, we'll gather at the War Memorial at 9:15 AM on 25th April, and we invite the whole community to join us.

After the service, morning tea will be served in the Town Hall. The CWA will provide savoury foods, but we'd love any contributions of cakes or sweet things from our wonderful community bakers.

See you there!

Cheers Pauline



SHORT MAT BOWLS

Our year commenced at the start of February and we welcome any newcomers to come along and have a go! We can find you bowls if needed and the guarantee of a laugh and a cuppa afterwards. Mondays 2.00p.m. See you there!!



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

WELCOME TO WOODY ACTION!

This group has finally come into existence within the Town Team Movement. It represents the community and promotes positive collaboration within the local government network. Anyone is welcome to join and participate in activities planned to enhance our town.

Our group was registered with the State body of Town Team and Ralph Thomas was elected as Chair at our recent meeting. His task is overall liaison officer in an informal model whereby members of the town can put forward projects for consideration and approval. Some projects may cost and we have a small budget via a Woodanilling Shire grant. Others may be in the nature of tree planting where helpers are called for. It is proposed that a core group representing the various community groups can be contacted as needs arise e.g. where costs need to be considered. Certain activities will be covered by our modest insurance policy.

Annabel Paulley put forward a project for next year called, "The Adventures of Woodanilling Nature Nerds." This sounds like fun for all of those interested in the flora and fauna of our environment. She will apply for a grant to finance this. Stay tuned for more detail.

Other projects suggested are:-

- Painting the pavilion – could be a fundraiser. No cost to Woody Action.
- Car Boot sales
- Melbourne Cup luncheon
- Tree planting
- Dancing lessons in the Town Hall
- New entrance banners - each of the community groups to decorate their own
- An annual event e.g as per Bloom Festival in September
- Upgrade history trails
- Movie Night
- Kids' Disco
- Sundowners

If you have other suggestions, put them forward and let's get this town on the map!



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WOODY ACTION BY RALPH THOMAS

A recent community meeting to discuss the future of the Town Team which will support community events, was held at the Woodanilling Shop.

I was elected to act as Chairperson and Liaison officer, and as my wife Wendy and I have recently moved into the area I thought I would give you some of my background.

We are both Founder and Life Members of the Machinery Preservation Club Inc of WA. established in 1982. I am also a long time State Representative for the National Historical Machinery Association Inc. We also ran the Cornish Association of WA for many years until its closure. As enthusiasts, collectors and restorers of vintage machinery, we have attended many vintage rallies, both in WA and the Eastern States, representing the MPC and WA.

Being born in Cornwall, UK, I am also a Bard of the Cornish Gorsedd, awarded for my work for Cornwall outside of Cornwall. I am hoping our experiences will be of some benefit to the future and success of 'Woody Action'.

Should anyone have any idea or project they think will be of benefit to the local community, I suggest that you contact myself in the first instance. It will then be my job to bring it to the attention of the committee for appraisal. On acceptance, please be aware that the instigator will be responsible to champion the project, with support from the committee.

My wife Wendy and I look forward to our involvement with the Woodanilling residents, so please feel free to give me a call or just drop in for a visit at " Pendeen", 10 Carlton Street.

Remember 'Woody Action' will only be as good as the effort to which we contribute.

Contact details:

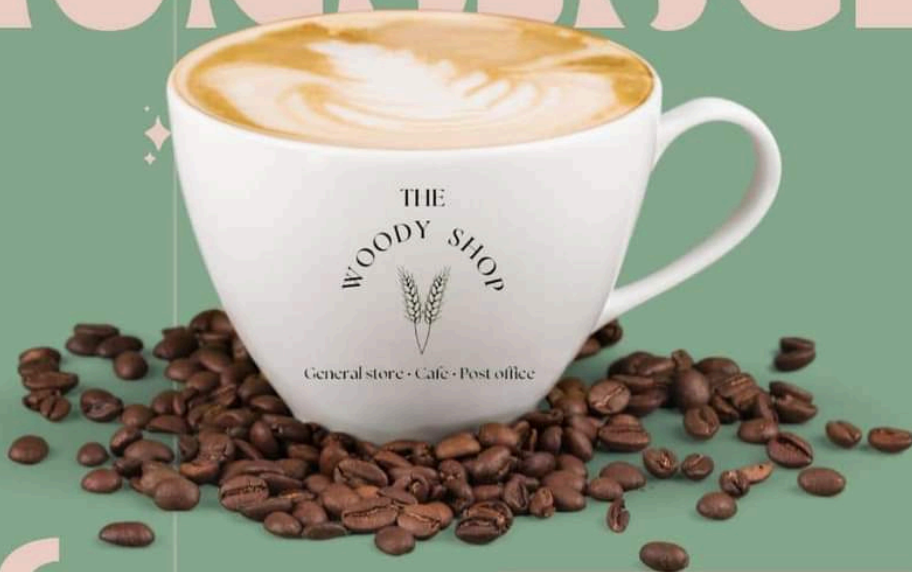
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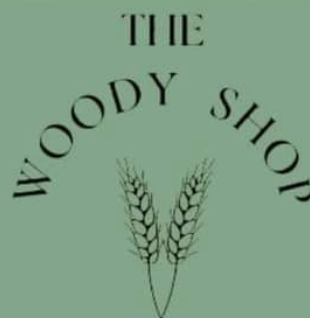
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RECIPES

ROAST PUMPKIN & FETA SALAD WITH HONEY BALSAMIC DRESSING

INGREDIENTS

For the salad:

- ½ a medium butternut pumpkin (about 800g), peeled and cubed
- Olive oil
- Salt & pepper
- 100g feta cheese, crumbled
- ¼ cup pepitas (pumpkin seeds) or walnuts
- A handful of rocket or baby spinach
- Optional: ½ red onion, thinly sliced and lightly pickled in vinegar

For the dressing:

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 tsp honey
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- Salt & pepper to taste

Step 1:

Preheat oven to 200°C (fan-forced).

Step 2:

Toss pumpkin cubes in olive oil, salt, and pepper. Spread on a baking tray and roast for 25–30 minutes until golden and tender.

Step 3:

While pumpkin roasts, toast pepitas or walnuts in a dry pan for a few minutes until fragrant (watch closely so they don't burn).

Step 4:

Make the dressing: whisk together olive oil, balsamic, honey, mustard, and a pinch of salt and pepper.

Step 5:

Assemble the salad: layer roasted pumpkin, rocket or spinach, crumbled feta, toasted nuts/seeds, and onion if using. Drizzle with dressing just before serving.





COMMUNITY

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st Brooke Dellacqua	16th Danielle Perrie
4th Pauline Mader	17th Marieka Wilson
4th Ivan Kippin	19th Wayne Shackley
7th Jessica Trimming	25th Lesley Trimming
7th Darren Severin	26th Tim Bolt
8th James Shackley	29th Leanne Moulden
12th Wendy Bessell-Browne	

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



Contact your local Area Manager, Chloe Turner

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

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*Wishing everyone a
Merry Christmas
and a
successful 2025*

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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

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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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