



Woodanilling Wongi

APRIL/MAY 2025



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SHIRE NOTES

A SPECIAL EDITION OF THE WONGI

You might've noticed we held off on releasing April's Wongi—and for good reason! We wanted to give our new CEO, Anika Serer, the chance to include a special welcome message in this edition.

So this Wongi covers both April and May, and moving forward, we'll be back to our usual schedule with the June Wongi landing at the end of the month.

We apologise for the inconsistency over the past few editions, but now that things are settling in, you can expect your Wongi to arrive with much better consistency. Thanks for your patience and continued support!



SHIRE NOTES

A MESSAGE FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

The year is racing by and we are in the last part of autumn, with the days getting shorter and the nights cooler and great to see seeding is well under way. Hopefully we will get some more rain soon. We extend a warm welcome to our new CEO Anika Serer who commenced at the Shire on Monday 5th May. We hope you enjoy your time in our friendly community of Woodanilling. Please say hi if you see Anika around.

ANZAC Day was again very successful with around ninety people in attendance. Thank you to all that attended. I especially would like to thank the Katanning Scouts for their participation in the formalities on the day and the CWA for providing wreaths and morning tea. It is always great to see both young and old attending this event.

The oval has been again has been planted down with ryegrass and is looking really good in readiness for the hockey season.

The Shire is in budget preparation mode. If you have any suggestions of items for the next twelve months to be included in budget deliberations, please drop into the office and fill out the form.

Under the new Local Government Acts and Guidelines, the Shire needs to have an Independent Chairperson for our Audit Committee. If you think you might be interested and wish to find out more, please contact the Shire or myself for more information.

What a year for elections, we had the State and Federal elections, 2025 is also a Local Government election year. There are three councillor positions coming up this year and if you would like to represent your community, I strongly encourage you to consider nominating as a councillor for the Shire of Woodanilling. Nominations open in August.

There are a lot of roadworks happening at the moment. Please be careful and obey the posted speed limits to keep our workers, contractors and road users safe.

Stay safe.

Cr Dale Douglas
Shire President



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In my first week as the new CEO at the Shire, it has been great to hit the ground running and thank you for the warm welcome from Council, staff and the community I have met so far.

A little bit about me...I have moved to Woody with my horses and dog from Pinjarra, where I was the Executive Director of Peel Alliance (a formal partnership between the five Local Governments and other leadership organisations) for six years. Prior to that, I was a Director at the Shire of Ashburton for 8 years, residing in sunny Tom Price. Whilst the move to Woody may seem a big change, I grew up in Wagin and am really enjoying rediscovering the country that was a big part of my childhood and very special to me.

It will be a busy few months ahead, with the road works programme in full swing and budget planning for the next financial year. I look forward to getting to meet and know everyone soon.

Kind regards

Anika Serer

Chief Executive Officer



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WOODANILLING ANZAC SERVICE

This year's ANZAC Day service was a heartfelt and memorable occasion for the Woodanilling community. With a strong turnout, locals gathered at the War Memorial to pause, reflect, and honour the bravery and sacrifice of our servicemen and women. The spirit of remembrance was truly alive as we came together to acknowledge the past and show our continued respect.

A sincere thank you goes to Shire President Cr Dale Douglas for leading the service with dignity and care. Marj Winstanley delivered The Ode, and Marion Taylor offered a heartfelt prayer. The Katanning Scouts were also a standout presence, respectfully marching and raising the flag as part of the ceremony—thank you for your contribution and pride in service.

Special thanks must also go to Let's Talk Flowers for their beautiful wreath.

Following the service, the Woodanilling CWA provided a warm and welcoming morning tea. Their delicious spread, friendly smiles, and incredible effort created the perfect space for the community to come together in reflection and conversation. We are so grateful for all that they do.

To everyone who attended—thank you. Your presence made this year's ANZAC Day one of togetherness, remembrance, and shared pride.

Lest we forget.



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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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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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Once a month

Press the test button on your smoke alarm for up to 10 seconds until you hear the alarm sound. If the alarm does not sound, try putting in a different battery or replace the smoke alarm.

Every year

Clean your smoke alarms

Use a vacuum cleaner with a soft brush to gently clean dust and dirt from your smoke alarm.

Cleaning your smoke alarm helps stop false alarms and makes sure smoke can reach the sensor.

Replace the battery every year, if needed

All smoke alarms have batteries, even smoke alarms connected to mains power.

Replace the battery in smoke alarms that use a 9-volt alkaline battery. Smoke alarms with a non-removable lithium battery will have a warning label saying not to replace the battery.

If you're unsure about the battery type, ask the smoke alarm manufacturer.

Every 10 years

Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years

Smoke alarms do not last forever. Their sensitivity decreases over time, making them unreliable. Replace them every 10 years.



Test your alarms once a month.



Clean your smoke alarms every year.



Replace the battery every year, if needed.



Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years.

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How do I change a battery?

1. Identify what type of alarm you have

All smoke alarms come with batteries. Even those connected to the mains power have a back-up battery for power outages.

The battery could be a non-removable lithium battery that lasts the entire 10-year life of the alarm. This means you don't need to replace the battery every year.

Alternatively, the battery could be a replaceable 9-volt alkaline battery.

Smoke alarms with a 10-year non-removable lithium battery will have a warning label stating the battery is not to be replaced.

2. Turn off the mains power (for mains-powered alarms)

Turn off the mains power at your meter box (fuse box) before changing the battery in a mains-powered alarm. The green light on the alarm will go out and the red light will flash.

3. Remove the smoke alarm from its base

Smoke alarms are attached to the ceiling with a base. To remove the alarm, you might need to press a button, twist and pull, or slide it off. Check the manufacturer's instructions for your model.

4. Replace the old battery

If you can take out the batteries, change them once a year.

5. Turn on the mains power (for mains-powered alarms)

Turn on the mains power at your meter box (fuse box). The green light on the alarm will come back on.

6. Test the smoke alarm

Test the smoke alarm again, by pressing the test button until you hear the alarm sound. If you do not hear the alarm sound, try putting in a different battery or replace the smoke alarm.



Mains-powered smoke alarm

10-year lithium battery alarm

9-volt alkaline battery smoke alarm

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What do I do if my smoke alarm is beeping?

If your smoke alarm beeps, it needs maintenance or replacement. Don't ignore it.

Contaminated detection chamber

Dust and cobwebs can make smoke alarms beep by blocking sensors or affecting the battery connections.

Use a vacuum cleaner with a soft brush to gently clean dust and dirt from your smoke alarm.

Low power

10-year lithium battery models

If the alarm beeps about once per minute and the red light flashes, the lithium battery is low, and you need to replace the smoke alarm.

9-volt alkaline battery models

When the battery is low, the smoke alarm beeps and red light flashes about once every 30 to 60 seconds. Replace the battery and then press the test button to ensure the smoke alarm is functioning properly.

Replace the battery once a year for best results.

Mains-powered smoke alarms with a 10-year lithium rechargeable back-up battery

If the alarm beeps and red light flashes every 30 to 60 seconds, the battery back-up is low.

First, check and reset the circuit breaker in your home. Then check the indicators again. If you're unsure, contact a licensed electrician.

The alarm may beep after a power outage if the battery is low. Once power is restored, the beeping should stop within 2 hours as the battery recharges. If the beeping continues after 2 hours with the green light on, contact the smoke alarm manufacturer for assistance.

Mains-powered smoke alarms with a 9-volt alkaline battery back up

Replace the backup battery when the smoke alarm beeps and red light flashes about once every 30 to 60 seconds. Check the manufacturer's instructions for the right battery type. Use high-quality, long-lasting batteries.

When to replace smoke alarms

If your smoke alarm continues to beep after cleaning and replacing the battery, it's likely faulty or too old and needs to be replaced.

All smoke alarms and heat alarms must be replaced every 10 years.



Install smoke alarms in every sleeping area, living room, hallway, stairway, and garage.



Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.



Always use a licensed electrician when installing mains-powered smoke alarms.

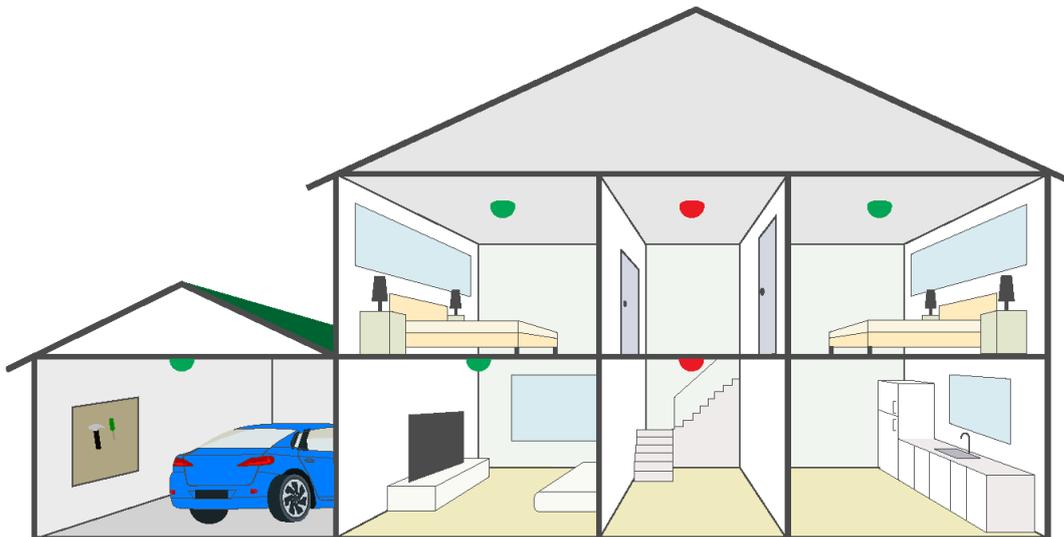


Interconnect your smoke alarms, so when one alarm detects a fire, all alarms sound.

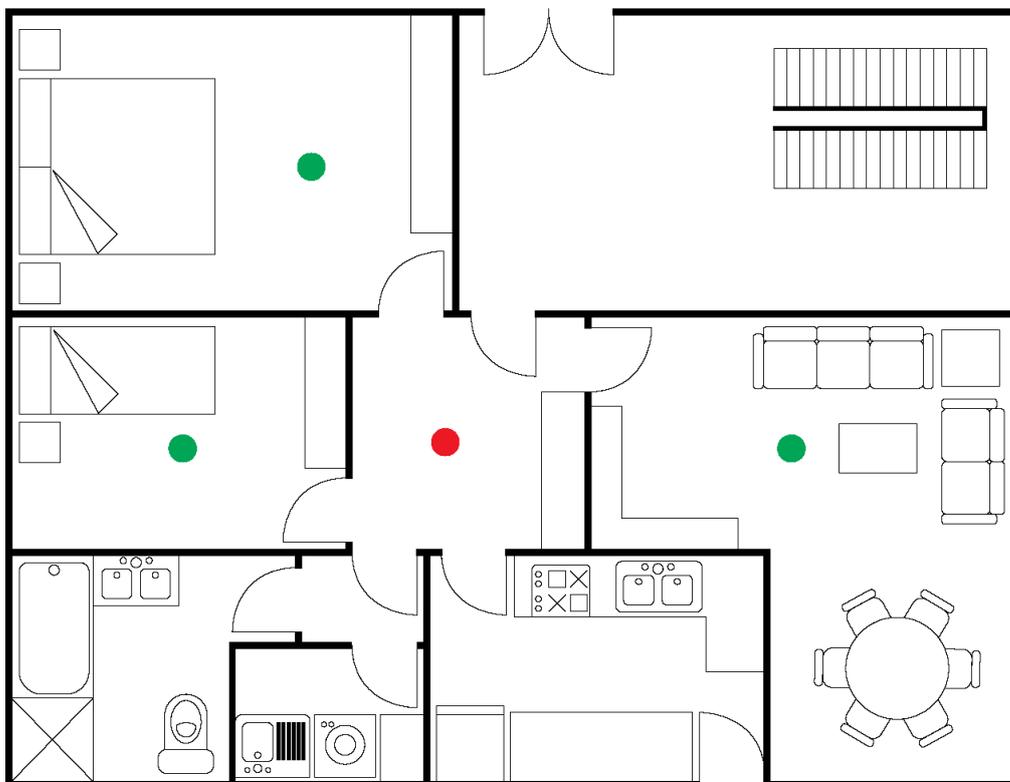
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Multi-level floor plan



Two-bedroom apartment



Key

- Smoke alarms for the minimum legal requirement
- Recommended smoke alarm placement for best protection

COMMUNITY

WOODANILLING CWA

CWA meetings are on 3rd Monday of the month at the CWA Cottage.



SHORT MAT BOWLS

Short Mat Bowls is at the Rec Centre at 2.00p.m. on Monday afternoons.



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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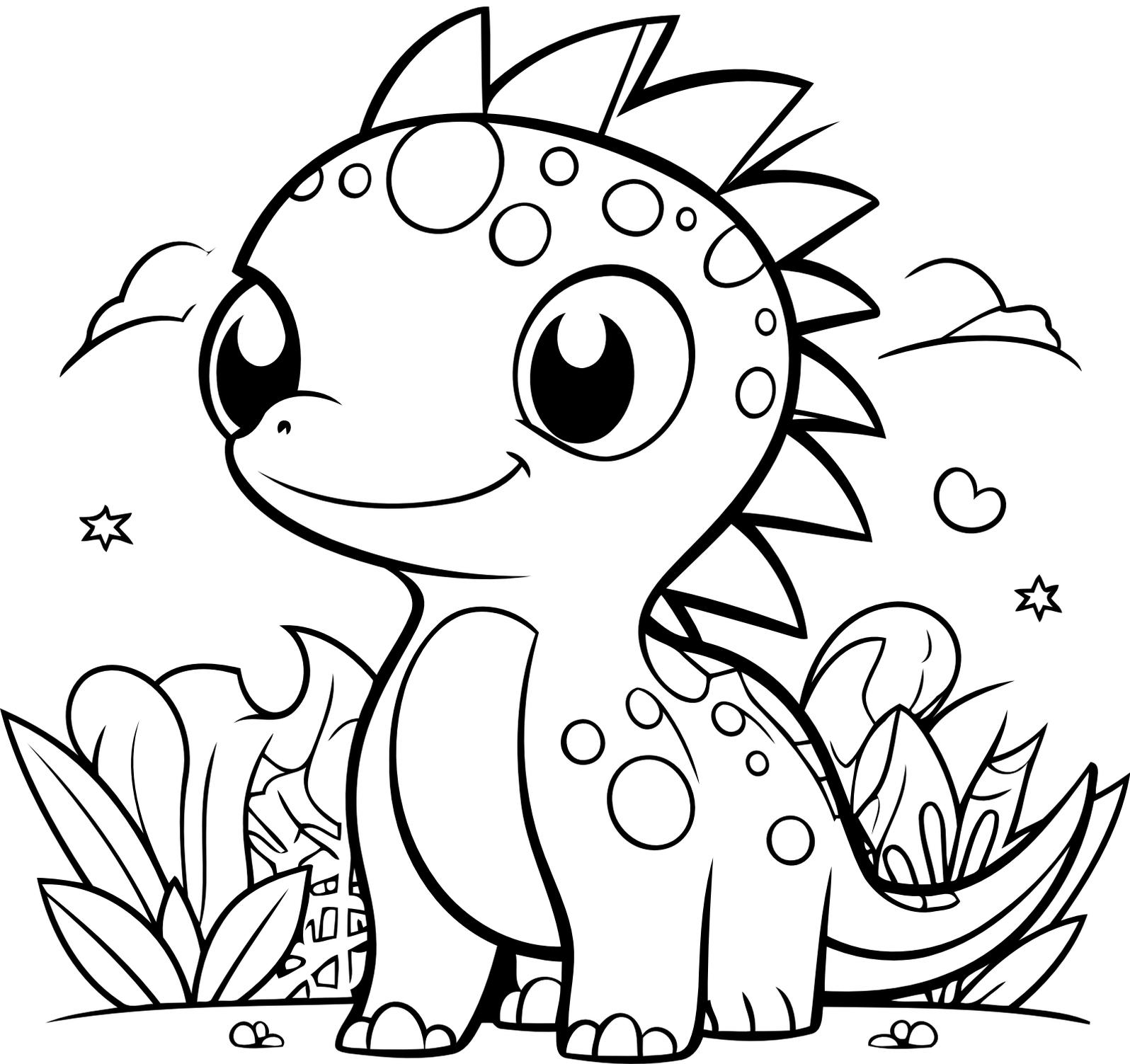
Wagin Woodanilling Landcare Update



Wagin Woodanilling Landcare Zone (WWLZ) has submitted several funding applications in a bid to keep operating in the region. The first application is for \$450,000 of State Government Natural Resource Management (NRM) money to fund a large fencing and revegetation project for 3 years from 2026.

If successful, the landcare group would work with multiple farmers in Wagin and Woodanilling to plant native tree and shrub species plus some saltbush to combat salt problems and waterlogging, revegetate creeklines, provide additional habitat for native birds and animals, and install stock shelter belts. The funding would also cover the wages of a new project officer for 2.5 days per week over the 3 years.

A second application to the State NRM was for a small project in Woodanilling whereby local residents would work with a botanist to compile personalized and detailed catalogues of flora and fauna in the area. Up to 5 residents would be trained in native seed collection processes and acquire seed collecting licences. Participants in the project would revegetate a former gravel reserve and help local farmers involved in the large project plant trees on their properties. To enable Wagin Woodanilling Landcare to fund a full-time project officer, the group collaborated with Katanning Landcare in a Federal Government funding application under the Climate Smart Initiative. This would cover another 2.5 days per week wages and provide other programs for the project officer to roll out with farmers in both shires. Wagin Woodanilling Landcare will be advised between now and September if the funding applications have been successful or not.



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.



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MAY BIRTHDAYS

5th Lydia Wise	14th Carli Eckersley	24th Jane Morrell
7th Daniel Kippin	16th Jeanette Moulden	27th Lee Bessell-Browne
8th Jarrad Hill	17th Tracey Kippin	29th Gilbert Watson
9th Jaqueline Stade	19th Peter Tredinnick	29th Karina Watshon
10th Hannah Moore	20th Stephanie Sampson	30th Kayde Bessell-Browne
13th Louise Moulden	21st Digby Patterson	
14th Haylee Eckersley	23rd Wayne Cooper	

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1st Karen Bessell-Browne	19th Rachel Crosby	29th Todd Dunstan
2nd Alexander Brown	22nd Fleur Roberston	30th Maxine Doak
2nd Bindi Murray	23rd Marg Thomson	30th Julene Cronin
7th Dave Moulden	24th Russell Doak	30th Ann Passfield
12th Jayden Bolt	24th Wendy Hall	
13th John Murray	25th Johnston Kerr	
15th Kym Smith	26th Billy Wise	
15th Gary Edwards	28th Molly Crossley	

SHIRE EVENT CALENDAR

20 th May 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting
17 th June 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting



GERALDTON
Murray Simkin
0429 947 919



COOROW
Juliet McDonald
0429 945 332



MOORA
Alana Alexander
0417 490 047



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Sariha Marais
0429 579 541



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Kobus Marais
0427 766 508



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0427 788 521



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0429 934 243



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David Hull
0477 923 684



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Brett Coxon
0427 766 508



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Matt Ryan
0408 092 355



ESPERANCE (E)
Nick Donkin
0428 715 045



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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?

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

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