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SHIRE NOTES

WOODANILLING ART EXHIBITION/ BLOOM FESTIVAL 2025

The Shire of Woodanilling is proud to host the Woodanilling Art Exhibition as part of this year's Bloom Festival.

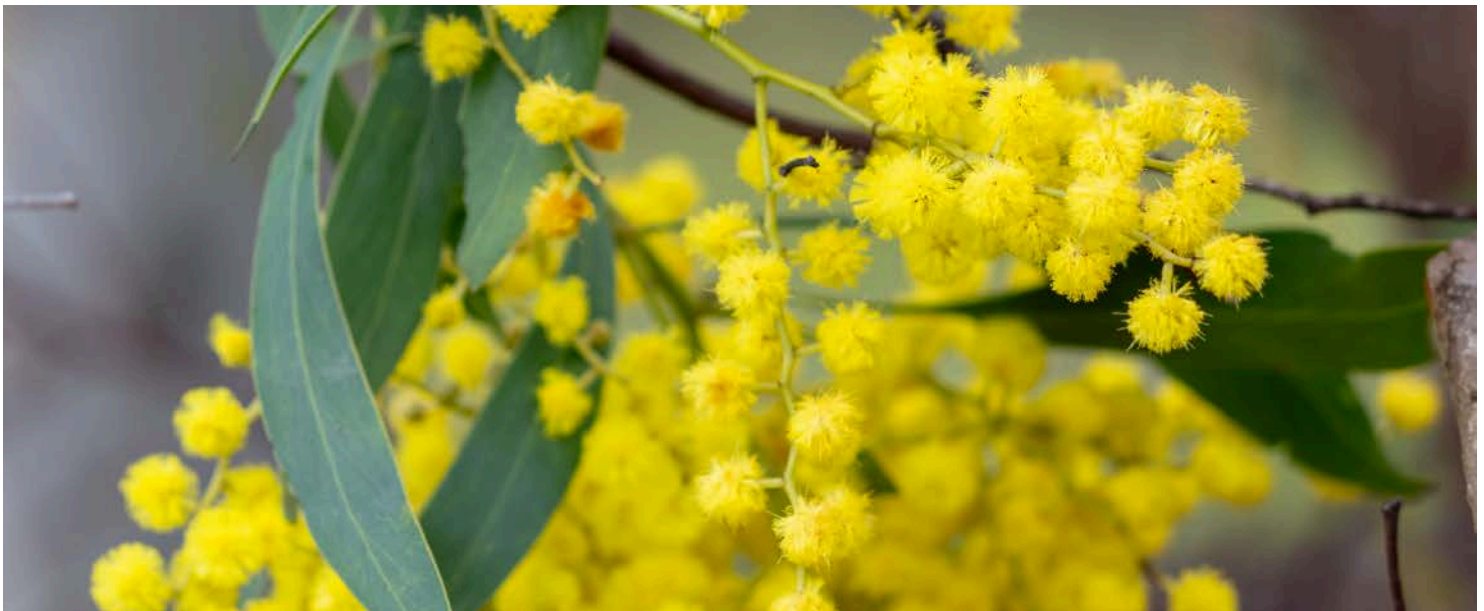
The exhibition will open on Friday, 26 September at 6:30 PM at the Woodanilling Town Hall, with drinks and nibbles provided. Entry is free, and guests are encouraged to register for their tickets in advance.

The event will showcase works from talented artists across Woodanilling and the surrounding region, celebrating creativity and community spirit.

The exhibition will remain open across the weekend, giving everyone the chance to enjoy the artworks on display:

- Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Monday: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with local culture and support regional artists.



SHIRE NOTES

WOODANILLING ART EXHIBITION

BLOOM FESTIVAL 2025



Opening Night Friday, 26th September
Woodanilling Town Hall

6.30 PM TO 8.30 PM

Free Entry - Scan QR Code to Register



Drinks and nibbles provided
Featuring local & surrounds artists
Come and celebrate creativity, community, and
connection in the heart of Woodanilling.

The Exhibit will be open Saturday and Sunday
10am to 4pm and Monday 10am to 1pm





SHIRE NOTES

WORDS FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone

This will be my last Wongi notes as the Shire President and a Councillor with the Shire of Woodanilling.

There are mixed emotions with finishing up with the shire, in that I have given it my all and tried to represent the community as a whole as well as taking into account individuals needs and wants. We are a very small shire with very limited capacity in both finances and staff, but everyone in the organisation gives it their best effort to achieve good outcomes for the community. I encourage everyone to work together with the shire to maintain as well as improve it moving into the future.

Personally, over all my years in Woodanilling I have been lucky to have managed and organised 'The Recreation Shed Project', 'Oval Development Project' and the putting together of plans to build the new Pavilion. This has been a very rewarding journey and I treasure and thank the community members that have worked with me as a team.

I would like to sincerely thank all the shire councillors, officers and staff that have worked with me at the Shire to achieve a number of projects over the years from 1993 -2007 and 2017 - 2025. It has been really challenging at times but rewarding.

On the bushfire side, thank you everyone that has supported the brigades and me in making the Woodanilling Bushfire Brigade a very capable and efficient Volunteer Group. Every time a call was put out the quick response and number of people was enormous. I particularly need to recognise and thank those who put in a tremendous effort at the Woodanilling Katanning Fire. Something I will never forget.

I finish by asking everyone to work together amicably and to respect each other.

I am moving into the next chapter in life, but you will still see me around Woodanilling doing my bit.

Thankyou

Cr Dale Douglas
Shire President



WORDS FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Welcome to Spring in Woodanilling!

While the mornings may still be crisp, it's wonderful to feel the days growing longer and see the community buzzing with upcoming events and activities. It's also been a wetter season than usual, and unfortunately we have experienced more pothole damage to Robinson Road West and Oxley Road. You may have noticed our works crew out there and we are continuing with patch work as weather permits.

As part of our 2025/26 Capital Road Works Program we will be investing \$700,000 into the continued reconstruction of Robinson Road West, and \$200,000 into Oxley Road, and works will be prioritised over the next three years to reinstate these important networks.

Friday Sundowners at the Rec Centre Pavilion

Starting this month, join us every Friday evening for Sundowners at the Pavilion. A big thank you to the community members who've brought this initiative to life—it's a great chance to catch up, relax, and enjoy a sociable evening together.

September Long Weekend – Packed with Local Events!

The long weekend is shaping up to be full of fun and creativity:

- **Bloom Festival Art Exhibition**

- **Opening Night:** Friday 26th September
 - Enjoy complimentary drinks and finger food at this free event. Please register for your free tickets to help with catering (registration also available at the door).
 - **Exhibition Hours:**
 - Saturday & Sunday: 10am–4pm
 - Monday: 10am–1pm
 - Discover and support the incredible talent of local and regional artists—perhaps even take home a special piece!
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- **Woody Woodpicker Market Day**

- **Saturday 27th September, 9am–1pm**
- Held in the Shire Carpark, it's the perfect place to find a bargain—or sell one!

- **AFL Grand Final Screening**

- **Saturday 27th September, 12:30pm at Kenmare Hall**
- Catch the big game with friends and neighbours.

- **The Woody Shop**

- Open all long weekend, serving up great coffee and delicious food to keep you fuelled for all the festivities.

Local Government Elections – Your Vote Matters

There are three Council vacancies in this year's local elections. If you're enrolled to vote in the Shire of Woodanilling, keep an eye out for your postal voting package arriving mid-September. Polling closes at **6pm on Saturday 18th October**, so make sure your voice is heard.

Anika Serer
Chief Executive Officer



A REMINDER ABOUT RESPONSIBLE CAT OWNERSHIP

If you are a cat owner you are responsible to ensure that your cat is well looked after.

In addition, it is important that cat owners respect other people in the community. This can be achieved by keeping your cat adequately confined to your property to reduce complaints in relation to straying onto other properties, car accidents, noise, destruction of the environment and killing of wildlife.

The Cat Act 2011

The Cat Act 2011 took full effect from 1 November 2013.

The act provides for better management of the unwanted impacts of cats on the community and the environment, as well as encourage responsible cat ownership.

All domestic cats aged six months and older are required by law to be:

Microchipped;

Sterilised; and

Registered with the relevant local government.

Cats are also required to wear a collar and registration tag to ensure that owned cats can be easily identified and returned to their owner. It is an offence for your cat not to wear a collar with the registration tag, and you may be given an on-the-spot fine for failure to do so.

A REMINDER ABOUT RESPONSIBLE CAT OWNERSHIP

Cat Registration

As a cat owner you are required to register your cat with the local government once it reaches 6 months of age. In order to be registered your cat is required to be sterilised and microchipped.

The registration period is from 1 November to 31 October.

Registration renewals are forwarded to registered animal owners in October each year.

1 year and 3-year animal registrations expire 31 October regardless of the month your animal is registered (any 1-year new annual registrations purchased from the 1 June to 31 October, the fee payable to the Shire is half the normal price as the registration will expire on the 31 October of that same year).

If you hold a pension card, you are eligible for a 50% discount on registration fees.

Proof of identity and pension card must be sighted.

Please note: Proof of sterilisation and microchip is required.

For fees and charges, please visit the Shire of Woodanilling website.

If you are struggling to meet the cost of sterilising your cat and a concession card holder, there are programs like Spay It Forward (wapetproject.com.au) that may be able to assist. Your veterinary clinic may also know of other programs or support available.

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FIREFIGHTERS WILL BE TOO BUSY FIGHTING FIRES ON THE FRONTLINE TO BE ABLE TO DEFEND YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY.

To reduce the spread of fire and provide some shelter,



PROPERTY UPKEEP

Set calendar reminders to complete these preparations monthly during fire season.

- ☐ Cut the grass around your property to 10cm or less.
- ☐ Prune shrubs so they are not dense.
- ☐ Ensure gas cylinders are chained/secured upright.
- ☐ Check gas release valves face away from property.
- ☐ Clean gutters.



RURAL PROTECTION

Complete these preparations if you own a rural property.

- ☐ Make sure fire trucks can access and turn around on your property.
- ☐ Check bridge loading and cattle grid loading for fire truck access.
- ☐ Create fire breaks along paddock boundaries.
- ☐ Store petrol and gas safely.
- ☐ Install underground water pumps that lead from dams to the house.
- ☐ If a fire threatens, move livestock to a well grazed paddock.
- ☐ Check generator and pumps are working.



LASTING PROTECTION

Set calendar reminders to complete these preparations annually.

- ☐ Keep gas cylinders away from likely direction of fire (i.e. where bush is) and turn release valves outwards.
- ☐ Remove shrubs, wood, mulch or any flammable material, against or near the house.
- ☐ Block any gaps under floor, in the roof spaces, under eaves, external vents, skylights, chimneys and wall claddings.
- ☐ Install metal fly wire mesh on all windows, vents and install a protective screen on evaporative air conditioner.
- ☐ Create a mineral earth firebreak along the boundary of your property.
- ☐ Install a fire or heat radiant shield such as a solid fence.

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

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RATES

To receive the 5% discount, please pay in full by 16 October 2025 or see payment options below

Payment Option 1- Pay in Full

Payment Option 2- Pay in 2 instalments

1st instalment- 16 October 2025

2nd Instalment- 24 February 2026

Payment Option 3- Pay in 4 instalments

1st instalment- 16 October 2025

2nd instalment- 18 December 2025

3rd instalment- 24 February 2026

4th instalment- 4 May 2026

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TO BE ADDED TO THE WONGI EMAIL LIST

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COMMUNITY

WOODANILLING CWA

How the year has flown or am I getting old and time flies anyway? We have a couple of events coming up to coincide with the Art Exhibition in September. On Saturday 27th, we'll be holding a cake stall and a raffle. Tickets will be on sale on Friday and Saturday, then the winners drawn at the end of the markets. We've had many donations of prizes from Katanning, Wagin and as far away as Albany. Thanks to these wonderful people for their generosity. It will be a raffle worth winning.

After some discussion, we decided that we will hold the Seniors' Christmas Lunch this year early in December. Look out for more details where you can register your attendance. It is open to all senior residents of Woodanilling.

Robyn's sewing/craft group is still operating on Wednesday afternoons at the cottage between 1 and 3 p.m. - come along and learn to knit, sew, crochet or suggest another craft.

As always, meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month - all welcome.



SHORT MAT BOWLS

It is amazing how the skills of our little group have improved as the year has progressed.

None of us will ever represent Australia but we have a go and have fun!! Monday afternoons - 2-4 p.m. Woodanilling Recreation Centre.

Contact Pauline 0439922311



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

Woodanilling Sundowner



Location

Woodanilling Rec Centre Pavilion
335 Yairabin Street, Woodanilling WA

Time

Every Friday
Starting: 5th September 2025
6 PM – 9 PM



BYO Drinks & Food

Please bring your own beverages, food and nibbles.
(No drinks & food available for purchase)

Everybody Welcome!

Catch up with everyone in the community for an enjoyable social evening together.

Any questions:

Sally Vermeulen	0417 096 389
Brigitte Burg	0438 200 358

COMMUNITY

The Kenmare Hall Committee

Invites you to rub shoulders with other footy fans
at our broadcast of the

AFL GRAND FINAL

Come and watch the game on our huge screen!

Saturday 27th September 2025

At

Kenmare Hall Reschke Road

Bounce down 12.30pm

Lunch will be available to purchase from 11.45am

Tea, coffee, and Milo available

Water, Soft Drinks

BYO alcoholic drinks

No EFTPOS/Cash only



WOODY WOODPICKER MARKET DAY



SAVE THE DATE

27TH SEPTEMBER

WOODANILLING SHIRE CAR PARK

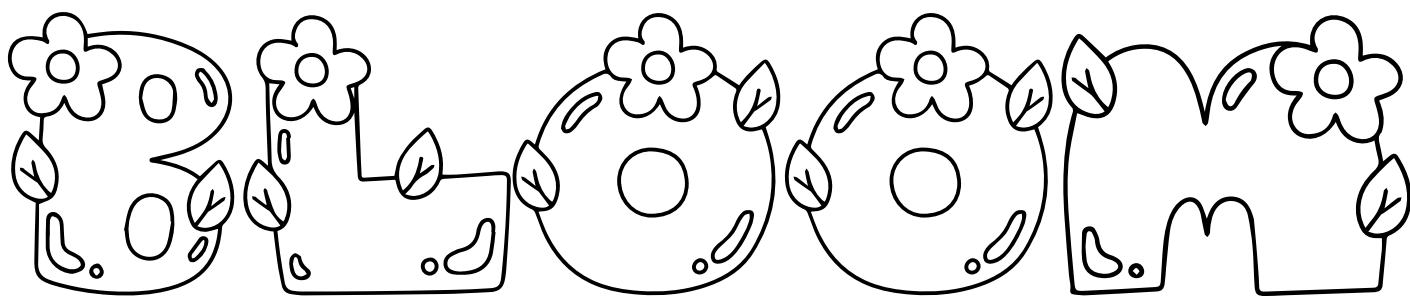
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We love to feature all children's drawings so please feel free.

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

RECIPES

LEMON GARLIC ROAST LAMB



INGREDIENTS

1.5-1.75kg leg of lamb
salt and cracked black pepper
olive oil
12 sprigs rosemary
3 lemons, halved
3 garlic heads, halved
roasted vegetables, to serve



Step 1

Preheat oven to 200°C. Score the lamb at 2cm intervals and rub with salt, pepper and olive oil.

Step 2

Scatter the rosemary in a pile in the centre of a baking dish, along with lemon and garlic. Top with the lamb. Fill the baking dish with enough water to come 1cm up from the base of the dish.

Step 3

Place the lamb in the oven. For cooking time allow 30 minutes per 500g. Cover the lamb with foil after 20 minutes to avoid it becoming too brown, then uncover for the final 20 minutes of cooking. Top up the water a little as the lamb cooks to avoid the lamb drying out.

Step 4

Once the lamb is cooked through, or to your liking, remove from oven, cover and rest for 15 minutes. Slice and serve with roasted vegetables.

Step 1

Preheat oven to 200C/180C fan-forced. Grease a large baking tray with sides. Line tray with baking paper.

Step 2

Drain apricots, reserving 1/3 cup juice. Remove leaves from 1 rosemary sprig. Finely chop. Place soup mix, chopped rosemary, oil and reserved juice in a jug. Stir until well combined. Arrange chicken, apricots, potato and onion, in a single layer, on prepared tray. Drizzle over soup mixture. Season with salt and pepper.

Step 3

Bake, turning chicken and adding remaining rosemary sprigs halfway, for 45 minutes or until chicken is cooked through and potato is tender. Serve.

APRICOT CHICKEN

INGREDIENTS

695g tub apricot halves in juice
4 sprigs fresh rosemary
2 tbsp French onion soup mix
1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
1kg Chicken Drumsticks
500g baby potatoes, halved
1 red onion, cut into thin wedges



COMMUNITY

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Did you know that we have 3 JP's in Woodanilling.

Ray Baxter - 0428 525 530

Russel Thomson- 0419 950 217

Peter Bartholomeusz- 0447 771 511



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THE WOODY SHOP

Opening Hours

Monday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
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Friday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sunday	Closed

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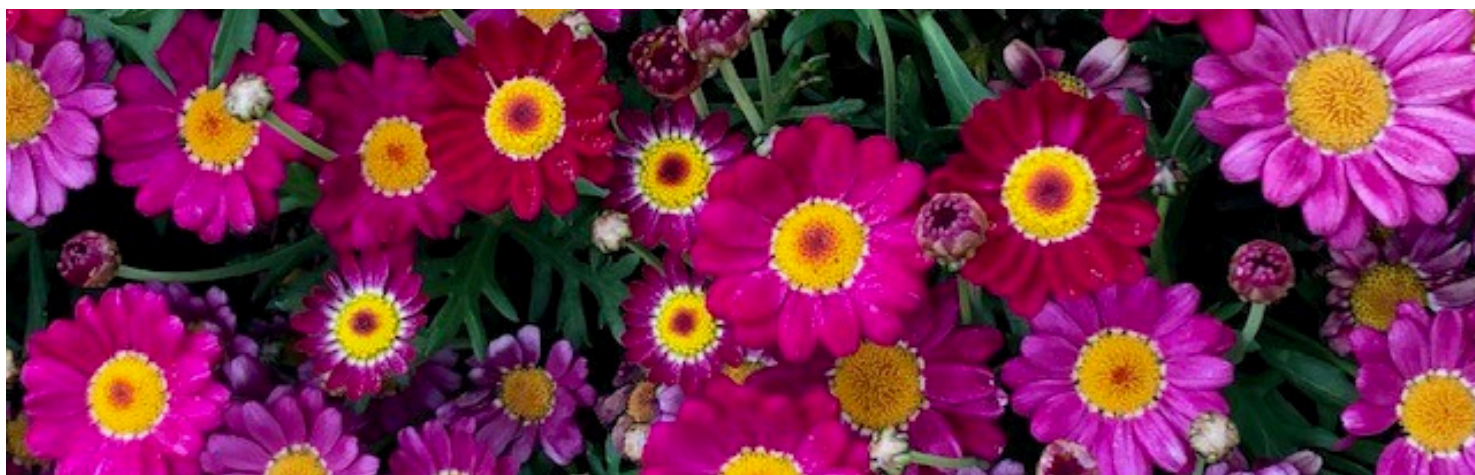
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WONGI CONTACT

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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