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SHIRE NOTES

SHIRE OF WOODANILLING COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – OCTOBER 2025

The Shire of Woodanilling officially welcomed newly elected Councillors Cr Russel Thomson, Cr Sally Vermeulen, and Cr Morris Trimming at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 October 2025, where they were formally sworn in to commence their terms of office. Following the ceremony, Cr Russel Thomson was elected as Shire President, and Cr Sally Vermeulen as Deputy Shire President. Council extends its congratulations to both on their appointments and looks forward to their leadership and contribution over the coming term. The Shire extends its appreciation to Mr Ray Baxter JP for officiating the swearing-in ceremony and thanks all nominees for their commitment to serving the Woodanilling community.



WORDS FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Shire of Woodanilling Community Update – October 2025

Local Government Elections

The Local Government Elections held on 18 October 2025 brought both continuity and fresh energy to our Council. We warmly congratulate Cr Russel Thomson on his re-election, and welcome newly elected Councillors Sally Vermeulen and Morris Trimming.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our outgoing Councillors:

- Cr Dale Douglas, who served from 1993–2007 and again from 2017, including as Shire President from 2023–2025.
- Cr Bev Smith, who served from 2021.

Your dedication and service to the Shire and its community have been deeply appreciated.

On Tuesday 21 October, the newly elected members were officially sworn in. We are pleased to announce:

- Cr Russel Thomson as our newly elected Shire President
- Cr Sally Vermeulen as Deputy Shire President

Roadworks and Infrastructure

Planning is underway for the delivery of our 2025/2026 capital road program, including:

- Robinson Road West: 830m of reconstruction extending toward Albany Highway.
- Oxley Road: 2.5km of pavement repairs and resealing.
- Gravel road improvements on Church Rd, Darby Rd, Douglas Rd, Onslow Rd, and ongoing maintenance grading and minor repairs of other gravel roads in our network.



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Additionally, Robinson Road West near Great Southern Highway will be resealed soon under contractor warranty, which will enable us to undertake restoration of audible strips and other features.

Mosquito Management

Due to a wetter and longer winter, mosquito activity has increased. Our fogging trailer is being assessed for repairs but we are aware it uses a chemical blend no longer considered best practice.

We're exploring short-term alternatives and planning upgrades in future budgets.

In the meantime, we encourage residents to **"Fight the Bite"**. This edition includes helpful resources from the Department of Health to protect you and your family.

Fire Safety Reminders

- **Prohibited Burning Period:** 1 November – 27 February (inclusive).

No campfires are permitted during this period.

- **Firebreaks:** Must be completed by **15 November** and maintained until **15 April**.

Visit our website or drop into the office for more details on fire safety requirements.

Australia Day 2026 Grant

We're thrilled to announce that the Shire has received a \$10,000 grant from the Australia Day Council to support our 2026 celebrations. We look forward to planning a memorable day for our community!

Russel Thomson
Shire President



Anika Serer
Chief Executive Officer



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WOODANILLING ART EXHIBITION/ BLOOM FESTIVAL 2025

This year's Woodanilling Art Exhibition was a fantastic celebration of creativity and community spirit, showcasing the incredible talent of local and surrounding artists. The exhibition drew a wonderful turnout, with visitors enjoying a diverse range of artworks that reflected the region's unique character and passion for the arts.

The event's success was made possible thanks to the support and dedication of our amazing volunteers, the artists, and Shire staff, who worked together to create a welcoming and inspiring space for all to enjoy.

Council extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed, exhibited, or attended – your enthusiasm and support help keep the arts alive and thriving in our community.

Looking ahead, Woodanilling will proudly host the official opening of the Bloom Festival in 2026, making next year's exhibition an even bigger and more exciting event. Stay tuned for updates as we prepare to celebrate the best of Woodanilling's art and culture!



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REMEMBRANCE DAY 2025

Woodanilling Remembrance Day

Tuesday 11 November 2025

10:30am - 11:30am

at the Woodanilling Memorial
Corner of Burt and Robinson Road

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to
come down and lay a wreath

lest we forget



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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★ GENERAL REPELLENT GUIDELINES ★

Insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (OLE), also known as PMD are the most effective. As a general rule, the greater the percentage of DEET, picaridin or OLE, the longer the product will remain effective.

- ★ Always follow instructions on the label.
- ★ Choose a repellent with an appropriate concentration of DEET, picaridin or OLE to match the length of time you are outdoors.
- ★ Apply directly to skin (except face) and spread evenly with hands.
- ★ For face application, apply first to hands and then spread evenly on face, avoiding mouth and eyes.
- ★ Repellents will not be as effective if applied sparingly to the skin.
- ★ Reapply repellent according to the label.

★ PROTECT YOUR BABY OR TODDLER ★

Where possible, avoid exposing your baby or child to mosquitoes. Consider staying indoors, using pram netting or dressing them in loose, long-sleeved clothing, socks and shoes.

Mosquito repellents for children

- ★ Under 12 months – repellents containing DEET, picaridin or OLE are not recommended.
- ★ From 12 months – repellents containing up to 10% DEET, picaridin or OLE can be used.

Application guidelines for children

- ★ Do not allow children to apply repellent.
- ★ Apply repellent firstly to the hands of the carer and then spread evenly to exposed skin of child.
- ★ Avoid applying repellents to hands, near the eyes or mouth.
- ★ Do not apply repellent under clothing.

MOSQUITOES ARE MORE THAN ★ JUST A NUISANCE ★

Whilst there is a vaccine for Japanese encephalitis, there is no vaccine or cure for any other mosquito-borne disease acquired in Australia. The most effective way to prevent infection is to avoid being bitten.

★ COVER UP. REPEL. CLEAN UP. ★

Many mosquitoes are at their biting best around dusk and dawn, but some will bite day and night.



Cover up

Wear long, loose-fitting, light coloured clothing to cover exposed skin.



Repel

DEET, picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (OLE), also known as PMD, evenly to all areas of exposed skin.



Clean up

Stop mosquitoes breeding around your home by removing, emptying or covering water holding containers.

For more information

Contact the Department of Health or visit
healthywa.wa.gov.au/FighttheBite

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STOP MOSQUITOES BREEDING ★ AROUND YOUR HOME ★

Mosquitoes can breed around your home. They will lay eggs in fresh or salty water, and often in containers that hold water. Common breeding sites include pot plant drip trays, ponds, pet bowls, old tyres and rubbish that may collect water.

Stop mosquitoes breeding around your home by following these simple steps:

- ★ Empty out or discard containers and rubbish that may hold water.
- ★ Clean out roof gutters to prevent water from pooling.
- ★ Empty, clean and refill bird baths, stock troughs and pet water bowls at least once a week.
- ★ Keep swimming pools properly maintained and free of debris.
- ★ Empty wading pools at the end of each day.
- ★ Stock garden ponds with fish to eat mosquito larvae.
- ★ Cover rainwater and septic tank openings, wells or other large water containers with mosquito-proof mesh.
- ★ Keep edges of dams and ponds clear of vegetation.
- ★ Cut grass and keep it short to prevent mosquitoes seeking shelter around your home and backyard.

If mosquitoes continue to be a problem around your home, contact your Local Government Environmental Health Officer or the Department of Health for further advice.

★★ AT HOME ★★

★ FIGHT *the* BITE ★



★ COVER UP. REPEL. CLEAN UP. ★

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MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES ★ IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA ★

In Western Australia, mosquitoes can transmit Ross River virus, Barmah Forest virus, Kunjin virus, the potentially fatal Murray Valley encephalitis and Japanese encephalitis viruses.

The only way to confirm if you have a mosquito-borne disease is to visit your doctor for a specific blood test. Whilst there is a vaccine for Japanese encephalitis, there is no vaccine or cure for any of the other diseases. The most effective way to prevent infection is to avoid being bitten.

Common mosquito-borne diseases in WA

Ross River and Barmah Forest viruses occur throughout WA. Common symptoms include:

- ★ skin rashes
- ★ painful or swollen joints
- ★ sore muscles
- ★ flu-like symptoms (fever, chills, headache)
- ★ tiredness or weakness.

Symptoms can last for several weeks to months, and in some cases, years.

More serious mosquito-borne diseases in WA

Murray Valley encephalitis and Japanese encephalitis are rare but potentially fatal diseases that may occur in northern WA. Symptoms include fever, drowsiness, headache, stiff neck, nausea and dizziness. In severe cases seizure, coma, brain damage or death may result. People experiencing these symptoms should seek medical advice quickly.

Kunjin virus disease is a rare disease also occurring in northern WA. Generally, the symptoms are milder than Murray Valley and Japanese encephalitis.

★ COVER UP. REPEL. CLEAN UP. ★

Cover up



Wear long, loose-fitting, light coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can. Mosquitoes can bite through tight clothing like jeans. Make sure children are also appropriately covered up.

Repel



When outdoors and mosquitoes are present, apply insect repellent containing picaridin, DEET (diethyltoluamide), or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (OLE), also known as PMD, evenly to exposed skin. If you spend long periods of time outdoors, you may need to reapply your repellent.

Clean up



Simple changes around your home can reduce mosquito breeding. Remove, empty or cover water-holding containers.



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ANIMAL REGISTRATIONS

Dog and Cat Registrations are due for renewal on the 31 October 2025. Reminders have been sent out in the coming weeks. Should you need to register your animals, please come into the office.

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 2025. All award winners will be announced at the 2026 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 open October, 2025, and will remain open until November 30, 2025. 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 to request a nomination form.

Additionally, nominations are also open for the Shire of Woodanilling's Community Long Service Award.

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

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RATES

Fee 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

The Shire accepts BPAY, Credit Card, Cash, Money Order or EFT payments



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COMMUNITY

WOODANILLING CWA

Thank you everyone for your support at the recent Market Day. The success of our raffle and cake stall has enabled us to pay some bills for maintenance and fund future endeavours. One of those being the Seniors Christmas Lunch in December. See details below. You can register your attendance at the store or Shire, who has generously sponsored the event.

Playgroup has been ongoing each fortnight and the patter of little feet and chatter of conversation is wonderful.

Robyn's Sewing Group has morphed into a "whatever you would like to do" afternoon at CWA between 1.00 and 3.00 p.m. on a Wednesday. Come and join the group to learn or share or just chat!! We do that too!!!



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

CWA WOODANILLING SENIOR RESIDENTS CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2025

If you are a senior (60 years and over) and a current resident of Woodanilling, you are warmly invited to the annual Seniors Christmas Lunch.

Thursday, 12 December 2025

Woodanilling Recreation Centre

12:00 PM for a 12:30 PM start

Enjoy nibbles, dinner and pudding with table service.

BYO beverages

Please register your attendance at the Shire Offices or Woodanilling General Store.

RSVP by 28 November 2025

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FRIDAY NIGHT BURGERS AT THE WOODY SHOP

The Woody Shop will be firing up the grill every second Friday night starting 31 October, serving up delicious burgers to coincide with the Woodanilling Sundowners.

Head down, grab a burger, and enjoy a relaxed evening catching up with friends and neighbours. It's the perfect way to kick off the weekend and support local!



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Woodanilling Sundowner



Location

Woodanilling Rec Centre Pavilion
335 Yairabin Street, Woodanilling WA

Time

Next Event:
Friday 31st of Oct. 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.

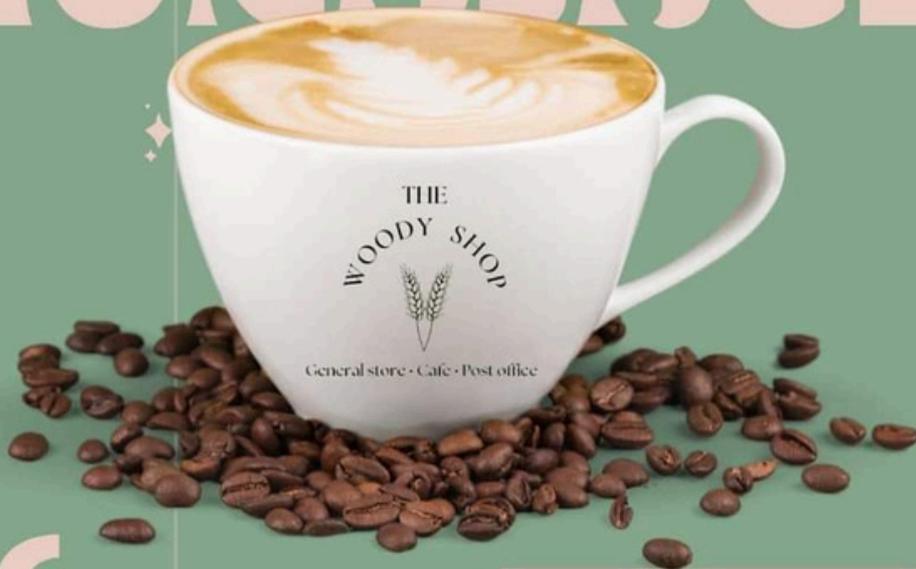
Any questions:

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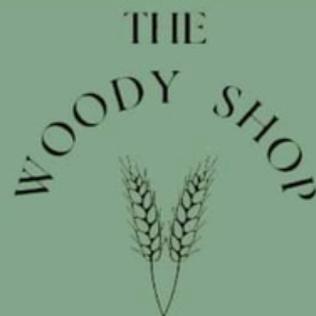
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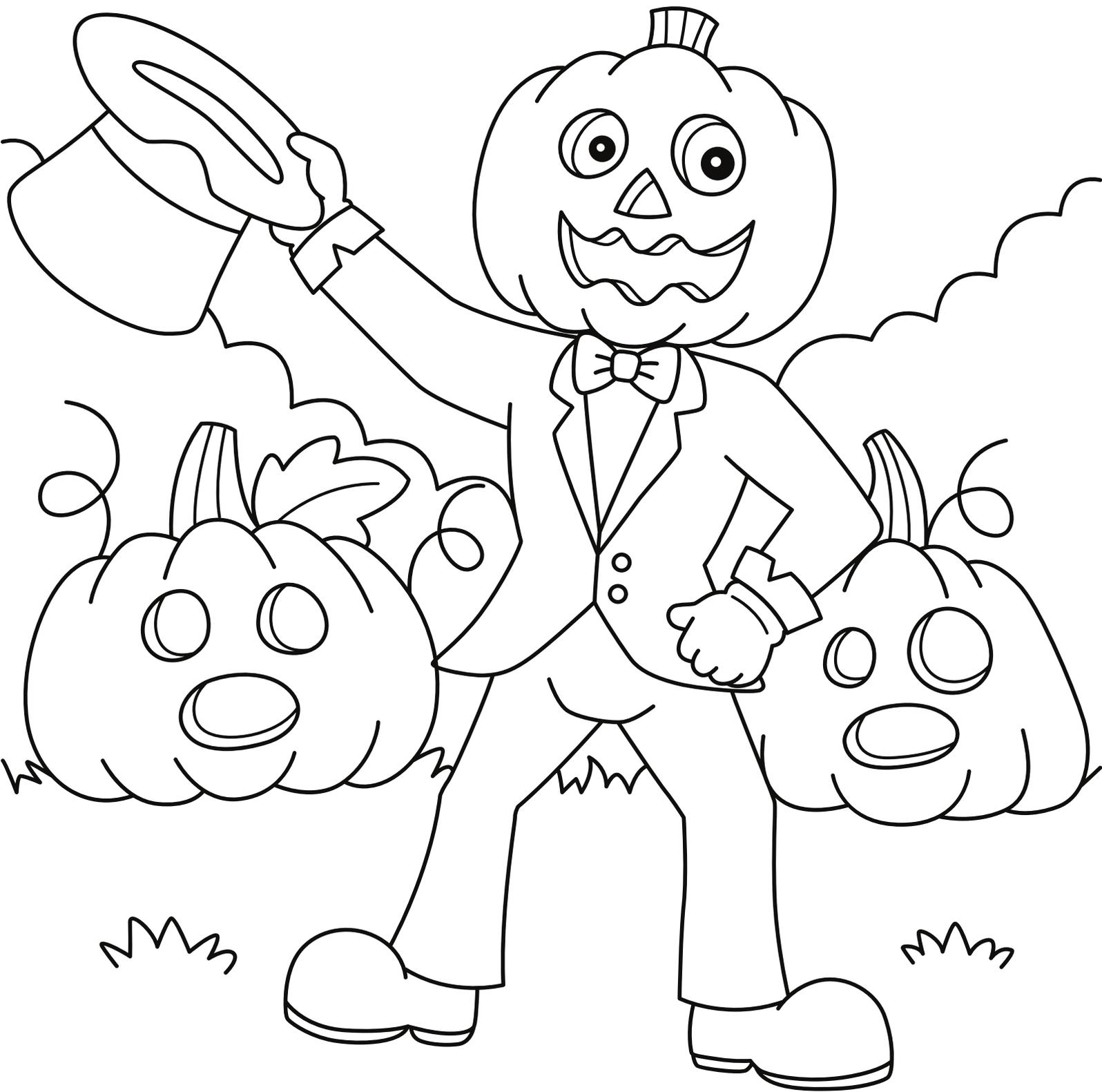
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Please submit your name, age & contact details with your entry.

RECIPES

WATERMELON FETA SALAD

INGREDIENTS

4 cups watermelon,
cubed
1 cup feta cheese,
crumbled
1/4 cup fresh mint
leaves, chopped
1/4 red onion, thinly
sliced
Juice of 1 lime
2 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
Optional: Balsamic glaze
for drizzling

Step 1

In a large bowl, combine the cubed watermelon, crumbled feta cheese, chopped mint leaves, and thinly sliced red onion.

Step 2

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

Step 3

Drizzle the dressing over the watermelon mixture and gently toss to combine, ensuring the watermelon and feta are well coated.

Step 4

Transfer the salad to a serving platter. If desired, drizzle with balsamic glaze for added flavour. and enjoy.



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



SUPPORT OUR LOCAL WOODANILLING BUSINESS



THE WOODY SHOP

Opening Hours

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

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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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