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SHIRE NOTES

WORDS FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

As 2025 draws to a close we reflect on what has been a very busy and productive year for our Shire and community.

From our important community events such as Australia Day and the Bloom Art Exhibition, to delivery of a significant capital road program and stage 1 of the Centenary Park upgrades, there has not been an idle moment for our small team and we extend our thanks for their dedication and hard work.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the volunteers in the community who play a vital role dedicating their own time and skills for the benefit of all. You truly are the heart of Woody.

As we head into Summer it is incredibly important that you are bushfire ready. We are now in the prohibited burning period which also means that no campfires are permitted. Fire breaks and low fuel/hazard reduced states were required to be in place by 15 November and maintained until 15 April. Please ensure that you have complied with the requirements in the 2025/2026 Fire Break Notice to avoid potential fines, or worse, risk your property and neighbours in the event of a fire.

The festive season also brings some much-anticipated community events, to which we are grateful to our volunteers and community groups for hosting:

Woodanilling Sundowner	Friday 5th December
CWA Seniors Christmas Lunch	Friday 12th December
P&C Association Christmas Tree in the Park	Friday 19th December
Australia Day	Monday 26th January

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We are pleased to advise that we were successful in our application for a \$10,000 grant from the National Australia Day Council, and look forward to celebrating this special day with a range of activities for our community.

On behalf of the Shire of Woodanilling, we wish you and your loved ones a safe and joyous festive seas, and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. We look forward to continuing to deliver our shared vision for the Shire in 2026

Russel Thomson
Shire President



Anika Serer
Chief Executive Officer



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2026 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Woodanilling Shire wishes to advise the following dates for the 2026 Ordinary Meetings of Council starting at 5pm.

17 February 2026

17 March 2026

21 April 2026

19 May 2026

16 June 2026

21 July 2026

18 August 2026

15 September 2026

20 October 2026

17 November 2026

15 December 2026



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HOLIDAY CLOSURE

WOODANILLING SHIRE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CLOSURE

The Shire of Woodanilling Administration Office and Depot will **close at 4:00pm on Friday, 19 December 2025**, and the Administration Office will **reopen at 9:00am on Monday, 5 January 2026**.

The Depot will **reopen on Tuesday, 6 January 2026**.

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

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| • Saturday, 27 December 2025 | 12:00pm – 5:00pm |
| • Sunday, 28 December 2025 | 2:00pm – 5:00pm |
| • Saturday, 3 January 2026 | 12:00pm – 5:00pm |
| • Sunday, 4 January 2026 | 2:00pm – 5:00pm |

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

📞 Emergency Contacts During this time:

Anika Serer: 0482 032 089

Chief Executive Officer

Jason Dinsdale: 0460 416 990

Leading Hand



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🌐 www.woodanilling.wa.gov.au

☎ (08) 9823 1506



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| • Sunday, 4 January 2026 | 2:00pm – 5:00pm |

Kerbside rubbish collection is expected to continue on its usual days, including:

- Thursday, 25 December 2025
- Thursday, 1 January 2026

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

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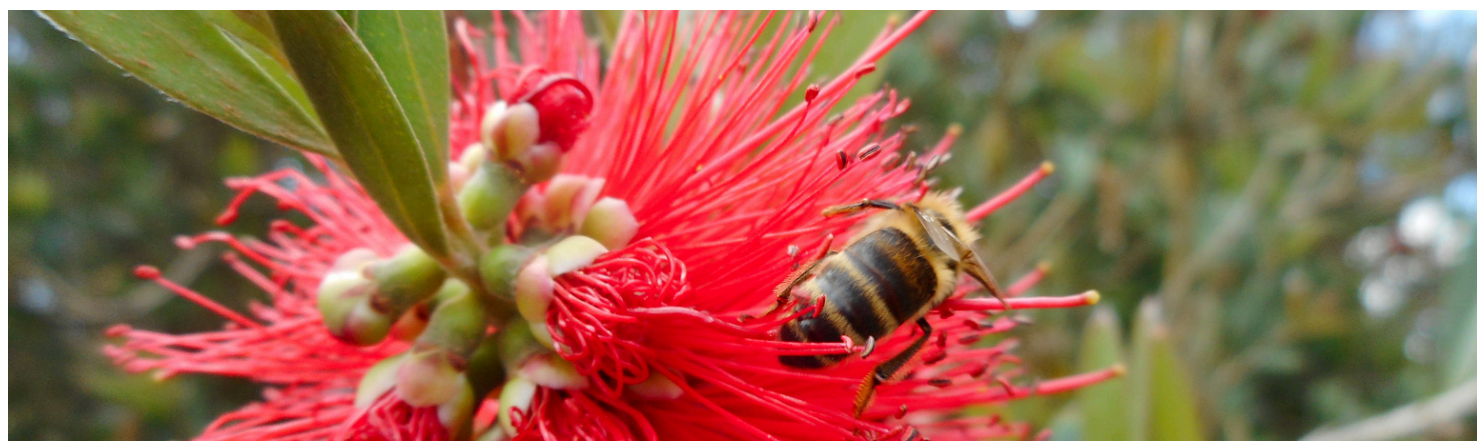
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A REMINDER ABOUT RESPONSIBLE CAT OWNERSHIP

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.

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 December 8, 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

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

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



TO BE ADDED TO THE WONGI EMAIL LIST

If you would like to be added to the Wongi email list to receive future editions straight to your inbox, please email shire@woodanilling.wa.gov.au

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Keep these critical steps in mind to stay safe and keep in touch if an emergency disrupts internet and phone connectivity:

1. nbn's priority

First and foremost, we want to ensure people are safe. This means that our highest priority is to maintain and restore the nbn® network, ensuring that communities remain connected, particularly with emergency services.

2. Safety-critical devices

If you require a safety critical device to work during a power outage or nbn outage, such as a medical alarm, fire alarm, lift phone, home phone and other health monitoring devices, nbn recommends you speak to your device supplier about the best solution for ongoing service continuity.

3. Restoration times

Depending on the severity of the impact, restoration times may vary, and repairs could be necessary in multiple locations.

4. In extreme scenarios

nbn's investments are designed to deliver a more resilient nbn network, even if one part is affected, the overall network remains operational. We work with emergency services to ensure we prioritise service restoration promptly, deploying temporary resources and assisting impacted communities as soon as safety permits.

5. Power reliance

The nbn network requires power at multiple points, and backup power is crucial for continuity. Ensuring power resilience is a collaborative effort involving power providers, nbn, and the community, including residential, business and government customers.

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STAY CONNECTED: CRUCIAL POINTERS FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION DURING EMERGENCIES

TIP 1: Be prepared



If it is important for you and your business or community group to always remain connected, consider exploring alternative communication and power solutions and regularly test these to ensure they function effectively during emergencies. Additionally, it's also essential to understand your local council's emergency management plans and know where to go in times of crisis.

TIP 2: Stay mobile



Create an emergency kit with a fully charged mobile phone and a portable battery pack. This will be invaluable during power outages or if your nbn network connection is affected. Remember to conserve battery by turning off mobile data for unnecessary apps.

TIP 3: Stay updated



During emergencies, local radio provides crucial information. Include a battery-powered radio in your emergency kit. Additionally, follow emergency services on social and news channels, including State Fire and Rescue, Police, and services like nbn (@NBN_Australia).

TIP 4: Backup



Ensure you can access critical information and essential documents from anywhere. Consider creating digital backups on a USB drive or in the cloud. These documents may include insurance policies and financial records.

RECONNECTION OF YOUR NBN SERVICE AFTER AN EMERGENCY

If you've been affected by an emergency event and your nbn network service is down, follow these steps once it's safe to enter your premise - whether that's your residence, business, community group, enterprise, or any other location:



1. Check your power: First, ensure that your power has been restored.



2. Visually inspect the nbn equipment: If it is safe to do so, visually check for any obvious signs of damage such as damaged cables coming into your premise or antennas on your roof - i.e., has fallen and is laying on the ground or ripped up by tree roots. Check the lights that are on the nbn equipment - it may have been damaged during the event.



3. If you find equipment issues or still have no nbn network connection: Please contact your provider who can test your service, address any issues within their control, and arrange for an nbn approved technician to assist if necessary.

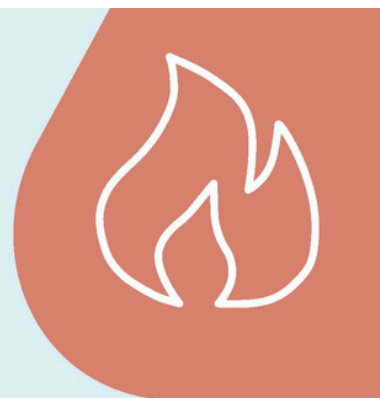
For more information, visit:
nbn.com.au/Emergency or nbn.com.au/Outages



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Water supply in a bushfire

This information could save your life



While leaving high-risk bushfires is the safest option, if you plan to stay and defend your home, you must have an **INDEPENDENT** water supply and pumping capability. This typically requires water tanks of at least 20,000 litres, pump and generator.

This is required as mains water supply and pressure cannot be guaranteed during a bushfire due to the risk of power cuts, fire damage and extreme demand.

Use the Department of Fire and Emergency Services resources to develop your personal bushfire plan: mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au
You can also download the My Bushfire Plan app via the App Store or Google Play to access your bushfire plan anytime - even without an internet connection.

To support bushfire plans, if you have groundwater bore access to surface water, you can take and store emergency water without it counting against your annual entitlement. For more information on this, and for the location of emergency bushfire water supplies in dryland agricultural areas, visit the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation website.

Drinking water

We recommend you keep a supply of drinking water on hand throughout summer in case your water supply is interrupted.

Assistance for customers affected by bushfire

After a bushfire, we can assist you with issues such as damaged water meters and payment difficulties. If you have been affected by bushfire please call us on **13 13 85**.

The Emergency WA website emergency.wa.gov.au provides emergency information and community safety warnings. Call **000** in a life-threatening emergency or the SES **132 500** for emergency assistance.



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Fire fighting and water supply

A message for fire fighters



What to do in an emergency

Before you hook into the water supply system, **call us on 13 13 75** (24 hours).

If we know where you're headed, we may be able to help maintain supply or provide an alternative location that has better pressure.

Reminder to the community

Please help us spread the word that you cannot rely on mains water during a bushfire due to the risk of power cuts, fire damage and extreme demand.

Hydrant location

If you are unsure where the closest hydrants are located, please contact DFES or our Operations Centre on 13 13 75, who will provide you with the exact locations.

Broken hydrants

Any issues with hydrants should be reported to DFES to ensure repairs are made.

Testing

Please contact us before testing hydrants in your area as it may cause nearby properties to experience discoloured water.

Before you hook into the water supply
call us 24 hours on **13 13 75**



Public Notice

Mains water supply cannot be guaranteed during a bushfire

Water Corporation is prepared for bushfire season. However, we cannot guarantee that water pressure or water supply will be maintained in the event of a bushfire. Extreme demand, fire damage and power cuts can all result in a total loss of water.

If you plan to stay and defend your property during a bushfire, you must have your own independent water supply and pumping capability. You cannot rely on mains water.

Details and resources about how to prepare for bushfire season can be found at **mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au**. For warnings and advice visit **emergency.wa.gov.au**.

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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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BUSHFIRE INDUCTION FORM

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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WHY LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES CAN BE DANGEROUS

Lithium-ion batteries are in a lot of our rechargeable devices – phones, laptops, e-scooters, power tools, and even vacuum cleaners. But when they're damaged, overheated, or charged incorrectly, they can become a serious fire hazard.

They can catch fire or explode – even when not being charged. More than 30% of Li-ion battery fires happen when the battery is not being charged.

The smoke is toxic, filling a room quickly with harmful chemicals that are dangerous for our lungs. Fires spread fast – up to 10 times faster than regular house fires.

Explosions can throw hot metal and flames several metres, igniting nearby items.

Improper disposal (like tossing batteries in household bins) can cause fires in rubbish trucks or landfills.

Most homes have 20–30 devices with lithium-ion batteries, increasing the risk if safe habits aren't followed.

Common Causes of Lithium-ion Battery Fires

Many incidents are linked to simple, preventable mistakes. Here's what often goes wrong:

- Using cheap or fake chargers that don't meet safety standards.
- Charging immediately after heavy use, when the battery is still hot.
- Keeping the Battery on charge after its full (overcharging).
- Physical damage, dropping, crushing, or puncturing the battery.
- Leaving the battery in heat or sunlight, especially in cars, near windows, or under bedding. This traps heat and can make the battery hot.
- Charging in unsupervised areas, like garages or overnight while asleep.
- Using the battery until it's completely empty (0%), which can damage it.

These issues can damage the battery's internal separator, leading to short circuits and a dangerous reaction called thermal runaway – where the battery overheats uncontrollably and may catch fire or explode!

WHY LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES CAN BE DANGEROUS

High-Risk Devices

- E-scooters and e-bikes are increasingly involved in fires.
- Power tools stored in sheds or garages can ignite if damaged or charged improperly.
- Battery fires in WA are rising – DFES recorded 94 incidents this year, with 55 structure fires and 19 caused by e-chargeables.

Safety Tips to Prevent Fires

- Let batteries cool down before charging.
- Charge on hard, flat surfaces – never on beds, couches, or carpets.
- Avoid charging in direct sunlight or when no one is home.
- Use only manufacturer-approved chargers.
- Check batteries for damage or swelling – don't use if they look unsafe.
- Install smoke alarms in charging areas and thermal alarms in garages.

Take action this month!

- Review where and how you charge devices at home.
- Talk with your family about battery safety - especially with kids and teens.
- Check your smoke alarms and make sure everyone knows what to do in case of a fire.
- Make sure you have a Home fire Escape plan.
- Find your nearest battery recycling location and safely dispose of any old or damaged batteries.

Let's work together to keep our homes and community safe from battery fires.

For more information, visit the [lithium-ion batteries](#) page on the DFES website.

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Search
bcycle.com.au



Never bin your batteries

Binning your batteries is a fire risk
and is harmful to people and the planet.

**Don't
toss them**
in general waste or
recycling bins



**Tape
them**
using clear
sticky tape



Take them
to your nearest
B-cycle accredited
Drop off point





COMMUNITY

WOODANILLING CWA

WOW!!! Is it nearly December? This year has flown by and our small band of women have been initiating and participating in community events including Woolorama, Anzac Day Service, Market Day, Sewing afternoons, Play group and funeral catering. Our next big event will be the Seniors' Christmas Lunch to be held in the Recreation Pavilion on 12th December. We also support the school with their Citizenship Book Award and the Woodanilling Christmas Tree in the park on the 19th December.

I encourage any woman new to the community to join our group to make connections socially and in a volunteering capacity. You never know if you don't give it a go!!

Best wishes to everyone for the approaching festive season. Stay safe and healthy. We live in a wonderful, safe country!

Cheers ,Pauline



SHORT MAT BOWLS

Our merry band of 6 has soldiered on through the year, enjoying a game but the social interaction as well. If you are looking for something to do on a Monday afternoon, 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m., come along to the Recreation Shed and have a go! Bowls can be found, no other special requirements. Contact Pauline for further details.

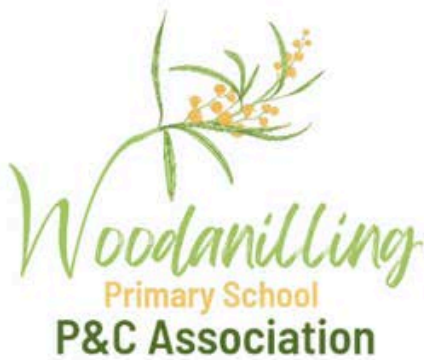


GAMES DAY AT THE REC CENTRE

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



CHRISTMAS TREE PICNIC *in the park*



SAVE THE DATE FRI 19TH DEC

A maximum of \$20 to be spent on a gift for
your child to receive from Santa

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!

WOODANILLING PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C

And just like that, our 2025 school year is just about over! This year was filled with exciting progress, community support, and meaningful achievements for our Woody kids.

We began the year with the installation of the brand-new swing set in early January – the first significant upgrade to the school playground in a very long time. The P&C was proud to match the school's contribution with a \$10,000 donation, helping fulfil a long-requested piece of equipment for our students. The swing set continues to bring joy while supporting fine motor skills, strength, coordination, social skills, sensory development, and imaginative play.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Thanks to the generosity of the local community, our Containers for Change fundraising has continued to grow steadily. So far this year, we have raised \$912.80 – an amazing contribution!

Drop-off locations:

- Green bin at the side of The Woody Shop + IBC at the rear
- Two IBCs at the side entrance of Woodanilling Primary School
- IBC next to the tennis courts at the Pavilion

Alternatively, you can donate directly using our member number C10326397 at depots in Katanning or Wagin. With the festive season underway, we hope to see a few more kind contributions filling our bins.

KATANNING SHOW & SPEED SHEARS – BURGER STALL

We were once again thrilled to host our Burger Stall at the Katanning Show & Speed Shears. It is always a big day for our little P&C, and we truly couldn't continue this tradition without the help of our incredible volunteers from both Woodanilling and Katanning.

A huge thank you to the Shears Committee for their ongoing support and cooperation. This year, we are excited to share that our stall raised **\$2,245.40!**



COMMUNITY

WOODANILLING PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C

SUPPORTING STUDENT LEARNING IN 2025

Throughout the year, we worked closely with the Principal(s), teacher Mrs Kaylene Head, and the staff of Woodanilling Primary School to ensure funds were directed where they were most needed. This included support for:

- Educational programs
- Sport and safety equipment
- Excursions and incursions
- Hire fees for the Woodanilling Rangers Hockey Club bus

We look forward to continuing this collaboration in early 2026 as we plan for the new school year. We are also excited to work alongside our new school principal to further enrich the learning experience for all our Woody kids.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICNIC IN THE PARK

Don't forget our annual End-of-Year Christmas Tree Picnic in the Park!

Friday 19th December — coinciding with the end of school.

There will be Santa, Larissa's Face Painting, and a CWA Sausage Sizzle. More details will follow soon.

THANK YOU

To our amazing volunteers — thank you for everything you have contributed throughout 2025. We may be a small school, but as we always say, we are mighty. Your time, support, and dedication continue to make a meaningful difference for our Woody kids.

On behalf of all of us at the Woodanilling Primary School P&C Association, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy holiday season.

See you all in 2026!

Warm regards,

Brooke Moulden
President

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GREAT SOUTHERN WORKFORCE NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Employers are invited to complete the Workforce Needs Assessment Survey

Have your Say!

Your participation in this 10 minute survey will help us:

- identify which occupations are in demand
- confirm where workforce gaps exist
- understand employer's recruitment challenges
- assess skilled migration use

SURVEY EXTENDED TO 10 DECEMBER 2025



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCYPQ8W>

Need further information? Contact Simon Lyas at
research@rdagreatsouthern.com.au



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!

**Next Woodanilling Sundowner: 5th December
2025**



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JOB VACANCY

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFICER

Are you passionate about the environment and good at talking with people?

Perhaps you're looking for a career change or you're part of a farming family looking for part-time work off-farm.

If so, Wagin Woodanilling Landcare could have the job for you. Generous salary package including vehicle, phone and laptop. Training provided for the right applicant.



How to Apply

For a full job description, email:
wwlandcarezone@gmail.com

**Enquiries to Annabel Paulley on
0477 042 653**

Applications Close

**Monday 8 December 2025
at 5pm**

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LANDCARE UPDATE



FUNDING SUCCESS KEEPS LANDCARE GROUP IN ACTION

Wagin Woodanilling Landcare Zone

The State Natural Resource Management Office has generously funded our landcare group with two (2) projects in the 2025 Community Stewardship Grants Program.

Large Project Grant = \$449,992 over 3 years

- Fencing and revegetation onground works with 10 farmers in Wagin and Woodanilling to install 40km of new fencing around salt-affected areas. This will lead to the revegetation of 162 hectares with 162,868 seedlings to reduce salt encroachment and soil erosion, create livestock shelter belts, improve biodiversity and expand wildlife habitat.
- Upskilling Farmers for Revegetation Workshop.
- Catchment planning workshops to create 4 new catchment plans - 2 in Wagin and 2 in Woodanilling.

Small Project Grant = \$36,911 over 1 year

- Flora and Fauna Cataloguing Workshops with an Albany botanist / artist for 15 community participants and students at the Woodanilling Primary School.
- Training for 5 community members to become Licensed Native Seed Collectors including equipment and licence fees.
- Revegetating a disused gravel pit on a Shire of Woodanilling Reserve.
- Community tree planting events with local farmers.



The Adventures of Woodanilling Nature Nerds



This exciting project includes:

- Flora and Fauna Cataloguing Workshops for 15 participants.
- Training for 5 participants to obtain their native seed collecting licence including equipment.

Participants can register by emailing:

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Enquiries to Annabel Paulley on 0477 042 653

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Mobile Service Centre Itineraries - Monday, 12 January 2026 to Friday, 3 April 2026

Mobile Service Centres deliver services to people who do not have physical access to a local or permanent Services Australia presence, delivering a range of services on behalf of government agencies.

The below Itineraries are subject to change, including if required to be re-routed to provide support to customers following an emergency event.

For the latest Itineraries visit <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobile-service-centres>.



10-3-2026	Tuesday	Kendenup	9:30 AM	4:00 PM
11-3-2026	Wednesday	Tambellup	9:30 AM	4:00 PM
12-3-2026	Thursday	Katanning	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
13-3-2026	Friday	Katanning	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
16-3-2026	Monday	Kojonup	10:30 AM	4:00 PM
17-3-2026	Tuesday	Kojonup	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
18-3-2026	Wednesday	Wagin	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
19-3-2026	Thursday	Wagin	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
20-3-2026	Friday	Crew Change Over		
23-3-2026	Monday	Crew Change Over		
24-3-2026	Tuesday	Narrogin	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
25-3-2026	Wednesday	Narrogin	9:00 AM	3:30 PM
26-3-2026	Thursday	Kondinin	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
27-3-2026	Friday	Corrigin	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
30-3-2026	Monday	Narembeen	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
31-3-2026	Tuesday	Bruce Rock	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
1-4-2026	Wednesday	Cunderdin	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
2-4-2026	Thursday	Crew Change Over		
3-4-2026	Friday	Public Holiday		

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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



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

CHRISTMAS GINGERBREAD TRUFFLES

INGREDIENTS

1 1/2 cups gingerbread cookies, finely crushed
1/2 cup cream cheese, softened
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
200g white chocolate, melted
Red and green sprinkles for decoration

Step 1

In a large bowl, combine the crushed gingerbread cookies, cream cheese, ground cinnamon, and ground ginger. Mix well until the mixture forms a dough-like consistency.

Step 2

Roll the mixture into small balls (about 1 tablespoon each) and place them on a baking tray lined with parchment paper. Chill in the fridge for 20–30 minutes until firm.

Step 3

Dip each truffle into the melted white chocolate, ensuring they are completely coated. Use a fork to lift them out and let the excess chocolate drip off.

Step 4

Place the coated truffles back on the parchment paper and immediately sprinkle with red and green sprinkles before the chocolate sets.

Step 5

Chill the truffles in the fridge until the chocolate is firm. Serve on a festive platter and enjoy these sweet Christmas treats!



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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*Wishing you all
a safe and
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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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