



Woodanilling Wongi

APRIL/MAY 2026



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WORDS FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

What a big month April has been for our community and Council!

Leadership Update

Our CEO, Anika Serer, has sadly tendered her resignation to pursue a new opportunity with the Shire of Dumbleyung. We thank Anika for her leadership and wish her every success in this next chapter.

This transition resulted in a busy month for Council, including two Special Council Meetings to appoint a recruitment consultant and endorse the advertising and information package for a new CEO.

FitzGerald Strategies is currently managing the recruitment process, with applications closing at the end of May.

Governance & Risk Oversight

On 22 April, the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee (ARIC) met and endorsed several important documents to strengthen governance and risk management, including:

- A new Risk Management Policy
- Risk Management Procedures supporting the policy
- The Strategic Risk Register
- An updated Business Continuity Plan
- An update on progress addressing recommendations from Regulation 5 and Regulation 17 reports, relating to financial management, risk management, internal controls, and legislative compliance

These endorsements were later formally approved by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

First Public Council Briefing Session

- At 4pm on the same day, Council held its first public Council Briefing / Agenda Review Session, following the adoption of the new Information Sessions policy at the March Council Meeting.



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These sessions provide a more informal opportunity to review and discuss agenda items ahead of the Ordinary Council Meeting. While minutes are not taken, notes are kept on any actions or outcomes.

We were pleased to welcome a member of the public who attended, listened to the discussion, and asked questions.

Community members are very welcome to attend these sessions, which will be held monthly at 4pm, prior to the Ordinary Council Meeting at 5pm. Agendas are published on the Shire's website at the same time as the formal Council Meeting agenda.

Decisions from the Ordinary Council Meeting

At the Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved to:

- Approve ARIC's recommendations relating to risk management policies, procedures, registers, business continuity planning, and regulatory actions
- Endorse remuneration for the independent Presiding Member of ARIC and their Deputy, and approve an Expression of Interest process for these roles
- Amend the Terms of Reference for ARIC, reflecting recent changes to the Local Government Act 1995 and associated regulations
- Approve a development application for the construction of a shed and water tank at Lot 154 Carlisle Street

Expressions of Interest – ARIC Roles

The Shire is now seeking Expressions of Interest for:

- Independent Presiding Member, and
- Deputy Presiding Member

for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

The committee meets two to four times per year and plays a key role in overseeing financial management, risk management, and governance.

A sitting fee of \$220 per meeting has been endorsed by Council.

Please see the Expression of Interest notice in this newsletter or on the Shire's website for further details.

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A Thank You to Bev Smith

On 21 April, we acknowledged and celebrated Bev Smith's term as Councillor from 2021-2025.

Thank you, Bev, for your dedication to serving and supporting our community, and to Greg, for his support to her through the many hours, meetings, and commitments involved in public service.



ANZAC Day Commemoration

The CWA hosted another memorable and thought-provoking ANZAC Day Service at the memorial on 25 April, followed by a much-enjoyed morning tea.

Thank you to the CWA for your efforts, and to all community members and visitors who attended to pay their respects.

Thank you for staying engaged and informed. We appreciate the strong sense of community and look forward to the months ahead.

Russel Thomson
Shire President



Anika Serer
Chief Executive Officer



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Shire of Woodanilling

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Shire of Woodanilling is seeking expressions of interest from suitably experienced community members and external professionals to join its Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee as an Independent Presiding Member and Deputy of the Independent Presiding Member.

The Committee supports Council in ensuring sound financial management, risk oversight, and strong governance in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 (WA).

The successful applicant will demonstrate:

- Experience in financial management, governance, risk, compliance or audit
- Understanding of, or ability to become familiar with, local government financial and audit requirements
- Strong communication skills, sound judgement, and personal integrity
- Experience chairing meetings, or willingness to undertake training

Desirable:

- Leadership experience
- Knowledge of the local government sector

Remuneration will be by Council resolution and in line with determinations of the State Administrative Tribunal Determination of meeting attendance fees for independent committee members.

Expressions of interest may be directed to the Executive Manager Corporate Services via email to emcs@woodanilling.wa.gov.au or by post to PO Box 99, Woodanilling WA 6316. Please include your response to the criteria requested above.

Applications close at 4:00pm, Thursday 21 May 2026.

Anika Serer
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Woodanilling

22 April 2026



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WOODANILLING CWA

Isn't Autumn weather just delicious? The only trouble is we need the rain as well as cooler days. (just quietly, the cold mornings remind us of the cold to come!!!Brrrrr!!)

In Summary:

- As a result of our application for a grant from CBH, we have been successful and will now be able to get our building painted - a facelift, at least!! Well done to Colette for initiating this project.
- Anzac Day saw a smaller but , nevertheless, supportive group pay their respects at the Memorial then partake of morning tea in the Town Hall.
- A small band of merry painters has been busy at the Woody Rec Centre completing a task for Woody Action. We might be of an age to refrain from climbing ladders but the job has to be done. Many thanks to Valentin, who helped out on one occasion - his scaffolding certainly makes the job easier!! Our next project for Woody Action is to paint the posts along the town history trail. You will then see them more readily.
- we hosted a sausage sizzle at the Woody Woodpeckers Market Day on Saturday, thank you to everyone who supported the local CWA and community.
- Playgroup has been rocking along with the sound of little voices (and big ones) enjoying some social interaction in the comfort of the cottage. Best wishes to Juliette who returns to France in June. Au revoir!
- Meetings are generally on the third Monday morning of the month - all invited.



Cheers Pauline

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Anyone can join! Bowls available. Come and socialise on Monday afternoons at 2.00p.m. at thw Woodanilling Recreaton Centre.

Contact Pauline for details or just turn up!!



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ANZAC DAY



DURING HASS THIS TERM WE HAVE BEEN STUDYING AUSTRALIAN EVENTS. WE BEGAN WITH A FOCUS ON ANZAC DAY. STUDENTS MADE ANZAC BISCUITS, LEARNING THE HISTORY BEHIND THESE. THEY MADE THEIR OWN WREATHS USING SYMBOLS THAT LINKED WITH ANZAC DAY. THEY WROTE PARAGRAPHS ABOUT WHERE THE ANZACS WENT BEFORE THEY LANDED AT GALLIPOLI.

LEST WE FORGET

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ANZAC DAY



WE ALSO WORKED ALONGSIDE THE KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS TO BAKE ANZAC BISCUITS.

ON ANZAC DAY WE HOSTED AN AFTERNOON TEA FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THE ANZAC SERVICE WE HOSTED. STUDENTS SERVED TEA AND COFFEE AND THEIR ANZAC BISCUITS.

ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES WE UNDERTOOK SUPPORTED US TO DEVELOP OUR UNDERSTANDING OF COMMUNITARIANS IN AUSTRALIA.

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NEW PLAYGROUND NEW RULES!!

Term 1 HASS Playground Project

This project gave students an opportunity to build student voice and link with the Shire of Woodanilling. Students visited the playground and developed a risk assessment, they then used this to discuss possible rules. Students wrote a persuasive letter to the Shire, which was hand delivered to the CEO. Councillors read the letters at their next Shire of Woodanilling council meeting.



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So many ideas for rules and reasons for them!!

Secondly, you should ban food and drink on the new playground. Sliding onto a sticky mess is not not nice!! This will help it stay clean and be nice to play on



In conclusion, it would be amazing for everyone in the town if the new playground was clean and new for longer. Our ideas of rules would make it more fun and safer for everyone.

From,
Students at Woodanilling Primary
Eva, Camille, and Chase



Dear Shire of Woodanilling,

The new playground you put effort into buying is highly impressive and fun, but it needs some rules to make it a bit safer because rules everyone to keep safe on the playground.

Secondly, you should ban all foods and drinks on the equipment because sliding on a sticky, gooey mess is not that fun!! This will help it stay clean and nice to have fun on.

In conclusion, it would be awesome for everyone if the playground didn't have food, vandalism and graffiti on it.

Thankyou for taking the time out of your busy day to read my letter

From,
Lydia Wise



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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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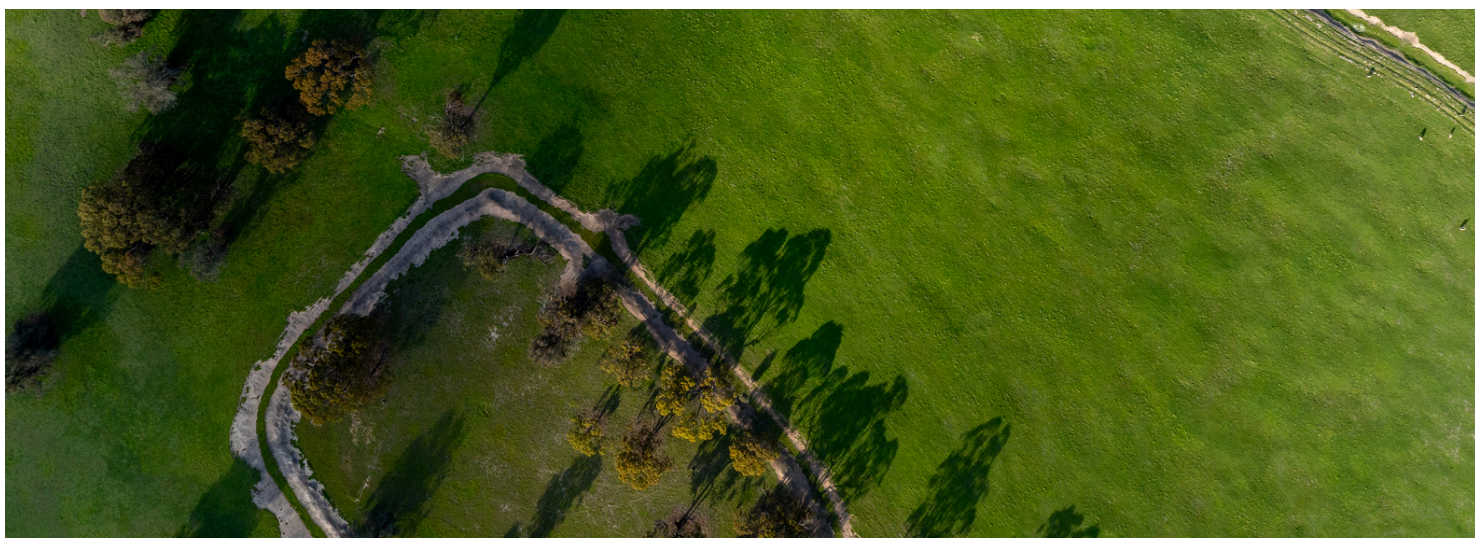
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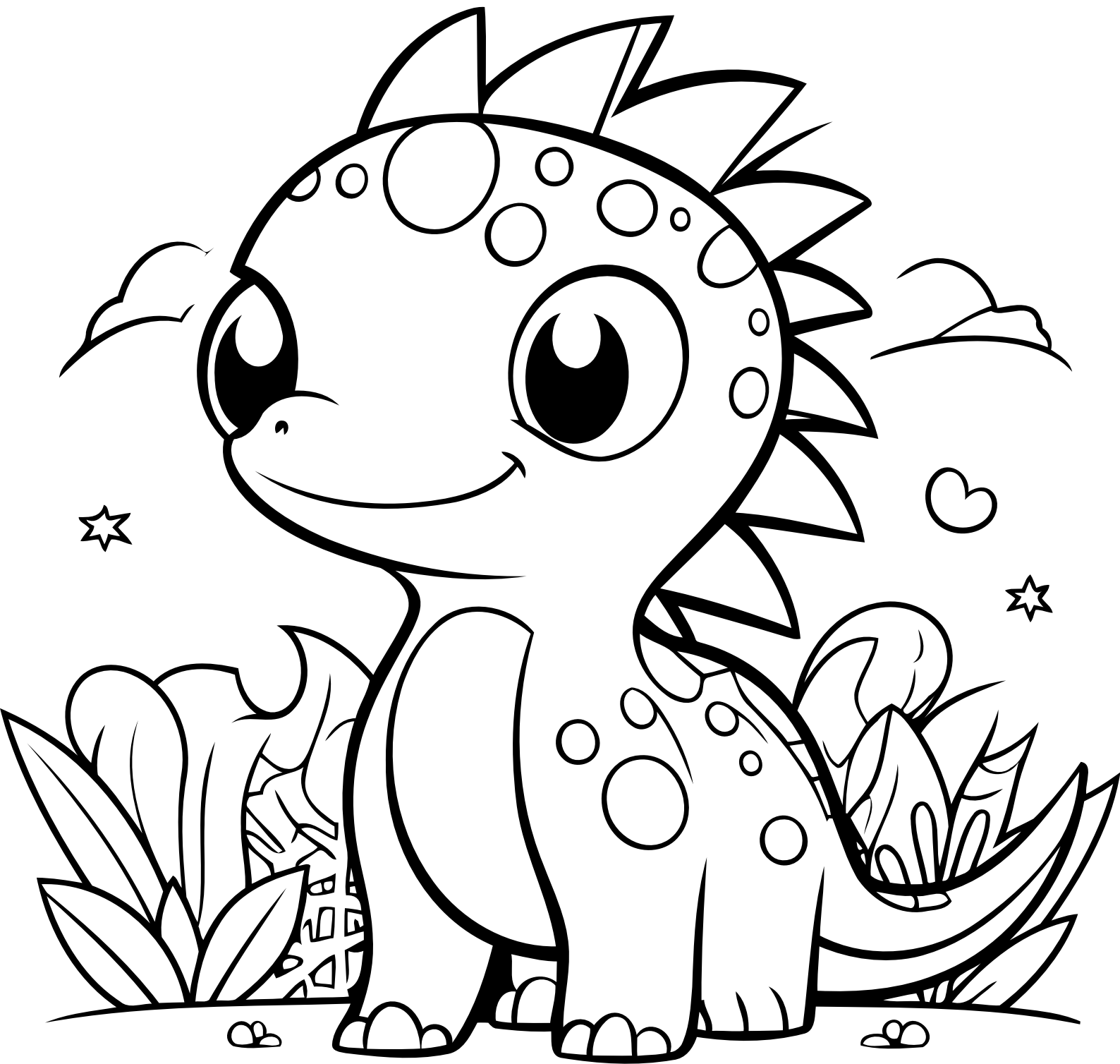
MAY BIRTHDAYS

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	





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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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