



SEPTEMBER 2026



SHIRE NOTES

FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

September has been a busy month in Woodanilling, with several events providing a great opportunity to bring our community together and welcome visitors to our town.

On 11 September, we had the pleasure of officially opening the Woodanilling Art Exhibition. It was wonderful to see around 120 people attend the opening and support our local artists. The exhibition continues to grow, with 20 exhibitors this year, all with a past or present connection to Woodanilling.

The following day, 12 September, Woodanilling hosted the official opening of the 2026 Bloom Festival - Woody in Bloom. A great deal of work went into the event, and we would again like to thank everyone who volunteered, helped behind the scenes and welcomed visitors to our community.

We finished the day with the Bloom Sundown Sounds on 12 September, which was another opportunity for residents to come together and enjoy the evening.

We would also like to recognise the great work being done by our Works Crew. In the lead-up to the Art Exhibition opening and Woody in Bloom, the team completed a significant amount of clean-up and preparation work around town and provided practical assistance to help get everything ready for the events. At the same time, they have continued with the Shire's road works program, including grading and shoulder works on our gravel roads and other maintenance across the road network. Their work often happens in the background, but it makes a real difference to the presentation of our town and the condition of our roads. Thank you to the whole team for their continued effort.

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FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

From 16 to 18 September, Shire President Russel Thomson, Deputy Shire President Sally Vermeulen and CEO Signe Balodis attended the WALGA Local Government Convention in Perth. The Convention provided an opportunity to meet with other local government representatives, hear about issues affecting the sector and make connections that will benefit the Shire.

It has been great to see so much happening in Woodanilling during September. Thank you to our community members, volunteers, Councillors and staff who continue to contribute their time and effort to our Shire.

Russel Thomson
Shire President



Signe Balodis
Chief Executive Officer



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WOODANILLING ART EXHIBITION/ BLOOM FESTIVAL 2026

The Woodanilling Art Exhibition officially opened on Friday 11 September, with around 120 people attending the opening night.

The exhibition began in 2023, when Morris and Lesley Trimming had the idea of holding an exhibition of local artwork in Woodanilling. They formed a committee with Colette Annice, Pauline Edgecumbe and Louise Moulden, and together brought the first exhibition to life. The first exhibition had 12 participants. This year it has grown to 20 exhibitors, with every exhibitor having a past or present connection to Woodanilling.

This local connection is what makes the exhibition special. It is a chance to celebrate the creativity within our community and to give visitors another reason to spend time in Woodanilling.

The exhibition is held in September to coincide with the Great Southern Treasures Bloom Festival, bringing people from across the region to Woodanilling.

Thank you to Morris, Lesley, Colette, Pauline and Louise, all of the exhibitors, and everyone who supported the exhibition. It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout for the opening.



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WOODY IN BLOOM

On 12 September, Woodanilling proudly hosted the official opening of the 2026 Bloom Festival – Woody in Bloom.

The day was a great opportunity to welcome visitors to Woodanilling and show what our town and community have to offer. Visitors were able to enjoy the Woodanilling Art Exhibition, local attractions and the warm welcome from our community.

A lot of work went into making the day a success. A special thank you goes to Morris and Lesley Trimming for the considerable time and voluntary effort they put in before and during the event.

Thank you also to everyone in the Woodanilling community who helped with the launch, whether through volunteering, helping behind the scenes or simply making visitors feel welcome.

The Shire also thanks Australia's South West, along with Kahlia and Lauren from Live Events, for working with us in the planning and delivery of the event.

Woody in Bloom was a great way to showcase Woodanilling and the strength of our community. Thank you to everyone who helped bring the day together.



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FIREBREAK NOTICE

FIREBREAKS

Shire of Woodanilling 2026/2027

All **firebreaks** and fire hazard reduction measures are to be completed for all areas within the Shire of Woodanilling by **15 NOVEMBER** and must be maintained at that standard until **15 APRIL**.

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIODS

**19 SEPTEMBER TO 31 OCTOBER
AND 28 FEBRUARY TO 15 APRIL (INCLUSIVE)**

ANY FIRE LIT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Permits are required for all fires lit during the restricted burning times and must be obtained from your local Fire Control Officer, who will explain the conditions under which fires may be lit.

Dates may be changed up to 14 days at a time by the CBFCO or Shire of Woodanilling CEO.

PERMITS MUST BE OBTAINED FOR BURNING DURING RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES.

Harvesting on Christmas Day is prohibited throughout the Shire.

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

1 NOVEMBER TO 27 FEBRUARY (INCLUSIVE)

Permits may be issued for protective burning only. Protective burning around buildings may be carried out right through the prohibited burning period, with a permit from your nearest Fire Control Officer and/or Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, for burning between the following times:

Whole District - 6.00pm to 12 midnight

**NO CAMP FIRES ARE PERMITTED WITHIN THE SHIRE OF WOODANILLING
DURING THE RESTRICTED AND PROHIBITED BURNING PERIODS**

WHO TO CALL FOR A PERMIT

Role / Brigade	Name	Call sign	Mobile	UHF
BUSHFIRE EXECUTIVES				
CBFCO	Evan Hall	Woody 1	0428 123 374	UHF 12
DCBFCO	Lachlan Patterson	Woody 2	0428 611 987	UHF 6
SFCO 1	Bindi Murray	Woody 3	0409 347 299	UHF 20
SFCO 2	Braden Crosby	Woody 4	0437 817 047	UHF 8
BRIGADE FCO / CAPTAINS				
Beaufort Kenmare	Mal Baxter	Kenmare 1	0428 313 010	UHF 15
Boyerine Westwood	Ben Wilhelm	Boyerine 1	0487 096 636	UHF 58
Cartmeticup	Wayne Shackley	Cartmeticup 1	0427 228 070	UHF 27
Central	Brad Garstone	Central 1	0455 631 515	UHF 28
Glencoe	Ben Patterson	Glencoe 1	0428 159 815	UHF 52

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Contact the Shire on 9823 1506 to be notified by SMS and WhatsApp of any Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans and warnings.

The Harvest Ban phone service is no longer available.

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RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

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WHAT YOU CANT DO

Burning of grass, paddock, bush and bonfires without a permit.

WHAT CAN YOU DO

- Use of Wood/Solid Fuel, BBQ's & Pizza Ovens.
- Except when the Fire Danger Rating System is High or above or on a Total Fire Ban.

THINGS TO CHECK

- Check the Fire Danger Rating
- Check that there is NO Total Fire Ban
- Have suitable equipment to contain and control your burn

CONTACT YOUR NEAREST FCO TO OBTAIN A PERMIT

- A list of FCO's are located in the Shire Info Booklet as well as on the Shire website, visit: www.woodanilling.wa.gov.au/fireservices



**ALL FIREBREAKS WITHIN THE SHIRE
OF WOODANILLING ARE DUE BY 15
NOVEMBER**



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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

or contact DFES Community Preparedness:
Community.Preparedness@dfes.wa.gov.au
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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.

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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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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Did you know that we have 2 JP's in Woodanilling.

Ray Baxter - 0428 525 530

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SHORT MAT BOWLS

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

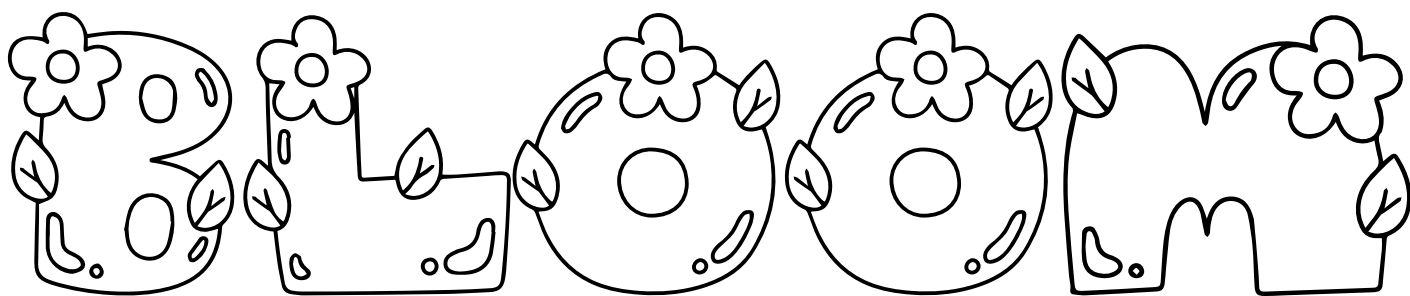
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We love to feature all children's drawings so please feel free.

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.



APRICOT CHICKEN

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.

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



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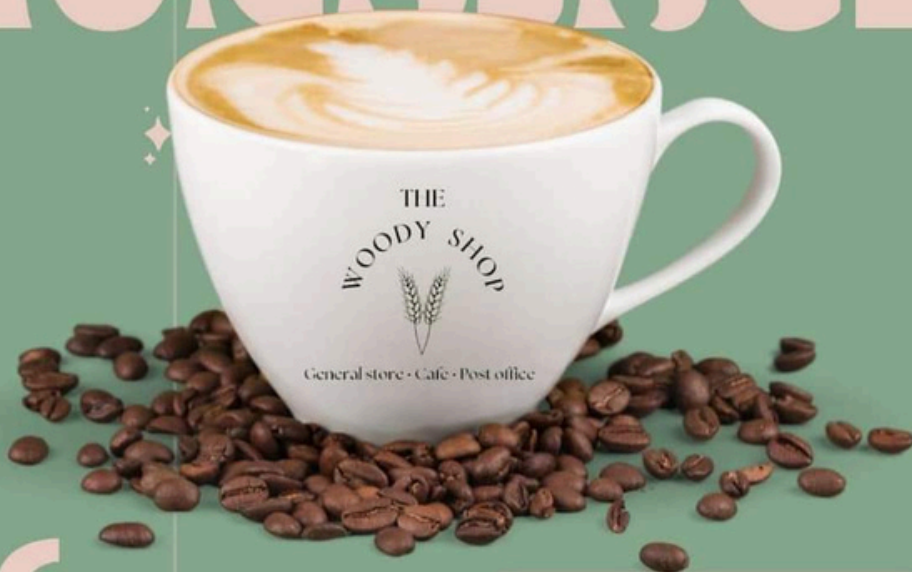
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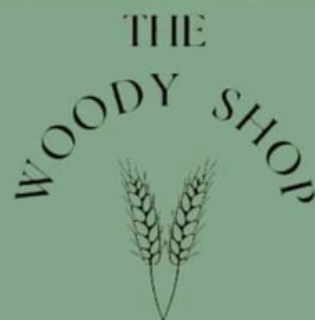
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A portrait of Peter Rundle, a middle-aged man with grey hair, smiling. He is wearing a dark blue suit, a white shirt, and a patterned tie. A small gold pin is visible on his left lapel. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with green foliage and a blue sky.

PETER RUNDLE MLA

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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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