Woodanilling Wongi

OCTOBER 2026



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SHIRE NOTES

FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

October has been a busy month as Woodanilling gets ready for harvest and the fire season. The Bush Fire Advisory Committee met on 5 October to plan for the season ahead. The meeting brings the Shire and our brigades together, and it is where much of the season's preparation is worked through. Thank you to everyone who came along and gave their time.

On 15 and 16 October we joined with our Eastern and Western brigades for breakfast with a pre-season briefing and fire unit show and tell. For Signe, it was her first chance to meet many of our volunteers ahead of her first fire season in Woodanilling. We appreciated the welcome, and the cooked breakfast was excellent.

Roger Northey commenced as the Community Emergency Services Manager in September. The role is a Department of Fire and Emergency Services position, shared with the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup. Roger will be working alongside our Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and the brigades this season.

We would also like to acknowledge Cindy Pearce, who supported our brigades in this role for around 15 years. Her contribution over that time is greatly appreciated.

The Works Crew has been busy across the Shire, and it has been good to hear from residents who took the time to pass on positive feedback about the roadside maintenance. That feedback has gone to the team, and it is well deserved.

Harvest is under way, and local farmers know better than anyone what the season demands. The fire weather committee will monitor the weather closely for the imposition of Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans. The Shire office is always available if there is anything we can help with.

Russel Thomson
Shire President



Signe Balodis
Chief Executive Officer



WORKS CREW UPDATE

Our Works Crew has had a productive few weeks getting the Shire ready for summer.

Roads and bridges

The Works Crew completed the preparation works on Robinson Road West, and the road was resealed on 14 October. The first stage of repairs on Oxley Road is finished, with the second stage to follow. The Shire's bridges are also being inspected.





Fire season ready

Fire mitigation mowing and slashing around the townsite is nearly complete, and the town is looking well for it. Plant and equipment have been serviced and are ready for the fire season.

Around town

The Works Crew also cleared rubbish dumped in bushland near the refuse site. Please use the refuse site during opening hours and help keep Woodanilling tidy.

If you notice a pothole, a fallen tree or any other maintenance issue, please let the Shire office know on 08 9823 1506 so the Works Crew can attend.

The Works Crew takes real pride in its work, and it shows across the Shire. Thank you to the team for their effort.

WORKS CREW UPDATE

Water

The concrete pad for the new standpipe is in place, and the standpipe will be installed shortly. The old standpipe opposite the Tavern is now for fire use only. Water from the CBH catchment dam has been moved to the holding dam on Shenton Road, and pumping is back on solar power.





More photos of completed works:





WOODANILLING BUSHFIRE BRIGADE BREAKFASTS

On Thursday 15 and Friday 16 October, the Shire of Woodanilling joined our volunteer bush fire brigades for breakfast.

Shire President Cr Russel Thomson, Chief Executive Officer Signe Balodis and Manager Works and Services Peter Vlahov attended for the Shire. Community Emergency Services Manager Roger Northey also came.

The mornings were a good chance to catch up with brigade members before the fire season starts, and to see the appliances put through their paces. Thank you to both brigades for their hospitality and a great, cooked breakfast.

Our volunteers give their time, often at short notice and in difficult conditions, to protect people and property across the Shire. The Shire recognises that commitment and is grateful to every volunteer who turns out.

The Shire also thanks Dorcas - Narrogin Op Shop for its generous donation to each of our five volunteer bush fire brigades. The support is greatly appreciated.

As the season approaches, landholders are reminded to check their firebreaks and make sure their property is prepared.

Interested in joining your local brigade?
Call the Shire on 08 9823 1506 or call in at the Shire office.

SHIRE NOTES

WOODANILLING BUSHFIRE BRIGADE BREAKFASTS











Shire of Woodanilling

PUBLIC NOTICE

AMENDMENT TO 2026/27 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

In accordance with section 6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995, the Shire of Woodanilling gives notice that, at its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 October 2026, Council amended the 2026/27 Schedule of Fees and Charges. The following amended fees will be imposed from **Monday 9 November 2026:**

- WA Health Department Administration Fee: $102.00 (previously $120.00)
- Local Government Report Fee to DOH for onsite effluent disposal: $123.00 (previously $118.00)
- Food Business Notification Fee (plus Assessment Fee): $100.00 (previously $50.00)

The amended Schedule of Fees and Charges can be viewed on the Shire's website or at the Shire Administration Office, 3316 Robinson Road, Woodanilling.

Signe Balodis
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
27 October 2026

SHIRE NOTES

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

FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 000

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.

SHIRE NOTES



PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

1 NOVEMBER 2026 TO 27 FEBRUARY 2027

Inclusive. Dates may be varied depending on seasonal conditions.

WHAT YOU CAN'T DO

No burning off. This includes grass, paddocks, bush, stubble, garden waste and rubbish.

No campfires are permitted anywhere in the Shire of Woodanilling.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Gas BBQs with an enclosed flame (no solid fuel) at your home, with all combustible material cleared within 5 metres.

Protective burning around buildings, with a permit from your nearest FCO or the CBFCO, between 6.00pm and 12 midnight only.

THINGS TO CHECK

The Fire Danger Rating and any Total Fire Ban before using machinery.

Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans before harvesting or driving in paddocks.

Rural properties need a mobile fire unit on standby from 15 November, and one must attend all harvesting. **No harvesting on Christmas Day.**

FIREBREAKS DUE BY 15 NOVEMBER 2026

All firebreaks and hazard reduction must be completed and maintained until 15 April 2027.

000 Report a fire or emergency immediately

More information
Shire of Woodanilling: 08 9823 1506
www.woodanilling.wa.gov.au

Penalties apply. Non-compliance may result in an infringement notice or prosecution under the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2026

Woodanilling Remembrance Day

Wednesday 11 November 2026
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



CAT REGISTRATION

A friendly reminder to all cat owners that cats must be registered with the Shire once they reach six months of age. All cats must also be sterilised and microchipped before they can be registered.

Registration Renewals

The annual registration period runs **from 1 November to 31 October**, with renewal reminders sent to registered cat owners each October.

Both one-year and three-year registrations expire on 31 October of their relevant expiry year, regardless of when the registration was purchased.

For new one-year registrations purchased between 1 June and 31 October, a half-price registration fee applies, as the registration will still expire on 31 October of that year.

Pensioner Discounts

Eligible pension card holders can receive a 50% discount on registration fees. Please bring your pension card and proof of identity when registering your cat.

Proof of sterilisation and microchipping is also required.

Need Assistance with Sterilisation Costs?

If you're a concession card holder and finding the cost of sterilisation difficult, programs such as Spay It Forward may be able to assist.

Visit **wapetproject.com.au** for more information, or speak with your local veterinary clinic about other available assistance programs.

For current registration fees and further information, please visit the Shire of Woodanilling website or contact the **Shire office on 08 9823 1506.**



ANIMAL REGISTRATIONS

Dog and Cat Registrations are due for renewal on the 31 October 2026. Reminders have been sent out. 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 2026. All award winners will be announced at the 2027 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:

- Young Community Citizen of The Year Recognised as Sports Star of the Year Under 25:
- Community Citizen of The Year Recognised as Sports Star of the Year Over 25:
- Active Citizenship Award Over 25:
- Active Citizenship Award Under 25:
- Active Citizenship Award for a community group or event:
- Community Long Service Award

Nominations for the 2026 Community Citizen of the Year Awards open 1st November, 2026, and will remain open until 1st December, 2026. You can submit nominations via the Shire website under Community Awards, or by contacting the Shire by phone at 08 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!

SHIRE NOTES

RATES

Rates payment options below:

Payment Option 1 - Pay in Full		Due 23 October 2026
Payment Option 2 - Pay in 2 Instalments	1st Instalment	Due 23 October 2026
	2nd Instalment	Due 13 March 2027
Payment Option 3 - Pay in 4 Instalments	1st Instalment	Due 23 October 2026
	2nd Instalment	Due 4 January 2027
	3rd Instalment	Due 13 March 2027
	4th Instalment	Due 21 May 2027

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

COMMUNITY

WOODANILLING CWA

Women of Woody, we need your input and support to keep this little branch going! We want to rebrand, what has essentially only had a catering job description! Community input welcome!!

Woody Action has also suffered from inactivity so, with spring in the air, let's get energised there too!

Robyn and I helped out at the Katanning Show in the Shearing Pavilion. Beyond Now is our new up and coming action group with the promise of revitalisation for the younger people of our community.

On a positive note, Playgroup operates fortnightly in the cottage and it's a joy to watch young mums and children interact.

Our regular meeting date is the 3rd Monday of the month but we're open to a change in that as well. Come along and share a cuppa and ideas.

Cheers for now.

Pauline **0439 922 311**

SHORT MAT BOWLS

YES!!!! We're still going! Monday afternoons - Woody Rec Centre. 2:00pm start.

Contact Pauline **0439 922 311**



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – KARATE LESSONS!

Interested in learning karate or developing your skills? Expressions of interest are being sought from community members who would like to participate in karate lessons with a trained karate instructor! Proposed day and time: Wednesdays, 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

Please note that classes will only proceed if sufficient interest is received.

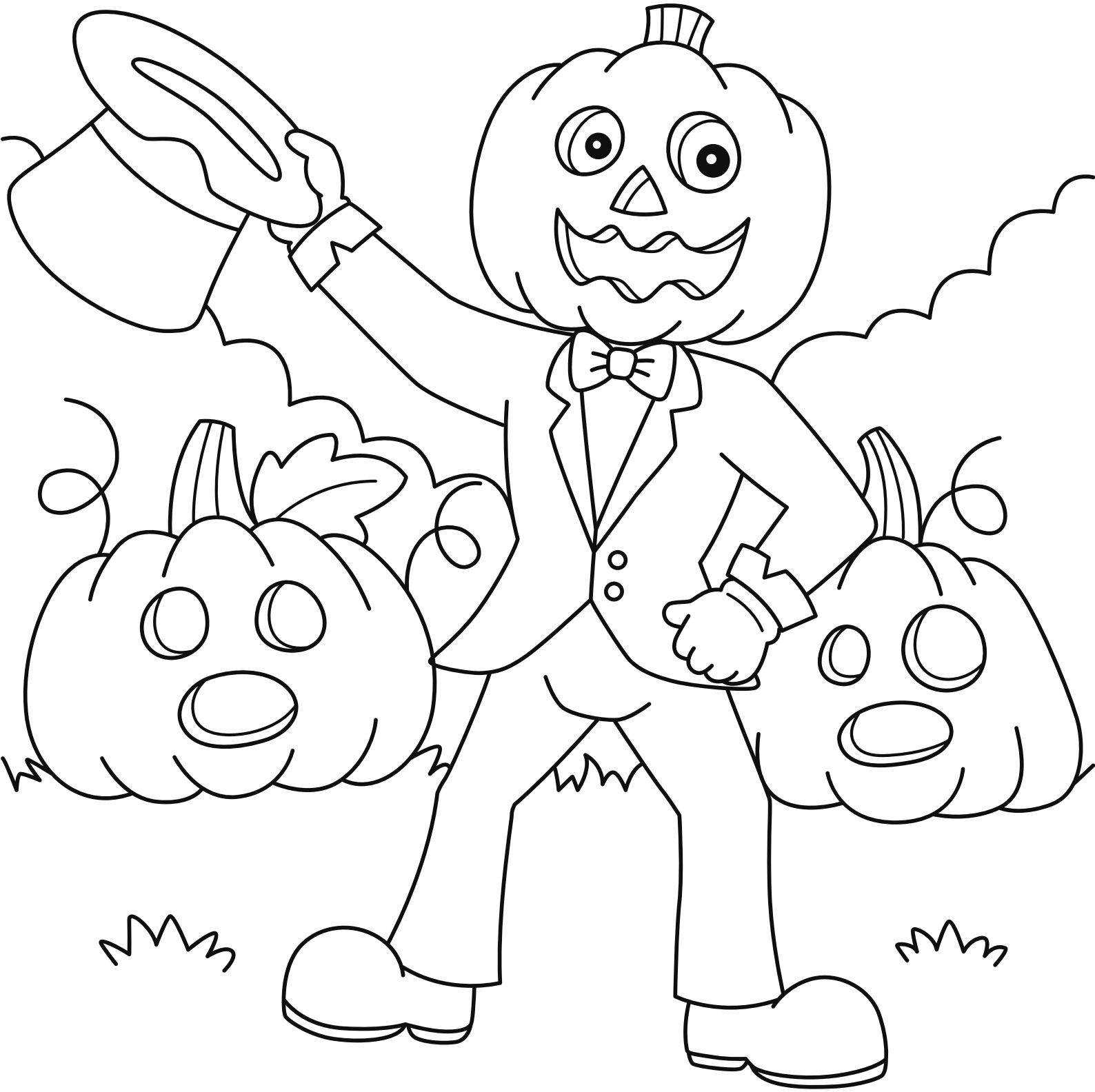
Interested? Contact Peter Vlahov on **0458 884 330** to register your interest or find out more.

Everyone interested is encouraged to get in touch!

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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

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.



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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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

Ray Baxter - **0428 525 530**

Russel Thomson - **0419 950 217**







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THE WOODY SHOP

Opening Hours

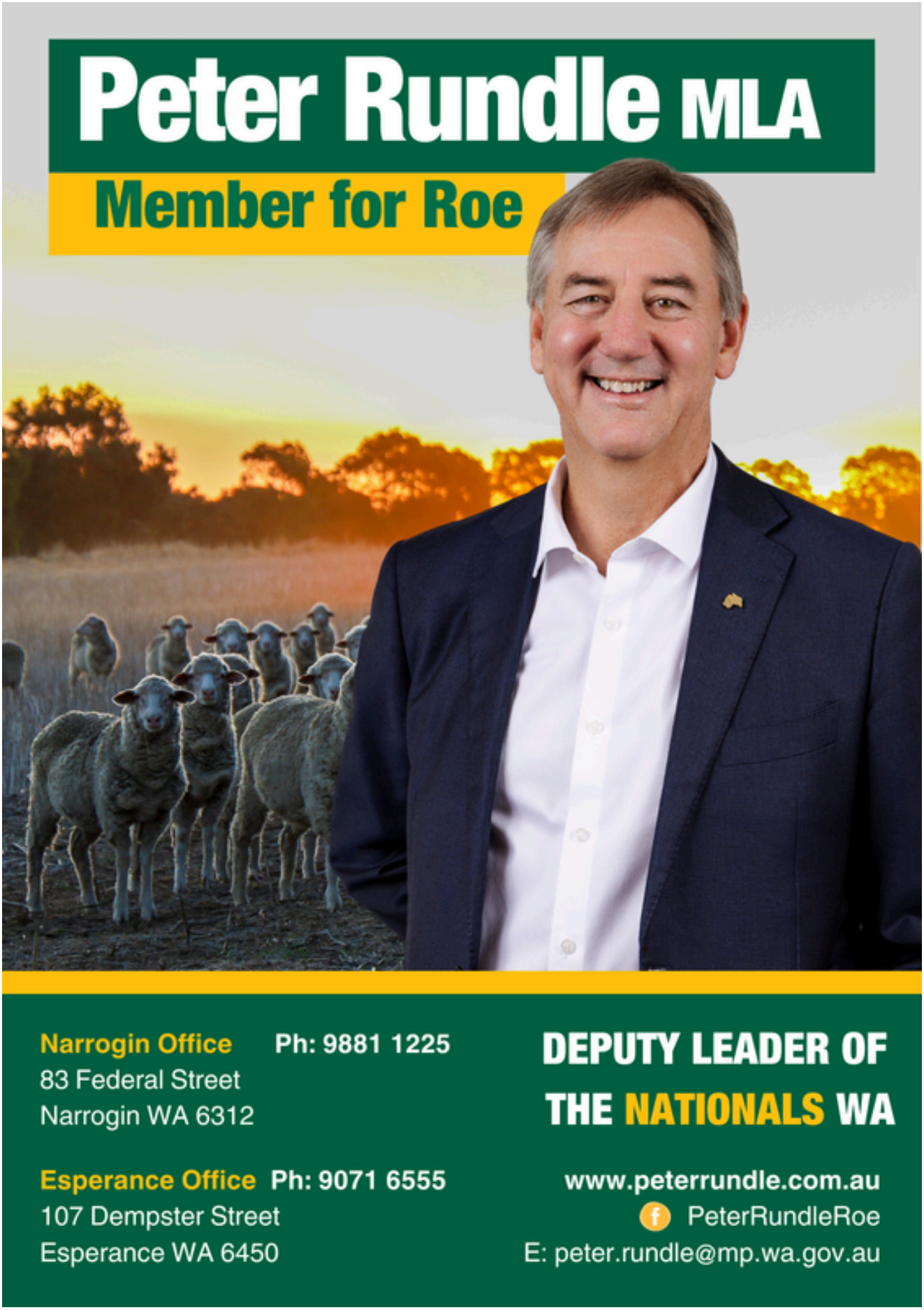
Monday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
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WONGI CONTACT

For any inquiries, please contact Ciara Whitmore on 08 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

ADVERTISING RATES 2026/2027

For advertisements per month (GST inclusive):

- Full Page: $73.00
- Half Page: $36.00
- Quarter Page: $18.00
- Business Card: $10.40

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