

ONGERUP GRAPEVINE

February 6th 2025

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Coming Events

Feral Shoot & Community Breakfast - Friday/Saturday 21st/22nd February
Changemakers workshop 26/27 February - conversations around planning the future of our community.

Ongerup Primary School 75th birthday celebrations March 15th

*Congratulations to Darren and Nicole Baum
who tied the knot in January
and also to Paul and MJ O'Meehan who
celebrated their wedding last weekend*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY

9th Jenny Ireland
11th Mat Campbell
16th Montana/Lexi Hooper
22nd Michael Long
22nd William Head

ONGERUP BOWLS NOTES

Last Saturday our Ladies:- Jade, Robyn, April & Vicki played off in the Pennant finals out at Jerramungup, we won our first game against Gnowangerup then after lunch challenged Jerramungup for the flag, and after a very close game Ongerup went down by one point! – phew that was close!! Our Ladies all played well but we just couldn't get that final end. And how special it was that our men bowlers, oops and ladies, travelled out to support us.

The Men play at Ongerup this Saturday against Tambellup, no pressure guys but you must win this one to stay in the top 4.

The club welcomes anyone to come along to scrourgers every Friday night, it's a very social night and a good way to just have a go to see if you like bowls, then stay on for a sausage sizzle to end the night. Check with a member to make sure it's not one of those nights when no-one is going!

Toddler Time

Today's session was held at the Ongerup playground with a fun play in the park.

Katie would love to see more Mums and bubs there so if you have a different time that suits you better could you please let Katie know. She would love to see you there and is happy to change the day if it works better.

TRAINEESHIP AVAILABLE

We have opportunity for a TRAINEE to join our team
We are offering an opportunity in 1 of 4 areas;
Certificate II Community Services
Certificate III Business Administration
Certificate IV Book keeping and Accounting
Certificate II Horticulture

To be eligible applicants need to be able to meet the criteria to enrol in a Traineeship, and demonstrate competency in English and Maths.
To apply email a resume & cover letter, indicating which Traineeship you are interested in to manager@ongerupcrc.net.au

APPLICATIONS will close when a suitable applicant is found. Get your expression of interest to us ASAP



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FERAL ANIMAL TALLY

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**SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2025
GNOWANGERUP + ONGERUP
6AM START**

CASH PRIZES!
COMMUNITY BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW THE TALLY
SHOOTING TO COMMENCE AT SUNSET ON FRIDAY 21ST FEB

QUESTIONS?
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Douglas (Dogle, Douges, Possom McLeod)

was born in Geraldine, New Zealand on 11 Sept 1948 to Helen Isabella McLeod (nee Perkins) and Philip Neil McLeod. He was little brother to Kit, Bill, Margaret, Angus, Mary, Janet and Roddy. At the age of 4, they moved from Geraldine to Cloudy Station- truly amazing country that Aussies can't understand. This was where Doug's love of working with sheep and love of dogs began.

Jackeroo, shearer, bowler, fishing, Eagles man, happy, huge laugh, low stress. Husband to Anna. Dad to Douglas and Tanya. Father-in-law to Mary and Greg. Pop to Chase, Alec, Jarrah, Daisy, Macie, Harry, Charlotte, Lachlan. Friend to many. He went away to boarding school after his Mum couldn't home school him any longer. At the age of 14, Doug lost his father in a boating accident, which led to him leaving school to help on the farm

This was about when he started enjoying a beer, and he was given his first pouch of tobacco. In the late 60s, the family sold the farm, and Doug was talked into heading off to Australia with his brother Roddy and a couple of mates on a hell of a boat ride. Some short stints on the east coast before heading West in 1970 with his mates Slim Savage. Firstly to Perth, then to Paraburdoo, (short-lived, too bloody HOT!) Then to the South he went, into his main passion of sheep. Initially at Genella at Gairdner, then to the main Wemyss Estate, northwest of Ongerup. The start of his 53 years in Ongerup. He spoke fondly of his time there and the blokes he worked there with- Winnie, Goddard, Udelle and Bob Hicks to name a few.

In 1974, in the Ongerup pub, he was introduced to a new fiery Irish barmaid working for JR. This was around the time Dad picked up a handpiece and shore with the likes of Slob, TC and Ferret to name a few.

Douglas and Anna were married in January 1975. In the summer of 75 son Douglas (known as Jack to many) was born. Later, Tanya was born on St Patrick's Day in 77.

They lived 2 doors down from the pub: pretty convenient-shearers one side and the Woods (the Noongar crew) on the other side. Doug would have a beer with all of them.

In the early 80s, Doug and Anna took over the shearing run and moved into the new house in Eldridge Street. It was a hell of a time in Ongerup in the 80s; shearing was booming (Ida Valley), triathlon was developed, Ongerup Shears (which Doug was heavily involved in- he ended up becoming a shearing judge) and the footy team was winning.

This was the decade that Doug got into his bowls- being the greenkeeper, Captain and President at various times. Was also the cheapest beer in time and on tap. Always putting his hand up to go to the tournament and Country week.

They moved from town to Jinda to oversee a farm for Fred House: 5-7000 wethers on the property.

It was a decade of fun. This was due to the people that Doug and Anna were friends with; Martins, Pinneys, Browns, McLeod's (Maori crew), Rogers, Wellstead's, and some kiwi family even turned up.

Then the 90s changed the face of the sheep industry and life in general. Doug got hold of the dipping run, which was fairly cranking. Son Jack home from school went to work in the sheds and helped with the dipping - there was no other option.

Life was tougher- 12% unemployment and 17% interest rates.

Over the years, he started to slow down- his hands hurt, his shoulders hurt, his body wasn't happy. As this went on, he never complained about anything, just went on with what he had to do.

Times were spent doing a lot of driving around the farm, checking the sheep, driving into town for a beer with Jonesy and Johnny, fishing trips, going for drives with the caravan.

He didn't need much of an excuse to go for a drive. He just loved cruising around.

Approx 3 yrs ago they made their final move to Haxby and by now he had figured out how to turn off his hearing aids, anytime he didn't want to hear what he was being told, generally by Anna.

On the morning of 30th December, Doug slipped away with Anna by his side - no more pain.

Thanks to the Albany Palliative care team for your help. And special thanks to Anna and Tanya for caring for Doug right to the end. It's hard work dealing with a stubborn mule. "Don't worry about it, it'll be alright."



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When: 9.30 - 11.30am 19, 26 February and 5 March
Where: Yongergnow Centre Jaekel Street Ongerup



Changemakers

Calling all passionate community people. Expand your leadership tools and gain a fresh perspective on growing your community, create change and drive momentum. This two day workshop is for everybody in our community to have a voice on the future and be a part of the conversation.

Held at Yongergnow Centre Wed/Thurs 26-27th February
programs.rural-leaders.com.au

If you have any issues registering please contact the CRC
manager@crc.net.au



- Ambulance/Fire/Police - 000
- Bill Tiller heavy vehicle accreditation/Test&Tag 0427 787059
- Child Health Nurse (Gnowangerup) - Amber Crichton 98272290 or 0438 711532
- Coffee/chat with a cop - 2nd Tuesday every month 9827 2800
- Crutching Cradle Ongerup - Lex 0458 524342
- Centrelink Access Point - Located at the Ongerup CRC.
- Davidson Occupational Therapy danielledavidsonot@gmail.com 0488 146457
- Fire Brigade - 000
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- Little Learners Friday school term - Maddie 0427 271 454
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- Ongerup Farm Supplies & General Store - 9828 2288
- Ongerup Golf Club - Bill Tiller 0427 787059
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- Ongerup Museum - Sandy 0428 282941 Vicki 0428 282282
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- Sweat in the Sticks fitness Dimity 0448 233985
- Veterinarian (Albany Vet Hospital) Call 9841 1788
- Fuel 24 Hour - Mick 0427 641044 or Kingsley 0428 282082
- Shire community engagement 2nd & 3rd Thurs 9827 1007
- Yongergrnow Malleefowl Centre and cafe 98282325

Grapevine Prices

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1/2 Page Advert - \$40.00

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CRC/YONGERGNOW Staff

Priscilla Wheatcroft - Centre Manager

Alyce Langdon - Cleaner

Mel Hawkins - Admin/Bookkeeper

Emma Spink - Events coordinator

Anne Silmer - Admin/library

Alyssa Dickson - trainee

Katie Sherwood - Events Coordinator

CRC Committee

Roz Thompson - Chairperson

Claire Flavel- Vice Chairperson

Emma Spink - Secretary

Kelly O'Neill - Treasurer

Dimity Creagh

Sandy Vaux

Jane Campbell

Alyce Langdon

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			5 school back	6	7 Social bowls	8 Bowls comp Ong men v TA
9	10	11 Coffee with a cop @ Yongergrnow	12	13 CEO @ Yongergrnow Canva workshop	14 Social bowls	15
16	17	18 Shire Community meeting in Ongerup	19 Early Start children workshop 1/3 OCD meeting	20 CEO @ Yongergrnow	21 Regional Business Forum GNP Social bowls Fox shoot 6 pm	22 Community breakfast/feral tally
23	24	25	26 Early Start children workshop 2/3 Changemakers Workshop 1/2	27 Changemakers Workshop 2/2	28 CRC meeting Social bowls	1