

ONGERUP GRAPEVINE

Community Notices

November 13th 2025

ONGERUP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: The next meeting for OCD will be held on Tuesday 18th November 7:30pm at the Ongerup Hotel meeting room. Please note change from Wednesday meeting date.

ONGERUP CRC AGM: The Annual General Meeting of the Yongergnow-Ongerup Community Resource Centre will be held at 6pm 28th November 2025. RSVP/enquiries to Emma 0447 455702.

ACTIVE FARMERS FITNESS SESSIONS: Over the harvest period fitness instructor Geena will be combining the 2 Ongerup sessions into one at 5:30pm Wednesdays. Quote from Geena - "The single most undervalued skill you can develop in life is the ability to do the things you need to do in the times when you don't feel like doing them!" So get moving and contact Geena on 0448 281158.

ONGERUP GYM: For anyone wanting to use the gym and all the equipment that it contains please call Yongergnow-CRC during opening hours to hire and get code access 98282325 or manager@ongerupcrc.net.au

This is a community gym if you can please replace items after use and report any broken equipment. Thank you.

SUPER 66 FUNDRAISING: Look out for Super 66 tickets coming up in a few weeks to have a win/win for CRC fundraising for kids club activities.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

13th Taite O'Neill

18th Kalina Mundy

19th Jan Slee

29th Mel Hawkins



RYHME TIME FOR NURSERY RHYME WEEK

What a fun Rhymetime morning we had for World Nursery Rhyme Week! We sang Incy Wincy Spider, Miss Polly had a Dolly, I Hear Thunder, and several others. When our teddies fell down singing 'Humpty Dumpty', we gave them a cuddle. We learned the gestures for 'Sing a Song of Sixpence'. We read Row Row Row Your Boat, and made some new friends! Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood development and education. They boost vocabulary and language development and help develop early literacy and numeracy skills. Nursery rhymes help children develop social, physical and emotional skills.

ONGERUP REFUSE SITE - NEW OPENING HOURS AND RESTRICTIONS

The Ongerup Refuse Site was reopened on the 25 October 2025 with public notices for the community advising on what can be disposed at the tip and where. Disappointingly, there has been ongoing dumping of illegal rubbish into the main household rubbish cell which present a high risk to the public and volunteer firefighters in the event of a fire. To manage this high risk, further restrictions will be put in place commencing Tuesday 11 November 2025. Existing tip swipe cards will be disabled and the tip will be manned and opened for 2 days a week for a total of 4 hours as follows:

Tuesday – Opened from 1 pm to 3pm. Friday – Opened from 8 am to 10am.

Listed below are items that are currently not accepted at the Shire refuse sites. If you require additional information or clarification, **please contact the Shire 9827 1007** or use the QR code near the front gate swipe card scanner.

Commencing immediately, the Shire will issue penalties for illegal dumping.

- Animal Carcasses Asbestos
- Bio Waste Chemicals (including empty chemical containers e.g. IBCs)
- Fuels Hazardous Materials
- Paints Oils
- Septic Waste Tyres





Justice Services

Gnowangerup Resident and Shire President Kate O'Keeffe volunteer's her services as a certified Justice of The Peace. This service provides the community with a registered witness for formal documentation.

Kate will be in the Shire Office and able to witness documents every last Wednesday of the month from 12pm—1pm



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

If you have any questions, please contact Simon Lyas at research@rdagreatsouthern.com.au.

SURVEY CLOSES 30 NOVEMBER 2025

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



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 Yongergnow-Ongerup Community Resource Centre
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2025 Membership

**1 Month: \$10
1 Year: \$100**

Equipment:

- Treadmill
- Dumbbells
- Kettlebells
- Exercise Balls
- Skipping Ropes
- Press Bench
- Cross Trainer

 NEW ARRIVAL





December 2025

The WA Christmas tree, stealing the show (and water!)



A *Nuytsia floribunda* flowering in Perth bushland, a close view of the characteristic golden yellow blooms.

Christmas is just around the corner, and that means the glorious Western Australian Christmas tree, or moodjar in Noongar (*Nuytsia floribunda*), are in bloom! Not only are they our state's most iconic summer-flowering tree, but they're one of the botanical world's most fascinating survivalists!

A tree like no other

The WA Christmas tree is found exclusively in the south-west corner of Western Australia, from Geraldton to Esperance. Growing up to 10 meters tall, it's a member of the mistletoe family (Loranthaceae) and holds the remarkable distinction of being the world's largest hemiparasitic plant. From late November through January, these trees put on a stunning display, with masses of vibrant orange-yellow flowers that can be spotted from a distance across the landscape.

However, the real show happens underground. The Christmas tree's roots can send out specialised structures called haustoria that seek

out and tap into the roots of neighbouring plants, stealing their water and nutrients. They are indiscriminate in their parasitism, grasses, shrubs, even other trees become unwilling hosts. There are stories of road crews encountering Christmas trees trying to parasitise underground cables, with their root attachments causing significant damage!

Despite this vampiric lifestyle, the Christmas tree produces its own leaves and photosynthesises like any normal tree. Meaning it is a hemiparasite (only partially parasitic). These parasitic adaptations allow it to access water during WA's notoriously dry summers, and extract nutrients, in an environment of nutrient-poor, sandy soils that dominate the region.

So these holidays, why not jump in the car, or go for a bushwalk and see if you can spot some of these incredible plants found nowhere else in the world.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas from the Backyard Buddies team!



Report your observations

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Pest and Disease Information Service (08) 9368 3080 | padis@dpird.wa.gov.au



Grapevine Prices

1/4 Page Advert - \$25.00

1/2 Page Advert - \$40.00

Full Page Advert - \$70.00

CRC/YONGERGNOW Staff

Emily Kelly - Centre Manager

Alyce Langdon - Cleaner

Mel Hawkins - Admin/Bookkeeper

Emma Spink - Events coordinator

Laura Page - Library Officer

Alyssa Dickson - Kitchen staff

Brooke Vlasschaert - Trainee

Elenna Bungey - Kitchen Manager

CRC Committee

Roz Thompson - Chairperson

Claire Flavel- Vice Chairperson

Emma Spink - Secretary

Kelly O'Neill - Treasurer

Sandy Vaux

Jane Campbell

Alyce Langdon

ONGERUP SERVICES

- Ambulance/Fire/Police/SES - 000
- Bill Tiller heavy vehicle accreditation/test & tag 0427 787059
- Child Health Nurse (Gnowangerup) - Amber Crichton 98 272800 or 0438 711532
- Crutching Cradle Ongerup - Lex 0458 524342
- Centrelink Access Point - located in the Ongerup CRC
- Davidson Occupational Therapy Dee 0488 146457 danielledavidsonot@gmail.com
- Fire Brigade - 000
- Hamersley Shearing - Brett 0457 620041
- Justice of the Peace - Tom Hart 0428 282120 Bill Tiller 0427 787059
- Little Learners daycare Friday School term - Maddie 0427 271454
- Ongerup Bowling Club - Vicki O'Neill 0428 282282 ongerupbowlingclub@gmail.com
- Ongerup Caravan Park - Lex 0458 524342
- Ongerup Farm Supplies and General Store - 9828 2288
- Ongerup Golf Club - Bill Tiller 0427 787059
- Ongerup Hall/gym - Ongerup CRC 98282325
- Ongerup Hotel - 9828 2749
- Ongerup Library - Yongergnow-CRC Tues-Sat 9am - 3pm
- Ongerup CRC 98 282325 manager@ongerupcrc.net.au
- Ongerup Lunch Bar & Fuel 98 282747
- Ongerup Museum - Judy 0427 356020 Vicki 0428 282282
- Ongerup Sporting Complex - Alyce Langdon 0450 273890
- Ongerup Tyres & Auto - 98 282101
- Shearing Ongerup - Lex 0458 524342
- Veterinarian (Albany Vet Hospital) call 98 411788
- Shire community engagement 2nd & 3rd Thurs 98 271007
- Yongergnow Malleefowl Centre & cafe 98 282325

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				13 Shire engagement	14 <i>Bowls scroungers</i>	15
16	17	19 OCD meeting	19 Fire Awareness workshop <i>Active farmers</i>	20 Shire engagement <i>Recycling bins</i>	21 <i>Bowls scroungers</i>	22
23	24	25	26 <i>Active farmers</i>	27	28 <i>Bowls scroungers</i> CRC AGM	29
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