

ONGERUP GRAPEVINE

Community Notices

November 20th 2025

GREAT SOUTHERN WORKFORCE NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Please fill in the survey details page 2 closes 10th December.

ONGERUP CRC AGM: The AGM of the Yongergnow-Ongerup Community Resource Centre will be held at 2pm 27th Nov 2025. Note time change.

Toddler Time recap!

This week we decorated sheep using cotton wool, pompoms and paint. The children had loads of fun getting creative and making their own fluffy farm friends. Thanks to everyone who joined us! Our next session is on December 3rd we will be making paper plate Santas!



LIBRARY CORNER

We have some great new titles for junior readers in the Ongerup library at Yongergnow-Ongerup CRC.

Andy Lee has written Do not open this book it's out of this world. Wizz has travelled through history and through a lifetime of ages, but what happens when he travels through space?! How does Wizz cope with losing gravity, and what will he do to convince you not to turn each page?!

Join Daisy and Lily in a fabulously sunny story about sisters, new friends and seaside fun! In Jacqueline Wilson's book, The Seaside Sleepover, will Daisy, Lily and Scuff get their dream holiday?

Other new children's titles include The Legend of Jessie Hickman, Big Nate: No Harm Done, Aussie Baby's Christmas Time, and Australia's Remarkable Wildlife: Possum.

Want to borrow books but never seem to have your library card on you? In the library we can easily look up your membership details so you can borrow your favourite title. You can also install the Spydus app on your phone and scan it to borrow books. Just ask us how!



David wants to hear from our community

come in and have a cuppa and a chat with our Shire CEO at Yongergnow every 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month 10 am - 11 am

For further enquiries contact the Shire office on 98271007 or gnpshire@gnowangerup.wa.gov.au

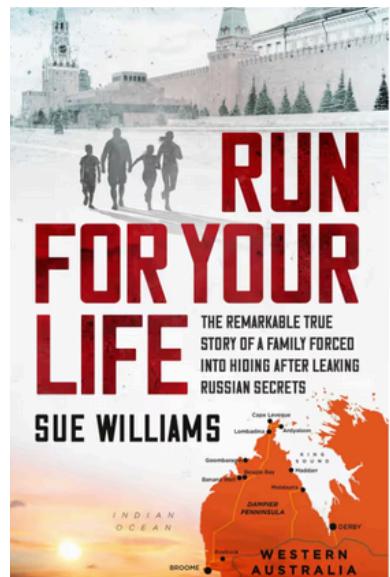
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- November 29th Mel Hawkins
- December 1st Jasper Kohler
- 2nd Sophia Vlasschaert
- 3rd Hayley Newitt
- 8th Zac Langdon
- 9th Mason Coles
- 10th Indigo O'Neill
- 14th Hazel Baum
- 15th Marnie Kohler
- 17th Don Sclater
- 19th Rohan Vaux
- 19th Beau Vaux

Run for your life
Sue Williams

Run for Your Life by Sue Williams tells the true story of a family who must flee Russia after uncovering dangerous political secrets. Seeking safety, they escape to remote Western Australia, where they battle the harsh wilderness and learn to survive off the land. It's a powerful tale of courage, danger, and the fight to protect the ones you love.

This book comes recommended by May Sclater and Vicki O'Neill



DID YOU KNOW 1 FARMER COMMITS SUICIDE EVERY 10 DAYS?

Suicide was the main cause of death for Australians aged 15 to 49 years in 2019. Mental health has a huge impact on every aspect of people's lives. It affects behaviour, physical health, work and relationships, as well as the people around them.

The National Farmer Wellbeing Report is shining a spotlight on a national health crisis needing urgent attention. It has found in recent years nearly half of Australian farmers (45%) have felt depressed, with almost two thirds (64%) experiencing anxiety. For one in seven (14%), it's a frequent experience. This data adds to existing bodies of research which found that one farmer commits suicide every 10 days and Australian farmers are twice as likely to commit suicide when compared to the general population.

More than a quarter of farmers (27%) say feelings of loneliness or isolation, combined with limited access to mental health services have had the biggest impact on their mental health over the past five years.

Southern Agcare provides support, counselling and advocacy for people struggling with Mental health, poverty, domestic violence, homelessness, grief and other forms of crisis or trauma. We cover an area of some 40,500 square kilometres, servicing the Shires of West Arthur, Darkan, Wagin, Dumbleyung, Lake Grace, Woodanilling, Katanning, Kent, Kojonup, Broomehill-Tambellup, Gnowangerup, Jerramungup, Cranbrook, Plantagenet, and Denmark.

Southern Agcare has been established since 1987, we make an indelible difference within the community. Through donations from the local agriculture sector, we can continue to provide and expand our service, to make a positive impact in the community, investing in opportunities that make our region a place anyone would want to live and thrive.

Southern Agcare is your community counselling service. We exist to serve you, your family, and your community - to provide hope, healing, and recovery.

Please consider us when making your next donation or sale through CBH.

CBH Grower ID & Account name - Southern Agcare Inc 40408072

Or directly to our bank account

Southern Agcare Inc 016-660 216103201



Katanning Child Development Services



Ongerup Ear Health Screening

Day: Wednesday 17th December

Time: 9.30am-10.30am

Location: Ongerup CRC



A Speech Pathologist from Katanning CDS will be visiting Ongerup to screen your child's ears.



GREAT SOUTHERN 2025 WORKFORCE NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Have your Say!

RDA Great Southern invites Employer's to complete the Workforce Needs Assessment Survey

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

SURVEY CLOSING DATE EXTENDED TO 10 DECEMBER 2025

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





RECYCLING NEWS



This is planned to be a regular segment to improve our recycling practices and find out how and where we can get rid of stuff! With the limited tip hours at the moment, it would be great to be able to sort anything and/or everything into another place to go to its eventual resting place without filling up landfill.

YELLOW RECYCLING BINS:

Most households in town have a yellow bin that is collected fortnightly, and there is a bank of yellow bins in Carpenter Street behind Ongerup Tyres for use by out-of-towners. These bins take glass, cardboard, paper, newspaper, tin cans, aluminium cans and some plastic containers. Regardless of whether things are recyclable some things are not welcome with the Shire recycling truck run. Common ones are soft plastics and foil lined containers and these can go into the 'normal' rubbish and into the green wheelie bins that are collected every Thursday morning by Shire rubbish truck.

10C CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE:

Shuttles (IBC's) are located at the front of the school and beside the Carpenter Street yellow recycling bins for P&C fundraising with your collected 10c containers, or DYO to collection centres in Albany or Katanning.

DRUM MUSTERS AND BULK WASTE VERGE COLLECTIONS

are generally an annual event, yet to be organised for Ongerup.

BATTERIES:

Household smaller batteries have a collection point at Yongergnow and get regularly delivered to Bunnings in their recycling point. Large vehicle batteries can be left at the back of the tyre service on a wooden pallet for P&C fundraising.

Please all lets do our best to reduce our rubbish going to the tip and take advantage of the recycling options available.

CHEMICAL SHUTTLES (IBC's)

are only able to be returned to your supplier after triple rinsing and not put into the general landfill at the tip.



ONGERUP LUNCH BAY NEWS

trading hours

Monday - Friday 6.30 am - 6.00 pm

Saturday - Sunday - 10 am - 3.00 pm

Hours will increase depending on harvest requirements

please check the notice at the front of the lunch Bay for updates

situation vacant

Customer service and food handling person required for minimum of four weeks work.

Experience preferred

Contact Ongerup Lunch Bay 98282747 or 98418946



Water supply in a bushfire

This information could save your life



While leaving high-risk bushfires is the safest option, if you plan to stay and defend your home, you must have an **INDEPENDENT** water supply and pumping capability. This typically requires water tanks of at least 20,000 litres, pump and generator.

This is required as mains water supply and pressure cannot be guaranteed during a bushfire due to the risk of power cuts, fire damage and extreme demand.

Use the Department of Fire and Emergency Services resources to develop your personal bushfire plan: mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au
You can also download the My Bushfire Plan app via the App Store or Google Play to access your bushfire plan anytime - even without an internet connection.

To support bushfire plans, if you have groundwater bore access to surface water, you can take and store emergency water without it counting against your annual entitlement. For more information on this, and for the location of emergency bushfire water supplies in dryland agricultural areas, visit the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation website.

Drinking water

We recommend you keep a supply of drinking water on hand throughout summer in case your water supply is interrupted.

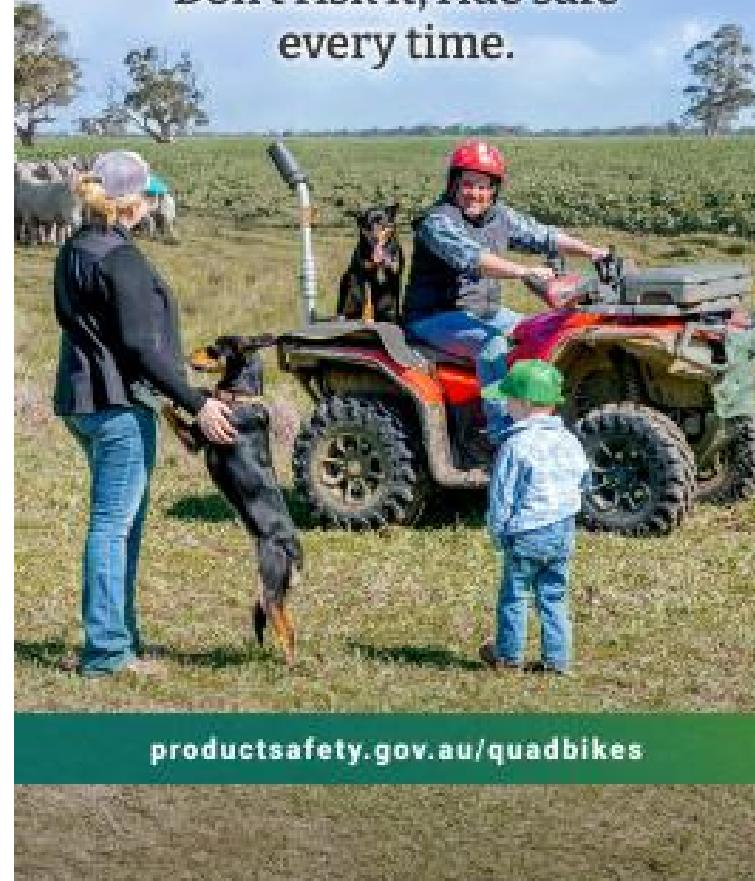
Assistance for customers affected by bushfire

After a bushfire, we can assist you with issues such as damaged water meters and payment difficulties. If you have been affected by bushfire please call us on **13 13 85**.

The Emergency WA website emergency.wa.gov.au provides emergency information and community safety warnings. Call **000** in a life-threatening emergency or the SES **132 500** for emergency assistance.

One ride can change everything.

Don't risk it, ride safe every time.



productsafety.gov.au/quadbikes



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Systems setup from start to finish; Maintenance; Fatigue; Mass; Dimension & Loading Modules. Based in Ongerup.
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CALL FOR A QUOTE

HEAVY VEHICLE ACCREDITATION

TEST & TAG SERVICE

JP SERVICES **NEW**

OVERSIZE PILOT SERVICE



TOWN HALL HIRE

4 HOURS = \$50

8 HOURS = \$100

NIGHT TIME = \$200

Tables/Chairs onsite: Free

Tables/Chairs off site:

\$10 per table

\$5 per chair

\$100 per bond



WorkSafe

News alert

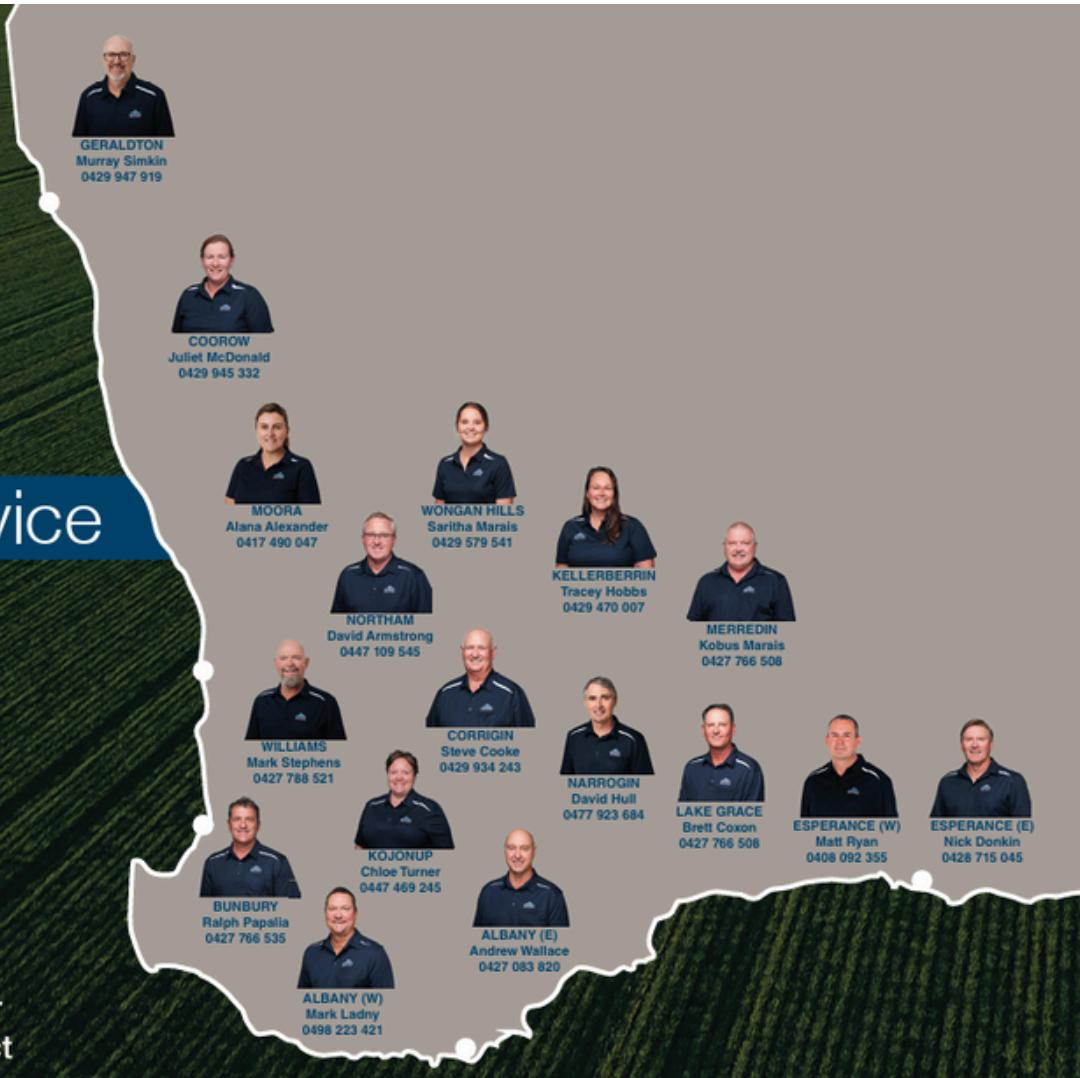
New exposure standard for aluminium welding fumes

The workplace exposure standard (WES) for aluminium welding fumes in Western Australia has been lowered from 5 mg/m³ to 1 mg/m³, effective immediately.

Persons conducting a business or undertaking (PCBUs) must take all reasonably practicable steps to reduce exposure risks including reviewing current controls, conducting exposure assessments and implementing higher-level controls, such as substitution, isolation, and engineering controls.

This Statement of Regulatory Intent sets out WorkSafe's approach for enforcing the new aluminium welding fumes exposure standard under the Work Health and Safety (General) Regulations 2022 and Work Health and Safety (Mines) Regulations 2022.

WorkSafe will take an educational approach to this issue over the first 12 months.



SUMMIT FERTILIZERS Local Service

Summit Fertilizers Area
Managers live and work in your local communities, and understand what matters most for your farm to succeed, backed with over 35 years of agricultural knowledge and recommendations customised for your needs.

For more information on how Summit can partner with you for growing success, please contact your Local Area Manager.

Location	Name	Phone Number
GERALDTON	Murray Simkin	0429 947 919
COOROW	Juliet McDonald	0429 945 332
MOORA	Alana Alexander	0417 490 047
WONGAN HILLS	Saritha Marais	0429 579 541
NORTHAM	David Armstrong	0447 109 545
KELLERBERRIN	Tracey Hobbs	0429 470 007
MERREDIN	Kobus Marais	0427 766 508
WILLIAMS	Mark Stephens	0427 788 521
CORRIGAN	Steve Cooke	0429 934 243
NARROGIN	David Hull	0477 923 684
BUNBURY	Ralph Papalia	0427 766 535
KOJONUP	Chloe Turner	0447 469 245
LAKE GRACE	Brett Coxon	0427 766 508
ALBANY (W)	Mark Ladny	0498 223 421
ALBANY (E)	Andrew Wallace	0427 083 820
ESPERANCE (W)	Matt Ryan	0408 092 355
ESPERANCE (E)	Nick Donkin	0428 715 045



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

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

November/December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				20 Shire engagement <i>Recycling bins</i>	21 <i>Bowls scroungers</i>	22
23	24	25	26 <i>Active farmers</i>	27 CRC AGM	28 <i>Bowls scroungers</i>	29
30	1	2	3 <i>Active farmers</i>	4 <i>Recycling bins</i>	5 <i>Bowls scroungers</i>	6
7	8 Fill in GS workforce survey by 10th	9	10 <i>Active farmers</i>	11	12	13