

# ONGERUP, GRAPEVINE

## Back to School Community Notices

January 29th 2026

**Congratulations** to April Langdon on winning the Jerramungup Shire Australia Day Sports person of the Year award. April has had an amazing sporting year and continues to shine in every code she participates in.

**BOWLS NOTES** Our Club held our singles championship last Sunday. A good roll up for the Men's event at which Barry Ashton played Maurice O'Neill in a top class final playoff, with Barry coming out on top. Unfortunately we only had Robyn available to play the Ladies singles, both ladies played top bowls and this was a even game with April Langdon the winner. Congratulations to both Champions.

These players now go off to play in the League finals. April on February 14th here in Ongerup – Barry on March 15th - Borden. These will be games to be watched. Ongerup also held a Club event on Australia Day – not a big day but a good day with about 10 turning up for a game. The Ladies are playing in our League Finals this Saturday 31st at Gnowangerup. Our men haven't had a pennant game for awhile but it's back into it the next Saturday 7th February at Ongerup.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### February

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jye Duggan
- 9<sup>th</sup> Jenny Ireland
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mat Campbell
- 16<sup>th</sup> Montana Hooper
- 16<sup>th</sup> Lexi Hooper
- 19<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Baum
- 20<sup>th</sup> Ivy Spink
- 20<sup>th</sup> Pippa Carpenter
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Michael Long
- 22<sup>nd</sup> William Head

## Meet the Author - Linda Meppem

Local community members joined memoir writer Linda Meppem for morning tea on Thursday 22 January at the Yongergnow Cafe. They talked about memoir writing and Linda's new book, 'Where my soul rests'. She has been visiting our own library officer, Laura Page.

Linda has raised a family and lives in country NSW but her childhood was spent in Southern California, USA where she spent precious time with her grandparents in the Ojai Valley. Linda writes about her own experiences, her observations, and the fascination she finds in life's abundance of both delights and struggles. When asked how she started writing, Linda said that when she moved to Moree, NSW, she talked to the local newspaper editor. The editor suggested a regular column in the paper would be a good way for the community to get to know Linda.



"I was the officer for the local Salvation Army. I would look out of the office window and be inspired to write an article that would finish as positive. And my grandson Bill was 2 years old and was a source of inspiration. I wrote human interest stories – people like to read about other people." Linda would write her column for the paper for seven years. "When we write about ourselves, we draw from our own experiences and that makes it real. If we sense a connection, that makes it interesting to read." The tough thing is getting started. But then you go back and write it a different way. You can always go back and re-word." Linda shared some of her adventures and the experience of self-publishing her book. We would like to thank Linda for a very interesting morning.

*"Work hard, nap hard." – Demi Lovato*

*"Sign on a high school bulletin board in Dallas: Free every Monday through Friday: knowledge. Bring your own containers." – E.C. McKenzie*

*"I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught." – Winston Churchill*

*"In school one learns to ask stupid questions of life." – Marty Rubin*

*"You can drag my body to school but my spirit refuses to go." – Bill Watterson*

*"As long as teachers give tests, there will always be prayer in schools." – Unknown*

*"No school without spectacular eccentrics and crazy hearts is worth attending." – Saul Bellow*



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION  
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
Shire of Gnowangerup**

An Extraordinary Postal Election will be held on Thursday, 26 March 2026 in the Shire of Gnowangerup to fill the following vacancy:

**District**                      **1 Councillor**                      **20 October 2029**

**Nominations Open** on Tuesday, 3 February 2026

**Nominations Close** at 4.00pm Tuesday, 10 February 2026

Nominations must be lodged with the Returning Officer:

- at any time during the above period by arrangement; or
- between 2.00pm and 4.00pm Tuesday, 10 February 2026 (close of nominations) at the Shire of Gnowangerup, 28 Yougenup Road, GNOWANGERUP.

**Nominations Requirements**

Candidates are required to lodge with the Returning Officer:

- The Commission's preferred method for candidates to nominate is through the Commissions Nomination Builder. This tool assists candidates in completing their nomination form, including their profile and additional information. The Nomination Builder can be accessed via [www.igportal.waec.wa.gov.au/noms](http://www.igportal.waec.wa.gov.au/noms). Candidates can complete their nomination details and profile, print the completed form with the allocated nomination ID, and lodge it with the Returning Officer. Alternatively, a copy of the prescribed nomination form is available from the Returning Officer or via [www.elections.wa.gov.au/Candidate-Information](http://www.elections.wa.gov.au/Candidate-Information)
- a single A4 page profile of not more than 1,000 characters (including spaces) containing information about the candidate;
- a nomination deposit of \$100 (cash, EFT, bank cheque or postal order);
- a recent passport-sized photograph (optional);
- every candidate must complete the online course titled *Local Government Candidate Induction*, available at [Induction for Prospective candidates | LGIRS candidates](http://Induction for Prospective candidates | LGIRS candidates), prior to nominating and provide the course code on the nomination form; and
- in addition to the candidates A4 profile, Candidate can provide additional information that they consider to be relevant to their candidature. This written statement cannot be more than 2,000 characters (including spaces), must be in the English language and is for publication on the local government's official website only. (optional)

**Please Note:**

Where an agent lodges a nomination on a candidate's behalf, it must be in the prescribed form with a written authorisation signed by the candidate. The documents may be hand delivered or posted to the Returning Officer and must be received by the close of nominations.

**Information**

Full details about eligibility and nomination procedures for prospective candidates can be obtained by contacting the Returning Officer, **Annabel PAULLEY** on **0429 439 686** or the Western Australian Electoral Commission on 13 63 06.

**DENNIS O'REILLY**  
ACTING ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER  
13 63 06



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**Applications close 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2026**



Describing her first day back in grade school after a long absence, a teacher said, It was like trying to hold 35 corks underwater at the same time.” – Mark Twain

## Peter Rundle MLA Member for Roe



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### 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



## ROAD SAFETY CAMERA INFORMATION SESSION

Date: Thursday 19 February 2026

Time: 10:30am-11:30am

Where: Yongergnow-Ongerup CRC

Join us to learn:

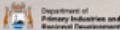
- What do the cameras look like?
- Where are they located?
- What do they detect?
- Why are they used?
- How to stay *safe* and stay *legal*.

Morning tea will be provided.

Please contact the Yongergnow-Ongerup  
CRC to book a place or for further details:

M: (08) 9828 2325

E: [manager@ongerupcrc.net.au](mailto:manager@ongerupcrc.net.au)



## NSPNR & YONGERGNOW FERAL ANIMAL TALLY 2026

### TALLY DATES

SHOOTING TO COMMENCE AT SUNSET ON EVENINGS PRIOR  
GNOWANGERUP FRI MARCH 13TH  
ONGERUP SAT MARCH 21ST

### MORE INFO

FIRST PLACE TO WIN A CASH PRIZE OF \$1000  
COMMUNITY BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW THE TALLYS  
TEAMS CAN ENTER BOTH EVENTS - REGISTER BELOW



GO INTO THE DRAW  
TO WIN A HUSQVARNA 120 MARK II CHAINSAW  
BY REGISTERING BEFORE FEBRUARY 8TH

### ANY QUESTIONS

NSPNR 0437 248 206

[PROJECTS1@NSPNR.COM.AU](mailto:PROJECTS1@NSPNR.COM.AU)

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## Annual Electors Meeting

Monday 2  
February

12 noon  
Gnowangerup Town Hall

Gnowangerup Shire residents  
are warmly encouraged to  
attend

Shire President  
Kate O'Keeffe



Shire CEO David  
Nicholson



### AGENDA:

- Official Opening
- Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual Electors' Meeting, held 29 January 2025
- Shire President's Report
- Chief Executive Officer's Report
- Receiving of the 2024/2025 Annual Report including the Annual Financial Report
- General Business
- Public Question Time



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 - Yongergrnow-CRC Tues-Sat 9am - 3pm
- Ongerup CRC 98 282325 [manager@ongerupcrc.net.au](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs 98 271007
- Yongergrnow 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

# January/February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					30	31
1 Golf	2 school back  <i>Annual electors meeting GNP</i>	3	4	5	6 Daycare resumes	7
9 Golf	10	11 Toddler Time	12	13 Shire Community engagement	14 Daycare  Bowls women's League finals	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 foxshoot	22 community breakfast