

# ONGERUP GRAPEVINE

February 19th 2026

## Community Notices

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### February

- 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

#### MARCH

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sophie Thompson
- 5<sup>th</sup> Xanthe O'Neill
- 5<sup>th</sup> Lex Mundy
- 9<sup>th</sup> Mel Savage
- 10<sup>th</sup> Georgia Hyde
- 10<sup>th</sup> Levi Campbell
- 19<sup>th</sup> Kelly O'Neill



Wow how amazing does our Town Hall look!! Thanks to the Shire of Gnowangerup and James D'Souza from WA Hardwood floors we now have a beautiful polished floor. This will need to cure and wont be available to use before Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. But after that you are welcome to book through the CRC to enjoy all its restored beauty.

**ONGERUP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INC:** The Ongerup Community Development Inc will be holding its **AGM on Wednesday March 18, 2026,** 7.30pm in the Meeting Room of the Ongerup Hotel. All positions declared vacant. Enquires to ongerupcommunity@gmail.com.

*The Ongerup Community Development Inc is a local volunteer organisation that supports your community by providing housing, financial support to local organisations and development of the Ongerup town. It works in partnerships with the Ongerup community to create social and economic conditions that strengthen the community and foster a vibrant and prosperous town*

## Library Corner



**All Fours** by Miranda July: A semi-famous artist announces her plan to drive cross-country, from LA to NY. Twenty minutes after leaving her husband and child at home, she spontaneously exits the freeway, beds down in a nondescript motel, and immerses herself in a temporary reinvention that turns out to be the start of an entirely different journey.

**A Hidden Tragedy : the sinking of HMAS Goorangai** by Andrew Campbell: A forgotten tragedy unfolded in the quiet waters of Port Phillip Bay during World War II. In 1940, less than 100 km from Melbourne, the humble minesweeper HMAS Goorangai was on a vital mission, clearing German-laid sea mines in Bass Strait, when she was catastrophically struck by the much larger merchant vessel, MV Duntroon. Within minutes, the Goorangai was gone, taking all 24 of her crew to their watery graves.

**What happened that night** by Nicci French: After nearly thirty years in prison for the murder of his university friend Leo Bauer, Tyler Green is finally free. Meeting up with the group of friends who were there the night that Leo died, Tyler is looking to reconnect -- but he's also looking for answers.

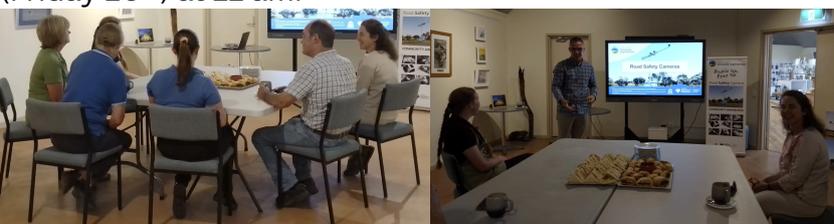


## Road Safety awareness



Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

A very interesting and informative presentation by Cameron from Road Safety drew a small but enthusiastic crowd this morning. There were plenty of questions about the new speed cameras and it's functions as well as road safety. We have a few leaflets if you missed the talk so pop in and grab one, or attend at Gnowangerup CRC tomorrow (Friday 20<sup>th</sup>) at 11 am.



## Toddler Time – Ocean Sensory Fun!

Join us for a special Toddler Time session at the Ongerup Town Hall on:  
Thursday 26th February  
9:00- 10:00am

This hands-on session is all about ocean play and caring for our sea animals!

What we're doing:

Creating sea-themed ooobleck sensory play  
Adding sea animals for imaginative fun

Help to save the animals by picking out the plastic that harms our oceans

Rescuing sea animals from ice – a chilly adventure the kids will love!

A fun, interactive morning of sensory play, learning, and ocean awareness.

We'd love to see you there!



Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**Situation Vacant**

**The Shire of Gnowangerup**  
 is recruiting for a General  
 Hand (Entry Level) to join the  
 Shire's Depot team.

This role has been created as a launchpad to train and upskill members of the community, for a rewarding career in local government. The position is offered as a 12-week full-time, fixed-term appointment. Suitable candidates will be considered for a permanent role with the Shire of Gnowangerup. The position description for this role can be found on the Shire's website/ The Shire is looking for a candidate who is enthusiastic and willing to learn. Training will be provided on the job, and prior qualifications are not a requirement.

To apply, please provide a one page letter outlining your interest to the HR & Contracts Manager, by email to [ciara.nalty@gnowangerup.wa.gov.au](mailto:ciara.nalty@gnowangerup.wa.gov.au) by 5 March 2026. Applicants are also encouraged to direct their questions to the HR & Contracts Manager.

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

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**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

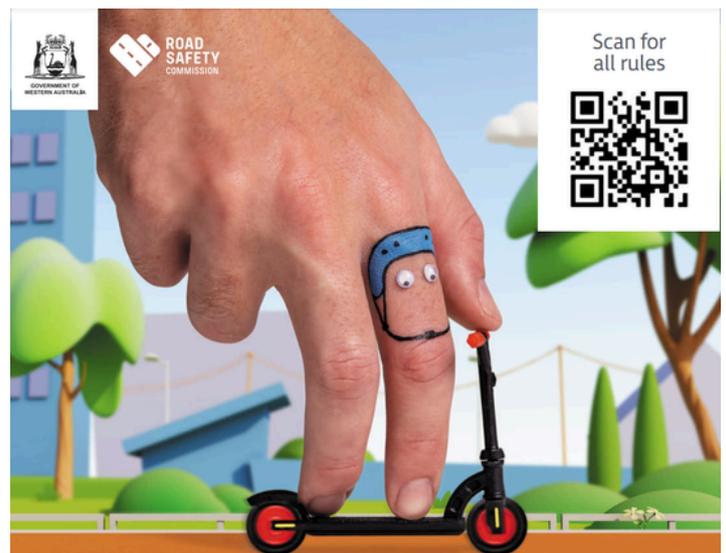
**ANY QUESTIONS**

NSPNR 0437 248 206 PROJECTS1@NSPNR.COM.AU  
 YONGERGNOW 9828 2325 VISITOR@YONGERGNOW.COM.AU

This project is funded by the Australian Government under the Saving Native Species Program and South Coast Natural Resource Management as a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel, and is delivered by North Stirlings Pallinup Natural Resources (NSPNR)



**WA Police Road Policing Division** have placed a strong emphasis on local police to target e-ridable devices (ERD) in our community. Police have noticed an increase in people riding E-scooters around the towns, especially not wearing helmets, multiple people on one ERD or being an underage rider. We are preparing the community for future tougher laws around ERDs. Furthermore every rider can alcohol breath test the same a bicycle. Our focus at Gnowangerup Police Station is not to over police ERDs and impact the community. We are focused on reducing children being hit by a car or truck, and adults being injured whilst riding an ERD.



ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION  
 GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Scan for all rules

Lincolns

# Join Lincolns' 2026 Rural Tour!



The Road Ahead: Planning for Growth and Generations  
Navigate the future of your farm with clarity and confidence.

## What's It About?

The Lincolns Rural Tour 2026 is a practical, in-person seminar series tailored for farmers and rural business owners throughout WA's Great Southern.

This year's tour focuses on how to build stronger businesses, support intergenerational transitions and prepare for the changes shaping rural enterprises today. At the heart of each event are three expert-led sessions designed to deliver clarity, strategy and encourage action.

### Solving the Succession Puzzle:

Explore the four core pieces every farming family needs to align security, income, viability and fairness and discover how to approach succession with clarity and purpose.

### PayDay Super & Payroll Compliance:

Get ready for the 1st of July 2026 changes, where superannuation must be paid on payday, not quarterly.

### Off-Farm Investment Strategies:

How much is enough and how do you get there? This session explores what retirement might cost, when you'll rely on capital and different ways to build wealth off farm.

Each session concludes with a live expert panel, featuring local and industry specialists who'll answer real-world questions from the audience.

## Tour Dates & Locations:

- Ravensthorpe Tues 17 Feb | Ravensthorpe CRC
- Lake Grace Wed 18 Feb | Lake Grace CRC
- Gnowangerup Tues 24 Feb | Gnowangerup CRC
- Esperance Tues 24 Feb | Comfort Inn Bay of Isles
- Boxwood Hill Thurs 26 Feb | Boxwood Hill Sports Club
- Albany Tues 3 Mar | Hilton Garden Inn
- Ongerup Wed 4 Mar | Ongerup CRC
- Kojonup Thurs 5 Mar | Memorial Hall

Early bird tickets are now available. Reserve your seat!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow, adapt and lead in the ever-changing world of agriculture.

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTRAORDINARY POSTAL ELECTION ELECTION NOTICE Shire of Gnowangerup (Local Government Act 1995, s.4.64)

The Shire of Gnowangerup is holding an extraordinary election by postal vote on Thursday, 26 March 2026 to fill vacancies in the offices of Councillor as listed below:

**District** 1 **Councillor**  
PEUCKER, Mel  
STARKE, Colin  
BEECK, Timothy  
HEMLEY, Joanne  
MARTIN, Lex

**Election Packages** will be sent to all electors on the local government electoral roll where there is an election in their electorate.

You may hand deliver your postal voting papers, or obtain a replacement package (if the package is not received, or should any papers be missing), during business hours before election day from the following location:

Shire of Gnowangerup, 28 Yougenup Road, GNOWANGERUP 9am - 4.30pm

**Post your vote early.** Completed postal voting packages must reach the Returning Officer by 6pm on election day, Thursday, 26 March 2026.

You may hand deliver your postal voting papers to an electoral officer, or obtain a replacement package (if the package is not received, or should any papers be missing), between 8am and 6pm on election day at the following location:

### Chief Polling Place:

Shire of Gnowangerup, 28 Yougenup Road, GNOWANGERUP 8am - 6pm

**The count of votes** will commence after 6pm at the Shire of Gnowangerup Meeting Room, 28 Yougenup Road, GNOWANGERUP.

### Electronic Counting Place

Western Australian Electoral Commission head office at Level 2, 66 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000 may be used as an electronic counting place.

DENNIS O'REILLY  
ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER  
13 63 06



# DANDJOO

EST 2025

CELEBRATING OUR PEOPLE

The Shire of Gnowangerup acknowledges the many people across the community who generously give their time, from emergency responders and committee members to office bearers, carers and countless others behind the scenes. Take a moment to help celebrate the contribution these individuals make and the difference they create in the community every day.

If you are new to the community please come along, this is a great way to meet new people and allow the community to welcome you

## We need your help

### Nominate someone in your community

Know someone who has gone above and beyond this year? Show appreciation by nominating them for a Dandjoo Award. It's a simple way to recognise the time, care and effort they give to others. Nomination forms are available on the Shire website.

### Mark the date

Attend the Dandjoo event on Friday 13 March. It's a free community event, with buses available and local food and refreshments provided. Scan the QR to RSVP



DOES YOUR ORGANISATION NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS?  
DO YOU NEED TO RAISE AWARENESS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT WHAT YOUR ORGANISATION DOES?

Book a free trade table at the event  
Contact gnpshire@gnowangerup.wa.gov.au



## Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

March 2026

## Shoo fly, don't bite me



March fly held in hand. Most likely from the genus *Scaptomyza*, or possibly *Copidosia*. (MyPestGuide® Reporter, 284687)

[There are over 6,400 formally described species of fly in Australia, but the number of species in total is estimated at around 30,000. Their roles in the ecosystem are diverse and overwhelmingly beneficial. It's in domestic or farm settings where some really become a nuisance. Thankfully (and proportionally), there are only a few, commonly encountered flies that bite us! Within these species, it's near exclusively the females who bite, using the blood they obtain as a source of protein for developing eggs.

### Meet the culprits

**March flies** (family: Tabanidae), also called horse flies, comprise 200+ species. They are large (6-25mm) flies with prominent eyes. Found throughout Australia, they live around freshwater creeks, intertidal estuaries and mangroves. Breeding in damp soil, rotting vegetation, sand and rot holes in trees. They are most active on calm, sunny days throughout the warmer months. **Stable flies** (*Stomoxys calcitrans*, family: Muscidae) are slightly smaller than a house fly (generally 5-7mm). Found throughout Perth's Swan Coastal Plain, they breed in moist organic material such as manure, compost, grass clippings, and vegetable waste.

They are a serious pest of livestock and most active late spring through autumn. **Biting midges** (family: Ceratopogonidae), often called "sandflies," are tiny insects (1-3mm). Of the 200+ species in this family, most belong to the genus *Culicoides*. They are present in many coastal and inland areas of WA, commonly near sandy estuarine and foreshore areas, and mangrove swamps in tropical and subtropical parts of the State. They are most active at dawn and dusk.

### Shoo fly!

Managing biting flies is incredibly difficult. The easiest way to protect yourself is to wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing. Include head nets where fly numbers are high. Inspect your property for breeding sources and manage organic material, compost and manure to reduce fly breeding sources.

The WA Department of Health has good information on March flies, sand flies, as well as mosquitoes - how to protect yourself, including the use of repellents, and managing bites. Alternatively, contact your local government's Environmental Health officer for the latest advice. For information on stable fly, look at our website [dpird.wa.gov.au/stablefly](http://dpird.wa.gov.au/stablefly) for management advice.



Report your observations  
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 1/4 Page Advert - \$25  
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 Full Page Advert - \$70  
**Deadline Wednesday noon**



**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 GYM**  
 24/7 ACCESS @ TOWN HALL  
 Visit us at Yongergnow-Ongerup CRC or email trainee2@ongerupcrc.net.au for membership enquiries.  
 We offer monthly and annual memberships.  
**2026 Membership**  
 1 Month: \$10  
 1 Year: \$100  
**Equipment:**  
 • Exercise Bike  
 • Treadmill  
 • Dumbbells  
 • Kettlebells  
 • Exercise Balls  
 • Skipping Ropes  
 • Bench Press  
 • Cross Trainer

- 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 - Yongergnow-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
- Yongergnow Malleefowl Centre & cafe 98 282325

## February/March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					20 daycare  Social bowls	21
22 Golf	23	24	25 fitness	26 Toddler Time  Recycling bins	27 daycare  Social bowls	28
1 Golf	2 Labour Day Holiday	3	4 Lincolns rural tour workshop  fitness	5	6 daycare  Social bowls	7
8 Golf	9	10	11  fitness	12  Recycling bins GNP feral shoot	13 DANDJOO event Borden  Social bowls	14