Ongerup Grapevine

October 22nd 2026

COMMUNITY NOTICES

A Big Friday in Ongerup!

It was all happening in Ongerup last Friday, with a little bit of nature, community spirit and plenty of music thrown into the mix!

Yongergnow hosted the Australian premiere screening of the new Malleefowl movie, *Malleefowl: The Most Unlikely of Birds*. Around 70 people gathered to enjoy the film on the big outdoor screen, followed by a lively discussion with conservation experts.

From feathered friends to friendly faces, it was then off to the Ongerup Hotel to welcome new managers Wade and Jade and kick up our heels at the pre-harvest bash!

Patrons took the opportunity to admire the newly completed renovations while also looking after their own wellbeing, with free health checks offered by Boyd Rae from Active Farmers and our local St John Ambulance volunteers.

As the evening rolled on, the Numbats band took to the stage at 7 pm, providing the perfect soundtrack to round out a big day and night in Ongerup.

From conservation and community health to welcoming new faces at the pub, Ongerup certainly showed there's always plenty happening in our little corner of the world!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER

23rd Darcy Harding
24th Vicki O'Neill (80th)!
28th Jayden Flavel

NOVEMBER

6th Harley Pittard
6th Nick Baum
9th Rivers Hyde
10th Bill Tiller (70)
13th Taite O'Neill
19th Jan Slee

Active Farmers for the little ones!!

Get Active with Gina!

Looking for something fun for the kids on a Wednesday afternoon? Gina from Active Farmers will be running a special five-week activity program, kicking off next Wednesday!

Designed to encourage children to get moving, have fun and build confidence, the sessions will be tailored to suit children of all ages and abilities.

Everyone is welcome to come along, join in the fun and enjoy an active afternoon together.

Parents are asked to stay and help supervise their children. Afternoon tea will be provided, so bring the kids along for a great afternoon of fun, fitness and friendship!

Its time to check if you are covered for a trip in the Ambulance!! Support your local Subcentre and sign up today.

St John Ambulance – Gnowangerup Sub Centre

BENEFIT FUND APPLICATION FORM (2026-27)

• 7 Day Qualifying Time	
Family Membership $124 Per Annum	*Individual plus Spouse/Partner & dependent children up to the age of 18
Single Membership $75 Per Annum	Joining Date :
Cover Required : SINGLE	FAMILY

APPLICATION DETAILS BELOW

SURNAME	
GIVEN NAMES	
DATE OF BIRTH	
POSTAL ADDRESS	
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	
PHONE NUMBER	
EMAIL ADDRESS	

*Individual plus Spouse/Partner & dependent children up to the age of 18

SURNAME	GIVEN NAMES	DATE OF BIRTH

PAYMENT DETAILS FOR GNOWANGERUP SUB CENTRE

BSB: 016 660	ACCOUNT: 2085 88691	WITH REFERENCE / NAME

Please return the completed form by:

Email: Gnowangerup.Treasurer@stjohnwa.com.au Postal address: PO Box 36, Gnowangerup WA 6335 For further information, please contact our Albany office on Phone: 08 9841 4212

Wanted Dead!

This is a Gazania plant, pretty to look at, but its an invasive pest. If you see it in Ongerup please pull it out or let Sandy know if there is a big patch that needs spraying out and she can let the pest man know when he comes. Please help us work together to eradicate this weed from our town.

🎃👻 Toddler Time Recap! 👻🎃

We had a spooktacular time at Toddler Time today! The little ones got creative making pumpkin paper plates and fluffy cotton wool ghosts! 🎨🧡
Lots of fun, creativity.

Our next session is on the 5th of November at yongergnow- ongerup CRC at 9am.
The session is a Harvest sensory session.

Looking for an easy read then this is the book for you!
Set in rural Wisconsin it follows the loosly true story of Gabriel Fisher an Amish boy orphaned at birth. Despite growing to an enormous size his sporting talent is quickly recognised, transforming his life and the lives of his community. This book is available on Borrowbox or come and chat to Laura in the Library if you would like to read it.

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

The Season for Giving (Responsibly)

November 2026

Examples of inappropriate items to post or carry interstate: bee products including honey and beeswax candles, homemade dried fruit and plant materials, and fresh produce.

The holidays are a time for giving, travelling and spending time with loved ones. Unfortunately, this season also sees a spike in biosecurity breaches. The good news – we can still show our friends and family we care, without compromising our enviable biosecurity status.

Western Australia is subject to some of the strictest biosecurity measures in the world; our geographic isolation means we have been able to avoid many of Australia and the world's worst pests, weeds and diseases. However, this natural advantage is very much tested during the festive season. Every year, well-meaning travellers and gift-givers accidentally break the rules. Fresh fruit, vegetables, seeds, live plants, and bee products are frequent culprits. Quarantine WA officers intercepted more than 54 tonnes of quarantine risk material from travellers entering the state in the 2025-26 period.

Over the past year, inspectors seized more than three tonnes of honey alone. While a jar of artisanal honey might seem like the perfect gift, it poses a significant threat to WA's disease-free bee populations. Even more surprisingly, officers found some curious hauls in airport luggage, including a whopping 50 kilograms of fresh chillies and 18.5 kilograms of mud crabs! It isn't just airline passengers who need to be mindful. As festive care packages peak, our postal services become a vital biosecurity frontline. Last year, nearly 1.3 million interstate parcels were screened at postal facilities across Perth. When you mail plant materials or untreated wooden items, you might be packing more than just holiday cheer.

Worth celebrating, Quarantine WA successfully intercepted 120 imports contaminated with significant insect pests, including mealybugs, leaf miners, aphids, and caterpillars. Additionally, a total of 91 prohibited plant and animal species were stopped at our border and contained before they could impact our environment. The result of these pests slipping through could have been devastating, potentially severely damaging native ecosystems, hurting our primary industries, and costing the state millions in lost export markets.

Fortunately, the overwhelming majority of us are doing the right thing. Most biosecurity breaches aren't malicious; they're accidental. Sharing is caring but before you pack your bags or send that Christmas parcel, take a moment to check the State's import requirements. When travelling, declare your items; or if you've mistakenly brought something you shouldn't have, drop it in the quarantine bins at the terminal. If you're sending a gift, swap the fresh fruit, plants, seeds, or honey for safe alternatives like commercially packaged chocolates or a good book. Don't forget to remind your loved ones. *Wishing you all a safe, happy, and biosecurity-conscious lead up to the holidays.*

Report your observations
MyPestGuide® Reporter via app or online mypestguide@dpird.wa.gov.au
Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS) 08 9368 308 | padis@dpird.wa.gov.au

HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING

Followed by a Community Disco

A low-sensory trick-or-treating group will also be available for those who prefer a quieter, more relaxed experience.

If you have any questions, or if you'd be happy for the kids to stop by your house for trick-or-treating, please let Emma Spink know.
🎃 To RSVP or for any enquiries, please contact:
Emma Spink – 0447 455 702

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER | 3:30–4:30 PM

COMMUNITY DISCO

Ongerup Town Hall
FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER
4:30–6:00 PM

🎃👻 Join us for a Halloween Disco! 👻🎃
Get ready for loads of dancing, music and Halloween fun, plus a delicious sausage sizzle!

Please RSVP to Trainee2@ongerupcrc.net.au or call us on 9828 2325.

PARENT SUPERVISION REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES

Yongergnow-Ongerup Community Resource Centre
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Yongergnow-Ongerup Community Resource Centre
Your local connection

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
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Yongergnow AUSTRALIAN MALLEEFOWL CENTRE

CRC/YONGERGNOW STAFF

Kiara Pittard - Centre Manager
Alyce Langdon - Cleaner
Mel Hawkins - Admin/Bookkeeper
Laura Page - Library Officer
Alyssa Dickson -Cafe Assistant
Brooke Vlasschaert -Admin Asst
Holly Bingham - Admin Assistant
Nadia Reynolds - Cafe Assistant

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 - Melissa Sclater 0448 849822
- 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

October/November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					23 *Daycare* pickleball 9am social bowls	24 wild gravel Oktoberfest
25 Golf	26	27 pickleball 6pm	28 Kids fitness 3:15 Fitness 5pm & 6pm	29	30 *Daycare* pickleball 9 am social bowls **Halloween/Disco**	31
1 Golf	2	3 pickleball 6pm Melbourne cup	4 Kids fitness 3:15 Fitness 5pm & 6pm	5	6 *Daycare* pickleball 9am social bowls	7
8 golf	9	10 Pickleball 6pm	11 Kids Fitness 3.15 fitness 5 & 6pm	12 communiy engagement	13 Daycare pickleball 9am social bowls	14