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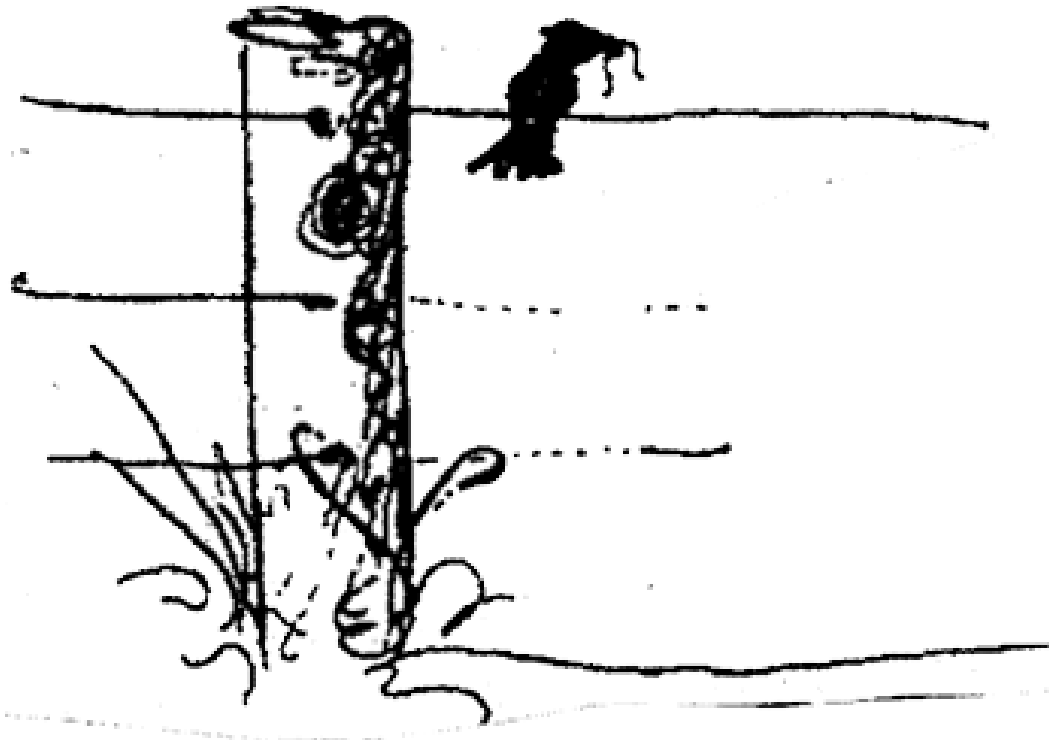
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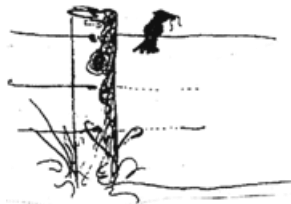
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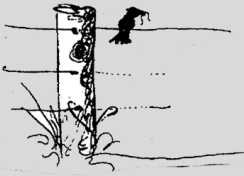
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Over the Fence....



NAREMBEEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY (INC)

AGM

On: **Monday, February 20, 2024**
 Commencing at: **2.00pm**
 At: The HISTORY CENTRE (Road Board Building)
 Followed by the monthly meeting

NAREMBEEN REUNION

Last March a reunion was held at the **Tradewinds Hotel Fremantle** for past students who attended Narembeen Junior High School. This was very successful and another "Get together" has been arranged on **Sunday 17th March 2024** at 1.00pm.

It does not matter if you attended the school or just lived in the town, if you want to catch up with some ex Narembeen residents, it is a good opportunity.

Food and drinks are available to be purchased.

If you would like accommodation at the Hotel you can book and receive a discount – noting – Narembeen Get Together.

Mike Smith has a database of all those who were interested in attending. If you would like to be added to that list to keep you updated his email address: mike@agsouthfinance.com.au or contact Lorraine Lethlean lethleanmilner@bigpond.com

Look forward to seeing some old familiar faces.





February 2024

**NAREMBEEN AUTUMN
CLUB HAS RESUMED**

Meeting Every Thursday
10am - 2pm
Senior Citizens Hall
Thomas Street
Narembeen 6369

All welcome

Contact:
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Narembeen Autumn Club
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Family Reunion

Beacham Family Reunion

27th January 2024.

What a way to celebrate family than have a reunion so on 27th January 2024 the immediate descendants of Arthur and Dorothy Beacham gathered at the home of Glenys and Dennis Wanless in North Yunderup for a long overdue catchup.

Arthur would have be 100 on 7th October last year and Dorothy 98 on 27th January.

The Beacham name is etched in history.

The Beacham's came to the Swan River Colony Western Australia on the 7th October 1829, at the end of 1829 there were only 850 permanent residents in the colony.....William Beacham's family were seven of that.

We have come a long way since then with nine generations today.

It was lovely seeing families chatting and sharing memories and stories, laughing over photos and hearing the little children enjoying themselves.

The pool was a hit with the children and some adults.

It was wonderful to meet little Levi Beacham (Brent's son and Raymond's grandson) who is the one to hopefully carry on the family name for us.

The Beacham's didn't do to well in producing boys unfortunately.

A family reunion speech is one of the most important elements of a good family reunion and Aunty Kerry Fricker delivered a beautiful heartfelt speech honouring our parents and grandparents along with her photo memorabilia then gave all the little children a memento of gum nut babies handmade by Aunty Betty Wanless each baby had leaves on them representing what generation they were.

Thank you Glenys and Betty from all the family for all the effort you both put into making the day a big success.

It was suggested that the next reunion could be 2029 which would be 200 years since William Beacham came to Western Australia.

Kerry Fricker





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NAREMBEEN COMMUNITY FOX SHOOT

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By Monday, 26 February 2024

OFFICIAL



POLICE NEWS

Narembeen Police Station, 7 Longhurst Street, Narembeen, WA 6369
Phone: (08) 9045 6050



Hello,

Welcome to 2024. We hope everyone is well and had a great Christmas and New Year's break with their families.

It was great to see the community come together during some challenging times with the extended power outages. It was extremely hot and uncomfortable at times, but everyone supported each other wonderfully. Thanks once again for everyone's assistance.

On the 20 December, a 23-year-old male of Merredin was arrested and charged with 3 counts of Criminal Damage on Wilfred Street. On the 18 December, a 49-year-old female of Narembeen was summonsed for Possession of a Smoking Implement.

We are still seeking any information in relation to a Burglary on a residential premises on Currall Street whereby a quantity of cash was stolen. The Burglary occurred between 1930 hours on 29/12/23 and 1230 hours on 30/12/23.

Also, between 20/01/24 and 27/01/24, a 23000-litre water tank was stolen from a property on Wogarl West Road. If you have any information in relation to this incident, please give us a call. ****UPDATE**** The tank has subsequently been located in pieces on another farm having blown away in the storm.



Stay Safe out there,

Kind Regards,

Narembeen Police

2024 Rotary Wheatbelt Swim for Reading

Thanks to Shire Presidents Ram Rajagopalan and Scott Stirrat, the Bruce Rock vs Narembeen community challenge is live!

Swimmers, volunteers and spectators please register

<https://events.humanitix.com/rotary-wheatbelt-swim-for-reading-2024>

Donate to support reading programs at your school

<https://directory.rawcs.com.au/49-2020-21>

Mention the school and swimmer(s) that you are supporting in the requests to the project manager box. Don't forget to invite family and friends from outside the region to support you!

Registrations, attendance and donations all count towards the community challenge! Which school community will win an extra \$500?

See you at the pool

Shire of **Bruce Rock**
Where friends become family

Rotary
E-Club of Western Australia (E-WA)

Rotary Wheatbelt Swim for Reading
Bruce Rock Aquatic Centre
Saturday 17 Feb 2024
Commencing at 12.30pm
More info at www.rotaryclubwa.org.au

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BOWLS NEWS

The Championship Mixed Pairs was held on the 17th December. The winners were Julie and Robert Hayter from Mac and Robert Miolini. A very tight family affair.

New Year's barefoot bowls evening was held once again. Well done to the organisers of the evening. A lot of fun with experienced and novices as they took to the green.

Greg Vaughan, Mike Currie, Eric Tenardi and John Currie were selected to play in the ILRR at Kalgoorlie in January and were successful all being selected to play in the Inter Zone at Manning.

Congratulations to Eric Tenardi who was selected in the Country team to play the Metro Team after the Zone event.

The Australia Day Fours attracted 20 teams this year and was held over 2 days.

The winners of the day were Ash Sharp's Merredin Club team. Runners up were Greg Vaughan, John Currie including 2 from Merredin Civic and 3rd was Corrigin.

Ladies pennants Wednesday 31st January - Round 11 Tammin v Narembeen. They had a very good win 3/1 over Tammin. Thank you to Noela Cole and Chris Padfield for filling in on the day.

Ladies Pennants Wednesday 7th February – Round 12 Narembeen v Corrigin Blue

The team is: Sylvia Yandle, Anita Cowan, Julie Hayter and Julie Miller

Kellie Mortimore, Helen Copeman, Maree Campbell and Noela Cole

Sylvia Yandle and Kellie Mortimore travelled to Cunderdin over the weekend and played in the ILRR Fours. They did well and our zone ended up 2nd.

Congratulations to Miranda Noack being selected to play in the IZRR Pairs at Geraldton this weekend and the ILRR 4's at Kulin in March.

Men's pennants on Saturday 10th February - Round 9 Narembeen v Bruce Rock

The roster for this week is: Carol Currie, Anita Cowan and Helen Copeman

This Sunday is the Championship Triples – Names to be in on 6pm Friday evening.

Coming up:

Saturday	10/02	Mens Pennants Rnd 9 NBN V Bruce Rock
Sunday	11/02	Men – Championship Triples (9am Start-names in by 6pm Friday evening) Ladies – 100 up Ladies – IZRR Pairs at Geraldton
Sunday	12/02	Ladies – IZRR Pairs at Geraldton
Tuesday	13/02	Men – Corrigin Triples
Wednesday	14/02	Ladies Pennants Rnd 13 Corrigin Gold v NBN
Friday	16/02	Men – Westonia Open Day Ladies - C of C Singles at Narembeen

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NAREMBEEN JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

UPDATE

by Rhave Palompo



On Friday, 15th of December 2023, a cricket match was held in Kellerberrin, this was the last match of the year for Narembeen. After the toss between the captains, Narembeen started off batting. The opening batters were Jack C and Archie who scored 10 runs. Next were Rhave and Toby who scored another 10 runs. Noah and Jack W scored 9 runs. Charlie and Spencer scored 12. Benji and Charles scored 10. Theo and Paige scored 10. The last Narem batters Chase and Lucas scored 29 runs which put Narembeen's score at 90 runs.



Thanks to the Cusacks for providing the community bus to the players & supporters for the trip to Kellerberrin and to Tim & Holly for driving.

Thanks to IGA for supplying the kids with cool drink for the game. After a big last week of school, Christmas Town Party and swimming lessons the sugar hit was just what they needed.

Team: Archie, Jack C, Rhave, Toby B, Noah, Jack W, Charlie, Spencer, Benji, Charles, Paige, Theo.

Narem lost to Kellerberin 105 to 90

Kellerberrin's openers were Wyatt and Coby who scored 35 runs. Then, Rhys and Liam who scored 19 runs. Then Hugo and Victor scored 18. Josh and Corbin scored 11. Ethan and Lawrence scored 9. Western and Clayton scored 11. Finally, Western (who batted again) and Lucas scored 2 runs. The final score at the end of the game was 105-90 with Kellerberrin getting the win.

Best of luck to Jack C who is off to boarding school & has now played his last game for the Hawks.



Upcoming Fixtures

3rd Feb - Narembeen v Warriors

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NAREMBEEN JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB



UPDATE

by Paige Parsons

Our first game for 2024 was boiling hot! We lost the toss and the Warriors selected to bowl first.

So we started batting; Toby and Chase were a good combination. They had some good bowlers but we kept trying our hardest. We did our defense shots well and for most of the game. We made a total of 85 runs. Noah Smoker made 20 runs for our team Toby Bald, Chase O'Neill and Charles Robinson all made 11 runs and everyone else made ten or below. Well done to the older boys for leading the team.



When we were bowling we got some wickets, enough to make a win at least. Charles R, Chase O, Noah S, Spencer B, Harrison T, Toby S and Chase S all got wickets for the Hawks, helping us to win with the final score 85-74!

Chase O'Niell and Parker Lynch got players of the match which I think they deserved as well as everyone else in the Narembeen Hawks. A highlight of the match were some fours and nearly a six.

Thanks to the Mums and Dads for watching and Scoring and to Super Coach Sam for Umpiring all day long.



Team

Toby B
Rhave
Noah
Chase O
Parker
Spencer
Benji
Toby S
Charles
Paige
Harrison
Chase S

Narembeen beat Warriors 85 to 74

Upcoming Fixtures

Saturday 10th February - Scorchers v NB

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Bat & Ball
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Activities
Excursions
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Coffee/Tea

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Mt Walker Tennis Club

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Tennis Tournament

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Entries close 4pm, Thursday, 15 February

- All players are asked to provide a plate of afternoon tea to share.
- Tea for sale following presentations.

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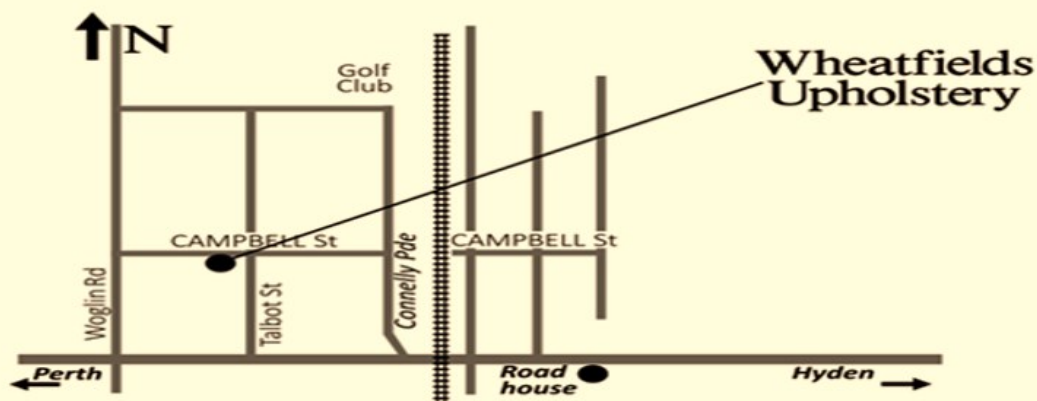
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NAREMBEEN HOCKEY CLUB



Narembeen Hockey Club is seeking coaching EOI for the 2024 season. The Club has shown great success in the past 3 seasons winning numerous minor premierships and premierships. Numbers are growing every year and we have a tremendous group of Junior players to support our club in coming years. EOI are sought for the below positions:

Team Manager – Mens team

A grade Womens Coach

A Grade Team Manager

B Grade Coach

B Grade Team Manager

Junior Coach

Junior Team Manager

Please direct all EOI by Friday 9th February 2024 to naremhockey@yahoo.com.au

What Happened On This Day – February 7

- 2009 The Black Saturday bushfires in Australia kill 173 people

The fires were the worst natural disaster in Australian history.

- 2005 Ellen MacArthur breaks the speed record for sailing solo around the world

The journey took her 71 days, 14 hours, 18 minutes, and 33 seconds.

- 1992 The European Union is established as the Maastricht Treaty is signed

The treaty also defined a single European currency: the Euro.

- 1986 Haiti's president, Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier, flees the country, ending 28 years of family rule

On the same day 5 years later, the first democratically elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, was sworn in.

- 1984 NASA astronauts take the first untethered spacewalk

The photographs of Bruce McCandless and Robert L. Stewart hovering freely in space became some of the most iconic images of the 1980s.



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2024 kicks off with a burst (lack) of energy

Despite the quieter local scene in January as folks enjoyed their holidays, the month was buzzing with activity. From sporadic power outages to navigating through a memorable storm, we marked Australia Day with lively celebrations, and some enjoyed a two-day bowls carnival. The return to school coincided with unwelcomed heatwave, and just like that January wrapped up in the blink of an eye, leaving us eager and ready for all the positive vibes the rest of the year has in store.

Sundowner Acknowledgment

The Council hosted a sundowner to express gratitude to individuals who contributed significantly to emergency efforts in response to the January storm event. President Stirrat thanked those who cleared the road network, provided generators, prepared food conducted welfare checks and acknowledged the staff for exemplary work. Special thanks were extended to Officer in Charge Daniel Back and emergency services personnel, business representatives, and facility leaders for their collaborative efforts. The unwavering commitment to the community's wellbeing, emphasizing the strength and unity demonstrated in overcoming challenges.

Warm welcome to our newest members of the Australian family

I extend heartfelt congratulations to Liam Hickey, Adriaan and Maria Geldenhuys on becoming Australian citizens. Shire President, Scott Stirrat presided over the citizenship ceremony, delivering the opening address, reading the Minister's message and preamble, and guiding our new citizens through the pledge.



FROM THE CHIEF

Recognising Community Excellence

From the Chief, I extend congratulations to the outstanding recipients of the 2024 Australia Day Awards. These individuals and event have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to community engagement and have significantly enriched the community.

Active Citizenship Award – The Narembeen District High School Centenary:

The event showcased remarkable community engagement celebrating a century of education and exemplified the spirit of active citizenship, leaving a lasting impact on our community.

Senior Community Citizenship of the Year – Julie Hayter:

Julie is an inspiration, representing the qualities of a true community leader. Her unwavering commitment to enhancing community life is commendable.

Community Citizenship of the Year – Kellie Mortimore:

Acknowledging Kellie's tireless commitment to the Shire of Narembeen Council and various community organisations, both past and present, her leadership, devoted public service, and invaluable contributions have significantly shaped the betterment of our community.



Re-sheeting Grays Road

The construction crew has mobilized and initiated re-sheeting works on Grays Road. Road users are urged to remain mindful of traffic management and adjust their driving accord to the road conditions during the ongoing construction.

Condition of Town Oval

The Shire maintains an agreement with the Water Corporation to access water re-use for the purpose of reticulating the sporting surfaces. Watering during the power outage was not possible (approximately 84 hours), however once power was reinstated the Shire could not access the re-use supply due to repairs required to system. The repairs were not a priority for the Water Corporation as other communities were still without potable water. It is understood works to carry out the repairs commenced around 1 February 2024.

When water re-use is not an option, the Shire reverts to potable water to reticulate sporting surfaces. Due to the water restrictions imposed by the Water Corporate irrigation stations were limited to 4 to 5 minutes. As of 1 February, stations times returned to 12 minutes, the programed times. The expectation is for the surface condition to improve swiftly, barring any unforeseen setbacks, with the hope that heat will diminish.

An appreciated shout-out to the dedicated parks and garden team for their efforts in addressing the watering challenges.



Triumphant Completion

I commend our construction team for successfully completing the reconstruction and sealing on Cramphorne Road. The crew, led by leading hand Peter Hills, exhibited tremendous effort despite facing challenges conditions. I now trust that heavy haulage operators will exercise caution and drive responsibly, ensuring that longevity of the asset by maintaining its current condition throughout its lifecycle. (SLK 32.29-37.29).



Advancing 23 Cheetham Way Residence

I am pleased to report the smooth progression of the construction of 23 Cheetham Way. The new doctor's residence is well on its way and is scheduled for completion in the Modular Homes building yard in April. Following this, the final components of the build will be added upon delivery to Narembeen.



WE ARE HIRING

Exciting Employment Opportunity

General Hand Position Available

Are you ready to embark on a fulfilling career with the Shire of Narembeen? We are currently inviting applications for the position of General Hand. This is your chance to join a dynamic team and contribute to the growth and wellbeing of our vibrant community.

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Workplace Culture

Enjoy a supportive workplace culture that fosters growth and collaboration.

Community Perks

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How to Apply

- For an information package, contact us at 9064 7308
- Applications, including employment history and referees, should be addressed to the undersigned.
- Submission deadline: **9am Monday, 19 February 2024**

Contact Information
Rebecca McCall, CEO
9064 7308





Media Release

Community Acknowledgment

On behalf of Council, I express our gratitude to every one of you who played a pivotal role in the emergency efforts after the storm. Your leadership, dedication, and selfless actions have made a significant impact, ensuring the swift response and safety of our community.

A massive thank you to those who rolled up their sleeves to clear our road network of trees and debris promptly. Your commitment and efforts did not go unnoticed.

Special appreciation goes out to those who generously loaned, deployed, and wired generators, providing essential power during a challenging time. Your resourcefulness and quick action were instrumental in restoring a little normalcy to our community.

We also extend our gratitude to those who prepared food and carried out welfare checks. Special thanks to Officer in Charge Daniel Back for the extended welfare checks he conducted.

Acknowledgment is reserved for the shire staff, whose exemplary work has been a cornerstone in managing the emergency response. Your dedication to duty and efforts are commendable.

To the emergency services key personnel, critical business representatives, and facility leaders who sacrificed their time to attend local emergency response meetings, we extend a massive thank you. Your collaboration and commitment played a critical role in coordinating a unified and effective response.

We also recognise the tireless efforts of the Western Power crews on the ground working hard to reinstate power across the Shire of Narembeen.

Lastly, we want to highlight the outstanding support and communication within our community. Your resilience and good spirits shone brightly, showcasing the strength of our community.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering commitment to the wellbeing of our community. Together, we have proven that, when faced with challenges, our community stands strong and united.

Cr Scott Stirrat
Shire President

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**SHIRE OF NAREMBREEN
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Lease of 3/8 Churchill Street to Australia Post

In accordance with Section 3.58 (3) (a) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Council hereby gives notice that it intends to enter into a lease agreement, as per the following:

Property:	Unit 3/8 Churchill Street
Lessee:	Australia Post
Lease period:	3 months, with the continual option to extend for one month at a time
Rent:	\$60 per week

Submissions regarding the proposed disposal may be made at the Shire administration office or sent directly to the Chief Executive Officer at ceo@narembreen.wa.gov.au up to 4:00pm Friday the 16th of February 2024.

**Rebecca McCall
Chief Executive Officer**

5 February 2024



Hon Mia DAVIES MLA
Member for Central Wheatbelt

MEDIA RELEASE

TIME TO TAKE CONNECTIVITY IN THE BUSH SERIOUSLY

22 January 2024

Happy New Year! How was your start to 2024?

Out here in the Wheatbelt we've been experiencing some scorching days and nights. That's nothing new, and we expect it at this time of the year. Hot, dusty, with a few summer storms thrown in for good measure.

The storm that came through last week was a ripper. I sat inside my 100-year-old house and watched mother nature let loose with a spectacular light show, thunderclaps that reverberated through your body, and rain and wind that arrived with a ferocity that twisted trees in half and ripped roofs off sheds and houses.

I was one of the lucky ones, no damage, and no power loss. Unfortunately, many were not so lucky, and have endured days of no power, limited water, and a clean-up in the stifling heat.

As always, everyone has pitched in to help, neighbours checked-in on each other, and people called on the elderly for a chat. Our Shire Council's opened their offices or recreation centres when they had the generator hooked up for respite from the heat and so people could charge their phones.

We accept that mother nature can be fickle, and for the most part we take care of ourselves. Moving on and people have cleaned out freezers of spoiled food, doctors are checking vaccines and drugs that may have spoiled, and businesses are counting the lost days of trade. The Government's \$240 extended blackout payment will barely touch the sides for many.

A call round to the 27 local Governments in my electorate has come back with a resounding theme. The first, a heartfelt thank you to the Western Power and Water Corporation workers who have been on the tools getting things back on track. The second, that telecommunications and connectivity during and after these events remains an absolute disgrace.

More than a week after the event, there are still communities in a cone of silence. They can't even call 000. And had they been able to, no-one could despatch first responders because they receive the call-out via the mobile network.

How is it in this day and age we still have this problem?

Inquiry after inquiry, report after report, with multiple recommendations highlighting the fact that telecommunications is an essential service that fails our communities when they need it the most.

What will it take for the Federal and State Governments, and the telecommunications companies to take this seriously? A serious injury? A death? That is what my constituents ask. They are frustrated beyond belief.

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And the salt is ground into the wound when they hear representatives from telco's pointing the finger at Western Power for the failures, and Government Minister's passing the buck right back.

After the bushfires over east, Cyclone Seroja in 2021, and the fires in Esperance and through my electorate at the beginning of last year, there has been a consistent gap in our preparedness to respond to natural disaster because of failures to build resilience into our telecommunications infrastructure.

I'm not letting the State Government off the hook for their woeful track record dealing with power infrastructure in the bush – that needs to be addressed, and urgently. It's a scandal that we have billions sitting in State coffers while basic infrastructure fails those of us that chose to live or work outside of Perth.

But the telecommunications issue must be dealt with first. It is vital that people can communicate with each other at all times in the case of emergencies.

Every three years, a Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee is formed to conduct a review into the adequacy of telecommunications in regional, rural, and remote parts of Australia.

Last conducted in 2021, it recommended that the Universal Service Obligation (USO) required of Telstra for the maintenance of the copper wire network be reformed to become 'technology agnostic' and require the inclusion of backup power and stringent minimum availability and voice quality standards, enforceable through significant penalties.

The reviewers also observed that mobile base stations, telephone exchanges and other key infrastructure are vulnerable to interruptions to the power network and have insufficient back-up power to maintain critical communications services during extended power outages.



Why do we still have these problems when taxpayers fork out in excess of \$335 million per every year to Telstra as part of their USO to deliver services. And why did the Albanese Government delay investment in the Mobile Network Hardening Program announced in 2022 to increase battery back-up and create generator hubs for rapid deployment to telco sites? According to the website Round 1 is only 60 percent complete two years later.

People who live in these communities deserve better, as do the many that visit, work and pass through the Wheatbelt.

It's time for the buck-passing and poor excuses to end. We need the State and Federal Labor Governments to step up and take this seriously.

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Narembeen CRC Update

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a great holiday break and enjoyed some time with family and friends.

We said goodbye to 2023 with our Annual Community Christmas Party on the town oval which saw many families gather to enjoy the entertainment. It was unfortunate that the wind conditions meant we could not hold the outdoor cinema movie. We hope to be able to do this in 2024. The Christmas Light Bike Tour travelled around the streets to select the winners of the light competition. Congratulations to the de Gouveia and Federici families.

Australia Day

The Australia Day Ceremony was a great success with 150 people attending the ceremony and another 30 coming to the pool for the water slide, bouncy castle and fairy floss. Congratulations to the winners of the Awards and Congratulations to our new Citizens.

Now for this Year!

The CRC has been successful in receiving 2 library grants. The first one will be used to purchase an interactive whiteboard to be used for videoconferencing, stories and library book clubs.

The second grant is to engage people in reading and attending the library by organising book clubs with author reviews. We also have some plans to visit some people in our community that cannot make it to the library.

Aged Care Games

We are off to Northam on Thursday, February 22 to see if we can better our Bronze place in last years games. If you are interested in being a part

of the day come along to Morning Coffee Club next Wednesday when we will brush up on our skills.

Community Fox Shoot

This years fox shoot will be held from 8-10 March. If you are interested in assisting with the culling and the count on Sunday be sure to register your team.

Leiyah's Goodbye

A morning tea was held for Leiyah to say good bye and congratulate her on completing her traineeship with staff from the Shire and CRC in attendance. Leiyah was formally presented her with her Certificate III in Business.



Kellie Mortimore
Coordinator

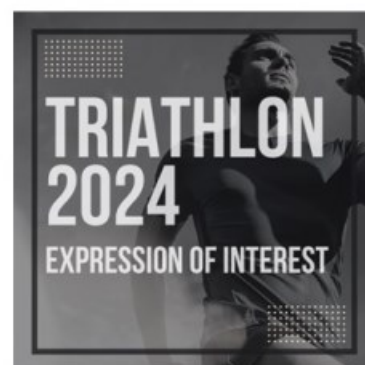
This weeks thought:

"Success is about who you are, not what you have."

- Bo Bennett

Upcoming CRC Events 2024

- **Movie Monday:** Monday - February 12, March 11, April 8, May 6, June 10, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2
- **Morning Coffee Club:** Tuesday - February 14, April 17, May 15, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18
- **Morning Coffee Club Book Club:** Tuesday - March 20, June 19
- **Aged Care Games:** Thursday - February 22
- **Community Fox Shoot:** Friday - March 8 - 10
- **Storytime Book Club:** Friday - March 22, May 31
- **Storytime:** Friday - August 30, November 29
- **Triathlon:** Saturday, March 23—**Contact the CRC**
- **Youth Week:** April 8 - 12
- **ANZAC Day:** Thursday - April 25
- **CRC 30th Anniversary—TBC**
- **Maternal Mental Health Week:** April 29 - May 3
- **SOCK WEEK:** June 24 - 28
- **Blokes Event:** Friday - August 16
- **Shire Centenary:** Saturday - September 14
- **Mental Health Week:** October 7 - 11
- **Childrens Week:** October 21 - 25
- **Seniors Week:** November 11 - 15
- **School Holiday Activities:** April 4 & 11, July 4 & 11, September 26 & October 3
- **Community Christmas Party:** Friday, December 13
- **Christmas Light Tour:** Friday, December 20



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Narembeen Community Resource Centre



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Council of WA Inc.**

**AVON
LiveLighter
Aged Care Games 2024**

THURSDAY 22rd February 2024

**Northam Recreation Centre
44 Peel Terrace Northam 6401**

10am to 2pm

*This is a fun event for “Seniors in Care”,
in Aged Care Facilities, Day Centres, Clubs/Groups
or in their own home.*

*Form teams of 6 to 10 participants and register to take
part in games specifically designed for “Seniors in Care”.*

*Winning team receives a trophy and all participants
receive a medal.*

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Birthdays



February

7th	Sharon Rayson (Yandle)	Bree Fricker	Stefan Cusack
	Lachlan Brayshaw	Jared Lutter	Lucy Currie
8th	Peter Butler		
9th	Holly Cooper	Karen Richards	
10th	Lorraine Wilson	Martia Hassett	Alyssa Birch
11th	Jai Menegola	Chris Ridout	Damon Hayter
	Eimear Hickey		
12th	Don Woodfield	Lyla Hayter	
13th	Gillian Cheetham	Brian Cusack	Bianca Currie
	Tim Smith	Jenna Western	Joanne Yandle
14th	Jan Pool	Sari Wilson	Anthony Wilkes
	Roy Horsman		

Anniversaries

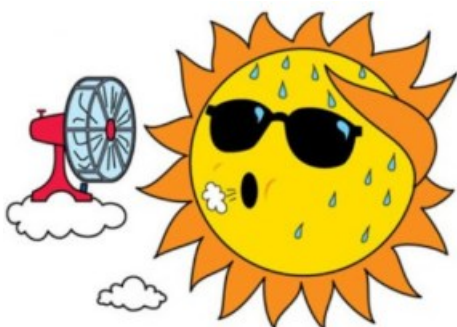
February

7th	Bill and Diane (Hunter) Cowan	Peter & Debbie (Sedgwick) Hall
8th	Barry & Noela (Currie) Cole	Ian & Michelle (Miolini) Roddan
9th	Tony & Diana Miolini	Sheldon & Ebony (Cowan) Miller
		Bronwyn (Cheetham) & Simon Dawson
10th	Max & Lyn Hebbermann	
11th	Eric & Pat Berry	Hugh & Caz Copeman
12th		
13th	Shane & Cathy Hassett	
14th		



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Weather



DATE	MIN	MAX	RAIN
06/02	12.8	30.3	0
05/02	11.2	26	0
04/02	14.8	26.8	0
03/02	18.6	36.8	0
02/02	22	43.9	0
01/02	19.7	42.9	0
31/01	20.4	41	0



CHURCH NOTICES



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN

Sunday, February 11

9.30am

2 Kings Ch 2—V 1-12

2 Corinthians Ch 4—V 3-12

Barb Schwartz

Mark Ch 9—V 2-9

Psalm 50

Church of Christ

Sunday, February 11

10.00am

Worship Service with Sunday school during the service

Thursday, February 15

7.30pm

Bible study at D & R Smoker's place

Word for the evening is 'humble'

Bible verse: Acts 2:14

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved

Seventh-day Adventist

105 Church Rd, Mt Walker

Saturday, February 10

All most welcome

10.00am

Combined Adult Bible Study

Children's Program (at the same time)

11.30am

Combined Worship Service

Any queries please contact:

Terry Ashmore 0427 907 119

Pastor Ben Townson 0403 053 288

ROMAN CATHOLIC

OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday, February 10, 2024

6.00pm

Reader: M. Hall

Sunday, February 25, 2024

10.00am

Reader: R. Hickey

Mass Service on the 2nd and 4th week of each month only

Contact: R Hickey 0428 132 454

J Cusack 0408 064 727

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5/19 Churchill Street, Narembeen

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Occupation and Speech Therapy, Dietician and Aged Care Assessment (ACAT) available by referral.

WHEATBELT ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICE

Phone 90413807 or 90412928

This service provides support for individuals, couples and families affected by alcohol and drugs.

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Men's Domestic Violence Helpline 1800 000 599. Victim Support Service 1800 350 074.

CHILD, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES – PHONE 90647388 or 90646222

Child Health Clinic every Tuesday at the Hospital 9am – 3.00pm.

Alternatively, contact Primary health in Merredin 90813222 or Ngala 1800 111546.

CENTRAL AGCARE FAMILY COUNSELLING SERVICE

Counsellor Anne Hague 0427 133 711

PODIATRIST – PHONE 90646222 Please call the hospital (office hours) for appointments

ST JOHN AMBULANCE – PHONE 000 Do not call the hospital for an ambulance in an emergency.

CENTRAL WHEATBELT OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY – PHONE COURTNEY 0488 333 492

At Narembeen Medical Centre



February 2023

Wednesday	7th	BOWLS—Ladies—Pennants Rd12 NBN v Corrigin Blue	
Thursday	8th	Autumn Club	10.00am
Friday	9th	Playgroup at Numbats Centre	9.30am
Saturday	10th	Church	
		Men’s Shed	9.00am
		BOWLS—Men—Pennants Rd9 NBN v Bruce Rock	
		JUNIOR CRICKET—Scorchers v Narembeen @ Merredin	
		NAREMBEEN TENNIS—Social	3.00pm
		MT WALKER TENNIS—Social BYO BBQ & Salad	4.00pm
Sunday	11th	Church	
		BOWLS—Men—Championship Triples	9.00am
		BOWLS—Ladies—100up	
Monday	12th	Circuit Gym - gym membership required. All welcome!	9.30am
		Arts and Crafts and Book Exchange at Community Shed	10.00am
		Monday Movie @ CRC	1.00pm
Tuesday	13th	Senior Citizens	2.00pm
		BOWLS—Men—Corrigin Triples	
Wednesday	14th	BOWLS—Ladies—Pennants Rd13 Corrigin Gold v NBN	
		Morning Coffee Club @ CRC	10.00am

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