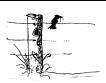
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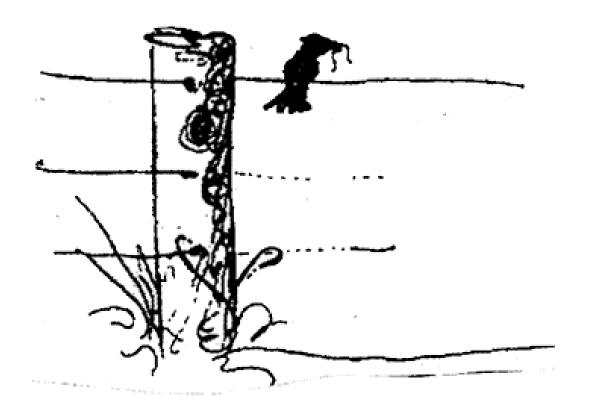
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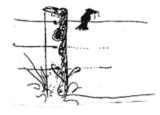
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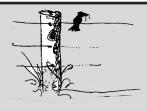
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- Life Member of The Fencepost IRIS BRISTOW -



# Over the Fence....

This is the second last Fencepost for the year 2022. For those who want to let the locals, and visitors know what is happening at their business premises over the Christmas period, NOW IS THE TIME TO ADVERTISE IN THE FENCEPOST.

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Check out our new Library boxes for second hand books. They have been installed in the Community Precinct (outside the Medical Centre) and at Apex Park. Bring your book, swap it for another or just add to the collection.

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Take a drive (or walk if you are energetic) and look at all the Christmas lights around the town. Churchill Street is looking good especially the large kangaroo at the Post Office end of the street. Several houses have done a wonderful job with their lights.

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Note the item regarding COVID on page 3. Please be aware of the fact that you may be putting the older people at risk if you don't do the right thing. Although it is not mandatory it is recommended to keep our community safe to wear a mask, sanitise or wash hands and keep a distance.

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A wonderful evening was had on Saturday 3rd December at the Church of Christ Hall when friends and family gathered together to help David Smoker and Rebecca Lewis celebrate their wedding. The night was filled with music, laughter, entertainment and games. We wish them well for their life together.

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- residential disability, mental health and aged care facilities
- other healthcare settings (e.g. GP, dental and physiotherapy clinics, Aboriginal Medical Services)

You can attend public hospitals and high-risk settings for urgent medical care or treatment. If you can, contact the facility before you arrive to let them know you are a COVID-19 case or close contact.

If you work in a high-risk setting, contact your employer to check the rules for your workplace.

Information about support and treatment options people at greater risk of serious illness from COVID-19is provided below.

## COVID-19 support

- If your symptoms become severe, call Triple Zero (000) immediately
- > GP respiratory clinics (external site)

## NEWS FROM THE NAREMBEEN LADIES HOSPITAL AUXILIARY AGM HELD 25/11/2022

A big thank you to all of our members for 2022

An update on committee changes

President: Welcome to Lynda Cornish

Vice President: Welcome to Sheree Thomas

Sec/Treas: Di Pollard

A huge thank you goes out to Kerry Fricker for all of her amazing work as President over the years, she is as committed as ever to the auxiliary, but taking a step back this year, and helping to guide a new committee.

Kerry has been instrumental in the start-up and continuation of "St Lukes Day" and has done a sterling job with this. Thank you, Kerry, for all of your hard work and dedication as our President.

Look out for a Themomix raffle coming up soon! (it's the sleek black TM6)

Once again, thank you to our members for all of your support.

All the best to you and your families, we wish all a very Merry Christmas and blessings for the New Year!

kindest regards

Di Pollard Sec/Treas

# President Report for the Narembeen Hospital Ladies Auxiliary 2022

Welcome to the Narembeen Hospital Ladies Auxiliary's Annual General Meeting for 2022 and thank you all for your continued support of our local Hospital.

For such a small group your contribution is invaluable.

I am so grateful for the commitment of the Auxiliary members who give their time to support the Hospital.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your President for the past seven years. As I am stepping down, it's time for the next generation to take the Auxiliary forward. I wish the new committee many blessings and much success.

It is always nice to see some new members and this year we welcomed Mari Geldenhuys.

Thank you to Dianne Pollard who handles all the correspondence and social media for us.

Also, a big thank you to Rhonda Hickey who stepped in to take meeting minutes when required. Thank you also to Di Miolini and Lynda Cornish for your supporting roll.

This year we have made possible request's from Koolberrin Lodge.

- 1... A new Gopher bay ... thank you Kurt Penning for erecting this and repairing the bird cage.
- 2 ... Bedcovers for the resident's beds ... thank you Annette Main who sourced and purchased these for us.
- 3 ... New set of pretty coffee mugs ... thank you Carmel Harper who did the shopping for these.
- 4 ... 8 new chairs were purchased for the dining room at Koolberrin Lodge. All reports are the residents love them.

We once again thank Dorcas Clothing, Mt Walker Tennis Club, Narembeen Lions Club and Go Narembeen for their generous donations also to those community members who have donated to the Auxiliary .... WE THANK YOU ALL. Your support is greatly appreciated and as you can see it goes to making life a bit better for the residents.

Once again, we held St Luke's Day Candle Lighting Service at the Anglican Parish Hall and I thank them for allowing us to hold it there with restrictions still in place at the Hospital.

Thank you to the committee for your ongoing support of this service. It was another meaningful and successful service to remember those who have passed in the last twelve months with 30 people attending.

This year we also lit a candle in memory of Coralie Cusack daughter of our long-time member Masie Cusack. Our thoughts and blessings are with all families and friends who have lost someone this year. Father Mathew Hodgson from the Catholic Church gave the address this year saying, in his position as a Priest, he felt privileged to be with someone at the end of life ... He also said it was the nurses who also had that special role.

The Auxiliary also thank all Nurses, Doctors and Health Care workers who care for our loved ones right to the end ... We say a big "THANK YOU.

Let's hope we can get back to holding our meetings at the Hospital in the near future.

But in the meantime, thank you to the Senior Citizens for allowing us to use their Hall for our meetings. Our next fundraising is a Thermomix Raffle and we thank Dianne Pollard who is organizing this. Date to be confirmed when permit is obtained.

We now look forward to 2023.

Take care and treasure all the memories you make with your family.

Have a wonderful festive and holiday season.

Kerry Fricker

President

Narembeen Ladies Hospital Auxiliary 18-11-2022

# EASTERN DISTRICTS CRICKET ASSOCIATION Round 8 results

Yilgarn 52 defeated by Hyden-Karlgarin 3-184

Bruce Rock/Shackelton-Ardath 5-113 defeated by Kondinin/Kulin 2-117

Babakin-Corrigin 9-112 defeated by Narembeen 6-142

### **BCCC**

G Burling 55 M Hanratty 17 T Baldwin 3-19 4 overs J Sprigg 2-6 1 over

### Narembeen

J Kennedy 37 T Baldwin 41no D Gray 21 R Miller 2-21 3 overs





Team: Danny Gray, Jordan Sprigg, James Kennedy, Will Shepherd, Satwant Jham, Jayden Hooper, Nathanael Dench, Thomas Baldwin, Noah Chidlow(Brady Cheetham's mate works for Nick and Terry Cheetham) Stuart Yandle, Rhys Cousins.

# **Public Notice**

# Mains water supply cannot be guaranteed during a bushfire

Water Corporation is prepared for bushfire season. However, we cannot guarantee that water pressure or water supply will be maintained in the event of a bushfire. Extreme demand, fire damage and power cuts can all result in a total loss of water.

If you plan to stay and defend your property during a bushfire, you must have your own independent water supply and pumping capability. You cannot rely on mains water.

Details and resources about how to prepare for bushfire season can be found at **mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au**. For warnings and advice visit **emergency.wa.gov.au**.

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# **BOWLS NEWS**

A small group of ladies played social on Sunday. Good on you for giving it a go with the windy conditions. Everyone enjoyed socialising inside afterwards.

The Ladies had two teams playing in the Corrigin Open Day. Congratulations to Anita Cowan, Kellie Mortimore, Helen Copeman and Julie Miller who managed 3rd and came home with money in their pockets. They especially enjoyed the money received from the other girls although they are getting very crafty at how they are presenting it to the winners.......Not to be disgraced Maree Campbell, Julie Hayter, Maxine Miolini and Carol Currie won a couple of raffles and also played well with a win, a draw and a loss. It was a great day for bowls although difficult to read the two different rinks.

The Ladies all had a rest from pennants with a General Bye.

The men played Bruce Rock away and once again came home with mixed results. Gold 2-6 and Maroon 8-0. They are currently sitting in 6th and 4th respectively on the Ladder.

Ladies Pennants this week at home against Corrigin Blue.

M Campbell K Mortimore C Currie A Cowan H Copeman N Vaughan N Cole J Hayter

Men's Pennants this **SUNDAY 1pm start**, derby at home (This is a fixture change)

Maroon	D Hayter	A Cousins	C Bailey	C Butler
	M Hall	R Gill	L Maringoni	A Lyon
	G Vaughan	K Anderson	J Baldwin	D Gray
	M Currie	G Johns	A Hardham	C Duncan
Gold	E Tenardi	T Cole	B Parsons	Hen Cowan
	J Currie	R Hayter	R Arnold	F Copeman
	A Yandle	N Rogerson	B Cole	J Cole
	S Welsh	W Cowan	R Gray	K Butler

Afternoon Tea Roster—Terri Tenardi and whoever is around not playing pairs.

This Sunday in the fixtures Men— Pennant Derby
Ladies— Championship Pairs

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# Narembeen CRC Update

Hello everyone!

Fair Game Volunteers visited Narembeen over the weekend and delivered some fun games and sporting activities to our local kids. It was a very hot day and although little attendance, the kids there seemed to have a great time. Fair Game delivers unique programs and recycled sports equipment to regional, remote and under-serviced communities. If your sporting club is in need of any sporting equipment—please let me know!

Thank you to our local police officer Adriaan and Daniel for getting this organised for us and helping on the day!

Remember to shop local this Christmas and get into the draw to win a weekly prize, for every purchase over \$10. If you are still looking for Christmas presents then the CRC might be the right stop - Did you know that we offer professional printing services? We can print as big as A1 on professional photo paper as well as canvas!! Shop local this Christmas and get your photo printing done in town!

The Christmas Street Party is happening next Friday!! We have lots of fun activities for the kids planned as well as Live Music at the pub from 6.30pm!! AND there will be several food stalls:

- Café Nacho Bowls + Gingerbread Milkshakes
- CRC Sausage Sizzle
- Pub Pork Bao Buns + Beef Sliders

We hope to see you there!!

Enjoy the silly season!

Have a great week!

Vanessa King CRC Manager



# **Upcoming CRC Events 2022**

- SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGN; Thur, 1 Dec Thur, 22 Dec
- Christmas Street Party: Fri, 16 Dec 3.30pm
- Christmas Rhyme Time: Mon, 19 Dec 10.30am
- Christmas Morning Coffee Club: Wed, 21 Dec 10.00am
- Town Christmas Lights Tour: Wed, 21 Dec 7.00pm



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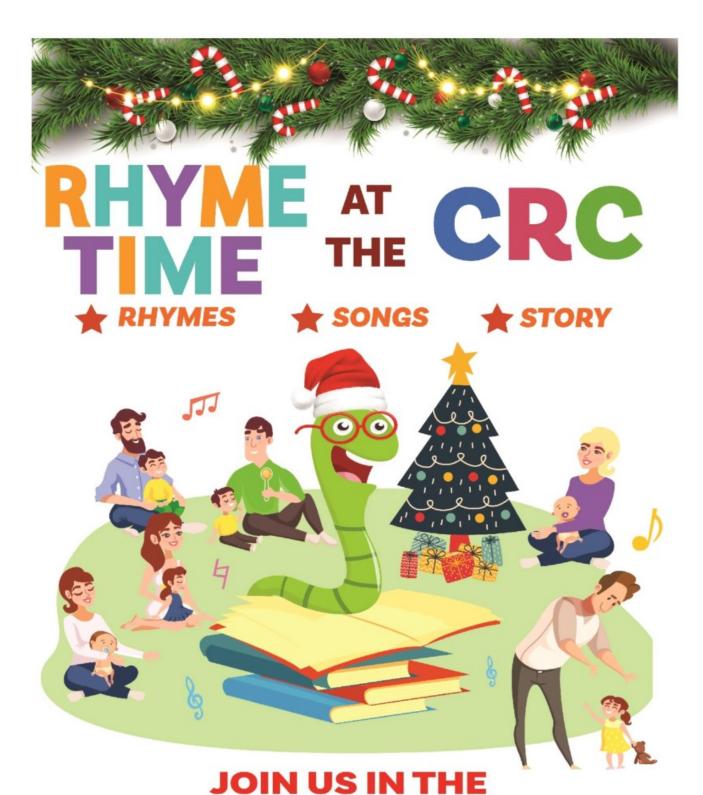
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Monday, 19 December











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Activities Excursions 10:00am

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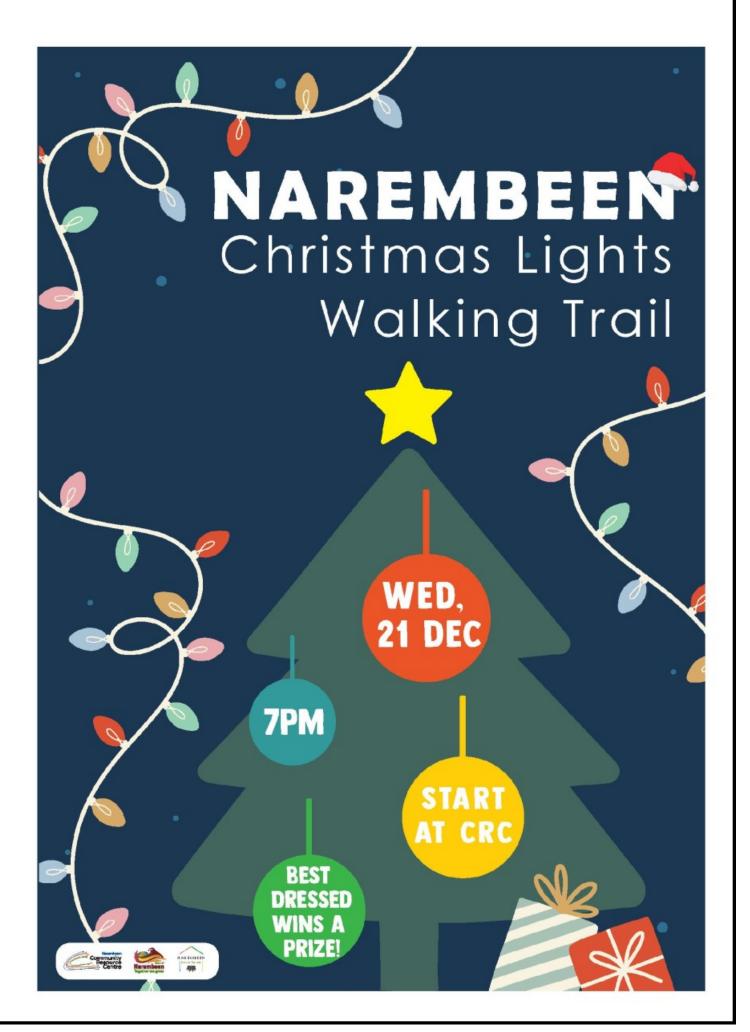
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# Hon Mia DAVIES MLA Member for Central Wheatbelt Leader of The Nationals WA Leader of The Opposition

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

1 December 2022

### LOCAL GRANTS FOR LOCAL PROJECTS IN CENTRAL WHEATBELT

The successful recipients of the latest round of Mia's Local Hero Grants have been announced, with thirty-one groups in the electorate of Central Wheatbelt receiving up to \$200 each toward projects and initiatives in their community.

The popular grant scheme was established in 2020 to help support local community groups based in the electorate of Central Wheatbelt and has delivered over \$45,000 in microgrants in total.

"The fund is targeted toward local community groups with small but meaningful grants that assist them run events, pay for equipment, buy supplies or host visitors to the region to coach or speak at forums," Ms Davies said.

"These groups support and enrich our local communities and the grant is my way of supporting that important work."

Ms Davies said the *Local Hero Grants* program received many worthy applications and due to the popularity of the fund were not able to fund everyone in this round.

She said successful applicants included the Northam Regional Gym, Koorda Community Garden, Kellerberrin Playgroup, Bulyee Community Hall, and Quairading Rainmakers.

"I'll be dropping in to see some of these organisations as I travel around the electorate after Parliament rises for the year and I look forward to catching up on the great work they do," she said.

"Projects like the Nungarin Art Gallery's Studio Artistique which provides art workshop programs, have applied to assist people with costs so they can attend the classes.

"The York4York group will put the funds toward the free three course meal they provide for those experiencing loss, loneliness, homelessness or poverty on Christmas Day."

Ms Davies said each applicant was doing something to connect, nurture and support a strong community in the Wheatbelt.

"There will be additional rounds announced next year, so if you missed this round, I'd encourage you to apply when we re-open another," she said.

For media enquiries please contact Mia Davies on 9041 1702 (Merredin office), 9622 2871 (Northam office) or email mia.davies@mp.wa.gov.au.

IT WAS GREAT TO NAREMBEEN CRC RECEIVE SOME OF THIS FUNDING FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS PARTY

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# OFFICE CLOSURES Christmas / New Year

Council approved the office closure dates for 2022/23.

The Shire of Narembeen will be closed from 12pm on Friday 23 December 2022 and reopening Monday 9 January 2023.

Tamara Clarkson, Executive Manager Corporate Services will be available in case of emergency.

## MOSQUITO FOGGING

Mosquito Fogging will commence through until summer.

It is important to stop the reproductive cycle of the mosquito and fogging is dependant on weather, sometimes the truck may be out more nights than others.

If you have any concerns, please contact the Shire.



## FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Summer has arrived! The Shire liaises with the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer regularly during the peak fire season.

When a harvest and vehicle ban is called, Facebook will be updated and a SMS notification will be sent. If you would like to register for this service please email admin@narembeen.wa.gov.au or call 9064 7308.

You can also call the Harvest Ban Hotline on 9064 7689 for updates.

It is a busy time of the year, and fire emergencies can be concerning. Special Thanks to all of our volunteers who dedicate their time to keep us safe.



Fire Danger Ratings describe the potential level of danger should a bushfire start.

They provide important information so you can take action to protect yourself and others from the potentially dangerous impacts of a bushfire. You need to understand the Fire Danger Rating to assess your level of bushfire risk and decide what actions to take.

# The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) levels are:

# Moderate: Plan and prepare.

Most fires can be controlled. Stay up to date and be alert for fires in your area.

# High: Be ready to act.

Fires can be dangerous. Decide what you will do if a fire starts. Leave bushfire risk areas if necessary.

# **Extreme: Take action now** to protect your life and property.

Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous. Put your bushfire plan into action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, plan to leave early.

# Catastrophic: For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.

These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire. Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions and if a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost. Stay safe by going to a safer location early in the morning or the night before.

When there is minimal risk, Fire Danger Ratings will be set to 'No Rating'. On these days you still need to remain alert and abide by local seasonal laws and regulations.

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# Fire Danger Ratings and Bushfire Warnings

New When a bushfire starts, things can change in a matter of minutes so it's important to stay up to date through official information sources.

During a bushfire, emergency services will provide you with as much information as possible, but no system is foolproof. If you believe you are in danger, act immediately to stay safe and do not wait for a warning.

If you see smoke or flames call Triple Zero (000) and put your bushfire plan into action immediately.

Bushfire warning levels change to reflect the increasing risk to your life or property, and the decreasing amount of time you have until the fire arrives.

# The warning levels for bushfires are:

Advice

### Watch and Act

**Emergency Warning** 

All Clear



A fire has started but there There is a possible threat is no immediate threat to lives or homes. Be aware and

keep up to date.



to lives or homes. You need to leave or get ready to defend do not wait and see.



There is a threat to lives or homes. You are in danger and need to take immediate action to survive.



The danger has passed and the fire is under control. Take care and remain vigilant in case the situation changes.

# Where to find ratings and warnings:

- Emergency WA emergency.wa.gov.au
- DFES Emergency Information Line 13 DFES (13 3337)
- ABC Radio or 6PR Your local radio frequency
- DFES Facebook <u>facebook.com/dfeswa</u>
- DFES Twitter twitter.com/dfes\_wa



# Make a plan

Dangerous bushfires can start at any time and can quickly turn into a life-threatening situation for you and your loved ones. Your safety will depend on how prepared you are and the decisions you make. Create a bushfire plan in under 15 minutes at mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au



For more information visit dfes.wa.gov.au/prepare







# Tis the season to be asking The Control of the Season to be asking The Research The Control of the Season to be asking The Research The Control of the Season to be asking The Research The Season to be asking The Se

The holiday season can be a difficult time for some people. You can make a difference at this time of year by checking in and having a meaningful conversation with the people in your world who:

- Are grieving
- Are missing friends or family
- O Have had a tough year
- Are struggling financially
- Are affected by natural disasters
- Are working over the holidays
- Have challenging family relationships
- Are spending the holidays alone
- Feel excluded at this time





Here's some tips to help you connect and support your colleagues, friends and family:



- Think about who in your world might be finding this time difficult and ask them, 'are you OK?' or 'how are you doing?'
- Meet up for a chat over a cup or tea or coffee.
- If someone is grieving, ask them how they'd like to honour the memory of their loved one.

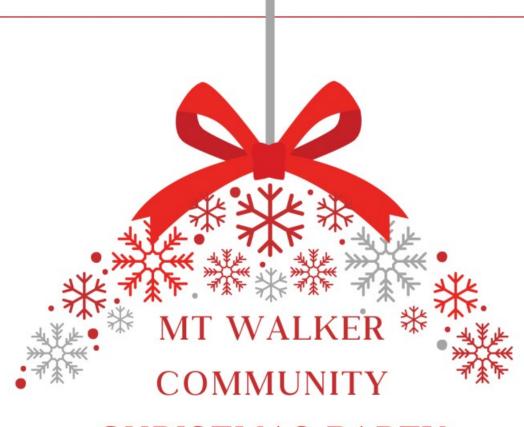


- Extend an invitation to someone who will be alone during the holiday period.
- Organise a picnic or activity to bring people together.
- Have a virtual catch up with someone you can't see in person or send a text message to let someone know you're thinking of them.



- Suggest a 'walk and talk' with someone you know who finds the holidays tough.
- Drop off a meal to someone to show them you care.
- Remind your friends that telephone support service Lifeline (13 11 14) are operating 24/7 over the holidays if they need extra support.

For more conversation tips visit ruok.org.au



# **CHRISTMAS PARTY**



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We are seeking a highly motivated person who is well presented and keen to commit themselves to a traineeship for a period of 12-18 months, during which time they will receive both on and off the job training in a wide range of administration and community development activities.

Interested persons may obtain an Application Package with Selection Criteria and Job Description by contacting the CRC Coordinator or visiting the Shire of Narembeen Website www.narembeen.wa.gov.au/the-shire/noticeboard/employment.aspx

Written applications must address the selection criteria and include a resume and be submitted by post or hand delivered to:-

Vanessa King Coordinator Narembeen Community Resource Centre 2/19 Churchill Street Narembeen WA 6369

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# **Customer Service Officer**

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This position is offered as a permanent part time position offering up to 28 hours per fortnight, working Mondays & Tuesdays (school or childcare hours available upon discussion for a suitable candidate).

For the position description please contact the CRC Coordinator by phone on 9064 7055, in person or via email or simply download it from the Shire of Narembeen website.

The key objectives of this position include:

- Provide administrative support to the CRC
- Assist with the planning of community events and activities
- · Assist with web, social media and hard copy content development and distribution

To apply for the role, please submit a written application including an up-to-date resume and cover letter responding to the selection criteria listed in the position description, to:

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### **Grain Brokers Australia Weekly Market Report**

December 6, 2022

# Production rebound in Canada sees exports bounce sharply...

This season's crop production in Canada increased dramatically on the back of vastly improved growing conditions across most of the country compared to the 2021/22 season. The higher production was primarily driven by significantly higher yields and a lower abandoned area, with the severe drought that dominated the previous season loosening its grip in most regions throughout 2022.

Statistics Canada released its final field crop production estimates for the year on Friday of last week. The results were based on feedback for 27,200 producers interviewed in the October 7 to November 14 period. Farmers were invited to report estimates of seeded and harvested areas, yields and total production of grains, oilseeds and special crops. This report provides some ground truthing for the production estimate reports released during the growing season, which used predictive modelling based on satellite imagery and agroclimatic data to arrive at a yield forecast.

The grower feedback and data collected by local government crop inspectors in a series of field walks conducted before, during and after harvest all pointed to lower average yields in many regions than the predictive model suggested. This led to some downward production revisions compared to the most recent model-based estimates released in mid-November, although barley and oats did buck that trend.

The report's highlight was total field crop production pegged at 96.059 million metric tonne, the third highest on record. It was 10.4 per cent above the five-year average and 34 per cent higher than the 71.656MMT produced a season earlier. The two biggest-ever field crop production years in Canada were 2020/21 with 100.051MMT and 2013/14 with 97.947MMT.

Total wheat production rose by 51.7 per cent year-on-year to 33.8MMT, the third highest on record. This was almost 0.9MMT, or 2.5 per cent lower than the model-based estimate. Durum wheat production ended up at 5.4MMT compared to 6.1MMT in the November report using model data; winter and spring wheat production totalled 28.4MMT collectively, against 28.6MMT using the predictive model approach. The average yield across all provinces was 3.36MT/ha, and the harvested area rose by 9.7 per cent to 10.1 million hectares.

In Saskatchewan, the average wheat yield increased by 47.3 per cent to 2.78 metric tonne per hectare, while harvested area rose by 13.5 per cent to 5.3 million hectares, resulting in a 67.2 per cent rise in production to 14.8MMT. The production turnaround was even more dramatic in Alberta, rising 76.7 per cent year-on-year to 11.3MMT. Yields were up 59.8 per cent to 3.74MT/ha and the harvested area increased by 10.6 per cent.

Canola is the second-biggest field crop in Canada by area and production, although it did challenge wheat's mantle in terms of the harvested area last season. Statistics Canada posted a final canola production figure of 18.2MMT, 32.1 per cent higher than in 2021/22. Yield was the big swinger, up by 37.6 per cent to 2.11MT/ha, while the harvested area fell by 3.9 per cent to 8.6 million hectares. However, the final output was more than 0.9MMT, or 4.8 per cent below the predictive model, due to lower-than-expected yield feedback in the grower survey.

Barley production rose by 43.5 per cent compared to last season to a tick under 10MMT. While the harvested area was down by 12.3 per cent to 6.5 million hectares, the average national yield rose a whopping 63.7 per cent to 3.79MT/ha due to much better seasonal conditions, particularly in the western Prairies. The predictive model had barley production of nearly 0.6MMT, or 5.9 per cent lower at just over 9.4MMT.

One of the biggest surprises was the massive jump in oat output. Production increased 86.1 per cent from 2.8MMT last season to 5.2MMT this season on the compounding effects of a 19.2 per cent hike in the harvested area to 1.4 million hectares and a 56.2 per cent increase in yield to 3.5MT/ha. The November report had the crop at 4.7MMT.

On the pulse front, dry field pea production increased 51.6 per cent from 2.3MMT last harvest to 3.4MMT this harvest, off a smaller harvested area. Lentil production rose 43.2 per cent compared to the previous season to 2.3MMT, off a similar harvested area.

Summer crop production also rose with corn the star. Total corn production rose 4 per cent to a record 14.5MMT this season. Harvested area was the most significant influence, rising 3.8 per cent to 1.5 million hectares, with yield unchanged. Soybean production improved by 4.3 per cent to 6.5MMT on the back of a 0.7 per cent decrease in the harvested area offset by a 5 per cent increase in yield.

With a return to a more productive season comes a more significant involvement in the global export playground and some added competition for Australian exporters into several Asian destinations. The United States Department of Agriculture has Canadian wheat exports jumping by 73 per cent from 15MMT in the 2021/22 marketing year to 26MMT in the current marketing year, with milling quality volumes expected to be the big mover.

Canola exports are forecast to rebound by 51 per cent from 5.3MMT to 8MMT year-on-year, with Japan, China and Mexico likely to be the primary beneficiaries. However, with canola oil derived renewable diesel now qualifying as an advanced biofuel under the Renewable Fuel Standard, exports to the United States are expected to increase sharply.

The USDA has barley exports making a 50 per cent recovery from 2MMT to 3MMT, with much of the increase expected to be in the malting barley category. And Canada continues its domination of international oat trade, forecast to account for 68 per cent of global exports in 2022/23 following a 50 per cent hike to 1.8MMT. Australia is the other major player in that arena, with around 19 per cent of the niche market, down from 28 per cent last season.

Call your local Grain Brokers Australia representative on 1300 946 544 to discuss your grain marketing needs.

# Birthdays



## **DECEMBER**

13th

7th
8th Karen Bormolini
9th Irene Pini
10th Felicity Shipard(Edwards)
11th Rodney Hayter
John McCummiskey
12th Joanne Kiely

Joshua Parsons
Josh Andrews Wendy Wilson
Joy Hayter Lyn Cova
Wayne Hooper Ella Shaylor

Bryan Shattock

14th Gillian Ransom



NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK - TOO CLOSE TO CHRISTMAS?

# STALL HOLDERS WANTED

NAREMBEEN CHRISTMAS STREET
PARTY



FRIDAY, 16 DECEMBER 3PM

CONTACT THE NAREMBEEN CRC: 9064 7055
CRCRECEPTION@NAREMBEEN.WA.GOV.AU



# **CHURCH NOTICES**



# ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN

Sunday, December 11th

9.30am

Isaiah Chapter 35 Verses 1 - 10

**Ruth Hall** 

James Chapter 5 Verses 7 - 10

**Hazel Toovey** 

Matthew Chapter 11 Verses 2-11

Psalm Song of Mary Page 425 APB

# **Church of Christ**

Sunday 11th December 10.00am

Worship Service with Sunday school during the

service

Please bring along a plate of morning tea

Bible Verse: John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

# SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

105 Church Road, Mt. Walker

Saturday, December 10th

**10:00 am**. The Senior's Bible Study lesson for this week is "End-Time **Deceptions**", with the Key Text in 2 Cor 11:14,15 (NKJV).

Children's Sabbath School too at this time.

11:30 am. Worship, Pr Norm Hardy.

The current Bible Study series will continue to be on your VAST TV - Channel 603 at 4 pm (Sabbath School Panel) or 7 pm (Let God Speak) on Fridays.

Any queries, please to -

Rhonda: 0417 907 119, Terry: 0427 907 119. Church Pastor, Douw Venter: 0458 552 011.

# ROMAN CATHOLIC

**OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** 

Sunday, December 11thh

8.00am

Reader: R Hickey

Contact: R Hickey 0428 132 454

J Cusack 0408 064 727

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Email: brucerockparish@gmail.com

FaceBook: Francis Mary Concepta Sacrament



# COMMUNITY HEALTH INFORMATION



#### NAREMBEEN MEDICAL CENTRE - PHONE 9064 7145

Dr Lines consults Monday to Friday from 8am to 1pm.
Please phone 90647 145 for an appointment or online with Health Engine

### HOSPITAL - PHONE 90646222 HEALTH DIRECT 1800 022 222

Accident, emergency and acute medical.

Outpatient dressing/blood pressure checks etc-Preferred times 10.30am -11.30am or 3.30pm - 4.30pm

X-Ray service available - please phone for bookings. Only emergency X-Rays will be attended out of hours

Other services include antenatal and postnatal care, palliative care, respite service, high and low level residential care. Home and Community Care (HACC), Patient Assisted Travel Service (PATS), Videoconference facilities available for consults with some Specialists. 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

### WHEATBELT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

Call 1800 353 122 (24 hours) Free and Confidential
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

# **COMING EVENTS**

December 2022

Wednesday 7th BOWLS - Ladies NB V CRB

Thursday 8th Autumn Club 10.00am-2.00pm

Friday 9th Playgroup at Numbats Centre 9.30am

Saturday 10th Church

Men's Shed 9.00am

TENNIS - Hyden Junior Tournament

BOWLS - NB Gold V NB Maroon (fixture change) 1.00PM

Sunday 11th Church

TENNIS - Narembeen - Doubles Championship

- Mt Walker - Social BYO BBQ and salad to share

BOWLS - Ladies - Championship Pairs | Bristow Sponsor

Arts and Crafts and Book Exchange at Community Shed

- Men - Social

Monday 12th Circuit Gym 9.30am

3.30am

10.00am-4.00pm

Tuesday 13th Senior Citizens 2.00pm

**SHIRE COUNCIL MEETING** 

Wednesday 14th BOWLS - Ladies NB V CRG





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