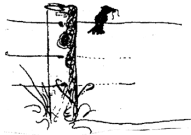


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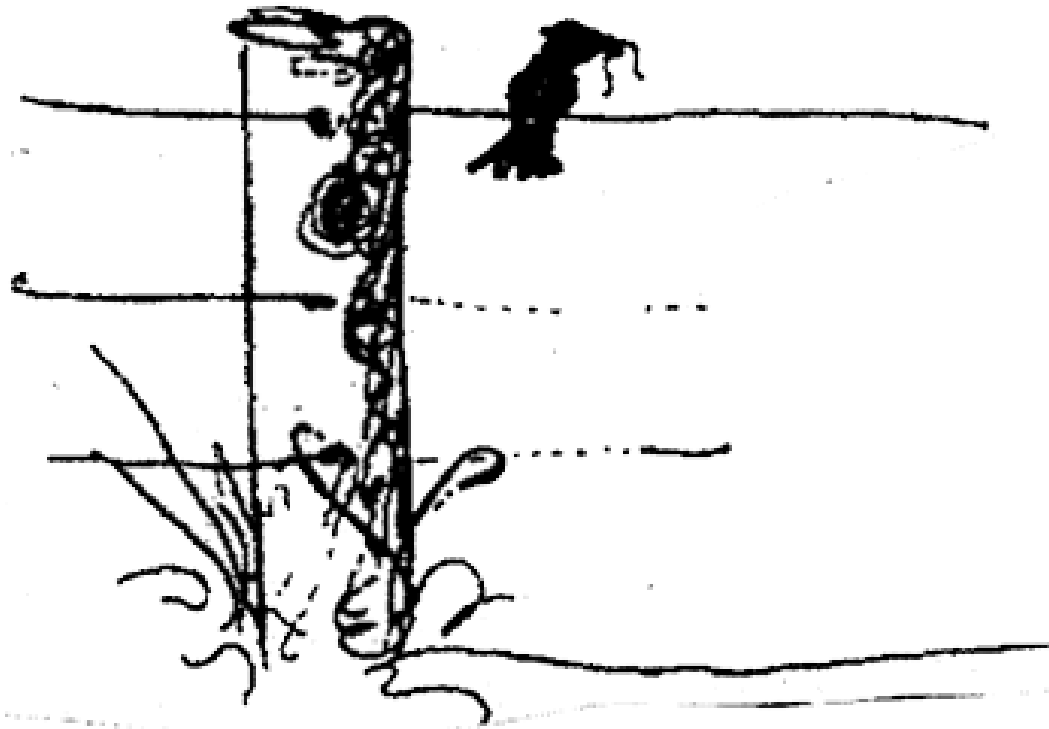
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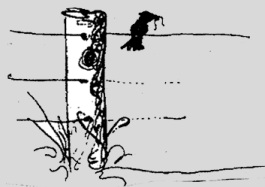
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# Over the Fence....

Hello to our Fencepost readers.

Today is another day when only the Editor is at the Fencepost so please be kind. Two of our computers are still out of action. We expect to have the new computers installed by next week and to have everything up and running as normal. But hopefully in the meantime, I'll be able to provide you something interesting to read in this Edition.

Please remember to send in your news too. This is best sent in to our email at [fencepost@westnet.com.au](mailto:fencepost@westnet.com.au) and if possible in a preferred format of jpg, word or pdf.

Awe welcome all sorts of news. Please write to us with your news on Marriages, Babies, Special Birthdays or Anniversaries, Sport and Visitors as little items from you makes interesting reading.

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A very big thank you from us all here to Patty Latham who has finally retired from Fencepost duties after 33 years of helping with the Fencepost.

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**Congratulations** to Teagan and Jordan Lister (Teagan is the daughter of Susan Wilkins (nee Lethlean) on the birth of their second daughter, Edith Mary, born on the 3rd February 2023 , 7lbs 7 oz)

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Very sad news on the passing from this life of John Henry Currie, formerly of Narembreen on 8 February 2023. John passed away peacefully at his home in Mandurah on his and Peg's 65th wedding anniversary. Precious and dearly loved husband of Peg, father and father inlaw to Graeme, Jenny (dec), Noela and Barry. Adored pop to Britt, Mac, John and Kelly. Great Grandfather to Lenny and Trigg.

John's Funeral will be held Friday, 24 February 2023 at Bowra and O'Dea, Pinjarra Rd, Mandurah at 10.30am

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## NAREMBEEN HOMES FOR THE AGED INC

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023—5PM

NAREMBEEN RECREATION CENTRE

ALL WELCOME



## NAREMBEEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY (INC) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Next Meeting: **Monday, February 20, 2023**

Commencing at: **2.00 pm**

At: The HISTORY CENTRE  
(Road Board Building)

We look forward to seeing you there.

History belongs in the  
past; but understanding it  
is the duty of the present.



## BORN IN 1958 AND WENT TO NAREMBEEN SCHOOL

We are having a reunion in Narembeen on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 (Easter Saturday). This reunion is long overdue with all that has been happening in the world. We would love to see as many as possible back in Narembeen to catch up. If you are in contact with anyone from our school days could you please spread the word. We will need numbers for the catering on the Saturday evening and also the recovery breakfast on the Sunday. If sufficient numbers we will organise a bus tour of the district on the Sunday and we have booked the Wadderin night tour on Sunday however, this is only for 12 people.

Accommodation in Narembeen is as follows: Narembeen Caravan Park (chalets, caravans and camping facilities), Morning Sun Motel and Narembeen Hotel/Motel. All are available online.

We do require numbers for Saturday night, Sunday morning, the bus and night tour.

If you could please contact Denise Cooper (nee Gould) on 0407 192 586  
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## THANK YOU

Go Narembbeen and the Narembbeen Co-Op Café would like to thank

### **Dorcas Clothing and Collgar Wind Farm**

for donations towards a new commercial dishwasher for the Café

Staff were excited to find the dishwasher  
had been installed over the January break!

The dishwasher aims to ensure more hygienic cleaning levels  
and improves the efficiency of our staff

**THANKS AGAIN DORCAS AND COLLGAR!**



Staff members Jess Smoker and Tenille Cole with the new dishwasher



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presents

# SOS & 90S QUIZ NIGHT



- BAR available
- No BYO drinks
- Hot Beef Rolls for sale (please pre-order)
- BYO nibbles

Friday 25 February 2023  
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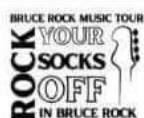
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## THANK YOU

It was a bit tricky to get people together for the 2022 harvest, due to it being a late harvest and a particularly good one for our district, which was great to see and a fantastic outcome for our farmers!

Thank you to the **Cusack** family and their workers who harvested the Canola crop at Avoca Farm. The Canola averaged 1.65 t/ha.

**The Cusack family made a donation to the Narembreen Netball Club.**

Thank you to the **Parsons** family and their workers who harvested the Barley crop at Mt Arrowsmith. The Barley averaged 2.86 t/ha.

**The Parsons family made donations to  
Go Narembreen, Narembreen Ski Club and Narembreen District High School**

Thanks also to the Kennedy family who under contract assisted with the harvest at Mt Arrowsmith.

Planning for our 2024 Cropping Programme has commenced and we are always looking for volunteers to assist. Keep an eye on The Fencepost or our Facebook page for opportunities!



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday 28 February 2023 – 6.30pm**

Narembreen Recreation Centre

Curral Street, Narembreen WA 6369



## BOWLS NEWS

Two teams of ladies travelled to Bruce Rock for their Annual Open Day. Congratulations to Anita Cowan, Sylvia Yandle, Rhonda Cole and Joan Cusack who were one of 3 teams who had all wins. They came home with 3rd prize. The team played some really great bowls with the final game being between 2 teams who both had had 2 wins. With the event being timed and with the opposition holding 3 shots (which would have meant a win by 1) and even bowls needing to be in the head the bell rang with Rhonda having that bowl still in her hand. Never fear her bowl made it to the kitty for them to win the end and the game. The other team of Helen Copeman, Maree Campbell, Kellie Mortimore and Julie Miller didn't do so well with the bowls but managed many raffles prizes, well most of the team managed many raffle prizes.....

Ladies Pennants—Unfortunately Bruce Rock were too good on their home greens and beat the Narem girls 3-1. Chances of being in the finals this year are now gone but a couple of wins to finish the season will be great.

Mens Pennants— Westonia defeated Maroon 6-2 and Gold had a win due to Yilgarn forfeiting. Maroon currently sit 3rd on the ladder 1/2 a point behind Westonia in 2nd. Gold may have snuck into 8th.

Ladies Pennants this week at home to Merredin Civic.

A Cowan	K Mortimore	S Yandle	J Hayter
H Copeman	M Campbell	C Currie	J Miller

Men's Pennants at home against Corrigin.

### GOLD

E Tenardi	T Cole	M Toovey	Hen Cowan
J Currie	R Hayter	C Ogilvie	D Campbell
A Yandle	B Cole	C Bailey	A Hardham
S Welsh	R Gray	W Cowan	G Wardell-Johnson

### MAROON

D Hayter	N Rogerson	C Butler	F Copeman
M Hall	J Padfield	B Parsons	A Lyon
A Cousins	K Anderson	J Baldwin	G Johns
M Currie	C Duncan	R Gill	R Arnold

### SUBJECT TO CHANGE

This week in the fixtures	Men—	C of C Pairs @ Civic
		Social at home
	Ladies—	Championship Singles



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# POLICE NEWS

Narembeen Police Station, 7 Longhurst Street, Narembeen, WA 6369

Phone: (08) 9045 6050



Hello,

Hope everyone is well. Giving you an update of the happenings in Narembeen.

A 36-year-old female from Cable Beach was charged with Criminal Damage x 2, Disorderly Behaviour and Possess a Prohibited Drug following a disturbance on Currall Street on 26 January. Her bail was refused and she will appear next at Broome Magistrates Court.

As the result of inquiries, an 18-year-old male from Narembeen was charged with Aggravated Assault Occasioning Bodily Harm following a family violence incident in Narrogin on 27 January. He will appear next at Narrogin Magistrates Court.

On 3 February, Narembeen Police were involved in an operation in Merredin who were hosting two large indigenous funerals. The event and subsequent weekend went off without a hitch and this was a direct result of all the surrounding Wheatbelt Police Stations attitude of helping each other out.

We have also been doing some static radar in town at random times, great to see the majority abiding by the speed limit. On another note, can everybody please check their car registration renewal dates. You can check your own vehicle's registration number licence expiry date on the Department of Transport website.

With technology moving, there are a few E-Scooters now getting around town. Please be aware of your responsibilities.

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- eRiders must be a minimum of 16 years of age
- Children under 16 are permitted to ride low-powered electric scooters which do not exceed 200w or 10km/h

Until next time, stay safe.

Kind Regards,

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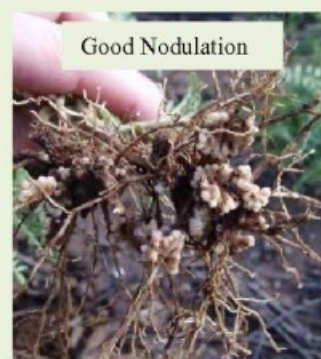
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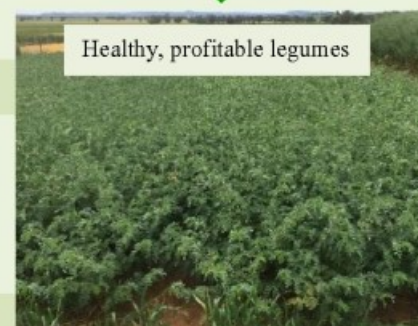
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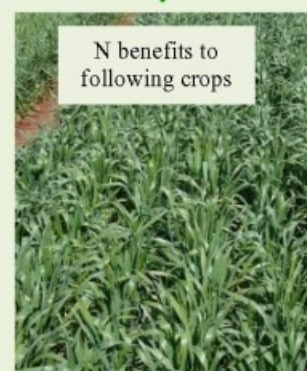
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Current and new members are invited to the first meeting for 2023.

Narembeen Hospital dining room

**Tuesday February 21st 2023 at 4:30pm**

To discuss the auxiliary work to improve the environment and resources at the Narembeen hospital, particularly where the most senior residents reside. We are always looking for creative, new options for fundraising and decorating ideas. Come along and share your talents.

If you have any questions please contact:

**President** Lynda Cornish 0428 635 030 or **Secretary/ Treasurer** Di Pollard 0488 647 222



## World Day of Prayer 2023 Taiwan

Friday 3rd March 2023

10:00am

Narembeen Church of Christ

Contact: Maree Sprigg  
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**Please note: Morning Tea following Prayer Meeting**



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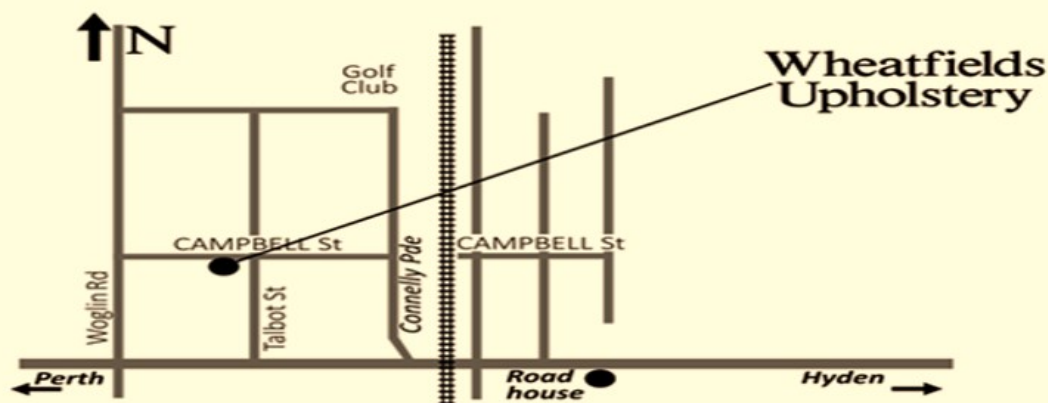
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## **THIS MONTH IN HISTORY**

**February 15, 1564** Astronomer and physicist Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) was born in Pisa, Italy. He was the first astronomer to use a telescope and advanced the theory that the sun, not the earth, was the center of the solar system.

**February 15, 1933** - An assassination attempt on newly elected U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt occurred in Miami, Florida. A spectator deflected the gunman's aim. As a result, Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak was shot and killed instead. The gunman, an Italian immigrant, was captured and later sentenced to death.

**February 15, 1989** - Soviet Russia completed its military withdrawal from Afghanistan after nine years of unsuccessful involvement in the civil war between Muslim rebel groups and the Russian-backed Afghan government. Over 15,000 Russian soldiers had been killed in the fighting.

**February 19, 1942** - Internment of Japanese Americans began after President Franklin Roosevelt issued an Executive Order requiring those living on the Pacific coast to report for relocation. Over 110,000 persons therefore shut down their businesses, sold off their property, quit school and moved inland to the relocation centers.

**February 20, 1962** - Astronaut John Glenn became the first American launched into orbit. Traveling aboard the "Friendship 7" spacecraft, Glenn reached an altitude of 162 miles (260 kilometers) and completed three orbits in a flight lasting just under five hours.





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## **ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS**

Residents will note the drainage work being undertaken in Longhurst Street, near the Police station which is to elevate the ongoing drainage issue that has previously occurred on this road and is part of the Shire's ongoing long term plan to address the drainage issues that occur annual in the townsite.

The contractor is also in town to rectify a small road failure that occurred on the Latham Road and Longhurst Street corner and over the next few days work will also be undertaken to remove the old line markings along Latham Road and the Latham Road and Currall Street intersection.

## **REPLACEMENT OF STREET LIGHTS**

At long last the replacement street poles for Latham Road and Currall Street (near hotel) have arrived and should be installed in the next couple of weeks. This will also see the CCTV cameras reinstalled and activated.

## **RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD**

**Restricted** (Permit Required) 1st February to 15th April

The following additional requirements for burning are also in place.

- 1st February includes grass and raked cereal stubble and header windrows of non-cereal stubble including canola and legumes.
- 1st March is header windrows and chaff dumps and cereal stubble fires.

Any questions about burning times should be directed to a Fire Control Officer or the Shire Office.



## UPCOMING COURSES AT THE CRC

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### HEAVY VEHICLE PILOT LICENCE (HVPL)

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8 people minimum

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## Narembeen CRC Update

Hello everyone!

On Tuesday last week 10 students visited De Strange's Creative Space Studio on her farm in Bruce Rock. Everyone that attended had so much fun shooting and create some incredible portraits. The art expo is happening this Thursday, 16/02! Don't forget to come in to have a look and admire their amazing photographs.

Thank you to Regional Arts WA for funding our arts project through the YCulture Grant: Drug Aware YCulture Regional is an initiative of Regional Arts WA and is supported by Healthway to promote the Drug Aware message.

Thank you also to our youth project coordinators, Bowdan & Wren, who have been assisting with the planning of this event.

Story Time is back with it's first session for the year!! We are so excited to welcome all our little ones back into the library for some fun songs, rhymes, stories and not to forget arts & craft.

We are also seeking expressions of interest for:

- safeTALK—suicide alert workshop
- Truck Licence

If you are interested in either, please contact us.

Have a great week!

*Vanessa King*  
*CRC Manager*



# Upcoming CRC Events 2023

- Morning Coffee Club: Wed, 15 Feb 10.00am
- 'Be part of Art' - Art Expo: Thur, 16 Feb 5.30pm
- Seniors Aged Care Games: Thur, 23 Feb 7.30am
- Story Time: Fri, 24 Feb 10.30am
- Business Women Networking Event: Thur, 2 March 5.30pm
- PILOT Licence: Mon + Tue, 13 + 14 March 7.30am
- Working at Heights: Wed, 15 Mar 7.00am
- Ladies Long Lunch: Sat, 18 Mar 11.30am
- Triathlon: Sat, 25 Mar 3.00pm



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## **CANDLE MAKING**

Saturday, 4 February 2023

Narembeen CRC

10.30am - 12.30pm

*Shannae Jasper - Remote Society*

## **PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP**

Tuesday, 7 February 2023

Bus leaving from Narembeen CRC

3.30pm - 6.30pm

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## **ART EXPO**

Thursday, 16 February 2023

Narembeen CRC

5.30pm



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GRDC GROWER NETWORK

Narembeen, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 23

# GRDC GROWER NETWORK FORUM



## GRDC welcomes all involved in the grains industry to the **GRDC National Grower Network Summer Forum, Narembeen**

**Location:** Narembeen Recreation Centre, Currall Street Narembeen

**Date:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

**Time:** 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm (light dinner & refreshments provided)

### Guest Speakers

**Darren Hughes (Laconik) – Does fallow work for you?**

**Glen Riethmuller (DPIRD) – Soil amelioration and sodic soil treatments**

The GRDC NGN Forum provides an opportunity for anyone involved in the grains industry to bring forward ideas including opportunities and constraints which are relevant to the grains industry.

Ideas raised will be discussed in detail, to assist the GRDC to develop targeted RD&E activities that create enduring profitability for Australian grain growers. The forums are also an opportunity to engage directly with GRDC representatives.

Please register [here](#) for catering purposes by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February or alternatively contact

Emily Davey: [admin@ruraledge.org.au](mailto:admin@ruraledge.org.au) or 0401 090 286

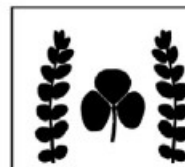
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## Grain Brokers Australia Weekly Market Report

February 14, 2023

**High flour prices weigh on Bangladesh's economy...**

Farmers in Bangladesh have increased the area planted to wheat this season for the first time in three years, buoyed by the soaring price of flour in the domestic market. Wheat is the second most consumed grain in Bangladesh behind rice, but over recent years farmers have been gradually converting their farmland to higher return crops such as potatoes, vegetables and rice.

According to the Bangladesh Department of Agriculture, growers planted 319,000 hectares of wheat in the northern hemisphere autumn, up 1.6 per cent on the 314,000 hectares planted in the 2021/22 season. The final production is forecast at 1.2 million metric tonne when the crop is harvested in April, up from 1.1MMT in 2021/22. While higher than last year, production has been hovering around this level for the past ten years and is much lower than the record of 2MMT set in 1999/2000.

Bangladesh relies heavily on imported wheat to meet domestic demand. Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February last year, global supply chain disruptions and higher international prices have dramatically increased the cost of imported wheat. The situation was further aggravated by India's wheat export ban on May 13, 2022, and the appreciation of the United States dollar against the Bangladesh taka (BDT).

Last month the average retail price of coarse wheat flour, known as aata, hit a record of BDT 61.6 (AU\$0.85) per kilogram, up around 70 per cent over the last 12 months and more than double the price in January 2021. The price of higher quality fine wheat flour, known as maida, also hit a record in January, selling for BDT 72 (AU\$0.99) /kg.

The high price of all types of wheat flour has driven domestic demand dramatically lower as the consumer turns to other sources of nutrition. And the high prices are expected to persist until the local harvest begins. There is also hope that India, will relax the wheat export ban to traditional Asian customers such as Bangladesh.

In last week's world agricultural supply and demand update, the USDA decreased wheat imports for Bangladesh by 0.7MMT to 5.3MMT compared to its January update as high prices shift demand to more affordably priced rice. This figure is more than 1MMT lower than 2021/22 imports which the USDA pegged at 6.34MMT but is still 0.3MMT higher than its own Foreign Agricultural Service import estimate of 5MMT, released late last month.

According to the FAS, domestic consumption will fall by more than 1.5MMT, or 18 per cent, from a record 8.3MMT in the 2021/22 season to 6.8MMT in the current season. Food, seed and industrial consumption usually make up more than 90 per cent of national consumption, and this season it is projected to be down 1.2MMT to 6.5MMT as lower imports and higher flour prices drive down the intake of aata and maida.

Wheat consumption by the stockfeed sector in 2022/23 is expected to be down by 50 per cent to 300,000 metric tonne compared to 2021/22. This is due to a much lower inclusion rate in rations as the wholesale price of wheat hit a record BDT 54.16 (AU\$0.74) /kg in December, up over 80 per cent compared to a year earlier.

Local merchants have dramatically slowed the pace of international purchases, with government data showing imports in the first six months of the 2022/23 marketing year stood at around 2.2MMT, 50 per cent lower than the same period last year. While demand is indeed lower, the primary issue appears to be delays in the opening letters of credit arising from a lack of US dollar denominated foreign currency reserves in Bangladesh.

On August 31 last year, the Bangladesh government's cabinet committee approved the importation of 500,000 metric tonne of Russian wheat under a government-to-government agreement, with a five-month delivery window. By the end of December, around 400,000 metric tonne, or 80 per cent of the agreed quantity, had already been discharged at ports in Bangladesh.

Ukraine is also a major wheat supplier to Bangladesh, with a 56,000 metric tonne shipment passing inspection in the Bosphorus in the last week of January, bringing total Ukraine shipments since the grain export corridor opened in July last year to more than 547,000 metric tonne. Bangladesh is the eighth largest recipient of Ukraine grain under the United Nations and Türkiye brokered Black Sea Grain Initiative. However,

The government of Bangladesh recently slashed its wheat import expectations from India after Delhi suggested it should rationalise its proposed annual import quota. The revised proposal for the balance of the current fiscal year has cut wheat imports by 2MMT to 2.5MMT. Some 0.5MMT and 2MMT of imports have been proposed for Indian government and private supply channels, respectively. Whether or not it happens is an entirely different story.

Bangladesh is an important export destination for Australian wheat, with shipments in the 2022 calendar year totalling 295,000 metric tonne, or just over one per cent of the nation's total wheat export campaign of 28.74MMT. Last year's export figure was down from 451,000 metric tonne in 2021. All but a 10,000 metric tonne parcel shipped in December departed Australian ports in the first half of 2022 before new crop Black Sea exports ramped up.

Like many developing countries worldwide that rely on imports to meet domestic food requirements, Bangladesh is struggling in the higher global food price environment. It has led to rising domestic food inflation, increased food insecurity, raised social tensions and strained the government's budget.

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





## Country Stargazing Planetary Conjunctions

with Carol Redford and Donna Vanzetti, Astrotourism WA

Just as our daylight skies are ever-changing, with new sunsets and cloud formations, our evening skies are constantly changing too, as the star patterns move across the sky throughout the year. And amongst the stars are a few brighter ones that seem to wander on their own path. These are of course the planets of our solar system. The word planet means “wanderer”, given by the ancient Greek’s who studied the night sky and began to understand their orbits.

As the planets continue their never-ending path around the Sun, their orbits can sometimes bring the planets together forming incredible conjunctions, from our perspective here on earth.

Between the 22nd of February and 8th of March, head outside just after sunset and watch the planets in motion! Jupiter and Venus will approach each other before beginning to move further apart from our perspective! The Moon will even join in on the 22nd and 23rd!

[Jupiter and Venus Conjunction.](#)

Adding to the spectacle, on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, Mars makes a close approach to the Moon. Visible as a red star, Mars can be easily seen with the naked eye. Don’t confuse Mars for the nearby Aldebaran and Betelgeuse stars however, as the three red objects and the Moon make a large triangle in the sky.

**When to look:** Just after sunset 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**Which direction to look:** Low to the western horizon for Jupiter and Venus. For the Moon and Mars, north north-west in the early evening.

We will have more stargazing tips and helpful hints coming up in our next article! Keep looking up and marvel at our clear, dark skies.

For more stargazing tips, visit [www.astrotourismwa.com.au](http://www.astrotourismwa.com.au).

# Birthdays



## FEBRUARY

15th	Gail Jones Joanne Cunnard(Sloss)	Daniel Eyles Demi Lawson	Lyn McColl Yves Beagley
16th	Renae Andrews Ben Hunter	Digby Slade Beau Repacholi	Mich Woodley Greg Sinclair
17th	Raymond Padfield	Yvonne Armanasco	
18th	Mathew Yeomans Rebecca Clark	Peter Commons Amy Lethlean	Michelle Roddan Sofie De Luis
19th	Russell Johns Steven Cooper	Dawn Price Georgia Cowan	Brian Cummins
20th	Anna Fricker Bradie Yeomans	Richard Andrews	Benjamin Foote



# Anniversaries

## FEBRUARY

15th	Beryl & Cliff Smith	John & Beverley(Beacham) Hunter
15th	Michael & Fiona Pini	
16th	Richard & Chris Andrews	
18th	Len & Jan Pool	Michael & Bianca Currie
19th	Shohan(DeLuis) & Liam Hickey	
20th	Brian & Joan Cusack	





# CHURCH NOTICES



## ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN

**Sunday, February 19**

**8.30am**

**Visiting Priest, Rev David Williams**

Leviticus Ch19 V1-18 H Toovey

1 Corinthians Ch 3 V10-17 K Fricker

Matthew Ch 5 V38-48

Psalms 112-119 V 33-40

## Church of Christ

**Thursday 16th Feb 7.30pm**

Bible study at N. Hooper's place

Word for the evening is 'Paul'

**Sunday 19th Feb 1.00pm**

Worship service with Sunday school during the service.

Cuppa after the service

**Bible verse: Romans 15:4**

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide, we might have hope.

## Seventh Day Adventist

**105 Church Rd, Mt Walker**

**Saturday, February 18**

**10:00 am** Adult Bible Study Groups and 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

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit* Romans 15:13

## ROMAN CATHOLIC

OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Saturday, February 18**

**6.00pm**

Reader: M Hall

Contact: R Hickey 0428 132 454

J Cusack 0408 064 727

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## 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 Narembreen Medical Centre



**COMING EVENTS****February 2023**

Wednesday	15th	BOWLS—Ladies Pennants Round 12 NB v Merredin Civic	
Thursday	16th	Autumn Club	10.00am-2.00pm
	16th	Church of Christ Bible Study at N Hoopers place	7.30pm
		CRC Art Expo	5.30pm
Friday	17th	Playgroup at Numbats Centre	9.30am
Saturday	18th	Men's Shed	9.00am
		NBN Tennis Club—Hospital Day	
		Bowls—Men's Pennants Round 10 NB v Corrigin	
		Church—Seventh Day Adventist	10.00am
		Church—Seventh Day Adventist—Combined Worship	11.30am
		Church—Roman Catholic	6.00pm
Sunday	19th	Church—St Pauls Anglican	8.30am
		Church—Church of Christ -	1.00pm
		Bowls—Ladies—Championship Singles	
		Bowls—Men's C of C Pairs at Civic	
		Bowls—Men's Social Home	
		NBN Tennis: Social	3.00pm
Monday	20th	Circuit Gym	9.30am
		Arts and Crafts and Book Exchange at Community Shed	10.00am-4.00pm
Tuesday	21st	Senior Citizens	2.00pm
Wednesday	22nd	Morning Coffee Club	10.00am

**Editor: Sherrie Heather**