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Record Autumn Rainfall for Wudinna

Residents across the district have certainly noticed the wet conditions this year, and the figures confirm it. According to Bureau of Meteorology records, May 2026 was officially the wettest May recorded in Wudinna in the 27 years that records have been kept.

At the time of writing, Wudinna has received an impressive 377mm of rainfall for the year so far, compared with just 52mm at the same time last year. The dramatic difference highlights just how exceptional this season has been.

The record-breaking autumn rain has brought welcome relief across the district, with many farmers and residents hopeful for a productive season ahead. The transformation across the landscape has been remarkable, with paddocks and roadsides that were once dry, dusty and bare now covered in lush green growth. Recent rainfall has also seen Poldam Dam reach an impressive level, with water now flowing into the overflow dam. The sight is a welcome reminder of just how significant this year's rainfall has been.

The story gained wider attention after local resident Bec Smart shared comparison photographs on Facebook. The images quickly captured people's attention and were subsequently picked up by the ABC, showcasing Wudinna's remarkable seasonal turnaround to a broader audience.

The comparison photos (right) highlight the incredible change across the district over the past 12 months. Thank you to Megan Lister, Willybee Pastoral and Pine Ridge Speckle Park Stud for generously sharing her photographs.



New Stock, see in store for prices

- a. JBL Charge
- b. JBL Flip 7
- c. JBL Party Box Encore Essential 2
- d. JBL Clip 5
- e. JBL Kids Headphones (Bluetooth & Wired)
- f. Sprout Invoke Bluetooth Headphones
- g. Telstra Pre-Paid 4GX Wi-Fi Plus Modem
- h. Blackview Rugged 64GB Phone



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40th SECONDHAND ROSE PRELOVED CLOTHES Birthday Celebration

Join us in celebrating the 40th year of Secondhand Rose Preloved Clothes on Monday 3rd August at 12noon at the Wudinna Hotel

All past and present committee members and volunteers welcome

RSVP by Friday 24th July
Julie-Anne Scholz 0438 189 621
Mandy Scholz 0429 335 066



WORD FOR TODAY

Stay Positive

"Whatever things are...of good report...meditate on these things." Philippians 4:8 NKJV

Most of us know criticism can linger longer than encouragement. That is why we often need to be intentional about speaking life giving words. A helpful rule of thumb is to offer encouragement often. Then when correction is needed, it can be received in the context of love.

It doesn't matter whether that system is a church, a family, or your workplace, there needs to be encouraging words for every negative. So, what's your ratio as a spouse, a parent, a worker, a friend? Part of the reason for the disparity is that negative feedback tends to carry more weight and last longer, so it has to be counterbalanced. A pretty good rule of thumb is this: dish out three compliments for every complaint. Instead of looking for faults, train yourself to catch people doing things right. And here are a few more things you can do to stay positive. (1) Memorise and meditate on the promises of God's Word and anchor yourself to them. (2) Keep a gratitude journal. It will let you know how blessed and how well-off you are. (3) Cultivate the habit of sending a heartfelt note to people you appreciate. It'll only take you two minutes, but you can make someone's day, or even someone's year! (4) Find a way to share "wins" with your family and in your workplace. It has the power to shift the focus and shift the culture. It'll also anchor you to your kids and to your colleagues in a powerful new way.

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Wudinna Catholic Mass Times

Sunday 5th July
Communion Service

Wudinna, 10:00am

Saturday 11th July
Wudinna, 11:00am

Sunday 19th July
Wudinna, 11:30am

Saturday 25th July
Wudinna, 6:00pm

Family Life Church Wudinna Uniting Church

Sunday 5th July
10am, Wudinna

Sunday 12th July
4pm, Wudinna

Sunday 19th July
10am, Wudinna

Sunday 26th July
4pm, Wudinna

For more info, contact
Tim & Heidi Coleman,
0482 057 665

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

COMBINED

Uniting/Lutheran/Anglican Worship

Sunday 5th July
10am Wudinna, Lutheran - LR

Sunday 12th July
9am Yaninee - LR
10am Wudinna, Uniting - LP
Online Message

Tuesday 14th July
11am Trudinger Hymn Sing

Sunday 19th July
10am Wudinna, Lutheran - HC
Pastor Brian Keller

Sunday 26th July
9am, Yanninee - LR
10am Wudinna, Uniting - LP
Online message

FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS



The 4 football teams have cemented their positions on the ladder, with all anticipating being part of the final series.

The youngsters, coming up from Auskick this year and playing in the Junior Colts competition, are contributing well to the success of the team. It took them a while to win a game, but with excellent coaching from Matt Parsons and runner Jake Sampson, the team is gelling well and putting wins on the board.

Tuesday night trainings for the Senior Colts are paying off as these lads are sitting on top of the ladder. Using the whole of the oval, Boof Marshall is ensuring the boys are honing their skills and are practising game day tactics.

When mistakes are made, they are very good as a group at counting push ups and sit-ups. an

Colby Stringer is working well with the junior players to ensure they are fitting in well playing at the senior level. With many ins and outs each week, Colby is managing the playing group well. Great appreciation is given to the Senior Colts who consistently play B Grade to make up the numbers.

The A Grade, with Micah van Loon as coach, has firmly cemented their position in playing finals this year. Coming from behind, wins were achieved against Kimba, Ports and Cowell in the first round.

There have been some great senior milestone achieved already this season – congratulations to Zack Bigg for playing 50 games, and Saxon O'Brien for achieving 100 games.

Jesse and Cody Stringer are doing a great job managing the Auskickers and teaching them football skills. Parents' assistance during training and game day has been appreciated. The future players of our club play after the Senior Colts and prior to the B Grade.

Life Membership was awarded to Kane Sampson on Saturday 20 June. His contribution to the Central Eyre and Central Eyre United Football Clubs has expanded over 29 years. Kane played 426 games in his career with 399 being A Grade games and 27 B Grade games.

He commenced playing senior football in 1991 while still playing Colts. His contributions to the club include: Coach, Secretary, President, A Grade Best & Fairest, and a member of the Central Eyre Executive Committee. He represented the Mid West Football League as a player; playing Inter-association games and Mortlock Shield. At the highest level, Kane represented Eyre Peninsula on several occasions.

Many thanks must be given to the parents of the U15 lads who took them to association trainings in readiness to represent EEFL at the Lock Carnival and the Norwood Cup in Port Lincoln.

The Football Executive Committee, along with the Netball Executive Committee, are working closely together to ensure Central Eyre United Football & Netball Club is a great club to play for and support. It's not too late to become a member of this club. Social membership ensures all grades of football and netball are able to take the field and court each week.

Heading into the last round and finals, let's all support all grades of netball and football.

Go The Storm!!

Images supplied.



UPPER EYRE HUNT CLUB

formally invite you to

50 YEARS

Celebration

★ UNDER THE STARS ★

SATURDAY 11TH JULY

MINNIPA SPORTS COMPLEX

2 MOSELEY TERRACE, MINNIPA SA 5654

STARTS AT 5PM

FORMAL
DRESS THEME

FEATHERS
& FURR



LICENSED VENUE
NO BYO



BAR FACILITIES
AVAILABLE



ROAST DINNER
INCLUDED IN ENTRY

\$35

PER ADULT

\$15

PER KID

UNDER 5
FREE



HUNT THE FOLLOWING DAY
SUNDAY 12TH JULY
@ TCHARKULDU
STARTS AT 12PM

RECOVERY
BREAKFAST

\$8



CAMPING



SHOWERS



TOILETS



LIMITED
HORSEYARDS
AVAILABLE

ENQUIRE TO COMMITTEE IF INTERESTED
VIA FACEBOOK PAGE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.



★ TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT ★

however pre booking encouraged for catering purposes

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE VIA UEHC BANK ACCOUNT

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REFERENCE
YOUR NAME

Wudinna Senior Citizens visit to Kangaluna

Late in May, 5 car loads of local senior citizens enjoyed a trip to Kangaluna Camp, owned and run by Geoff and 'Rene Scholz. The unique accommodation provides luxury safari tents and is set in the stunning mallee wilderness region of the Gawler Ranges.

All done in balance with nature and local wildlife. The curved roofs are designed to cool the tents as they always keep the air flowing. Recycled materials were used in the construction and fusing of the camp site, giving it a tastefully rustic look.

We were lucky with the perfect weather as Geoff showed us around the camp, sharing his vast knowledge, explaining the glamping experience and answering our questions.

We shared afternoon tea and a nice cuppa under shelter in the central dining room, where we also celebrated two birthdays, sharing a delicious birthday cake, made by Margaret Werner.

Our group photo was taken by the renovated covered wagon with a queen size bed, where you can gaze at the stars all night long.

Finally, Geoff guided us to Lake Sturt, which is in the Gawler Ranges National Park, where he told us about the selenium crystals that form when the lake is dry. The lake, however, was full of water as a result of our wonderful opening rain.

Grateful thanks to our expert drivers, who capably got us through some deep water holes on the track, to Marilyn Scholz for showing us the way and to Geoff for his time and generosity in sharing his knowledge of the glamping experience and our unique natural environment. A fantastic day!

Please feel free to join our club for fun, adventures and fellowship. Members can look forward to our proposed calendar of events on the previous page (dates now corrected).



Images supplied.



Government of
South Australia



SPRAWL IN THE HALL!

WED 15TH JULY 2026 10-3PM

CREATIVE **ART**WORKSHOPS

PHOTOGRAPHY

KITE & PAPER PLANE MAKING

BAG TAG /KEYRING CREATIONS

MOTHART POSCA

CRAFTING

STILL LIFE DRAWING

RETROSQUID

LUNCH & FRUIT BOX PROVIDED

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT THE **WUDINNA HALL**

AFTER PICK UP

**MEET AT TOWN OVAL FOR KITE TEST FLIGHTS
FROM 3-4PM [WEATHER PENDING]**

[SUITABLE FOR AGES 9-16] - BYO WATER BOTTLE

REGISTRATIONS: SPRAWLINTHEHALL@GMAIL.COM OR 0494 058 396

KIDS AGED 8 & UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

WUDINNA WINTER RAINBOW ESCAPE ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION

| WE'RE ALL GOING ON A SUMMER HOLIDAY |

WUDINNA TELECENTRE
OPENING FRIDAY 17TH JULY

OPEN MEDIA | ALL AGES

FIRST PRIZE | INAGURAL BARRY WILKINS ART PRIZE | \$500

SECOND PRIZE \$200

PEOPLES CHOICE \$200

YOUTH AWARD \$200.



*On The Beach 2, Page Bridge water
January 1 2020.*

Registration Information:
summerholidayexhibition@gmail.com
CRAIG MIDGLEY: 0494 058 396



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**(EXHIBITION OPENING)
FRIDAY 17 JULY 2026 6PM**

(VENUE) WUDINNA TELECENTRE, 44 EYRE HIGHWAY, WUIDNNA

COMPLEMENTARY CATERING + DRINKS FOR PURCHASE

**ARTWORK MUST BE DELIVERED READY TO HANG BY 4PM FRIDAY 10 JULY
(UNLESS BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT)**

A NO HANG POLICY APPLIES TO WORKS NOT UP TO EXHIBITION STANDARD)

[NAME]

[ARTWORK TITLE]

[SIZE]

[PHONE]

[EMAIL]

[PRICE]

ENTRY FORMS CAN BE SEND VIA

(TEXT) 0494 058 396 OR (EMAIL) SUMMERHOLIDAYEXHIBITION@GMAIL.COM by WEDNESDAY JULY 8



20 Year Ecumenical Celebration



The Wudinna Lutheran Congregation together with the Wudinna Uniting Church, celebrated the 20th Anniversary of a 'Memorandum of Understanding'.

This formed an agreement for the two denominations to work and worship together, and now also includes the Anglican congregation who worship together with us.

This was jointly signed in June 2006 by the SA/NT District President at the time, Pastor Robert Voigt, along with Reverend Graham Vawser, the then Moderator of the Uniting Church in SA.

A Worship service to mark this occasion was held in the Wudinna Lutheran Church on Sunday 21st June at 10:00am, led by Pastor Brian Keller and assisted by the Reverend Nathan Whillas, Leader of the Eyre Peninsula Hub of the Generate Presbytery of the Uniting Church in SA.

Apologies were received from Reverend Andrew Brook, Bishop of the Lutheran Church of Australia SA and NT District, and the Venerable Susan Johnson, Archdeacon Eyre Diocese of Willochra.

Apologies, greetings and expressions of encouragement were also received from past leaders and congregation members.

A pooled lunch with warm fellowship followed this special service.



Pictured: Members of the original congregation with Pastor Brian Keller and his wife, Elaine, and Reverend Nathan Whillas. Pictured supplied.



O'Brien Dohne Merino
O'Brien Poll Merino



Auction

Thursday 30 July 2026 @ 1pm

Wudinna Show Grounds

Inspection from 10am

Light luncheon provided

150 Poll Merino and Dohne Merino Rams

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Vale Erna Franklin (12/4/32 – 9/6/26)

Erna arrived on Eyre Peninsula in 1953 when she was appointed the Yr 1/2 teacher at Wudinna Area School. In 1956 she married a local farmer, Gordon (Bill) Franklin and began the usual housewife pursuits and adding four children: Kathy, Sue, Geoff and Mark. Yaninee remained their home until 1993 when they relocated to Port Lincoln. During this time, she was heavily involved with the local community.

In 1970 she returned to Wudinna Area School as a Teacher-Librarian, continuing until 1987. In 1978, Erna was pleased to oversee the establishment of the Wudinna School Community Library, one of the earliest in the state.

In 1975 she was appointed a Justice of the Peace and was Secretary for the local Justices Group for several years. She was foundation Secretary of the Wudinna-LeHunte Historical Society, and together with Edna Heath, wrote *Echoes from the past: the story of Wudinna and the surrounding schools 1919-1979*. Several years later, in the lead-up to the state's Jubilee 150 in 1986, they collaborated again to produce a local history publication, *Grain amid granite*.

In 1981, she was elected as Councillor for the Yaninee Ward, continuing until 1993, including a stint as Chairperson, 1991-93. A highlight was the visit by the Governor, Dame Roma Mitchell. During these years, she was involved the establishment of several local services, including the Rural Counsellor Service and the Central Eyre Care Service. In 1987 she was awarded Citizen of the Year in recognition of her involvement in the community.

In 1988 she became involved with the Australia Bicentennial, gaining a position as a Field Officer for the Historic Records Search. This involved visiting individuals and organisations throughout Eyre Peninsula and the Mid-North to record all the paper-based items of historical interest.

1993 saw her retirement from the Wudinna Council and the move to Pt Lincoln. She continue to be involved in community organisations with membership to groups such as Eyre Writers, Lutheran Women's Fellowship, Justices Group and Ladies Probus. Erna was also a member of the EP Consultative Committee for National Parks and Wildlife, and the EP Arts Advisory Committee but her involvement ceased soon after the move to Pt Lincoln.

After Gordon's death in 2011, Erna relocated to Adelaide to the Hope Valley Retirement Village. In January 2025 she moved into the associated Care Facility. While a sad occasion, her passing was a blessing as life had become a struggle. She often said, 'Old age wasn't meant for sissies.'

Wudinna, What's in a name

This story is my opinion. It may not be correct..... Graham Waters

I have often wondered how Wudinna got its name and why it is pronounced "Wood-nu". Many towns have Aboriginal names and I do wonder if that is why so many towns on Eyre Peninsula end with an "a" but are pronounced as a short "u"; Minnipa, Wudinna, Kyancutta, Kimba etc. The Aboriginal meaning of Wudinna is recorded as "Granite Hill".

Wudinna Hill or Mount Wudinna was settled in 1861 by the Standley Family. This was 55 years before Wudinna township was proclaimed in 1916. So when was Mt Wudinna and the Wudinna township named?

An accepted theory is that Mount Wudinna was originally named Mt Weedna and the double "e" was seen as a "u" and the name became Mt Wudinna.

Researching Mt Wudinna I found an old map with the 10 square mile Standley claim, named Mt Widnow Station. Then a search on Trove, I found a story about Government Sheds with Water Tanks.

"They suggested that four sets of tanks should be constructed, each set to consist of four 400-gallon tanks with iron shed complete, the first at 'Chatapa,' 16 miles from Poldia Station; the second set 9 miles to the south of Mount Widnow; the third set about 12 miles north of Mount Widnow, between Nine-mile Plain and Numme Rocks; and the fourth at Spring Hill, about 3 miles from north-east corner of Pastoral Lease No. 1,586."

And in a Government Publication:

"STANDLEY, Robert; formerly blacksmith, Norwood 1855, but now sheep farmer, Mt Widnow in the Pt Lincoln District, 1879. Application 23181."

At first I thought this may be a misspelling but then I found the birth notice of a Widnow Standley in 1863 (two years after Robert Standley moved to Mount Wudinna) so if he named his son Widnow it is not a spelling error. Widnow Standley died at Conical Hill, Paney aged 21 in a well sinking accident and is buried at Mount Wudinna. Widnow's death notice has his name as Whitnow Standley.

So my theory is that Wudinna, Weedna, Widnow and Whitnow can with a bit of practice all be pronounced the same. I believe Mt Wudinna and Wudinna has always been the name but the spelling has varied.



LATEST NEWS FROM WUDINNA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, 21 July 2026

DOG AND CAT REGISTRATIONS

Pet owners will begin receiving their 2026/2027 dog and cat registration renewal notices early July.

To avoid a late payment fee of \$10, registrations must be renewed by **Monday, 31 August 2026**.

- All dogs over three months of age must be registered within 14 days of taking ownership.
- Dogs born after 1 July 2018 must be desexed by a registered veterinary surgeon before reaching six months of age, or within 28 days of taking ownership, unless an exemption applies.
- Puppies and kittens must be microchipped before being sold, before reaching 12 weeks of age, and within 28 days of a new owner taking possession.

Keeping your pet's details up to date on DACO helps ensure lost or wandering dogs and cats can be quickly reunited with their owners.

To **register** or **renew** your dog or cat, visit: www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au

For more information about responsible dog and cat ownership, visit: www.dogandcatboard.com.au

For assistance, please contact the Council Office on 8680 2002.

**Dog and cat registration
RENEW BY 31 AUGUST**

DOGSANDCATSONLINE.COM.AU



🌧️ UNSEALED ROAD CONDITIONS – COMMUNITY UPDATE 🌧️

Recent rainfall across the district has impacted the condition of several unsealed roads. As a result, some roads or sections of roads may not perform as well during wet weather.

Motorists are encouraged to drive to the conditions, take extra care, and use an alternate route where practical.

The ongoing wet weather has also delayed Council's road grading program, as grading can only occur once roads have dried enough for the work to be effective and safe.

Council will continue to signpost any hazard areas.

We appreciate the community's patience and understanding during these weather-related delays.

REFUSE / TRANSFER SITE OPENING TIMES

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sunday
Wudinna	9am - 12pm	-	12pm - 4pm	10am - 1pm
Minnipa	-	11am - 12pm	-	10am - 1pm

Both sites are closed on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday.

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E: admin@wudinna.sa.gov.au | [f](https://www.facebook.com/WudinnaDistrictCouncil) @WudinnaDistrictCouncil



Mayors MESSAGE

VOLUNTEER SPOT LIGHT

If you know someone making a difference, please send their details to admin@wudinna.sa.gov.au

Our June Council meeting included a Public Consultation session on the 2026-2027 Annual Business Plan & Budget. Thank you to the ratepayers who were able to attend the session and those who sent written submissions. Concerns were raised regarding the effect of the stated rate rise on the differing rate categories, e.g., Primary Production, Residential, Industry and Commercial. It was also requested that explanations be stated together early in the document. Our region, like many rural Councils also feel the impact of less landowners and population to share the load of revenue raising. Good open discussions were held; suggestions were noted and will be duly considered from all who contributed.

At the recent Eyre Peninsula Local Government meeting, our Eyre Peninsula Councils agreed to express concern regarding the State Government/Electoral Commission proposed deferral of the 2026 Council Elections scheduled for November, as no consideration has been given to current Elected Members who have already made decisions and plans around November being the end of their 4-year term.

On hearing of the passing of former Elected Member, Chairperson of Council and dedicated community member, co-author (Grain Amid Granite) Erna Franklin we send our condolences to Erna's Family.

We are all thankful for the recent rainfall across the region, crops and pastures are growing, tanks and water storages are full. The roads are a mess! At the time of writing, they are too wet to grade and some requiring major repairs. We ask that all drive carefully to the conditions and if needed report to Council the affected areas. The Works Team led by Cody and Viv will be out there as soon as possible.

We have a resident who will soon be celebrating their 100th birthday. Elsie Phillis was born on the 16th July 1926. Happy 100th Birthday Mrs Phillis.

Mayor Eleanor Scholz

July 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		Line Dancing, 9:30am CWA CFS Training C&OH Dietician Danielle Counsellor SA Health Dietician SA Health Speech Pathologist	1 C&OBH Exercise Physiologist SA Health Dietician SA Health Speech Pathologist Men's Shed, 5:30pm	Play Gym, 9:30am School Term 2 ends Bay Physiotherapy	Kinlough Cup / Pedler Cup (Pt Lincoln)	5
6	7 Rhyme Time, 10:30am Ambulance Training SA Health Physiotherapist	Line Dancing, 9:30am CWA CFS Training	8 Men's Shed, 5:30pm Bay Physiotherapy SA Gov Mobile service Centre 9am - 3.30pm	WAS Library Firstval Mosaic Tile Making, 10am-12pm (pg. 20)	10 Football Country Championships (Barossa) Upper Eyre Hunt Club 50 Year Celebration	12
13	14 Eyre Chiropractic Rhyme Time, 10:30am Ambulance Training SA Health Occupational Therapist (OT) SA Health Physiotherapist	CWA Sprawl in the Hall, 10am-3pm & Kite Testing, 3-4pm CFS Training	15 Men's Shed, 5:30pm	WWRE Art Exhibition Opening, 6pm (see pg. 7-8)	CEU vs. Kimba (Kyancutta) Elliston Districts vs. United Yeelanna (Elliston)	19 Eastern Ranges Junior Carnival (Cleve)
School Term 3 begins 20	21 Rhyme Time, 10:30am Council Meeting Ambulance Training	Line Dancing, 9:30am CWA WAS Library Firstval Pot Painting Workshop, 10am-12pm (see pg. 20) CFS Training	22 Men's Shed, 5:30pm	Play Gym, 9:30am Dr Helen Murray Bay Physiotherapy	Ports vs. CEU (Arno Bay) Ramblers vs. Elliston Districts (Cummins)	26
27	28 Eyre Chiropractic Rhyme Time, 10:30am Ambulance Training SA Health OT SA Health Physiotherapist UniHub Info Session (pg.27)	Line Dancing, 9:30am CWA CFS Training C&OBH Dietician	29 O'Brien Dohne Merino & Poll Merino Auction	Bay Physiotherapy Wudinna Senior Citizens		

VOLUNTEER SPOT LIGHT

PETER MILLER

Peter Miller left the Eyre Peninsula back in the 1970's and then returned to Minnipa in 1990. He had had enough of city life and wanted his family to experience life on the West Coast, and says it is the best for growing youngsters.

Peter joined the Minnipa CFS and served as an active member for 24 years. John Fromm, then President of the Minnipa Progress Association, also invited him to attend a Progress meeting. Peter has remained an active, hands-on member ever since.

He takes pride in helping make the town presentable with lots of mowing and picking up debris. He acknowledges that when travellers say if a town looks tidy as they drive along the Highway, it's like an invitation to call in.



Minnipa Progress has a small Case Tractor with a slasher/mower that Peter uses. Other jobs have included drain cleaning at Minnipa Hill, which is part of the water reticulation scheme. Managing donation boxes for Tcharkulda, Apex Park and Pildappa. Maintenance of the Village Green area, tree trim tidy-ups and the Playground across from the Shop. Any little job that Peter sees – he just does it!

Recently, Peter has been preparing the Minnipa Progress Association BBQ trailer, which will provide support for the upcoming 'Adelaide to Elliston Shark Marathon' fundraiser.

Talking to Peter, he said he can't sit still for too long. 10:00am each day, Pete takes time for a cappuccino and a chat at the Minnipa Shop.

Peter has been an active Member of Friends of the Gawler Ranges National Park for the past 18 years.

Thank you, Peter Miller, for all that you do. No roster required, Peter sees it and just does it!

*Thank
you!*

Eleanor

Mayor Eleanor Scholz



Australian Government mobile service centres

Serving regional Australia

Visit the mobile service centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

We can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Thursday, 9 July 2026

9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Adjacent to the memorial hall, Ballantyne Street

WUDINNA



For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice



Australian Government mobile service centres

If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile service centres (MSCs) travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia to provide help and support. During natural disasters and emergencies, they can provide on-the-ground support for disaster recovery efforts.

Services Australia staff travel with the MSCs and can help you with Medicare and Centrelink payments and services. Our MSCs also have disabled access.

Our staff can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the MSC and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the MSCs.

More Information

To view the latest itineraries for the MSCs, go to servicessaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

The stopping locations are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

Information and help you can access on board the MSCs

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the agency's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Medicare and Centrelink information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.

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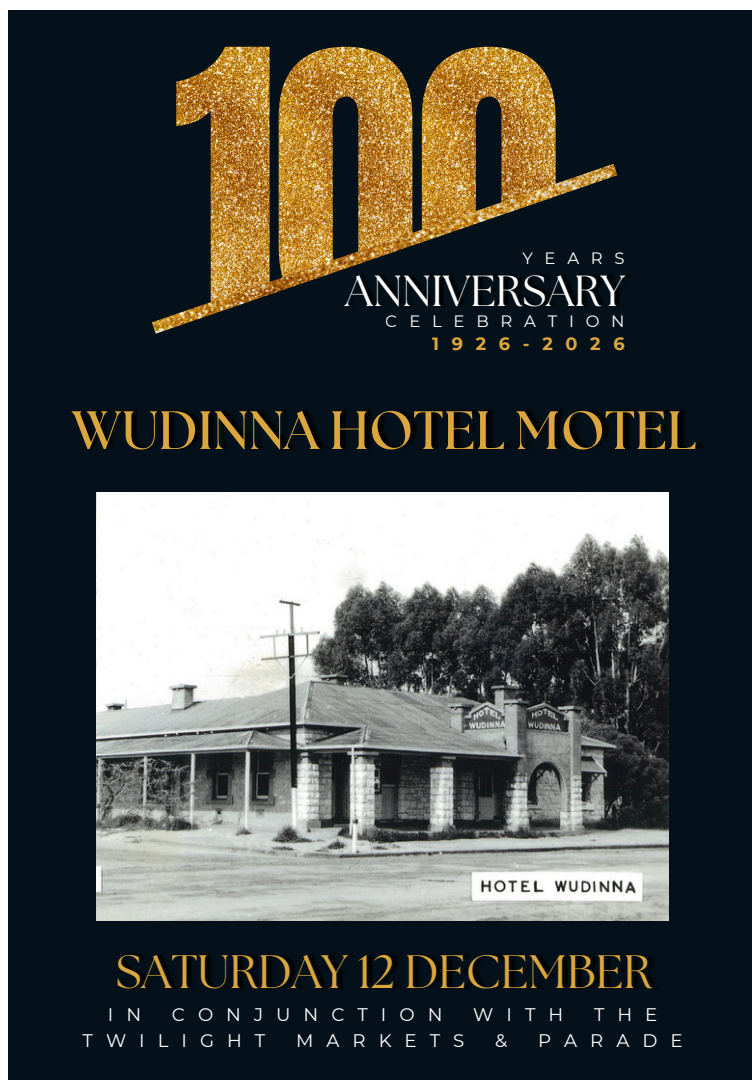
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If you have a story to share, please send it to us ASAP. Help us capture the people, moments and memories that have made the Wudinna & Le Hunte Districts Show such a special part of our community for the past century.

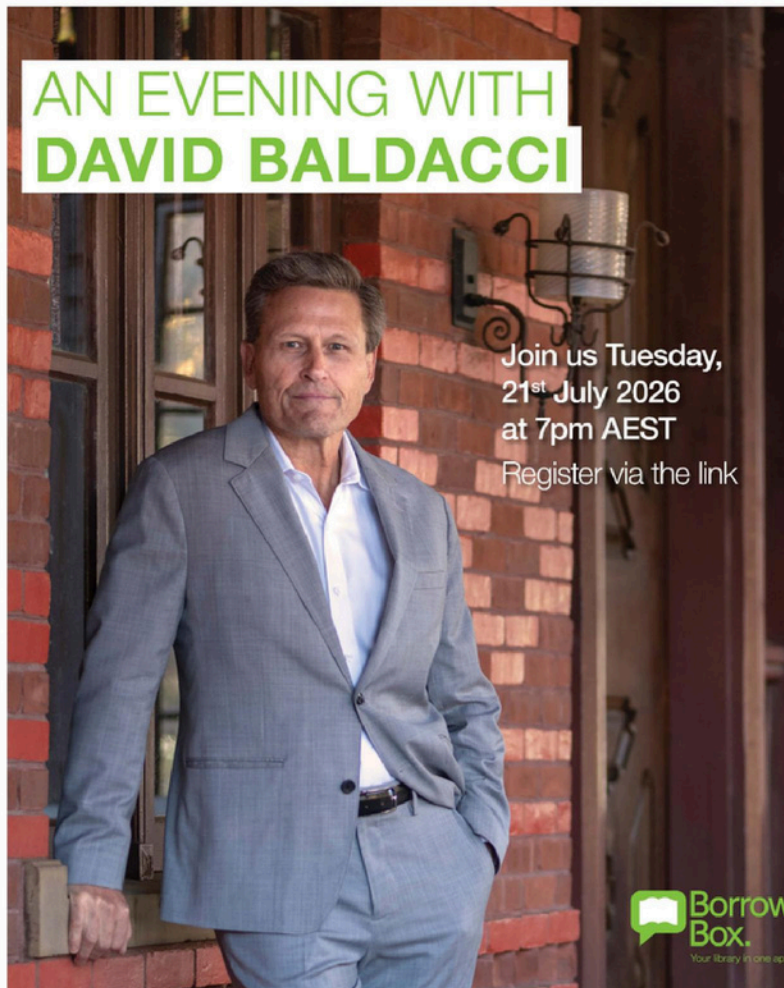
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5:30pm

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Author event begins at 6:30pm

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Dates to remember

Rockin' Readers

29th July

2nd September

23rd September



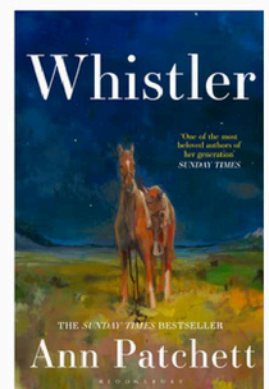
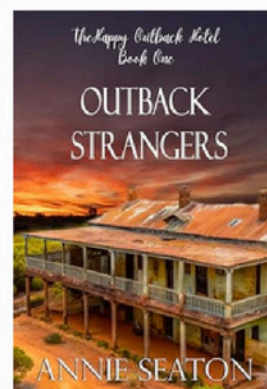
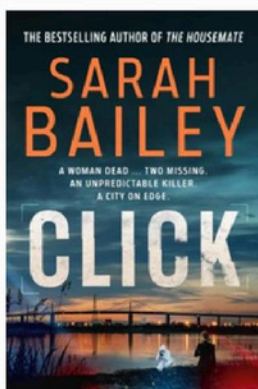
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Friday 10th July

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Libraries SA July 1 - 31

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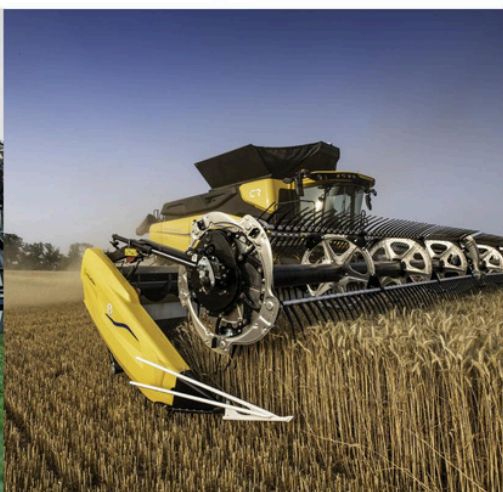
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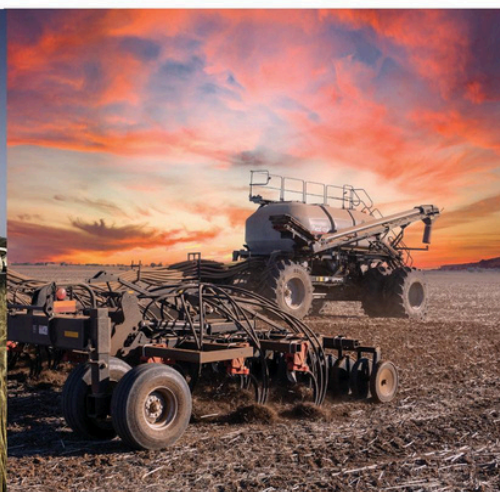
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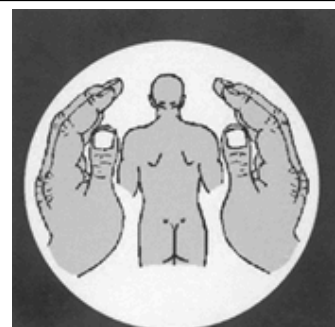
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**WUDINNA AREA SCHOOL
TUESDAY, 28 JULY 2026
TIME: TBC**

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JULY 2026

Wudinna Area School News

Dates to remember...

June

Monday 22 nd - Wednesday 24 th	SAPSASA Boys and Girls Netball
Wednesday 24 th	Governing Council meeting 7pm
Friday 26 th	Semester 1 Awards Assembly 2:10pm
Monday 29 th	Semester 2 timetable begins Jamestown Ag Camp

July

Wednesday 1 st	SAPSASA Basketball @ Wudinna
Thursday 2 nd	Tcharkulda Cross Country CANCELLED
Friday 3 rd	Early Dismissal 2:25pm

Yr 10 Volleyball Competition

On June 4, the Year 10's excitedly competed in a volleyball competition in the gym. Teams from Ceduna, Miltaburra, and Elliston travelled across to compete with us and showed some impressive and competitive skills. The Wudinna 2 team played very well and were in multiple close matches, but were unable to obtain a win. The Wudinna 1 team had an amazing day, with their dedication and perseverance they earned their place in the Grand Final against Ceduna 1. In spite of their best efforts, they weren't able to win the final match against Ceduna 1 and finished as runners-up.

By Lily Collogan Clarke



SRC News

The plastic toys for the sand pit have arrived! Many thanks to Henry and Hendrix who have engraved all of the toys, and put together a storage box for their safe keeping.

SRC with the new plastic toys



The SRC have been working hard to raise money to help purchase new equipment for the school. With the profits from the Casual Clothes Day and other fundraisers over the past few years, the SRC has purchased 5 metal picnic benches to go around the school. These tables will encourage students to work outside in the fresh air.

By Elsey Lymn



Crew Happenings

Throughout these few weeks Crews have been busy completing teamwork, resilience and positivity building tasks.

The Voss, Elite Eleven, Cool Cucumber, Croc and Year 11 and 12 Crews have been taking part in a Push Up Challenge (or any other alternative exercise; this could include: squats, sit ups and reps) to raise awareness for mental health.

The Cool Cucumber Crew are also selling pine cones as fire starters for \$3 a bag. They will use this money to buy class and school resources.

Contact the front office at 86802263 if you would like to purchase some pine cones.



Photo of the Crews completing their Push Ups



Cool cucumbers with their Pinecones
By Harry Pope

Pedal Prix

On June 21, The WAS Pedal Prix team travelled to Adelaide and competed in the 2nd Championship Race, a 6 hour event at Victoria Park. Wudinna yet again entered 3 bikes, and yet again achieved podium finishes. Hulk finished 3rd, Venom finished 2nd and Wonder Woman finished 1st. A big congratulations to Isaac Kammerman on getting the category S2 Mixed Copyworld Fastest Lap. There was lots of positivity in the atmosphere. The weather was great and an awesome day for riding. Also a big thank you to Mrs Sonia Allen, Toni and Craig Jericho and Kayden O'Brien for once again helping with the race.

By Huw Dolphin



Learning Expeditions

Learning Expeditions is an approach to teaching inspired by the work of Ron Berger (USA) and Gwyn Ap Harri (UK) that was introduced by the Department for Education last year. This approach aims to foster student curiosity and investigation through real-world connections. Students engage in depth studies, often involving local experts and fieldwork, with the goal of creating products that hold meaning for our community. The Year 2/3s have begun their LE. Most others will start next term.



Tegan & Alyssa



Port Lincoln Careers Expo

On Tuesday June 2 the Year 9 class went on a bus trip to Port Lincoln for the 2026 Careers Expo. They learnt about different possible future careers and jobs. Highlights of the day included a trip to the Marina to learn about the fishing industry, a Mini Make Up Course, the Roadshow at the Port Lincoln Racecourse, a practical nursing session, and visiting the horses. A special thanks to our very patient bus driver, Mr Stringer, and caretaker/organiser Mrs. Allen.



WAS year 9 class in front of the bus



Year 9 Girls after applying makeup

What's happening in AG?

In AG we are preparing for our trip to Jamestown. We have finalised our show teams for cows and sheep. The cows have recently got permanent nose rings ready for the SA Junior Heifer Expo and the Royal Adelaide Show.



Steer team: Poppy, Elsey, Alyssa, Kylah, Tegan, Riley, and Tatum



Wether team: Sachi, Lani, Makenzie, Skye, Zara, Lilah, and Billy



The steers with their shiny new nose rings

By Poppy Weetra