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WUDINNA & DISTRICTS TELECENTRE

Congratulations to the 2026 Year 12 Graduates



On Friday 23 October, the Wudinna Area School Year 12 Graduation Dinner was held at the Town Hall, marking a special milestone for the graduating Class of 2026.

The graduates worked hard to decorate the hall and organise the event, with support from Anneliese Moloney, Sonia North and Imogen Sampson. The evening was well attended by parents, friends and staff, and was enjoyed by all.

Wudinna Area School is very proud of its Year 12 students and congratulates the Class of 2026, wishing them every success in their future endeavours.

Pictured above: Graduating Class of 2026 holding their first school photos -
Back: Charlie Beinke, Jamisen Tomney, Marney Marshall, Tessa Vorstenbosch, Tamryn Radford, Bodhi Scholz.
Front: Sienna Smart, Zara Kammermann.






2027 Diaries - now in stock!

Get Ready for Christmas at Wudinna Post Office!

Our 2027 diaries are now in stock, along with a great range of new stock just in time for Christmas!

Whether you're looking for a gift for someone special or a little something for yourself, pop in and have a browse. You never know what you might find!

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WORD FOR TODAY

Honour God in Your Home

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15 NKJV

Consider the story of a carpenter named Joe who worked for a building contractor. One day, the contractor said to him, "Joe, I'm putting you in charge of the next house we build. I want you to order the materials and oversee the job." Joe accepted the assignment with great enthusiasm. He studied the blueprints and checked every measurement and specification.

Then he had a thought: "If I'm really in charge, why couldn't I cut a few corners, use less expensive materials, and put the extra money in my pocket? Who will know? Once the house is painted, it will look great." So Joe ordered second-grade lumber and inexpensive concrete, put in cheap wiring, and cut every corner he could. When the home was finished, the contractor came to see it. "What a fine job you have done!" he said. "You have been faithful to me all these years, and I have decided to show you my gratitude by giving you this house that you just built as a gift." Night after night, as Joe lay in bed listening to the roof leaking and the floor creaking, the message came through loud and clear: The house you built is the house you will live in! Are you short-changing your spouse and your family in love, time, example, and instruction? The choices you make today will shape the home you live in tomorrow. And depending on time and opportunity, you may or may not have a chance to undo it. So make this your prayer: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

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Wudinna Catholic Mass Times

Sunday 1st November
Communion Service
Wudinna, 10:00am

Saturday 7th November
Wudinna, 11:00am

Sunday 15th November
Wudinna, 11:30am

Saturday 21st November
Wudinna, 6:00pm

Sunday 29th November
Wudinna, 11:30am

Family Life Church
Wudinna Uniting Church

Wudinna Uniting Building

Sunday 1st November
5pm, Tim Coleman

Sunday 8th November
10am, Tim Coleman

Sunday 15th November
5pm, Tim Coleman

Sunday 22nd November
10am, James Pollock

Sunday 29th November
5pm, Tim Coleman

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

COMBINED
Uniting/Lutheran/Anglican Worship

Sunday 1st November
9am Yaninee - LR
10am Wudinna Uniting - LP
Online Message

Sunday 8th November
10am Wudinna Lutheran - LR

Tuesday 10th November
11am Trudinger Hymn Sing

Sunday 15th November
10am Wudinna, Uniting - HC
Pastor Brian Keller

Sunday 22nd November
10am Wudinna - Lutheran - LR

Sunday 29th November
9am Yaninee - LR
10am Wudinna Lutheran - LP
Online Message

Gawler Ranges Friends of Parks
2026 Update

The Gawler Ranges Friends of Parks group has enjoyed another productive year in 2026, with members contributing countless volunteer hours to improve and preserve the historic Pondanna precinct for visitors and future generations.



Larry Reichstein and Roddy Scholz with a full Pondanna dam in the background and bird hide under construction on the left (using a second hand tank) in September 2026.

One of the year's highlights has been the installation of a new bird hide at Pondanna Dam, providing visitors with an excellent opportunity to observe local birdlife in a peaceful natural setting. Alongside this project, members have continued with a wide range of maintenance activities including painting, repairs, mowing and general upkeep of the facilities.

Our battle against horehound continues, with volunteers undertaking ongoing spraying programs throughout the year. While it can sometimes feel endless, this important work helps protect the natural environment and preserve the beauty of the area.

The Pondanna Chaff Shed Museum has also seen significant progress, with a growing collection of acquired "old" machinery and equipment now on display. These additions help tell the story of what life and work would have been like at Pondanna in years gone by, offering visitors a fascinating glimpse into the region's agricultural and pastoral history.

Major projects completed during the year, including the Pondanna Dam restoration and the installation of the new bird hide, have been made possible through funding received from the Friends of Parks and Nature Grants Program, administered by the South Australian Department for Environment and Water. This valuable support has enabled the group to continue improving visitor experiences while preserving the unique environmental and heritage values of the Pondanna precinct.

Despite a year of above-average rainfall, access to Pondanna has been limited at times, with road conditions often making travel difficult. These wet conditions also affected accommodation bookings. While 13 confirmed bookings successfully went ahead during 2026, a number of additional bookings had to be cancelled due to rainfall and inaccessible roads. Even with these challenges, interest in visiting Pondanna has remained strong.



If you're looking for a place to slow down, switch off, and enjoy the peace and solitude of the Gawler Ranges, consider a stay at Pondanna Homestead. Whether it's for a weekend getaway, family gathering, or simply a chance to reconnect with nature, Pondanna offers a unique outback experience. To enquire about accommodation and make a booking, contact the Wudinna & Districts Telecentre or visit www.pondannaoutstation.com.au.

Looking ahead, our Annual General Meeting will be held in February, and we encourage members and interested community members to attend. President Phil “Dishy” McKenna and the committee thank everyone who has supported the group over the past year.

If you're looking to become involved in a community organisation, meet new people, contribute to local history and conservation, and enjoy some fun along the way, we'd love to welcome you. New members are always welcome, so why not join us and experience all that Pondanna has to offer?

Come and be part of preserving our history, protecting our environment, and enjoying the unique beauty of Pondanna. Sometimes all it takes is a weekend retreat to Pondanna and a willingness to lend a hand.

YOU ARE INVITED

TWILIGHT MARKET

KIDS DECORATE YOUR BIKE & JOIN THE PAGEANT

& CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

in conjunction with

Wudinna Hotel 100 Years celebration

LIVE MUSIC & DJ

FOOD AND DRINKS

FATHER CHRISTMAS

ROAMING MAGICIAN

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER

4PM TIL LATE

BURTON TERRACE

WUDINNA

NEW LOCATION, SAME SHENANIGANS!



100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 1926 - 2026

WUDINNA HOTEL MOTEL

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TWILIGHT MARKETS & PARADE

AN OLD FAVOURITE IS MAKING A COMEBACK



WUDINNA
— HOTEL MOTEL —

In celebration of 100 years of the Wudinna Hotel, the Keg Rolling Championships are returning!

Join us from twilight on Saturday, 12th December for a night of good old-fashioned fun, friendly competition and plenty of laughs.

If you're keen to participate in the Keg Roll, please register your interest with the Hotel Staff.

WUDINNA & DISTRICTS TELECENTRE

NOTICE OF AGM

Wudinna & Districts Telecentre Inc.

5:00pm, Monday 23rd November at Wudinna & Districts Telecentre

All welcome!

Mid-West Health & Aged Care Inc.
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 17th November 2026
Wudinna Telecentre Conference Room at 4.00pm

Interested individuals from the Elliston, Streaky Bay and Wudinna communities are invited to this year's presentation of reports that will take place in Wudinna.

Any person residing in the Streaky Bay, Elliston and Wudinna local government areas can nominate as a Board member of the Association for a 3 year term under section 25 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985.

Board vacancies are available as follows.
Streaky Bay (2)
Elliston (1)
Wudinna (1)

Representation on the Board is an opportunity to be involved in the auspice arrangements for Commonwealth & State Multi-Purpose Service funding to facilitate, co-ordinate and provide hospital, primary health and aged care services to the local government areas of Elliston, Streaky Bay and Wudinna. Board representation is also an opportunity to source funding, encourage, seek and manage donations and funding opportunities to support the expansion and or improvements of existing services, or introduction of additional services.

Nominations can be made by contacting:
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Be Part of the Telecentre's Future

Following our recent article reflecting on the history of Wudinna & Districts Telecentre Inc., we would like to take the opportunity to encourage our community to get involved and help shape the future of this important community hub.

The Telecentre has been built on the dedication and commitment of community members who have given their time, skills and enthusiasm to ensure local services remain available to our district. As a not-for-profit organisation, the Telecentre is managed by a volunteer committee, whose role is to oversee the organisation, support its staff and help guide its future direction.

Our current committee members are President, Naomi Scholz, Vice President, Graham Waters, Secretary/Treasurer, Georgia Kontos, Public Officer, Eleanor Scholz, and Committee Members, Tim Scholz, Elaine Seal, Elaine Waters, Janine Scholz, Craig Midgley and Jayne Marshall.

We are always keen to welcome new faces and fresh ideas to the committee. You don't need to have previous committee experience — just an interest in supporting the Telecentre and helping maintain the services our community relies on. If you have considered getting involved in a local organisation, this could be a great opportunity to make a difference.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 23 November 2026 at 5:00pm at the Wudinna & Districts Telecentre, 44 Eyre Highway, Wudinna. Community members interested in learning more about the organisation, joining the committee or contributing to its future are warmly invited to attend.

Alongside our search for new committee members, we are also looking to welcome new people to our administration team. We are seeking individuals interested in joining the Telecentre team, whether in a regular staff position or as a casual/on-call team member to provide support when needed.

Working at the Telecentre offers the opportunity to be part of a friendly local team while helping provide a range of valuable services to the community. Administration experience and computer skills are beneficial, as too is a knowledge of our local area, along with a willingness to learn, a helpful attitude and good communication skills.

If you are interested in employment opportunities, would like to be considered for casual work, or simply want to find out more, we encourage you to get in touch with the Telecentre team.

The Telecentre has been part of Wudinna's story for more than three decades, thanks to the people who have supported it along the way. With new committee members, staff and community involvement, we look forward to continuing that story for many years to come.

For more information, contact the Wudinna & Districts Telecentre on 08 8680 2969 or drop in at 44 Eyre Highway, Wudinna.





The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, 17 November 2026

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY 2026-2030



Council would like to thank everyone who took the time to participate in the public consultation process for the Community Engagement Policy 2026–2030.

We appreciate the community's feedback, survey responses and contributions, which help us understand local views and ensure community voices are considered in decision-making.

Thank you for your time, interest and valuable contribution to shaping the future of community engagement in the Wudinna District.

FIRE SEASON CHECKLIST - PREPARATION SAVES LIVES!

FIRE DANGER SEASON	
November to April	Maintain yard, clear flammable materials away from buildings & sheds Maintain firefighting equipment readiness Maintain 5 metre and 20 metre fuel reduction zones Monitor Fire Danger Ratings & Restrictions Practice and follow your bushfire survival plan



SPLASH PAD NOW OPEN

The warmer weather is here, and the Wudinna Splash Pad is now open for the summer season!

The Splash Pad is **open daily from 9:00am to 8:00pm.**

Make the most of the coming months and enjoy this great community facility!

HARVEST BAN SMS

Stay informed about harvest ban by registering to receive SMS notifications. Contact Council to be added to the text message notification list for harvest ban declarations and when bans are lifted.

Email admin@wudinna.sa.gov.au or call 8680 2002.

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CLOSURE

The Wudinna District Council Administration Office and Depot will be closed from 12pm Thursday, 24 December 2026, and will reopen at 9am Monday, 4 January 2027.



REMEMBERANCE DAY

Everyone is invited to join us at Standley Park at 10:45am on Wednesday, 11 November, as we come together to observe Remembrance Day. We will pause for a moment of reflection to honour the courage, service and sacrifice of the Australian men and women who have served, and continue to serve, our country.

Contact Us
11 Burton Terrace, Wudinna | P: (08) 8680 2002 | W: www.wudinna.sa.gov.au
E: admin@wudinna.sa.gov.au | @WudinnaDistrictCouncil



ROAD SAFETY REMINDER - UPCOMING HARVEST SEASON

Council reminds all road users to take extra care when travelling throughout the district.

Harvest brings increased heavy vehicle movements, agricultural machinery and farm-related traffic. Please be patient, remain alert and drive to the conditions.

🚛 **Heavy Vehicle Speed Limits on Council Roads**

Heavy vehicle operators are reminded of the following reduced speed limits on Council roads:

- Sealed Council roads: 80 km/h
- Unsealed Council roads: 70 km/h
- Within townships: 40 km/h
- Heavy Vehicle Permits: Any additional speed limits or conditions specified on individual permits must be followed.

🌾 **Stay Safe This Harvest Season**

All road users are encouraged to:

- Allow extra stopping distance, particularly around heavy vehicles.
- Take extra care when overtaking.
- Be alert for slow-moving agricultural machinery entering, leaving or travelling along roads.
- Be patient and allow extra time for your journey.

Let's work together to keep our roads safe for everyone this harvest season!

JOB VACANCY- PLANT OPERATOR (MAINTENANCE/CONSTRUCTION)

An opportunity to join Council's multi-skilled outdoor workforce and work collaboratively and effectively in a team to ensure the successful delivery of our civil infrastructure asset management programs. The role will see you undertaking a range of tasks but primarily will involve operating heavy vehicles or earthmoving equipment for maintenance and construction of roads (sealed and unsealed).

Further information about the position is available on our website

https://www.wudinna.sa.gov.au/our-council/employment

OVERDUE DOG AND CAT REGISTRATIONS

Council has sent reminder letters to owners whose dogs remain unregistered following the 31 August 2026 renewal deadline. Owners are reminded that keeping an **unregistered** dog over three months of age is an offence and may result in an expiation fee of $170 per dog. A $13 late fee applies to overdue renewals.

Register or renew online: www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au

If you no longer own your dog or your circumstances have changed, please update your details.

For assistance, contact Council on 8680 2002.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
WUDINNA AND DISTRICTS MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

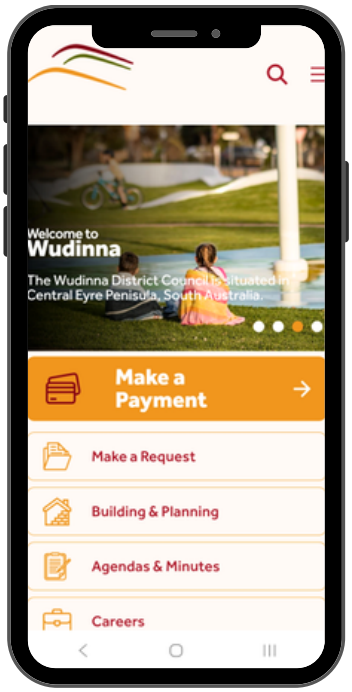


Council is seeking expressions of interest from community members who may be interested in being involved in a Wudinna and Districts Memorial Hall Committee.

If you would like to have a say in the future of your local hall and contribute to supporting this valued community facility, we encourage you to register your interest.

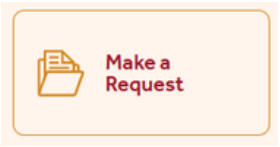
Further information about the committee and its role will be provided as plans progress.

To register your interest, please contact Council by emailing admin@wudinna.sa.gov.au, calling 8680 2002, or dropping into the Council Office at 11 Burton Terrace, Wudinna.



MAKING IT EASIER TO CONTACT COUNCIL

Introducing a new **"Make a Request"** button on the Council website to make it easier for community members to contact and connect with Council.



The button links directly to Council's online Service Request form, allowing residents to submit requests and suggestions. Once completed, the form is sent directly to Council's Admin inbox for follow-up.

This new feature is another way Council is improving accessibility and encouraging community members to share their ideas, raise concerns and help Council understand local needs.

Visit the Wudinna District Council website and click "Make a Request" to get started.

SLOW DOWN FOR ROAD GRADING WORKS



Council reminds all road users to reduce their speed and obey all temporary speed limit signage when our graders are undertaking patrol grading.

Speed limits are reduced to **60 km/h** while grading works are underway. When approaching or passing a grader, motorists must slow down to **25 km/h.**

These speed limits are in place to protect the safety of our grader operators and all road users.

Please be patient, remain alert and take care when travelling through areas where patrol grading is in progress.





Mayors *MESSAGE*

As we move into November, I'm pleased to share some of my activities and Council news.

Before our October meeting, Council set aside an hour to review community feedback on the draft Community Engagement Policy. We were pleased that one of our ratepayers could attend. An update was also sought on the suggestion to form a Wudinna and Districts Memorial Hall Committee. This was discussed during the Ordinary Council Meeting, where Council moved a motion to seek expressions of interest from community members interested in being involved in the committee.

The Council Water Management Committee also met prior to the Council meeting, focusing on the Wudinna Community Water Scheme. Minnipa also has access to local water, while Warramboo and Kyancutta Sports Clubs receive a rebate to assist with water costs as non-direct beneficiaries of community water.

During our Councillor reports on activities attended over the past month, I had the pleasure of representing our district at the farewell event for Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson, Governor of South Australia. Many will remember Her Excellency's visit to Karcultaby and Wudinna Area Schools, along with an afternoon tea with invited guests, followed by a tour of Wudinna. Our Councillors then enjoyed an evening with Her Excellency at the Wudinna Hotel.

I attended the Wudinna and Districts Swimming Pool AGM. Congratulations to everyone who has taken on committee positions, including the new President, Nikita Cummings. Minnipa also has a new President, Cathy Paterson. We wish both committees the best as they move into a new swimming season.

VOLUNTEER SPOT LIGHT

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

The Minnipa Progress Association held its AGM on Sunday, 18 October, which I was able to attend. This is always an informative meeting, with reports submitted by Minnipa community groups, including the Minnipa Bowls Club, Minnipa Sports Club, Minnipa Cricket Club, Minnipa Memorial Hall, Minnipa Table Tennis, Karcultaby Area School and Minnipa Agricultural Centre.

At each meeting, time is allocated for a Wudinna District Council update, followed by an opportunity for questions and feedback. Current President Neil King accepted the nomination to continue as President, and all committee positions were filled. The meeting was followed by a BBQ tea and an opportunity for people to view and comment on the proposed Minnipa Apex Park Plan.

During the Council meeting, we had a deputation concerning grain transport under the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR). Following this discussion, Council has opted into the variation in weight limits introduced by the NHVR, while also urging caution on local roads.

Council extends its condolences to Teena and family following the passing of Graeme Garnaut (Garny). Garny was a dedicated Council employee for 44 years and a valued community member. His service and contribution to our district will be remembered, and our thoughts are with his family and friends.

Eleanor

Mayor Eleanor Scholz

VOLUNTEER SPOT LIGHT

WALKERS HIGHWAY RUBBISH PICKUP



I enjoyed a chat with lots of laughs with Trish Kelsh and Mary Westlake in regard to collecting rubbish along pipeline track and Wannamana Parking Bay. This started years ago with a group of 5 or more, so thanks to the early group as well. Trish and Mary have continued since then.

On Friday mornings they take a garbage bag each, and with tongs and gloves in hand they are 'armed and ready' for the pickup. On my checking of what they picked up, they looked at each other and couldn't stop laughing, then said some things they couldn't mention! I offered to put an example in polite words. One morning Trish found what looked like an expensive lady's handbag; there was something in it – I'm thinking a stash of cash – no, it was poo in a pair of jocks – they were speechless! We left it, and they just pick up rubbish: lots of tissues, toilet paper, bottles, cans and anything unexpected.



On the way back to Wudinna they go one each side of the pipeline to continue collecting, though they don't jump the pipeline during snake season there's too much grass. They then collect at the 'Truck Stop' opposite the Roadhouse – another busy area.

Both commented the worst of the mess seems to be declining compared to when the larger group commenced the pickup years ago – unless people are on the 'curry'.

To reward themselves, they stop in at the Roadhouse for a coffee – often a donation dating back to when Tania was running the Roadhouse. Mercy and Ramesh would also often donate their coffee along with one of Ramesh's hand-drawn cards for both Trish and Mary in appreciation of their efforts. Often no less than an hour per week.

Trish and Mary both commented on the new friendly faces at the Roadhouse who continue to greet them for their coffee in the mornings.

Thank you!

Eleanor

Mayor Eleanor Scholz



Standing for Council
Candidate information session

lga South Australia

COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2027 INFORMATION SESSION

Helping potential candidates better understand the role of a council member, the nomination process, and what serving on council involves.

THURSDAY
26 NOVEMBER 2026

5PM - 6PM

WUDINNA & DISTRICTS TELECENTRE

44 EYRE HIGHWAY, WUDINNA

For more information, please call 8680 2002
or admin@wudinna.sa.gov.au

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Wudinna District Council

Nominations close
20 November 2026

Who makes a difference in your community?

Nominations are now open:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Business of the Year
- Employee of the Year

SCAN ME

Visit the website or contact your local Council for details.
www.citizenoftheyear.com.au

Australia Day
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.
South Australia

Support Partners

lga South Australia
SARAH Building Great Relationships.
MGA INSURANCE GROUP STANDING BY YOU
CBS inc Community Bridging Services (CBS) Inc.
cbb Community Business Bureau
Flinders University

November 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30					**Senior Cricket Harvest Break, resuming 5 December*	**1**
2	**3** Rhyme Time Melbourne Cup Wudinna Senior Citizens Eyre Chiropractic Ambulance Training	**4** Counsellor Line Dancing, 9:30am Wudinna CWA Wudinna CFS Training	**5** Exercise Physio Men's Shed, 5:30pm Le Hunte Basketball	**6** Bay Physiotherapy Wudinna Play Gym, 9:30am CELAC, 4:30pm	**7** Junior Cricket, Mixed U16: LeHunte Grey vs LeHunte Black	**8**
9	**10** Rhyme Time Ambulance Training	**11** Line Dancing, 9:30am Wudinna CWA Wudinna CFS Training	**12** Podiatrist Men's Shed, 5:30pm Le Hunte Basketball	**13** Bay Physiotherapy Wudinna Play Gym, 9:30am CELAC, 4:30pm	**14** Junior Cricket, Mixed U16: LeHunte Grey vs LeHunte White	**15**
16	**17** Rhyme Time Eyre Chiropractic Council Meeting Mid West Health & Aged Care AGM, 4:00pm Ambulance Training	**18** Line Dancing/CWA Independent Hearing SA Health Speech Therapist SA Health Dietician SA Health Social Worker SA Health Physio | Camera Club Dr Helen Murray | CFS Training	**19** SA Health Speech Therapist SA Health Dietician SA Health Social Worker SA Health Physio Men's Shed, 5:30pm Le Hunte Basketball	**20** Bay Physiotherapy Wudinna Play Gym, 9:30am CELAC, 4:30pm	**21** Junior Cricket, Mixed U16: LeHunte White vs LeHunte Black	**22**
Telecentre AGM, 5:00pm **23**	**24** Rhyme Time Ambulance Training Le Hunte Basketball	**25** Line Dancing, 9:30am Wudinna CWA Eyre Eye Centre Rural Skin Check Wudinna CFS Training	**26** Mellor Olsson Council Elections, Information Session, 5:00pm Men's Shed, 5:30pm	**27** Bay Physiotherapy Wudinna Play Gym, 9:30am CELAC, 4:30pm	**28** Junior Cricket, Mixed U16: LeHunte Black vs LeHunte Grey	**29**

Get Active This Summer with Local Sport & Recreation

As the warmer months arrive, there's no shortage of opportunities to get active, make new friends and enjoy some healthy competition across our district. Whether you're looking for a team sport, a social night out, or family-friendly recreation, there is something for everyone this summer.

Make a Splash at the Swimming Pools

The Wudinna & Districts and Minnipa Swimming Pools are now open for the 2026/27 season, providing the perfect place to cool off, stay active and enjoy the summer months.

The volunteer committees have been busy preparing the facilities for another season, with strong community support shown at both Wudinna & Minnipa busy bees.

Wudinna Swimming Pool opening hours are:

- Lap Swimming: 6:00am to 7:00am and 6:00pm to 7:00pm
- Public Swimming: 4:00pm to 6:00pm, Monday to Sunday

Membership options include:

- Family Membership: $260
- Single Membership: $160
- Daily Entry Fee: $8 per person

Note, Public Swimming opening times do often change with weather conditions and availability of volunteers and life savers. Follow their Facebook pages to keep up to date.
The popular Holiday Swim Program will again run from 14-18 December, offering children a fun opportunity to build confidence and skills in the water during the school holidays.

Basketball

Basketball continues to be a popular choice for players of all ages, with both junior and senior competitions running throughout the summer season.

Games are played on Thursday nights, creating a fun and social atmosphere for participants and spectators alike. A canteen operates during games, making it easy to grab a snack or drink while supporting the local competition.

Anyone interested in joining a team, keeping up with fixtures and results, or learning more about the season is encouraged to follow the Le Hunte Basketball Association Facebook group for the latest updates, including team nominations, schedules and competition information.

Cricket

The local cricket competition provides opportunities for both junior and senior players, with teams representing Western Districts, Wudinna, Kyancutta and Warramboo.
Senior matches are played each Saturday, rotating between Poochera, Minnipa, Wudinna, Kyancutta and Warramboo, while junior games are held in Wudinna every Saturday.

Players and supporters should note the following breaks during the season:

- Harvest break (Seniors): 25 October to 5 December 2026
- Christmas break (Seniors): 20 December 2026 to 23 January 2027
- Christmas break (Juniors): 20 December 2026 to 30 January 2027

For registration details or further information, contact Association Secretary Ty McKenna at tandtmckenna@gmail.com.

Tennis

The local tennis competition brings together teams from Yaninee, Wudinna, Kyancutta, Koongawa and Warramboo.
Matches are played on Friday nights, offering a great way to finish the working week while enjoying some friendly competition. Tennis welcomes players of varying abilities and remains a fantastic sport for individuals and families looking to stay active over summer.

Get Involved

Summer is a great time to get outdoors, connect with your community and support local clubs and volunteers. Whether you're diving into the pool, shooting hoops, taking to the cricket pitch or enjoying a game of tennis, there are plenty of opportunities to stay active and have fun this season.
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Library staff were keen to highlight the value of spending time reading, sharing stories and engaging with books as part of a child's development.

The beautiful bibs were made by Lock local Merilyn Kelly, the creative talent behind Kelly Krafts, adding a wonderful local connection to the initiative.

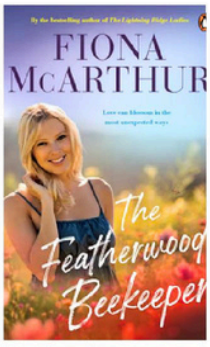


Beautiful mums and babies, Emily Altmann with Seb, Kim Zunker with Tahli, Bonnie Moroney with Van.

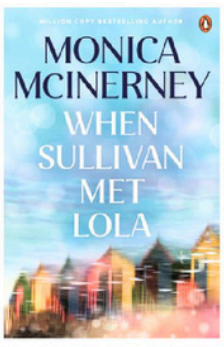


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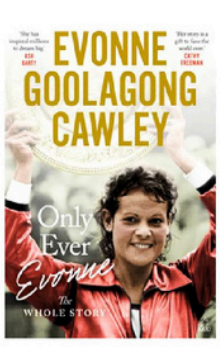
New Reads













Dates to Remember



Rockin' Readers

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2nd December



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ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry Fee: Gold coin donation per entry
Prizes: Awards presented for each of our categories
People's Choice Award: Best Tree Overall will be decided by visitor votes, counted Sunday, December 15th at 5pm

TREE DELIVERY DETAILS

Drop-off Location: Yaninee Institute
Delivery Deadline: Sunday, November 22nd by 4pm
Delivery Schedule: Yaninee Institute will be open for deliveries Friday 20th, Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd 11am to 4pm or by appointment.

Phone Jenny 0448 117 718 more information.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

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5. Secondary School
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8. Individual Preschool (under 6)
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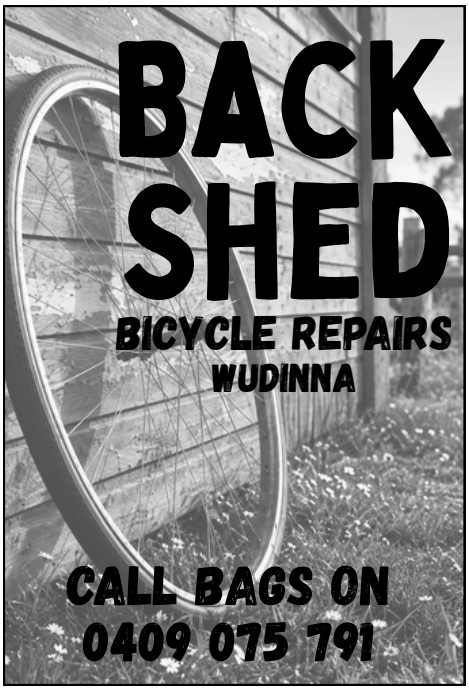
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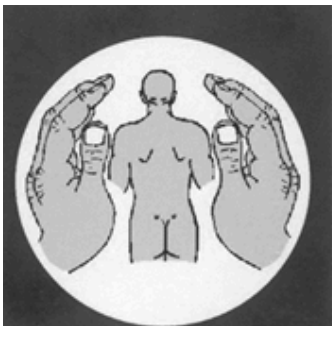
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Wudinna Area School News

Dates to remember...

October	
Friday 16th	Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off! 9:10am
Wednesday 21st	Governing Council in the Library 7pm
Friday 23rd	SAPSASA Basketball in Adelaide Year 12 Graduation
Thursday 29th	SAPOL Road Safety Workshop
November	
Thursday 5th- Friday 6th	Year 5/6 camp
Friday 27th	Advance notice – **Presentation Night**

Reception/Year 1 Food Learning Expedition

On 16th October, the Reception and Year 1's had a practice cook for their Learning Expedition. They used their vast knowledge and learning about procedural text and recipe reading to help them. They made lots of yummy food like sausage rolls, chocolate chip cookies, fruit skewers, rocky road, and pizza. You could say they're all little chefs learning how to cook for their families!





By Poppy Weetra

Year 9 Safety In the Outdoors Learning Expedition




On the 14th of October, Year 9 students visited the CFS Shed to interview experts, CFS Officer Craig Jericho and Brigade Captain Tyron Cummings, as part of their ongoing education about safety in the Gawler Ranges National Park. Then, on Monday, the 19th of October, they participated in a CPR First Aid Course at the TAFE Centre to complete their CPR First Responders training. A massive thank you goes out to Craig Jericho for letting us inside the CFS shed and Parents and Friends for their generous support in making this valuable opportunity possible.

By Harry Pope




Ag Calves and names

In Term 2 school holidays the first calves were born. Out of three calves we had one steer and 2 heifers.



This calf was the only steer we had born this year. He was born on 14/07/26 and his mother is Kath. The year 7,8,9's had the job of naming this steer. The name they chose for the steer is **Xander**.

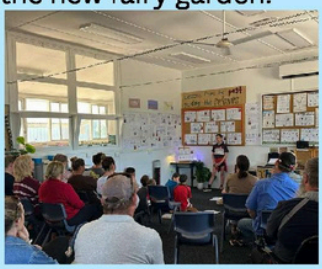
This calf was the second born heifer. She was born on the 7/7/26 and her mother is Rebel. The year 3/4/5/6's had the job of naming this calf and they have chosen **Xyla**.

This calf was the first born heifer, she was also born on the 7/7/26. The year R/1/2/3's had the job of naming this heifer and picked **Xandie**.

By Tegan Skipworth

Year 5/6 Learning Expedition Celebration

On October 16th, Mr. Weetra's Year 5/6 class held a special celebration for their Learning Expedition about historical items. Each student presented a poster about an object representing the past, present, and future to an audience of parents. Following the presentations, these posters were placed in a time capsule within the new fairy garden.






By Huw Dolphin

3/4 Learning Expedition

Last Thursday, the 3-4 class proudly celebrated the end of their Learning Expedition with their Exhibition of Learning, "History Is in Our Hands." Throughout the term, students explored historical artefacts, visited local museums, researched the past and learned from community experts. They worked together to create a Digital Museum, sharing their discoveries and developing their confidence, creativity and communication skills. The exhibition was a wonderful celebration of their hard work and learning. A big thank you to Phillip Gosling, Janet and Kym Foster, Peter and Kaye O'Brien, our families and the community for supporting this project. Most importantly, congratulations to our amazing students for their curiosity, effort and enthusiasm throughout this memorable learning journey!





Staff vs Students

Wudinna Area School has held 2 Staff vs Student games this year, with the students winning the netball and the staff winning the table tennis.

On the 22nd of October the Staff and Students went against each other in an "Old-Fashioned Games" competition, including the Egg and Spoon Race, Wheelbarrow Race, Sack Race, Three-legged Race, Balloon Relay, Water Relay and finishing off with a Tug of War. The overall results were that the students won 5 out of 7 events.


Winners


Mr Weetra Winning the Sack Race


Mr Stringer and Marney in the water relay - Won by Students

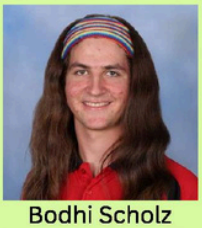

Tug of war - Won by Teachers

Year 12 Send Off

As the year comes to an end, our Year 12s are working hard to finish their schooling. On Friday the 23rd of October, the Year 12s, along with their family and friends, will celebrate their graduation. At the end of week 4, they officially finish! All the best for your future endeavours Year 12's.


Marney Marshall


Tamryn Radford

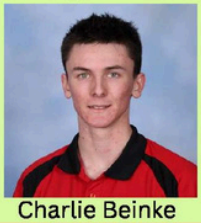

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Jump Rope for Heart

On Friday 16th of October, primary students gathered their skipping ropes and headed to the courts to skip and raise money for the Heart Foundation by participating in Jump Rope for Heart. They raised $717.00, a huge effort. All earnings went towards funding high impact research, improving heart disease prevention, and supporting health professionals in their work. For more information, you can visit their site Jump Rope For Heart.

Well done to every student for participating in this event, every dollar goes towards helping people with heart conditions.

By Lily Collogan Clarke

