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# JuniorJournalist



# School Holiday Report

By Oliver Bagley

#### Infinity Skate Workshop

At the skate workshop I saw lots of my school friends. Before I went to the Infinity skate workshop, I had no idea how to skate but after it I did know how to skate and also I leant how to stand up on the skate board.

Nick was really nice, I was a bit scared before but I had lots of fun and would like to do it again.





#### Lego Creations

At Lego creations I built a Cockatoo, an Easter Rabbit and got to free build. We got to listen to music and do challenges. I got to help the younger kids in my brother George's class. I hope the CRC do a Lego club again this year.

We got to do all these things for FREE and I got to see lots of my friends in the school holiday. It was lots of fun.















Mingenew Health Centre

Remote Area Nurse Phone: 9928 1043

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	CLOSED Easter Monday	Nurse: 8.30am-1pm 1.30-4pm Pathology Day	3 Nurse: 8.30am-1pm 1.30-4pm	Nurse: 8.30am-1pm 1.30-4pm Pathology Day	CLOSED	CLOSED
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GP available by appointment only. Phone 9956 8999 to book.

Child Health Nurse available by appointment only.

Phone 9954 3200 or 0429 577 686 to book.

If you arrive at the clinic during normal operating hours and the clinic is closed, please call either:

- Health Direct 1800 022 222
- Covid Hotline 1800 020 080
- · If an emergency call 000 for an ambulance



# Midwest Aero Medical is happy to advise Dr Emma Jones & Dr Tochi Eze will be in Mingenew on the following dates in 2024

(please note dates are subject to change)

Monday 29th April (TBC)

Monday 27th May

Monday 24th June

Appointments can be made by calling 9956 8999



Midwest Aero Medical
is happy to advise that
Dr Emma Jones will be
doing a Flu Clinic in
Mingenew on
Monday 27th May 2024

Please call 9956 8999 to arrange an appointment

#### **MEPAU** in the Mid West

Mitsui E&P Australia (MEPAU) is a WA-based energy provider with two facilities in the Mid West. MEPAU is a significant contributor to the development of a sustainable supply of energy for the nation and in addition to maintaining its energy resource portfolio, is pursuing new low carbon energy and carbon abatement opportunities.



#### St John Ambulance Comms Upgrade

Seventeen Mid West ambulances have now received state-of-the-art emergency communications technology upgrades, the result of a \$117,000 grant to St John WA from MEPAU and joint venturer Beach Energy.

Since the Communications Upgrade Initiative was launched in May 2023, the 18 ambulances across the region have been receiving technology fit-outs - just one Dongara ambulance remains to be completed due to a replacement vehicle being under construction.



#### **Energy Expo for the Next Generation**

High school students from across the Mid West will be heading to Dongara in May for the Energy Club WA's first regional 'Next Generation Schools Program' expo.

MEPAU and joint venturer Beach are annual sponsors of the Program, and MEPAU has been collaborating with Energy Club WA to introduce a Mid West extension, providing access to the program for regional students, and introducing a student expo in Dongara in addition to the Perth student expo this year.





#### \$66,000 to safeguard native species

The Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC) Natural Resource Management (NRM) have received \$66,000 from MEPAU and joint venturer Beach Energy to undertake a new program, 'House and Home: Safeguarding Native Species'.

This funding is provided through the MEPAU and Beach Energy Waitsia Joint Venture Sponsorship program, which provides grants and sponsorship to a range of not-for-profit organisations and locally driven initiatives that contribute to community development in the Mid West.

The new program aims to protect both the critically endangered Koobabbie Eremophila and the endangered Carnaby's Cockatoo in the Northern Agricultural Region through targeted approach to restoring habitat essential to the survival of both species; the threatened ecological community 'Eucalypt Woodlands of the WA Wheatbelt'.

Koobabbie Eremophila is a flowering shrub found nowhere else on earth. This program aims to decrease the likelihood of its extinction and provide long-term conservation for nearby significant flora through the collection and storage of a diverse range of seed.

The iconic and charismatic Carnaby's black cockatoo is endemic to the southwest of Western Australia. With as much as 87% of its natural habitat cleared, the installation of artificial hollows and preservation of flora through this program supports local conservation efforts.

MEPAU CEO Ken Yamamura said "MEPAU is delighted to fund this new program which will help protect the unique biodiversity of the Mid West region in which we operate for current and future generations".



**MEPAU.COM.AU** 

#### **Shane Love MLA**

#### **MEDIA RELEASE**

Leader: Member for Moore

5 April 2024

#### Minister for Health on notice over Silver Chain transition to WACHS

Member for Moore Shane Love has reiterated calls for the Health Minister to ensure a smooth transition for the 11 Silver Chain nursing posts moving to WA Country Health Service (WACHS) following community concerns.

Love said the Minister for Health had previously provided a commitment that nursing posts would continue to operate as normal, however, issues had already been raised with his office.

"In Mingenew, a long-standing visiting GP service was at risk of being unable to deliver clinics due to internet access concerns which had not been adequately addressed by WACHS," Mr Love said.

"This was the only GP service available in Mingenew, so it was deeply concerning to hear that it was in jeopardy so soon after the transition, as this would have been a significant loss to the community."

Mr Love said a meeting between the GP service and WACHS had taken place this week, resulting in WACHS committing to provide a separate internet connection for visiting doctors.

"This is a welcome outcome, but it has highlighted the transition has not been as smooth as the Minister for Health assured communities it would be.

"Delivering a GP service to regional WA has long been a challenging issue, and we certainly can't afford to turn medical practitioners away."

Mr Love said Eneabba residents had also raised concerns around the transition of their local nursing post.

"Residents have told me that waiting times for treatment have blown out, with patients claiming they are now waiting up to four hours to be attended to," Mr Love said.

"While Silver Chain nurses were able to provide care swiftly, I am told WACHS nurses are limited in the treatment they can provide until the patient has been assessed by a telehealth doctor, leading to significantly increased waiting times and frustrating the community."

Local concern around the Eneabba nursing post has resulted in the Carnamah Shire resolving to write to WACHS and the Minister for Health about the service.

"The Shire has expressed concern that the role of the nursing post has significantly changed to the detriment of staff and patients," Mr Love said.

"This shows the commitment made by the Health Minister for a smooth transition has not been reflected on the ground, and needs to be remedied."

Mr Love said he was also still awaiting a response to an email sent on 29 February to the Minister for Health with questions concerning the transition from Silver Chain to WACHS. "Despite assurances from the Minister and WACHS, communities in my electorate are already expressing concern about the transition, and I call on the Minister to ensure services will be maintained at the standard regional residents had come to expect from Silver Chain."



# MINRES COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM



The MinRes Community Fund supports our commitment to making meaningful contributions to the communities in which we operate. We provide grants of up to \$10,000 to local organisations to support programs and events that help create strong, happy and healthy communities. We carefully review and consider all applications and will provide notification of your application outcome in a timely manner.

Further information: Rachel Bagshaw 0477 089 560 or follow the link below...

https://www.mineralresources.com.au/oursustainability/community/community-grant-program/



#### What is Staying in Place?

A community managed model for delivering in home, aged care services, involving an approved aged care provider (InCasa Country), local coordination (Mingenew CRC) and a local workforce (Mable).

If you are over 65, or an aboriginal or Torres Straight Islander over 50, you could be eligible for a Home Care Package (HCP) funded by the Australian Government.

Home Care Packages (HCP) are one of the ways that older Australians can access affordable care services to get some help at home.

Home Care Packages (HCP) can be an option if you need a coordinated approach to the delivery of your help at home - perhaps because you need help with many everyday tasks, or the care you need is more complex or intensive.

# We can help you!



### What are the types of services that may be available?

cleaning, social outings, meal preparation, gardening and home maintenance, transport, social support, allied health, nursing care, personal care, medication support.

## How does it work?

The Australian Government subsidises the cost of home support services that you can receive in the comfort of your own home.

Being eligible for an Australian Government Subsidised Home Care Package means that the government will subsidise the cost of your care. If you are on a full pension, you will not be asked to make any personal contribution for our home support services.

Income Tested Fee (ITF): The income tested fee is a contribution that some people pay, as determined through an income assessment. This fee is based on individual income, including part-pension. However, full pensioners and people with an income up to \$28,100.80 do not pay an income tested fee.

To find out more about Staying In Place please phone or call into the CRC and meet our Staying In Place Coordinator Belinda.



Contact Us stayinginplace@mingenew.wa.au 08 9928 1264 50 Midlands Road, Mingenew











To participate, bake a cake from the 'Women's Weekly Children's Birthday Cake' book.

The 'best' looking cake will win a prize and all cakes will be auctioned off afterwards with proceeds going to the Cancer Council.

LAST YEAR WE RAISED \$4865 - LETS SEE IF WE CAN BEAT THAT THIS YEAR!

Thursday 23rd May 10am

**Contact Mingenew CRC for more information** 

\*\*Winner will be decided by our guest judge!









# The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get the things you need for your kids.

\$150

For each Kindergarten and primary school student

\$250

For each secondary school student

To help ease cost-of-living pressures on families with school-aged children, the State Government is offering the WA Student Assistance Payment.

This payment is to help you get the things you need for your kids. From new school shoes, backpacks and sports equipment to uniforms, healthy meals, school excursions and more.

#### Get ready to claim

Download the ServiceWA app to your mobile device.

Available from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Locate the student's 8-digit WA student number (WASN).

You'll find it on:

- school reports
- · previous NAPLAN results
- secondary student's SmartRider

If you have trouble locating the number, contact your school for assistance.

Claims open Monday 15 April

For more information about the WA Student Assistance Payment and how to claim, go to education.wa.edu.au/wasap





### **Priscilla Pop-Up: Mingenew**

#### Meet the Carers WA team in Mingenew

Are you an unpaid family or friend carer who would like to learn more about Carers WA and Carer Gateway?

Join the Carers WA team and our community engagement van, Priscilla, to find out more about Carers WA services and supports and how we can help you in your caring role.



Where: Priscilla will be parked at:

Mingenew Community Resource Centre

50 Midlands Road, Mingenew WA 6522

**When:** Tuesday, 7th May | 12.30pm - 2.30pm

If you have any questions, please contact the Community Capacity Development team on 1300 CARERS (1300 227 377) or email ccdteam@carerswa.asn.au.

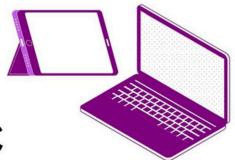
www.carerswa.asn.au

# BE CONNECTED PROGRAM

Here at Mingenew CRC







March 11

April 22

May 20

#### FREE MONTHLY DIGITAL LESSONS FOR OVER 50's

The Exchange Mingenew- Midlands Road 10am-12pm on the below dates MORNING TEA PROVIDED

#### Session 4 GETTING STARTED ONLINE

Navigating the online world can be a little tricky at first, but this topic will teach you some essential skills to help you get started online

#### Session 5 IDENTIFYING AND AVOIDING SCAMS

The rate of online scams is increasing and scammers are becoming more sophisticated in their approach to potential victims. These courses outline some of the most common online scams and how you can identify them. Learn what you can do to protect yourself from being scammed, and what to do in the unfortunate case that you're the victim of a scam.

#### Session 6 GETTING STARTED WITH ONLINE BANKING

Managing money using a bank's website is known as online banking. You can pay bills, transfer money and check your balance, all from the comfort of your armchair. In this course you will learn what you need to know about online banking and how you can stay safer while banking online.

To help demonstrate a typical online banking experience, we have created a pretend bank – Squirrel Bank – to use as our examples. Whilst Squirrel Bank is

pretend bank – Squirrel Bank – to use as our examples. Whilst Squirrel Bank is not real, it does give a good idea of how online banking websites look and feel. Of course, your online bank account might look a little different, but you should still be able to follow along.

#### LIMITED SPACES - BOOKINGS PREFERRED

If you have your own device - Laptop, ipad/tablet or smart phone you are welcome to bring that along otherwise you can borrow one from the CRC

Please contact us on 9928 1264 or email crcprojects@mingenew.wa.au

Be Connected is an Australian Government initiative committed to building the confidence, digital skills and online safety of older Australians







#### **IRWIN DISTRICTS SUB CENTRE**

## **NEW OFFICE HOURS**

#### **Commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Monday - Thursday: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Friday: CLOSED

1 Blenheim Road, Port Denison WA I 08 9927 2100

Email: irwin@stjohnwa.com.au

Game 1 Saturday 27th April	BYE 1 <sup>st</sup> June Long Weekend	BYE Nutrien Ag champs 12-14 July	
Coorow/Latham v Dongara	Game 6 Saturday 8th June	Game 11 Saturday 20th July	
Morawa v Mingenew	Dongara v Coorow/Latham	Coorow/Latham v Dongara	
Carnamah/PJ v Three Springs	Mingenew v Morawa	Morawa v Mingenew	
	Three Springs v Carnamah/PJ	Carnamah/PJ v Three Springs @PJ	
Game 2 Saturday 4th May	Game 7 Saturday 15th June TMH	Game 12 Saturday 27th July	
Morawa v Carnamah/PJ	Carnamah/PJ v Morawa @ PJ	Morawa v Carnamah/PJ	
Mingenew v Coorow/Latham	Coorow/Latham v Mingenew	Mingenew v Coorow/Latham	
Dongara v Three Springs	Three Springs v Dongara	Dongara v Three Springs	
Game 3 Saturday 11th May	Game 8 Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Game 13 Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	
Carnamah/PJ v Dongara	Dongara v Carnamah/PJ	Carnamah/PJ v Dongara	
Coorow/Latham v Morawa	Morawa v Coorow/Latham	Coorow/Latham v Morawa	
Three Springs v Mingenew	Mingenew v Three Springs	Three Springs v Mingenew	
Game 4 Saturday 18th May BELT UP	Game 9 Saturday 29th June	PJ Show Saturday 10th August	
Carnamah/PJ v Coorow Latham @PJ	Coorow/La v Carnamah/PJ @Watheroo	Dongara v Mingenew	
Dongara v Mingenew	Mingenew v Dongara	Game 14 Sunday 11th August	
Three Springs v Morawa	Morawa v Three Springs	Carnamah/PJ v Coorow/Latham	
		Three Springs v Morawa	
Game 5 Saturday 25th May	Game 10 Saturday 6th July	Game 15 Saturday 17th August	
Mingenew v Carnamah/PJ	Carnamah/PJ v Mingenew @PJ	Mingenew v Carnamah/PJ	
Morawa v Dongara	Dongara v Morawa	Morawa v Dongara	
Coorow/Latham v Three Springs	Three Springs v Coorow/Latham	Coorow/Latham v Three Springs	

Vote Count Date 26th August - Coorow

2<sup>nd</sup> Semi-Final Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August – Dongara

1st Semi-final Sunday 25th August - Mingenew

Preliminary final Saturday 31st August - Morawa

Grand Final Saturday 7th September – Carnamah



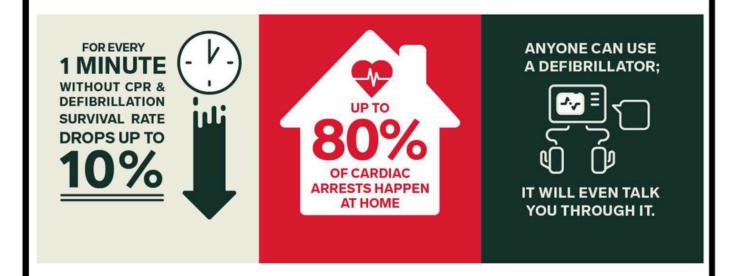


# FREE DEFIBRILLATOR DEMONSTRATION

Monday 6th May 2024, 5.30pm-6.30pm

Denison Bowling Club

137 Point Leander Drive, Port Denison



Please call 9927 2100 or email

irwin@stjohnwa.com.au to register.



## **Backyard Buddies**

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

# In focus – diagnostic photography



Head front and lateral views of an exotic black imported fire ant (*Solenopsis richteri*) worker, focus stacked with a stereomicroscope and dedicated high-resolution digital camera.

Imaging technologies have evolved significantly over the past decade in terms of image resolution, quality, and magnification. It's easy to observe these changes just by looking at the continuous advancements in digital cameras and mobile phones. Less apparent to many is the progress made in macro and micro photography, significantly enhancing the ability to identify invertebrates, fungi, bacteria, and other subjects.

Modern software has evolved too. One such development is a process called 'focus stacking'. Multiple images, focused at different distances are combined, or 'stacked' to form a single, fully focused image. The images featured in this article were produced through focus stacking, making complex diagnostic features easily identifiable.

#### Our subject

The ant photographed is about 3 mm in length. This species is not present in Australia and is of biosecurity concern. To identify this species, diagnosticians (aka taxonomists) need to be able to see its microscopic features, which include a 2-segmented waist and 10-segmented antennae, with the last 2 segments forming a distinct club.

To get a bit more technical, a characteristic seen only among the 2 species of imported fire ant, is the median tooth centred along the front edge of the clypeus, which is flanked by 2 lateral teeth. The clypeus is one of the plates that form the "face" of an insect.

#### The digital advantage

Having digital reference material provides so many advantages. Photographing living specimens prior to curation allows for the full colour spectrum of a species to be captured and permanently recorded. Preserved specimens can lose their colours over time, for example, the eye colour of dragonflies and fruit flies fade shortly after they die.

Diagnostic imaging can facilitate fast-tracked identification as photos may be shared directly with specialists across the globe. This is particularly useful when local experts are not available or further verification is required. Utilising diagnostic photos also reduces the need to send specimens and helps safeguard them from damage and loss.

When communicating about the various pests or diseases that are present in WA or highlighting those to look out for, being able to show them in the environment, and the damage they cause is essential. Our department's imaging specialist helps to do this by creating high-quality digital products. Many of which are available on the Pest and Disease Image Library (padil.gov.au) and are featured on our website and communication products like posters, factsheets, and videos.

#### Flash or not?

If you have taken a photo of something you don't recognise and it's not as flash as the ones featured in this article, don't worry! Please still report it. Photos and the information provided with them help us screen for pests and diseases of biosecurity concern.



#### Report your observations

MyPestGuide® Reporter via app or online mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au Pest and Disease Information Service (08) 9368 3080 | padis@dpird.wa.gov.au

#### Mingenew Toy Library Closure

To all members of the community,

Due to lack of members and use of the toy library over the past years we have come to the hard decision to put forward the motion of dissolving the Mingenew Toy Library.

The Playgroup committee are putting it to the wider community if any like-minded groups would like to take on the running of the toy library before we start the process of dissolving the group.

We will be starting the process on the 24th May if we have not heard from anyone before than we will start the motions in place to close the Toy Library.

All assets will be transferred to Mingenew Playgroup on finalisation of the Toy Library being dissolved unless taken on by another like minded community group. For further information please contact:

Mingenew Playgroup President Roxanne Eylward 0431 305 940



WILL BE RACED ON SATURDAY, 27TH APRIL

AT GERALDTON TURF CLUB



Protect Grow Innovate

### Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program – Round 3 now open

# Access financial assistance to start a carbon farming project

The program supports landowners in the South West Land Division to:

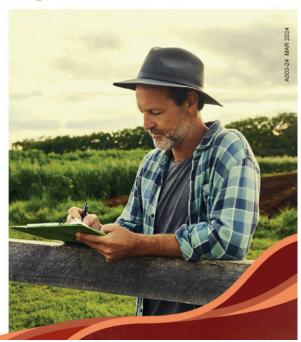
- Develop new revegetation, agroforestry or soil carbon farming projects.
- Access financial assistance to establish a project with a minimum 30% cash co-contribution.

plan a project and prepare a successful application. Applications close at 12 noon on Monday 20 May 2024.

Regional workshops are available to assist farmers to

Scan the QR code to learn more or visit agric.wa.gov.au/CF-LRP











#### 2024 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Mingenew Shire Council meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at 21 Victoria Street, Mingenew, commencing at 5:00pm on the third Wednesday of every second month, except January 2024, as per the following schedule:

January – No Meeting
21 February
17 April
19 June
21 August
16 October
11 December

Please visit the Shire's website at mingenew.wa.gov.au to access Council Minutes, Agendas and further information regarding Public Question Time and meeting procedures.

**Erin Greaves** 

**Acting Chief Executive Officer** 

