



Exciting Changes Coming to the Dumbleyung Community Resource Centre!

Exciting changes are underway at the Dumbleyung Community Resource Centre, and we can't wait for you to see them! Over the coming months, you'll notice updates to our layout, noticeboards, and displays, all designed to make our space more welcoming, informative, and engaging. As part of these improvements, we're refreshing our Donald Campbell display to better celebrate our rich local history, and expanding our merchandise section, including our beloved Bluebird collection and fantastic locally made products.

In addition to these updates, we're introducing new workshops, information sessions, and fundraising events—perfect opportunities to learn something new, connect with others, and support great causes. Keep an eye on our noticeboards and upcoming newsletters for all the details!

Speaking of newsletters, we're thrilled to announce an exciting refresh of the Quack Chat, coming in July 2025. We're updating the look and format to make it more engaging and informative while ensuring we capture all the important news in our community. Alongside this, we plan to transition from a fortnightly to a monthly newsletter, allowing for more comprehensive updates while making it easier for everyone to stay informed. Plus, with a set monthly deadline for submissions, it will be more convenient for local businesses, community groups, and members to share their news, events, and announcements.

We'd love to hear from you! What do you enjoy about the newsletter? What could we improve? Your feedback on the new format, design, and frequency will help us create a newsletter that truly serves our community. Share your thoughts by emailing us at admin@dumbleyungcrc.com or calling/texting 0459 932 616.

These changes reflect our commitment to making the Dumbleyung CRC a place where everyone feels at home—a hub for connection, learning, and community support. Stop by soon to check out the updates, say hello, and let us know what you think.

Thank you for being part of this journey—we look forward to seeing you and hearing your ideas.

Peta Stangoni
Coordinator
Community Resource Centre



Rundle Retains the Seat of Roe

Thank you for your support during the 2025 State Election! Thanks to the support of the voters across the electorate, many volunteers and my family I have been able to retain the seat of Roe in a resounding win. With more than 75% of the vote and a 13% swing I have very proudly retained the seat for a further 4 years.

We were lucky to have a team of 120 volunteers from Katanning to Esperance manning early polling places for two full weeks, then volunteers at every one of the 34 polling places on Election Day. A massive effort by everyone involved which made me feel humbled and very grateful.

It was busy leading up to March the 8th with 2 weeks of pre-polling and then Wagin Woolorama on Election Day. I visited 10 different polling places on the day ending up in Katanning to celebrate with my family once the results were announced.

Although disappointed Labor is in government again, I will continue to advocate for this region, to speak up about local issues and constituent concerns and continue to hold Labor to account for leaving the regions behind.

This will be my third term of government for The Nationals WA, and while the challenges remain with Labor in government I will not back down on important local issues and support for local projects and improvements. Thank you again for your support and I look forward to representing the people of Roe 2025-2029.

Submitted by Natalie Nicholson—Research Officer



Rural Aid Article

With recent cyclone, floods and fires I felt it appropriate to write about what may happen to us when we experience or a subject to a natural disaster or an incident that causes high stress. trauma and a reaction in ourselves.

The first and most important factor is that as unique individuals we will react and do what we need to do in our own way and that no way is wrong. Some may move through the event with little personal stress, some may find that they just can't move and feel numb.

Some may be affected immediately after the event, some may be triggered later in a few weeks, months or years. How we react can be shaped by our past experiences, the level of support we have, the connection to others and community we have established and the actual nature of the event itself.

Reactions can be similar to when we experience grief and loss. Grief and loss reactions are not only when someone close passes away. Our subsequent varying emotions that may include anger, guilt, dismay, blaming of self and others and disbelief. These reactionary emotions do not come in a set order or pattern. Greif and loss reactions also occur when we lose something such as property, stock, a relationship and or our physical health.

Common responses we may have can be, being forgetful, feel isolated, feel anxious and or depressed, Denial, Guilt (why them not me), feeling out of control, have nightmares and flashbacks, become detached. Physical symptoms may include Nausea, dizziness, have trouble sleeping, lose appetite, headaches, being easily startled or triggered and more. Long term responses maybe emotional detachment, substance abuse to better cope, problems with work, school and relationship issues, PTSD, and fears of the event recurring. Similar weather, smells, media stories and places may trigger a stronger response than usual.

The good news is that you are not going crazy. Your mind and body is doing its best to ensure you are safe, protecting you from any perceived harm. It means well.

Do your best to get back what routine you can, this maybe eating at the usual time each day, going to bed at the same time as you usually do, attending those events with friends, clubs or groups that you are a part of. Control what you are able to. I can't remember much but I can carry and make a note on a notebook or on my phone. Utilise grounding techniques such as slow breathing. If your body is saying you're tired allow yourself to rest.

But most importantly seek support and give support. Though challenging, listening to others without judgement and talking through what you are feeling is very powerful and can also help release some frustration and strong reactionary emotions. Call me or another counsellor, who doesn't matter who, but make sure you ask for help.

Rural Aid Article February 2025 from Roger Hitchcock



Aged Care Scams to Look Out For



There have been recent reports of scammers impersonating aged care providers.

These scammers are targeting older people, their families and carers.

What is a scam?

A scam happens when someone tricks you into sharing personal or financial information so they can steal from you. Scammers are skilled at making their messages seem real. They often contact people unexpectedly, to make it harder for you to realise something isn't right. It's important to be cautious of unfamiliar emails, phone calls or texts. Even those that come from organisations you know and trust – such as your aged care provider.

How to protect yourself

You can protect yourself and your loved ones against scams by taking the following actions:

- **Verify the caller or sender:** Always make sure the person contacting you is who they say they are. Do this before you click on any links, share personal information or transfer money.
- **Check with your provider:** If you are unsure about something, call your aged care provider using the contact details on their official website
- **Confirm account details:** Before transferring any money, double-check account numbers with your provider. Again, make sure you use the contact details on their official website
- **Trust your instincts:** If something feels wrong, stop the transaction or conversation immediately.

What to do if you are scammed

If you think you've been scammed, you should act quickly. Contact your bank to stop the transaction and report the scam to your local police station.

You can also report scams to Scamwatch and ReportCyber.



myagedcare

CRC Chairperson's Conference

A conference to help support the role of the Chairperson for the many CRC committees throughout WA was held at the Aloft Hotel in East Perth recently.

I was one of 40 to attend the conference, which included some interesting guest speakers.

After a yummy welcome networking dinner the night before, the conference began the next day with an address from Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development (DPIRD) Manager, Celia Loot, which funds the state's CRCs, outlining the challenges and opportunities facing them today. While the CRCs main funding comes from DPIRD, they are also being encouraged to seek funding from other avenues to help them stay in a good financial position.

Grants, partnerships, donations, crowd raising, events, membership and products are examples of funding opportunities. This was followed by an interesting talk from Peter Lowen, the CEO of the Wheatbelt Development Network about how Artificial Intelligence is such a huge part of our lives now – from our computers and smart phones to car navigation and using AI programs such as Co Pilot in everyday life.

It made us think about how we must also safeguard our private data while out and about -an example of this is joining unsecured networks at hotels and restaurants to use their WIFI. These can be easily hacked into and our information compromised. Mr Lowen recommended using our own private network plans rather than join these networks.

After a delicious lunch we then heard from Maree Gooch, who firstly spoke about the value of CRCs in the community and then the role and responsibilities of CRC committee members, which was enlightening and informative.

CEO of Linkwest, Jane Harwood, also spoke about CRCs and the bigger picture, which got us up and moving about the room as we all discovered just how far some of us had travelled to be there – from Denmark in the south of the state to Broome and Marble Bar in the north.

The conference was of great value to me as I am new in the role of chairperson, and it is also interesting to hear how other CRCs operate. Some like Dumbleyung, are lucky enough to have a building supplied by the shire -others don't.

Some like Dumbleyung, have set up the Staying in Place home care support service and have the shire library. Others have also taken on the licensing services and post offices as means of income.

The day finished with a traditional afternoon tea – scones, jam and cream, which was enjoyed by everyone.

Submitted by Jacki Ball.



Supermarket Reforms

The final report for the ACCC's supermarkets inquiry has made 20 recommendations after finding that ALDI, Coles and Woolworths are some of the most profitable supermarket businesses among global peers and their average product margins have increased over the past five financial years.

The recommendations, which include clearer pricing practices, greater transparency for suppliers and reforms to planning and zoning laws, are designed to improve competition in the supermarket sector, make a difference for consumers and give suppliers fairer bargaining conditions. The higher freight costs to serve regional and remote areas are likely the primary reason for higher prices in these areas. A lack of competition is also likely to affect prices and result in reduced range, store amenity, opening hours and service quality compared to more competitive markets in metropolitan areas.

The ACCC is recommending measures to increase price transparency and complaints handling in remote areas, and that governments of all levels should consider supporting community-owned and run stores in remote areas where there is limited or no choice of supermarket. The ACCC's inquiry has found that there is a significant bargaining power imbalance between Coles and Woolworths and some suppliers, and Coles and Woolworths exercise their buyer power through their trading terms and business processes and practices. The ACCC is recommending that ALDI, Coles and Woolworths be required to provide fresh produce suppliers with greater transparency about the weekly tendering processes they use to negotiate price and volumes with suppliers. The implementation of this recommendation would involve further consultation which should be undertaken by the ACCC.

"We are proposing to hold a consultation process with relevant stakeholders to develop reform recommendations for supermarket fresh produce weekly tendering arrangements," ACCC Deputy Chair Mick Keogh said. The ACCC is recommending ALDI, Coles and Woolworths should not be able to unilaterally reduce the price or volume agreed in purchase orders confirmed through their weekly tendering processes other than in the case of a force majeure event. Further, supermarkets should be required to provide fresh produce suppliers with more detailed information about the basis for seasonal forecasts to allow suppliers greater ability to predict and forecast future demand. The ACCC recommends that major retailers be subject to mandatory market reporting obligations, so that suppliers of fresh produce can obtain a much better understanding of market conditions and will be better able to engage in informed supply negotiations with supermarkets.

To improve the current bargaining power imbalance and enhance protections for suppliers, the ACCC is also recommending that the Food and Grocery Code be amended to prohibit grocery retailers from being able to negotiate out of core protections in the Code.

Agriculture Unit Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)



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The Bookworm Post



Welcome to this new edition of the Dumbleyung Library News, how is the Bookworm Post for a name change? I quite like it!

Book Club

Reminder to send through your expressions of interest for the Dumbleyung Book Club, with your name, email, phone and preference of book format—i.e.: Physical book or e-book.

This new book club aims to assist in re-connecting us with face-to-face interaction and bridging the social gaps within the community. We are at a point in history where genuine connection is fading and being replaced by digital options, so what better way to gather together with like-minded individuals!

Even if you're not a big reader, or can't commit to reading a whole book per month, just come down for the social aspect. *All are very welcome! Gals and Guys included.* The first book club meeting will be held Monday March 31st at 3:30pm.

If you have any feedback as to what days and times work best for you, please email it to: admin@dumbleyungcrc.com

The Siren—Emilia Hart

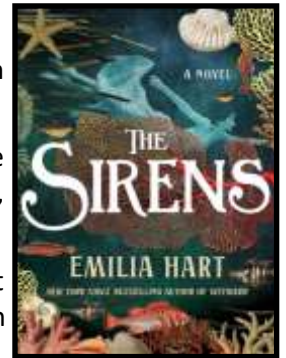
A new Adult fiction title that explores the bonds of sister hood and shared trauma, enshrouded in several facets of mystery.

The story follows the protagonist Lucy, who is running from what she has done and what someone has done against her. She runs into the arms of the one person who will understand her conundrum, her sister: Jess. But upon arrival to Jess' home, is met with an eerie desolate scene. Jess is gone.

Lucy is alone more than ever, in a strange town, who have fortified their reputation from the vast number of men that have disappeared without a trace. A sea-coast town, steeped heavily in superstition, occultism and mermaid mythology begins to unravel at the seams.

Lucy begins to hear the murmur of women's voices amongst the waves that crash into her psyche. As Lucy searches for Jess, the voices become louder and louder, reaching an all encompassing crescendo that lure her closer to her sister or perhaps to the secrets that lay ultimately at the bottom of the ocean.

It is the classic tale of two sisters on different journeys, bound, but separated. Searching for each other through the centuries. But will this tale result in the happy ending, we as humans so desperately seek?



Movie

Never Let Go—Starring Halle Berry

A little different this newsletter. I'll be reviewing a movie, with the help of an expert movie critic: Ross Hood. A man of very few words, but impactful nonetheless!

This movie was down right weird. Halle Berry is a magnificent actress in her own right, but unfortunately her talent did not shine through in this film. The film overall, has quite dark contrast, making it hard to see what was actually going on. Watching this film is like wearing sunglasses indoors *and* with all the curtains drawn. You'll need a flashlight. But not for the jump scares, which were lacklustre and unoriginal.

The movie has lot's of plot holes, leaving you with more unanswered questions than necessary. In the famous words of Ross "I wouldn't pay any money to see it" and "Not Worth it". So there you have it folks, come rent it from the Library for **Free**, it still may not be worth it, but at least it's free...right?

Thankyou to Ross for your contribution to the Library Newsletter!

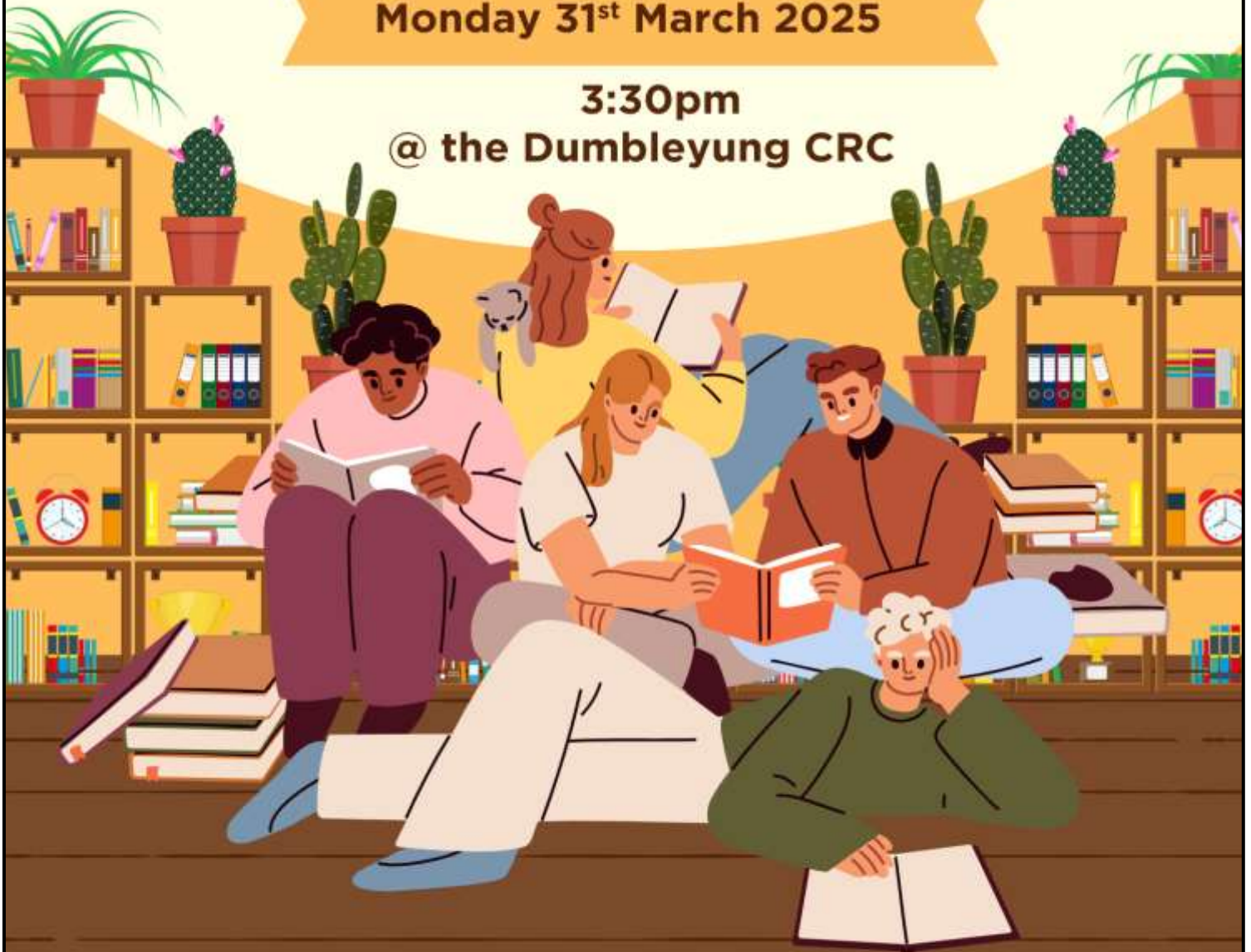
At Dumbleyung Library we have an assortment of DVDs across a range of genre's. Come down to see if something peaks your interest!



ALL WELCOME TO
THE DUMBLEYUNG & KUKERIN
BOOK CLUB
GENERAL MEETING

Monday 31st March 2025

3:30pm
@ the Dumbleyung CRC





SHIRE OF DUMBLEYUNG

Spotlight

Community Risk Assessment Workshop Have Your Say!

Join us for the Shire of Dumbleyung Community Risk Assessment Workshop and help shape the future of emergency preparedness in our community!

Thursday, 27th March 2025

6:00pm - 7:30pm

**Stubbs Park Pavilion,
70 Bahrs Rd, Dumbleyung**

This is your chance to share local knowledge, identify potential risks, and collaborate on strategies to keep Dumbleyung safe. Whether you're a resident, business owner, or part of a community group—your input is invaluable!

Can't attend in person? That's ok, scan the QR code in the poster to attend virtually via Teams.

Together, we can build a safer and more resilient community!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1EiedjrGej/>

SHIRE OF DUMBLEYUNG
WORKSHOP

COMMUNITY RISK ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

STUBBS PARK PAVILION 70 Bahrs Rd, Dumbleyung
Thursday, 27 March 2025 - 6:00pm - 7:30pm

ABOUT THIS CLASS
A hands-on workshop focused on identifying and rating local emergency risks such as:

- 🔥 Bushfire
- 🌊 Flood
- ⚡ Extreme events

Community members are invited to attend this workshop to help how we manage and mitigate risk.

WHY ATTEND?
The Shire of Dumbleyung, with the Shires of Kent and Lake Grace, has recently entered in to a combined local emergency management arrangement (LEMA). Together, the Shires are reviewing how they prevent, prepare, respond and recover from emergencies.
We need your **help to identify local risks and incident types.**

Scan to attend via Teams

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Burning Periods

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JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN
JUL AUG SEPT OCT NOV DEC

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD
November - January
ALL burning is prohibited during this period.

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD
February - March & September - October
Burning is permitted ONLY in accordance with a permit, and follow permit conditions.

BURNING ALLOWED
April - August
No permits required, still exercise caution.

Permits to burn during the **Restricted Burning Periods** can only be obtained from Shire Fire Control Officers.

It is the responsibility of the permit holder to check that there is no Total Fire Ban imposed, or that the Fire Danger Rating (FDR) is not VERY HIGH or ABOVE, permits are invalid during those times.

To report a fire, phone 000.
To register for SMS notification, contact the Shire on 9863 4012.



SHIRE OF DUMBLEYUNG

Spotlight

ANZAC Day Event

We warmly invite you to join us for our ANZAC Day service.

Any service men, women or civilians wishing to march, please assemble outside the CRC at 11.15am.

See poster below for more information and for more updates, visit the Facebook event page by clicking the link below.

[Dumbleyung ANZAC Day Service | Facebook](#)

LEST WE FORGET

ANZAC DAY

FRIDAY, 25TH APRIL 2025
11:30 AM

DUMBLEYUNG WAR MEMORIAL, ABSOLON ST

About Our Event!

We warmly invite you to join us for our ANZAC Day service.

Any service men, women or civilians wishing to march, please assemble outside the CRC at 11:15am

Contact Us

Shire of Dumbleyung: 9863 4012 or kristina.pearce@dumbleyung.wa.gov.au

Event Highlights

11:30am ANZAC Day Service ◀
March or lay a wreath at the Dumbleyung War Memorial in remembrance.

Australian Light Horse Members

Guest Speakers

12:00pm BBQ Lunch ◀
A BBQ lunch provided at the Dumbleyung District Club
BYO salad or slice to share.

Book Launch ◀
Hear from the creators of the book Dumbleyung and Districts Those Who Served.

Dinner available at the C.O.D.I ◀

Accommodation Options for visitors Caravan Parks, Free RV stays, Units and Hotel Rooms visit: www.visitdumbleyungshire.com/accommodation

Relationships – Personal and Other!

May 1, 2024—Warrior Wellbeing Articles

We are all challenged, in both our personal and other relationships in life, whether we have a partner, are single, or involved in the many community groups and workplaces that make our life tick.

Personal relationships go through many stages that challenge the ever-changing dynamic of our relationships. These stages can be the catalyst for relationships ending, through people growing apart and being challenged by their own emotional insecurity and identity. Some of these stages may include:

having children and/or 'empty nesting' when the kids leave home;

a death or sickness in the family or community group we belong to;

the stages of a man's life when our identity is challenged, usually around late adolescence, mid-life, and retirement.

Finding that sense of purpose along with passions/interests is the key for balance in our life;

menopause has many phases which often challenge ladies, as blokes we quite often do not observe changes in those women around us even though it is happening under our eyes. It is necessary to adapt our habits to suit;

diminished testosterone levels due to ageing (male menopause);

the people we choose to associate with.

We must remember – It is not your responsibility to make your spouse happy. It is up to each person to make that happen for themselves. We do, however, play a significant role in whether or not our spouses feel appreciated, which is a good start for a healthy relationship.

"If your home environment is good, peaceful and easy, your life is better and easier." (Lori Greiner)

As blokes our relationships are also quite often challenged in the community setting/workplace and the 'my way or the highway' approach. If we have been single all our life or have lost a partner recently, being connected to community through groups of interest is important. Accepting diversity and being prepared to try new interests will lead us down the path of many new and enduring relationships.

Being able to agree to disagree respectfully is a skill that seems lost on society, and an important one to maintain good relationships. We do not have to believe in the many things that people may say, but with compassion, compromise and empathy (the ability to understand and share the thoughts of another person) we can still be involved in that community group. Many blokes butt heads and walk away, missing the many benefits of being connected.

All relationships are ongoing and a work in progress. It is imperative that we communicate, communicate, and communicate more to have healthy relationships and reap the health benefits that go with it. It is also important that if the relationship (in any setting) is not working and/or unrecoverable, it is alright to walk away.

I read an article recently on relationships which included the following summation: "Honesty is the most valuable attribute you can bring to a relationship, along with a willingness to communicate and compromise," remembering compromise is about give and take, not one-sided sacrifice."

As always, remember...before it all gets too much...Talk to a Mate!!

By The Regional Men's Health Initiative



WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE



Understanding Our Prostate

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
April 2025

Recent ABS data indicates prostate cancer is the 2nd most common cancer to cause death in Aussie males, with around 3700 deaths each year. In the work we do, great importance is placed on educating men and hearing their individual stories around early detection & diagnosis, treatment options, post-surgery & other treatment recovery, and most importantly being a prostate cancer survivor.

However, there is also a much broader and holistic conversation that needs to be had at the same time about this little gland that makes up an important part of our manhood. Because along with prostate cancer there are two other major issues that can affect the prostate:

- Prostate enlargement (BPH: benign prostatic hyperplasia) – the most common prostate disease in men is enlargement of the prostate gland
- Prostatitis (inflammation of the prostate gland that can cause pain)

The prostate gland is an important part of our reproductive system, it is about the size of a walnut (in a young man) and makes the fluid that protects, transports and feeds the sperm produced.

This little gland is shaped like a donut and the tube we pee with (the urethra) passes right through its centre. The problem is that as part of the ageing process the prostate keeps growing, trebling in size over our life, and as the prostate enlarges it can restrict the urethra, inhibiting our ability to urinate properly.

Most of us know that some older men have trouble emptying their bladder. Sometimes this means getting up often during the night and not being able to urinate when they need to, which is a nuisance and can be embarrassing. Something more serious could be happening such as a blockage, which can cause repeated urinary tract infections or result in bladder or kidney problems, or it could be prostate cancer. Unfortunately, the symptoms of several prostate conditions are similar.

UNDERSTANDING OUR PROSTATE

LESSON #1

OUR AGING PROSTATE MAY GROW
GIVING US GRIEF DOWN BELOW
SO SEE YOUR G.P.
IF AS YOU PEE
YOUR FLOW, GIVES YOU WOE, WHEN YOU GO.

As men, we need to act on any prostate issue that is affecting us and find out if it is part of the natural ageing process or something else. If troubled by urination problems, see a doctor (no matter what our age). If the doctor agrees that our symptoms need further investigation, we may need to undergo a few tests.

Diet is important to prostate health, we know that eating about 150 grams of nuts a week and incorporating natural red foods such as beetroot, tomato and watermelon into our diet, helps keep our prostate and the rest of our body in good condition. Regular low to moderate intensity exercise also plays a big role, a brisk 30min walk can not only make us feel great but can help reduce the risk of prostate problems. Exercises that strengthen our pelvic floor (yes, we do have one!) are not only important for dealing with issues surrounding our prostate health, but also the bowel, bladder and even our sexual function.

📍 @RMHI_4blokes

🎧 Working with Warriors Podcast

🌐 regionalmenshealth.com.au



Working Cats Deserve Tax Deductible Status, Say Researchers and Farmers

The hit TV show *Muster Dogs* elevated the profile of working dogs, but farmers and researchers say more consideration should be given to working cats.

For thousands of years farmers have kept cats for their talents at catching rats and mice, and now there are calls for people working the land to be able to claim tax deductions for felines.

Farmers can already write off some of the costs of keeping working animals like dogs and horses, but working cats have fallen behind.

Vital on dairy farms

Sam Holmes' family has kept cats on their dairy farm at Candelo on the NSW far south coast for decades.

"Working cats have been here since my pop ran the farm," she said. "We had a lot of cats here. It was getting quite out of control."

New research suggested granting tax deductions for items such as the cost of desexing working cats, tick treatments, and registrations.

The researchers interviewed 15 dairy farmers in New South Wales and Queensland who had between three and 60 cats on their farms and had enrolled their cats in a free desexing program. It found it could not only save farmers money but improve the lives of the cats as well. Co-author of the research Olivia Forge worked with dairy farmers in the Bega Valley to control the number of cats on their properties. She said modern dairy farmers rely "very heavily" on working cats and were considered as essential for pest control. "It just takes one rat to chew through a wire on one of these all-electronic dairies and production is closed down," Ms Forge said.

One of the dairy farmers interviewed for the study said he had not had an equipment break down in the seven years since he had cats on his property.

Of the 15 farmers interviewed, 10 had previously used rat poison, but said it was less effective than their cats, expensive, and unsafe.

"A lot of the farmers don't like to use rat bait because they've got working dogs, and also the rat bait's not good for the environment in general," Ms Forge said.

"Cats are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

All farmers interviewed considered the cost of desexing and microchipping their cats as too high which can result in cat populations getting out of control, having a detrimental impact on native wildlife.

Ms Holmes said desexing their working cats was not previously an option because of the cost involved. She said other costs also eat into the family finances. "We treat our cats with tick treatment," she said. "That's just an extra cost that we're taking out of our own pocket, not out of the business."



Dairy farmer Sam Holmes with cat Candelo. (Supplied: Sam Holmes)



Ben Winter with a kitten on a dairy farm in Candelo. (Supplied: Sam Holmes)

Tax deduction could be win-win

The United Kingdom and the United States both allow farmers to make tax deductions for the upkeep of their working cats, but the Australian Tax Office only recognises horses and dogs as working animals — provided they are trained for the role and are not pets.

Any change in Australia would require change to tax rules and state and federal law reforms. Ms Forge said making treatments tax deductible would be a win-win for farmers and conservationists. According to the Invasive Species Council, cats kill more than a billion native animals a year. "If we give an incentive for these cats to be managed with tax deductibility, then that will mean less cats. "When cats are desexed, they roam less and they stay much closer to home."

SPORT NEWS

School Swimming Carnival

The Dumbleyung, Kukerin and Nyabing Swimming Carnival was held last Friday at the Kulin Swimming Pool. It was a great day of competition and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all individual medal winners, to Nyabing on winning the Norm and Dulcie Cronin Shield and to Kukerin on winning the Golden Flipper.

Submitted by Deborah Doney.

Dumbleyung, Kukerin and Nyabing Swimming Carnival 2025 Championship Results			
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	Name	School	Points
Year 3 Champion Girl	Isla Hobley	Nyabing	26
Runner Up	Layla Smith	Dumbleyung	16
Year 3 Champion Boy	Alex Browne	Nyabing	30
Runner Up	Tobin Gray	Kukerin	12
Year 4 Champion Girl	Emmy Jefferis Harper Davidson	Dumbleyung Kukerin	16
Runner Up			–
Year 4 Champion Boy	Logan Davidson Liam Hobley	Kukerin Nyabing	20
Runner Up	Duke Ward Archie Sutherland	Dumbleyung Nyabing	10
Year 5 Champion Girl	Sophie Hobley	Nyabing	32
Runner Up	Ruby Mott	Kukerin	20
Year 5 Champion Boy	Hamish Gooding	Dumbleyung	28
Runner Up	Boyd Gray	Kukerin	24
Year 6 Champion Girl	Eloise Bartram	Dumbleyung	36
Runner Up	Emily Crosby	Nyabing	28
Year 6 Champion Boy	Taj Mott	Kukerin	30
Runner Up	Spencer Browne	Nyabing	20
			TIME
100m CHAMPION GIRL	Emily Crosby	Nyabing	1.36.07
100m CHAMPION BOY	Taj Mott	Kukerin	1.32.66

Overall Points		
Dumbleyung	Kukerin	Nyabing
369 - 3 rd	479 - 2 nd	540 - 1 st
Records		
Name	Event	Record
Taj Mott	Year 6 Boys Freestyle 50m	37.35
Taj Mott	Year 6 Boys Backstroke 50m	47.72
Golden Flipper		
1 st - Kukerin	2 nd - Dumbleyung	3 rd - Nyabing



Golden Flipper Photo: Ricky Mott, Damien Gooding, Eva Gooding, Taj Mott, Chelsea Mott, Chad Davidson, Ruby Mott & Quinn Davidson.

SPORT NEWS

Kukerin Bowling Club

Belated news from Kukerin bowling club. February 8th Kukerin travelled to Kondinin and in a close fought encounter came away winners 6—2 and the narrow margin of five shots. 22nd of February we travelled to Karlgarin and won comfortably 7—1 which gave Kukerin a fighting chance of playing finals pending the results of the final game of the home and away season, Kukerin were at home to league leaders Kulin on March 15th and were soundly defeated although each club won two rinks and missed out on playing in the finals by three points, however the Club should be proud of the efforts during a difficult period of time where we are lacking numbers.

The Kukerin Club would like to thank all people who have made themselves available to enable the club to field a team for all games.

The semi-finals of the pennant season were played last Saturday and Newdegate will play Lake Grace at Kondinin next Saturday 20th March commencing at 1.00 pm. Over the sixty plus years of the league the pennant has only come South to Kukerin, Lake Grace, or Newdegate, six times previously with once only to each of Lake Grace and Newdegate.

The club championship singles were played on Sunday 23rd February and in the laddie's event there were only three players. Therese King, Rebecca King, and Beverley Davidson who played a sectional competition which was won by Beverley Davidson, with Therese King, as runner-up. Rebecca King playing in her first championship event showed some good form against her more experienced opponents.

The men's event saw a major upset when defending champion Tim Adams was defeated by father Phil in the first round. Phil then won his way to the final. Matthew King was to be his opponent after winning his way there by winning his games. The final began and King jumped out to a seven nil lead early but Adams fought back to make a good match which was won by King 25-21 in a good quality game.

Kukerin Bowling Club wind-up and presentation of trophies for season 24-25 is to be held at the Kukerin Community Hub this Thursday 27th beginning at 6.30 pm.

Submitted by Phil Adams.



L-R: T.King, R.King, B.Davidson



L-R: P. Adams runner-up and M.King Singles Champion

RECIPES

Peanut Butter and Cookie Brownie

Ingredients:

- 165g butter, softened
- 2/3 cup (150g) brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 cups (225g) plain flour
- 1/4 cups (25g) cocoa powder
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 2 tbsp milk
- 200g dark chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup (140g) peanut butter
- 2 x 23g pkts Oreo biscuits, coarsely broken











Method:









- Preheat oven to 180 degrees. Grease a 19cm x 29cm slice pan and line the base and sides with baking paper, allowing the 2 long sides to overhang.
- Use an electric mixer to beat butter and combined sugar in a bowl until pale and creamy. Beat in egg. Add flour, cocoa powder, baking powder and milk then stir until just combined. Stir in chocolate.
- Spoon the chocolate mixture, alternating with peanut butter, into the prepared pan. Use a round-bladed knife to gently marble. Smooth the surface. Sprinkle with biscuit pieces and dark chocolate. Bake for 30 mins or until a skewer inserted in the centre comes out clean.

WEATHER

DUMBLEYUNG

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
							
36° 17°	34° 19°	32° 19°	34° 17°	28° 16°	29° 14°	27° 16°	26° 11°

KUKERIN

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
							
36° 17°	34° 18°	32° 20°	34° 17°	27° 16°	28° 15°	27° 18°	27° 13°

WHOPPIT WHIP AROUND

BIRTHDAY MESSAGES

Happy Birthday wishes to the following locals who celebrate their birthdays in the next fortnight. Have a great day.

March

26- Paul King

April

02- Lana Jose

03- Evelyn Bennett

04- Curtis Shepherd

08- Stockton Shotter

09- Ruby Mott



Send through your friends and families birthdays to be added to our register!



Invitation to wider community

Stubbs Park Board of Management

AGM

WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL 6.00PM

STUBBS PARK, BAHR'S ROAD

*All correspondence to
stubbsparksec@gmail.com*

or call President Carmen 0407 001 440

All affiliated clubs must send a delegate

DUMBLEYUNG EVENTS COMMITTEE
PRESENTS



**DUMBLEYUNG TOWN HALL
FRIDAY 20 JUNE 2025**

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**MC & COMEDIAN
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7.00PM START**

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dumbleyungevents@gmail.com





KUKERIN AG SOCIETY AGM

Please send any Agenda items or Apologies to:
kukerinagsociety@gmail.com

DATE 
 MONDAY 31ST MARCH 2025

TIME 
 7:00PM

LOCATION 
 KUKERIN COMMUNITY HUB



JOB VACANCY

CASUAL CLEANER

DUMBLEYUNG POLICE STATION

Position description:

- Vacuum, sweep and mopping floors
- Clean and maintain restroom and restock essentials
- Dust, sanitise high touched areas
- Clean kitchen space
- Empty office bins and replace liners
- Maintain cleaning equipment and stock levels
- Maintain awareness of OSHA safety standards and contribute to a zero-incident workplace

TO APPLY SEND YOUR RESUME TO BELOW EMAIL ADDRESS OR SEE DAVE AT THE DUMBLEYUNG POLICE STATION

 dave.atkins@police.wa.gov.au

 34/36 Absolone St, Dumbleyung

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

COMBINED LEMC MEETING



Thursday, 27th March 2025
 11:00am



Shire of Dumbleyung Council Chambers
 32 Harvey ST, Dumbleyung WA 6350

 ryan.sutherland@dfes.wa.gov.au  0436 668 242

3 GENERATION REUNION




DUMBLEYUNG SKI CLUB PLAQUE UNVEILING

1:30PM SATURDAY, 29TH MARCH 2025
DUMBLEYUNG SKI CLUB, DARE DVE
(OFF BULLOCK HILLS RD)

GUEST SPEAKERS
ARNOLD BLACK
JOAN WARD

The Dumbleyung Ski Club invites you to a memorable afternoon as we unveil a plaque and history board in honour of the five founding members who helped shape our club's legacy!

BYO eskie & seat (No glass)

Accommodation Options for visitors Caravan Parks, Free RV stays, Units and Hotel Rooms visit: www.visitdumbleyungshire.com/accommodation



REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK LAKE TRAIL MASTER PLAN DRAFT

The Dumbleyung Lake Trail Masterplan Draft is now open for public comment! The masterplan seeks to develop additional areas around the lake into a future trail to increase tourism and community access consistent with the Dumbleyung Destination Development Plan.

Email your feedback to enquiries@dumbleyung.wa.gov.au

Enquiries contact
Shire of Dumbleyung
(08) 9863 4012

CLOSE 4PM FRIDAY 28TH MARCH 2025




View the Dumbleyung Lake Trail Masterplan here:
www.dumbleyung.wa.gov.au/publicnotices

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Dinner included. No pressure to sign up. All welcome.

Thursday 10th April

6:15pm

Dumbleyung Subcentre

30 Harvey St, Dumbleyung

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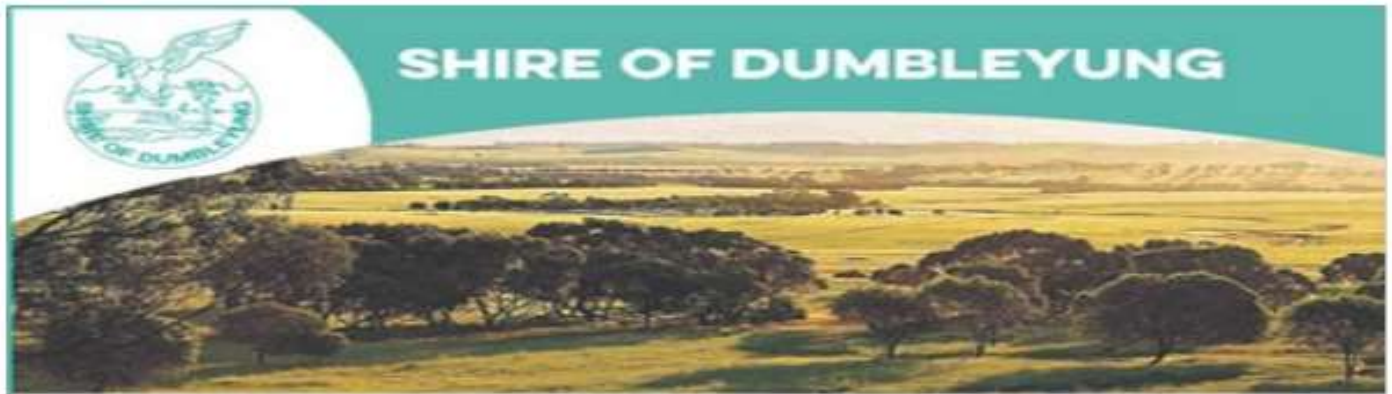
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The successful applicant will be responsible for coordinating the Shire's road maintenance, road construction and works programs and have a thorough understanding and focus on all the operational arrangements within the Shire. The Director of Infrastructure is also responsible for managing the financial performance of the Works & Services section. Working with the Executive Management Team to deliver the Council's Strategic Community Plan and Asset Management Plans for the Shire.

To be successful for this position you must possess:

- Previous experience in a senior management position
- Proven leadership, teamwork and effective interpersonal skills
- Exceptional communication skills
- Sound working knowledge of road maintenance and construction methods (including bridges)
- Practical experience in footpath, drainage, parks & gardens, buildings maintenance & construction
- High level skills in planning and budgeting of projects

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An information package can be obtained via the Shires website www.dumbleyung.wa.gov.au/employmentopportunities. Further information about the position is available by contacting the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Gavin Treasure, on (08) 9863 4012 or mobile 0429 634 012.

Applications detailing experience, qualifications and including statements addressing the selection criteria can be emailed to mdavidson@dumbleyung.wa.gov.au or mailed to Shire of Dumbleyung, PO Box 99, Dumbleyung WA 6350, marked **Private and Confidential – Director of Infrastructure position**. Applications are to be received by 4pm, Friday 18th April 2025.

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Corner Harvey & Dawson Street
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DATE	TIME	EVENT/LOCATION
Wednesday 26/03/2025		
Thursday 27/03/2025		Community Risk Assessment Workshop LEMAC Meeting
Friday 28/03/2025		
Saturday 29/03/2025		Bowling Grand Final @ Kondinin (Bowling Club), Dumbleyung Ski Club Plaque Unveiling
Sunday 30/03/2025		
Monday 31/04/2025		Ladies Country Week (Bowling Club) School Council Meeting Kukerin Ag Society AGM
Tuesday 01/04/2025		NetSet Go Netball at Stubbs Park 4.00pm
Wednesday 02/04/2025		Stubbs Park Board of Management AGM
Thursday 03/04/2025		Ellerslie Spa Clinic
Friday 04/04/2025		
Saturday 05/04/2025		Lake Grace/Kukerin Vs Burracopin in Merredin (Hockey) Lakeview Gold Club First hit of the season (Golf)
Sunday 06/04/2025		
Monday 08/04/2025		
Tuesday 07/04/2025		Lake Grace/Kukerin Vs Kellerberrin in Corrigin (Hockey)

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