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## Feedback

Tell us what you liked, what you didn't like, what could be improved and what you would like to see.

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# SHIRE NEWS

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## From the Desk of the CEO

### Council Elections

Councillors Walton, McQuie, and Allison were returned unopposed at the close of nominations at 4.00PM on the 7<sup>th</sup> September, and were declared elected by the returning officer.

Congratulations to those Councillors who will now sit as your Council voice for the next 4 years.

As you are aware, this year's election process was conducted by the West Australian Electoral Commission.

The old days of first past the post no longer exist, and Council felt that allowing the Electoral Commission to conduct the election, with their expertise was the safest option.

Changes to the Local Government Act regarding how votes are counted and what happens at the conclusion of counting should an elected member resign at a date in the future, are just a couple of changes, which, when calculated on WAEC software, is a relatively easy process.

### September Council Meeting

The September meeting was relatively quiet, with Council reviewing some more policies as required under the *Local Government Act 1995*. Council's policy manual comprises 6 sections and Council will review one section each month until the biennial review is complete.

The Christmas shutdown will take place from the 20<sup>th</sup> December until the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024.

There is still a lot happening behind the scenes as Council continue to look at a proposal to make more land available around the town for industrial purposes.

It is expected that an item will be presented to Council in October for formal adoption regarding this.



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## From the Desk of the CEO

### Tidy Towns

A Community BBQ was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September in recognition of the judging of the tidy towns.

A big thank you to all those who assisted in the cleanup, helping our town to look spick and span.

### Fire Breaks

As summer approaches please ensure your fire breaks have been put in place on vacant lots. This year's dry conditions coupled with the winds we have been experiencing will assist a fire spread faster than a bad rumour around town.

### Grid Signs

For those that are a little confused about the numbers that are being erected on grids around the Shire, here's what they mean.

The Number represents the SLK or Straight-Line Kilometre of that road.

As an example, the Paynes Find Road begins at the Mt Magnet Leinster Road; therefore, the intersection is 0.00 SLK.

A grid with the number 20 on this road, means it is 20 Kilometres from that intersection.

### CHARLIE BROWN

Chief Executive Officer



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## Council meeting dates 2023

October	26 <sup>th</sup>
November	23 <sup>rd</sup>
December	14 <sup>th</sup>



Meetings commence at 1:00pm in Council Chambers located at the rear of the Shire Administration Centre

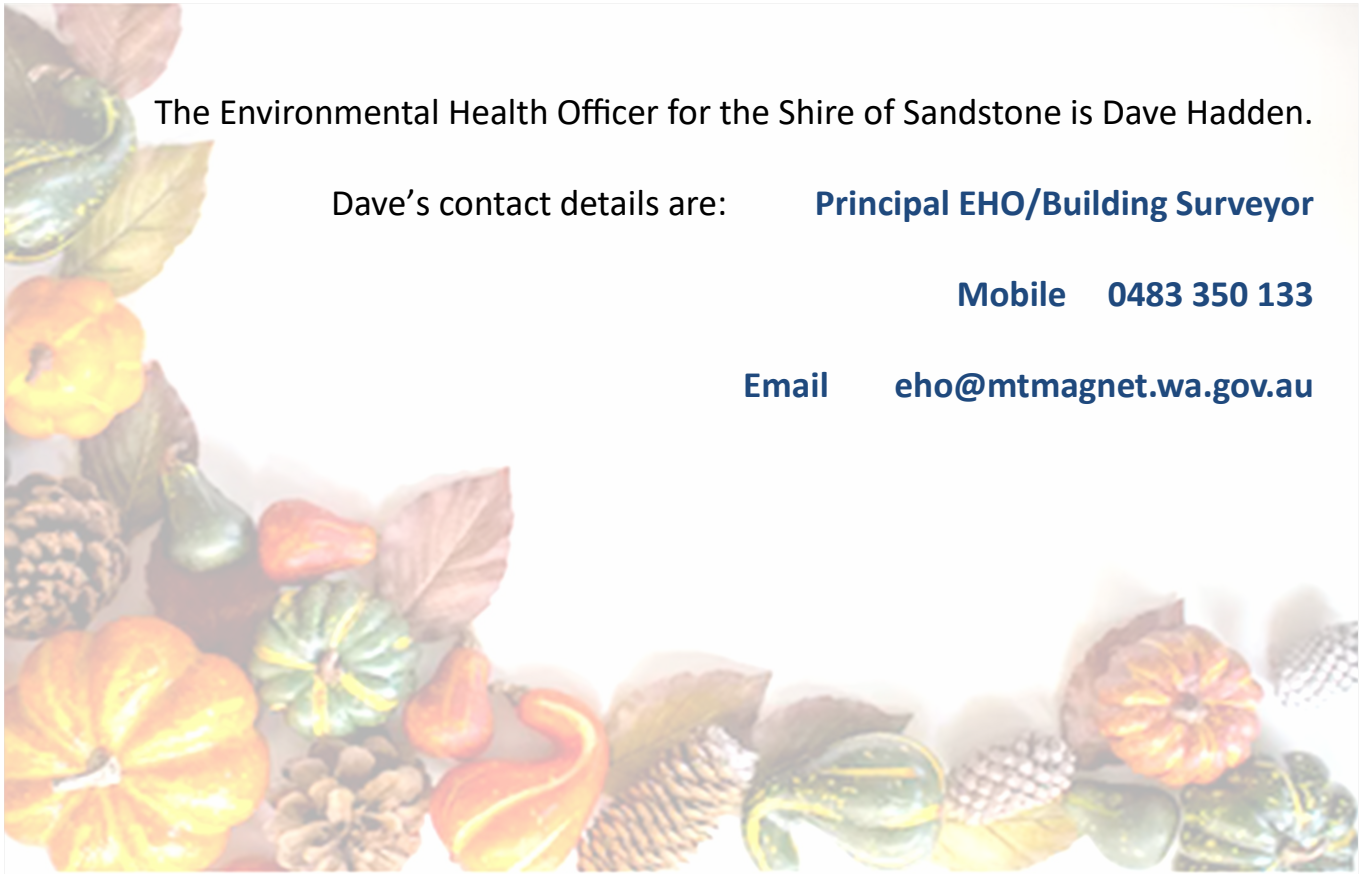
Meetings are open to the public

The Environmental Health Officer for the Shire of Sandstone is Dave Hadden.

Dave's contact details are: **Principal EHO/Building Surveyor**

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**SHIRE OF SANDSTONE**  
SERVE THE PEOPLE

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY POSTAL ELECTION  
NOTICE OF RESULTS  
Shire of Sandstone**

The result of the Ordinary Election conducted as a postal vote on Saturday, 21 October 2023 is as follows:

## CANDIDATES ELECTED UNOPPOSED

District	Expiry of Term
ALLISON, James David	16 October 2027
MCQUIE, Vicki	16 October 2027
WALTON, Bethel	16 October 2027

**James David ALLISON** is elected as Councillor for the Shire of Sandstone and will hold office until 16 October 2027.

**Victoria Jane MCQUIE** is elected as Councillor for the Shire of Sandstone and will hold office until 16 October 2027.

**Bethel WALTON** is elected as Councillor for the Shire of Sandstone and will hold office until 16 October 2027.

**Kim MOON**  
**RETURNING OFFICER**  
0487 898 531



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
Electoral Commission

## Compliments

We received below letter in the mail with congratulations on our Bush Telegraph. We are proud to see that the Bush Telegraph traveled all the way up to Melbourne!

Thank you very much Fay and please don't apologise for the snail mail. Hand-written letters are sadly becoming a 'Lost Art' so we appreciate the time spent writing and sending the letter, giving your correspondence a very personal touch.

19. 08. 23

To Administration  
Sandstone Shire WA

- 5 SEP 2023

Dear Bush Telegraph Editor

Excuse the snail mail but I'm in my nineties and haven't moved on as yet!

Recently my Reath daughter visited Sandstone and sent me the July copy of your Bush Telegraph. The reason I am writing is to congratulate all involved in the production of such a fantastic publication and to let you know how far it has travelled and how much it is appreciated.

It's amazing to see something such as this put out by a small community.

Very best wishes in all you do.

Yours sincerely  
(MAS) Fay B



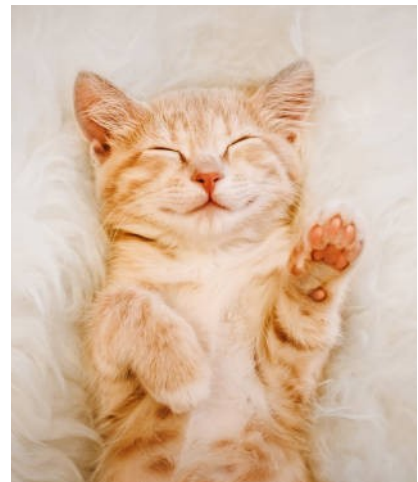
Below note received from Apolonia. Thank you for visiting Sandstone and for your compliments on the Post Office Café toasty. We hope you enjoyed your stay.

The ladies at the Post Office Café are doing a marvelous job making sure fresh food and hot & cold drinks are available for all who come and visit and lets not forget the positive atmosphere and service with a smile.

Keep up the good work!

To the shire of  
Sandstone

This was the BEST  
toasted Chicken, Cheese  
+ Mayo with special herbs  
to season, that I've had  
I'll recommend this  
Cafe to everyone.  
Love Apolonia



And last but not least, below extracts from our Visitor Centre visitors register for September.

Thoughts  
 Excellent collection.  
 Wonderful town. V helpful info Centre

Great for tourism & opening up  
 our state  
 Very interesting & historical.

Nice little museum capturing some  
 interesting history.

Awesome place.

What an absolutely beautiful  
 town.  
 Interesting museum.

FANTASTIC PLACE  
 LOTS OF HISTORY

Good DISPLAY.

Thoughts  
 AMAZING CLEAN PRETTY  
 Thanks so much!

Great display!

Lovely little town!

Sandstone... what a gem!

Lovely little place!

VERY WELL DONE.

lovely staff and very interesting  
 thank you.

Thoughts  
 FANTASTIC, WELL DONE  
 Lots of MEMORIES

Wonderful Museum

Beautiful town, very  
 welcoming with interesting  
 museum.

Beautiful & clean town especially the Post office  
 Cafe, Visitors Centre + Memorial area. Museum had  
 some items never seen before. Congratulations

Thank you for your beautiful welcome  
 and sharing your community spirit. Sandstone  
 is a colonial, quiet & tidy oasis in the  
 outback - we loved it!  
 A Very interesting & well set out  
 display - A charming Receptionist  
 Well done!!

Thoughts  
 lovely tidy town.

great display. lovely neat town!

lovely town. Beautiful Murals.

Such a friendly town

Tidy, nice C/P.  
 thanks

Beautiful, well maintained  
 town

great i spot - very helpful staff.

Thoughts  
 This Shire needs to be  
 Very proud of the towns,  
 attractions & heritage it is  
 providing! Excellent. Loved it.  
 The most peaceful week  
 and friendly people. We'll be  
 be back for sure - Thank-you!

lovely & quiet Shame about  
 the flies!

Love this place!

THANK YOU  
 VERY CLEAN TOWN.

Thank you for lots of  
 information

Thoughts  
 Cool, little town.  
 Nice HISTORIC TOWN.

GREAT TIDY TOWN  
 shankyou. So informative  
 such a lovely town, so loved & friendly  
 GREAT TOWN + GREAT PEOPLE

## Community Get-Together by Tracey

What a fabulous evening we had at the Recreation Centre on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The community gathered together to socialize eat, drink and watch the footie semi-finals and suffice to say, a great time was had by all.

We are looking forward to the finals with a sausage sizzle on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> September.



Andy and Danny



Bobbie



Freda and Keith



Brian and Wayne



Harry and Sue



Karan and Brigitte



Kim and Jo



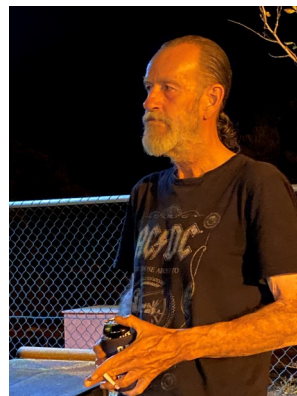
Muriel and Danny



Tanya and Dell



Mark and Tanya



Julian



Group Picture  
Watching the footy

## Water Tank Fame

The Water Tanks are attracting fame fast! Below screenshots from ABC Midwest and Wheatbelt Facebook page, attracting positive feedback from all over. Posted on Monday 18th September and already 2K likes, 164 comments and 175 shares.

**ABC Midwest and Wheatbelt**  
2 d · 🌐

Recognise these water tanks?

Water tanks in Sandstone have received a colourful makeover.

Patrycja Hannagan, known by her artist name Mural Nomad, is a travelling artist currently completing murals throughout Western Australia.

"Painting in Sandstone was a fantastic experience and I love to see my art contrasting with the colours of the outback!"

"Many people in the outback hold dear memories with their working dogs and this one got a lot of love from the tourists and locals."

👤 Mural Nomad



- Sue Smith**  
Wow they are stunning!  
1 d Like Reply 2 🍎🍎

**Mural Nomad** replied · 1 Reply
- Margo Bellis**  
Yes.....saw them recently with the morning sun on them  
2 d Like Reply 2 🍎🍎
- Jo Lacy** (Top fan)  
Beautiful  
1 d Like Reply 1 🍎

**Mural Nomad** replied · 1 Reply
- Kylie Gibson**  
Beautiful work 😍  
1 d Like Reply 3 🍎


**Mural Nomad** replied · 3 replies
- Joan Hunter Smith**  
Love these tank arts May have to go back to Sandstone very soon just to see these.  
1 d Like Reply 2 🍎

🍎🍎 2K


175 shares

**Most relevant** ▾

- Kaylene Harris**  
They are beautifully done and will be a great drawcard for the town. We were there yesterday and can see them as you enter Sanstone - loved them, well done 😊



1 d Like Reply 4 🍎🍎
- Bruce Wilson**  
Was there a couple of weeks ago, beautiful paintings, also town's entrance was a ripper too


- Karolyn Mason**  
Beautiful murals  
2 d Like Reply 1 🍎
- Beth Mitchell**  
Fantastic  
5 h Like Reply
- Paul Stinson**  
Great improvement for the town. National hotel upgrade next?  
23 h Like Reply
- Alice Butler** (Top fan)  
Sandstone is really looking pretty 😍  
2 d Like Reply 1 🍎
- Joyce McInally**  
Awesome!!!!
- Anthea Lange**  
I pass thru sandstone at least once a year looking forward to visiting these wonderful images  
1 d Like Reply
- Karen Welham**  
Great work  
1 d Like Reply 1 🍎

## Tidy Towns by Tegan

Thank you to everyone who joined in on the clean ups around town and supported us through the tidy towns submission. It was great seeing so many locals come together and celebrate our beautiful home.

Charlie did a great job with the snags for the BBQ and all the salads and deserts from Beth, Tania and Bridget were delicious! The evening was a lot of fun.

Sandstone certainly is a gem in the outback and everyone should be proud at how they keep their community tidy and welcoming; I feel very lucky to be a part of it.

“Thank you for your beautiful welcome and sharing your community spirit. Sandstone is a colourful, quiet, and tidy oasis in the outback – we loved it! ”  
Maureen and Roselt (2023 tidy towns judges).



Jo



Julian



Charlie and Danny



Beth



Roselt and Maureen



Community BBQ

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WE LOVE OUR BUSH WIE "SANDSTONIANS" DO  
AND WE'D LIKE TO SHARE IT ALL WITH YOU  
BUT PLEASE TAKE CARE - AND HEED MY WORDS  
LEAVE IT CLEAN - SO WE WON'T KNOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN.

LEAVE THE LIVING TREES UNTOUCHED,  
THE FALLEN TIMBERS ARE THE GO, FOR BBQ'S AND SUCH.

WHERE WE HAVE NO BINS FOR YOURS

STOW IT MATE! THERE'S NO EXCUSE.

THERE IS NO TOILET, LOO OR DUNNY

USE A SHOVEL! I'M NOT BEING FUNNY!

ENJOY OUR BIRDS AND WIDLIFE TO

OUR FLOWERS AND BREAKAWAYS WILL DAZZLE YOU.

ENJOY THIS LAND OF PEACE AND QUIET,  
THE CLEAR BLUE SKYS -

THE WONDEROUS NIGHTS,

AND WHEN YOU RETURN TO WHENCE YOU CAME,

PASS ON THE WORD - TELL OF OUR FAME.

FOR WE HAVE SOMETHING SPECIAL HERE

THAT YOU CAN'T FIND JUST ANYWHERE,

AND THAT'S WHY WE LIKE LIVING HERE.

MEG GRIFFITHS

29/6/99

## Art Show Artists

Beth W.

The highest bid for Vicki's quilt, "Aussie Springtime", at the Art Show was from Paddy Weir for \$620.00.

The proceeds for this quilt will be donated to the RFDS.



Isobel



Jo and Tegan



Annie



Lana



Karan



Vicki



Marie Kristine



Margaret



Sandy

## Eagle's Nest

Photos by Margaret Duhig

Below are some beautiful pictures submitted by Margaret. These are photos of an Eagle's nest. You can spot them sometimes from the edge of the road.

The Wedge-Tailed Eagle is the largest bird of prey in Australia. The maximum reported wingspan is 2.84m (9ft and 4in) and a length of up to 1.06m (3ft 6in).

They are also one of the most powerful avian predators.

As per below pictures, they construct a large stick nest, normally in the largest tree in a stand, and typically lay two eggs, although sometimes one to four.

Usually, one or two fledglings tend to disperse widely after a few months.

Nesting failures are usually attributed to human interference such as logging activity and other alterations, which both degrade habitats and cause disturbances.

Eagles are known to be highly sensitive to human disturbance at the nest, which may lead to abandonment of the young.

Wedge-Tailed Eagles have historically gone through heavy persecutions by humans through poisoning and shooting, due to alleged predation on sheep. The Eagles, however, have proven to be exceptionally resilient and have rebounded to similar or even higher than pre-colonization numbers. This is thanks in part to humans inadvertently providing several food sources such as rabbits and large volumes of roadkill.



Source: Wikipedia



## Jack the Ripper on the Goldfields???

Source: Outback Family History ([outbackfamilyhistoryblog.com](http://outbackfamilyhistoryblog.com))

This black hearted Englishman caused mass hysteria in the streets of Perth and Melbourne and began with his arrest by two West Australian police troopers at Southern Cross for the brutal pick axe murder of his newly wed bride. It brought Perth to a standstill when five more of his victims were found embedded in cement. It raged on as he was tried and hung in Melbourne.

Frederick Bailey Deeming was a monster. Was he also Jack the Ripper? Could he have been the mysterious "Mr Lawson" who behaved so strangely the morning two of the Ripper's victims died, the man described in a gypsy woman's prophesy?

Deeming was capable of many things, as his life story shows. Youngest of a poor Birkenhead family's seven children, he ran away to sea at 16 and worked as a ships steward and roamed the world. By his mid 30's he had been a bigamist, bankrupt, jail-bird, con man and swindler on four continents. Women seemed fascinated by his piercing blue eyes, his wavy sandy hair, his tales of far off lands and his lavish gifts of diamond rings.

In the English summer of 1891 it became a fatal attraction as that July Deeming, posing as an 'Army Inspector', rented Dinham Villa at Rainhill near Liverpool (England). He took a fancy at once to his landlord's daughter, 25 year old Emily Mather. Romance blossomed until his abandoned wife Marie turned up unexpectedly from Australia with their four children. Deeming managed to pass her off as his sister. Then saying he had to repair the villa's damp floor he bought a pick axe and cement. As his wife and children slept, he crept into their room and slit their throats all except for a daughter who he strangled. Then he hid the bodies under the floorboards and buried them in cement. A few days later Deeming threw a party to announce his engagement to Emily. He danced with the unsuspecting guests on his family's graves below.

He married Emily and then took her to Australia. Their ship docked at Melbourne on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 1891 and the newlyweds moved into a rented cottage in Windsor. On Christmas Eve Emily died, felled by six blows to the skull from a battle-axe before her throat was cut. Deeming levered up a hearthstone, stuffed her trussed up corpse into the hole and covered it with cement.

In the New Year he sailed for Sydney. On board he met Kate Rounsfell. He proposed to the startled girl on the spot, gave her a large diamond ring (torn from the finger of his latest victim) and gained a new fiancé. Deeming escorted Kate home to her family and said he was heading for the West Australian Goldfields. Kate promised to follow him as soon as he found them a house. But time was running out. In March a new tenant inspected the empty cottage in Windsor. She complained about the objectionable smell. The police were called and discovered Emily's decomposing body under the hearth. Detectives were soon on the killers trail. It led to a shipping clerk who remembered booking a passage to Fremantle for a man calling himself baron Swanston.

Victorian police cabled Perth police who discovered Swanston, alias Deeming had stayed in a city hotel and left a forwarding address. Telegraphed orders were immediately sent to the isolated police post at Southern Cross "Arrest at once" and wire when effected. That morning two constables rode off to the Fraser's gold mine and arrested the new manager. "I'm perfectly innocent, this is all a mistake", said Deeming before setting out with his captors in a mail coach on the 320 km journey to Perth. As they jolted over rough red dirt roads, sensational news broke out. English police had dug up the floor at Dinham Villa and found the bodies of four children and a woman. Kate Rounsfell then on her way to Southern Cross was lucky, her sister sent her a telegram.

Hundreds watched at York while he was put into a railway carriage with blacked out windows. Perth ground to a halt as 5000 people besieged the station. Fearing a riot police transferred Deeming to the East Perth waterside lock-up in a horse and trap.

While Deeming was in his cell a rumour began, he had already confessed to the murders of two London prostitutes. It reached London where in the nightmare autumn of 1888 an unknown maniac had slashed the throats of five east end prostitutes and mutilated their bodies. "Is the man Jack the Ripper" people wanted to know. A young East End dressmaker identified Deeming from a photograph as a man she had known in 1888 by the name of Lawson.

On the night two Ripper victims died they had gone walking in the nearby streets until parting at 11pm. Next day Deeming appeared very agitated as he read about the double murder. Pointing to a story that put the murders at just after 1am he exclaimed "Look at the time, I couldn't have committed them could I?" he disappeared soon after. Scotland Yard dismissed the dressmaker's story, for them the case was closed. Jack the Ripper was either dead or in a lunatic asylum. Then a South African private detective gave Deeming an alibi. He called himself 'Harry Lawson' during London's autumn of terror, but in a gold swindle thousands of miles away in the Transvaal.

The flood of stories grew, one claimed Deeming believed his mother's ghost told him to kill woman. Deeming stood trial in Melbourne for the wilful murder of Emily Mather. His lawyers chose the defence of insanity. It crumbled on the third day when the doctors who examined him would not swear he was insane. Deeming made a long speech from the dock saying that hysteria whipped up by the press had denied him a fair trial. The jury found him guilty and sane. The judge passed sentence of death. Deeming showed no emotion. The doctors gave evidence that Deeming has confessed in his cell to the last two "Ripper" murders and they were convinced he wasn't lying.

Deeming was led to the gallows the next morning, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1892, with his face covered by a white hood, his last words were "Lord receive my spirit" Perhaps Deeming was indeed Jack the Ripper or maybe just his double, what do you think?

## Emergency Response Preparedness

After several years of severe emergency events, this year some WA regions and communities will be facing drier conditions and potential bushfires and cyclones. As the annual disaster season approaches, here are some top tips on how you and your loved ones can prepare in case of an emergency.

1. **Stay mobile:** Keep a charged mobile phone and portable mobile battery pack ready to use in a power outage, or if your nbn® connection is disrupted in an emergency event. Consider turning off cellular data on unnecessary apps to save battery.
2. **Stay updated:** Local radio is a good source of information during an emergency, so include a battery powered radio in your emergency communications kit. Also follow emergency services, including your state Fire and Rescue and Police Services, as well as utility companies and nbn (@NBN\_Australia) on social media for updates.
3. **Back up:** To make sure you can access important information and essential documents from anywhere, including insurance policies and financial documents, consider creating a digital back up on a USB or in the cloud.
4. **Be Prepared:** Test residential evacuation and business continuity plans, including considering investing in alternative communication and power options to keep your business or community group operating – these need to be tried and tested regularly as part of your Business Continuity Plans

If you would like further information regarding nbn in your area, please visit [www.nbnco.com.au](http://www.nbnco.com.au)





# ARE YOU PREPARED?



As summer approaches, nbn is urging communities to prepare for a potential loss of nbn services during an emergency event and test their residential evacuation and business continuity plans. While the nbn® network is built and designed to be as resilient as possible, it's important to remember that the majority of outages on the nbn® network during emergencies are caused by power outages. That is why it is important for households and business to prepare in case of disrupted connectivity. nbn is urging the community to prepare by taking four simple steps:

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- 2. Stay updated:** Local radio is a good source of information during an emergency, so include a battery powered radio in your emergency communications kit. Also follow emergency services, including your state Fire and Rescue and Police Services, as well as utility companies and nbn (@NBN\_Australia) on social media for updates.
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 <p><b>Stay mobile</b></p> <p>✓ Charged mobile and portable battery</p>	 <p><b>Stay updated</b></p> <p>✓ Battery powered radio ✓ Follow @NBN_Australia on social media</p>
 <p><b>Back up</b></p> <p>✓ Create a digital back up of valuable information on a USB or on the cloud</p>	 <p><b>Be prepared</b></p> <p>✓ Alternative communications and power options ✓ A robust Business Continuity Plan</p>



## Stellar Stargazing

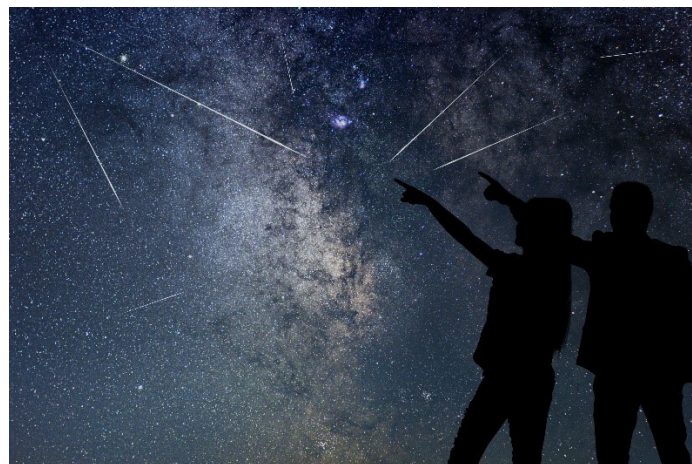
October is a great month to be out under the stars! Jupiter and the Moon appear together, there's a meteor shower plus Halloween to celebrate!

A great time to see Jupiter is after 9.30pm on the 2nd October. Jupiter will rise in the north east with the almost full moon rising below it just 10 minutes later. The pair will be bright and stunning!

This year the Orionids Meteor Shower will have almost perfect viewing conditions. Stargazers can expect to see up to 20 meteors per hour. The Orionids Meteor Shower is generated from Halley's Comet and peaks on the night of the 21st/22nd of October but can be viewed several days either side of the peak. The best views will be after 1am when the quarter Moon has set and the sky gets darker.

**When to look:** From midnight/1am to early morning, 21st/22nd October

**Which direction to look:** Toward the northern horizon.



Will you be trick or treating this Halloween? If you are, from sunset onwards keep an eye out for the gas giants! Jupiter will rise in the northeast, appearing as a bright star. Saturn will be overhead, as a slightly dimmer looking bright star. Happy stargazing!

By: Donna Vanzetti and Carol Redford, Astrotourism WA

[www.astrotourismwa.com.au](http://www.astrotourismwa.com.au)

# Halloween Funnies



if this is not my uber on Halloween i'm not going



## ME WHEN IT IS FINALLY OCTOBER



Daughters: All the girls will be witches and dad can be a wiz...  
Dad: I got this.



This is October and he ain't no Elf and that ain't no shelf... Get ready for Skeleton on Gelatin...



# RECIPE

## Hags' Chicken Fingers



### Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup plain flour
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1tbsp milk
- 1/4 cup polenta
- 1/3 cup dried breadcrumbs
- 12 chicken tenderloins, trimmed, halved lengthways
- 24 flaked almonds
- Olive oil cooking spray
- Tomato sauce to serve

### Method:

- Preheat oven to 200°C . Lightly grease 2 baking trays
- Place flour on a plate. Whisk egg and milk together in a bowl. Combine polenta and breadcrumbs in a small bowl. Place polenta mixture on a plate. Coat chicken, 1 piece at a time, in flour, shaking off excess. Dip into egg mixture, then coat in polenta mixture. Place on prepared trays.
- Brush 1 end of each chicken finger with remaining egg mixture. Place 1 almond on each finger and press down firmly to secure. Spray fingers with oil.
- Bake, uncovered, for 20 minutes or until golden and cooked through. Serve with tomato sauce.

## HALLOWEEN - DID YOU KNOW...?

### Candy corn was originally called Chicken Feed

Created in the 1880s by George Renninger, candy corn was sold to the masses by Goelitz Confectionery Company (now Jelly Belly Co.) at the turn of the century. Because corn was used for feeding chickens, it was called "Chicken Feed" and the box was marked with a colourful rooster.

### Trick-or-Treating comes form 'souling'

*The tradition can be traced back to the Middle Ages and the rituals of Samhain. It was believed that phantoms walked the earth on the night of Samhain, so people would dress up in costumes in an effort to repel the spirits. As the Catholic Church started supplanting pagan festivals with their own holidays, the act of souling became popular, and poor children and adults would go door-to-door dressed as spirits accepting food in exchange for prayers.*

### Des Moines has a hilarious tradition called Beggars' Night

The night before Halloween, young children in Des Moines hit the streets for Beggars' Night. According to an article in the Des Moines Register, the event began around 1938 as a way to prevent vandalism and give younger children a safer way to enjoy Halloween.

Beggars' Night is very similar to regular trick-or-treating, except kids are required to tell a joke, poem or perform a "trick" for a treat. The best part? The jokes are notoriously groan-worthy like, "If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?"

### Jack-o'-lantern comes form the Irish legend of Stingy Jack

Legend has it that Stingy Jack invited the devil to have a drink with him, but Jack didn't want to pay for the drink, so he convinced the devil to turn himself into a coin. Instead of buying the drink, he pocketed the coin and kept it close to a silver cross in this house, preventing the devil from taking shape again. He promised to let the devil go as long as he would leave Jack alone for a year, and that if Jack died, the devil wouldn't claim his soul. After a year, Jack tricked the devil again to leave him alone and not claim his soul. When Jack died, God didn't want such a conniving person in heaven and the devil, true to his word, would not allow him into hell. Jack was sent off into the night with only a burning coal to light his path. He placed the coal inside a carved-out turnip and has been roaming the earth ever since. People in Ireland and Scotland began creating their own creations of Jack's lantern out of turnips, beets and potatoes. The tradition travelled to the United States along with immigrants and people began to use pumpkins, native to North America, for the lanterns instead.



# **2023 Pastoral Industry Forum**



**Southern Rangelands  
PASTORAL ALLIANCE**

**THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER**

**Anzac Hall, Mt Magnet**

## **“Technology in the Southern Rangelands”**

- ✓ Station-wide Connectivity
- ✓ Virtual Fencing
- ✓ Drone Technology
- ✓ Research
- ✓ ABSF
- ✓ Sustainability
- ✓ Diet ID
- ✓ Optiweigh
- ✓ Carbon Futures
- ✓ Rehydration
- ✓ IYRP 2026
- ✓ Markets

**And more!**

Get your FREE TICKET to this event here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/721804836697?aff=oddtcreator>

Enquiries to: Margi Weir, EO at SRPA, 0408 210 285 or [info@srpa.org.au](mailto:info@srpa.org.au)

# *Sign* the petition.

Help improve the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATs) for regional West Australians.

We need increased fuel and accommodation subsidies, taxi vouchers, improved processing times and need to expand PATs to include dental and allied health services.

*Scan to sign*



# WA HAS THE LOWEST PATS FUEL SUBSIDY IN AUSTRALIA

State/Territory	Pats Fuel Subsidy
Western Australia (WA)	16c/km
Northern Territory (NT)	20c/km
South Australia (SA)	30c/km
Victoria (VIC)	32c/km
Queensland (QLD)	40c/km
New South Wales (NSW)	20c/km
ACT	21c/km

Sign the petition.

# WA HAS THE LOWEST PATS FUEL SUBSIDY IN AUSTRALIA

Help improve the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) for regional West Australians. The Petition calls for improvements in six key areas of PATS:


- Increased fuel subsidies.
- Increased accommodation subsidies.
- Providing taxi vouchers to allow patients to get to and from medical appointments.
- Improving processing and reimbursement times for patients.
- Expanding PATs to also include dental and allied health services.
- Providing greater recognition and support for patient escorts and carers.

Sign the petition.

**Merome Beard MLA**  
Member for North West Central

facebook.com/MeromeBeardMP  
 northwest@mp.wa.gov.au  
 08 9941 2999

Authorised by M Beard, 20 Robinson Street, Carnarvon WA 6701.



**WANTED**

**TO BUY  
OLD FALCON, HOLDEN OR  
VALIANT TO RESTORE**



**Please phone Shane (from the  
Shire) if you have something  
available.**

**0429 171 150**



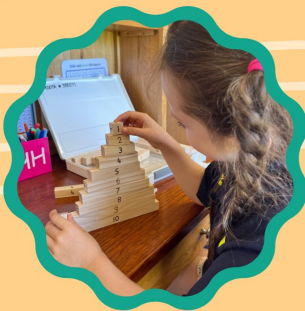
Meekatharra School of the Air  
52 Kempton Street  
Bluff Point

# 2024 Enrolments Now Open



Parents are welcome to contact the school on 9923 5200 for further information.

We look forward to welcoming prospective students and their families into our school community



Our School offers a unique Distance Education programme that is a partnership between the school's professional teaching staff, yourself and your children. Your commitment to your children's education is essential for their success and we will endeavour to provide all the support possible to achieve an excellent education.

for more information, please visit our website  
[meekatharrasota.wa.edu.au](http://meekatharrasota.wa.edu.au)



Meekatharra School of the Air

## Kindy Admission 2024

APPLICATIONS  
NOW  
**OPEN**

**ENROL NOW!**

If your child is born between 01  
July 2019 - 30 June 2020  
(4 years old by 30 June 2023)  
you may apply to enrol your child  
at MSOTA for Kindergarten 2024



**ENQUIRIES - 9923 5200**



## Lawn Bowls

### Sandstone Community Rec Centre



**2 sets of Lawn Bowls are available  
at the Visitor Centre, however,  
anyone wanting to play  
can arrange to collect the key  
from the Shire Office  
Monday to Friday  
between 08:00 and 17:00**

# Sandstone Community Bus

travels to Mount Magnet for Shire business

The bus leaves from the Shire Office at **10:00 am** and from Mount Magnet at **1.30 pm** for the return trip home.

**The Community Bus is a free service provided by the Shire**  
*Limited seats are available and bookings are essential*

**Please book your seat by visiting the Shire Office  
in person or by phoning (08) 9963 5802**

**The next trips will be Wednesday**

**4<sup>th</sup> October**

**and**

**18<sup>th</sup> October**





## **The Sandstone Bush Fire Brigade is looking for volunteers**

Meetings are held regularly  
at the Bush Fire Brigade Station  
Lot 73, Rowe Street

New volunteers are needed or anyone willing to  
lend a hand and participate if required.

**For more information, please call**

**Joanne Brown—Secretary  
0403 819 245**







## **WA Country Health Service**

### **Mount Magnet Community Vaccination Clinic 2023**

**Mount Magnet Nursing Post  
Welcome Street**

**Dates are 27<sup>th</sup> November - 9:30AM - 3:00PM**

**To book an appointment call (08) 9956 1985 or email  
CommunityhealthReception.WACHS-Midwest@health.wa.gov.au  
Walk-in appointments welcome.**

Child and adult COVID-19 vaccines available, people aged 5 years + are eligible.

Child and adult vaccines available, as eligible on the WA Immunisation Schedule.

#### **Get in touch**

**WA Country Health Service**  
Midwest Community Health

Telephone: (08) 9956 1985  
[www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au)



Before attending the nursing post on Doctor days,  
please contact Lana to make an appointment.

Lana can be contacted at home on 08 9963 5831  
or  
at the nursing post on Thursdays on 08 9963 5808

Thank You

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## **Sandstone Physiotherapy Visiting Dates 2023**

October	9 <sup>th</sup>
December	11 <sup>th</sup>

The Physio is currently provided via Telehealth

To make an appointment, please phone  
Geraldton Physiotherapy Reception

08 9956 2204



## Meekatharra RFDS Flying clinics 2023

### August

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Paynes Find/Yalgoo	Dr Di Comely
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sandstone</b>	<b>Dr Di Comely</b>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Yalgoo	Dr Phil King
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sandstone</b>	<b>Dr Phil King</b>

### September

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Paynes Find/Yalgoo	Dr Di Comely
<b>Thursday 7<sup>h</sup></b>	<b>Sandstone</b>	<b>Dr Di Comely</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Yalgoo	Dr Phil King
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Sandstone</b>	<b>Dr Phil King</b>

### October

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Paynes Find/Yalgoo	Dr Di Comely
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sandstone</b>	<b>Dr Di Comely</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Yalgoo	Dr Phil King
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sandstone</b>	<b>Dr Phil King</b>

### November

<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Sandstone</b>	<b>Dr Di Comely</b>
Wednesday 01 <sup>st</sup>	Yalgoo	Dr Phil King
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sandstone</b>	<b>Dr Phil King</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Paynes Find/Yalgoo	Dr Di Comely
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sandstone</b>	<b>Dr Di Comely</b>

### December

# SANDSTONE NURSING POST

IRVINE ST SANDSTONE  
Nurse - Lana Lefroy 9963 5808 or 9963 5831

## Health Services

### Wiluna Medical Services Available

The following medical services are available from visiting specialists through the Wiluna Medical Centre.

These services are provided free of charge to Sandstone residents and the travelling public.

To make an appointment with visiting specialists, contact Wiluna Medical Centre on **(08) 9981 8600**

**Dentist (Monthly)**  
**Gynaecologist**  
**Audiologist**  
**Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT)**

### Mount Magnet Medical Services

**Ph for appointment with the GP (08) 9940 3222**

#### Specialist & Allied Health

#### Services include:

- Cardiologist
- Sonographer
- Respiratory Physician
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- General Physician
- Dietician
- Diabetes Education
- Podiatrist
- Audiologist
- Physiotherapy
- Renal Education
- Palliative Support Team

#### How do I see a visiting specialist?

To see the visiting specialists at Murchison Outreach Service (Mt Magnet) you must see the GP who will refer you to the appropriate specialist.

Need to know more? Contact our Specialist Clerk or specialist Nurse for further information on



# Health Services

## TELEPHONE HELP LINES

### [Mental Health Emergency Response Line](#)

(formerly Psychiatric Emergency Team)

Perth WA 6000 Tel: 08 9224 8888

### [RuralLink](#)

Tel: 1800 552 002

4:30pm - 8:30am weeknights

24 hours on weekends and public holidays

**Emergency Number**  
**Royal Flying Doctor Service**

**1800 625 800**

## **Police, Fire and Ambulance Dial**

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Sandstone is a remote township which currently has  
NO EMERGENCY MEDICAL HEALTH SERVICE

If you require **EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE** dial

**1800 625 800**

This will put you in contact with the **Royal Flying Doctor Service**,  
who will provide immediate advice to you.

### **SANDSTONE NURSING POST**

Irvine Street, Sandstone  
RFDS Doctor in attendance every second week  
9:00am - 11:30am.

Nurse in attendance until 4:00pm

Nurse in attendance every Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Phone Number	(08) 9963 5808
After Hours	(08) 9963 5831
Contact person	Lana Lefroy

Should you be traveling and require medical assistance,  
24 hour / 7 day services are provided at :

### **MOUNT MAGNET NURSING POST**

Corner of Criddle and Welcome Street, Mt Magnet  
Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm. Closed for lunch

Staff on call for emergencies (08) 9963 3100

### **MEEKATHARRA HOSPITAL**

Savage Street, Meekatharra

24hour casualty service (08) 9961 0600

# PUBLIC NOTICES

Pastoralists and D.E.C. in Sandstone and surrounding Shires have an ongoing wild dog bait programme.

**Baits are on the ground**  
**ALL year round**

Dogs are **NOT PERMITTED** on a pastoral lease unless permission has been given



To avoid being penalised all dogs and cats must be kept in your yard **OR** on a leash at all times.

**Please clean up after your dog!!!!**

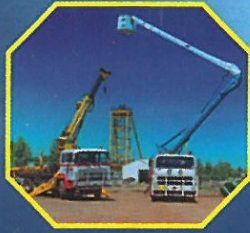
All dogs **must** be registered.

If your dog is not registered or you are unsure, please contact the Shire office.

Dog registrations are due at the end of October each year.



# Directory of Services to Sandstone



EC 006509

## KARL IBBOTSON

Phone: (08) 9963 4004  
Fax: (08) 9963 4074  
Mob: 0427 991 893  
Email: [murchisonpower@bigpond.com.au](mailto:murchisonpower@bigpond.com.au)  
[karlibbotson@bigpond.com.au](mailto:karlibbotson@bigpond.com.au)  
Web: [www.murchisonpower.com.au](http://www.murchisonpower.com.au)  
Lot 483 Criddle Street  
PO Box 204 Mt Magnet WA 6638

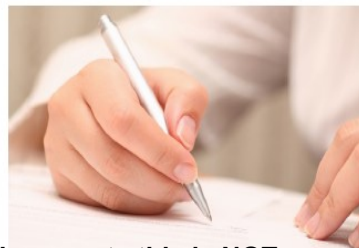
- Construction & Maintenance of all Power Systems
- Licensed Shotfirer
- HV and LV Cable Jointing
- Crane/Borer and Pole Jinker Hire
- Elevated Work Platform
- Switching Operator
- Tree Lopping
- All Electrical Applications (Domestic / Commercial / Industrial)

## JPB Contracting

Paul (Scruffy) Bennett

Ph: 0427 841 888

IF YOU REQUIRE THE SERVICES OF A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PLEASE CALL MARGARET DUHIG ON 0412 652 835 FOR AN APPOINTMENT. THIS IS A FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE.



Please note this is NOT a service provided at the Shire of Sandstone so please call for an appointment .

**CAUTION**

**YOU MUST CONTACT THE SHIRE OF SANDSTONE PRIOR TO DISPOSAL OF ANY ASBESTOS MATERIALS**

Phone (08) 9963 5802  
Mondays - Fridays  
8:30 - 4:00pm

**LEGAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN FOR NON-COMPLIANCE**

## Westcoast Seafood

Email: [stan@westcoastseafood.com.au](mailto:stan@westcoastseafood.com.au)



# Directory of Services to Sandstone

PL9934 | GF6916 | BF7329



## PLUMBING & GAS

SERVICING MID WEST & GOLDFIELDS REGIONS

MINING | COMMERCIAL | RESIDENTIAL | INDUSTRIAL

### 24/7 EMERGENCY

PH : 0416 307 843 | [ADMIN@LEISKHYDRAULICS.COM.AU](mailto:ADMIN@LEISKHYDRAULICS.COM.AU)

# Community Bulletin Board



## Ordinary Meeting of Council

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council  
is Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
from 1:00pm in Council Chambers

When prepared, the Agenda can be viewed online  
at [www.sandstone.wa.gov.au](http://www.sandstone.wa.gov.au) or at the Sandstone Library



## Heritage Museum & Visitor Centre

**Closing at the end of October**



# Community Bulletin Board

## Useful Sandstone Telephone Numbers

Shire of Sandstone Office & Post Office	08 9963 5802
Sandstone Museum & Visitor Information Centre	08 9963 5061
Alice Atkinson Caravan Park	08 9963 5859
Sandstone Nursing Post	08 9963 5808
Justice of the Peace	0412 652 835
Main Roads - Road Conditions (24 Hr Customer Contact Centre )	13 81 38
National Hotel	08 9963 5801
Mt Magnet Police	08 9963 3222

## ROTARY CLUB

We are the very first Rotary Club that is based purely online in WA. This enables people living in remote/regional areas the option to still provide a service to their local community by joining Rotary E club of E.WA. It's a new and vital Rotary Experience.

We meet via online webinars and the use of Facebook, both open to the public and private sessions.

**Name:** E-WA Rotary  
**Address:** [www.ewarotary.org.au](http://www.ewarotary.org.au)

[www.facebook.com/ewarotary](http://www.facebook.com/ewarotary)  
Ph 0408 802 490

Community Group Name:

E-WA Rotary—Kerry O'Shea  
[rotaryewa@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryewa@gmail.com)

We'd love to hear from you :)

# Community Bulletin Board

## Mount Magnet Post & Lotteries

Gifts, cards, stationery, art supplies.  
Passport photos and much more  
Drop in and browse

Check out the website [www.mtmagnetpost.com](http://www.mtmagnetpost.com)

**Sandstone Library is located within the  
Shire Administration Building  
Monday - Friday 8.00am - 4.30pm**

- Interlibrary Loans
- Audio Books
- Internet access
- DVDs
- Fiction and non Fiction books



### Looking for Gold? Want to Prospect near Sandstone?

Please contact the  
Department of Mines and Petroleum,  
Cr Hepburn and Richardson Streets,  
**Mount Magnet**

**Telephone (08) 9963 4509**  
**Fax (08) 9963 4488**

If you have a story, photo,  
birthday, or something else you  
would like to see in the Bush  
Telegraph, please email the  
Shire Office at

[administration@sandstone.wa.gov.au](mailto:administration@sandstone.wa.gov.au)

## Community Feedback

If you have any ideas that could benefit our community, please feel free to let us know, whether it's activities, workshops or something you would like to see in the near future.

Cut out and drop your feedback form in the Shire office at Reception, post to Shire of Sandstone, Hack Street Sandstone WA 6639 or email to [administration@sandstone.wa.gov.au](mailto:administration@sandstone.wa.gov.au)

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### **Do you know where the DEFIBRILATORS are in town?**

They can be found at the following locations:

1. Shire Administration Office.
2. The Caravan Park Office.
3. The Sandstone National Hotel.

Please take note of their location—just in case!

# October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Bus to Mt Magnet	5 Doctors Clinic	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Nurses Post	13	14
15	16	17	18 Bus to Mt Magnet	19 Doctors Clinic	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Nurses Post Council Meeting	27	28
29	30	31				



Internet access is available at Sandstone Library in the Shire Administration Building using our computers

**Monday - Friday  
8.00am - 4.30pm**

Please note :  
**We don't have public WIFI**

If you would like your event to appear on the Community Planner please contact the Shire of Sandstone - Phone: 08 9963 5802 Email: [reception@sandstone.wa.gov.au](mailto:reception@sandstone.wa.gov.au)