

THE DAILY NEWS

APRIL 2026

Easter Office Closure

The Shire Administration Centre, Dalwallinu Discovery Centre and the Shire Depot will all be closed over the Easter Break.

The CEO, Managers and staff would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter and advise that we will be back on Tuesday 7 April 2026 to assist you again.





CEO Chit Chat



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Jean Knight JP

and their positive experience in Dalwallinu.

Ex Cyclone Narelle caused quite a stir for the Shire in the past week when her path was heading straight for the Shire of Dalwallinu. Thankfully she ran out of steam by the time she got anywhere near us. Officers ensured that information was updated regularly on the Shire Facebook page and was also shared to the Dalwallinu & Kalannie Community pages.

The houses on Annetts Rd are very close to practical completion. We are just waiting for TR Homes to finish the last of the works and the houses will be handed to the Shire.

Construction has commenced off site for the two Aged Accommodation units.

The new Community Space project in Pithara is nearing completion. This project included the erection of a fence, installation of a shelter and seating, new play equipment, a half-court basketball along with some soft landscaping. An official opening will be held once the final works have been completed.

We will begin the 2026-2027 budget process shortly. Please send in your budget requests if you haven't already done so.

WA Local Governments have recently been requested to provide a submission on the proposed Electoral Reforms by the State Government. The proposal is for four-year spills of Council instead of the half of Council every two years and the other issue is whether to make voting compulsory. The Shire of Dalwallinu submitted their feedback which was to keep with the half spill of Council every two years and no to compulsory voting.

Congratulations to Cr Jemma Counsel who was recently appointed as a Justice of the Peace. We now have three JP's in the Shire. Contact details are available on the Shire website.

This month farewell Lex Pronk as our Mechanic. It is with regret that we accept his resignation, but we understand that Lex needs to concentrate on his health and well-being at this time. We wish him all the best.

Last month we participated in our fourth year of the Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program. We hosted another eighteen (18) students this year.

To date we have had over 80 students visit Dalwallinu. Many thanks to Deb & Gillian for organising the week, Gary for being our entertaining tour guide, Dr Femi and the hospital staff, the local businesses and most of all the host families, as without you we could not support this program.

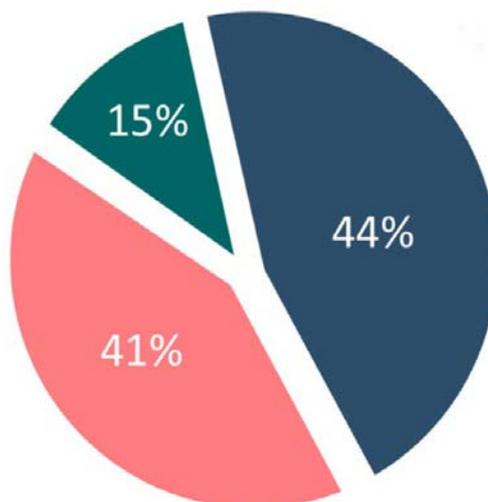
At the Thank You dinner on the last night all the students spoke so highly of their host families

Capital Projects 2025-2026

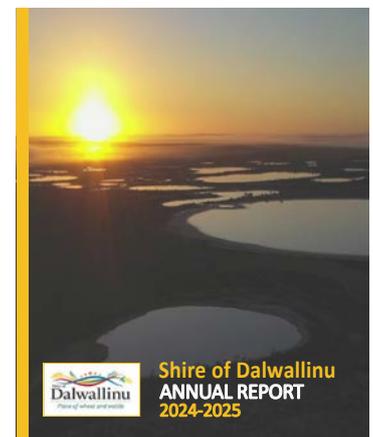
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Annual Report 2024-2025



is now Available from the Shire website

A Word from the Shire President



SHIRE PRESIDENT Cr Keith Carter

Council meeting at Kalannie & Community meeting

Just a reminder our next Council meeting will be held in Kalannie at the Kalannie Sport and Recreation Club on Tuesday 28 April 2026 commencing at 5pm. This will be followed by the Kalannie Community meeting which will commence at 6pm. Members of the public are encouraged to attend both meetings. Council are always happy to have the public in attendance.

Annual General Meeting of Electors & presentation of Annual Report 2024-2025

We will be holding the Annual General Meeting of Electors on Tuesday 21 April at the Shire of Dalwallinu Council Chambers commencing at 6pm. This will be where the Annual Report is presented to the electors of the shire. I hope to see as many there as possible.

Cyclone Narelle

Compared to cyclone Seroja, cyclone Narelle was a bit of fizzer in Dalwallinu. This didn't mean any less planning and preparation was entered into prior to the cyclone arrival. I sat in on the Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held as communication between agencies involved and was very impressed

at the cooperative effort of all involved. Many of the participants experienced Seroja and passed on learnings from this.

An indication of the teamwork involved was the hospital accommodating four persons who didn't feel safe to be living at home if a significant event happened (again well done Elize) and also Principal Justin Burt after tidying up around Dalwallinu High school went up to One School Global to give some advice and lend a hand. Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program

On the 10th to the 13th of March Dalwallinu hosted 18 medical students from Curtin University. The aim of the program is to give the students a small sample of life in the country and hopefully lead to one or two taking up a position in the regions. This is our fourth year of hosting and every year I think we do a little better.

The good three days experienced by the students is the result of hard work by the Shire staff organising a well-planned program. Deb was again in charge, but this year was assisted on the ground in Dalwallinu by Gillian Barnes who for her first time did a fine job. I am sure she had Deb on speed dial for a few words of advice.

Helping out also was Jean and Hanna. Thanks to Jean, Marc and Julie for the barbecue and Steve Carter for getting a few ends of bowls going while families gathered for the evening. Also again to our chef Megan for her wonderful scones and brownies which are always a hit.

Many thanks again to Gary Butcher for his bus driving and tour guide talents. His generosity every year in donating his time to this cause

is amazing and I know he forms a bond with the students each year.

Also, many thanks to all the volunteers, businesses and other people who opened their doors for the students. There were many good comments on the Medical Centre and hospital in particular. A huge thank you to Dr Femi for throwing open the doors of his practice to allow the students to get an insight into the facilities that are available in the rural section. Also the way the student spoke of the impact that the tour of the hospital had on them and in particular the caring way that Elise Pronk and her staff look after patients at the hospital is a credit to Elize and her team.

The biggest thank you must go to the families who billet out the students. Some might think a chore but generally all I hear is positive stories of long talks after dinner and family histories explored. This year we welcomed 5 new host families, and we encourage everyone to consider hosting next year.

Any families who have been excited by their friend's experiences with the students staying you are in luck because we have been told the program is expanding next year. This could mean we would have even more students heading to Dalwallinu next year and more hosts will be needed.

I am sure that Deb would be thrilled if you put your name forward early. For information on what is involved and to answer any questions Deb is always available on email at ea@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au or on her mobile 0409 931 407 and is happy to chat to anyone.

Finally I wish everyone a very happy easter and hope that you all remain safe over this period.

Place of wheat and wattle...

Medical Student Immersion Program 2026



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Medical Student Immersion Program 2026



2026 Council Meeting Dates

Shire of Dalwallinu Ordinary Council Meetings will be held on the following dates and times unless otherwise advised.

DATE	DAY	TIME	PLACE
24 February 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Council Chambers
24 March 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Council Chambers
28 April 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Kalannie Sport & Recreation Club
26 May 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Council Chambers
23 June 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Council Chambers
28 July 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Council Chambers
25 August 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Council Chambers
22 September 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Council Chambers
27 October 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Council Chambers
24 November 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Council Chambers
15 December 2026	Tuesday	5.00pm	Council Chambers

Jean Knight JP
Chief Executive Officer
25/11/2025



Vandalism!
If you See it, Report It !

To report Damage to the Shire please call 9661 0500.
To report vandalism please contact the Police 131 444.



Tender

RFT2526-06 – BITUMEN SEALING WORKS

The Shire of Dalwallinu is seeking to engage a suitably qualified and experienced contractor for the provision of bitumen sealing works for a three (3) year period.

All requests for tender documentation can be directed to Deb Whitehead via email ea@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au.

All tenders must be received prior to the tender deadline, contained in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with the tender number and tender name and lodged in the tender box situated in the office of Shire of Dalwallinu, 58 Johnston Street, Dalwallinu WA 6609, by post to PO Box 141 Dalwallinu 6609 or emailed to tenders@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au.

Tenders close at 2pm, Wednesday 29 April 2026.

Jean Knight JP
Chief Executive Officer

Public Health Notice



Bats have recently been encroaching in towns across the Wheatbelt. Bats pose a human health risk for severe illness from viruses such as Australian Bat Lyssavirus. If you see a bat, do not try to capture it or interact with it and avoid contact with sick bats in particular. If you are bitten, scratched or licked by any bat, immediately seek medical advice from a doctor.

If you see a sick, injured or dead bat report it immediately to Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) on 1300 374 731.

Australian bat lyssavirus is a reportable disease. Australian bat lyssavirus is a zoonotic disease and therefore it is recommended that only appropriately trained and vaccinated people should handle bats wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

In Western Australia (WA), there have been no confirmed cases of Australian bat lyssavirus infection in any domestic animals, including horses. Australian bat lyssavirus has been diagnosed in bats in WA. The presence or suspicion of Australian bat lyssavirus must be reported in WA.

Further information is also available from DPIRD.

<https://www.dpird.wa.gov.au/businesses/biosecurity/animal-biosecurity/monitoring-and-reporting/reportable-animal-diseases/australian-bat-lyssavirus-ablv/>

Public Notices



Notice of Annual General Meeting of Electors and Availability of the 2024-2025 Annual Report

Electors of the Shire of Dalwallinu are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of Electors to be held on **Tuesday, 21 April 2026** at the **Shire of Dalwallinu Council Chambers, 58 Johnston Street, Dalwallinu** commencing at **6.00pm**.

An Elector is entitled, but not required, to vote on matters raised at the meeting.

The order of business will be:

1. Attendance and Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meeting (4 February 2025)
3. Reports
 - (i) Shire President's Report
 - (ii) Chief Executive Officer's Report
 - (iii) 2024-2025 Financial Report
 - (iv) Auditors Report
4. General Business

Copies of the Annual Report including the Financial Statements are available on the Shire's website (www.dalwallinu.wa.gov.au); or by contacting Administration on (08) 9661 0500 to have a copy emailed or mailed to you.

Proposed motions must be provided in writing to the Shire Administration by **12noon on Monday, 13 April 2026.**

Jean Knight JP
Chief Executive Officer

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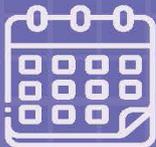
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KALANNIE COMMUNITY MEETING



TUESDAY
28 APRIL 2026



TIME
6:00PM



Kalannie Sporting & Recreation Club
Hathway Drive, Kalannie

Public Notices



Emergency Contact Information for Shire of Dalwallinu in Severe Weather Conditions



Life-threatening emergencies	000
SES	132 500
Main Roads	138 138
Shire Infrastructure (business hours)	9661 0500
Shire Infrastructure (after hours)	0407 084 318
	or 0427 611 001

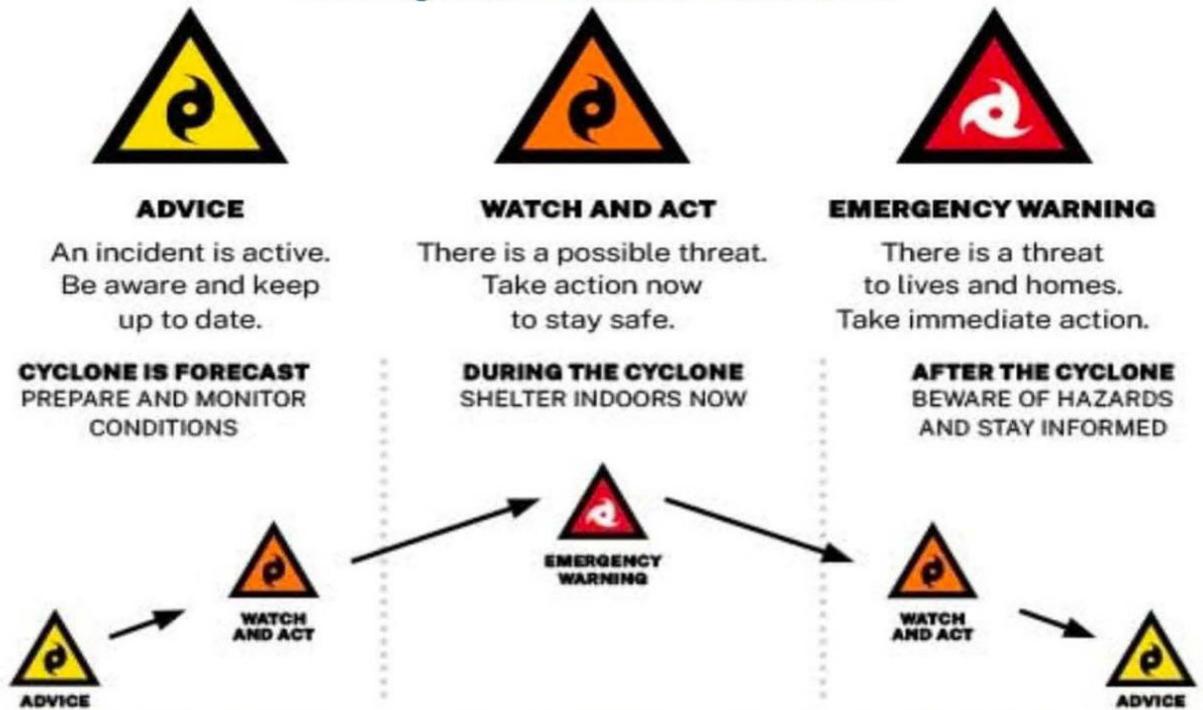


Report It

Main Roads – Report it Function <https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/contact-us/>

Shire of Dalwallinu – Report it Function <https://www.dalwallinu.wa.gov.au/services/ratepayers-residents/report-it.aspx>

Warning levels and action statements



<https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/warning-systems/australian-warning-system>

Stay up to date with warnings by visiting <https://emergency.wa.gov.au/>

If your home suffers severe damage during the storm,
call the SES on 132 500 for assistance.

For life-threatening emergencies or fire, call 000.

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Anzac Day Dawn Service & Gunfire Breakfast



The Shire of Dalwallinu

invites

community members to the commemoration of

ANZAC Day

on

Saturday 25 April 2026

at the

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

6.00am

Memorial Park, Johnston Street

followed by

Gunfire Breakfast

provided by Shire of Dalwallinu

Library News

ANZAC DAY SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2026

REMEMBERING OUR HEROES

This Anzac Day, our library invites you to explore a thoughtful collection of books that honour the courage, sacrifice, and stories of the Australian and New Zealand servicemen and women who served their countries. From powerful memoirs and detailed historical accounts to moving novels inspired by real events, our Anzac Day display offers something for every reader.

Discover titles that reflect on the legacy of the Gallipoli campaign and the enduring spirit of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC), and take a moment to remember and learn through the pages of these remarkable books.

Lest We Forget





Author of the Month - Lee Child

Lee Child – Real name James Dover Grant – His pen name “Lee” comes from a mispronunciation of the name of Renault’s Le Car, as “Lee Car”. Calling anything “Lee” became a family gag. His daughter, Ruth, was “lee child”

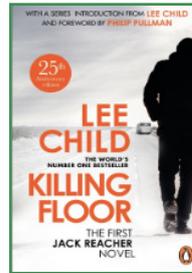
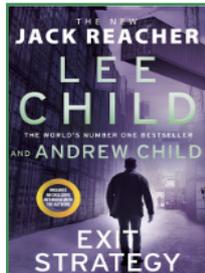
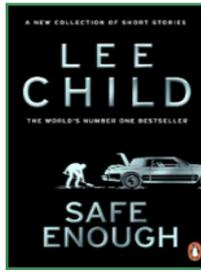
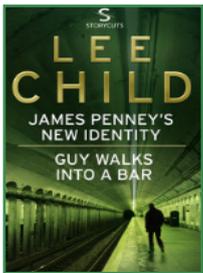
He was born in Coventry, raised in Birmingham, and now lives in England’s Lake District.

It is said one of his novels featuring his hero Jack Reacher is sold somewhere in the world every nine seconds. His books consistently achieve the number-one slot on bestseller lists around the world and have sold over one hundred million copies. Lee is the recipient of many awards including Author of the Year at the 2019 British Book Awards.

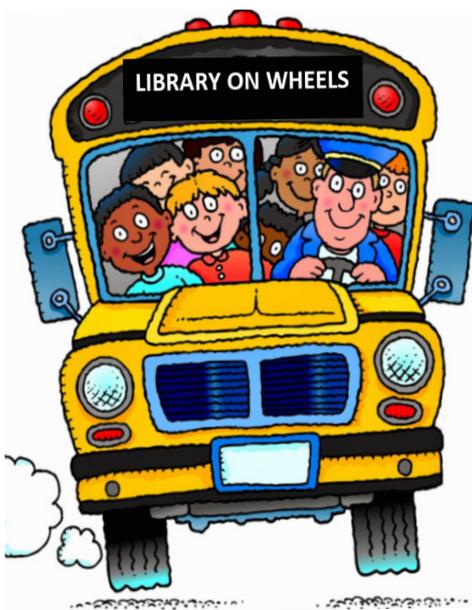
He was appointed CBE in the 2019 Queen’s Birthday Honours.



Here are four of his featured novels this month



Library on Wheels



Every fortnight, the Dalwallinu library hits the road to deliver library books to people who are unable to attend the library in person.

The service operates every second Thursday and can go to the hospital, Acacia House and private homes in Dalwallinu for a collection of avid readers who have eclectic tastes ranging from thrillers, romance and family sagas to history, biographies and stories about animals.

The books are available in formats from large print to audio books and normal print. It keeps us on our toes trying to find new materials for people who consume books in the way other people consume food and is the highlight of Gillian’s work when she succeeds.

New patrons to the service are most welcome, so if you or someone you know would like to join the library on wheels contact the library on 96611805 or ao1@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au



Facebook & Email Contact



Did you know you can receive the Shire newsletter and other relevant information by email?

To register for this service please email your details to ea@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au. You can also like us on facebook. www.facebook.com/Shire-of-Dalwallinu



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The Golden Feather Hunt is Back

Get ready, book explorers!

From 3 March to 8 May 2026, the Golden Feather Hunt is swooping back into libraries across WA and it's going to be bigger, better and more feather-tastic than ever!

Scribblers
Festival

AN INITIATIVE BY:
FORM.
building a state of creativity

The Golden Feather Hunt

* 3 March - 8 May 2026 *

Find an Emerald, Silver or
Golden Feather bookmark in
the children's or YA section of
your local library for a chance
to WIN awesome prizes.

📱 Tag @scribblersfest and
share your feather find using
#goldenfeatherhunt

scribblersfestival.com.au

More info:



Supporting Partner



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Kids Fun Craft Workshop - Ages 4 - 9



FUN CRAFT WORKSHOP

Fun and creative arts and crafts for kids!

Ages 4 - 9

Register Your Interest to aol@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au

- Enjoy a creative morning
- Includes all materials
- Create your own art
- Explore fun materials

**WEDNESDAY
15 APRIL
10AM - 12PM**

Dalwallinu Discovery Centre
Drop in and create your
masterpiece

Light refreshments will
be provided



Youth Lounge



School Holiday Program - Ages over 8's

SPORT

The Rec Centre will be open for 2 days this **April School Holidays** and everyone is invited! Bring your friends along, make up teams and enjoy access to our facilities and recreational spaces. It's a great opportunity to try something new, stay active, and have fun together in a safe environment. Light refreshments will be provided.

Thursday 9th & Tuesday 14th April

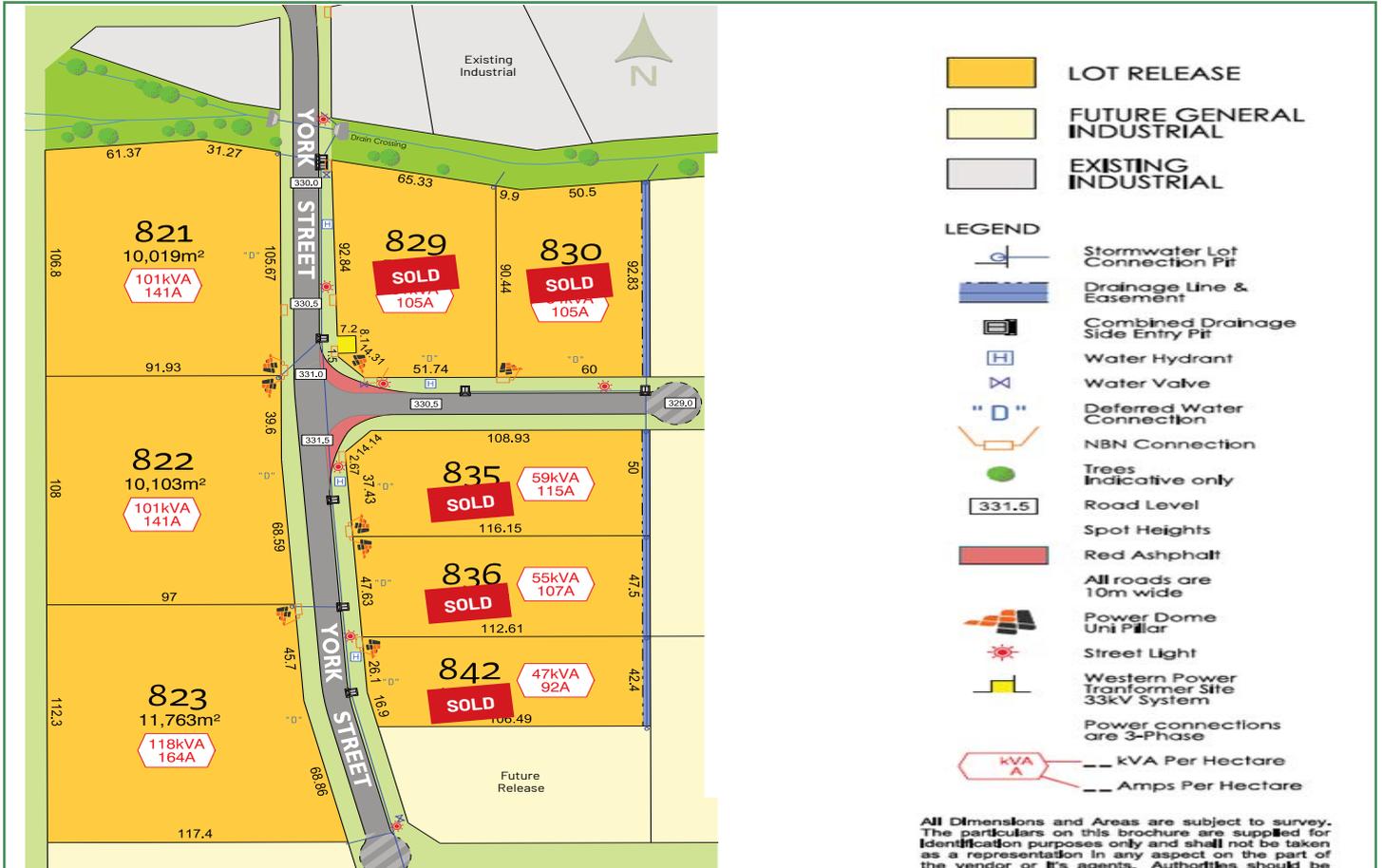
Ages 8+

10.00AM - 2.00PM

Dalwallinu Rec Centre

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Industrial Land For Sale



- Fully serviced lots*
- Certificates of Title are available
- To continue the development of a vibrant rural community, purchasers are required to build within 36 months from settlement.

*No reticulated sewer – owner to install attenuation system.

LAND FOR SALE

LOT	ADDRESS	LOT AREA SQM	PRICE EX GST
821	York Street	10,019sqm	\$318,181
822	York Street	10,103sqm	\$318,181
823	York Street	11,763sqm	\$372,727

Only 3 Lots Left

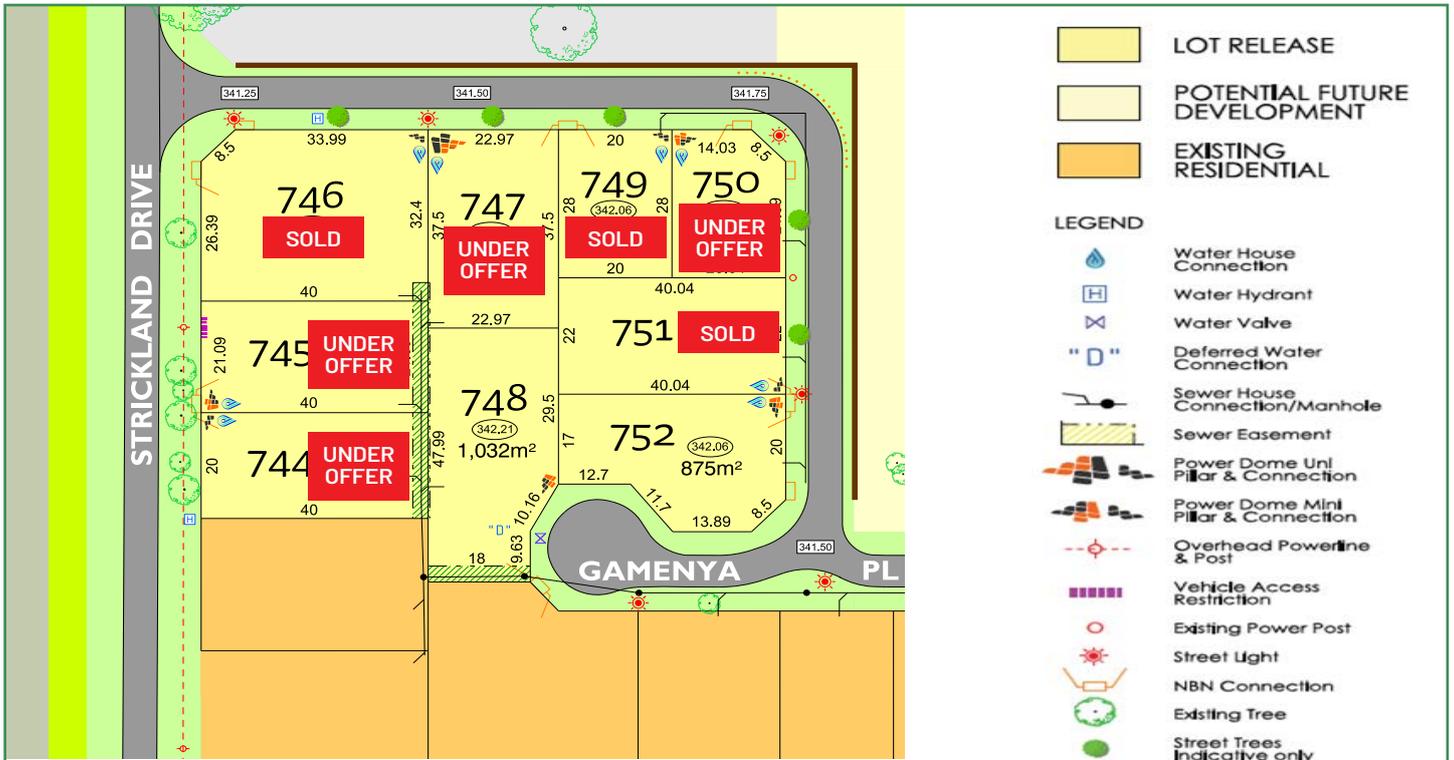
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RDAP helps Local Governments to address the high costs associated with residential, industrial and commercial land developments in regional WA. Through these partnerships, DevelopmentWA, on behalf of the State Government, is helping to deliver the land needed to support regional growth and to build great communities.

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Residential Land For Sale



- Lot sizes range from 543sqm to 1,277sqm
- Fully serviced lots with power, water, sewer, and NBN conduit supplied to each lot boundary
- Lots titled and ready for development
- To continue the development of a vibrant rural community, purchasers are required to build within 36 months from settlement.

LAND FOR SALE

LOT	ADDRESS	LOT AREA SQM	PRICE INC GST
744	Strickland Drive	800sqm	Under Offer
745	Strickland Drive	842sqm	Under Offer
747	Magenta Mews	861sqm	Under Offer
748	Gamenya Place	1,031sqm	\$139,000
750	Magenta Mews	542sqm	Under Offer
752	Gamenya Place	875sqm	\$123,400

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All dimensions and areas are preliminary and subject to survey. The particulars on this brochure are supplied for identification purposes only and shall not be taken as a representation on the part of the vendor or its agents. Authorities should be consulted when services are contained within lot boundaries as building restrictions may apply.

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STATE'S FUTURE

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For Sale



FOR SALE

**BUNTINE TOWN
HALL**



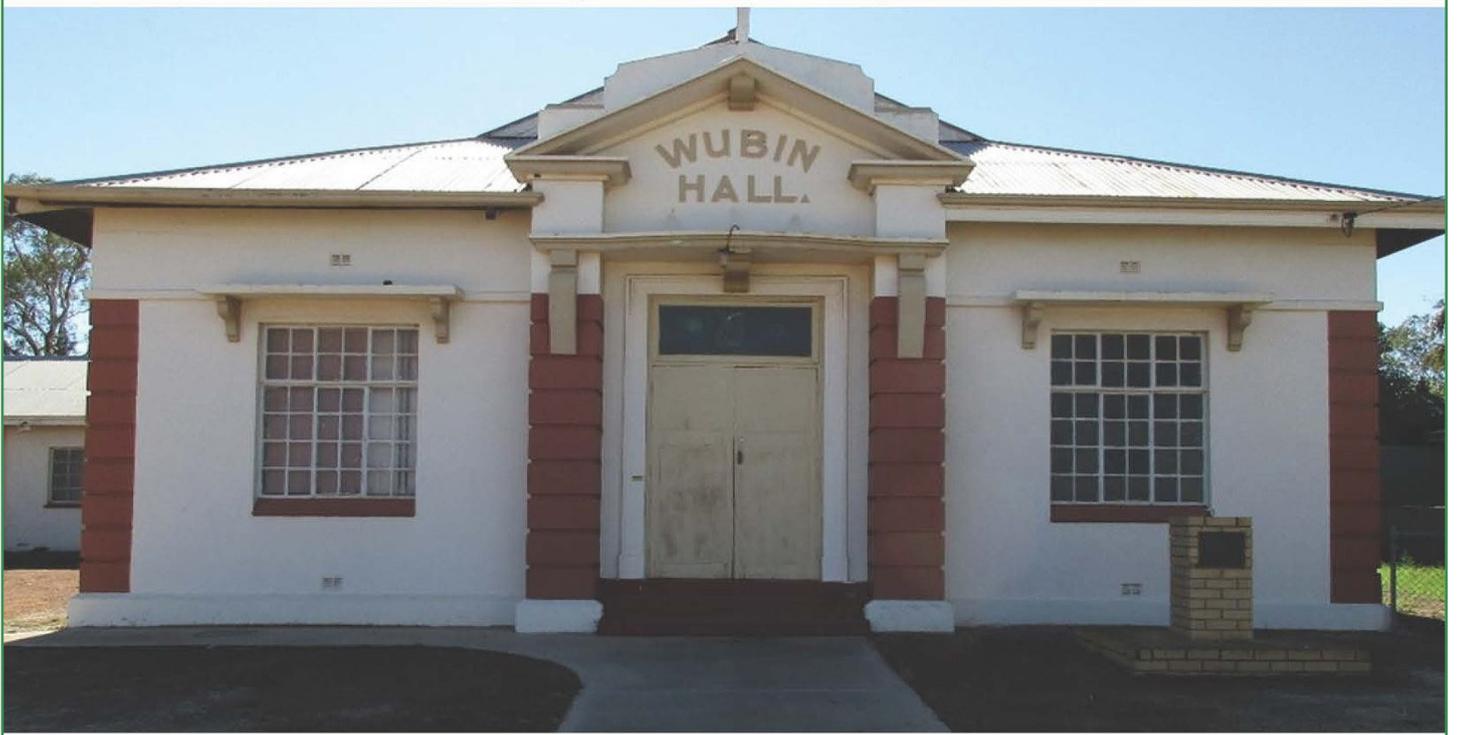
**PRICE FROM:
\$ 55,000 (INC
GST)**

**Email offer to:
tenders@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au**

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For Sale

**OFFERS FROM \$143,000
(INC GST)**



FOR SALE

This building was constructed with bricks and concrete with a tin roof - circa 1960.

The land will require re-zoning from 'Reserve' to 'Townsite'



PROPERTY FEATURES

- ✓ Wubin Town Hall
- ✓ Supper Room
- ✓ Two blocks (2,024m²)
- ✓ External toilets
- ✓ Renovators delight

CONTACT US NOW

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2025-2026 Recycle Calendar Dates



Shire of Dalwallinu

Recycle Calendar 2025-2026



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Recycle Days

- Kalannie
- Dalwallinu & Pithara
- Christmas Day



WHAT CAN GO INTO YOUR RECYCLE BIN

- **Glass** - All glass and ceramics, whole and broken
- **Plastic** - All plastic containers and plastic wraps (empty with lids off)
- **Paper** - All paper, junk mail and glossy magazines
- **Cardboard** - All cardboard products
- **Aluminium & Steel** - All metals, steel & aluminium excluding aerosol cans
- **Liquid Paperboard** - Milk, juice and laundry detergent cartons.

There will be changes to the service over the Christmas Period, will advise closer to date.

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council - 5.00pm Tuesday 28 April 2026

Kalannie Sporting & Recreation Club Inc., 24 Stanley Street, KALANNIE WA 6468

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

The public are invited to attend any Ordinary Council Meeting to ask questions of the Shire & Councillors. Ordinary Council Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except January) commencing at 5.00pm unless advertised otherwise.



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