

THE DAILY NEWS

OCTOBER 2026

Avoid, Record, Report



If you see dead or sick birds or marine mammals showing signs of H5 bird flu, you should Avoid, Record, Report.

H5 bird flu has been detected in a small number of sea birds in Western Australia. There have been no detections in poultry and no evidence of local spread among wildlife at this time. The risk to human health remains low and Western Australia is well prepared to respond to detections of H5 bird flu.

Weekly bird flu updates are provided by the WA Government to inform the public on the current situation in Western Australia and actions being taken in response.

How you can help - There are simple steps we can all take to help.

- **Keep pets away from wildlife** – help protect native animals by keeping cats indoors and preventing them from roaming. Keep dogs on a leash where wildlife are present.
- **Keep footwear and clothing clean** – when visiting national parks, nature reserves or agricultural areas, clean your shoes and clothing before moving to another location. This helps reduce the risk of spreading diseases between places.
- **Avoid, record, report** – do not touch or move dead birds or other wildlife.

If you notice groups of sick or dead animals **AVOID, RECORD** and **REPORT** to the Emergency Animal Disease hotline: 1800 675 888.

Community Citizen Awards - Now Open



**Nominate
now**

The 2027 Australia Day Citizenship Awards are now open and the nomination forms are available from the website, facebook page or the Administration office.

Nominations close 4.30pm Friday 6 November 2026. Additional information contained within this newsletter.

Shire Council Meetings

**Next Ordinary Meeting
of Council - 5.00pm**

Tuesday

27 October 2026

Shire of Dalwallinu Council

Chambers, 58 Johnston Street,

DALWALLINU WA 6609

**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.

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CEO Chit Chat



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Jean Knight JP

And just like that another winter sports season is over. A big congratulations to the Dalwallinu A Grade Football and the Dalwallinu Hockey team for great wins in the Grand Final.

Thank you to the community members that provided feedback to Council on the proposed upgrade of Memorial Park.

We extended the consultation period to 2 October 2026 and received twenty-one (21) responses.

A community meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 13 October at 5pm to discuss the proposed upgrades prior to a Council Workshop on 20 October 2026. A decision will then be made on the future of the project.

The West Coast Long Drive will be travelling through the Shire on Tuesday 6 October 2026. This event will see approximately 20-25 FJ40 Series Toyota Landcruisers travelling together from Perth to Exmouth. This drive is being held to raise funds to support Australian farmers through the charity - Farm Angels.

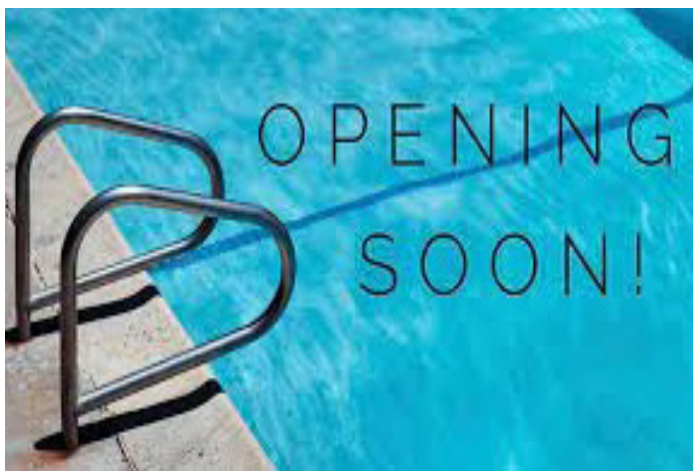
Councillors and I recently attended the 2026 WALGA Convention. The Minister for Local Government advised of some further reforms which will see the introduction of "all up" 4-year election cycles. This will see all Councillors up for re-election every four (4) years rather than currently half of the Council is up for re-election every two (2) years.

PROJECT UPDATES:

- Request for Tender RFT26627-03 has been called for Stage 2 of the Aged Accommodation (3 new units) – Closing date 14 October 2026;
- Request for Quote RFQ2627-12 for repairs to the Craft Building has been awarded;
- Works on the replacement of the Pool Liner are nearing completion;
- The replacement of the Dalwallinu bowling greens is scheduled to be undertaken towards the end of October;
- Footpath construction has commenced on Wasley Street;
- Drainage works will be undertaken over the next four (4) weeks on Johnston, Hyde and McNeill Streets.

Just a reminder to the community to follow the Shire of Dalwallinu Facebook page. We do advertise on our website and the TL and Kapers, however the easiest way to follow any news from the Shire is to follow our page or sign up to our monthly newsletter which is sent out by email.

Dalwallinu Pool



The Dalwallinu Aquatic Centre will be open for this season towards the end of October.

Works are currently being undertaken to replace the liner.

Drainage Works in Progress

Please note that drainage works will be undertaken over the next four (4) weeks on Johnston St, Hyde St and McNeill Street.

Detours will be in place during these works.



A Word from the Shire President



SHIRE PRESIDENT, Cr Keith Carter

Community Meeting

Council would welcome your attendance at the Community Meeting being held at the Memorial Park on Tuesday 13 October. This will commence at 5pm.

The meeting will allow Council to allay some concerns about the new proposal for the park. Councillors will be in attendance to listen to all comments and will welcome both positive and negative feedback.

We are aiming to upgrade Memorial Park to a modern and polished destination for all users within our main street precinct. I look forward to speaking with you all.

School Holidays

The holidays are in progress which can mean an increase in traffic movements through the Shire, particularly tourists. There will be more children in the streets and this is a reminder to use caution when driving around.

Triple Road Trains Trials

During these initial stages of the triple road train trials, it means that some drivers will be met with conditions they are not familiar with. Please drive to the conditions and obey all road traffic signs. Let's aim to have a safe and accident-free shire.

Fire Risk

Just a reminder about fuel loads in the shire at this time of the year as

we need to give the fire risk extra attention. Now is a good time to give a service to your firefighting equipment and shake the dust out of safety wear.

I have mentioned previously that a very useful tool would be to provide your neighbours with a map with the points where water can be accessed on your property.

With the size of farms today some owners may not be the first on the scene of a fire. First responders and neighbours should be aware of water points on your property.

Now is a good time to just review any flammable materials on your property and clear them away.

This also includes those people in the townsites of the Shire. It is not always a paddock that can catch fire. A quick check around the yard may save a disaster.

Rates Reminder

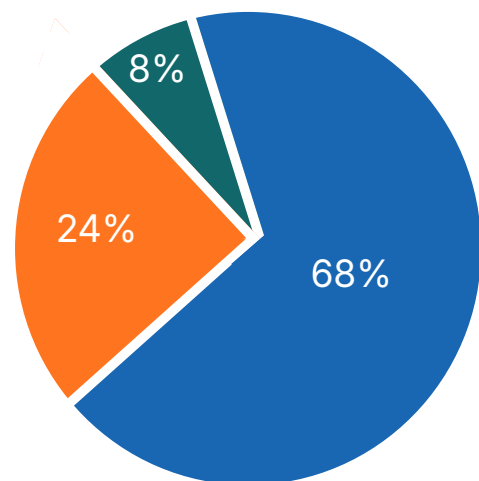


Please ensure payment is made on or before this date to ensure late fees are not applied.



If you have any concerns regarding your payment please phone Christie on 9661 0500 to discuss your options.

Capital Projects 2026-2027



● Commenced 68%

● Completed 24%

● Not Commenced 8%

September Council Resolutions

MINUTES CONFIRMED/RECEIVED
Ordinary Council Meeting
– 25 August 2026 - Minutes were confirmed.

Bush Fire Advisory Committee
– 9 September 2026 - Minutes were received.

Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee
-14 September 2026 - Minutes were received.

WORKS & SERVICES REPORTS

9.1.1 Unbudgeted Expenditure - Sweeper

Council authorised the unbudgeted expenditure of \$66,145.45 ex GST for the purchase a One (1) New Sewell Sweeper TB2000E to be Funded from the savings from the purchase of the tractor and the diesel tank with card system and the insurance claim proceeds.

9.1.2 Memorandum of Understanding – Dallcon

Council agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Dallcon for access for the construction of a culvert between Lot 802 Huggett Drive and Lot 829 Butcher Place, Dalwallinu and authorised the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the Memorandum of Understanding between the Shire of Dalwallinu and Dallcon.

9.1.3 Application for Three (3) Dogs – 6B Cousins Rd, Dalwallinu
Council approved the application from Mr Marc Bennett to keep three (3) dogs at 6B Cousins Rd, according to approved conditions.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

9.2.1 CBH – Request to amend a condition attached to a previous Development Approval

Council, agreed to amend Condition 3 of the development approval (DA 141819) relating to the CBH McLevie access road intersection with the GNH. The Shire requires a \$1M bond to ensure that the works so stipulated are undertaken, and in a timely manner.

9.2.2 CBH – Proposed expansion of the McLevie Site

Council approved the development application (DA 042627) for Lots 12 & 9002 Bell Road, Dalwallinu pursuant to Section 68(2) of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* subject to conditions.

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

9.3.1 Accounts for Payment for August 2026

Council accepted and approved the Schedule of Accounts for payment for the month of August 2026.

9.3.2 Monthly Financial Statements for August 2026

Council accepted and received the Financial Reports for the month ending 31 August 2026.

9.3.3 Shire of Dalwallinu Compliance Audit Return Review

Council adopted the Compliance Audit Return (CAR) as presented for the year ended 31 December 2025.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.4.1 Proposed Disbanding of Dalwallinu Youth Advisory Committee

The Dalwallinu Youth Advisory Committee was established in February 2023. Council resolved to disband the Youth Advisory Committee effective immediately and requested the Chief Executive Officer write to the members and thank them for being part of the Dalwallinu Youth Advisory Committee.

9.4.2 Senior Employee Contract Renewal - Manager Works & Services

Council noted and accepted that a new five (5) Year contract for Mr Marc Bennett, Manager Works & Services has been offered and accepted to commence on 8 November 2026.

Council Meeting Dates 2026

OCTOBER

Tuesday 27 October 2026 - 5pm
Shire Council Chambers
58 Johnston Street,
Dalwallinu WA 6609

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 24 November 2026 - 5pm
Shire Council Chambers
58 Johnston Street,
Dalwallinu WA 6609

DECEMBER

Tuesday 15 December 2026 - 5pm
Shire Council Chambers
58 Johnston Street,
Dalwallinu WA 6609

Reminder - Cat and Dog Registrations are due 31 October



Under The Dog Act 1976 and regulations, any dog over the age of 3 months should be registered within the Shire. All dogs need to be micro-chipped. Proof of micro-chipping is required at time of registration. All cats that have reached six months of age are required by law to be;

- micro-chipped
- sterilised
- registered with the Shire

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Community Meeting



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A

COMMUNITY MEETING

at Dalwallinu Memorial Park

COUNCILLORS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE



TUESDAY

13 October 2026



START AT

5:00PM

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

To discuss the proposed upgrades to Memorial Park

We look forward to seeing you there

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Public Notices - Street Party 2026

STREET PARTY

STALLHOLDERS WANTED

CALLING LOCAL MAKERS, BAKERS, CRAFTERS, AND
COMMUNITY GROUPS TO JOIN US FOR A
WONDERFUL COMMUNITY EVENT.

FOOD OPTIONS WELCOME



Friday 11 December 2026

From 5:30pm

Memorial Park, Dalwallinu

Please contact Sheree
on 9661 0500

Australia Day Community Citizens Awards



Shire of Dalwallinu



2027 Community Citizen of the Year Awards Nomination are now Open

Do you know someone who makes a difference in our Community?

Every community has local heroes; those people who make our community a better place. This year, more than ever, you may know of an individual, or group, who made an outstanding contribution to the Dalwallinu community.

Nominate them for the Community Citizen of the Year Awards in one of the following four categories:

- Community Citizen of the Year
- Community Citizen of the Year - Youth (*over 16 but under 25 years on 26/1/2027*)
- Community Citizen of the Year – Senior (*65 years or over*)
- Active Citizenship – Group or Event

Category winners will be presented with their awards during the Shire's annual Australia Day event on Tuesday, 26 January 2027 at the Dalwallinu Aquatic Centre.

Eligibility and Nomination forms

To be eligible all nominees must meet the criteria. To find out more please review the criteria and eligibility information and then make your nomination. Forms are available from our website, facebook page or from the office at 58 Johnston Street, Dalwallinu.

Nominations close 4.30pm Friday 6 November 2026.



Community
Citizen of the
year Awards

**Nominate
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Public Notices

TENDER

RFT2627-03 – DESIGN & CONSTRUCT AGED ACCOMMODATION

The Shire of Dalwallinu is seeking to engage a Contractor to design and construct Aged Accommodation (3 units) on Lot 567 McNeill Street, Dalwallinu.

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

All tenders must be received prior to the 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 WA 6609 or emailed to tenders@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au.

Tenders close at 2pm, Wednesday 14 October 2026.

Jean Knight JP

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

26 August 2026

Myers Street Kerbing

Works were undertaken recently on Myers Street with the installation of new kerbing where the road width was reduced from 11 metres wide to 9 metres wide.

There were several reasons for this, and these are as follows:

Road safety

During the development of this project, data collected indicates the average speed along Myers Street is 58.38km over the last 12 months. This data is collected using Compass IoT, a tool the Road Safety Commission, Main Roads and other road managers use when planning road upgrades and identifying potentially dangerous road locations.

Future re-surfacing cost savings

The Shire plans to resurface Myers Street in 2027/28. The reduction in width will result in a \$60,000 saving. The re-surfacing will add additional height of 30mm to the existing surface.

Sewer line Upgrade

The Shire plans to upgrade the sewer line to the hospital from South Street to Annetts Road in 2027/28. The current sewer line runs under the current footpath between the fence line and the old kerb line. To replace this sewer line in its current location the footpath and trees would need to be removed. During the planning process, it was identified that moving the kerb line and placing the new sewer line in the new verge, we would then not need to remove trees and the footpath as the old sewer line would be capped and left in place.

If anyone wishes to discuss this matter further, please contact Marc Bennett, Manager Works & services at the Shire on 9661 0500.

Wildflower Season



🌸🌻 Celebrating a Wonderful Wildflower Season 🌻🌸

As the wildflower season comes to an end, we would like to thank all the tourists and visitors who stopped by our Discovery Centre.

It was wonderful to welcome people from near and far who came to experience the beauty of our region and enjoy the spectacular display of wildflowers.

We enjoyed meeting so many visitors, sharing information and helping people make the most of their time in our community.

The wildflowers may be coming to an end for another year, but it was fantastic to see our region enjoyed by so many visitors.

Thank you to everyone who called in,
we look forward to welcoming you back next season!



Library on Wheels - Bringing the Library to You

Do you love reading but find it difficult to get to your local library?

Our **Library on Wheels** service is here to help! We bring books and library resources directly to older members of our community who may have difficulty travelling to the library.

Enjoy the pleasure of reading a good book from the comfort of your own home.



📖 What we offer 📖

A selection of books for all interests

Large-print books for easier reading

Friendly assistance choosing something you'll enjoy

Fortnightly visits within your local community

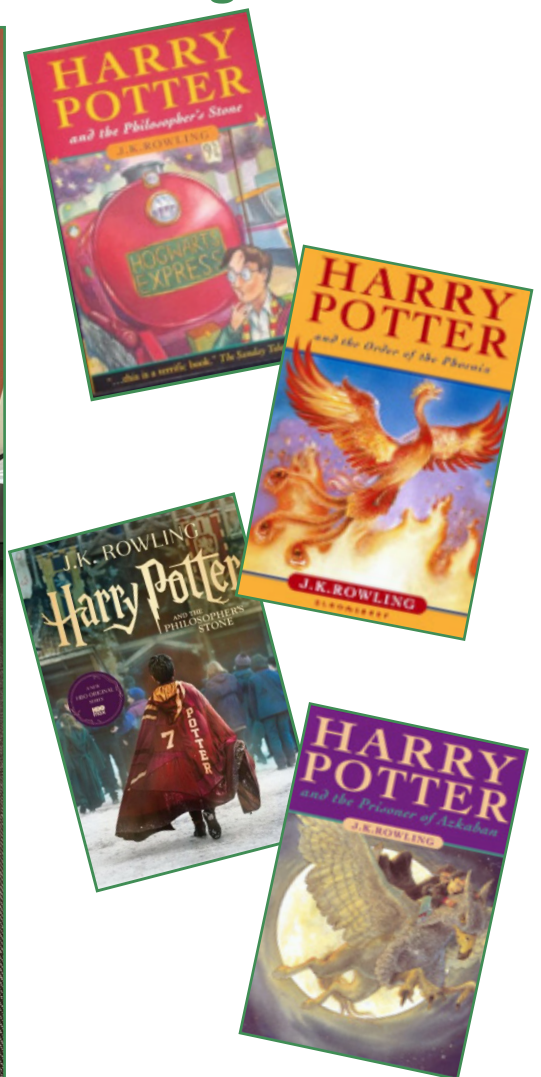


Whether you enjoy **romance, mysteries, history, biographies, gardening, cooking,**
or simply a good story, there's something for everyone.

For more information - call the library on 9661 1805



Author of the Month - J.K. Rowling



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Joanne Rowling born 31 July 1965, better known by her pen name J. K. Rowling, is a British author, philanthropist, producer, and screenwriter. She is best known for writing Harry Potter, a seven-volume series about a young wizard and the best-selling book series in history, with over 600 million copies sold. She also writes Cormoran Strike, an ongoing crime fiction series, under the alias Robert Galbraith.

Rowling conceived the idea for the Harry Potter series in 1990. The seven-year period that followed saw the death of her mother, the birth of her first child, divorce from her first husband, and relative poverty until the first novel in the series, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, was published in 1997. Six sequels followed, concluding with Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows (2007).

In 2008, Forbes named her the world's highest-paid author. The books have been translated into 85 languages and have spawned a global media franchise including films and video games.

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Youth Lounge



SCHOOLS OUT ★

28 September – 9 October

Come hang out at the
YOUTH LOUNGE

OPENING HOURS

Monday & Tuesday
9:00am – 4:00pm

Wednesday – Friday
8:30am – 4:30pm

The poster features a chalkboard background with various hand-drawn illustrations: a ruler, stars, a pencil, a paper airplane, a book, a cloud, and two smiling faces.

Community WiFi at Dalwallinu & Kalannie Ovals

COMMUNITY WI-FI POWERED BY NBN® SKY MUSTER®

STEPS TO CONNECT

To connect to the internet, follow these steps below:

- 1 Open the Wi-Fi settings on your device and select the network 'Community Wi-Fi'
- 2 A welcome page will appear, select 'Get Online'
- 3 Read and accept the service provider Terms & Conditions, select 'Continue' - you should now be connected to the internet.

Need technical support?

Please call the Community Wi-Fi Support Team
on **1300 197 865**

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School Holiday Excursion

OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY EXCURSION

On Wednesday 7th October
we will be heading to



In Joondalup for a day of Bowling, Laser tag,
Arcade games and more!!

AGE 8-17

This is a **FREE** event and
seats are limited so be quick!

(Lunch will be provided)

Bookings and permission slips are available as below

cdco@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au or AO1@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au

You can also call 9661 1805 or 9661 0500

Bus will be driven by Danny Wojcik and

Supervision by Shire Staff



Bush Fire Reminder - Permit Season has commenced



Burning Permits are required during the periods of **1 October to 14 November** and **15 February to 15 March**.

Burning Prohibited Period from 15 November to 14 February

Open Period 16 March to 30 September - Burning is prohibited on very high or extreme fire days.

Burning permits can be obtained from a Fire Control Officer. When applying for a permit you will need to provide property details for which the permit is to apply.

Harvest Ban SMS Service

During Harvest time the Shire of Dalwallinu administers the Harvest Ban SMS Service. As soon as a harvest ban is called all mobile phones registered will receive a SMS directly to their mobile phone.

This service is free of any direct charge. Please note that Harvest Bans are called by the Volunteer Fire Control Officers.

Register your details at the Shire. A test message will be sent in coming weeks to register for the SMS service. Please provide the following details to the Shire by either phoning and speaking with Christie or emailing sfo@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au

- Full Name
- Company
- Mobile Number
- Permanent list or the 2025 Season list



Department of Transport Licensing Hours

Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.00pm

The Shire of Dalwallinu offer licensing facilities on behalf of the Department of Transport. The licensing hours are set by the Department of Transport.

Please ensure you attend the offices early and allow adequate time for processing of your paperwork as the Department of Transport Licensing computers close at 4pm. Shire staff do not have access after that time to Licensing computers.



If you wish to contact the Department of Licensing their number is **13 11 56** and their website is

<https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/licensing.asp>

If you see it,



Report it

If you see and issue that the Shire should be aware of please log onto the Shire website and use the Report It function to immediately advise council staff.

Public Notices - CWBA Information



WILD DOG MANAGEMENT HAS CHANGED

CWBA is moving from proactive to reactive Wild Dog control following the loss of permits to undertake control activities on Joint Managed government lands.

Landholder reporting is now more important than ever. Report Wild Dog sightings, tracks, stock attacks, stock losses or suspected activity as soon as possible.

CWBA can provide targeted control support where access and approvals allow. Landholders must have a current Restricted Pesticide Permit in place for their property for baiting and trapping activities to occur.

REPORT WILD DOG ACTIVITY

Sightings • Tracks • Stock attacks • Stock losses • Suspected activity

Contact Russell Macpherson

0428 641 067

**NOTICE OF 2026
ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

**TUESDAY
13 OCTOBER 2026**
9.30 AM**LIEBE GROUP MEETING ROOM
DALWALLINU****AGM AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Update on CWBA activities and programs
- ✓ Presentation of the 2025/26 Annual Report
- ✓ Adoption of the 2027/28 Operational Plan
- ✓ Setting of the 2027/28 Declared Pest Rate
- ✓ Election of Board Directors

CWBA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**RSVP by phone/text
0473 163 050****or email
eocwba@outlook.com**

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Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association Inc

TAKE ACTION NOW

REPORT • CONTROL • PROTECT



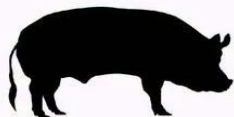
WILD DOGS & FOXES

Wild dog management has changed. CWBA no longer has permits to undertake wild dog control on Joint Managed government lands in the region. As a result, our wild dog and fox program is moving from proactive landscape control to **targeted reactive control**. CWBA will provide meat baits to landholders for targeted baiting. CWBA can provide additional LPMT support, control activities, and monitoring and surveillance.



REPORT!

**Stock attacks, stock losses and sightings of Wild Dogs and Feral Pigs to Russell
0428 641 067**



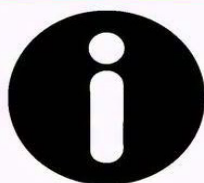
FERAL PIGS

CWBA will provide assistance to landholders for targeted culling, trapping and baiting activities. CWBA can provide additional LPMT support, training, monitoring, and surveillance.



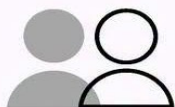
RABBITS

CWBA will provide "one-shot" rabbit poison and a mixing service on an annual basis to landholders. Also enquire about options to release Calici virus on your property.



CWBA can help with:

Restricted Chemical Product Permits (strongly recommend all landholders having).
Signage
CWBA Information and Membership



GET IN TOUCH

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Shire of Dalwallinu Elected Members



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YOUR EMAILS WANTED

The Shire of Dalwallinu like to regularly share relevant information with the community. Follow us on facebook (Shire of Dalwallinu), visit our website (www.dalwallinu.wa.gov.au) or phone us 08 9661 0500 if you require any assistance.

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