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Harvey CRC's Community Newsletter

APRIL 2023





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Week 6 of our Noongar Waangkiny course already!

Participants are hard at work planning their story books.

If you're interested in joining us in learning Noongar

Waangkiny (Language), please get in touch and we will

add you to our waiting list.

9729 1669 or events@harveycrc.com.au



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12cm x 6cm - \$17.00

1/4 Page - \$20.00

1/2 Page - \$40.00

Full Page - \$60.00

"For Sale" ads (2 lines) - FREE Ring 9729 1669 or email

marketing@harveycrc.com.au

for more information.

May advertising notices and articles due by Friday,

14th April 2023

Centre Trading Hours

Monday to Friday
8.30am to 2.30pm

(With exception to Public Holidays)

Ring us on 9729 1669 or email events@harveycrc.com.au between: 8.30am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday

For after hours emergencies such as financial/personal assistance, please ring 0419 194 853 **OR** 9729 1917



REGULAR EVENTS

SERVICES AUSTRALIA AGENT

for Centrelink, Medicare, Child Support and My Aged Care Services

WORKOUTS IN THE GARDEN

TAI CHI - Tuesdays 9.30am YOGA - Fridays 9.00am

READY FOR WORK PROGRAM

9.00am to 12.30pm Quarterly Rotations

NOONGAR WAANGKINY (LANGUAGE) & CULTURE PROGRAM

Mondays 5.30 to 7.30pm Alternate Thursdays 5.30 to 7.30pm

MULTICULTURAL SERVICES

How can we support your community? We'd love to hear your suggestions!

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE

Available by appointment.



You're covered in the South West!

- Need help with understanding your rights as an older person?
- Need guidance with the aged care system?
- Are you, or someone you know experiencing elder abuse?

Local Advocate, Amanda will be visiting to provide support and information at this location:



Harvey Community Resource Centre

Date: 12th April 2023

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Walk-ins & appointments welcome. Call 1800 655 566



When:



Commencing Thursday 4th of May 2023 **5.30pm to** 7.30pm

Running every second Thursday (fortnightly) for 10 weeks



Special event - Yarn with guest Karen Knowles Wednesday, 19 April 2023 - 5.30pm to 7.30pm Harvey Rec Centre







Where:



Harvey Community Resource Centre 5 Gibbs St, Harvey WA 6220

Cost:



\$10.00 per person per session (subsidised positions are available for eligible participants)

Register Now

Contact us: *9729 1669*

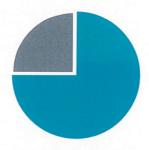
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April is Autism Month Show your support for an inclusive society

Facts about Autism



estimated Australians are autistic



more than 34 of Australians with autism are young (between the ages of 5 – 24)



estimated parents/ carers, siblings grandchildren touched by autism daily 205,200

estimated Australians are diagnosed as being autistic

38%



of Australians

with autism participate in the workforce (compared with 83.2% of people with no disability)

29%



of people on the

autism spectrum have skills that are considered exceptional

70%

of people with autism also have one co-occurring condition, 40% have two or more

For more information about autism please visit The Spectrum website, www.thespectrum.org.au

For more information about supports and services at Autism SA, scan the QR code or visit **autismsa.org.au**









ANZAC Dawn Service Tuesday 25th April 2023





Memorial Anzac Cove Gallipoli Curtesy AWM

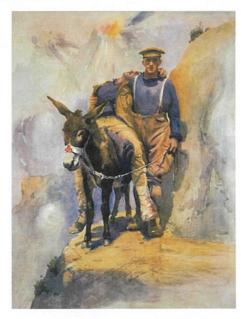
Venue: Harvey War Memorial Cnr Uduc Road & Young Street Time: Commence 6.00 am

Public most welcome to attend Followed by "Gunfire Breakfast"

ANZAC Memorial Service

Tuesday 25th April 2023

Venue: Harvey War Memorial
Cnr. Uduc Road & Young Street.
Time: Seated by 10.15 am
Public most welcome to attend.
Followed by light luncheon



Simpson and his donkey
Curtesy AWM





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23 February 2023

With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annetta Bellingeri

Don't fret over a new pet - know your rights

Buying a pet is a decision many people make with their hearts as well as their heads, meaning it can be a particularly devastating experience when things go wrong with a new companion.

The issues we hear about can vary – from new pets with significant health issues or not matching their description (such as size or pedigree), to breeders taking upfront deposits for litters that are never born.

That's why we have launched a new campaign to help empower new pet owners to understand how the Australian Consumer Law protects them in the same way as it does for other purchases.

Buying from a shop or breeder (that is a business) entitles you to receive an animal that matches its description, be of acceptable quality, free from significant health issues and have a healthy lifespan relative to the breed or species. Any additional promises made about the pedigree, condition, performance or other characteristics must also be upheld by the trader.

This means if you encounter a genuine pet purchase issue, you may be entitled to receive a remedy (such as financial compensation or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses) while still being able to keep the animal.

These protections are unlikely to apply to private sales when someone sells a pet on a one-off or ad hoc basis, so extra caution is advised if buying this way.

Ask if you can visit where the pet was born and meet its parents to check it has been well cared for, see how big it is likely to grow and what its temperament may be like.

Avoid pet scams – or inadvertently supporting a puppy farm or poor breeding practices – by not buying online if you can't meet the animal first.

If buying a pet isn't for you, consider adopting a new companion from an animal shelter or rescue.

For more information about your pet-buying consumer rights, visit the Consumer Protection website at www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au. If you have a genuine issue with a new pet and have been unable to negotiate a remedy, contact us on 1300 30 40 54 or email consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au



What is Autism?

Autism Spectrum Disorder (Autism) is a complex developmental disability that is neurobiological. This means it relates to how the brain interprets information and responds to it.

People with Autism experience differences in the way they communicate socially. Their behaviour may be repetitive or narrowly focussed. People with Autism also tend to experience differences with their senses that can affect the way they react to their surroundings.

Although the core characteristics of Autism may cause some challenges, they can also result in special skills and abilities. When getting to know a student with Autism, it is important not only to learn about their challenges but also to recognise their strengths!

The Characteristics of Autism

People with Autism experience different degrees of difficulty in two core areas – 'Social Communication' and 'Behaviour'. A person's exact experience in these two areas is specific to them.

For example, some people with Autism will find communicating with others hard, yet have no difficulties with noisy or busy situations. Others may experience the opposite or have different strengths and difficulties altogether.

Social Communication

In social situations, communication is about more than simply understanding what other people are saying. There are many unspoken rules that underpin social interactions, which change based on the situation and people involved. Some people with Autism speak fluently while others have limited speech or do not talk at all.

How Social Communication affects students with Autism

Although no two students with Autism will be the same, they all face challenges in interacting and communicating with others. Students with Autism may:

- Prefer to be on their own rather than interact with their peers or with adults
- Not respond when people speak or gesture toward them, even when their name is called
- · Make little eye contact with others

While some people with Autism will seek solitude, others may also have a strong desire for relationships – though help with forming friendships is often needed.

Varying levels of understanding vs communication

It is important to be aware that the communication abilities of a student with Autism is not necessarily equal to their ability to understand and process information.

For example, someone with a very limited ability to express themself may have a much greater understanding than is immediately apparent. Similarly, someone else who has a high level of verbal skills and is able to get their point across may have great difficulty understanding, processing and reacting to information presented to them.

Students with Autism may:

- Be very 'concrete' or literal in their understanding of language
- Have very few words that they can use to express themselves and therefore need communication support
- Talk with ease, particularly about interests that are important to them, with little understanding that others may not be interested





Behaviour

The following behaviours all fall within the Behaviour area of characterising Autism:

- Repetitive Actions doing or saying something over and over again (including routines)
- Intense Interests a higher degree of interest in a particular topic or activity than others may experience
- Sensory Processing differences in how the person processes information that is provided by their senses, which can result in unusual or unexpected behavioural responses

These behaviours are often connected. When the world is overwhelming and unpredictable, they can give a person with Autism a sense of predictability and comfort.

Differences in Thinking: Theory of Mind

People with Autism tend to think quite differently, which may lead to some challenges but can also result in some unique strengths. Three concepts that help explain these differences are:

- Theory of Mind the ability to gauge the thoughts, intentions, feelings and mental states of other people (including being able to empathise or 'put themselves in some else's shoes')
- Executive Function the high level cognitive skills that involve managing our thoughts, actions and emotions in order to get things done (such as organisation, focussing, remembering and responding appropriately)
- Central Coherence the ability to pull information together and make sense of it, depending on the situation or circumstance (including being able to look for the 'bigger picture' and overall meaning)

How differences in thinking affects students with Autism

These differences in thinking can affect students in various ways, including:

- Challenges with Theory of Mind can sometimes be misunderstood as being uncaring, when in fact it is the impairment that may cause them to do or say 'the wrong thing'
- Challenges with Executive Function having trouble getting started on tasks, remembering what to do, multi-tasking, prioritising different tasks, keeping track of activities or personal items and so on
- Challenges with Central Coherence focussing on specific details at the expense of understanding the overall picture of a situation or experience (though this may also mean excellent attention to detail!)





This content has been extracted from the Autism Association of WA's Autism Heroes Publication.

Designed with the Australian National Curriculum in mind, the Autism Heroes Education Pack contains lesson plans, a video and worksheets for students in Years 3–6. It also includes a range of resources that are designed to help you prepare and deliver the pack and to support understanding of Autism within your school. To find out more about this pack, or to purchase a copy visit: https://autismheroes.autism.org.au/



BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE April 2023

Quite often as blokes we have been told to get in touch with our feminine side. Over time this narrative has been part of the language barrier that has put bloke's positive approaches to wellbeing issues and help seeking in reverse.

There are three parts to our health: physical, mental and social/spiritual wellbeing. The latter is where we find: our identity, our individuality, our own sense of self, our sense of belonging, our passions and interests and our emotional *context* (not a feminine side!)

We are the same species but putting it simply men and women have evolved differently. Our DNA is 99.6% similar but it is that 0.4% difference that we need to talk about and address, because it helps explain why blokes have a warrior attitude to life and in turn helps explain why we seek help differently.

There are three main areas of difference that we talk about in the work we do:

1. Communication

- On average blokes will talk one third less than ladies per day (7,000 words to 21,000 words) this starts from a young age from boys through to men. Anyone with a wife, mother, mother-in-law, daughter, or partner will know this. Ladies, talking is a good thing as it helps address/highlight a whole lot of issues.
- It is perfectly normal for blokes to talk in dot points or even just grunt!

2. Risk-taking

- Blokes are hard wired to take risks from an early age. Some
 of this is linked to our brain development. The brain
 development stage for a lady is roughly between the ages of
 18 to 20 years, whereas for a bloke it is between the ages of
 25 to 28 years (some may say 45 to 50 years!)
- As we get older, we get wiser, but we are still hard wired to take risks.

3. Winning (an important part of the warrior culture)

- The majority (90%) of Aussie men think winning is important (a trait that can be traced back to our true warrior days, hunting for survival);
- An alarming statistic is that 50% of blokes think winning is all that matters. So quite often blokes don't take a backward step when it comes to finances, relationships and/or business matters.

The importance blokes place on winning, explains why a loss event and/or a sense of loss becomes problematic and can be hard to deal with. Combine this with the lack of understanding of our emotions and we may be a ticking time bomb.

DO YOU KNOW THE RISK YOU'RE TAKING? JUST TO WIN THIS OBSTACLE RACE? YOU SHOULDN'T BE TRYING TO JUMP A PIT FULL OF HUNGRY CROCODILES. IT'S CRAZY, YOU'RE CRAZY! DO YOU ALSO REALISE THERE'S SHARP WOODEN STAKES AND POISONOUS SNAKES IN THERE? DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU? HOW WOULD YOUR FAMILY FEEL? THERE'S NOT A DOCTOR OR HOSPITAL FOR 350KM. HOW COULD WE TREAT YOUR INJURIES, ASSUMING YOU SURVIVED? AND EVEN IF YOU DID WIN THE RACE, IS IT WORTH THE RISK? THERE'S NO PRIZE! IT'S JUST FOR PRESTIGE ! AND YOUR POINT IS?

As blokes we need to be more aware of our emotions and that it is alright to show them. We will all experience emotional issues throughout our lives. During these times we should openly express our emotions maybe through a hug or a cry and/or use language that is foreign to us i.e. I am sad, and/or I am struggling here.

Talk to a Mate®!! It is beneficial, and you will realise that it's not just you that may be struggling, there's a lot of other blokes out there feeling the same way.

Remember... before it all gets too much... Talk to a Mate®!!

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Hosted 8 events total

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Harvey Community Resource Centre is an independent not-for-profit organisation whose aim is to provide access to government services and economic, business, and social development opportunities to the community of Harvey and surrounding areas. We are supported by the Shire of Harvey and funded by a state government contract, user-pays...

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Welcome to our Eventbrite!

Copy the link below into your web browser or scan the QR code to see our upcoming events and stay up to date with what's happening at the Harvey Community **Resource Centre.**



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02 March 2023

With Senior Regional Officer for South West, Annetta Bellingeri

How to avoid hiring a shady tradie

Whether you need a qualified tradesperson to tackle a home project or a handyman for a quick repair, it's important to know the operator you've hired is trustworthy and reliable.

While the majority of tradies do the right thing, we are contacted by disgruntled consumers about the minority that don't.

In the past 12 months, we have received 579 complaints about those working in trades industries, mostly to do with them failing to exercise due care and skill, as well as wrongly accepting payment.

One trader we strongly urge consumers to avoid doing business with is Kyle John Graham Feisst (also known as Chris Johnson or John Miller), an air-conditioning installer and builder of custom vehicle trailers.

Mr Feisst, who advertises under numerous business names on Facebook Marketplace – including Perth Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Repairs; Wat4Now Customs (also spelt Wot4Now Customs); Perth Air Services; and Aim Mechanical – has so far refused to resolve the 42 outstanding complaints we have received from consumers claiming to be owed \$62,000 for incomplete or no work.

To avoid being left in the lurch if a tradie fails to deliver or goes broke, we always recommend only paying a minimal deposit of about 10 per cent or, for larger jobs, negotiate progress payments as stages of the work are completed.

Paying by credit card is a good option as it provides the protection of getting a chargeback if the goods or services aren't delivered.

Pricing and overcharging are other common issues reported to us, so always get several quotes to compare prices and avoid any surprises once the job is complete. Ensure tradies are licensed (if required) or accredited by trusted industry bodies and search online for positive or negative reviews. Verify claims by asking to see previous work and speaking to past clients.

Ask to see a certificate of currency for public liability insurance, which will protect you or third parties against any damage the tradesperson may cause.

Conduct a licence search for professions such as an electrician, builder or plumber, on Building and Energy's website at www.dmirs.wa.gov.au. More information and advice about hiring tradespeople is on our website at www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au







Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds & diseases

April 2023

Understanding Aphids



Green peach aphid (Myzus persicae) giving birth to nymph on a potato leaf (©2023 DPIRD)

Aphids are small, soft-bodied, sap sucking insects which belong to the order Hemiptera. Let's examine some unique biological features about aphids to better understand why they are so difficult to control.

- Host plant range: Many species of aphids can feed on a wide range of host plants, which makes it difficult to control infestations in mixed plantings. These aphids are referred to as 'polyphagous' and includes the green peach aphid which feeds on a wide range of crops including vegetables, fruit trees, and ornamental plants.
- Rapid reproduction: Aphids can reproduce asexually through a process called parthenogenesis, where females give birth to live young without mating with a male. This allows aphid populations to grow rapidly under favourable conditions, and some species produce 20+ generations a season.
- Developmental plasticity & dispersal: Aphids can produce alates (winged aphids) in response to changes in environmental conditions. A drop in food quality, overcrowding or increased

- predation pressure can alter their development and produce winged individuals to aid in aphid dispersal.
- Ant mutualism: Some species of aphids have a
 mutualistic relationship with ants, which can
 protect them from predators and parasitoids.
 This can make it difficult to control aphid
 populations without also addressing the ant
 presence.
- Insecticide resistance: Some aphid populations have developed resistance to commonly used insecticides, which can make control even more challenging.

Understanding these factors can help you develop effective strategies for managing aphids. This may include cultural practices like removing infested plants, biological control methods like introducing natural predators or parasitoids, and careful use of insecticides that are effective against the specific aphid species present.

If you don't recognise the aphid you are trying to control, please report it.

Report suspect pests





MyPestGuide™ Reporter via app or online mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au



Pest and Disease Information Service (08) 9368 3080 padis@dpird.wa.gov.au



Want to better manage your finances?

Financial Counsellors provide non-judgmental, free, independent and confidential financial information, advice and advocacy.

We help to understand which debts are priorities, develop budgets understand the pros and cons of different options to manage financial issues, negotiate with creditors and provide referrals to other services.

When: Every second Wednesday of the month Where: Harvey Community Resource Centre

5 Gibbs Street, Harvey

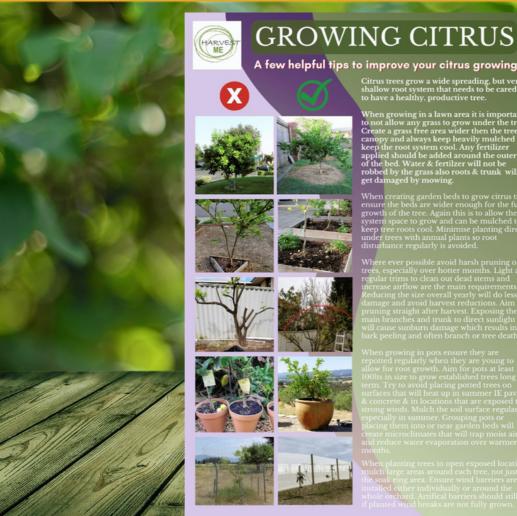
To book a spot contact us: T: 9720 9200











A few helpful tips to improve your citrus growing.







FOODBANK Mobile Food Van

19th April 2023 9.30am to 10.15am

(Referral is needed to access this service)

Harvey Community Resource Centre 5 Gibbs St. Harvey WA 6233





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OUTREACH SERVICES

Harvey Aboriginal Corporation

Harvey Aboriginal Corporation now outreach at the Centre.

Their services will be available by appointment only. If you have an issue that you would like assistance with, please contact Lesley Ugle on 0497 672 513 or email her at harveyabcorp21@gmail.com.

If you're unable to reach Lesley, please call us on **9729 1669** and a message will be relayed for you.

GP Downsouth

GP Downsouth is a not-for-profit community organisation providing health and well-being services in the South West and Peel regions of WA.

In the Peel region, they operate Nidjalla Waangan Mia Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Centre, the Peel Youth Medical Service (including the 3 Tier Youth Mental Health Program) and the Peel Mobile Health Service. In the South West, they provide Mental Health Services, Community Child Health Service and Aboriginal Health Services.

Call 9754 3662 for appointments

SMYL Community Services

For participants of the Parents' Next Program. This program is a "pre-employment" project that assists parents with young children to identify their education and employment goals, develop a pathway to achieve their goals and link them to activities and services in the local community.

Available every Tuesday 9.00am to 2.30pm Appointments Essential

Call 1300 215 391 for appointments

South West Community Legal Centre

The South West Community Legal Centre is a not-forprofit, independent community organisation committed to delivering legal advice and information to low-income and disadvantaged people in the South West region of Western Australia.

Call 9791 3206 for appointments

atWork Australia

Building Better Working Lives

atWork Australia is a leading employment services provider working with Australians across the nation. We empower job seekers, supporting them to build better working lives.

Available every Wednesday and every second Thursday 9.00am to 4.00pm Appointments Essential

Call 1300 192 632 for appointments

Anglicare Financial Counselling

Anglicare WA's Financial Counsellors are qualified to:

- Make assessments
- Provide information and options to address financial problems
- · Assist with resolutions if necessary
- · Advocate and negotiate with creditors
- Make referrals to other useful services in the community
- Provide information about government assistance
- Support a client in developing their own budget
- Relay relevant information about consumer credit and bankruptcy

Services include solving immediate problems and also teaching clients how to maintain their own financial stability.

Available every second Wednesday 9.30am to 2.30pm Appointments Essential Call 9720 9200 for appointments



Community Service Announcement



Do you know what services your CRC provides to the community?

Access to government services

- · Access to local and state government information and services
- Centrelink/Medicare and Child Support Services Access Point
- · Department of Veterans Affairs enquiries
- · Multicultural Affairs enquiries
- · General information and support

Economic and business development support

- Referral services to business development and employment support
- · Facilitation of business development activities, seminars and initiatives
- Business incubation support services; i.e. hot office and internet
- · Video conference services
- · Information and support

Social development support

- Referrals to social support services, i.e. NDIS and other health and welfare professionals
- · Facilitation of social development activities, seminars and initiatives
- · Information and support
- Free computer and technology lessons for seniors, and beginners aged 30 to 50

Services and products

- Social enterprise approach to provide access to services and products which have strong local demand but are not economically viable to deliver in a for-profit business model
- Essential secretarial services such as; faxing, printing, photocopying, scan/emailing, photo printing, binding, laminating and typing
- · Room hire for private or business use

Building community connections

- · Communication strategies including our community newsletter, website and social media
- · Community social events
- Engagement with community via feedback, surveys and community group meetings









































Ring 9729 1669 or email events@harveycrc.com.au for more information about our services.



Jo, Tracey-Ann, Holly, Jehan, Sarah and Leesa

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