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**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**20 APRIL 2024**  
**PAPERS RELATING**

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## **ITEM 7.1 UNCONFIRMED MEETING MINUTES**

**Appendix 1: UNCONFIRMED MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 15 FEBRUARY 2024**

**WEB LINK :** [Unconfirmed-Minutes-OCM-19th-March-2024.pdf \( Dundas.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.dundas.wa.gov.au/Unconfirmed-Minutes-OCM-19th-March-2024.pdf)

## **ITEM 10.2.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 29TH FEBRUARY 2024**

**Appendix 2: MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 29TH FEBRUARY 2024**

**WEB LINK:** [2024-02-Dundas-Monthly-Financial-Report-combined.pdf](https://www.dundas.wa.gov.au/2024-02-Dundas-Monthly-Financial-Report-combined.pdf)

## **ITEM 10.3.2 2023/24 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – PRIORITY PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP**

### **MOTION**

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to take urgent action to implement effective product stewardship for priority materials, including electronic waste, tyres, mattresses and packaging to include oversize mine tyres. These programmes must prioritise waste avoidance, promote end-of-life recovery and encompass all costs associated with recycling.**

### **OBJECTIVE**

To reduce the costs associated with waste management to Local Governments, and their communities, and increase resource recovery for priority material types.

### **KEY ARGUMENTS**

- Product Stewardship ensures that the producers of products have financial or physical responsibility for their products at end-of-life.
- Without effective product stewardship Local Government, and their communities, will face increasing costs for waste management.
- Product Stewardship is a key mechanism to ensure that products are designed to reduce waste generation and to facilitate end of product life recovery. This facilitates the transition to a more circular economy.
- The priority materials for action are electronic waste, tyres, mattresses and packaging.
- For all these materials, the voluntary or co-regulatory product stewardship schemes in place, are not covering the costs associated with recycling. This is particularly significant for regional areas, where there are also transport costs.
- Some materials, such as tyres and mattresses, are frequently being illegally dumped, which has an environmental, social and economic impact.
- Effective product stewardship, which covers all of the costs associated with recycling, will assist in reducing costs to Local Government and the community and achieving better environmental outcomes.
- This motion urges that such initiatives be mandated across all industries, including the mining sector. It is imperative that the mining industry adheres to stringent product stewardship guidelines to mitigate the environmental impact of oversized tyres and other materials.

- Communities across Australia should receive dedicated funding to support recycling efforts, similar to a Roads to Recovery funding model, which is not a competitive grant process. It should rather be a guaranteed resource to facilitate community-led recycling initiatives.

Effective product stewardship should encompass the following key actions:

1. **Industry Engagement and Representation:** Ensure adequate representation of industry sectors to better understand and meet the specific needs and challenges faced by various industries regarding disposal of the identified priority materials.
2. **Regulatory Oversight and Compliance:** Implement stricter regulations and oversight mechanisms to ensure compliance with disposal standards, which may include regular inspections, audits and penalties for non-compliance.
3. **Research and Development:** Invest in research and development efforts to explore innovative solutions for managing disposal of priority materials, including advanced recycling, reuse options or alternative production materials which are more environmentally friendly and durable in the first instance.
4. **Education and Awareness:** Conduct outreach programmes and educational campaigns with both industry participants and the wider public to raise awareness of the impacts of improper disposal of these products and the importance of complying with proper disposal guidelines.
5. **Collaboration and Partnerships:** Foster collaboration between government agencies and industry stakeholders, research institutions and environmental organisations to develop comprehensive strategies to address the environmental impact of improper disposal of the priority materials. This could include, sharing best practice initiatives, pooling resources for research initiatives, and coordinating efforts to improve recycling and disposal infrastructure.
6. **Financial Incentives:** Provide further financial incentives to industry to invest in sustainable waste management practices.
7. **Monitoring and Reporting:** Establish robust monitoring and reporting mechanisms to track volume, destination and disposal methods of end-of-life products. The data collected in this way can further inform decision-making and help identify areas where improvement is required.

## [Tyre Product Stewardship Scheme - DCCEEW](#)

### Summary

#### **AGM Report Summary: Tyre Product Stewardship Scheme**

Tyre Stewardship Australia (TSA) oversees the national Tyre Product Stewardship Scheme (TPSS), aiming to develop sustainable markets for tyre-derived products and reduce the environmental impacts of end-of-life tyres. The scheme is supported by leading tyre and auto brands, who contribute to a levy used for administration. Key objectives include transforming end-of-life tyres into useful products, creating employment opportunities, and preventing illegal dumping. Benefits include increased resource use, improved recycling industry, and consumer awareness. The scheme operates through accreditation and compliance programs, with over 1,700 participants committed to sustainable tyre management. Accredited recyclers and collectors process over 300,000 tonnes of tyres annually, producing various tyre-derived products for applications like road construction and urban paving. TSA's ambitious goals include boosting

domestic tyre-derived product usage, enhancing tyre management capacity, and expanding industry participation. Industries can join voluntarily, assuming financial responsibility for product disposal, or become accredited retailers, collectors, or recyclers to support scheme objectives. Compliance involves adhering to environmental and safety standards, with regular audits ensuring adherence. Major fleets and councils also support the scheme, promoting the use of accredited providers and seeking Australian Tyre Derived Products (TDP) for various applications.

#### **MEMBER COMMENT**

The above motion to be considered and checked against ALGA's policies

#### **Appendix 3: Overview Product Stewardship**

**Web Link:** [Papers-Relating-1032-overview-product-stewardship.pdf \(dundas.wa.gov.au\)](https://papers-relating-1032-overview-product-stewardship.pdf)

## **ITEM 10.3.3 2023/24 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – MEDICAL SERVICES**

#### **MOTION**

**This National General Assembly calls upon the Australian Government and the Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, Hon. Mark Butler MP, to plan and fund the provision of medical services, (in consultation with relevant Local Governments), to regional, rural and remote communities.**

#### Objective

To ensure equitable access to medical services for regional, rural and remote communities.

#### **KEY ARGUMENTS**

It is a Federal Government responsibility to maintain the number of doctors in Australia (through Commonwealth-funded university places) and ensure they are distributed equitably across the country.

- The Federal Government decision to expand the Distribution Priority Area to include large regional towns and some outer-urban areas within cities to have DPA or partial DPA status, has had an immediate impact on recruitment of medical practitioners to smaller communities.
- The current bulk billing rebate is having an impact on the provision of medical services, particularly in more sparsely populated areas where possible income is already impacted and leading to doctors requesting incentives as detailed above, in order to cover their costs.
- Over the last couple of years, the cost to Local Governments and their ratepayers to ensure medical services are made available in their communities has been increasing. Rural doctor and GP shortages have been highlighted across the nation.
- Smaller communities with limited rates bases are struggling to fund medical services as doctors make increasing demands for extra funding to stay in rural areas. Incentives such as the provision of housing, and often, a vehicle, as well as a cash component, have become increasingly, 'the norm' for local governments wishing to encourage or retain a doctor in their community. This has wide-ranging impacts on Council's ability to keep delivering other key services to their communities.

### Background

Over the last couple of years, the cost to Local Government Councils and their ratepayers to ensure medical services are made available in their communities has been increasing. Rural Doctor and GP shortages have also been highlighted across the nation.

The Shire of Dundas's small Community Medical Practice cost is increasing to consume almost 15% of its total Council revenue. This will impact the Shire of Dundas Councils ability to keep delivering other services to its community. The Shire of Dundas may need to consider removing positions within its Council to ensure ongoing provision of these increased demands from its local medical practice.

Federal Government decisions like the one highlighted in the link below are also having a direct affect in regional LGAs providing affective medical services:

#### [RACGP - DPA change making rural GP recruitment harder](#)

"There has been 'an immediate impact' on the GP workforce in rural and remote areas following a decision to expand Distribution Priority Area (DPA) status, *newsGP* has been told.

Last month's Federal Government announcement means that GP catchments in [Modified Monash 2](#) (MM 2) areas, which include most large regional towns, now automatically have DPA status.

Some outer-urban areas within large cities, classified as MM 1, have also gained DPA or partial DPA status".

The continuation of Bulkbilling is also a concern across Australia, which also impacts on Local Government Councils when they now have to take on providing Medical Practice services, recruiting Doctors/GPs as LGA staff members, providing them with housing and other incentives plus provision for their other staff to

fill administration positions for their practice. Current Federal Government funding through Medicare needs addressing so that Bulk Billing is still available. To do this the Federal Government needs to take into account the additional costs being incurred in regional areas by LGAs to provide medical services as highlighted above, and increase Government investment in remote areas.

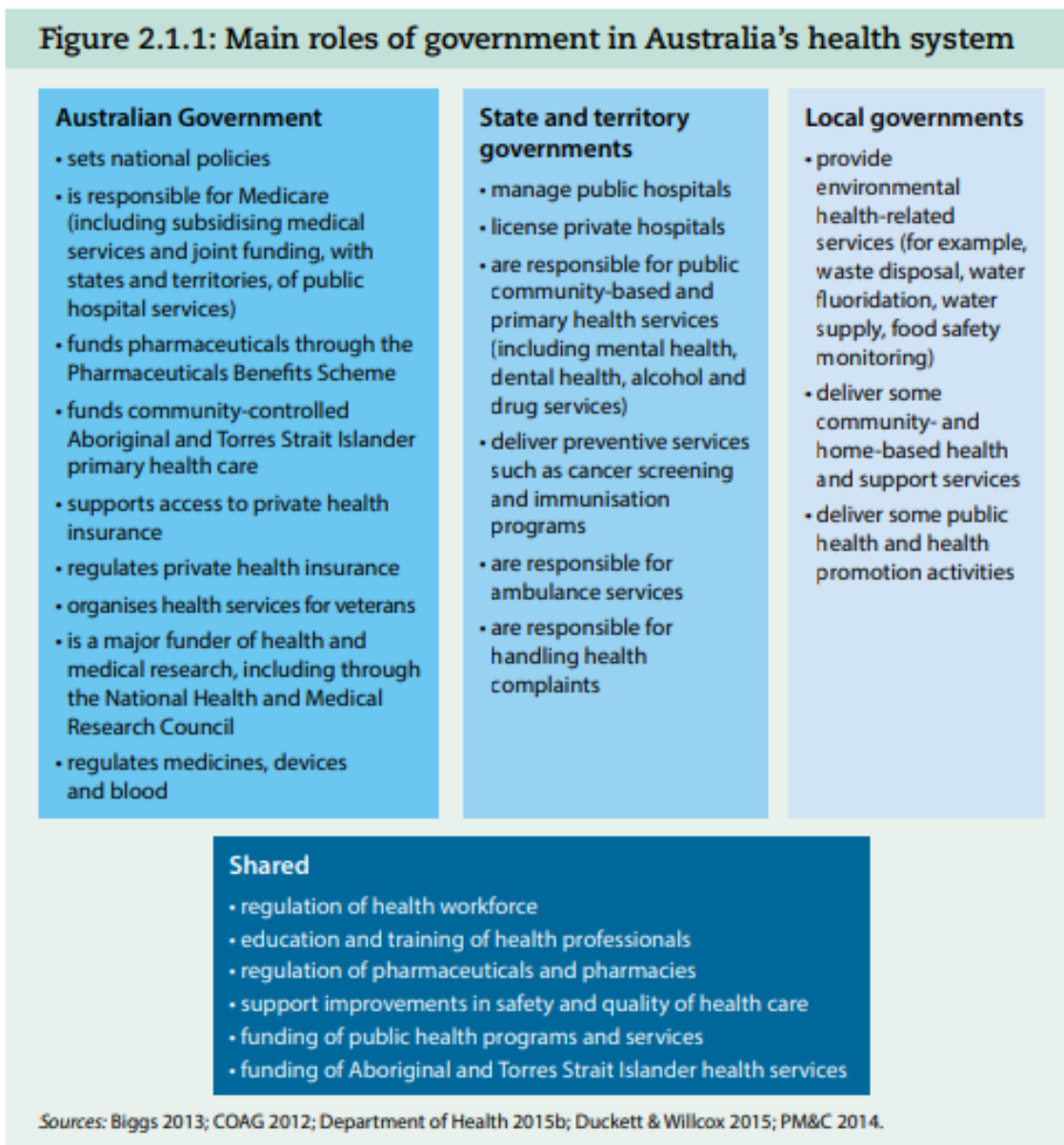
As part of the document link above, this is what is explained as Local Government responsibility.

### [2.1 How does Australia's health system work? \(Australia's health 2016\) \(AIHW\)](#)

“Local governments, in addition to providing community-based health and home care services, have a significant role in public health and health promotion activities (for example, the provision of immunisation services; smoking cessation, nutrition awareness and weight loss programs; child and maternal health services; and promoting safety and physical activity) and may also deliver environmental health-related services (including water fluoridation, sanitation services, water and food inspection and food safety monitoring) (ALGA 2010; LGNSW 2016) (see Figure 2.1.1)”.



**Figure 2.1.1: Main roles of government in Australia's health system**



[The Australian health system | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#)

Australian Government responsibilities

1. Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS)
2. Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule (PBS)
3. supporting and regulating private health insurance
4. supporting and monitoring the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of primary health care services
5. subsidising [aged care services](#), such as residential care and home care, and regulating the aged care sector
6. collecting and publishing health and welfare information and statistics through the [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)

7. funding for health and medical research through the [Medical Research Future Fund](#) and the [National Health and Medical Research Council](#)
8. funding veterans' health care through the [Department of Veterans' Affairs](#)
9. funding community controlled Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary healthcare organisations
10. maintaining the number of doctors in Australia (through Commonwealth-funded university places) and ensuring they are distributed equitably across the country
11. buying vaccines for the [national immunisation program](#)
12. regulating medicines and medical devices through the [Therapeutic Goods Administration](#) (TGA)
13. subsidising [hearing services](#)
14. coordinating access to organ and tissue transplants
15. ensuring a secure supply of safe and affordable blood products
16. coordinating national responses to health emergencies, including pandemics
17. ensuring a safe food supply in Australia and New Zealand
18. protecting the community and the environment from radiation through nuclear safety research, policy, and regulation

#### State, territory and local government responsibilities

- managing and administering public hospitals
- delivering preventive services such as breast cancer screening and immunisation programs
- funding and managing community and mental health services
- public dental clinics
- ambulance and emergency services
- [patient transport and subsidy](#) schemes
- food safety and handling regulation
- regulating, inspecting, licensing and monitoring health premises

#### Shared responsibilities

The Commonwealth also shares responsibility with the states and territories for other activities under national agreements such as the [Council of Australian Governments](#) (COAG). These other activities include:

- funding public hospital services
- preventive services, such as free cancer screening programs including those under the [National Bowel Cancer Screening Program](#)
- registering and accrediting health professionals
- funding [palliative care](#)
- [national mental health reform](#)
- responding to national health emergencies

Find your [state or territory health department](#).

Local governments play an important role in the health system. They provide a range of environmental and public health services, community-based health and home care services.

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**The above motion to be considered and checked against ALGA's policies**

**Appendix 4 Item 10.3.: How Does Australia's Health System Work?**

**WEB LINK:** [Paper-Relating-Item-1033-2024-ALGA-Motion-ah16-2-1-how-does-australias-health-system-work.pdf](https://www.dundas.wa.gov.au/Paper-Relating-Item-1033-2024-ALGA-Motion-ah16-2-1-how-does-australias-health-system-work.pdf)  
([dundas.wa.gov.au](https://www.dundas.wa.gov.au))

## ITEM 10.3.5 OFFICERS' REPORTS

### WORKS & SERVICES REPORT

**Reporting Officer:** Barry Hemopo – Manager of Works and Services

**Reporting Period:** March 14th – April 12th

#### Town Works

- Repairs to the water main at the rear of the admin building in front of the public toilets.
- Removal of fallen branches around town and trees on verges.
- New automatic timer locks fitted to public toilets, open at 6.30am and close at 5.30pm.
- Planes in Monday, Tuesday.
- Dog park septic tanks pumped out.
- Pump out laundry tanks when required.
- Critical road repairs to the runway airstrip.
- Verge slashing continued.
- Weeding and pulling out of dead plants at the rear of the admin building, removal of spiked plants from our gardens.
- Set up chairs/ gazebo and town hall ready for the large funeral in town.
- Repair blocked septic pipe to toilets at the IGA.
- Digging out tree stumps around the town to eliminate hazards.
- Mowing and snipping of all parks and gardens.
- Eucla Postie run.
- IGA grocery run to Perth.

#### Plant

- P345 IGA truck, new drive tyres fitted and fire extinguishers.
- P336 Engineered water discharge system so water from the tanker can be pumped directly into the fire tenders. (26,000lt water trailer)
- P354 5000 km service and repairs. (Isuzu Service Truck)
- P279 250Hr service and repairs. (Cat Grader)
- P325 250Hr service and repairs. (Bomag Multi tyred roller)
- P266 New drive tyres fitted. (Hino Water Truck)
- P352 Searching for long range fuel tanks for the Post Office Eucla run Volkswagen Crafter, bulbar, driving lights and UHF radio fitted to vehicle.
- P299 Replace tyres and repair attachment locking hitch pin operation. (Bobcat)
- P284 Repair left hand passenger door window not working. (Fuso Truck)

#### Waste Facility

- Move green waste from the secondary holding section.

#### Swimming Pool

- The pool season has now ended. Maintenance continues during the off season.

#### Occupational Health and Safety and Ranger Services

- Ongoing JHA and SWP procedures being added to our system.
- RV counts ongoing.
- Rectify faults found on the risk assessment audit to all machines (WIP)
- Conduct security checks of buildings 2 x a week at staggered times.
- Bromus/Dundas rubbish run 2 x week and inspections.

- Dog and feral cat catching ongoing.
- Clean up pound, make up dog beds and tidy up storeroom.
- 1 X new employee started full time gardener.
- 1 X employee has resigned from the Shire Depot crew this month.
- Existing depot employee has taken over the driving of the IGA truck delivery run.
  - 8 X employees to carried out First Aid course in March.

### Building Maintenance

- Build new stainless-steel benches and install in the butcher shop, and vege preparation area at the IGA.
- Installed rubber bump stop at the loading dock at IGA to safely load up the postie truck.
- Security cameras installed at the courthouse and air terminal building.
- Unblock toilets at laundry.

### Airport terminal

- Flooring has been completed.
- Fencing ongoing around facility, new side opening gate has been fitted to the main entrance of the car park.
- Internal toilets, hand basins and plumbing connected.
- Electrician has now connected power to the terminal building and carried out his tests.
- Security cameras and electrical fittings are now fitted to the building.
- Fabricate and concrete into place posts for cameras.

### Cemetery

- Cemetery sprayed and weeded.
- Dug graves at the cemetery x 2.

### MWS Working Items

- New Shire boundary sign to be ordered and erected to Queen Victoria Rocks Road.
- Speed signage to be erected into position on Hyden Road Queen Victoria Road intersection.
- New signage has been ordered for the Hyden Road for Heavy vehicle movement, need council permission to erect these signs at the East and West end of the road.
- Two dump trucks for the Shire have been sent out for retender.





AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING WITH POWER CONNECTED

### Road Crew

- Road crew have completed work on the Queen Victoria Rock Road and intersection, fitting a water culvert, new water drains for directing the water away from the road, road has been built up and levelled to meet with the exit/ entry on the Hyden Road.
- Hyden Road corner at the intersection to Queen Victoria Rock Road has been scarified and levelled, new signage fitted, waiting on the speed signage to arrive.
- Replace Road Closed sign at Western end boundary as other sign was stolen from the road.
- New permanent grader operator has started with the Shire.
- Terrapave arrived and product used on the terminal carp park and airstrip entry.
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## WOODLANDS CULTURAL, COMMUNITY & VISITOR CENTRE REPORT

### Woodlands Cultural, Community & Visitor Centre Report

**Reporting Officer:** Margaret McEwan – Community & Tourism Coordinator

**Reporting Period:** March 14th – April 12th

#### Norseman Community Resource Course

Room Hire - 6

Digital Assistance - 26

TransWA Bookings - 13

Photocopying - 29

Printing - 57

Scanning/Email – 16

<b>Services Australia</b>	<b>Service Provider Visits</b>
16 customers accessed Services Australia self service 2 needed assistances with their claim 14 needed to be referred to a Services Australia Centre 0 Assisting with faxing 3 Identity conformation	Centrecare, Kalgoorlie – Financial Counselling. Adult Community Corrections Department of Transport Woodside Energy Youth Justice Hairdresser

#### Annual Report

The Norseman CRC is a part of the Western Australian Community Resource Network (WACRN) and joins over 100 rural, remote and regional CRCs providing essential services in regional WA. The centres are not-for-profit organisations with a focus on build community capacity by providing access to government and community services and information, and undertake community, business and economic development activities.

The Norseman Community Resource Centre Annual 2022/23 Report was submitted to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development. Reporting is an important part of our funding obligations to ensure continued service in our community.

#### Norseman Visitor Centre

From 14<sup>th</sup> Mach to the 13<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024, a total of one thousand seven hundred and fifty five (1755) patrons have been through the Woodlands Centre (excluding CRC customers).

RV Park receipts collected March 2024 \$6296.81. The VC team is encouraging tourists submit their receipts to show assist in capturing the tourism spend in Norseman.

#### Be Connected



Get tech savvy with our Be connected presentations held at the Norseman Community Resource Centre every month for older Australians. eSafety's free online presentations help give older Australians skills and knowledge to use technology with confidence.  
May 9<sup>th</sup> – Helpful Apps

### **Business Breakfast**

We had a total of 6 attendees at the Business breakfast on the 8<sup>th</sup> April with guest speaker Donna Malec from Australians Golden Outback with a presentation on How Tourism Benefits Your Business. Donna's role as Tourism Development is to be the eyes and ears for the AGO region that covers about 54% of the state which includes Gascoyne Murchinson, Goldfields, Wheatbelt and Esperance Coast. The workshop was focused on unlocking the potential of tourism for local businesses in our community it was aimed to provide insights into many ways tourism can benefit your business. Looking forward to the next Business Breakfast in May 2024.

### **Upcoming Events**

Norseman Community Markets 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024

ANZAC Day Dawn Service 25<sup>th</sup> April, 5:40am start, followed by the Diggers Breakfast at the Norseman Town Hall.

Biggest Morning Tea 17<sup>th</sup> May.

## **YOUTH & RECREATION SERVICES**

**Youth & Recreation Officer:** Brad Turner

**Period of reporting:** 14 March-15 April

Norseman Youth Centre Attendance and Activities

The Youth Centre has had **840** visits during the reporting period.

The Youth Centre was busy over the Easter Break school holiday, in spite of many of the youth heading away for the break.

The warm weather ensured that the pool remained a popular activity. Now that the pool season has closed we will be taking up more activities down at the basketball courts and at the town oval. The youth have commenced their kite making in anticipation of a windy day.

During the school holidays we went to Esperance for a movie day, which included lunch and dinner. Everyone that came along on the excursion said that they had a good time. Our Norseman kids usually set a good example when they are out and about and it is great to take them out on different activities. With the outings activities we often break the activities into different age groups, this allows for all the youth to participate in outings that are age suitable.

With the recommencement of school the Youth Centre will again support Norseman Distracut High School's attendance and behaviour policies. While the Youth Centre has more flexibility about the youth engagement at the centre, we strive to support youth to make good choices about school attendance and education.

### Kidz Klub & Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots for 0–5-year-olds is running each Wednesday Morning between 10-11.30, continues to be a success. We have been making our Easter Baskets and have had an Easter Egg hunt and a picnic in the park. The Easter Bunny showed up as well which was a surprise but didn't have much success handing out eggs to the kids. The kids have a great time at Tiny tots each week. The children are happy, and learning and the parents have a good time as well. Reading books and singing Nursery Rhymes is also part of the time spent at tiny tots. This month we have been focusing on eating healthy foods and the importance of exercise At the conclusion of the morning, we always finish off with a healthy snack. Kidz Club runs from 10am to 12.00pm every second Saturday at the Woodlands Centre. This month we had an Easter movie at the Woodlands centre. Everyone was given an easter egg and had a sausage sizzle lunch and a selection of fruits and snacks to eat during and after the Movie.



### Support

The Norseman Youth Centre can support families to connect with family, children, and youth services. The Shire works with Youth Justice to support young people who require additional programs in Norseman. We also work with other providers such as Hope Community Services, Norseman District High School. All with the goal of providing positive activities that help children and you people make good life choices. Parents and carers are welcome to speak to the Youth Officer if they have questions about what services are available. If you would like to speak to the Youth Officer, please contact the Shire of Dundas on 9039 1205.

### Seniors Outing

The seniors went on their quarterly out down to Esperance, and enjoyed a day of shopping, lunch ,a and the very important stop for plants and garden supplies. It is also a pleasure to go on an outing with the seniors with their positive energy.

### Norseman Walking Group

I am working with the seniors and Norseman Community Resource Centre to establish a local walking group. We am to walk 3 times a week, all who are interested please contact the CRC [norseman.crc@dundas.wa.gov.au](mailto:norseman.crc@dundas.wa.gov.au) and leave you contact details so we can send you a walking invitation!