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Woorabinda marks DFV Prevention Month



Woorabinda has marked this year's Domestic & Family Violence Prevention Month (May) with a series of events to remind everyone that violence is not acceptable in our community. See inside for more pics...

Pics by Jacob McQuire





Workshop brings cultural focus to business enterprise development



A leading Aboriginal grower group working towards developing commercially viable, land-based businesses hosted a workshop for local Traditional Owners earlier this month.

WASC Economic Development Officer Kalair McArthur said the workshop was run by Western Australian-based Noongar Land Enterprise Group, who have set up their business to create economic benefits for their mob.

"Thanks to the vision of Uncle Steve Kemp, and his passion for native foods and medicine over the past 30 years, we have

the chance to set up these amazing new opportunities for Woorabinda," she said.

"Culture is at the centre of the Noongar Land Enterprise Group's business decisions and operations.

"The workshop, funded by Food Innovation Australia, was about sharing their knowledge about their work which has

resulted in the launch of five new enterprises for their mob, and more opportunities to come.

"They said it wasn't easy, and lots of hard conversations had to happen to get where they are.

"We appreciated the journey they made to share their knowledge."

You can contact Kalair through WASC if you would like more information.



LEFT: Vice Chair of Noongar land Enterprises Group Bruce Loo and local Elder Steve Kemp; RIGHT: A smoking ceremony held to welcome our travellers,





Woorie says **NO to domestic & family violence**

"This is an opportunity for us as a community of Woorabinda to acknowledge its presence in our community and our tolerance, or lack of tolerance for it, in terms of what we accept as a community around Domestic Violence," Mayor Josh Weazel said.

"We cannot continue to undermine the lives of those affected by domestic violence and deprive them of their enjoyment of life itself and their rights to full human rights.

"As statistics will indicate, a lot of our women are the major victims of domestic violence so we need to change the conversation as a community from 'why doesn't she leave?' to 'why doesn't he stop?'.

"We need to teach our young men and women what healthy loving relationships are, and that it's never okay to treat anyone with less respect.

"Not now, not ever should we accept any form of domestic and family violence."



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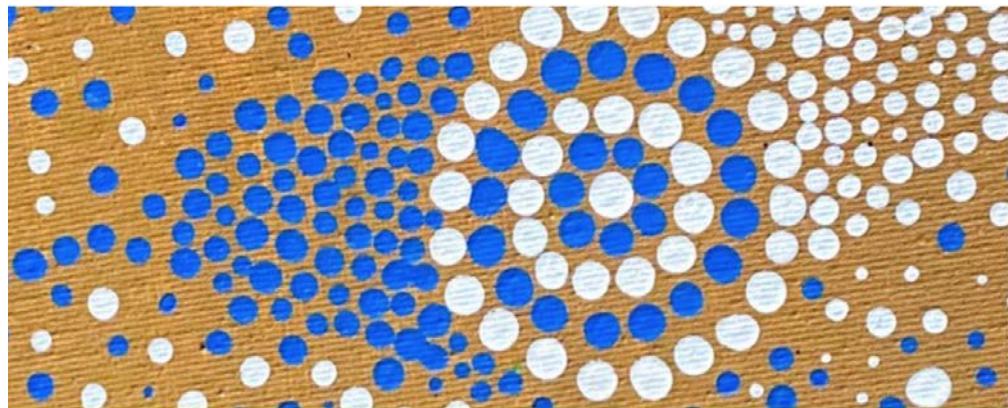
Springsure exhibition to open this week

Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council is excited to support an exhibition of local artists in Springsure from this Wednesday, 26 May, to mark Reconciliation Week.

The exhibition, called 'More than a Word', is part of the Central Queensland communities' Shine Bright Festival – a string of events celebrating local talent from The Whitsundays to the South Burnett and out through the Central Highlands.

Artist Nickeema Williams has organised the event which will be on show at the Bauhinia Bicentennial Art Gallery in Springsure.

"This is a look at the work of Woorabinda Artists to celebrate the journey they have taken through healing and reconciliation during their creative journeys," she said.



More Than a Word, Woorabinda Arts Showcase exhibition

May 27 @ 6:30 pm



Woorabinda State School

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Googoobin

Yudamen

Bilgnumu



9am-3pm THURSDAY 3 JUNE 2021: Woorabinda State School Sports Oval
Come and join us for a deadly day of running, jumping, throwing and fun!

Members of the Woorie community and local organisations are welcome to submit birthdays, community information, pics and yarns to WASC News via Jacob or Christine. WASC News is published fortnightly and can accept paid advertising, please call Christine on 0419 656 277 for more information.

The DEADLINE for our next WASC News will be THURSDAY 3 June for publication on THURSDAY 10 June.

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