



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE  
*Narrogin*



# COLLEGE CHRONICLE

**FRIDAY 12 AUGUST 2022**

**EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN  
AGRICULTURE EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

*An Independent Public School*



### Surveys

During this term, there will be a variety of surveys for the Year 12 students and their parents/guardians to complete. Some of these are a systemic requirement and others are more targeted and specific to assist with the continual review and refinement of

the programs on offer at the College. This feedback is then reviewed to assist in future planning and operations so that the College is constantly striving to provide the best possible opportunities and education for the students. Details and notification of the surveys will be via email and reminders will appear in the fortnightly College Chronicle.

### Priority Maintenance

During last week's bad weather, several buildings sustained significant leaks to the point where we had to close the gymnasium until the issues could be rectified. I can now report, the leaks over the basketball court have been fixed and temporary repairs to corroded metal screens on the weights area have been completed.

Unfortunately, the cause of the roof leaks was not due to normal wear and tear, with the contractor having to remove bricks, wood from the fire pit area and large rocks, which had been thrown onto the roof by students and had broken sections of the Perspex sheeting. This is extremely disappointing as repairs due to wilful damage are not covered under the Department maintenance funding and this cost comes directly out of the College operational funds.

As some areas of the College are under CCTV surveillance, should the students involved in any acts of wilful damage be identified, parents will be responsible for the cost of repairs.

### Upcoming Events

There are several planned events for the remainder of Term 3, where attendance will be dependent on students maintaining positive behaviour:

- Yr 11/12 Dowerin Field Day excursion
- Yr 10 Careers Expo Perth
- Country Week
- Year 12 Dinner
- Bonfire Camp Out

All students have been reminded of this requirement and we ask for your support in reinforcing this message, in conversation (all activities are open to both Residential and Day students).

### Respectful Relationships

The College takes a No Tolerance approach to disrespect and aggression. As parents, family members and teachers, we have an important role as influencers of young people.

Without realising it, we can sometimes say and do things that make young people think disrespectful and aggressive behaviours are acceptable.

Gradually, children start to believe that disrespect is just a normal part of growing up.

Disrespect and aggression aren't easy subjects to talk about with young people. Having the confidence to get started can sometimes be the hardest part.

The College is working hard to develop a culture of respect for all and will continue to engage with Tomorrow Man/ Tomorrow Woman and outside agencies to provide information and strategies for students and families, within this space. Feedback from the recent student workshops has been very positive; with several requests for follow up sessions.



Stop it at the Start campaign supporter, Cooper Chapman, shares a video message about respect.

<https://youtu.be/W29w-kS6mKI>



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - Mark Pascoe



### Country Week

During Country Week (29 August to 2 September), students who are not attending have an alternative program at the College, including a day trip to Perth to spectate at Country Week.

To accommodate the number of students and the availability of staff, Year 10 and 12 students will be combined into Group A, and Year 11 students will be in Group B. Please see below the outline for what each group will be doing during the week. More information will be relayed once details in each section have been finalised.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
A	Farm	Trades	Country Week Excursion	Farm	Class
B	Class	Farm	Country Week Excursion	Trades	Farm

## HEAD OF TRADES - Mitchell Wray



### Country Week

Final preparations have begun for Country Week 2022. Students have been training hard every Friday, meals have been ordered and draft fixtures completed (to come out in the next few weeks).

If you would like your student to have alternative arrangements (not leaving from and returning to the College-by-College transport) for transport to and from Country Week, please ensure they are entered into REACH or emailed through to Heather Rae at your earliest convenience. We are happy to accommodate pick-ups and drop-offs along the way at Williams, Bannister, and Armadale or for students to meet us at the accommodation.

### Year 10 SkillsWest Careers & Employment Expo

On Thursday, 25 August, the Year 10 cohort will travel to Perth to visit the SkillsWest Careers & Employment Expo. It will be an excellent opportunity for students to start to develop an idea of what they may like to be doing post school.

*The Expo will host over 100 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages.*

The event is for school students, parents, graduates, job seekers, people looking for courses and workers seeking new training options.

The Expo is packed with free advice. You can:

- talk with over 100 training organisations & employers,
- gain free career advice,
- learn how to write a winning resume at the free resume workshops,
- experience daily career seminars, and;
- enjoy the interactive displays.

This year's Expo will be staged with the WorldSkills Regional Competitions and include;

Try'A Skill Interactive Zones – You can try a variety of trades and see apprentices compete for a state title, plus learn about career pathways and training opportunities available within a wide cross section of industries.

Could all Year 10 parents please ensure they have given permission for their student to attend via the Compass platform or via email.

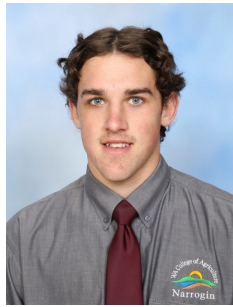
### Trades

With six weeks left for the Year 12s to complete their Trades qualifications and personal projects, the Trades centre has gone into overdrive.

The Year 11s have started to get their teeth into some personal projects, having completed their set tasks.



## YEAR 12 PREFECT - Blake Reynolds



Hey everyone, I hope you have all been keeping warm in this chilly weather.

In the past couple of weeks, a group of Year 12s have commenced their Advanced Wool Handling course with Rob Carter and Owen Snook. This course gives the students the opportunity to further increase their wool handling skills while gaining another certificate.

This week, some of the Year 11s attended the Long Wool Expo in Narrogin, an opportunity to assess some of the runs up for offer to the district.

Country week preparations are in full swing, training is in full commencement and the students have received their Country Week shirts. I'm sure week 7 can't come quick enough for some.

To the Year 12s, keep working towards completing your competencies and assessments, the finish line is nearing!

## HEAD OF TEACHING & LEARNING - Leanne Sjollema



This week the Year 10 students were given an opportunity to discuss their possible subject choices and course pathways with both staff and current Year 11 students who were able to share their experiences in the different courses. I encourage you to discuss these options with your child and

contact staff if you have any questions. A formal subject selection process will occur later in the year so there is plenty of time to explore choices.

In week 6, Year 10 students will be attending a career expo in Perth which we hope will support our students further in making them aware of the many career pathways they have to choose from.

This past couple of weeks the ATAR classes have been able to get out and about and apply their knowledge in more

practical environments. The year 12 ATAR class have been using their knowledge of Plant production and Crop Physiology to conduct a field trial around Dry matter yield.

Year 11 ATAR were able to participate in the Long Wool Expo at Narrogin on Friday, 5 August, giving them a chance to extend their knowledge on fleece quality, long wool production and ram selection. It also provided an excellent opportunity to network with local sheep producers and showcases the complementary nature of the academic programs and farm qualifications offered at the College.

With the next few weeks being highly disrupted due to some wonderful extra-curricular experiences such as Dowerin, Country Week and Open Day, we strongly encourage you to assist your child in staying organised and seeking support if needed.





## HEAD OF TEACHING & LEARNING - Leanne Sjollema

Our students enjoying the Long Wool Expo in Narrogin on Friday 5 August.  
Combination of the Year 11 ATAR class and several farm groups.





## TRADES TRAINING CENTRE - Photos of Student Projects





## TRADES TRAINING CENTRE - Photos of Student Projects (Cont'd)





## TRADES TRAINING CENTRE - Photos of Student Projects (Cont'd)





## TRADES TRAINING CENTRE - Photos of Student Projects (Cont'd)







### Year 11 General Plants

The Year 11's have started learning about Plant Health in class. As part of the course we went out into the oat paddock to identify pests, weeds and diseases using Cropping Ute Guides.



Levi found *Septoria avenae* blotch amongst the oats.



Riley, Ryan and Justin in the Oat crop.



Korbin and his team found lots of weeds such as Rye grass and Marshmellow.





Aleeyah holding some Capeweed.



Domenic was the master at finding bugs, such as this friendly beetle, he also found some nasty mites but they were too small for the camera to see!



## EMPLOYMENT - Student Job Opportunities

### REFINERY PROCESS OPERATOR TRAINEE COLLIE WA

Based at the Collie Refinery, traineeships are offered in various locations within the process plant.

- Learn to operate, monitor and maintain the physical production plant and equipment following operating standards and procedures.
- Work a 42hr week rotating shift roster that works 12hr shifts including weekends and public holidays.

Apply at [www.south32.net/WorsleyCareers](http://www.south32.net/WorsleyCareers)

[Download the flyer from the College website](#)

### APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES Hutton & Northey Sales

#### MERREDIN, MUKINBUDIN, CUNDERDIN & CORRIGIN

Apprenticeship opportunities now open for 2023 intake.

To apply, please submit your resume and cover letter via email to [HR@butnorsales.com.au](mailto:HR@butnorsales.com.au) along with:

- Copies of any licences you hold
- Copies of any certificates you have completed
- A copy of your last 2 years School Reports (with comments)

Applications close on Friday 30 September 2022

### HEAVY DIESEL APPRENTICE or TRADE ASSISTANT FARMERS CENTRE | NARROGIN, WA

Farmers Centre Narrogin currently has a position available for a Heavy Diesel Apprentice or Trade Assistant.

A successful applicant will be motivated and determined to work well in the workshop.

This is an opportunity to start a career as a Heavy Diesel Mechanic, working hands-on with our highly educated and experienced team. This position will expand your knowledge and skills.

Email resume to: [Marcus@farmerscentrengrn.com.au](mailto:Marcus@farmerscentrengrn.com.au)

### APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES McIntosh & Sons | KATANNING WA

Applications are now open for 2023 Apprenticeship Opportunities.

You can find more information and apply at:  
[www.mcintoshandson.com.au/careers](http://www.mcintoshandson.com.au/careers)

### HAY TESTER - CASUAL (SEASONAL) Balco Australia | Brookton WA

Balco Australia Pty Ltd is a major supplier of hay and straw products to international markets. Balco is an equal opportunity employer with a strong focus on workplace health and safety and ensuring the quality of our product. Due to the coming season approaching, we are now seeking skilled and motivated individuals to join the team based at Brookton.

Email applications to: [lmccabe@balco.com.au](mailto:lmccabe@balco.com.au)  
Applications close 5pm Monday, 12 Sept 2022

[More information on the College website job post](#)

### CHASER BIN DRIVER / FARM HAND WAGIN WA

SW & JK Robinson are seeking a chaser bin driver for this coming harvest. We are a family-owned mixed cropping and sheep enterprise located 15km west of Wagin.

- Start late October/Early November
- Modern John Deere equipment

This position for the right applicant could turn into a permanent role.  
Accommodation Available

For further information please contact  
**Shaun Robinson: 0438 626 034**  
or email resume to [kuranda401@bigpond.com](mailto:kuranda401@bigpond.com)

### 2023 FARM HAND KOLINDALE STUD | KULIN WA

The Ledwith family, 30kms south of Kulin, is seeking a full-time farm hand to join their team in 2023, leading on from harvest.

- 60% CROPPING
- 40% SHEEP
- MERINO, POLL MERINO & WHITE SUFFOLK STUDS
- CAR LICENCE REQUIRED

For further information, please contact  
**LUKE LEDWITH**  
**0427 890 046**  
or email resume to [lukeledwith@bigpond.com](mailto:lukeledwith@bigpond.com)

**Please visit the College website for full details for the jobs listed above.**

Jobs are posted on the College website and can be found [here](#);

On the **main menu** bar, click on [**Current Students**] and then [**Student Job Opportunities**].



# EXPERIENCE ADFA VIRTUAL OPEN DAY



## ADFA Open Day - Sat 20 August 2022

On **Saturday 20 August**, ADFA is hosting their Open Day in Canberra. If you can't make it in person, you can still experience all the action with our [virtual Open Day](#)!

### ADFA Open Day – Canberra

**Date:** Saturday 20 August

**Time:** 9am to 4pm

**Location:** ADFA Campus, Northcott Drive, Campbell, ACT

Learn more about what's happening on the day [here](#).

On the day, you'll get to:

- Hear from ADFA Commandant, Air Commodore Jules Adams CSC, to learn more about ADFA and how to get the most out of the virtual Open Day;
- Hear from ADFA trainee officers, alumni, and UNSW staff about life and studying at ADFA;
- Explore UNSW degrees, with Information Sessions on Business, Science, Engineering & IT, and Humanities and Social Sciences;
- Participate in Instagram Q&As with current ADFA trainee officers, so they can get all their questions answered;
- Take a virtual tour of the campus, and much more!

At ADFA, your students can kick-start their careers with the Australian Defence Force and gain a fully paid, world-class degree from the University of New South Wales. They'll receive military training, plus earn a salary while they study. Upon graduation, they'll walk straight into a job - HELP debt-free.

Be the first to hear about what is happening for ADFA Open Day 2022. Visit [defencejobs.gov.au/ADFA](https://defencejobs.gov.au/ADFA) to register now.

CALL 13 19 01 OR  
VISIT [DEFENCEJOBS.GOV.AU](https://defencejobs.gov.au)



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## EVENTS



### Term 3

Date	Event	Venue
Wednesday, 24 August	Dowerin Field Days	Memorial Ave, Dowerin
Thursday 25 August	Year 10 SkillsWest Careers & Employment Expo	Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre
Friday, 26 August	Wear It Purple	
Week 7: 29 August to 2 September	Country Week	
Friday, 9 September	Open Day	
Friday 23 September	End of Term 3	

*The whole College term planner is regularly updated and can be found on our website homepage.*

#### EGGS FOR SALE

\$4 per dozen at the main office.  
For large orders please contact the farm office  
08 9881 9726



Due to eggs shortages, please call the main office in advance to check  
if any are available for purchase on 08 9881 9700

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