



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE
Narrogin



COLLEGE CHRONICLE

THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 2023

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

An Independent Public School

Principal - Clare Roser



Survey Time

This week, parents of Year 12 students will receive a link to the National School Opinion Survey (NSOS). All WA schools are required to complete the survey every two years. The Year 12 students will also be completing a survey to record post-school destination information.

Parents of Year 10 and 11 students will receive a link to the NSOS in Term 4, and students in those year groups will complete the college-based satisfaction survey.

Work Experience

Year 12 students head out to a variety of work placements this week. We hope they come back with a deeper understanding of the various industries they are engaged with, and that they will be able to link the skills learned at the College with their chosen setting. Thank you to the staff who have been on the road to either make sure the placements are suitable or to supervise and check in on the students.

Attendance

As we come to the end of Term 3, it is so important that all Year 12 students attend school, unless unwell. If your child is going to be absent for reasons other than

sickness, you must inform the College and have the absence approved by the Principal. I would recommend that your child also speak to their teachers and organise for work to be emailed if the absence is longer than one or two days.

Unacceptable Behaviour

Over the past week, both residential and day staff have been dealing with a number of students who have made extremely poor behaviour choices, resulting in them being sent home. We understand that having to collect your child mid-week is inconvenient, but we expect that you support us in talking to your child about their behaviour to avoid further incidents. Our College and Residential Booklets contain the expectations and code of conduct that parents and students agree to follow when accepting a place here.

College Fun Run

From all reports I have received, the students (and staff) had a great time on Thursday. There were some very imaginative costumes, including a dinosaur, blue people, a big green monster and some very hairy netball players! A few runners managed to get wet in the creek and I am pretty certain we have a new track in the canola paddock (Year 12 shortcut, I believe!). Well done to the staff and student leaders for their organisation. Prizes for each section will be awarded at our lunchtime assembly.

Head of Trades - Mitchell Wray



Overall, it has been a very productive fortnight at the College Trades Training Centre. The Year 12 students are nearing the end of their studies and have been putting in the extra effort to make the most of their opportunities available. The late-night sessions in Furniture Making have been particularly popular as the students work to complete their final

projects.

For the Year 11 students, it's all about personal projects in both Furniture Making and Engineering. They have been working diligently to showcase their skills and creativity. These projects allow them to explore their areas of interest and demonstrate their competence in their chosen trades. The Year 11s have also been actively engaging in construction and automotive work undertaking jobs within the College and further honing their skills in 'real life' applications.

Meanwhile, the Year 10 students have reached the halfway point in their remaining two trades. This marks an important stage for them as they start to get a taste of different trades and gain a better understanding of their preferences for future studies.

Looking ahead, the Trades Training Centre is excited to witness the growth and progress of its students as they continue their journey in vocational education. With their dedication and the support of the talented staff, there's no doubt that these students will have bright futures in their chosen trades. Please remember to call in and check out the students work at this years' Open Day on the 15th of September.

That's all for this fortnight's report. Stay tuned for more updates on the amazing work happening at the Trades Training Centre.

Parents and Community (P&C) Open Day Raffle

The P&C will be holding a monster raffle in the gymnasium on the College Open Day. This is the P&C's only fundraiser for the year, so we need your support!

We are asking for families to donate items that can be raffled. We have many students attending the College from all around the state so it would be good to have a donation from your hometown rather than rely solely on Narrogin businesses. We also need you to purchase tickets on the day! Tickets will be \$2.00 each, so bring your cash!

If any parent would like to give their time to sell some tickets on Open Day, please contact Simone Lansdell on 0429 875 062 to put your name down.

A graphic with a dark blue, starry night sky background. The words "STARRY NIGHT" are written in large, gold, glittery, 3D-style letters. The word "STARRY" is on the top line and "NIGHT" is on the bottom line. There are several small white stars scattered across the background.

STARRY
NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE
2024 SENIOR BALL

FRIDAY 1 MARCH

BURSWOOD ON SWAN
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Students took a Science Week “Brain Break” on Friday to enter a draw for a Remote Control Boat. Well done, George, Logan, Rohan, Marley and Ethan, for getting all of the questions correct.



Ms Sjollema selecting the winning entry, Ethan Sandwell.
Photo: Jacinta, Miss Sjollema, April, Zaine, Ryen, Patrick and Ashlee.



April presenting Ethan with his prize in the Trades Training Centre.

Head of Teaching & Learning - Leanne Sjollega



As parents of Year 12s are already aware, students in all General and Foundation classes were required to sit Externally Set Examinations at the start of Term 2. These tasks are used to assess the students on a common task and can be useful for determining how our students are

performing relative to their peers across the state. It was great to see results demonstrating that our students took these tests very seriously and achieved some very strong results. Congratulations need to be extended to those Year 12 students who really tried their best.

The other purpose of these ESTs is to moderate teacher marking and ensure that the teachers here at the College are marking accurately and consistently to the standard set by SCSA for the Year 12 Courses. I'd like to take the opportunity to congratulate the class teachers on their positive feedback regarding our EST data, which was reported to be very accurate across all courses and reflects the professionalism and skill set that our teachers possess.

Also, a reminder to the Year 12 students that there is less than a month left of Year 12, so if you are falling behind or need support, please access after school tutoring/prep support to give you the best chance at success possible. Year 12 Exams will be concentrated

into Week 10, so please contact me if your child will need to return in Term 4 as a result of being absent in Week 10.

It has been great to see the Year 11 students out and about around the College utilising our resources and their peers' expertise to conduct field trials and investigations in Plant and Animal production systems. In PES, students are moving on to learning about Coaching and will begin developing their own coaching plan in the upcoming weeks.

Year 10 HASS students have just completed a unit on World War II and it was very humbling to hear students share family stories about connections that they still have to those events and to the people that fought in WWII. They are now moving on to a topic about Human Rights and Freedoms which is always a very interesting topic for students. In HPE, students are being assessed on their practical skills in Netball as well as sportsmanship and gameplay, and learning about stereotypes and the impact that can have on an individual during Health lessons. In Science, students are exploring the key concepts associated with Physics and Motion which is always an interesting topic.

If you have any queries regarding your child's progress, please don't hesitate to contact either the class teacher or myself as we are here to support your child to achieve to the best of their ability.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Amira Schmid on her Early Entry acceptance offer for Bachelor of Nursing through Notre Dame University. This is her first preference and reflects the hard work and dedication that Amira has shown to her studies over the past 2 years.



Congratulations to Libby Hardingham on her conditional offer for Early Entry in Murdoch University for the coveted Bachelor of Animal Science. As a passionate and dedicated student over her time at the College, Libby is taking advantage of this pathway as a stepping stone on her way to a place in the Bachelor of Veterinary Science, or possibly a career in Animal Science.



On the 17th of August, four students participated the 2023 Rabobank WA Sheep Expo & Ram Sale in Katanning. At the event, they were asked to judge 4 merino rams. They were assessed on their presentation, the handling of the livestock, and on oral and visual score, then placing the rams in order.

Congratulations to Tyson Lansdell for placing first overall, qualifying for the finals at the Perth Royal Show in September. The team also helped lead other studs rams for judging. A big thank you to Mr Colin Batt for attending and preparing the team for the day.

Photo: Tyson Lansdell, Finn Synnot, Zaine Cuthbert, Libby Hardingham and Mr Colin Batt.

Year 12 Baby & Year 1 photos for 2023 Graduation and Yearbook

To make Graduation a more memorable experience, we are asking the parents/guardians of the **Year 12** students to loan us two photos of your son or daughter:

1. Baby photo
2. First day at school photo or a photo taken around their first year of school.

You can post them to us or drop them off at the Main Office. Alternatively, you can scan and email the photos to christopher.zielke@education.wa.edu.au or narrogin.wacoa.admin@education.wa.edu.au

We can return the photos back to you immediately after the Graduation Ceremony otherwise we will post them back to you via registered mail.

The earlier we get the photos the earlier we can prepare them for Graduation.

We would like the photos by 8th September.

Thank you

ON FARM



Reed and Patrick standing next to a bogged tractor.

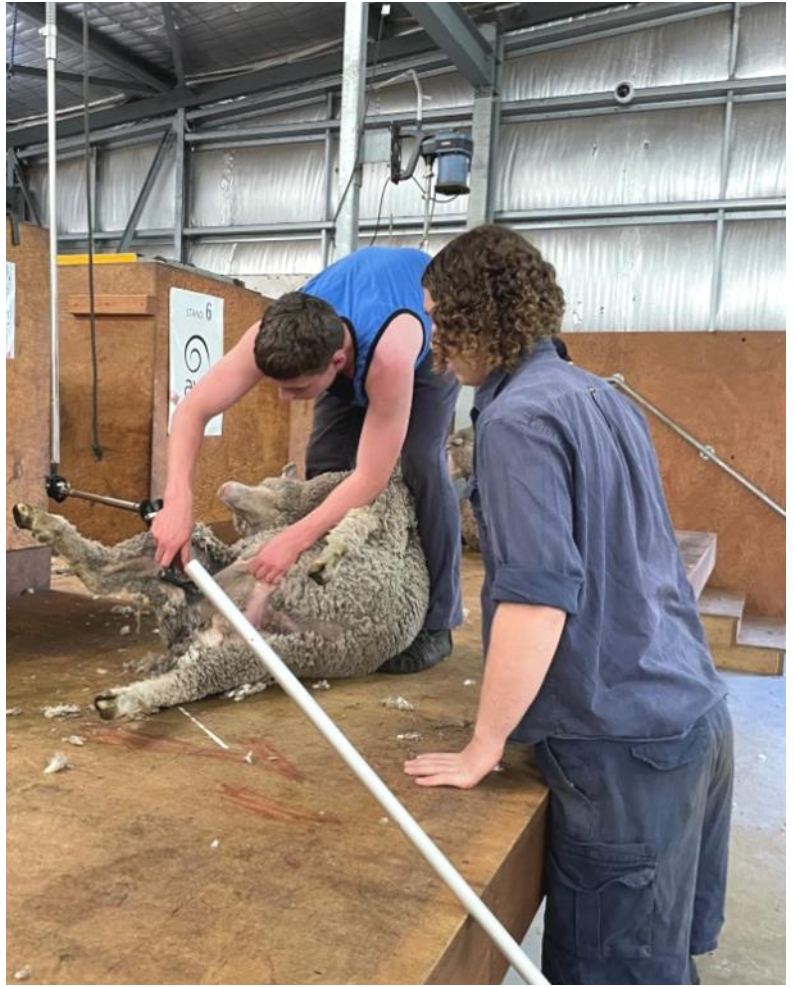


Flat battery: Year 10 students moving a ute to the Farm workshop.

ON FARM - Year 10s crutching sheep



ON FARM - Year 12s crutching sheep



Save your seat!



2024 School Bus Transport Assistance

Apply before November 24, 2023 at
[schoolbuses.wa.gov.au](https://www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au)



Currently registered children

If you have already registered your child with School Bus Services and there are no changes to their circumstances then you do not need to reapply. However, if there is a change such as different residential address or change of school, you will need to [reapply for transport assistance](#).

Visit <https://www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au/> and click on the [Apply](#) button.

To save a seat for your child, please submit applications before 24 November 2023.

Information about the eligibility criteria for mainstream students who live in a regional area can be found on the SchoolBus Services website at <https://www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au/> and click on [Transport Assistance](#).

ATKINSON BROTHERS' ANNUAL BURSARY

Cliff (1990-1991), Matt (1992-1993) and Simon (1995-1996) Atkinson attended Narrogin Agricultural College (as it was known then) from humble beginnings and have gone on to have successful careers within and outside of agriculture, which they attribute to the College setting them up with the skills and attitude to succeed. The intent of the Atkinson Brothers' Annual Bursary is to encourage and support passionate young people to embark on a career by assisting in their education at WA College of Agriculture - Narrogin.

To contribute to the development of future WA College of Agriculture - Narrogin students, the Atkinson Brothers are offering each year a \$3,000.00 Bursary to a Year 11 student going into Year 12 to defray costs associated with boarding and / or course fees. The student will receive half of the scholarship at the start of Year 12 and the remainder at the start of Semester 2 in Year 12; provided they continue to meet the expectations and eligibility criteria. Bursary funds will be paid to the College. The recipients' school and boarding fees will be debited from these funds. Unspent scholarship funds will be returned to the funding body unless the recipient has been approved by the Bursary Selection Panel to expend surplus funds for a learning activity related to the objectives of the Bursary.

Eligibility

Currently enrolled in Year 11 at WA College of Agriculture - Narrogin

Not in receipt of Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)

Selection Criteria

Demonstrated positive work ethic, enthusiasm and a high level of performance in all components of the course and willingness to keep learning.

Demonstrated ability to overcome personal adversity.

Demonstrated desire to succeed in life.

Expectations of the bursary recipient

Will maintain a positive and productive approach to their learning and involvement in the College.

Will have an attendance record of 90% or better.

Will maintain satisfactory effort across all subjects and learning areas according to school reports.

Will do a presentation about their Agricultural College experience to the selection panel of the bursary at the end of Semester 1 and 2. The presentation may be written, video or in-person.

Application Process

Students intending on applying for the Bursary must write a covering application letter addressing the selection criteria and supply the following documents:

- School Reports
- Resume
- Two references

Students will be short-listed by the Bursary Selection Panel and the short-listed students will be required to attend a face-to-face interview.



NARROGIN JUNIOR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION 2023/24 SEASON

REGISTER ONLINE

only accepting individual player nominations

Payment or Kidsport voucher number is required to complete registration

SCAN TO
OPEN LINK



narroginbasketball.com

\$140 Registration Fee
+ Option to buy uniform singlet (black & white reversible)

Divisions will be split into Boys & Girls (not mixed)
and age groups

For kids aged 8-17

*Aussie Hoops also available for kids aged 5-7, please find
Narrogin Aussie Hoops on facebook or visit aussiehoops.com.au*

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 9TH SEPTEMBER

For more info, see our Facebook page or
email us at narroginbasketball@gmail.com

Find us on



NgnJnrBasketball



NgnAussieHoops





Catch up on ADFZ Open Day

If you missed the Australian Defence Force Academy's (ADFA) Virtual or campus Open Day, there's no need to worry – we've put the highlights on [ADFA On Demand](https://adfaopenday.adfcareers.gov.au/adfa-on-demand) at <https://adfaopenday.adfcareers.gov.au/adfa-on-demand>. Learn how you can get a fully funded world class degree from UNSW, earn a salary while you study and graduate with a guaranteed career, all while receiving cutting edge military leadership training.



If you decide that ADFA is right for you, you'll need to begin your application soon, starting with a Defence Force application, before submitting your university preferences.

Read more about applying on the [ADFA FAQs](#), call 13 19 01 or find a local [ADF Careers Centre](#).



Ready to start your application? Apply on the [ADFA candidate hub](#) or call 13 19 01.

Are you interested in a Defence Force career, but not sure exactly what?

Explore over fifty [career pathways available through ADFA](#), including priority roles such as:

[Electronics Engineer](#)



[Army Officer](#)



[Mission Crew](#)



STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

2024 APPRENTICE INTAKE

CHARLES HULL CONTRACTING | BASED IN WAROONA WA

CHC are now open for receive applications for their 2024 Apprentice Intake for highly interested Year 10-12 students. In the past, they have had many amazing applicants from WACoA Narrogin who have gone on to become employees, and CHC have expressed a keen interest, again, in including Narrogin Ag students to be included in the Trainee Intake.

[The Flyer can be downloaded here](#)

Please send resume, a cover letter and a school report.

Applications close on **Thursday, 31 August 2023**

Charles Hull Contracting
8174 South Western Highway, WAROONA WA 6215
t: 9782 6900
e: HR@charleshull.com.au
w: charleshull.com.au

HARVEST FARMHAND

WILSON FARMS | CRANBROOK WA

We are looking for a farmhand/chaser bin driver for the up and coming harvest. We are seeking an enthusiastic and motivated person that is a capable of working individually and in a team environment. There is the opportunity for full-time employment following harvest to the right applicant. The job would also be suitable for someone looking for employment in their gap year.

A current driver's license is essential.

Approximate start time would be in early November.

Email your resume to: kt_wilson@bigpond.com

For more information on the position, please contact Keith on 0428 261 115

CHASER BIN DRIVER / FARM HAND

SW & JK ROBINSON | WAGIN WA

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

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

For further information please contact: **Shaun Robinson** on 0438 626 034 or email resume to kuranda401@bigpond.com



Department of Biodiversity,
Conservation and Attractions



CONSERVATION EMPLOYEE

DBCA3033695

**THIS IS A PERMANENT, FULL-TIME POSITION.
THIS POSITION IS BASED IN NARROGIN.
APPLICATIONS FOR THIS POSITION CLOSE AT
MIDDAY ON TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2023
NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Job Description

Operating under direct supervision: Participates in a range of activities relating to conservation, parks and wildlife, and fire management work within the department including prescribed burning, bushfire suppression and control, fauna and flora protection, construction and maintenance of infrastructure, maintenance of recreational sites and the operation of associated machinery.

Application Instructions:

To allow the selection panel to make an accurate assessment of your application, please submit the following:

- A covering letter.
- A written response addressing the above three (3) requested criteria (in no more than three (3) pages).
- A current resume.

Search for classification DBCA3033695 on Seek.

CHASER BIN DRIVER FOR 2023 HARVEST

We are a grain and sheep farm located 40km south east of Narrogin. We employ modern farming practices with up-to-date machinery. This position could become full-time for the right applicant.

What we can offer:

- Pay negotiable depending on experience (\$30-\$35/hr).
- Short term accommodation and meals can be provided.
- Training if required.

What we are looking for:

- Enthusiastic attitude.
- Minimum C class drivers licence.
- Experience would be an advantage but not a requirement.

Please contact Nathan on 0428 827 027 or Mitchell on 0447 926 387

For more job details or can be found on the College's website at

<https://www.narroginag.wa.edu.au/news-and-events/student-job-opportunities/>



Term 3 - 4 2023

Date	Event	Venue
Friday, 15 September	OPEN DAY	
Friday, 22 September	End of Term 3 Last day for Year 12 General & Foundation students	
Monday, 9 October	Term 4 commences	
Friday, 13 October at 2pm	Parents & Community (P&C) Meeting	
Friday, 27 October	Year 12 Awards Ceremony	College Gymnasium
Thursday, 9 November	Year 11 Presentations Year 10 students leave after 3pm for closed weekend.	College Dining Room
Friday, 10 November	School Development Day	
Sat 11—Sun 12 November	Closed weekend	
Friday, 1 December	Year 10 Presentations	College Dining Room

The College term planner is regularly updated and can be found on our website home page.

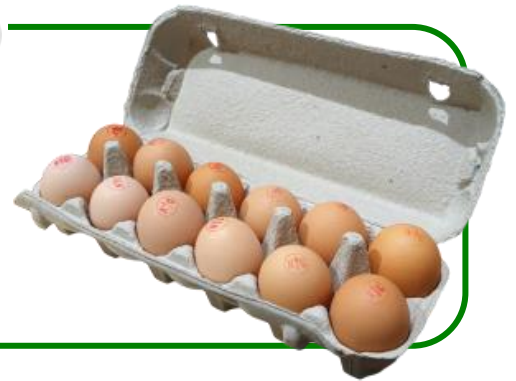
Fresh Eggs

For Sale at the Main Office

Now \$5 per dozen as of the 1st of May.

Due to supply demand, please call the Main Office in advance to check if any are available for purchase on (08) 9881 9700

For large orders, please contact the Farm Office on 08 9881 9726



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