

# The Atoll

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## Junior Rangers

Want to navigate using a compass? Or learn about the local seabirds? What about a demonstration on how to handle and throw a rope in an emergency? These young Junior Rangers on the Cocos Keeling Islands were lucky enough to spend a morning with Ranger Siddiq Juljali and learn all of this. Siddiq designed and delivered a fun-filled morning of environmental based gadgets, games and challenges to show the children of the local community what being a Ranger in Pulu Keeling National Park is like.



The Cocos (Keeling) Islands comprises of 27 coral islands forming two atolls - situated 2768km north-west of Perth and 3685km due west of Darwin - an untouched paradise in the Indian Ocean.

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**Rainfall Stats**

Monthly Statistic up to 23rd

April:  
81.0mm

Latest 2021 Statistics:



911mm  
**LATEST WEATHER**  
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**Emergency Contact List**

AFP	9162 6600
VHF	Ch20
IOTHS WI Clinic	9162 6655
IOTHS HI Clinic	9162 7609
	VHF Ch24
DFES HI	9162 7788
DFES WI	9162 7777
VMRS	VHF Ch20
Shire HI	9162 6649
Watercorp	9162 6722

**ANZAC DAY 2021**

**We Give Our Thanks**

Remember the brave souls who fought for our country.

**Dawn Service**

**Sunday 25th April 2021**

**Memorial at Administration Building**

Service Commencing at 5:50am

Gunfire Breakfast at Cocos Club

Lamb&Gravy Rolls from 12.00pm & 2UP at Cocos Club

**Thumbs Up**

👍 To the Shire for showcasing the beautiful Callophyllum (Nyamplong) trees on the new trail on West Island.

Feel free to email your thumbs up to the Shire for inclusion.



# Statutory Advertisement

## Notice of Proposed Disposition of Property Part Lot 24 West Island - Storage Shed

In accordance with Section 3.58 (3) and (4) of the *Local Government Act 1995 (WA) (CKI)*, Council is required to give public notice of any disposition of property. This includes selling, leasing, or otherwise disposing of, whether absolutely or not.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 31 March 2021, Council resolved to enter into a Commercial Lease Agreement with Marshall Painting Services for Part Lot 24 West Island for the purpose of a Storage Shed for a period of five (5) years with a five (5) year option.

This has been valued at \$1,050.00 per annum and the Lessee will be required to pay this amount, plus annual CPI adjustments, as well as the assessed annual Council Rates set from year to year.

Council invites written submissions from residents regarding the proposed disposition with submissions to be received by 12noon on 10 May 2021 marked confidential and addressed to the undersigned.

Joanne Soderlund  
Acting Chief Executive Officer



# Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

## WI Library Service Officer

Permanent Part-time Position

Are you looking to be part of an innovative and dynamic team?

The Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands is looking for a dedicated and customer-focused individual for the position of Library Service Officer on West Island.

This position has a particular emphasis on customer service and will include:

- Desk duties and assisting customers with self-serve technology
- Connecting customers with library and community resources and services
- Maintain collections using established procedures and systems
- Assist with other library activities and promotion

Applicants must have relevant customer service experience, although a library qualification is not required. They will have a good general knowledge with an interest in reading and current affairs.

To apply please submit your resume and a covering letter outlining your interest in the position marked attention to the Chief Executive Officer. A position description which includes the Selection Criteria for the position is available upon request at the Shire office. Applications can be emailed to [info@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@cocos.wa.gov.au) or hand delivered to the Shire Offices.

Applications close at 12pm Monday 17th May 2021.

For further information regarding the position, please contact Isa Minkom at the Shire Office on 91626649 or alternatively email [cdc@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdc@cocos.wa.gov.au).

Applicants may be subject to a pre-employment medical, including drug screening, and willing to apply for a Working With Children Check.

The Shire of Cocos Keeling Islands is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and is committed to a fair recruitment process in selecting the best applicant for the position.



# Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

## FUN FACT

Macao paper wasp life cycle/timeline	
Day	Event
1	an egg is laid inside a cell
3-5	the egg will hatch a few days later, to become a tiny 1st instar wasp larva
5-10	the 1st instar larva will grow and moult to become a 2nd instar larva
10-15	the 2 <sup>nd</sup> instar will moult to become a 3 <sup>rd</sup> instar (bigger)
15-20	the 3 <sup>rd</sup> instar will moult to become a 4 <sup>th</sup> instar (even bigger)
25-30	the 4 <sup>th</sup> instar will moult into a 5 <sup>th</sup> instar larva (largest stage in larvae cycle)
30-35	the 5 <sup>th</sup> instar will spin a cocoon inside the cell, then 'cap' the cell and pupate
35-50	the wasp pupa will emerge as a new adult wasp and commence duties - like nest building, colony defence, collecting food and water and feeding the young larvae
270-300	the colony is reaching the end of its life and will start dying out, lots of male wasps are being produced at this time
300-330	new wasp queens will leave the colony and mate, and then diapause (hibernate)
330-365	new queen (or queens) will start new nests, and the cycle begins again

Marc Widmer (DPIRD)

*Life is like riding a bicycle.  
To keep your balance, you  
must keep moving.*

Albert Einstein



## Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

### Jokes of the Week



An Italian businessman goes to Indonesia for a business trip. He hates Indonesian food, so he asked the concierge in his hotel, "Is there any restaurant where I can find Italian food here?" The concierge says, "You're lucky sir, a new pizza restaurant just opened and they deliver." The businessman asks for the restaurant's number, goes back to his room and orders the pizza.

30 minutes later, the delivery person shows up with the pizza. He takes the pizza and eats it. Suddenly he's sneezing uncontrollably and shouting to the delivery person, "What did you put on this pizza?!"

The delivery man bows deeply and says, "We put exactly what you ordered on the phone, sir. It's pepper only"

### REPORT NESTS:

**Home Island:** contact the Shire Ranger

- Call 9162 6649
- Email [ranger@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:ranger@cocos.wa.gov.au)
- Report directly into the Shire office
- Send a photo of the nest via the Snap, Send and Solve app on your phone or iPad



**West Island:** contact Happy Jacks

- Call 9162 7793
- Email [happyjacks@cki.cc](mailto:happyjacks@cki.cc)
- Report directly to Jack or his workers
- Send a photo of the nest via Snap Send and Solve app on your phone or I Pad



Snap  
Send  
Solve

### REPORT STINGS:

- Message the **Stings Register (Shire of Cocos Keeling Islands)** Facebook page
- Email [stings.register@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:stings.register@cocos.wa.gov.au)

### Cocos Malay Words

- \* Ayam - Chicken
- \* Semut - Ants
- \* Burung - Bird
- \* Ikan - Fish
- \* Kucing - Cat
- \* Lalar - Flies
- \* Nyamok - Mosquito
- \* Kepiting - Crab
- \* Tikus - Mouse
- \* Alipan - Centipede
- \* Penyu - Turtle



# 2021 COCOS ISLANDS COMMUNITY EVENTS

**28 APRIL**  
Shire Council Meeting  
Council Chambers, HI

**26 JUNE**  
Market Day  
Cocos Islands CRC

**27 OCTOBER**  
Shire Council Meeting  
Council Chambers, HI

**09 MAY**  
Mothers Day High Cheese  
Cocos Club

**30 JUNE**  
Shire Council Meeting  
Council Chambers, HI

**01 NOVEMBER**  
Calcutta Cup  
Cocos Club

**26 MAY**  
Shire Council Meeting  
Cocos Islands CRC

**28 JULY**  
Shire Council Meeting  
Council Chambers, HI

**02 NOVEMBER**  
Melbourne Cup  
Cocos Club

**27 MAY**  
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea  
Cocos Islands CRC

**25 AUGUST**  
Shire Council Meeting  
Cocos Islands CRC

**24 NOVEMBER**  
Shire Council Meeting  
Cocos Islands CRC

**27 - 30 MAY**  
Cocos Golf Open  
Cocos Islands Golf Club

**28 AUGUST**  
Market Day  
Cocos Islands CRC

**15 DECEMBER**  
Shire Council Meeting  
Council Chambers, HI

**05 JUNE**  
Administrators Ball  
IOT Administrator

**24 SEPTEMBER**  
Ardmona Cup  
Cocos Club

**18 DECEMBER**  
Market Day  
Cocos Islands CRC

**16 JUNE**  
Info Session  
Consumer Protection & Others  
Cocos Islands CRC

**29 SEPTEMBER**  
Shire Council Meeting  
Council Chambers, HI

**This is a FREE service for our Community.**

**If you would like to include your community event,  
please contact the CRC with your details.**



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## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Off-shore Flare Kits/EPIRBS/Safety Equipment**

The Cocos Islands Community Resource Centre will once again investigate the possibility of purchasing flare kits for the Cocos Islands Community. We will also be able to provide EPIRBS and personal locator beacons.

Off-shore flare kits (and other items) are a legal requirement when taking your boat out on the water.

As flares are now classified as a Class 1 explosive, it results in additional freight charges to send to Cocos Keeling Islands. By placing a bulk order, we are able to save you money in both the purchase and air freight charges.

To obtain a semi-accurate cost to supply these flare kits to the community, we require your expression of interest in purchasing a kit/s.

Please email or phone our office no later than **FRIDAY 7th MAY 2021**  
We will then further investigate to provide you a price per item.

If you require further information, please contact:

CRC Coordinator on 9162 7707 or email  
cocosislands@crc.net.au  
Or the AFP on 9162 6600





Cocos (K) Islands

Community Resource Centre

*Your local connection*



**Cancer Council**

Australia's Biggest  
Morning Tea

**We're hosting a  
Biggest Morning Tea**  
Please help us  
support people  
impacted by cancer!



**9:30AM - Thursday 27th May**

We would like to invite all members of our community to meet at the CRC for a delicious morning tea.

**Registration donation: \$20 per person**

RSVP by Thursday 20th May

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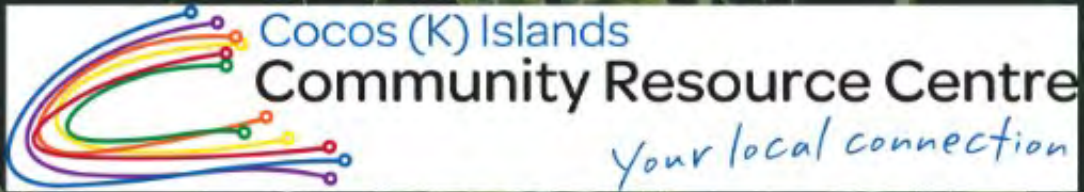


# INFO SESSION

**Consumer Protection,  
Office of the Ombudsman,  
Health and Disability Services  
Complaints Office,  
Equal Opportunity Commission**

**Wednesday 16th June 4PM**

Join Consumer Protection, the Office of the Ombudsman, the Health and Disability Services Complaints Office and the Equal Opportunity Commission, to hear about their services and the help and support they can offer you to stop dodgy businesses and scams, discrimination and harassment, problems with health, mental health and disability providers, and problems with Western Australian government agencies and local governments (shires).



WEST ISLAND

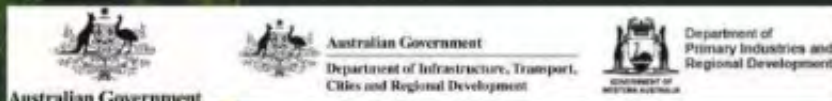
# Market Day

SATURDAY 26TH JUNE  
10AM - 12PM

- AMAZING FOOD ✓
- REUSABLE PLASTIC ALTERNATIVES ✓
- UNIQUE LOCAL ARTWORK ✓
- GIFTWARE ✓

Contact Cocos Islands CRC today, to book your free table.  
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## Mothers Day Gift Pack Sale!



A great range of gift packs that will be perfect for Mum!

### **Small Gift Pack \$25.00**

Gift Bag, Mothers Day Card, Indigo Soap and Hand Cream  
 Total Value: \$33.90



### **Medium Gift Pack \$30.00**

Gift Bag, Mothers Day Card, Indigo Hand Wash, 6 x 4 Photo Frame, 6 x 4 Photo (of your choice), Tea Light Holder  
 Total Value: \$39.15



### **Large Gift Pack \$50.00**

Gift Bag, Mothers Day Card, Bloomin' Reed Diffuser, 6 x 8 Timber Photo Frame, 5 x 7 Photo (of your choice), Ceramic Plate.  
 Total Value: \$64.45

**Or create your own gift pack!**

The PKNP CMC is a conduit between Parks Australia and the Cocos Keeling Islands community. The committee was established in the original lease agreement between the Director of National Parks and the Shire of Coos Keeling in 1995 when the Park was first proclaimed. The committee's role is to advise Parks Australia on matters connected with the Pulu Keeling National Park Plan of Management.

## PULU KEELING NATIONAL PARK COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2021



### **Kerrie Bennison— Island Parks Manager**

I am the Park Manager for Christmas Island, Pulu Keeling and Norfolk Island National Parks. I have worked with Parks Australia in various roles since 2008. Prior to my time with Parks I worked as a vet. I see the committee as a vital part of the management of Pulu Keeling National Park.



### **Wezen Rasa (Pak Alfin)**

I reside on Home Island at House 32 and have been a Management Committee Member from 1996 - 2021. I used to skipper the ferry and now I'm a Tour Guide. I enjoy so much being one of the management committee member with Parks Australia. I am also part of the Parks Australia Cocos Buff Banded Rail Advisory Group.



### **Anthony Ratma (Nek Umar)**

Hello my name is Nek Umar, one of the locals from the Home Island community. I have been involved as PKNPCMC member for a number of many years now. I have been involved in a variety of decision making as committee member re- PKNP and sharing vital information with the rest of the local community. As a team member and as a local, I strongly believe that together we can pursue our goals and make everyone happy with what we have already put together. I wish to continue the role as committee member for many years to come.



### **Councilor Jamil Ibram (Pak Qoid)**

I am born and bred on Cocos and have lived here for 40 yrs. Always a big interest when it comes to nature. I worked as a Ranger with the Shire for about 6 years and then moved to Aviation. I still miss my field work! Whilst with the Shire, my work was to eradicate the feral cats and rats.

I joined the committee when I became a Shire Councilor. I was offered the opportunity to join the PKNPCMC so I put my hand up. I always have a big interest with fauna and flora. The best thing being on committee is to work together with the Parks team (Trish and Siddiq).



### **Azima Bat (Mak Ayub)**

I have lived on Cocos all my life. I work as an Education Assistant at the Cocos Keeling Islands school with the K-2 class and have done for many years. I have been on the Parks committee for about 8 years. I was asked to join the committee on behalf of the school, and as I can represent the young perempuan perempuan of the Cocos Islands on this committee. I love the flora and fauna of the Park particularly all the sea birds. I really loved my visits to the Park.

Our members are also very approachable and will pass on your questions or concerns to Parks Australia. We sincerely thank our members for their investment in our committee.

## PULU KEELING NATIONAL PARK COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2021



### Rik Soderlund

I first travelled to the Cocos Keeling Islands in 2013 and after falling in love with the island paradise, returned in 2014 and have lived here permanently since then. I currently work in the tourism industry on the islands with a background in sales and marketing. I have been on the committee for 5 years.

I joined the committee because I am passionate about the natural environment and have a keen interest in the management of the important asset that is Pulu Keeling National Park.



### Riadi Feyrel (Nek Nazif)

I was born on Cocos Islands and have lived here all my life. I am the head mechanic for the Shire and have been for the last 35 years. I was nominated by the Shire to be on this committee about 15+ years ago and really enjoy being a part of this group.



### Larissa Powell - Deputy Principal CIDHS

I came to Cocos in 2003 as the science teacher and fell in love with the islands. I have been here for about 10 of the last 17 years. Not long after arriving I worked with the social sciences teacher to establish an annual school excursion to Pulu Keeling National Park. The idea was to build ownership for the students and for them to see the importance of the park. For the last 15 years every high school student has had the opportunity to visit the park and learn about its importance and natural beauty. Personally, the park is a fascinating and exciting part of Australia that I am passionate about preserving. This passion has driven me to be on the management committee.



### David McKinney

I used to work for the Australian Government as a marine scientist, and I've done a lot of marine survey work at Cocos. I've lived at Cocos since 2015 (plus a year back in 2005) and I've been on the PKNP committee for 5 years. I'm really interested in the biological communities in the Park and the relationship that Home Islanders have with North Keeling.



### Thomas Battcher (Pak Tama)

I have lived here on Cocos for almost two years now. I work here for the Shire where I am part of the Parks and Gardens team. I also have a small private garden and section maintenance business that I operate on Home Island. My main role is running the Shire nursery along with any planting projects or re-vegetation. I have only recently become part of the Parks committee and am looking forward to being involved with this group.



## Cocos Club Inc

### From the Managers:

It's been a busy month for the Cocos Club, with community members getting involved and helping out. We unloaded a very full container into the storeroom in just one day, and also managed to cross a lot of jobs off our 'To Do List' during the Club Busy Bee last weekend! A big thank you to those who came down and helped out for both of those events, it's great to see our members giving back to the Club. Coming up we have Anzac Day on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, with two-up and hot lamb rolls from Middy. In a few weeks we will be celebrating Mother's Day with a very special long table High Cheese event, tickets are limited so come and see us to secure your spot!

From Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of April, we will be selling tickets in a Meat Raffle worth \$500, kindly donated by Williams Meats.

Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50 – stop by the Club, tickets on sale until 5.30pm Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, with the winner drawn at 6pm.

**April 25<sup>th</sup> – Anzac Day two-up and lamb rolls**

**April 26<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Meat Raffle (kindly donated by Williams Meats)**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day High Cheese**

As always, we really welcome your feedback, and if your community group has an idea for an event or if there is a past event you really enjoyed, please get in touch and let us know. Stop by the Club and say hello, or you can contact us on [manager@cocosclubinc.com](mailto:manager@cocosclubinc.com) or 9162 6688.

Chelsea and Amy

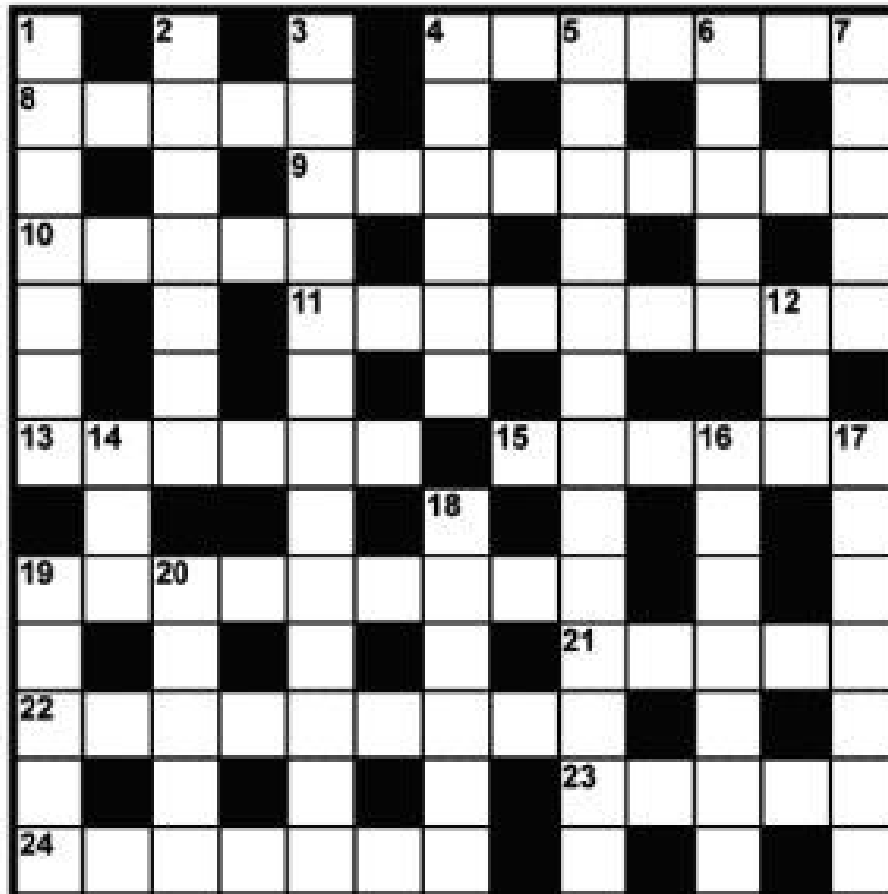
### From the Committee:

The Committee continue to work hard behind the scenes, and welcome any feedback from Cocos Club members. A big thank you to our Managers, Chelsea and Amy. They are continuing to provide a great atmosphere at the Club for both our Community and Visitors.

We are currently working on creating an asset register for the Club, and would really appreciate if you could check your backyards for any Club chairs, tables or other property.

A big thank you to Club members for helping out at busy bees and unloading containers. We also welcome a helping hand during our busy periods to help put empties in the bins or glasses back to the bar - our bar staff will love you for it! We look forward to seeing you at the Cocos Club, and enjoying the upcoming events.

**ARDMONA CUP! Friday 24th September**  
**AFL GRAND FINAL! Saturday 25th September**



**ACROSS**

**DOWN**

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|---|--|
| <p>4 You have claims on what is pretty to the ear (7)</p> <p>8 I leave a New Zealander and follow a spicy smell (5)</p> <p>9 Ted turns green at seeing tea used as a cleanser (9)</p> <p>10 A big bird returned by a soldier in favour of a dog (5)</p> <p>11 In the end, offers are made to such wrongdoers (9)</p> <p>13 Composed by Ted at sea (6)</p> <p>15 Chalky's friends have less to thank us for (6)</p> <p>19 Not hard to put the finger on for an easy loan? (4,5)</p> <p>21 That's nothing! I have to carry some grapes and look sheepish (5)</p> <p>22 It's in the paper! Rita lied about nothing! (9)</p> <p>23 How mad! Her Majesty had a vision (5)</p> <p>24 For example, there are lists of those skilled in the law (7)</p> | <p>1 Packages being delivered to the right places (7)</p> <p>2 Put away by her dad for naughty! (7)</p> <p>3 Toss out radiation problems and let them entertain us (5,8)</p> <p>4 See if most themes are acceptable here (6)</p> <p>5 That's right! Holds tangles together so that they're hard to get out of (13)</p> <p>6 What a creep! Took my pancake! (5)</p> <p>7 Those louts have pulled out the water-lily! (5)</p> <p>12 Or return at this point with some eggs (3)</p> <p>14 The goal is to seek one's self (3)</p> <p>16 It's her five that prospers (7)</p> <p>17 They run from their masters (7)</p> <p>18 Has a Saudi to tea and he checks the books for me (6)</p> <p>19 HEX! (5)</p> <p>20 The Irish dance and throw things! (5)</p> |
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# KID'S CORNER

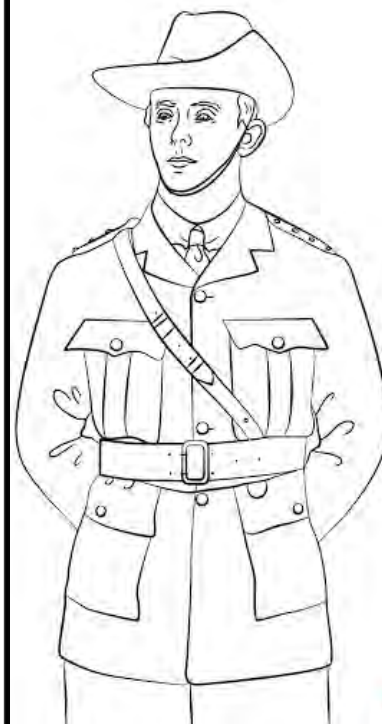


## ANZAC DAY



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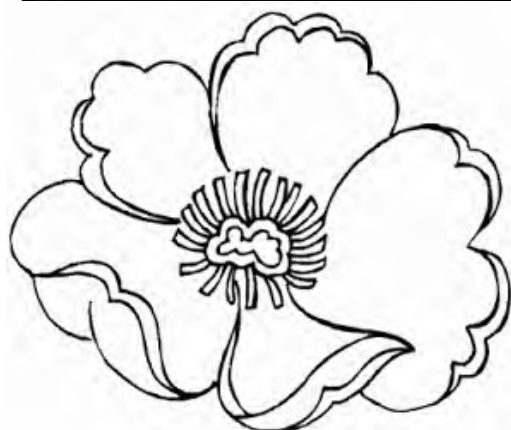
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- SOLDIER
- WREATH
- WAR
- COURAGE
- GALLIPOLI
- AUSTRALIA
- ANZAC
- REMEMBER
- TRENCHES
- POPPIES
- PEACE
- PARADE
- ARMY
- BRAVERY
- FIGHTING



SOLUTION



# Lest We Forget

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## A Cocos Moment



Photo by: S.Keegan

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy 8th birthday to our cheeky monkey Tiago for the 1st of May.



*Wish to send loved ones special messages on their birthdays and anniversaries?*

*Drop an email to Azia Bulka at [comms@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:comms@cocos.wa.gov.au)*

The next edition of The Atoll will be produced on:

*Edisi The Atoll selanjutnya akan  
dikeluarkan pada:*

**Friday 7th May 2021**

All items/materials must be received by:

*Semua majalah mesti diterima sebelum:*

**3pm, Tuesday 04th May 2021**

## Have Your Say

Letters to the Editor will either be accepted or rejected by the Editor. Items need to be:

- Accurate and/or factual
- Not defamatory or inflammatory

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