

Written by Cindi Brassington—Coordinator

Wow, what an exciting few weeks it has been since I have started as Coordinator. I am amazed by the talented and dedicated people within the community. It is so wonderful to feel the pride that everyone has for the town.

Last week we partnered with the West Midlands Group to bring Maggie Dent to Moora for a couple of sessions. There was approximately 60 ladies at the Women's Session and 35 gentlemen at the Men's session. Listening to the comments from all participants it sounds like everyone really enjoyed themselves. People travelled quite some distances to attend the sessions.

This week we have a Ladies Pamper day on Thursday, call in between 10 am and 2pm and visit the ladies in the Sunroom.

Plans are under way to have Wendy Binks, Children's Author and Illustrator of the hugely popular Stripey series of children's books visit Dandaragan in March or April.

Helping Minds have scheduled a 2 day Mental Health First Aid Course for the 31st March and 14th April. This course is free (it would normally cost around \$350 per person) so I encourage anyone interested to register as places will fill quickly. We have registration forms available at the CRC or can email them to you.

Please feel free to drop in and see what's happening in the Resource Centre or Library at any time. You may not be aware that we exchange nearly 100 books every month so there are constantly new books, DVDs and Audio books (great for those long drives) arriving. We can also request specific books for you.

If you have any ideas of events you would like to see please call in and have a chat with us and we will see what we can do to assist.

Meet our Staff

Michelle Ellyard

Manager/Finance Manager



My association with the Dandaragan CRC probably goes back further than most of our current employees. It started quite a few years with a phone call from Nicole Reichelt whom I gained my number from my sister-in-law and then current CRC treasurer Carolyn Rutley to help set up their MYOB accounting software.

After the initial installation and a few governance sessions Nicole took over the accounting procedures of the CRC until her resignation in July of 2014. When Kylie Murray took up the task, I also supplied governance to her from Oct 2014 to Dec 2014.

In Dec 2014, Kylie resigned and I received a phone call from the CRC's current treasurer Judy Allen. Judy asked if it would be possible for me to take them on permanently as part time client doing their accounts, payroll, BAS and End of Year Financial Accounts preparation.

It was my pleasure to join the team at the CRC considering my association and I have the majority of my direct family, (sister, brother and my father) residing in the district. I am a farmer's daughter from Morawa and saw this as a great opportunity to get away from the hustle and bustle of my urban clients and enjoy a rural community once again. I still retain around 30 clients throughout the state.

I started bookkeeping the year after I left school in 1987. I have been a Certified MYOB Consultant since 2001. I am a professional Bookkeeper and Employment Hero Partner and hold a current BAS agent license. I also hold a Cert IV in Financial Services majoring in Accounting. I major in set-up and installation of accounting software. My forte is systems analysis, cloud based and desk top solutions, training, HR – payroll and of course accounting.

After an unusual year of staff fluctuations at the CRC with Donna Vanzetti leaving to RSM Business Local, I am now not only the Financial Manager since Dec 2014, however also found myself the Manager in a roundabout way. We have a fantastic new team to start off the 2016 year with the appointment of Cindi Brassington as our new Coordinator and Alice Felber taking on one of the traineeships we have on offer this year. We have retained Donna Vanzetti in a part time role to help co-ordinate events and keep us on track with our DRD requirements and strategic plan. Rose Glasfurd is our community liaison, Better Beginnings and Seniors Book Club Coordinator.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. With one major successful event under our belt, presenting Maggie Dent in partnership with the West Midlands Group we are only just gaining momentum in bringing the community together in 2016. Please don't hesitate to drop by, phone or email if we can help in anyway.

Cindi Brassington

Coordinator



I live in Moora and have been there for 36 plus years, having first come to Moora from Coorow, to finish High School. In 2013 I married David McDonald and have a step son.

Previously I spent 22 years at the Moora Shire in Customer Service and in private enterprise in various roles including Office Management for over 12 years.

Over the years I have been involved in many community groups such as Moora Promotions/ Moora Country Campout, the Central Midlands Agricultural Society and am still an active member and Past President of the Moora Rotary Club.

I love helping people and look forward to meeting and working with all members of the community.

Alice Felber

Customer Service (Trainee)



I'm Alice from Badgingarra. Last year in June I returned home after living in Europe studying German and teaching English.

I've previously worked in the shearing industry - locally for Abbey Shearing and Moora Shearing Contractors and also in South Australia, New Zealand and Scotland.

I'm enjoying the change of scenery at the CRC and will be completing a Cert III in Business this year.

Donna Vanzetti

Events Coordinator



Even though I have taken on a new role with another business I have enjoyed the CRC so much and I am keen to continue to see it grow and continue to be the vibrant hub of the Dandaragan Community. I thoroughly enjoy working with the current staff and believe we make a fantastic team.

Previously I owned and managed the Gingin Observatory so have always enjoyed working in tourism, education and providing great customer service. I am really looking forward to working with the local community to enhance our tourism opportunities and services.

Being a local girl who grew up on a farm in Moora and now live in the Regan's Ford area, I have always loved being part of the farming community with its wonderful and quirky characters and wide open spaces. I'm also a bit of a 'Rev Head' as I race speedway in Moora and other country race tracks in the region. This gives me the opportunity to visit and explore other towns which is an added bonus to the thrill and excitement of speedway racing.

WA is a unique and beautiful state and I am pleased to be in a position to assist our local community to improve and enrich the Dandaragan region.

Rose Glasfurd

Community Liaison



I am passionate about family, farming, community and life! Love being busy with a project or two or three or more, balancing act of trying pull the management of house, garden, bookwork, my beloved CRC commitments, a Perth holiday rental, grown up children, and I forgot to mention I think there's a daughter getting married this year to add to the chaos!

Three points of the triangle most travelled are Dandy, Lancelin and Perth, with the odd trip to Mt Barker near Albany to check on the elderly parents, who are still happily managing at home!

Hoping like all farmers for a 'kind season', so everyone's stress levels are lowered and it rains when it supposed to rain, so mixed farming with our beloved sheep will be easier!

Coming Events

Ladies Pamper Day in the Sunroom — 25th February, 2016

Contact Sarah Meier for further details on 0432 851 506

Golden Oldies Book Club — 10.00am Thursday 25th February, 2016

The book we will be discussing is "Thee Postmistress" a New York Times Best Seller by Sarah Blake. Everyone is welcome and there are more copies available at the Dandaragan CRC. Morning Tea is provided and the cost is just \$5 per person. Look forward to seeing you there!

Mental Health First Aid Course — 31st March & 14th April 2016

This 2 day Nationally Accredited course is being run by Helping Minds at no cost to the participant's (normal charge is \$350 per person), for further information and bookings contact Maxine Santich on 0456 954 659. Numbers are limited so get in quick.