

Surviving the Dry
Building social resilience for times of drought

Community Resilience Network



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Community Support Services Directory

FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

Rural West

<https://www.ruralwest.com.au/>

1800 612 004

Dean Bavich (South West) 0439 984 539; dean.bavich@ruralwest.com.au

Kerryn Mickle (Great Southern) 0427 731 250; kerryn.mickle@ruralwest.com.au

A free, confidential, mobile, independent financial counselling service to regional small businesses and primary producers in WA experiencing difficult and turbulent times.

Anglicare

<https://www.anglicarewa.org.au/>

1300 11 44 46

No interest loans and [financial counselling](#) designed to help you rise above uncertainty and achieve financial confidence.

Vinnies Bunbury

<https://www.vinnies.org.au/wa>

(08) 6323 7500

Vinnies financial counsellors are qualified professionals who offer independent financial advice and advocacy for people in financial difficulty.

Salvos MoneyCare Counselling Service

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/need-help/financial-assistance/>

1800 722 363

Practical step-by-step directions to help you leave money troubles behind. Free, confidential advice from caring, qualified counsellors.

Narrogin Financial Counselling Services

(08) 9881 1363

CONNECTING FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Australian Association of Agricultural Consultants (WA Inc)

<https://www.aaacwa.org.au/find-a-consultant/>

(08) 9284 6278 and admin@aaacwa.org.au

The AAAC(WA) comprises Member Consultants who have a wealth of experience and expertise in agriculture, business management and agronomy.

National Debt Helpline

1800 007 007

Contact a financial counsellor.

Mob Strong Debt Helpline

1800 808 488

Free legal advice, financial counselling for money problems, insurance and superannuation.

Small Business Debt Helpline

1800 413 828

Small business financial counsellors will give you free, independent and confidential advice.

Regional Investment Corporation (RIC)

<https://www.ric.gov.au/loans>

1800 875 675

Offering low interest rate loans to make farm business more resilient and profitable; drought, farm investment, AgriStarter, AgBiz, plantation forestry loans.

Services Australia - Farmer Household Allowance

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/farm-household-allowance>

13 23 16

Australian Taxation Office

ATO Toolkit: ato.gov.au

[Farm Management Deposits](#)

ATO Financial Hardship 1300 788 347

ASIC

moneysmart.gov.au

Toolkit for managing debt, cashflow budgeting, and financial hardship options.

HEALTH & WELLBEING SERVICES (REGIONAL)

Your local GP, or any GP can be an important first point of contact for support.

Bridgetown-Greenbushes Suicide Prevention Network

Chair: Sarah.youngson@westnet.com.au

Blackwood Youth Action

9761 4215

Admin@blackwoodyouthaction.com.au

Committed group of community members concerned about the wellbeing of young people in the Blackwood region, in particular youth who are marginalised and at-risk.

Boyup Brook Community Resource Centre Service and Support Directory

<https://www.boyupbrook.crc.net.au/service-and-support-directory.html>

#6Bs – Blokes, BBQ, Bonfire (or Barefoot Bowls), Beers, Bonding, Bullshit

<https://www.6bs.com.au/>

The Regional Men's Health Initiative

(08) 6314 1436

<https://regionalmenshealth.com.au/>

Rural Aid

Roger Hitchcock (WA) 1300 327 624 or contact@ruralaid.org.au

<https://www.ruralaid.org.au/mental-health-wellbeing/>

Rural Aid offers free, confidential counselling to Rural Aid registered farmers and their family. They can support with practical strategies to help farmers refocus and get back on track.

South West Aboriginal Medical Service (SWAMS)

<https://www.swams.com.au>

info@swams.com.au

(clinic) 08 9726 6000

(admin) 08 9797 8111

Youth Focus

A leading not-for-profit organisation that delivers innovative and accessible mental health services and programs across Western Australia to help young people thrive.

<https://youthfocus.com.au/>

HEALTH & WELLBEING SERVICES (NATIONAL)

Australian Counselling Association – Find a Counsellor

<https://www.theaca.net.au/find-registered-counsellor.php>

Wesley Mission

<https://www.wesleymission.org.au/>

Lifeline

<https://www.lifeline.org.au/>

13 11 14

SMS 0477 13 11 14

Vinnies

<https://www.vinnies.org.au/>

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Men's Shed

“Men don't talk face to face. They talk shoulder to shoulder.”

<https://mensshed.org/>

Beyond Blue

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

Mental Health Commission (WA)

<https://www.mhc.wa.gov.au/getting-help/>

24-Hour helplines for family and domestic violence

<https://www.wa.gov.au/service/community-services/counselling-services/family-and-domestic-violence-support-and-advice>

Reach Out Australia

Anonymous and confidential, ReachOut is a safe place where young people can openly express themselves, receive judgement-free support, and build the resilience to manage challenges.

<https://au.reachout.com/>

OTHER LINKS RELATED TO DROUGHT RESILIENCE AND SUPPORT

South West NRM Drought Management

<https://southwestnrm.org.au/what-we-do/sustainable-agriculture/drought-management/>
(08) 9724 2400

South West WA Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub

<https://hub.gga.org.au/>

DPIRD Dry Season Resources

<https://hub.gga.org.au/resources/dry-season-resources/>

Understanding the Social Impacts of Drought

<https://www.csi.edu.au/research/understanding-the-social-impacts-of-drought/>

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<https://southwestnrm.org.au/project/surviving-the-dry/>