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Greenbushes-Balingup Newsletter

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TWO HOLE-IN-ONES AT GREENBUSHES GOLF CLUB



Greenbushes residents, Brian Wright and Rodney Bunter, both aced the “holy grail” of golf, the elusive hole-in-one, on the same day and in the same competition at the Greenbushes Golf Club on 14th of November.

Mr Wright, aged 80, scored his hole-in-one on the fourth hole after hitting the ball about 160 metres and Mr Bunter hit his ball about 150 metres on the 13th hole to score his big hit.

Both men were taking part in the Captain's Trophy Stableford event at the Greenbushes Golf Club when they reached the pinnacle of golf trophy shots less than an hour apart.

It was the first ever hole-in-one in three years of playing at Greenbushes for Mr Bunter but for Mr Wright, it was the fourth time he scored a hole in one in his 35 years of golfing and the second he has scored on the Greenbushes course.

See inside this edition for the full story.

Pictured left are Brian Wright (left) and Rodney Bunter, a short time after they finished their round of golf at the Greenbushes Golf Club on Saturday, 14th of November.

PHOTO BY DOREEN HORNBY



JALBROOK PLANS BIG NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Jalbrook at Balingup is planning a big New Year's eve celebration bringing the BR Band to town for a great night of entertainment.

Gates open at 6pm and the concert starts at 8pm and continues until late. People are asked to bring along their own picnic and their dancing shoes. It is a licensed venue with beer, wine and spirits available. People are advised that the venue is not BYO alcohol.

Free and ample parking is available at the venue. Tickets cost \$50 per person. For more information contact Jalbrook on 97641616 or email jalbrook@bigpond.com.





TWO HOLES IN ONE AT GREENBUSHES GOLF COURSE (continued from front page)

Mr Bunter said he and two other players were coming up the course just one hole behind Brian Wright, who was on the 4th hole when he heard loud cheers up ahead and knew straight away that someone had scored a perfect shot.

Mr Bunter was in company with another Greenbushes hole-in-one player Greg Bacci, who hit his perfect shot on the 17th hole earlier in the year.

Concentrating on his own game, which he admits was causing him some grief due to problems with his driver, Mr Bunter said he wasn't expecting that within the hour, he too, would be cheering at his own achievement.

Mr Wright said he was surprised when he hit his hole-in-one.

" I don't actually think I'm going to get a hole-in-one when I go out there and in fact I played a week later and couldn't even keep the ball on the fairway on the same hole, so that's just the fickleness of golf," he said.

Mr Wright admits he's had quite a lot of luck with his golf over the years he's been playing, particularly in scoring four hole-in-ones throughout his career.

He scored his first hole-in-one early in his golf days in South Australia, with the second at Greenbushes, the third in the Lake District in England and the fourth at Greenbushes again.

For the past three years Mr Wright has taken to riding a motorised golf buggy around the course.

"As I've gotten older I've found that the 18 holes is a bit hard when I'm walking all the way so I've been using the buggy which makes it a lot easier," he said.

Both men say there is something "lucky" about the Greenbushes Golf Course with four hole-in-ones scored at the club in the past year and a half.

Members at the golf club are now pondering who might be next in line for a hole-in-one.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS AT THE GREENBUSHES CWA CHRISTMAS FAIR



There were cakes, biscuits and Christmas gifts on sale at the Greenbushes CWA Christmas Fair in November.

Cars were lined up outside the CWA room on Blackwood Road for most of the day as people took the opportunity to see what the creative ladies had on offer at their annual stall.

Cakes and biscuits were a popular sale items.

Community members also set up stalls at the Christmas Fair including Edna Fryer, who had many knitted items for sale including scarves, hats, knitted tops and teddies.

Other items on sale were hand-made cards, toys, household china, pictures and hand-made craft items.

The money raised from the Christmas Fair will be donated to charity.

Pictured top left are Greenbushes CWA members - (left to right) Margaret Candido, Sonia Townsend, Heather Cusack, Jan Rooney and Molly Baxter.

Pictured bottom left are Edna Fryer (left) and Molly Hardy with some of the items on sale at Edna's stall.





ANZAC EVENT AT BALINGUP

The Balingup Lions Club is hoping for a good turnout at an event to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the ANZAC campaign at Gallipoli to be held on Saturday, 5th December.

In December 2015, it will be 100 years since the Anzac forces successfully withdrew from Gallipoli.

The event will be held at the Avenue of Honour, adjacent to the gardens starting at 4:30pm. Take a picnic.

The formal part of the commemoration ceremony will begin at 5.30 p.m. and will focus on the successful withdrawal of Anzac troops at Gallipoli and the 136,000 horses that did not return to Australia. A commemorative plaque will also be unveiled at the event.

RALLY IN THE VALLEY ON AGAIN

The successful Rally in the Valley event will be held in April 2016.

Coordinated by the Blackwood River Valley Marketing Association, the event is an interactive self-drive tour of the region featuring recommended stops of interest. Businesses interested in taking part should email info@blackwodrivervalley.org.au NOW to register to be a part of the rally. Or call Keri on 0424135342.



**Invites you to come to the next
Book Club meeting at the**

**Greenbushes CRC
on Wednesday 16th December
10am - 11am**



**If you would like to
borrow the book and come
to the review, contact the
CRC.**

**If you know someone who
may wish to come, please
let them know as new
members are welcome.**

**The Feel Good Hit of the Year
Liam Pieper**

SENIORS' WEEK OUTING

Greenbushes seniors enjoyed a day trip to Busselton in November as part of the annual Seniors' Week celebrations in Western Australia.

The trip, on 11th November, was organised by the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre and supported by funding from the Council on the Ageing (COTA) and Lotterywest.

Each person on the trip was given a shopping bag containing information from the Health Foundation on being active, physical activity and nutrition. There were brochures from the Seniors' Recreation Council on pole walking and a booklet called "Add Life to Your Years".

The visit to Busselton included a ride on the train out to the Underwater Observatory at the end of the jetty and lunch at Samova's Restaurant. On the bus ride home the participants enjoyed a short 15 question "Geezer Test" which provided some good laughs.



Seniors (pictured above) ready to board the bus for the day trip to Busselton and Richard and Molly Hardy (pictured below) taking a walk along the Busselton Jetty.





MINE NEWS

Talison Lithium and Global Advanced Metals marquee at the Bridgetown Show proved very popular, with the display taking out the prize for the Most Creative Exhibit.

The marquee featured the sandpit and mining machine toys, information on our Greenbushes mining operations, a community display for the Greenbushes Discovery Centre and the Ratepayers and Residents Association and the Bridgetown Swimming Pool Fundraising Committee raffle and display. Pictured left is Christian King with Tyler Thorpe (front), Riley Thorpe and Sidney King.

Some excellent safety records have been achieved during the past month. The Mining Department has achieved 6 years without a Lost Time Incident and Administration has achieved 7 years LTI free. The Talison site has now achieved 400 days without an LTI. Congratulations to all site personnel for continuing this excellent safety record.

Hon Colin Holt MLC

Member for South West Region



Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

I hope you all enjoy this wonderful time with your families, celebrate the year that was and reenergise for the journey ahead. Stay safe and best wishes to all.

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GREENBUSHES REMEMBRANCE DAY 2015



Greenbushes RSL members joined school students and residents in a commemoration service for Remembrance Day on the 11th of November.

President Trevor Bottomley spoke to the gathering about the importance of remembering the people who served in wars, particularly those who lost their lives. He said the 2015 service was focusing on all wars from the Boer War through to present day conflicts including little known battles that Australia was involved in more than 60 years ago in Indonesia called "The Confrontation" and "The Emergency." He urged those at the Remembrance Day service to seek more information about the conflicts from the Australian War Memorial's website.

After the service, RSL members and community representatives viewed a display created by students at the Greenbushes Primary School. Young student, Ella Bunter, presented the RSL President with a model she had made of the Greenbushes War Memorial as part of her studies for the Centenary of ANZAC and Remembrance Day.

After the service community and RSL members attended a morning tea in the school staff room.





Once in a Decade Opportunity to make a Long-term impact on Rabbit Control



Are rabbits living under your house? Digging up your paddocks, your orchard or your garden? Have you got more rabbits this year than last? Maybe you're concerned about the damage that rabbits do by burrowing, and eating native plants, to 300 nationally threatened native plants and animals. Or perhaps you've found that the strains of Calisi and Myxomatosis viruses active in the Shire just aren't that effective anymore. If so, then we'd like to hear from you.

We, the Bridgetown Greenbushes Biosecurity Group, have registered with the Invasive Animals CRC to coordinate the release of the new strain of Calisi, RHDV1-K5, in the Shire in the autumn of 2016. What we are looking for are people, and particularly groups of people on adjoining properties, to contact us now to express their interest in participating in the release and spread of the virus.

In February 2016, we will hold a public meeting to let you know what it is that we can do together to help the Bridgetown Greenbushes Biosecurity Group to release the virus. This could be monitoring rabbit numbers, introducing the virus or checking the results of virus release.

If you want further information, please ring: 0477 865 545; email: info@bgbg.org.au; or Facebook us: Bridgetown Greenbushes Biosecurity Group Inc.

Seniors' Forum at Greenbushes

Seniors had the opportunity to communicate their ideas and needs to the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes at a forum in the District Hall in Greenbushes in November.

The forum was held to help the Shire gather information about what seniors perceive they need to live a happy and healthy life in the Shire.

The ideas will be prioritised and used by the Shire to drive future investment and development in relation to the needs of seniors including infrastructure and services.

For further information or to have your say contact Megan Richards at the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes on 97611261. Pictured below are people at the recent Greenbushes Seniors' Forum.

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END OF YEAR FUNCTION PLANNED

Join in the fun at the Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association End of Year BBQ and windup on Friday, 4th December.

The long standing event is a chance for new residents to meet new friends in the community and also for people to receive recognition for their contribution to the community.

The annual event provides an opportunity to recognise volunteers who have contributed to the community throughout the previous year.

Go along to Thomson Park on Blackwood Road from 6pm.

All residents are invited to attend. Sausage sizzle and salads will be provided. BYO drinks. For more information contact Leonie on 97825717.

The Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association meet at the Old Road Board Building on Blackwood Road on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. New members are welcome.

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CRC Coordinator's Column



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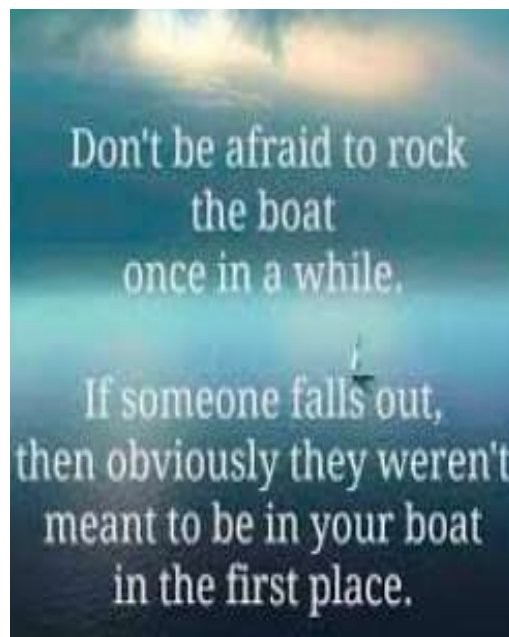
CHRISTMAS Get Together

Don't forget on Monday 14th December from 12pm the Community Resource Center will host a Christmas BBQ to celebrate the year and thank our Volunteers. All welcome. If you have never visited us before make this the first time. We look forward to seeing you. Please RSVP to Angie on 9764 3575 or email admin@greenbushescrc.net.au



Croquet in the Park

Our next Croquet in the park is to be held on Sunday 6th December at Thomson Park from 8am followed by morning tea. Please call the CRC on 9764 3575 to register your interest. No experience is necessary and we all have fun!



Lost Property

On Monday 23rd November, a fishing line was left at the Greenbushes Pool by a group who were fishing. If it belongs to you please contact the CRC on 9764 3575 giving a description and we will return it to you.



Centrelink Access Point

Did you know the Greenbushes CRC is an Access Point for the Department of Human Services? You can access your accounts, report, fax documents, use the direct contact telephone and computer. Information brochures are also available.



Check out the changes on our new website
www.greenbushescrc.net.au.

The Hon Colin Holt MLC, member for the South West Region is visiting the CRC on Thursday 10th December from 1pm - 2pm. For an appointment, please call his office on Freecall 1800 758 458

This Centre will be closed for Christmas and the New Year period.

Closed 25th of December through to the 4th of January, when the Centre will re-open for business.

The Bridgetown CRC will be open from the 29th of December to the 31st of December from 9am—1pm for Department of Human Services and Centrelink reporting.



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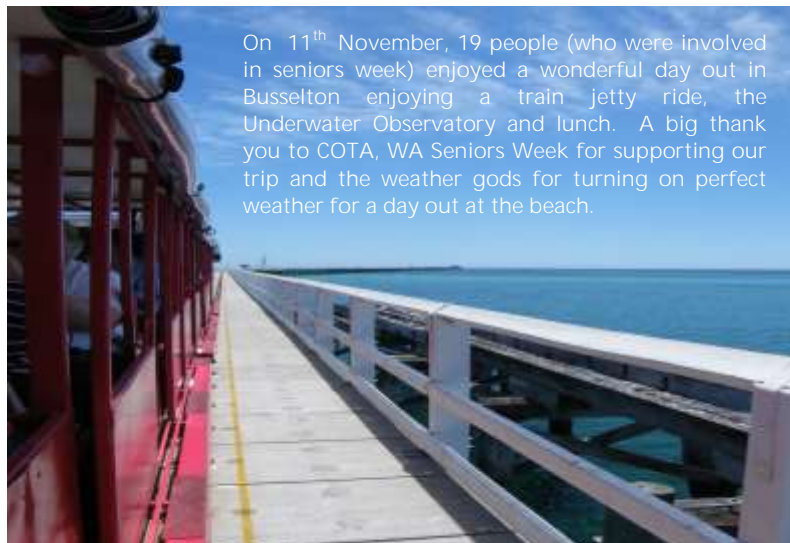


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CRC Coordinator's Column



On 11th November, 19 people (who were involved in seniors week) enjoyed a wonderful day out in Busselton enjoying a train jetty ride, the Underwater Observatory and lunch. A big thank you to COTA, WA Seniors Week for supporting our trip and the weather gods for turning on perfect weather for a day out at the beach.

Thank You to the Shire

The Greenbushes Community Resource Centre has successfully obtained a Community Grant from the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes for the purchase of equipment, including an examination table, to ensure our residents are able to obtain quality health services, in a suitable environment, close to home.

If you are looking for a health service, currently unavailable in town please contact Angie on 9764 3575.

If you provide a service and are looking for a professional room to utilise, either email admin@greenbushescrc.net.au or call us on 9764 3575.

Coming Up @ the CRC

- ◆ Craft / knitting group meets each Tuesday from 10am-12pm
- ◆ 6th December 8am-10am Croquet @ Thomson Park
- ◆ 7th December 1pm—3pm- make a Christmas decoration followed by afternoon tea
- ◆ **14th December - the CRC Christmas BBQ**
- ◆ 16th December - our final Bookclub meeting for 2015 - bring a plate to share
- ◆ 17th December - Angela Winters will be running a fully certified First Aid Course; any one requiring an update or training should contact her on 9764 3439
- ◆ Wednesdays of each week 10am - 2pm by appointment - pop in and learn how to use the computer, iPad, ask us a techie question. Broad Band for Seniors training available. Learn how to email, google, setup documents and spread sheets
- ◆ Interested in learning Mahjong? Call us to register your interest in a beginners session in 2016
- ◆ Commencing 20th January for 5 weeks - introduction to iPad training course. Bookings essential



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas from the CRC

Angie Cornish—Coordinator and Heather Willis—Trainee

2016 Planning

We are already planning a variety of events for next year.

If you have an activity, project, event, training program or idea you would like to see happen in our community during 2016 please contact Angie at the Community Resource Center on 9764 3575 or better still, pop in and let us know.



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SYMPHONY IN THE CITY

On Saturday 12th December at 7.30pm, the West Australian Symphony Orchestra will perform its biggest event of the year - a free out door concert at Langley Park. Attracting 20,000 picnic-goers last year, and broadcast live to regional venues and gatherings throughout the state, the annual City of Perth Symphony in the City has become an essential part of summer in WA.

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THURSDAY 17TH December @ GREENBUSHES COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

The following course is being held at the Greenbushes CRC. Please register your interest or request further information from Angela Winter on 0409 686 695

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One Day Course, Previously known as Apply First Aid, Senior First Aid or level 2 Workplace First Aid.



HOME HELP

Silver Chain recently visited our CRC offering advice and counseling on Home Care, Specialty Care, Remote Health and other services available for senior's and those struggling to cope at home.

If you know of someone in need of home help or require information on resources available please contact Silver Chain on 9761 0000
Or contact the CRC on 9764 3575 and we will arrange contact for you.



FAREWELL TO OUR LONG STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Greenbushes Community Resource Centre said farewell to two long standing committee members at a combined Christmas Lunch and Farewell at the Exchange Hotel in Greenbushes in November.

After 11 years at the helm, Chris Milford has retired from the position of Chairperson. The new Chairperson is Nicola Banks.

Committee member Jill Christian also retired in 2015 after 11 years + of service to the organisation.

Committee member Rosemary Bailey also retired in 2015.

Mrs Christian will still be a familiar face at the CRC through the Craft/Knitting Club and at other functions.

CRC Coordinator Angie Cornish with Chris Milford and Jill Christian.



Thank You
to our
retiring
committee
members—
Chris Milford,
Jill Christian
and Rosemary
Bailey.



CRAFT EVENT

Beaded Christmas Ornament

Monday 7th December 2015

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Afternoon Tea Provided

\$5.00

Call the CRC on 9764 3575 or email
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"This beaded ornament is fun for all to make for Christmas - it looks very pretty hung on a tree or a window" ~

Everyone welcome

Please RSVP by 1st December

**Greenbushes Community Resource Centre
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Blackwood Basin Group Update

The Priority Bittern and Waterbird Biodiversity Enhancement Project, coordinated by the Blackwood Basin Group (BBG), has continued to make progress with lots of action at the site. The four year project, funded by the Australian Government, aims to create a wetland haven at Schwenke's Dam, Greenbushes, to attract critically endangered waterbirds.

Open Day Success

The Blackwood Basin Group's (BBG) recent Waterbird Project Open Day was a great success.

Participants enjoyed the bush and dam setting to hear Josh Whiteland from Koomal Dreaming's "Welcome to Country", didgeridoo performance and Aboriginal cultural experience including a wonderful story on how male emus encourage their young to be independent. He is pictured below right giving a demonstration on how to catch a boomerang.

New interpretive signage was unveiled by the Hon. Robyn McSweeney MLC which will give visitors better knowledge and understanding of the site.

Ms McSweeney is pictured below unveiling the sign with Waterbird Project Officers (right) Joby Rand and Sara Weir and Josh Whiteland from Koomal Dreaming(left).

BBG Chairman Dr Per Christensen gave tips on birdwatching (photo top right) and Bernie Masters discussed how to construct vegetated floating islands to improve water quality and provide bird habitat.

The BBG also announced the winners of its photo competition and handed out prizes to the winners present at the Open Day.





Blackwood Basin Group Update

Boyup Brook Garden Club members visit Schwenke's Dam

One recent sunny morning, the Boyup Brook Garden Club came to visit Schwenke's Dam to see for themselves the work that has gone into the project site. Highlights included the story behind the establishment of the reed-beds and our recent ducks release. They also visited the Greenbushes Community Garden.



Photo competition

The BBG's photo competition judges have deliberated and the people of Greenbushes have voted, now it is time to announce the winners.

There were 26 entries to the competition, with the theme of wonderful wetlands and bountiful biodiversity, and we even received an entry from Brisbane.

The people's choice category saw votes cast for 17 of the photos. The BBG would like to thank the event's sponsors; Talison Lithium and Geo media Interactive, all the entrants, judges, and people who voted and Tasty Edibles for exhibiting the photographs. We were extremely impressed with the quality of the photos. Without further ado, the winners are;

Adults category, sponsored by Talison Lithium, winner: Troy Kopp

Junior category, sponsored by Talison Lithium, winner: Jazlyn Lansdell

Young adults category, sponsored by Geo Media Interactive, winner: Brodie James

People's choice category, sponsored by Talison Lithium, winner: Leanne Green

SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR THE WINNING PHOTOS

Get involved

Community engagement is key to the success of this project. We are on Facebook and are keeping our followers up to date with photos and posts of our activities! Like the Blackwood Basin Group's Facebook page today for updates on programs and workshops running in your local area in the coming months. If you're not on Facebook, you can contact the BBG office on 9765 1555 or email Joby@blackwoodbasingroup.com.au to register your interest in our email updates network or to receive our quarterly hard copy newsletter.



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Blackwood Basin Group Update



BBG PHOTO COMPETITION WINNING ENTRIES

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Community Garden

The year is nearly over but there's still time to come along and enjoy the Community Garden before the Christmas break. Saturday the 5th is our next monthly community morning tea and the perfect opportunity to come and have a cuppa together. We will also be holding our morning tea early in the New Year which will be the 2nd of January, starting at the usual time of 9.30.

The hot weather is definitely here and that means regular watering for the garden. If you would like to help us with the watering over the summer period please contact Tracy on 0400 976 434 or come along to our next meeting on the 9th of December to pop your name on the roster. Even a 30 minute commitment once a fortnight helps us immensely.

Time for summer planting! Our community beds grew a bumper crop of garlic which has been recently harvested and hung to dry. So now it's time to get in and plant some summer crops. Have you planted some? Things to plant at this time of year include capsicum, eggplant, lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, beetroot, celery, pumpkins, watermelons and so much more! This really is the best season where you can grow a lot of your own fresh produce to keep you picking every day for the best tasting home-grown meal or snack.

Kids in the garden: The kids visiting the garden are definitely enjoying the nature play section. The giant sandpit, tunnels, climbing logs and tree swing are in place. We will continue to develop more areas for the kids to use their imaginations and creativity in 2016. In the January CRC school holiday program, we will be holding a painting session for the kids to come along and brighten the tunnels in the sandpit area



Our Sabrina Hahn visit was a great event with close to 80 people attended. Sabrina loved our community garden and had a lot of praise for all we have achieved together there. This was held at the Greenbushes Primary School and we all sat in the shade of the giant Jarrah and Marri trees that are over 300 years old. Sabrina spoke about the importance of these trees in our landscapes and how lucky we are to still have them in our town site



A big thanks to all the ladies and gents who helped to make the delicious homemade goodies for the afternoon tea. With everyone's contributions we had an abundance of scrumptious food on offer. We really appreciate this support.

Next year is a whole new year for the garden and we'd like some fresh ideas and inspirations from you all in the community. We'd love your input on what you'd like to see happening at the garden and what workshops to run or any other ideas. To be a member of the garden is just \$15 per year and if you would like to rent a bed your membership fee is included in the price of \$25 for a half bed or \$50 for a full bed per year. There are beds available so if you have been thinking of joining, now is the perfect time. Membership entitles you to discounts at all workshops and puts you on our direct mailing system for upcoming events.

The Co-ordinator, Secretary and Treasurer roles will be up for new nominations early in the year. If you're interested in taking on one of these roles please come along to the monthly meetings held on the second Wednesday of every month at 4pm. We'd love see you there.

Thanks to everyone who has helped us at the garden and supported us this year. It is because of this, that we have had another successful year in creating a space for community togetherness and for promoting sustainable living. I wish you all a safe and happy festive season and may your gardens explode with fresh produce!

Tracy Lansdell, Co-ordinator



Bridging Community

An Open Forum will be held in Bridgetown on Saturday 5th December, with the aim of gathering ideas to make community groups and volunteering fun and sustainable.

The forum, entitled "Bridging Success" will explore what makes a successful community group and strategies that can be used to identify and attract younger volunteers.

The forum will also explore the best ways to upskill older volunteers with technology and social media forms of communication.

Anyone is welcome to attend the forum which will be held in the undercroft area of the Bridgetown Primary School between 9:30am and 4pm.

There will be a crèche and a kid's zone available to entertain and occupy children while the forum is underway.

A free lunch will be available. RSVP to Lee on 0432378448 or email btcommunityc@westnet.com.au.

The forum is being sponsored by the Bridgetown Greenbushes Business and Tourism Association, Apex Bridgetown, Bridgetown Family and Community Centre, Rotary and Talison Lithium.

FUEL CARD FOR EMERGENCY

Emergency service volunteer groups are eligible to apply for a government funded fuel card.



The Emergency Services Volunteer Fuel Card is a commitment by the WA Nationals and will provide eligible brigades, groups and units with a \$2,000 fuel card each year to support their services and volunteers.

Warren Blackwood MLA Terry Redman said applications for the fuel card needed to be submitted by Sunday, 10th January, with the first fuel cards due to be sent out in February 2016.

For further information visit <http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/volunteers/pages/fuelcards.aspx>

Life appears to me too short to be spent in nursing animosity or registering wrongs.

Charlotte Bronte



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Due to the extension of the new aquatic centre construction schedule, a free bus service will be operating, commencing on the 26th of December 2015 and running through until 31st January 2016. The service will operate daily on a set schedule, departing from Bridgetown and Greenbushes (on a rotating basis) and travelling to the Boyup Brook Swimming Pool.

The bus has capacity for 20 passengers. The service will be operated on a "first come, first served" basis and there will not be a booking system. HOWEVER parental permission forms MUST be completed and returned to the Shire BEFORE anyone under the age of 18 years utilises the bus service. The forms can be downloaded at www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au OR collected from the Shire (front counter).

The bus service is provided free of charge but all other costs associated with swimming pool entry are the responsibility of patrons.

POOL FUND TALLY OVER \$200,000

The community fundraising tally for the Bridgetown Swimming Pool is now \$60,597.

With the \$100,000 pledge from Talison Lithium and a further dollar-for-dollar donation to match community funds raised the total amount was at \$221,194 at the end of November.

The Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes Citizen of the Year Jenny Dewing drew the Pool Car Raffle at the Bridgetown Show on the 28th of November. The first prize was won by Jenny Isaac James with ticket number 0124, sold by the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre. 2nd Prize of \$1,500 was won by Geoff Driscoll ticket 0047, 3rd Prize \$750 was won by Mrs KR Price ticket 0141 and 4th Prize was won by Bridgetown CRC 0027.



GREENBUSHES CRC PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS WORKSHOP MARCH 2016 WITH PARENTING AUSTRALIA. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE DETAILS.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM JANUARY 2016

Monday 25th	Tuesday 26th	Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28th	Friday 29th
Mountain Bike Riding in the Pemberton Karri forest 8.45am – 3:30pm \$10 for the day Full day event includes bike, helmet, tuition, lunch, and bus <i>Pickups from 8:45am Returns from 3:00pm</i> <i>Pickups available in Balingup, Greenbushes, Bridgetown</i> 	Public Holiday	Make a Bean Bag 10:00am – 2:00pm \$10 for the day Design, sew and fill your own 1.2 x 1.2 meter bean bag, all materials and instruction provided. Lunch 11:30am – 12:30pm provided Add the final touches to your bean bag ready to take home! 	No event being held today but feel free to come in & use our computers and / or library. <i>Minecraft available \$5 for an hour and a half.</i>	Painting at the Community Garden 9:30am – 1:30pm \$5 for the day Help paint our new eco playground Add more colour to the Greenbushes Community Garden. <i>Meet at the CRC at 9:15am</i> Lunch 11:30am – 12:00pm provided Work off lunch with a game of table tennis! 



MAKING MEN'S HEALTH A PRIORITY

Men from Greenbushes participated in a Men's Health Information session at the Community Resource Centre in October.

The event included a broadcast from Westlink featuring AFL player Heath Black, talking about the importance of good mental and physical health. Participants (pictured right) were also offered free neck and shoulder massages and a free lunch.

The initiative was supported by Foundation 49.



YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS

South West MLC Colin Holt has urged people in rural areas to consider nominating a local young person for the Western Australian Young Achiever Award.

Mr Holt said many young people were positive role models making a difference in their communities and could be considered in one of several categories open under the Awards.

Nominations close Friday 5th February. To find out more go to www.wayaa@awardsaustralia.com or call (08) 92011155.



Pat's Patch...Cr Pat Scallan

The last Council meeting for the year will be held in Greenbushes on Thursday, 17th December commencing 5:30 pm at the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fundraising for the Bridgetown Swimming Pool is drawing to a close with the imminent opening of the facility in the New Year. With the pool closed during this summer, the Shire will provide a free shuttle bus service between Bridgetown, Greenbushes and Boyup Brook, to take people to the Boyup Brook swimming pool. **Please see the details in this issue.... Or check the timetable at the Roadhouse, Post Office or CRC.**


With the drawing of the car raffle for the Pool fundraising, it was good to see that locals were in the winners circle for the car and some of the cash prizes.

As 2015 draws to a close, budgets enter the conversation. It is time to think about projects and infrastructure items that need to be considered for the 2016/17 Shire Budget. If you have any projects or items that you would like considered, please contact me on 0427643508.

Please join me and other residents at our Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association End of Year BBQ at Thomson Park on Friday 5th December.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.






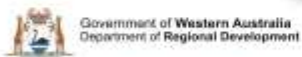

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The bus departs from the Greenbushes Roadhouse at 9am and leaves IGA for the return journey at 11:30am.

For more information call 97611555.


8th and 22nd December

We need your Help!

We are trying to gauge the
Community's interest in events
and developments.

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Youth Activity Centre
Other _____

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GREENBUSHES COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5
Greenbushes Primary School

Bouncy castle, bubbles, lollies, water
slide, Father Christmas.

Contact **MEGAN** at
greenbushesxmastree@gmail.com





Event or Group	Venue	Time	Day of the month	Contact
Greenbushes Aged Community Committee	Stinton Gardens Function Centre	1.30pm	2 nd Mon of the month	Leanne Green 0419005224
Greenbushes Community Garden Committee	Community Garden Building	4:30pm	2 nd Wednesday of the month	Tracy Lansdell 9764 3414
Greenbushes Discovery Centre Committee	Discovery Centre	4:30pm	4 th Tues of the month	Leonie 97825717
Greenbushes Retirees Committee	RSL Hall	11:00am	3 rd Tues of the month	Heather Cusack 9764 3653
Balingup Men in Sheds	Balingup Community Centre	7:00 pm	Last Tues of the month	Mike 9764 1080
Balingup CWA	Balingup CWA Centre		Meetings 2 nd Tuesday and gardens/crafts on 4 th Tuesday	Wendy 9764 3525
Community Resource Centre Management Committee Meeting	Community Resource Centre	2:30pm	Third Monday each month	Coordinator 9764 3575
Balingup Playgroup	Primary School Art/Music Room	9.30 to 11.30am	Every Thursday during school term	Katie 9764 1507
Greenbushes Playgroup	Old Court House Greenbushes	9.30am to 11.30am	Every Tuesday	Karen Browne 0408 301002 /97612001
Balingup Progress Association	Balingup Community Centre	7pm	1 st Wednesday of each month	Noelene King 9764 1080
Grow Greenbushes	Greenbushes CRC	3:15pm	Mondays	CRC Coordinator 9764 3575
Greenbushes CWA	CWA Rooms	9:30am Bingo 1pm Meeting	2 nd Thursday of the month	Molly Baxter 9764 3739
Greenbushes Ratepayers & Residents and Tidy Towns	Road Board Building	7.30pm	1 st Thursday of the month (except Dec and Jan)	Terry Cooper 97643670
Balingup Lions Club Meetings	Community Centre Balingup	7:00pm	Every Second Thursday	Chris 9764 1814
Greenbushes RSL	RSL Hall	3.30pm	3 rd Friday of the month	Pat Scallan 0427643508
Community Resource Centre Book club	Greenbushes CRC	10:00am-11:00am	3 rd Wednesday of each month	Coordinator 9764 3575
Community Resource Centre Craft Club	Greenbushes CRC	10am-12pm	Every Tuesday	Coordinator 9764 3575
Shamrock Sporting Club	Shamrock Hotel Greenbushes	5pm	Last Sunday of the month	9764 3512
Blackwood Valley Toastmasters	Greenbushes Primary School		1 st @ 3 rd Fridays	Helen 0400108372



DECEMBER Diary Dates

4	GB R&R End of Year BBQ
5	Community Christmas Tree Gb
5	Lions ANZAC event Balingup
6	Croquet in the Park Greenbushes
7	Christmas craft with beads GB CRC
9	CPR Course GB CRC
10	The Hon. Colin Holt GB CRC
14	CRC Christmas Windup
15	Greenbushes PS Graduation Concert
16	Balingup PS Graduation Concert
16	CRC Book Club Christmas windup mtg

JANUARY

20	ipad Course commences CRC
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AJ Walker and Logan Doab are off and racing at the sports carnival. Below - Kailee Bugg (right) of Balingup and Gypsy Barton, Emily Wells race to win while Rachael Potter of Greenbushes cheers them on.

INTER SCHOOL SPORT AT BALINGUP

Balingup Primary School hosted an inter-school athletics carnival in November. Attended by small schools in nearby districts such as Greenbushes and Kirup. Congratulations to all the participants on their efforts during the day.

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