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Greenbushes-Balingup Newsletter

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WORLD CHAMPION CYCLIST AND TOUR DE FRANCE LEGEND VISIT



Greenbushes played host to Tour de France legend Robbie McEwan and World Champion Olympic cyclist Marianne Vos and her team mate Moniek Tenniglo as part of their visit to Australia's south west for the Tour of Margaret River Cycle Race.

It was an exclusive visit to Greenbushes Primary School by the world renowned riders who gave an insight into what it was like to compete at such a high level, what sort of training and diet was required and what special clothing or equipment gave the winning edge. See inside this edition for more photos from the Tour event which featured a vantage point at Kandalee Farm entrance on Maranup Ford Road during the Nannup to Nannup Stage on Saturday November 12th.

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GREENBUSHES FLOAT SHINES AT BRIDGETOWN SHOW



The Greenbushes Community Float took out Overall Winner in the Float Parade at the 128th Bridgetown Agricultural Show on Saturday November 26.

Several community groups helped to construct the float which featured one of the town's quirky recycled metal men wearing a carnival headpiece. Information about various groups, the Greenbushes Primary School and the "Greenbushes Bush" formed part of the float which featured the mining/timber/agriculture theme.

Students at the Greenbushes Primary School made colourful masks to dress the float for the "Carnivale" theme.

The Greenbushes Tidy Towns Committee took the opportunity to promote the town's win in the 2016 Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Awards by displaying the new highway banners in the Float Parade.

The group also promoted an important campaign being run by KABC to educate people about the importance of tying down loads when transporting goods on the roads.

The campaign "Unsecured Load-Unsafe Road" is new in 2016. As part of the display the Greenbushes Tidy Towns committee ran a free raffle with trailer/ute nets and straps as prizes. Winner of 1st prize was John Szolkowski, with Barry Perks in 2nd place and Mark Hollett 3rd.



NEWS JUST IN:

Tidy Towns National Judge to visit Feb/March 2017.

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Cycle Race Draws Large Field of Competitors

Six hundred cyclists participating in the Tour of Margaret River "Nannup to Nannup Stage" whizzed past Greenbushes on Saturday November 12th.

of Margaret River

Among the group were world champion cyclist Marianne Vos and her team mate Moniek Tenniglo. Tour de France legend turned SBS commentator Robbie McEwen also visited Greenbushes as part of the event.

A picturesque vantage point was set up at the Kandalee Farm hill entrance on Maranup Ford Road, with a shuttle bus running members of the public to and from the event.

The Tour is Australia's only pro-am cycling event. This year Talison Lithium sponsored the Red Jersey and our jersey is now winging its way back to the Netherlands, home of Dutch cyclist Marianne Vos.

For more information go to <http://tourofmarginriver.com>



Bev and Vivienne Szolkowski



Maddox and Jazlyn Lansdell cheer



Spectators in the box seat for view



Anne and Bob Holmes



Riders pump up Kandalee Hill



Crikey Cadel Croc cheers as riders go by



Riders pump up Kandalee Hill



Greenbushes Tennis Courts for Hire

The Greenbushes tennis courts are available for hire, excluding Tuesday late afternoon/evening, from 29th November. The tennis courts are located at the Greenbushes Sports Complex on Blackwood Road, at the northern entrance to Greenbushes.

Please contact Leonie Eastcott, business hours 9782 5717, or mobile 0427 643 065, to initiate hire of the courts.



Ratepayers' News for December

I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to our annual Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association Christmas function on Saturday December 3rd @ 6pm, Thompson Park.

This year it will follow on from the Community Christmas tree and there will be a BBQ (BYO drinks), ice cream and bouncy castle for the kids. Hope to see you there!

The Keep Australia Beautiful Council has announced that the National Judge will visit Greenbushes sometime in February or March. So we still have time to keep working on making Greenbushes look great!

A big thank you to the guys from the Masonic Lodge who have refreshed the paint on all the tree surrounds on Blackwood Road. Also to Julian from the Exchange Hotel for the improvements he is making on the corner. Little things make a big difference!

The Shire gardens and maintenance Departments have also been hard at work around town – mowing, grading roads and tidying up – good job guys!

I hope everyone got to see our Greenbushes float at the Bridgetown Show – it was fantastic! A lot of hard work went into it so a huge thank you to everyone who made the time to be involved.

Our Greenbushes Brochure has been well received with lots of visitors taking them. We have been receiving lots of great comments about what a lovely town Greenbushes is with a great “community” feel.

The Kandalee Hill leg of the Tour of Margaret River cycle road race was exciting and a lot of fun a few weeks ago. We hope to make this an annual event for Greenbushes so keep it in mind for next year if you missed it.



a bouquet to everyone who has made an effort to prepare Greenbushes for our upcoming National Tidy Towns judging



a brick bat to those motor bike riders who race along and churn up designated walk trails

DON'T BE BORED IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

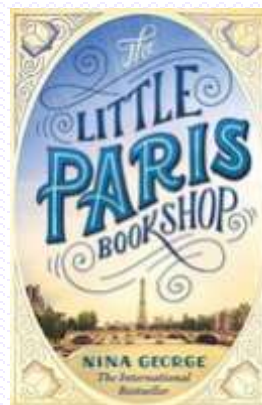
See the back page of this edition of the Greenbushes Balingup Newsletter to find out the fun activities for children at the Greenbushes CRC during the School Holidays.

Don't be bored, join in and learn new skills or meet up with friends in a secure environment with supervision.

To find out more contact the Greenbushes CRC on 97643575.



**Invites you to come to the next
Book Club meeting at the
Greenbushes CRC
on Wednesday 21st December
10am - 11am**



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iPad training

The Greenbushes CRC will be running another course

- 10am-12pm
- training course for beginners
- Commences 6th December
- Maximum 5 participants
- iPads provided or bring your own

For more information please contact the CRC

Email: trainee@greenbushescrc.net.au
or call: 9764 3575

Drop-in any Wednesday between 10am to 12pm
for tips, tricks and problem solving with Terry

Pat's Patch



Please keep a close eye on what you deposit at the recycle bins in town and also in the bins at the truck bays.

Once again there has been household rubbish dumped at the Grimwade Road /South West Highway intersection truck bay and the bins have also been "borrowed". This is a service Main Roads provides to the town to attempt to reduce the amount of rubbish thrown out of passing cars, however locals have been taking advantage of this and dumping household rubbish in them and we are at risk of losing this service.

The recycle bins in town are provided by Talison as a proactive service to town and by the dumping of rubbish, other than recycled rubbish, means the whole skips needs to go into landfill at a cost. Once again we need to do the right thing to ensure that this service is maintained for all the Greenbushes residents to enjoy.

The December Council meeting will be held at the Greenbushes CRC at 5:30pm on Thursday 15th December 2016. You are welcome to attend to see how the process works or if you have a question to council it is an opportunity for you to raise it at question time.

I would like to congratulate all the community groups for all that they have done and achieved this year which makes Greenbushes a wonderful place to live.

Christmas is not far away and it is a great time to be generous and enjoy each other's company, so I would like to extend my Christmas blessing to you all and to wish you a wonderful and exciting 2017. If you are travelling this festive season please take care and remember be vigilant and expect the unexpected on the roads.

Can you help?

YES—YOU CAN!



*Greenbushes—WA Winner of the Keep
Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Awards for
2016*

**UPDATE
TIDY TOWNS NATIONAL JUDGE
WILL BE HERE IN FEBRUARY
MARCH 2017**

If you would like to offer your help or the
help of your community organisation please
contact Leonie on 9782 5717.

Greenbushes Community Christmas
Tree Party
AND

Greenbushes Ratepayers and Resi-
dents Association BBQ

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3RD

THOMSON PARK

Join in the Celebrations

Fun at the Greenbushes Community Garden

November was a busy month! Thanks to everyone who contributed to our birthday and pollinator workshop weekends and for everyone who came along and made them special. In the garden a big thanks to Leanne, Pat, Bill, Steve and Dom for the November garden busy bees: installing the information signs, sunflower donation box and shade sail over the frog habitat, retic upgrades, new bee hotel structures and getting the garden in tip top shape for all of our activities. And finally to Mick Latimer, your sunflower art piece is the pièce de résistance!

We're wrapping up another vibrant year at the Community Garden. This is the perfect opportunity to look back and reflect on the garden's growth and volunteer achievements for 2016.

We've had many occasions that have brought in the local and wider community. Our monthly morning teas and crop swaps have been well attended, plus our Wildflower walk and display, birthday celebrations, Family Day, Plastic Free July, Greenbushes Primary school activities, Winter Festival weekend, Greenbushes Singing Group's performances, the Festival of Country Gardens and our Pollinator Week and Native Bee workshop.

Our volunteer's efforts make our garden shine and previous years landscaping and plantings are maturing nicely. This year we developed more areas including our nature play kids section, the stumpery, an insectary garden, town square plantings, information signs, more recycled art, flags, the frog habitat shade sail, as well as all the weeding, pruning, mulching and the general maintenance this space needs to keep it looking good. Thanks to everyone for this amazing effort.

We have launched our **Bee Hotel Competition**. There are great prizes to be won and this is the perfect holiday project for all ages. Entry to this competition is free and open to anyone within the Southwest Australian Eco region – the triangular corner of WA from Shark Bay down to Esperance – a biodiversity hotspot. Entries can be submitted by emailing us photos of your creation. They are due by 5pm January 20th and the competition winners announced and contacted on 4th February. For further information please see the poster in this newsletter edition, or you can contact us by emailing greenbushescommunitygarden@gmail.com or calling Tracy on 0400 976 434.

What will be happening next year? Why not become a member and bring your ideas and enthusiasm along. More members are needed as many hands make light work. We'll be continuing with our monthly morning teas and crop swaps. The next morning tea is January 7th at 9.30. Please note there's no morning tea in December as it's on the same day as the Christmas Tree and EOY BBQ functions.

Thanks for supporting and coming to our Community Garden – without you all it would just be a garden. I wish you all a safe and happy festive season and may your gardens explode with fresh produce, flowers for the pollinators and bee hotels!

Tracy Lansdell Co-ordinator (Photos by Leanne Green)



Native Blue Banded Bee photo by Tracy Lansdell



BUSY BELLES VOLUNTEER AT THE BLUES

The Greenbushes Belles CWA branch would like to thank the community for their wonderful support since commencing in mid 2016, and in particular we would like to thank the Greenbushes CWA branch for encouraging us to 'branch out'.

The Belles branch has been formed to meet the needs of ladies in the community who are unable to attend day meetings due to work, family or other commitments. Members do not need to live in Greenbushes, we welcome women from all over the Blackwood region.

The Belles are a very active group of country women who have hit the ground running. Besides monthly branch meetings, we have held a number of successful fundraisers including cake stalls, a raffle, lucky \$100 note, jelly bean guess, supported a Telethon fundraiser, and most recently volunteered at the Blues at Bridgetown. We have also held a number of Chill & Chat nights, with many more being planned for 2017. We are not just tea and scones!

The Country Women's Association (CWA) aim is "to improve the well being of all people, especially those in country areas by promoting courtesy, co-operation, community effort, ethical standards and the wise use of resources" and our local branches are certainly doing that.

The Belles branch meetings are held at 7.00pm on the 4th Thursday of the month (excluding December) at the CWA building on Blackwood Road. We welcome new members.

If you would like more information on the Greenbushes Belles, or would like to become a member, please contact us at greenbushesbelles@gmail.com or contact Karen Browne on 97612001 / 0408301002. Or find us on facebook!



*Pictured above: Belles Karen Browne, Sharon Edwards, Didith Atkin, Leanne Green and Ghia Oliver, with Andrew and George Browne at the Bridgetown Blues Stall.
Pictured below: Belles Didith Atkin, Anne Marie Stallard and Leanne Green at the fundraising Cake Stall.*



Greenbushes Community Garden's

Build a Bee Hotel Competition



Help your local native bees & biodiversity!
Get your creative hats on and build a bee hotel in your garden this summer.

For information about the Bee Hotel Competition go to the Greenbushes Community Garden Facebook Page or call Tracy on 0400976434

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GREENBUSHES RSL HOST REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



Ron Adair addresses the people attending the service



Margaret Adair, Ros Price and Phyllis Jones at morning tea

Greenbushes RSL hosted a Remembrance Day Service on 11th November 2016 which was attended by members of the community and Primary School.

The service reflected on the sacrifices made by all Australian service men and women who went off to war or served at home or in peace-keeping roles. In particular this year recalled those who served in Vietnam.

Wreaths were laid at the War Memorial and students placed flowers, candles and crosses at the memorial to commemorate the occasion.

After the service community members were invited to the school for morning tea.



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ROAD VERGE WORK FOR GANG OF FOUR MASONS



The Greenbushes Masonic Lodge members were out on the streets recently cleaning and painting the concrete verges around the street trees on Blackwood Road.

Spokesperson Terry Cooper said the four volunteers were happy to carry out the task to help the town to prepare for the upcoming Tidy Towns Judging.

Greenbushes Timber Mill

Auswest has announced it will employ a total of 120 workers at its Greenbushes Timber Mill from 2017.

The company is closing its Manjimup and Pemberton operations in December and relocating its business to Greenbushes to consolidate all its operations into one larger operation to make it a more viable business.

Approximately 40 employees took a voluntary redundancy and approximately 51 remaining staff members have been retained and redeployed to Greenbushes.

The company will transport the workers to and from the Greenbushes Mill from the Pemberton/Manjimup area by bus.

Auswest has indicated the company may need to employ an additional 20 workers from the Greenbushes area from 2017.

This is a great opportunity for Greenbushes to further develop industry and employment in the area which will further assist many of the services industry in the region.

The Auswest manager Michael Ebb will be giving the community an update on their plans for the operation at one of the up and coming Ratepayers and Residents Association meetings.

For employment and other enquiries people are asked to contact Auswest


Your local connection

Christmas Croquet In the park

Now at the Cricket Oval, south entrance of town
Contact Angie @ the CRC on 9764 3575

**Sunday the 4th of December
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**And bring a small plate to share for morning
tea/lunch**



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CRC Coordinator's Column

DECEMBER 2016

Volunteers @ the CRC

With the year drawing to an end I personally would like to thank all the volunteers who have given freely of their time in helping out at the CRC. Thanks to the many hours provided by our volunteers we have been able to improve services, run programs, deliver workshops, offer IT assistance, technology training and generally improve the appearance and functionality of the CRC.



Volunteers help build a stronger, healthier and happier community, support our services and make a real difference to our community. This year our volunteers are also contributing towards the running of the Op-Shop, services at the Discovery Centre and helping our seniors at Stinton Gardens.

Valued Volunteers—Pictured left is volunteer Leslie Valli and right Terry Somerton.



Croquet in the Park

With the weather improving, marginally, it was a great opportunity to get out for the morning and brush up on our croquet skills. Thanks to our experienced visiting croquet professionals from Bunbury, Dale and John, our ever improving team picked up some new tips and skills.

Dogs, children and overseas visitors were all welcome to join in the mornings activities, casual, fun and only slightly competitive being the theme for the day.

As our long term residents Molly and Richard Harvey were returning to England the morning was rounded off back at the CRC with a get-together, coffee and cake, to wish them well on their travels.

Early next year a croquet session is set to be held in Bunbury where we will be joining the more experienced club players for a morning of learning new skills, gleaning tips and tricks, and enjoying a professional club surface, rather than our 'bush' pitch which is subject to rabbits, kangaroos and large weeds!

New players are always welcome. This is a free event sponsored by the Department of Regional Development and the Community Resource Centre.

For enquiries please contact us on 9764 3575 or email admin@greenbushescrc.net.au



The Greenbushes community said farewell to Richard and Molly Hardy who have returned to the UK to be with family. There were many parties in November to farewell the couple who have been popular members of the community.

CRC Coordinator's Column

Community Shed—Update



Since my last report a Community Shed meeting has been held and community members interested in being a part of our Shed have formed a small committee to oversee the start-up of the Greenbushes Community Shed.

Our Shed is now registered with the Western Australian Men's Shed Association (WAMSA) giving us access to information, grants, documentation and a scroungers page for buying, swapping and selling unwanted items.

Whilst many of our new members are keen to engage in woodwork activities, metal work and mechanical repairs were also noted as areas of interest, not forgetting the social interaction a Shed will create, make new friends and learn new skills.

This shed is open to any community member over 18 years of age. New members are encouraged to contact the CRC on 9764 3575 or admin@greenbushescrc.net.au for further details. An initial membership fee of \$2.00 is payable with your completed application form.

Community Survey

The Community Resource Centre has compiled a short community survey to ascertain the type of services, workshops and events needed or required by our community over the next 3 years. A copy of the survey may be collected from the CRC, mailed (upon request), or an online survey will be sent out to those preferring the paperless option. A link to the survey is also available through on our website.

All residents who complete a survey will have the chance to enter into our draw to win a \$50 Community Voucher. As a valued member of our community your input is valuable in helping us plan for the future.

Supporting Our Seniors Royalties for Regions Grant Funding

The Greenbushes Community Resource Centre received funding for the development of a software package which when completed will enable the CRC to link those members of our community who require a helping hand to remain in their home and continue their independence, through the assistance of our volunteer base.

The CRC wishes to thank Billy Wellstead of the South West Development Commission for her support and advice and Royalties for Regions for providing the funding necessary to enable the project to reach fruition.



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Bush Fire Information Session

A bushfire information session was recently held at the CRC presented by Chris Sousa of Shire Bridgetown Greenbushes and representing DPAW.

The 1 1/2 hour session covered important information on preparation of your property and what to do in the case of a bushfire.

Summer has only just started and already there have been a number of bushfires around the South West.

Prepare. Act. Survive booklets are available at the CRC which include check lists and emergency contact information. Please call in for a copy.



Greenbushes-Balingup Newsletter via email

If you would like to receive an emailed copy of the Greenbushes-Balingup Newsletter please email me at coordinator@greenbushescrc.net.au

If you have a post office box in Greenbushes or Mullalyup you will still receive a printed copy.

CRC Coordinator's Column

Preparing for our new Tender for Service



Celia Loot (standing) and Dee Da Silva (seated rear) hosted the Greenbushes workshops with CRC representatives including Sarah-Jayne Griffiths from Pemberton CRC, Angie Cornish from Greenbushes and Caitlin Beresford and Julianne Mc Miles from Yarloop CRC.

Greenbushes CRC hosted two network Service Tender Information Workshops on November 29th and 30th.

Celia Loot and Dee Da Silva from Department of Regional Development in Perth ran the sessions which stepped through the Service Tender process and documents.

There were around 36 participants from various CRCs present. The informative sessions will take a lot of stress out of the tender process and gave a good overview of the expectations and the outcomes required for the provision of service under the next round of contracts.

COMING UP @ the CRC AUGUST COMING UP @ the CRC

- * Sunday 4th December 9am **Christmas Croquet in the Park** @ The Cricket Grounds followed by coffee and nibbles—bring a plate.
- * Tuesday 6th December 10am-12pm, **iPad training** with Terry.
- * Wednesday 14th, **Reflexology** with Anita. Bookings essential.
- * Thursday 15th, **Shire Council Meeting** from 5.30pm
- * Tuesday 20th, 12pm-2pm **CRC Staff & Volunteers Christmas Party**
- * Wednesday 21st, **Reflexology** with Anita. Bookings essential.
- * Mondays, **Dru Yoga**, 10.30am-11.30am - \$2. An easy relaxing class
- * **Coding** after school weekly 3.30pm onwards with Terry, free event sponsored by Talison Lithium Pty Ltd
- * **Book club** meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 10am-11am. New members welcome
- * **Craft group** meets each Tuesday at 10am-12pm
- * Wednesdays of each week 10am—12pm by appointment for **members**—ask Terry any techie questions or learn how to use the computer or iPad. BroadBand for seniors' training available. Learn how to email, search the net, setup documents and spread sheets.
- * January 4th **Optometrist** visits Greenbushes.
- * Saturday 18th February, **First Aid for Small Business** course



MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

As Christmas draws near I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have made this year at the CRC a memorable one.

Enjoy the holidays and festive season and please stay safe.

The CRC is open as usual between Christmas and New Year, closed only on public holidays.



Lotterywest Grant.....



Thanks to a Lotterywest grant approved by the Hon Colin Barnett MLA, Greenbushes CRC has been fortunate to have received funds for the purchase a new photocopier. With our old trusty photocopier reaching the end of its use by date the Lotterywest grant approval has arrived at an opportune time, enabling the CRC to continue providing valuable printing, copying, scanning services and to continue the printing of our Greenbushes Balingup newsletter. Lotterywest provide Grants through money raised from the sale of their Games. Every time you buy a Lotterywest product you help support community organisations like ours working to make WA a better place for all.

CRC Coordinator's Column

Seniors Week—Pemberton & Cascades Tram Ride

Thanks to a grant from COTA and the Shire Bridgetown Greenbushes, the CRC offered an exciting opportunity during Seniors Week for our seniors to spend the day down in Pemberton enjoying picturesque scenery on a tram ride to the Cascade Falls.

The Pemberton Tram Company provided an informative ride into the forest recounting the history of life on and around the tram line, mill history and a detailed commentary of the area and its vegetation.

We were joined by a group of 14 visiting Japanese tourists for the day who certainly made the most of meeting new people and taking in the scenery—although lack of or limited English made for an entertaining time with many happy snaps taken.

A big thank you to Terry Somerton who helped organise the group and provided entertainment on the trip down. An additional Seniors Trip is organised for early next year so keep your eyes on this space!



Operation Christmas Child

Most of our Christmas boxes have now arrived in either Cambodia or Thailand ready for distribution to children less fortunate, enabling them to receive gifts for Christmas. A special thanks must go to Margaret Candido and her many helpers down at Stinton Gardens Activity Group for all the volunteer hours they freely gave to pack all 52 boxes. Thanks also to Marion Arrowsmith who knitted small teddies for the boxes.



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**Angie Cornish—Coordinator and
Jamie Kennedy—Trainee**

WESTLINK PROGRAMS

Westlink (VAST 602) can be viewed for free, by members, at the CRC (dependent upon room availability). Or tune in at home. For the full schedule of programs, please visit www.greenbushes.crc.net.au.

Blackwood Basin Group Update



The Priority Bittern and Waterbird Biodiversity Enhancement Project, coordinated by the Blackwood Basin Group (BBG), is a four year project, funded by the Australian Government, which aims to create a wetland haven at Schwenke's Dam, Greenbushes, to attract critically endangered waterbirds.



Unicup Field Trip

What a super weekend! On Friday and Saturday November 19 and 20 a bunch of us nature nerds took off to stay the night at Unicup to check out the natural habitat of the Australasian bittern.

It was a group made up of BBG officers, scientists, volunteers, and lots of children (the ultimate citizen scientists).

Friday night was spent listening for any sign of the bitterns at the edge of one of the many lakes in the region but, unfortunately, we picked the wrong lake for that night and didn't hear one.

After a very late dinner we bedded down at the Unicup hall, rising early Saturday morning for more bird spotting.

With no luck on the Bittern front, we turned our attention to their food source. Saturday morning was spent doing our own mini bioblitz, identifying and photographing as many insects as we could at a lake very near Lake Muir.

We were serenaded by hundreds of Black Swans as we battled the rising heat and humidity until finally we had to call it a day and head back for lunch and pack up.

In spite of the lack of Bittern activity this was a very successful trip. The numbers of wildflowers, birds, and insects we saw were mind blowing and being able to see the Bittern habitat up close gave us all a better idea of what we are creating in Greenbushes. We have come away utterly exhausted but also very inspired.

A big thank you to DPAW scientists Ian Wheeler and Roger Hearn, BBGs Per Christensen, Kristen Mappin and Margaret Jakobson, our hard working entomologist Paul Van Heurck and, of course, our brilliant volunteers Ian Mann and Brooke Janitz and all the children for making this weekend so fun.

Photos:

Top Left— Two junior volunteers searching for insects to identify then release.

Bottom Left—A quick rest at Lake Muir Observation Deck.

Bottom Right—The group unpacking and deciding which lakes to explore to hear the Bittern.



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Blackwood Basin Group Update



Five Star Dragonfly



Dragonflies (Odonata) are ideal indicators of wetland health due to their sensitivity to habitat quality and their partially amphibious life cycle. Overall, they are a flying green flag of good environmental quality.

Within the Dragonfly family, some are even more precious and picky than the rest. These are the indicator species of the indicator order so to speak, the snobs of the wetlands who only choose to frequent the truly 5 star accommodations. The one we

usually look for here in the South West is the Western Swamp Emerald, or *Procordulia affinis*.

The Priority Bittern Wetlands Project has been going on now for about 3 and a half years, and our Citizen Science macroinvertebrate survey group has been collecting and identifying for most of that to monitor whether the wetland is improving on a measurable scale or not. One wonderful week in late November we found it is! We found and identified a Western Swamp Emerald dragonfly!

And then another. And then one more.

We're about to head in again to see if they're sticking around, but the fact that we found them there now is such a good sign that we're dancing and grinning like idiots over here.

Saying goodbye to the Green Army

The wonderful Green Army team of 2016 is leaving us. They've each finished their year of learning and are off to bigger and better things.

We'll have another team to get to know working around Greenbushes at the start of next year but we will truly miss these capable, intelligent, and passionate young people who joined us this last year.



Fox Baiting

Just a reminder that there are still active baits around Schwenke's Dam area so keep your dogs on a lead and close to you when in the area.

Felicity Littleton's Plant of the Month



Glischrocaryon aureum
"Common Pop Flower"

This is a hard-to-pronounce, intriguing, tufted perennial herb. This plant has conspicuous clusters of yellow flowers and grows from 15cms to 1m.

It can be seen flowering from June to November, but I have only observed it flowering here in November.

The flower has an interesting shape and on close inspection you can see that the petals are hooded and keeled. The fruit shape is ovoid and 4 winged.

It seems to like growing in sand over laterite. It belongs to the HALORAGACEAE family.

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

enquiries@blackwoodbasingroup.com.au to register your interest in our email updates network or to receive our quarterly hard copy newsletter.

For any further information or to be involved in the project contact Margaret Jakobson on 97651555 or email margaret@blackwoodbasingroup.com.au



MINE NEWS

The site achieved 100 days without Lost Time Injury during the month, with several departments achieving significant milestones: Mining Team - 7 years & Administration - 8 years.

The recent interest in lithium deposits has triggered large scale exploration within the State and more specifically the pegging of ground in the Greenbushes area. Talison holds leases over a 100 square km area surrounding the town of Greenbushes and has mined for tin, tantalum and lithium within all the leases that cover this area. Once mined, the areas have been rehabilitated back into the State Forest. In recent years our focus has been on the Central Lode to the south of town due to this lode holding the highest value resources for lithium. Through exploration in this area, Talison has identified sufficient reserves to provide a mine life of over 20 years at planned production rates.

Talison has a program to explore for minerals on all of its leases to ensure the long term sustainability of the local Greenbushes Operations. A lot of this work can be done without any ground disturbance and in the coming months some of our personnel will be reviewing surface outcrops within our leases to better identify potential targets for future investigation. Subject to what they find, we may drill some selected exploration holes into these targets to confirm if they have potential for future development. Whilst we own the mining leases we are still required to have the property owner's approval prior to entering onto the land and to consult with the landowner. Prior to any ground disturbance within the State Forest we will need to obtain required approvals.

Improved understanding of the potential resources within our leases will also enable us to better integrate mining requirements with the development of the region's infrastructure and amenities (Tourism, Farming, Forestry). Contact me, Steve Green on 97825700 for queries.

Jason Allen was farewelled from site on 25 November after 21 years of service to the Greenbushes Operations in the Stores/Supply area, having commenced on site as a Pit Sampler. We wish Jason all the best in his future endeavours.



LOOKING FOR A MEMENTO OF GREENBUSHES FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS?

CHECK OUT THE NEW SELECTION OF MAGNETS AVAILABLE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES, THE CRC AND THE GREENBUSHES DISCOVERY CENTRE.

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A SELECTION TO CHOOSE FROM

WALK TRAIL WEEDS PROJECT COMPLETE



Kris Mappin with son George and Contractor Glen Mountford on the Mining Heritage Walk Trail

The Greenbushes Discovery Centre committee has completed a project to carry out weed control on the Mining Heritage Walk Trail.

The project was supported by a grant of \$7,250 from the State Natural Resource Management Community Action Program funded through Royalties for Regions. In kind assistance was provided by the Blackwood Basin Group and Talison Lithium.

The funding was used to remove Tagasaste, Periwinkle, Blackberry and Watsonia. Other weeds of note on the trail were also removed. These included Victorian Tea Tree, Pampas Grass, Lillipilli and Dolichos Pea.

As part of the project the Greenbushes Discovery Centre participated in the Blackwood Biodiversity Expo in May in Bridgetown and conducted a free Wattle Walk in August to promote weed eradication projects in the forests around Greenbushes.

The project was also supported by the Green Army Bunbury through a grant obtained by the South West Catchments Council.

Greenbushes Discovery Centre Chairman Pat Scallan said the project, which targeted weeds across a four hectare area of the walk trail, would protect biodiversity.

"We have removed weed species that compete with our native species and enhanced the habitat for our local flora and fauna," he said.

What information consumes is rather obvious... it consumes the attention of its recipients. Hence, a wealth of information creates a poverty of attention.

Nobel Prize winning economist Herbert Simon.
Source: Well At Work June 2016.

Greenbushes **Community** **Singing Group**

**YES, IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN ...
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**IT'S TIME WE ALL SANG SOME
 Christmas Carols**

**Put this on your calendar: Wednesday
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Questions?? Contact **TREVOR 0437 338 350**



First Aid for small business

Greenbushes CRC is offering a heavily discounted First Aid course to local business owners in Greenbushes and Balingup. If you are a business owner and looking to complete a Senior First Aid course please contact the CRC on admin@greenbushescrc.net.au or phone 9764 3575

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SHIRLEY WILLIAMS PHOTO EXHIBITION



Friends of 88 year old Greenbushes resident Shirley Williams were on hand to help celebrate the launch of an exhibition of photos of her life.

Greenbushes chef turned photographer, Shannon Fraser-Butler from Tasty Edibles Café, took the photographs of Ms Williams, who is her neighbour, over several months and changing seasons.

"I took hundreds of photos but I had to then select the ones to exhibit so I had some help from local photographer Gabrielle Quill," said Ms Fraser Butler.

"I didn't want to intrude or go inside Shirley's house, so the photos are very natural not posed," said Ms Fraser-Butler.

"I was fascinated by the simple day to day life of Shirley and the photos are of her chopping wood, hanging out her clothes or tending her garden," she said.

Members of the Blackwood Club, of which Ms Williams has been a member for the past 30 years, were only too happy to join in the fun at the launch of the exhibition which will be open until the end of January.

Pictured are Shannon Fraser Butler and Shirley Williams (front) with (left to right) Glenys Ellis, June Peditto, Lesley Kinshella, Jacqueline O'Neil, Anne Marie Stallard, Monica Morath, Marjorie Woodman, Margaret Gibbs (Coordinator of the Blackwood Club), Angela Mills and Barbara Smith.



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For further information please contact the CRC on 9764 3575



December is the start of European Wasp Field Season.

The Department of Agriculture and Food wants local communities, Shires and individuals to report sightings of the European Wasp. Surveillance traps can also be deployed.

Go to agric.wa.gov.au/wasps or call 1800 084 881.



ENTRANCE SIGN RESTORED AT HIGHWAY



A large sign originally located in a small park area alongside the South Western Highway north of Greenbushes townsite has been refurbished and returned near to its original location.

The sign, depicting the words that relate to the town's major industries—agriculture, timber and farming—was a feature of the park for decades until the original wooden signage deteriorated.

The new Y Frame sign will also provide lighting for the recycled metal tin miner erected on the highway as part of a project by the Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association.

Students Present Thank You to Talison Staff for Support in 2016



Students at the Greenbushes Primary School presented a large framed picture to Talison Lithium General Manager Projects, Pat Scallan, to thank the company for supporting several school projects during the year. The students also presented a file containing thank you letters from each of the students.

Talison assisted with sponsorship for students to visit the Duyfken replica sailing ship. The ship was in Western Australia to commemorate the 400th anniversary since Dirk Hartog made his epic voyage to WA. Talison also assisted with payment for promotional banners for the school.

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Community Notices

Thank You

The Perrin family would like to send a heartfelt thankyou the Greenbushes community and everyone who has supported them through this difficult time.

In particular a big thankyou to all the major sponsors and businesses that donated items for Mia's fundraising event.

Our gratitude also to all of the stall holders, the band, volunteer helpers and everyone who came to Mia's fundraising event which helped make it such a success.



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Church Times

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Greenbushes St Barnabas

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Contact Rev. Canon Karon Austin 0402141896

Balingup—St Peter's Church Jayes Rd.

Eucharist 1st Sunday at 9am. Services held each week. Contact Ms. Simone Payne for more details on 97641885.

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Greenbushes

2nd Sunday each month 2:30pm

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New times from March 16

Balingup

1st Sunday 8:30am

Greenbushes

3rd Sunday 8:30am

5th Sunday 8:30am

Bridgetown

2nd & 4th Sunday 9:00am

Liturgy of the Word/Holy Communion)

Community Christmas Tree Party

Followed by
the Ratepayers
and Residents
End of Year
BBQ at
6:00pm



3:00 pm—6pm Saturday December 3
THOMSON PARK GREENBUSHES

Event or Group	Venue	Time	Day of the month	Contact
Greenbushes Aged Community Committee	Stinton Gardens Function Centre	4.00pm	2nd Mon of the month	Leanne Green 0419005224
Greenbushes Community Garden Committee and Morning Tea	Community Garden Building	8:30am	1st Saturday of the month Busy Bee 2 on the 3rd Saturday of the month	Tracy Lansdell 9764 3414
Greenbushes Discovery Centre Committee	Discovery Centre	4:30pm	4th Tues of the month	Leonie 97825717
Greenbushes Retirees Committee	RSL Hall	11:00am	3rd 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 2nd Tuesday and gardens/crafts on 4th 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	1st Wednesday of 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	2nd Thursday of the month	Molly Baxter 9764 3739
Greenbushes CWA Belles	CWA Rooms	7:00pm	4th Thursday of the month	Karen Browne 0408301002.
Greenbushes Ratepayers & Residents and Tidy Towns	Road Board Building	7.30pm	1st Thursday of the month (except Dec and Jan)	Leanne Green 041 900 5224
Balingup Lions Club Meetings	Community Centre Balingup	7:00pm	Every Second Thursday	Chris 9764 1814
Greenbushes RSL	RSL Hall	3.30pm	3rd Friday of the month	Pat Scallan 0427643508
Community Resource Centre Book club	Greenbushes CRC	10:00am-11:00am	3rd 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
Greenbushes Community Singers	St Barnabas Church	1:30pm—3:00pm	Tuesdays	0437338350

December Diary Dates

- 2 Burning Your Bushland Workshop in Bridgetown.
3 Greenbushes Community Christmas Tree Party from 3:00pm at Thomson Park.
3 Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents End of Year Community Barbecue from 6:00pm.
4 Christmas Croquet at Greenbushes.
6 iPad Training at the CRC.
12 Greenbushes Primary School End of Year Concert.
15 Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes Meeting at Greenbushes CRC 5:30pm. All welcome.
20 Greenbushes CRC Christmas Windup for Volunteers.
21 Carols by Candlelight at St Barnabas Church.

JANUARY DATES

- 4 Optometrist visits Greenbushes.
26 Australia Day Breakfast at Greenbushes and Bridgetown.

See below or contact the CRC for the dates and times of the School Holiday Program for January.

Greenbushes CRC School Holiday Program



Friday 13th January 2017

9am—1pm

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