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## **GREENBUSHES AND BALINGUP CYCLE FINISH EXCITEMENT**



The population of Greenbushes and Balingup more than doubled when the Tour of Margaret River Pro Am Road Cycle Race event was held on the weekend of November 11 and 12.

There were more than 650 riders in the event plus support crew and interested spectators lining the main street of Greenbushes on Saturday November 11.

Local community groups provided food and drinks for the event at Thomson Park and feedback from the organisers is that they loved the input from our communities and felt it really added a great atmosphere to the occasion. Thankyou to the Greenbushes Belles, Tasty Edibles, Wendy Trow and crew, Greenbushes RSL and the Masonic Lodge for manning the stalls and providing some fantastic food.

Talison Lithium sponsored the Green Jersey for the winners of the various categories on November 11 and also assisted with obtaining the New South Wales blues band 19Twenty for a session in the morning.

See inside this edition for photos from the event.

For editorial and/or advertising in the Greenbushes Balingup Newsletter contact Greenbushes Community Resource Centre Deadline is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month

> 9764 3575 trainee@greenbushescrc.net.au

#### **DECEMBER 2017**



Riders streak across the finish line at the Tour of Margaret River.



World Champion cyclist Marianne Vos and Tracy Lansdell



Barry Boyle from Greenbushes RSL manning the burger stand..



Exhausted riders clustered on Blackwood Road after the event.



Wendy Trow with her helpers at the Cambodia Bike stall.

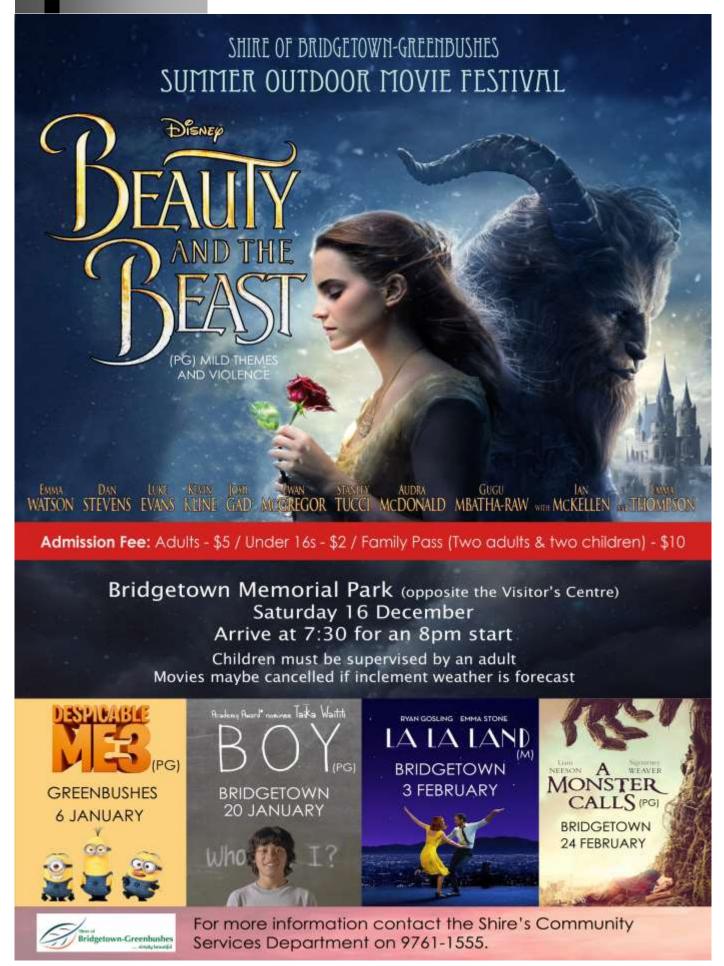




Team Talison.

**Reduce, Reuse and Recycle** The Greenbushes C.R.C. has joined the Nespresso recycling system to help reduce the impact of waste and ensure aluminium coffee pods are recycled. Please drop any capsules off at the CRC.

Aluminium capsules recycled with Nespresso are sent off to a specialist recycling plant where the aluminium is separated from the residual coffee. The coffee is then sent to a composting facility to be transformed into compost, while the aluminium is recycled into new aluminium products.



# GREENBUSHES COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

Gardening remains one of the main hobbies in Australia for many good reasons, but perhaps the most important is that it improves the way people feel. An abundance of research has shown that people and plants grow well together. *Community Gardens are where people and plants come together.* Community Gardens can enrich their local area by offering an opportunity for individuals to volunteer and give back to their community in a variety of ways. They also provide venues for teaching and passing on skills and knowledge, often on a multigenerational level that enable us to live more selfsufficiently and sustainably. Community Gardeners grow flowers, fruit, vegetables and herbs, but I think most importantly, gardeners grow communities.

Two recent events were a great example of this and reminded us how much fun we can have when we step out and come together. Our bus tour to Fair Harvest was the first one. A group of us boarded the Rosie bus and trekked over to Margaret River for a garden lunch and guided tour of their permaculture property. Everyone enjoyed the day and we will be repeating this a few times each year to different locations.

And secondly was our 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations. This was the perfect, relaxing morning spent amongst the plants with Felicity's potted succulent workshop, crop swap, seed bomb & native bee hotel making for the kids and the yummiest 'biodiversity themed' birthday cake made by the Greenbushes CWA Belles.

It's one thing to live in a great community, it's another to feel a belonging to one. As another year is coming to a close, my heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you who have contributed to creating and continue to support our garden. As the co-ordinator since the inception I feel humbled when people tell me how lovely not only the look of our garden is, but the feeling it has as well. But I suppose that is what we've set out to do from the start..... to put our love into the space, so it can love the community back.

If you would like to join us next year for a garden visit or other event, follow us on Facebook and email us your details to go on the mailout list to receive updates. Wishing you all a happy festive season and we hope to see you amongst the plants in 2018 for more swap, shuffle, share morning teas, sundowners and togetherness.

Tracy Lansdell Co-ordinator





Fair Harvest



Fair Harvest



Happy Birthday to our Garden



# SHED VISIT Afternoon Tea with

Narrogin Men's Shed

11th January 2018

2.30-3.30pm



# GREENBUSHES CONGRATULATE'S THEIR GOLF CHAMPIONS.

Greenbushes Golf Club recently ended their 2017 season on 18<sup>th</sup> of November which saw Joe Evans and Myra Bell,(pictured), awarded Men's and Women's Stroke Champions respectively.

14 Year old Corley McLernon was awarded the Best Nett Overall winner. The Club wishes the McLernon family all the best as they move to Albany to help young Corley progress on his golfing odyssey.

All players who attended enjoyed the laid back 4 person team ambrose event, sponsored by Tuck's Garden Service, followed by the Presentations and meal.

The Golf Club openly invites any players, or people interested in learning the game of golf, to join us over summer. We play a social 12 hole round of golf on Wednesday's, 8:30am sign in for 9am tee off, and Saturday's, 2:30pm sign in for 3pm tee off.

Anyone requiring more information feel free to see Rod at the Greenbushes Post Office or call 9764 3520



# Balingup Heights Hilltop

**Forest Cottages** owners, Deb and Brian Vanallen were thrilled that their business won gold in the 'Self Contained Tourist Accommodation' category this year, following their silver in the same award last year.



'We pride ourselves on our personalised customer service and have worked very hard to add those 'one percenters' to ensure our guests have a truly special experience. To be acknowledged by our peers is 'very rewarding', said Deb and Brian.

Balingup Heights sits high above the quaint town of Balingup and enjoys spectacular views across the 46 acre property. The six fully self-contained cottages are spread throughout a 25 acre hilltop forest, providing guests with their own slice of heaven. The judges noted that Deb and Brian's approach to strategic and business planning, enhanced by best practice marketing and customer service has placed the business in a strong position for continued growth.

Balingup Heights has invested in the property in recent years with the completion of major renovations on the existing cottages and the addition of a new cottage. They have worked with tourism industry bodies to market into the Singaporean and broader Asian region with great success.

Their innovative use of social media and public relations campaigns, including Facebook and a Balingup Heights Instagram feed, has provided excellent exposure and engagement for their business.

Deb and Brian believe that "much of our success has come from the development of partnerships with other small businesses in the region. We're very proud of Balingup, and our continued growth depends not only on visitors enjoying their stay with us, but on them having fabulous experiences right throughout the region."

For more information contact Deb or Brian Vanallen - Ph: 9764 1283 or 0459 460 123

# PUTTING RABBITS ON THE RUN



# *Blackwood Biosecurity Inc* is taking the lead in a new era in community based control of declared plant and animal pests in the South West.

With seed funds from *Royalties for Regions* and support from the *Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development,* **Blackwood Biosecurity Inc.** has evolved into a progressive South West Biosecurity Group assisting local communities in declared pest control.

**Blackwood Biosecurity Inc.** is recognised by the Minister for Agriculture as the Recognised Biosecurity Group (RBG) to operate in the Shires of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Boyup Brook, West Arthur, Nannup and Donnybrook-Bridgetown South (localities of Balingup, Mullalyup, Grimwade, Southampton and Wilga West). It is an incorporated, not for profit group managed by a voluntary committee of passionate representatives from all five Shires.

The group is now ready to take on bigger, broader projects and become financially independent through the raising of a Declared Pest Rate(DPR). **Blackwood Biosecurity** thanks all who attended their 2017 Annual General Meeting and unanimously approved their **2018/19 Operational Plan and Budget** and recommended the raising of a flat \$40 rate on freehold land in town sites (residential) and \$50 on freehold land in rural in the five shires in which they are recognised.

The modest pest rate is calculated on an annual operational plan with pests prioritised by the community. The 2018/19 Plan has a focus on Feral Pigs, Foxes and Wild Rabbits, Narrow Leaf Cottonbush, Paterson's Curse, Bridal Creeper, Cape Tulip and Cleavers.

Under the Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act (2007) landholders have a responsibility to control Declared Pests on their land. However, many of these pests are difficult and expensive to control, and landholders don't always have the skills or capacity to do so.

In 2018/19 **Blackwood Biosecurity** will continue to train and upskill landholders as well as provide practical onsite and on farm assistance, free and subsidised equipment, poisons and chemicals, work by Licensed Contractors and the extension of their Field Operator network. Pest populations and locations will be mapped to form a baseline for future monitoring and control.

The W.A. Government will support this work by matching rate funds on a dollar for dollar basis. Western Australia is the only State where Government contributes matching funds for biosecurity control. The system will provide communities with guaranteed annual funds to address priority pests of their choice.

Local Government is not impacted or involved in the rate which is handled by the Office of State Revenue which issues assessment notices and collects Declared Pest Rates on behalf of the Director General, Department of primary Industries and Regional Development (Agriculture and Food). Funds can only be used on Declared Species and only spent in the area in which they have been collected and in accordance with Blackwood Biosecurity's Operational Plan.

Not all ratepayers will be directly impacted by focus pests during each operational year. However, their contribution will enhance controls elsewhere as insurance to keep them pest free, and their community will be resourced and ready to address biosecurity threats as they arise.

Biosecurity control is most effective when everyone works together in a strategic, co-ordinated approach across the whole of the landscape. Everyone needs to be involved and everyone needs to be resourced and supported. Blackwood Biosecurity will work with Agencies, Industry and other stakeholders, regardless of land tenure, to support this community effort.

Blackwood Biosecurity is currently working with landholders in a co-ordinated release of the rabbit calicivirus RHDV1 K5. For more information about the virus see: <u>RHDV1 K5: Frequently asked questions (FAQ) - PestSmart Connect</u> The release in Balingup and surrounds has been very successful and a large group of landholders in the Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire are preparing for their release. For more information Contact Sheila Howat: <u>projects@blackwoodbiosecurity.org.au</u>

## MINE NEWS with Steve Green

Last month we farewelled a long serving member of our Maintenance Department, Malcolm Barnett. Mal has worked at the Greenbushes Operations for 43 years in various roles and has decided to call it a day and enjoy retirement. He may be putting down his work tools but I hear

Glenys has a long list of jobs....!

We also welcomed Maitland Gray, Ciaran Lucey and David Armstrong as new Process Operators. Talison and Global Advanced Metals had their usual tent at the Bridgetown Show. Once again it proved to be very popular with parents and children. The new sandpit toys, crystal hunt and the dump truck photo opportunity were a big hit with the kids, whilst parents had a chance to put their feet up in the shade. The new Tesla we had on display also attracted a great deal of interest.

Construction work for the expansion is proceeding well. It does mean there are increasing numbers of trucks and other vehicles on Maranup Ford Road and I urge everyone to obey the traffic signs and take extra care when travelling along this road. We have a new gate entrance for the construction site which will be known as Gate 3. Entry through this gate is solely for construction workers. Global Advanced Metals' gate entry is now known as Gate 4.

I would also like to encourage everyone to come along to the information gathering session hosted by the Shire at the Greenbushes District Hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. This informal meeting is a brainstorming session about what you would like to see developed down at the sports complex and cricket oval. With the handback of the water supply dams imminent and an opportunity for grant funding, there is an opportunity to decide how we would like this area to be improved. So, if you have any ideas, please come along and share them.

Merry Christmas to everyone. I wish you all a safe and joyous festive season.







Pat's Patch....Cr Pat Scallan

The December Council meeting will be held at the Greenbushes CRC at 5:30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017. This gives the public a chance to meet up with some of the other Councillors.

We have had a very busy last few months, in particular with the Tour of Margaret River Pro-Am cycle race. This was a fantastic success, which was well supported by the event organisers and riders alike. This is something that can be further improved and allow for even more community interaction. The warm weather on the day did catch us out a little, however we will be even more prepared for next year. There were 750 riders and quite a number of support crew from all over Australia and a large contingent of international riders as well. The standard of rider was top class, with some exceptional times and performances.

Once again a reminder that burning off is not allowed as of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 without a permit and the Prohibited Burning Season comes into effect from 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

A reminder that there is a Community Consultation workshop at the Greenbushes District Hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December commencing 4:00pm, to discuss the long term plan for Dumpling Gully Water Dams and the adjacent Sports facilities, which Council has earmarked for Rectangular Sports.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very blessed Christmas and an exciting and prosperous 2018.

# Remembrance Day Service Greenbushes

The Greenbushes RSL held a Remembrance Day Service on 10th November, at the War Memorial in Thomson Park, which was attended by Greenbushes Primary School students and community members.

The Primary School students placed candles in memory of servicemen and women who lost their lives in the many military campaigns in our war history. Wreaths were also placed on the memorial.









# CRC Coordinator's Column

# Image: Series of the serie

## **Business Profile—Tasty Edibles**

Shannon and Luke own the only café in Greenbushes, Tasty Edibles, located at 38 Blackwood Road. They started their family business 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  years ago, and in that time have grown to meet communities needs by providing a family friendly café with a twist of healthy wholesome food.

As much as is possible Luke and Shannon make everything from scratch using local ingredients: Sourdough bread, Friday night pizza, cakes, and sausage rolls which are revered far and wide.

With Christmas looming it's time for Tasty Edibles famous Christmas Puddings which come in 4 flavours and 2 sizes.

- Cranberry & White Chocolate
- Fig & Prune
- Gluten free and

♦ **The Local - a new puddin**g made from Birdwood Park orange port, Southern Forest honey, Manjimup walnuts, and Greenbushes free range eggs.

Hampers are also available which incorporate their own jams, cookies and other goodies, seasonally available.

Open Tuesday to Saturday 8am to 3.30pm and Friday 9am to 9pm. Friday night bookings essential, call 9764 3361.

# **GREENBUSHES COMMUNITY SHED**



The Shed hosted its first workshop on 24th November and participants, under the supervision of Carpenter Grant Macdonald, constructed a tool / utensils box from pine. Handy tips and general machine use were taught and all participants took home their first item. Additional workshops are being organised for 2018.



The Dunsborough Men's Shed, who recently held their Shed's Grand Opening, donated a variety of items, in excess to their needs, which are now ready to use in our Community Shed.

The Dunsborough Shed have some great projects underway, including a honey bee hive and boat restoration!

Great ideas for our Shed.

Pictured; Joe McEncroe, Larry Lydon & Richard Bailey, with Angie Cornish.

Do you have any wood lying around, which you fully intended to turn into a special item, but haven't yet got around to? Bring it down to the Shed, become a member, and make it happen!

New to town? Join our Shed, meet some locals.

Community members wishing to join the Shed may now call into the CRC during office hours, sign-up and pay their annual membership fee.

	Shed hours
Men	8.30am—12.30pm Tuesday 8.30am—12.30pm Wednesday
Mixed Day	9.00am—3.00pm Friday

Shed Trailer

The Shed has a small trailer for hire to the public.

- Deposit \$50
- 4 hours \$10 hire

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# Community Resource CRC Coordinator's Column

From the Management Committee, Staff and Volunteers at the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre we would like to thank all our patrons and stakeholders for their continued support throughout 2017.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing break over the holiday season, and we look forward to your continued support throughout 2018.



2018 School Holiday Program

Our 2018 Holiday Program runs between January 22nd and 25th and has something for everyone.

Join us on a bus trip to Gravity-wallto-wall trampolines followed by lunch in the park. Sponsored by the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.

Cake decorating—Learn the art of moulding icing to make animals or flowers just like the professionals do. You also get to take home your decorated cup cakes to share!

Feel like a quiet morning? Then join us for popcorn and watch Flubber on the beanbags.

For mums, dads, nans, pops, and the kids, join Angela Winters for a bandaging workshop. You never know when a little first aid knowledge is needed.

#### FREE COFFEE GRINDINGS FROM TASTY **EDIBLES**

Bring a bag or bucket and help yourself to free coffee grindings, available from the side of the café.

At the CRC recycle your: Nespresso Coffee capsules Old mobile phones House hold batteries Toner/Ink cartridges





If you don't catch us during office hours please leave any items in a bag at the door.



Symphony in the City is once again screening live, via Westlink, at the CRC on Saturday 16th December. Join us for a light meal and social gathering from 7pm. Don't forget to dress up for the occasion! RSVP by Monday 11th December for catering purposes.

With recent funding cuts to Westlink services this is the last opportunity to enjoy a symphony, live, in a convenient and comfortable environment such as the CRC.

Please contact the CRC on 9764 3575 for further information.

## **DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING**



Council will again hold its December meeting at the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre (CRC) on Thursday, 21 December Bridgetown-Greenbushes 2017 commencing at 5.30pm. Members of the community are welcome to attend.

Centrelink Access point - Available at the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre.

We are closed from 12pm on December 22nd and re-open at 9am on January 2nd. Facilities available at the Bridgetown CRC on December 28th & 29th from 9am-1pm.



#### 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.

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# **CRC Coordinator's Column**





On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, the CRC hosted the Greenbushes Community Shed grand opening. The Honourable Terry Redman officially opened the shed, which was attended by local dignitaries, members from Donnybrook, Manjimup and Bridgetown Men's Sheds, Morris Pavlinovich from Perth representing WAMSA, and members of the local community.

Ben Pushman, a local artist of Noongar decent provided a special touch playing the didgeridoo for our welcome to country.

Special thanks must go to Talison Lithium for their unwavering support, the Shed committee who have worked tirelessly over the past 12 months, Lotterywest, without whom there would be no equipment, the CRC staff and volunteers who provided endless support and guidance, the community groups for their sponsorship, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and members of the local community for their donations through raffle ticket sales and fundraising support.

The Shed is now officially open for men and women over the age of 18 years.

For further information please contact the CRC on 9764 3575.

Jan Dedman, a Bridgetown artist, recently donated a beautiful piece of artwork which is now on display in the entrance area of the CRC.

The picture was first created for the Bridgetown Historical Society and has now found a forever home in Greenbushes. Jan's picture depicts old buildings in Greenbushes along with notes on the town's history.



We make a Living by what we get, we make a Life by what we give.

Winston Churchil I

# WETLAND ACTIVITY GROUP

#### Ramping up the activities

After a bit of a slow down with the ending of the 4 year Schwenke's Project, the wonderful volunteer group has started up again with some maintenance work.

With the support of Talison Lithium we have been meeting weekly to keep the wonderful work already achieved in top condition. Whether weeding, checking the cockatoo nest boxes, adding to the herbarium and insect collection, or simply investigating and learning about the land under our care we are out every week rain or shine.

Just this last month we have found another population of the Leopard Orchid around Schwenke's and with this beautiful flowering season have been able to see which species of native plants have flourished since last year.

We have also been making a wish list to give to the nursery of plants we'd like to see more of in some of the areas not so well vegetated. By next planting season at the end of autumn we'll have a nice bunch of seedling ready to go in.

There is always the never ending weeding which we try to keep short and sweet. Just a half hour or so each week in an area we're exploring anyway helps keep the blackberries, weedy wattles, pines, and other weeds from getting a good root hold.

#### You and your help

We are always interested in more people to join us. Whether your passion is hands on weeding or you're more the wander and learn type you will be welcome. We are a diverse bunch with varying interests so you'll always find someone to learn from and to teach at the same time.

We meet at 9am on Tuesday mornings at the Greenbushes Community Gardens. Come along and have a look.

#### Margaret Jakobson

This project is supported by Talison Lithium

#### Plant of the Month with Felicity Littleton

Photo :

Plant of the month: C.N. Procumbent Sileroxis.

This plant is an often overlooked small herb. It could be easily trodden on, and probably suffers from this frequently. However it is a tough little ASTERACEAE plant. ASTERACEAE is the family name for all daisies.

The plant forms dense mats in moist situations in sandy soil. It can move around i.e. I might find it one year in one site and then find it again in another position.....quite elusive.

The flowers are white or cream and give the appearance of a small pincushion. Flowers from Oct. to Dec.



Damp hair with sunny spirits



Damselfly (above) and Mavis with a small flowering grass tree.



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Margaret Jakobson

## **GROW GREENBUSHES NEWS**

#### **Grow Greenbushes**

Another year has come and gone and what a busy year it has been for Greenbushes! We started off the year with our long serving community member, Leonie Eastcott, being awarded Citizen of the Year. Then everyone worked like crazy to put the final touches to all things Greenbushes in time for the National Tidy Towns judge. Jill Grant was very impressed with what she saw and in May representatives of the Tidy Towns Committee set off to Triabunna in Tasmania to represent the State at the National Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Awards. We were justly rewarded with a Category Win jointly with Stanley, Tasmania, in the 'Community' Action & Wellbeing' category and also awarded four Highly Commended certificates. Then it was on to another successful Fun Run, raising money for BCNA and Sock it to Sarcoma, another great weekend for the Winter Festival and culminating in a "magnificent" (to use Tour organiser's words) day for the stage 2 finish of the Tour of Margaret River. So a huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered or contributed in any way throughout the year to making Greenbushes a great community to live in.

Just a reminder to everyone about the community consultation session being organised by the Shire regarding potential development opportunities at the recreational precinct at the northern end of town. The meeting is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December in the Greenbushes Hall at 4pm. It is an informal brainstorming session and everyone is welcome to come and share their ideas.

Everyone is invited to the Grow Greenbushes end of year function on  $2^{nd}$  December at Thompson Park. It will flow on from the Community Christmas Tree event again his year, so bring the family and come along and enjoy the fun. More details are available elsewhere in this newsletter.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and joyous festive season and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Our next Grow Greenbushes meeting is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February and everyone is welcome to come and make a contribution to our events and projects.





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# **Kids** !!!! Can you design a poster to keep Greenbushes Swimming Pool Clean & Tidy

\*Did You know Cigarette Butts take up to 5 years to break down & are easily digested by Native Animals?

\*We are looking for somebody aged 5-15 to design a poster that will be displayed at the Greenbushes Pool to remind people to keep our beautiful area pristine

\*Entries Close 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and to be handed in to Tasty Edibles, 36 Blackwood Road. Greenbushes.

\*All posters will be judged by an independent panel and there decision will be final

\* The winning entry will receive 1 Years Subscription to Kids National Geographic Magazine







# BOARDING OPTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN PERTH **Rotary Residential College**



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# Greenbushes Primary School Update





## **REMEMBRANCE DAY 2017**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November the Year P-2 students from Greenbushes Primary School participated in a Remembrance Day service. The service was held at the cenotaph and Declan and Shenae read a poem 'Poppy, Poppy.' Tessa and Edyn laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

All students laid candles of remembrance and were so respectful. The students also laid individual flower posies that they had put together themselves prior to the service. The R.S.L members and their partners, along with attending community members, were invited to a late morning tea at the school. It was truly touching to see a young boy quietly walking up to the veterans, shaking their hands and saying 'Thank-you'.





Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

# **Backyard Buddies**

Your monthly guide to animal and plant pests, diseases and weeds



Here at the Pest and Disease Information Service, we're passionate about the early detection and eradication of European wasps in Western Australia. So, when a staff member purchased this gorgeous Golden Retriever puppy named Frank (photographed above), it was the perfect excuse to bring him to work to 'help out'.



People unfamiliar with European wasps (*Vespula germanica*) are warned, they are one of the most invasive insect pests globally, with major incursions in eastern Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Chile, Argentina, the United States and Canada.

This social wasp species thrives in suburbia as well as wilderness areas, and can have a profound impact on humans. They can affect our health, outdoor lifestyles, environment and horticultural industries.

#### Wasp-free WA

Our annual European wasp campaign runs from December through to May and involves the deployment of surveillance traps across metropolitan and regional WA by the department, local governments and community members.

Our service also screens hundreds of calls from community members who are 'on watch' for the pest.

European wasp taking tuna from a can.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and the State of Western Australia accept no liability whatsoever by reason of negligence or otherwise arising from the use or release of this information or any part of it.

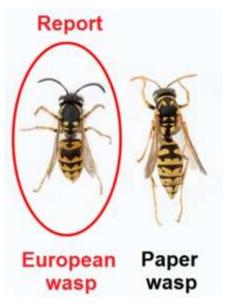


Puppy, Frank, equipped with hat, tablet and jacket, learns how to be a good pest detective.

Residents who report wasps that visit pet food or dog bones help detect this pest.

Natural-born scavengers, European wasps have an appetite for protein and sugars, driving them into our backyards and picnic areas. Of the 52 nests found last year, 22 were discovered on residential properties.

The rapid detection and destruction of nests prevents this pest getting a foothold in WA. We want to know as soon as you suspect a European wasp.



Compare European wasp and paper wasp.

#### What to look for

Near identical to the common and widespread yellow paper wasp (Polistes dominulus), these features can help identify European wasps:

- attracted to human and pet food
- black antennae (feelers)
- nests are predominately hidden underground

#### How to help

Keep an eye out for European wasps, help spread the word, and sign-up to 'Adopt a Trap' for your property.

People in environment or community groups can play a critical role in the surveillance of rural or bushland areas.

#### More information

More detail about the European wasp and the surveillance and eradication program is provided on our website at: agric.wa.gov.au/wasps

Report unfamiliar pests Use the MyPestGuide<sup>™</sup> Reporter app: mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au or call the Pest and Disease Information Service



Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS). padis@dpird.wa.gov.au (08) 9368 3080, 3 Baron-Hay Court, South Perth WA 6151

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## **ROOM HIRE**

We have a **Video Conferencing room available for hire**, equipped with laptop & TV and video conferencing

Video Conference / Meeting Room	CRC Mem- bers	Non Mem- bers
Per hour	\$12	\$20
Half day	\$33	\$45
Full day	\$45	\$90
After hours (per hr)	\$20	\$25
Tea/coffee	\$2.00/head	\$3.00/head
Morning OR afternoon tea	\$4.00/head	\$5.00/head
Other catering	Upon Quote	Upon Quote



# Open over Christmas and the New Year!

Sunday 24 December: 10am-5pm Christmas Day: CLOSED Boxing Day & Wed 27: 10am-5pm

Thurs 28 to Sat 30: 8:30pm-5pm Sun 31 & New Years Day: 10am-5pm

#### In The Packing Shed Cnr South Western Hwy & Balingup-Nannup Rd

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Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love!

Hamilton Wright Mabie

# Terry Redman MLA

Member for Warren-Blackwood Working with regional communities to create a better future for families, businesses and towns.



#### CRC Petition presented in Parliament—21 Nov

Sincere gratitude to everyone who signed the petition stating your support for the Community Resource Centres. I am a strong supporter of the CRCs and value the wide variety of services they provide. A 40% cut to their funding will have a massive impact on their ability to effectively deliver services that are not available anywhere else in our communities. The Nationals WA presented petitions in Parliament and will continue to fight for on-going funding.

#### Emergency Services Volunteer Fuel card—value halved

The McGowan Government has halved the value of the Emergency Services Volunteer Fuel Card reducing it to \$1000 per organisation. I find it incomprehensible that the new government would cut anything that supports regional volunteers. This reduction is a slap in the face to the over 900 regional volunteer emergency service organisations whose volunteers are standing ready to respond to emergency situations. You have my support and admiration.

**RAC South West Emergency Rescue Helicopter—Success** Thank you to the thousands of people who signed the petition to ensure on-going funding for the SW Emergency Rescue Helicopter. Minister for Emergency Services, Fran Logan initially stated that it would be reviewed in the mid-year budget, however the timing was brought forward to November and it has now been announced that the funding is secured. This is a direct result of your support and standing up for appropriate services in regional WA.

#### Greenbushes Community Shed— Opening 8 Nov

Congratulations to everyone involved in the building of the Greenbushes Community Shed. It is wonderful to see these communal facilities take shape and hearing the contributions they make to their local community. Well done to all involved.

#### WA Regional Small Business Award Winners

Congratulations Regional Small Business Award category winners— Arrows in Margaret River, the Margaret River Hemp Co and Poornarti Aboriginal Tours.

Small businesses play a significant role in the regions and are a major employer. It is vital we support our local small businesses, so try to Shop Local for Christmas.

#### **Christmas Greetings**

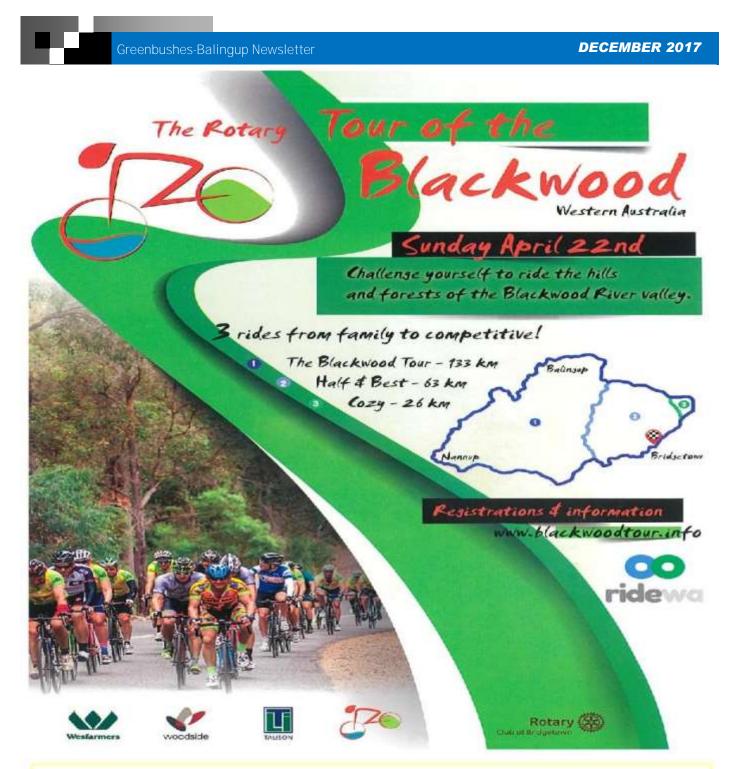
December is here already and the festive season is just around the corner.

I extend my very best wishes to you and your family for a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.



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#### **DECEMBER 2017**

#### **GREENBUSHES CWA BELLES NEWS**

What an exciting month we have had. We kicked off with a kokedama making night for our members, which was a lot of fun and a chance to catch up and have a few hours of social time, plus the ladies made some great looking kokedamas!

We then had our first ever car boot sale and would like to thank the community for their support. It was great to see so many people coming along to browse, buy and chat, and for those who donated items for sale – thank you! Congratulations to Heather who won the lucky \$100 note on the day. A well deserved win we believe. Also on the day of our car boot sale was the Greenbushes Community Garden's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. Congratulations on such a wonderful milestone, and thanks for the opportunity to make your birthday cake. Kathy and Derrice got to put their wonderful baking and decorating skills to the test and we think they did an amazing job.

I had the opportunity to attend the opening of the



Greenbushes Community Shed. What a great facility we now have in our town and it is very exciting that the committee agreed to use it as a community shed, and will welcome the women in our town as well as the men. Congratulations to all who have worked on this project. Exciting times ahead!

Following this busy weekend we slipped straight into another hectic week with both the Tour of Margaret River (TOMR) cycling race and volunteering at the Blues at Bridgetown. At the TOMR the Belles had a food stall and with the generous support of our community were able to sell not only cakes and slices but also doughnuts, lasagne, quiches, spring rolls, ice creams and popcorn. We hope you got to sample a few of these delights. As always the support from our community was generous and without the extra sets of hands who baked and helped on the day we would not have been able to do it. Heartfelt thanks to our volunteers! Our weekend volunteering at the Blues was so much fun, and the organisers of the Blues at Bridgetown put on the perfect 25<sup>th</sup> event. The weather was nice and warm, the bands were excellent and we think the Belles & friends were pretty amazing too! We love being able to support this event and we hope to be offered the opportunity again next year, so if you are keen to join with us, please let us know early. To the Belles and friends who gave so freely of their time, thank you! We hope you had a wonderful weekend.

To finish off our month, a few of our Belles joined in the Mini Golf Corporate Challenge at the Bridgetown Golf Club. What a fun way to finish off a hectic month! We may not be the best mini-golfers in town (though we do give it a good shot) but we are certainly an entertaining team. Thanks to the organisers for allowing us to come back again in 2017, we thought we may have been disqualified after our shenanigans in 2016!

I have a few special mentions this month as well. To Liz Caroll, thank you so much for tending to our gardens at CWA. You are making it look so very pretty and cared for. We have never asked you to take this on but you have and it is so clear that you love doing it. To Pat Scallan and Talison, thank you so much for donating freezers to store our goodies in. Already they have been put to good use and we look forward to filling them many times in 2018. We think our old fridge has gone out in sympathy, and chose our biggest weekend to retire on us. RIP to our old fridge, we hope when we get a new fridge she serves us just as well.

So it is almost a wrap for the Greenbushes Belles CWA this year. Our final branch meeting was held and we are now in preparation for 2018 and all it promises to be. To our community we wish you a wonderful Christmas and festive season. Be safe, stay well and have fun!

Karen Browne President





#### **DECEMBER 2017**



## **Balingup Tennis Club**

**Junior Tennis:** Wendy Ayers and Heidi Rodgers are prepared to run the Junior Tennis with the assistance of children's parents. This will commence in January at 4pm at the Balingup Rec Centre. Parents, to find out which day would be most suitable, please call **Wendy on 97643525**.



Balingup Tennis Club will commence Friday Night Social Tennis at Greenbushes on Friday December the 1<sup>st</sup> from 5pm – 7pm. Everyone welcome.

For More information ring Drew Scott on 97641197 or Noelene 97641080



The Festive Season has begun! Come and enjoy a refreshing drink and delicious meal, all freshly prepared in our kitchen. We are open 7 days from 3pm and on boxing day from 11am. Monday night we have a reduced menu serving delicious burgers.

Our dessert menu is also officially on and soon we'll be serving a proper Sunday Roast.

We are happy to personalise a menu for any function and we can cater to all tastes, dietary requirements and will even open for lunch for parties of 20 or more.

Book your table today! Any queries talk to Tracei or Brent on 08 97643512

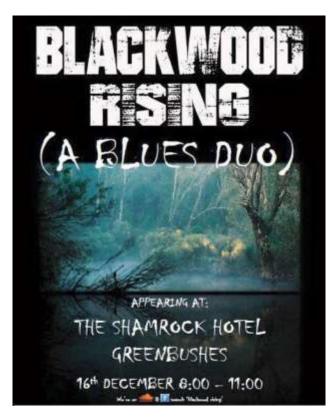
Lots of events happening too .... Starting with these 2 amazing local artists!



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It is never too late to be what you might have been.

George Eliot

for Regional WA

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## **Community Notices**



## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

ON THE FUTURE USE OF THE FORMER GREENBUSHES WATER SUPPLY DAMS

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 7 2017

## 4PM

#### GREENBUSHES DISTRICT HALL BLACKWOOD ROAD GREENBUSHES

With the handover of the Water Corporation's former supply dams to the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes and the prospect of a funding round to develop the dams in the offing, the community needs to put forward ideas for the project.

ALL WELCOME. COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY.

TIM CLYNCH CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes

## BRIDGETOWN TO GREENBUSHES SHOPPING BUS RUN

The community bus ROSIE continues to operate on alternative Tuesdays from Greenbushes to Bridgetown and return.

Departing from the Greenbushes Roadhouse at 9:00am COST: \$8 per person

For more information contact Rebecca Redman at the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes on 97611555.



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#### ANGLICAN CHURCH

#### Greenbushes St Barnabas

Sunday Morning Services each week at 11:00am. Eucharist 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 11:00am.

Contact: Parish Office 97611066 Contact Rev. Canon Karon Austin 0402141896

**Balingup - St Peter's Church Jayes Rd.** Eucharist 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 9am. Services held each week. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Eve - Carols & Music 7:00pm.

Contact Ms. Simone Payne for more details on 97641885.

#### **UNITING CHURCH**

#### Greenbushes

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month 2:30pm.

#### **CATHOLIC CHURCH**

#### Balingup

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday (Sat Vigil) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 1 25<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Day 1

6:30pm. 10:30am. 10:45am.

**Boyup Brook** 25<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Day 9:00am.

**Bridgetown** 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Eve Children's Mass 6:00pm.

#### Greenbushes

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (Sat Vigil) 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 6:30pm. 10:30am. 8:30am. (Lay Liturgy)

Nannup 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Eve 8:00pm.



## **Discovery Centre Times**

- Closed Christmas Eve, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017
- Closed Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December and Boxing Day 26<sup>th</sup> December
- OPEN Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Dec, Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Dec, Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Dec and Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Dec, all days 10am till 2pm
- Closed New Year's Day, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

**DECEMBER 2017** 

Event or Group	Venue	Time	Day of the month	Contact
Greenbushes Aged Community Committee	Stinton Gardens Function Centre	4.00pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month	Leanne Green 041 900 5224
Greenbushes Community Garden Committee and Morning Tea	Community Garden Building	8:30am	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month Busy Bee 2 on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month	Tracy Lansdell 9764 3414
Greenbushes Discovery Centre Committee	Discovery Centre	2:30pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Tues of the month	Leonie 97 825 717
Greenbushes Retirees Committee	RSL Hall	11:00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	From 1:00 pm	Meetings 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday and gardens/crafts on 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Wendy 9764 3525
Community Resource Centre Management Committee Meeting	Community Resource Centre	2:30pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month	Coordinator 9764 3575
Greenbushes Playgroup	Old Court House Greenbushes	9.30am to 11.30am	Every Tuesday	Kayla Brunckhorst 0400 612 263
Balingup Progress Association	Balingup Community Centre	7:00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month	Noelene King 9764 1080
Greenbushes Community Shed	Greenbushes CRC	3:15pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month.	CRC Coordinator 9764 3575
Greenbushes BINGO	Stinton Gardens Function Centre	9:30am Bingo 1:00pm Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month	Heather 97643653
Greenbushes CWA Belles	CWA Rooms	7:00pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month	Karen Browne 040 830 1002
Grow Greenbushes	Road Board Building	7.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month (except Dec and Jan)	Leanne Green 041 900 5224
Greenbushes Tidy Towns Committee	Road Board Building	6:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month (except Dec and Jan)	Leonie Eastcott 97 825 717
Greenbushes RSL	RSL Hall	3.30pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month	Pat Scallan 042 764 3508
Community Resource Centre Book club	Greenbushes CRC	10:00am to 11:00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month	Coordinator 9764 3575
Community Resource Centre Craft Club	Greenbushes CRC	10:00am to 12:00pm	Every Tuesday	Coordinator 9764 3575
Greenbushes Primary School P and C	Greenbushes School Room 5	9:00am	Second Tuesday of the month	School 97643535
Greenbushes Meet and Play	Greenbushes Primary School Early Learning Centre	9am-11am	Thursday mornings	School 97643535
Shamrock Sporting Club	Shamrock Hotel Greenbushes	5:00pm	Last Sunday of the month	9764 3512
Greenbushes Community Singers	St Barnabas Church	1:30pm to 3:00pm	Tuesdays	043 733 8350

## **DECEMBER Diary Dates**

1	Balingup Tennis Club - Friday Night Social @ Greenbushes 5pm - 7pm.
2	Community Christmas Tree - Thomson Park 3pm - 6pm. Call Meagan 0415800569
2	Grow Greenbushes End of Year BBQ - Thomson Park 5pm - 8pm. Call Tracy 0400976434
2	Scotty Gordon Live & Acoustic @ Shamrock Hotel 8pm 'til late.
7	Shire Community Consultation on Water @ Greenbushes District Hall 4pm.
16	Westlink Symphony in the City @ Greenbushes CRC from 7pm.
16	Blackwood Rising Blues Duo @ Shamrock Hotel 8pm - 11pm.
16	Beauty and the Beast Movie Night @ Bridgetown Memorial Park 7:30pm - See ad for more details.
19	Christmas Carols @ St. Barnabas Church Greenbushes 6:30pm - 8pm.
21	Shire Council Meeting @ Greenbushes CRC from 5:30pm.
22	Shirley Williams 90th Birthday Celebration @ CWA Building Blackwood Rd 2pm.

#### Coming up in JANUARY

11	Narrogin Men's Shed, afternoon tea with our members.
22	Trip to Gravity in Bunbury, 9am - 3:30pm. School Holiday Programs.
23	Movie morning 10am - 12pm. Flubber.
24	Cake decorating workshop 10am - 12pm.
25	First Aid training 12pm - 2:00pm



## COMING UP @ the CRC

- Each Monday, including school holidays, Stay and Play 9.30am-11.30am with Jane. Mums take some time out!
- Each Wednesday, during school term, 3.30pm-4.30pm Afterschool Coding with Terry.
- Each Tuesday, knitting group 10.00am-12pm \$2 per session.
- 16th December Westlink Symphony in the City from 7pm.
- 21st December Shire Council Meeting from 5.30pm.
- 11th January Narrogin Men's Shed, afternoon tea with our members.
- 22nd January Trip to Gravity in Bunbury, 9am-3.30pm. School holiday programs.
- 24th January Cake decorating workshop 10am-12pm.
- 23rd January Movie morning 12-12pm
- 25th January First Aid Training 12-2pm
- 20th February Communication Workshop with Seven Senses Communication.
- 27th February First Aid for Business. All day event.

