Greenbushes-Balingup Newsletter

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AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS RECOGNISE VOLUNTEERS



Australia Day 2017 award recipients for Bridgetown-Greenbushes (left to right) were Greg Brody, Jackie Brody (Blues at Bridgetown Committee) for Community Group of the Year, Noel Holdsworth for Senior Citizen of the Year, Leonie Eastcott for Community Citizen of the Year and Emily Rae for Young Citizen of the Year.

Local heroes from the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes were recognised for their outstanding service to the community with Citizen of the Year Awards presented at Shire Australia Day breakfast on 26th January 2017.

Leonie Eastcott was awarded Community Citizen of the Year, Noel Holdsworth was awarded Senior Citizen of the Year and Emily Rae was awarded Young Citizen of the Year.

The Blues at Bridgetown committee was awarded Community Group of the Year with Greg and Jackie Brody, Sue and Ray Harding and Colette Kowald accepting the award on behalf of the committee.

In their acceptance speeches all recipients stressed the importance of volunteers and community organisations in the Bridgetown-Greenbushes district. See inside this edition for details of the Australia Day celebrations.



More Seniors' Units to be built in Balingup

On 19th January the Minister for Regional Development, the Hon Terry Redman MLA announced that Vintage Home Town For Life had received a grant of \$300,000 from the Royalties for Regions Regional Grants Scheme to help with the construction of an additional four seniors' cottages in Balingup.

This is wonderful news for the Balingup community. The aim of Vintage is to give seniors the opportunity to remain in their home community as they age. This has been shown to be a key factor in maintaining well-being for the elderly. It also helps to stimulate the local economy and retain much needed community skills and experience.

Vintage already owns and operates 3 seniors' cottages in Balingup and is planning to build another 4 cottages to cater for increasing demand. Cottages will be built to universal design principles e.g. handrails, ramps if needed, wide doorways, no steps etc.

The Vintage group are all voluntary members of the community whose passion is to serve their community. They would like to thank in particular for their support the Minister for Regional Development, the South West Development Commission, the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup and all our supporters in the community.

As the project develops, Vintage will provide more information to the community. In the meantime, queries can be directed to our secretary Judy Bishop on 9764 1235.





EMAIL admin@rotaryresidentialcollege.com.au



TIDY TOWNS NEWS

The Greenbushes Tidy Towns Committee is gearing up for a visit by the Keep Australia Beautiful National Tidy Towns Judge in March 2017.

Although the date is not yet finalised the group is hoping the Judge will be in town for a two day visit with an overnight stay in the town. This will enable the group to showcase the many and varied projects in Greenbushes and host a social function on the evening of the visit. All details are yet to be confirmed.

As soon as the dates are finalised the Tidy Towns Committee will advise of the details via poster and in the Greenbushes newsletter.

Any efforts community members and businesses make to improve the aesthetics of the town would be greatly appreciated.

To assist with projects or Tidy Towns Litter Pickups, please contact Leonie on 97825717.



FFRAL PIG WORKSHOP

Feral pigs will be the focus of a free workshop presented by the Blackwood Basin Group, South West Catchments Council and the Department of Agriculture and Food WA at Boyup Brook on Thursday February 16th.

The workshop will take place from 10am to 3pm at Rylington Park which is located on the Mayanup-Cranbrook Road 27 kms south-east of Boyup Brook.

The workshop will present information on pig ecology, the impact of pigs on agriculture and the environment, ethical and professional management practices and options, practical demonstrations including construction and management of various trap styles, GPS mapping and remote surveillance cameras.

RSVP to Karrie at the BBG on 97651555 or email karrie@blackwoodbasingroup.com.au.

Take a rest; a field that has rested gives a beautiful crop

Ovid





HOW YOU LOOK AFTER A 4 MINUTE SHOWER

4 minutes is a Waterwise shower time.







GREENBUSHES AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST

One hundred and forty nine people turned out for the Australia Day Breakfast at Thomson Park on January 26th. The event was organised by the Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association.

Food was cooked and prepared by Shire councillors and volunteers from the Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association and friends! Breakfast included lamb chops, bacon, eggs, sausages, cereal and fruit.

The music provided by local band Retrosonic created a great atmosphere at the event with people singing along to popular tunes.

A group of Greenbushes residents then continued the celebrations and attended the Bridgetown Australia Day event at the Showgrounds where Greenbushes resident Leonie Eastcott and Glen and Jody Rae's daughter Emily were presented with their Australia Day awards.



Pictured right are members of Retrosonic; Kelvin Neild, Michelle Donaldson, Rob Hesketh and Helen Cuxson who provided music for the Greenbushes Australia Day Breakfast.



Joe Davidovicz, Steph Davidovicz, Tiger Lily Gibbs, Adelaide Gibbs, Matilda Gibbs, Flora Gibbs and Michael Gibbs.



Edna Fryer, Grant Macdonald, Edyn Hardy, Greer Hardy, Pat Scallan and Rick Fryer.



Don and Judy Perks at the Greenbushes breakfast



Trish Hall, Bob Kennedy, Greg Kennedy, Linda Kennedy, Ben Patterson and Gill Hesketh enjoy breakfast at Greenbushes.

In the end it's not the years in your life that count; it's the life in your years. **Abraham Lincoln.**



BRIDGETOWN AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST





Pictured above are Rodney Hester and Derek Dilkes who were recognised for their long service to Volunteer Bushfires Brigades at Hester and Catterick.

Community Citizen of the Year Leonie Eastcott of Greenbushes said a long family tradition of volunteering had inspired her to serve on various committees in her community. Ms Eastcott is a founding member of the Greenbushes Discovery Centre Committee and current Secretary, current Treasurer of the Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association and Coordinator of the Tidy Towns Committee. She said one of her biggest rewards came with the Greenbushes win in the State Tidy Towns Awards in 2016. Ms Eastcott said she was proud to be receiving the award 20 years after her mother Molly Eastcott was a recipient of the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Citizen of the Year Award.

Emily Rae, daughter of Jody and Glen Rae of Greenbushes joined the St Johns Ambulance branch in Bridgetown in July 2014 and had her first callout in August 2014. By October 2016 she had given 159 hours of time to emergency callouts which earned her the Young Citizen of the Year Award. She urged other young people to consider volunteering for St Johns.

Noel Holdsworth, a stalwart of the Bridgetown Bulldogs Football Club and long serving member of the Rotary Club of Bridgetown was a very worthy and popular recipient of the Senior Citizen Award at this year's event.

BENCH WENCHES PAINT UP A STORM IN GREENBUSHES



There will be plenty of painted benches with sweet messages to sit on in Greenbushes thanks to the efforts of an inspiring group of women. The 'bench wenches" were out in force on Monday 30th January painting the wooden benches around town so have stroll and a sit and enjoy their efforts.



GREENBUSHES SHADE SAILS PROJECT FUNDED



Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Executive Manager of Community Services, Elizabeth Denniss with Shire President John Nicholas, Warren Blackwood MLA Terry Redman, Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association spokesperson Pat Scallan and community members Terry Somerton, Amanda Smith and Harlee Perrin with children Eugenie Smith, Shakira Janitz, Brandon Janitz, Carl Hahn, Oaklen Perrin, Harper Perrin and Savannah Perrin.

Small Landholder Hub

Managing a small property can be hard work and all too often the dreams of a rural lifestyle are broken because it becomes too hard.

Now a collaboration between a consortium of local organisations led by the Blackwood Environment Society, the State Natural Resource Management Office and funding from Royalties for Regions has seen the start of a project to assist small landholders.

The consortium is looking for contact details of people who would be keen to participate in a series of free workshops, field days and property visits (called The Picnic Tours). There will also be events in Perth for absentee landowners.

The workshops and field days will cover a wide range of topics from helping ensure your property has enough water through to essential livestock management and living with native fauna and flora.

To register your interest contact Adrian Williams (Project Manager) on (08) 97614370 or mobile 0427086299. Or email on awilliams@pendragondryland.com.au

The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions—the little, soon forgotten charities of a kiss or a smile, a kind look or heartfelt compliment.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Shade sails will be installed over the playground equipment at Thomson Park in Greenbushes thanks to a grant from the South West Development Commission's Community Chest Programme supported by Royalties for Regions.

Warren Blackwood MLA Terry Redman visited Greenbushes recently to provide \$13,227 towards the \$18,000 project.

He said he was pleased to see the funding support go to grassroots organisations that made things happen for their local community.

Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association spokesperson Pat Scallan thanked the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes and in particular Elizabeth Denniss for applying for the funding on behalf of the community.

He said the shade sails would extend the hours people would be able to use the park, particularly in the summer months.

Due to grant funding requirements, the shade sails will not be installed until after July 2017.





UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE GREENBUSHES RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

A New Year, a New Team and a New Harcourts Hero Campaign!

One might not be blamed for thinking that with the recent changes at Harcourts Bridgetown that Principal John Ranieri is gathering his own version of Charlies Angels (or perhaps building a sort of corporate harem!) with an all-female team now on board.

In addition to the well-established Property Consultants Cathy Willis and Sue Moscarda, new to the team are Rental Property Manager Brandie Kenna and Marketing Manager & PA Bernadette Johnstone.

While Brandie has recently moved to town her connection to the Bridgetown area is long standing with her mother and business owner Stephanie De Vaney having been here for over 20 years and Brandie having spent lots of time here. The maternal side of the family being amongst the first settlers in Manjimup from Ireland many moons ago. Brandie is a self-confessed property nut whose real estate career began in the busy Margaret River Region and the past year has seen her managing an extensive portfolio across the Perth Metro area for a leading Property Management Company.

Now a registered Owner/Builder, Brandie also rented for many years so understands the issues and challenges facing both Landlords and Tenants. Her motto has always been to aim for a win/win scenario for both parties and she feels strongly that clear communication is the key to effective service delivery within Property Management. When asked why Harcourts, Brandie said she was excited to join a stable, reliable firm with a long history who have embraced modern technology and utilise the latest real-time reporting systems using iPads on site to send detailed and accurate reports, giving Landlords absolute peace of mind.

Bernadette, like many bitten by the Beautiful Bridgetown bug, moved away for a while to the big smoke but missed being part of the community and returned 18 months ago. Her role will focus on providing support to Principal John Ranieri who in addition to running the business is a specialist in rural and livestock properties.

Harcourts is a global brand with a strong local focus and 2017 will see the start of the **Harcourts Hero** campaign. The quarterly event will see a lucky winner, as voted by the community, pick up \$250 worth of Community Vouchers. This is in keeping with Harcourts long standing advocacy of local business. As Rotarian and Principal John Ranieri commented, "we feel thankful to be so well supported by the community and always want to give back when we can".

Nominations are open now until February 10th and can be filled in via Facebook or by picking up a nomination form from the Harcourts Office, The Cidery or Greenbushes CRC. Get your nominations in and you may be the lucky winner of a \$50 voucher from The Cidery which will be announced at the Prizegiving on Friday March 24th at The Cidery.



Brandie Kenna Property Manager

M **0428 611 566** P **08 9761 1566** www.bridgetown.harcourts.com.au

Harcourts Bridgetown 110 Hampton Street PO Box 212 Bridgetown WA 6255





iPad training

The Greenbushes CRC will be running another

- . 4 week iPad training course for beginners
- 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

EVEN DIET DRINKS RAISE DIABETES RISK

Two soft drinks a day, even diet versions, could double your risk of diabetes according to research by the Karolinska Institute in Sweden.

People who consumed two 200ml servings of soft drinks daily were 2.4 times as likely to suffer Type 2 diabetes regardless of whether the drinks were sweetened artificially or with sugar.

Source: European Journal of Endocrinology cited telegraph.co.uk





Pat's Patch

2017 is well and truly with us and I hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas.

We are all getting excited for the Tidy Towns judging which will happen in March so please keep this in mind and do what you can to improve our chances. We will be doing a roadside pick up soon so please put your hand up as more hands make less work! Keep an eye out for the program that will be developed for the Tidy Towns judges as we may have a function or two to impress them.

With the Timber Mil restarting and the Mine expanding, 2017 looks like it's going to be a good year.

I will be doing a presentation/information session about the expansion at the Mine in March so keep a look out for dates.

I have found more rubbish in the bush which is pretty disappointing in that it shows people don't care about anyone but themselves. If you need a hand to get rid of some rubbish please let me know and I am sure we can assist. Besides being an eyesore, rubbish dumped in the bush is polluting our environment. It is also unfair that someone else has to pick it up!

I would like to pass on my condolences to Clive Thurston for the sad loss of Maureen. She was an avid supporter of Greenbushes with all our projects and promoted us every chance she had. In addition she worked with many of us in different roles over the years. A selfless and passionate community member who will be missed but fondly remembered.

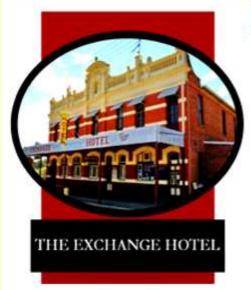


By the time you read this Australia Day will have come and gone and I would have caught up with many at the breakfast. Like many recent immigrants who have experienced other places around the world I cannot underestimate how lucky we are to live in such a wonderful country.

Recently we were advised we have been successful in getting a grant to cover the playground at Thomson Park with a shade sail which should add to and improve our facilities. Thanks to Debbie Walsh for the work she put in compiling the application.

A special congratulations to Leonie Eastcott for being named as Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Citizen of the Year. It is well deserved and long overdue for your commitment to the community and the various groups you support. Your Mum would be very proud.

Pat Scallan



Exchange Hotel - Greenbushes

22 Blackwood Road, Greenbushes

08 9764 3509

Dine in: 6:00-8:00PM Dine in 7 days Take Away 5:30-7:30PM Last orders 7:15PM Take Away 7 Days—Drinks & Food

Roast every Sunday 5:30—7:30PM

Shaded Beer Garden

Accommodation Available

See website for more details: www.exchangehotelgreenbushes.com_au



GHOST WALK IN MARCH

Gain an insight into the heritage and history of Balingup by taking a "Ghost Walk" on Saturday March 25^{th.}

The walk starts at the Packing Shed at 7:30pm and the distance walked is less than two kilometres. Most of the terrain is flat. There are some gravel surfaces so people are advised to wear flat shoes. Take a torch.

The cost of the event is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children aged six to 16 years. The cost includes a cup of tea and biscuits at the museum.

Children under six must be supervised by an adults and there is not seniors' discount.

Places are limited so book early by contacting Helen Christensen on 9764 1291 or eiler@westnet.com.au.

COMPUTER CODING ON AGAIN

The Code Monkey computer programme for students will get underway again in Term 1.

Call in to the CRC on Wednesdays after school to learn some new skills. All welcome. Afternoon tea is provided.



ROOM HIRE

Conference/Training Room available for hire—seats up to 30.

With OHP & Screen, Digital white board, white board, Digital TV & DVD Player.

Meeting room also available and hire of Health and Wellness Room. Contact CRC for prices and schedules.

New Conference/ Training room	CRC Members	Non Members	
1/2 day (4 hrs)	\$33	\$45	
Full day	\$45	\$90	
After 4pm (per hr)	\$20	\$25	
Tea/coffee	\$2.00/head	\$3.00/head	
Morning/afternoon tea	\$4.00/head	\$5.00/head	
Other catering	Upon Quote	Upon Quote	

Call 9764 3575/email: trainee@greenbushescrc.net.au

SHOWERHEAD REPLACEMENT



Replace your water guzzling shower head with a highly efficient showerhead designed to reduce flow and save water.

The Greenbushes Community Resource Centre, Shire of

Bridgetown-Greenbushes and Water Corp are offering a free Showerhead Swap program to assist residents to upgrade their old showerheads.

The Showerheads are 3 star WELS (Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards) and use nine litres of water per minute. Imagine what the old showerheads use!

To obtain your free showerheads take your Water Corp account and up to two old showerheads into the Greenbushes CRC to do the swap.

For more details on the program contact the Greenbushes CRC on 97643575 or go to waterwisetowns@watercorporation.com.au.



Come along to the next Book Club meeting at the Greenbushes CRC

on Wednesday 15th February 10am - 11am

For more information please call 97643575 or email: trainee@greenbushescrc.net.au



Gone Girl By Gillian Flynn

For editorial and/or advertising contact Greenbushes Community Resource Centre Deadline is the 3rd Wednesday of the month

9764 3575 trainee@greenbushescrc.net.au

Recycle your batteries, printer cartridges and mobile phones at the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre.





CRC Coordinator's Column

CRC Survey Winner!

Thank you to all those who took the time to complete our survey, either through Survey Monkey online or by completing a printed copy, available from our office. If you didn't complete the survey and would like to contribute ideas or offer feedback please contact

the CRC.



The winner of the \$50.00 community voucher, drawn on 3rd January, was Christine King of Blue Sky Retreat.

Pictured, our new Trainee Sophie Wilkinson-Knight holding a copy of the survey and a Community Cash Voucher advertising flyer.

EBRUARY 2017

Showerhead Swap

The shower head swap program is proving very popular with many residents taking up the offer to reduce their water consumption by swapping their old shower head for a water wise one, free of charge.

This program is an initiative of the Water Corporation with the offer being available until Mid March.

Drop up to two of your old showerheads down to the CRC and swap them for a highly efficient replacement absolutely FREE.

Please call the CRC for further information



SATURDAY 4th FEBRUARY



Opera in the Park—50th Gala Concert featuring a selection of operatic hits will be broadcast live from the CRC on Saturday 4th February from 7pm. This is a free event and a light supper will be included. Please call the CRC to reserve your seat. I look forward to seeing you there.

TELEHEALTH

The CRC can now provide facilities for you to have an appointment with your medical specialist via video conference.

Contact the CRC to find out more!

Greenbushes Community Shed—Update

A variety of second hand equipment has been acquired through donations from Men's Sheds updating their equipment, Bunnings and Shed members who no longer require or are updating their equipment.

Our monthly committee meetings are on the fourth Friday of each month from 2pm. Any member wishing to attend the meetings to contribute ideas please email Angie our Secretary at: coordinator@greenbushescrc.net.au

This shed is open to any community member over 18 years of age. An initial membership fee of \$2.00 is payable with your completed application form.







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HEALTH DIRECTIVES WORKSHOP

Do you have a will? Do you require an enduring power of attorney?

Or advance health directive? Are you in need of advice from a professional service provider?

If you are unsure or answered yes to any these questions then please join us at the CRC on Tuesday 4th April for an information session run by the South West Community Legal Centre.

This session is a free event for all community members.
Contact the CRC on 9764 3575 to register.

Pedicures at CRC:

Tuesday 14th February
12:30pm—2:30pm
Book a pedicure—foot soak, nail trim and file, cream
\$25

With Polish **\$40** Call 9764 3575 to make a booking



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

Saturday 18th February from 9am—5pm

COMING UP @ the CRC February COMING UP @ the CRC

- * Tuesday 7th & 14th 10am-12pm, iPad training with Terry.
- * Wednesday 15th Reflexology with Anita. Bookings essential.
- * Wednesday 1st from 2pm make an appointment to speak to an NBN advisor about connecting-up.
- * Saturday 4th Opera in the Park 7pm onwards, light meal provided live broadcast, a selection of operatic hits.
- * Mondays, Dru Yoga, 10.30am-11.30am \$2. An easy relaxing class
- * Book club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 10am-11am. New members welcome.
- * Craft group meets each Tuesday at 10am-12pm \$2.
- * Quilting / sewing group meets each Thursday 1pm-4pm \$2.
- * Croquet in the Park second Sunday and fourth Friday of each month.
- * Friday 10th & 17th 9am—12pm Community Shed First Aid course.
- * Saturday 18th First Aid for Small Business.
- * Tuesday 21st Performance Management—Business training workshop 9.30am—12.30pm.
- * Community Shed committee meeting Wednesday 22nd 3pm-4pm.
- * After School Coding recommencing Wednesday's during school term 3.30pm—4.30pm.

A special thanks to Lotterywest for their financial support through grant funding to allow the CRC to purchase a new



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

FUN DAY WITH INFLATABLES AT GREENBUSHES DURING THE HOLIDAYS



Mike Cornish (pictured above) proprietor of Sports Inflatables having fun with some of the children attending our school holiday program.

Our Main event for the January school holiday program was all made possible through a Bankwest Quick Grant and the support of the Sports Fun Inflatable program, aimed at encouraging children to keep active through fun programs.

Mike Cornish entertained over 35 children at Thompson Park with a 30 metre long Super Waterslide and inflatable Slam Dunk mini-basketball court.

It was great to see all the parents, grandparents and family members come along and enjoy the great weather and spend some family time whilst the children kept cool on the Super Slide.

School Holiday fun at the CRC—Design, Chop, Shop & Sew







Far left, Eugenie Smith is modelling her upcycled men's jacket from which she designed a wolf costume with the help and great sewing skills of Edna Fryer.

Centre, Edyn Hardy chose a beautiful silky shirt to upcycle by adding and designed a model of her favourite character, Thomas The Tank Engine. A big thank you to her Grandmother Greer for helping Edyn with the sewing.

Right, Sidney Loy chose to upcycle a sport shirt completing all the cutting, pinning and sewing himself. Great job Sidney!

Don't forget to LIKE us on Facebook @ Greenbushes Community Resource Centre.



Angie Cornish—Coordinator and Sophie Wilkinson Knight —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.



Greenbushes Primary School



PASTORAL CARE

At Greenbushes Primary School we focus on the whole child



SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL GARE

Teaching children to care for the environment to build a sustainable future

COMMUNITY

We value our active links with community groups



S TEM FOGUS

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics We are perfectly positioned to develop STEM links with local industry



TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

Find us on Facebook or the Skoolbag App Greenbushes Primary School, Blackwood Road Greenbushes.

Phone 97643535



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.

Volunteer group starting again for 2017

New year, new beginnings. The macroinvertebrate volunteer group has started again this year with a great turn out. The kids have been more involved during the last couple of weeks of the school holidays lending their quick minds and their super vision to our bug hunts.

With the amazing growing season we've had this year the reeds have increased in size and started flowering which also attracts different insects to the area.

The dragonflies this year have been especially showy, some even following us almost like they're showing off their colours.



The green eyes and orange yellow colouring of the Australian Emerald Dragonfly (Hemicordulia australiae) is beautiful to behold.





Carrying out water studies at Greenbushes with the dense reed vegetation providing a biological filter for the waterways (above left) Get up close and personal with a few bugs—join our team on Tuesdays at the Greenbushes Community Garden from 9am.

TUESDAY IS GREENBUSHES PROJECTS DAY—CALL INTO THE COMMUNITY GARDEN ON TUESDAYS FROM 9:00am TO HELP OUT. THE MORE HELPERS THE BETTER.

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





Blackwood Basin Group Update



Weeds and Pests

Fox baits are still active around Schwenke's. Please remember to be extra vigilant with your dogs and keep them on their leads in the area.

As can be seen from the photograph the foxes are also out and about which emphasises the need to control this pest.



With the never ending battle against weeds and pests you can be sure we're not giving up!

We've put in some motion sensor cameras to see what's happening with the fox numbers in our area. And we have also been lucky to capture some of our native wildlife on camera too.



Smile; you are on candid camera!

Felicity Littleton is out and about at the moment documenting the weeds in the area. This information will be of great help with focussing our weed control methods.

The fish surveys and macroinvertebrate surveys are all on track to being done in early March. We would love to see some new faces join our regular volunteers for this event, the more the merrier and this is shaping up to be a very interesting time.

Members of our volunteer group will learn skills in survey techniques and fish identification, as well as assess the same waterbodies for macroinvertebrates and water quality.

If you are interested in being involved, please contact Margaret on 9765 1555.

Felicity Littleton's Plant of the Month



Melaleuca preissiana:
"Stout Paperbark or Modong"

This paperbark tree is a glorious sight to see in the summer, when most plants are not flowering.

With its shock of creamy-white flowers covering the canopy, it provides necessary survival food for numerous pollinators such as Bees, Birds and Butterflies. Aboriginal people would have used the plant as a food source - steeping the flower in water to make a sweet drink and the bark would have been used for roofing for mias-mias.

The tree can grow to 9 metres, and has bright green foliage, affording wonderful shade and shelter.

Flowering time is from January to March.

Photography by Brooke Janitz.

FREE FERAL PIG WORKSHOP FEBRUARY 16 BOYUP BROOK

See article inside this edition for more details and how to book.

Blackwood Basin Group was announced as

2016 Fairfax Media Best Community Based Landcare Group in Australia. at the National Landcare Awards.



DEALING WITH A DAMAGING WATTLE PEST

The black wattle (Acacia decurrens) and the golden wattle (A. pycnantha) are both introduced species from the eastern states.

They have grown so well in the Greenbushes environs that in some areas they have formed mono cultures where they are the only thing growing.

This is very much to the detriment of endemic Greenbushes wattles such as A. brownie, A. salyna, A. urophylla and A. drummondi.

This is why they are classed as weeds and as such are being removed, where possible, from our bushland. In the eastern states, where they belong, they are beautiful trees, with one being our national floral emblem.

However, in Greenbushes they grow way too fast and become spindly and prone to snapping or being blown over. Along our bush trails this can become quite hazardous.

Their removal allows for other trees and shrubs endemic to Greenbushes to have a chance to grow. Where appropriate, new plantings are being made.







Golden Wattle

Thanks to Lyn Perks we have been able to obtain some seeds of the Green bush, after which Greenbushes was named, (Callistachyo lancedata) and we will be endeavouring to propagate these to repopulate the Greenbushes environs.

Leanne Green and Felicity Littleton



MARCH 10th - 7pm - 8:30pm

DONNYBROOK AMPHITHEATRE

FREE COMEDY SHOW Canadian comic Marty Putz.

Sponsored by the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup, Country Arts WA and Act Belong Commit.









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.

\$3 EACH.

A SELECTION TO CHOOSE FROM



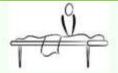
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Greenbushes-Balingup Newsletter via email

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



Mine News

2017 has started at a cracking pace with TALISON mining scheduled for continuous operation later in the year and the processing plants running at full capacity.

The Talison board of directors are due to visit site during February for their annual safety review and to oversee site development.

Work has commenced on the realignment of a section of Maranup Ford Road which will allow for the expansion of the tailings storage area.

Tom Ilich celebrated 10 years of continuous service at the Greenbushes operation on 29th January. This is Tom's second long stint on site, initially working as a process operator and then as a process trainer.

January saw us say farewell to Ray Samsa who has retired from his role as a Crusher operator. We wish Ray a very happy retirement. We also saw Wenbo and Amber Wang resign and move out of Greenbushes, heading for a new career in Perth. Jamie Kennedy completed her Certificate III in Business Administration. Congratulations Jamie on your great achievement.

Our Human Resources Department is busy with recruitment as we search for new Mine Surveyor trainees and contract Geologists. The search for a Senior Metallurgist is complete and we look forward to Jason Heath joining the team in February. Jason, his wife Kristin and their daughter Neena will be moving into town in the next couple of weeks. If you bump into them, please show them a warm Greenbushes welcome.

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Knowing is not enough; we must apply.

Willing is not enough; we must do.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe











Blackwood Biosecurity is hosting the Red Card Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Fox Shoot on the weekend 24th to 26th March, 2017 with foxes, feral cats, wild pigs and rabbits firmly in their sights.

\$5 for every fox and feral cat will be donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Association thanks to sponsorship from the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (W.A).

Foxes are around in big numbers this season and Blackwood Biosecurity is hoping for lots of shooters and property owners to participate, to take pressure off wildlife, reduce stock losses and raise valuable funds for the RFDA.

Shooting teams can register at Richfeeds Rural Suppliers or phone Sheila at Blackwood Biosecurity on 0475 774 558, email: projects@blackwoodbiosecurity.org.au.

Property owners and managers wanting licensed and responsible shooters to cull foxes on their land should also contact Sheila.

There will be a weigh-in, count, prizes and breakfast at Tassos' farm (east), Polina Road Bridgetown on Sunday 26th March at 10.00am.

A free *Shooters Workshop* with lunch included, will be held on the Saturday before the shoot (18th March) from 10.00am at Rylington Park. Shooters are invited to come along with their firearms, have some fun in the shooting range, get valuable tips from some experts and share their own knowledge and experiences.

Subjects will include:

Firearm sa* Appropriate calibers for different applications

- * Sighting in
- * Shooting technique
- * Effective shooting distance
- * Whistles & whistling
- * Shooting foxes/cats on foot
- * Zoonotic diseases
- * Spotlighting

Please book with Sheila on 0475 774 558

email:

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<u>jects@blackwoodbiosecurity.org.au</u> <u>for catering purposes.</u>









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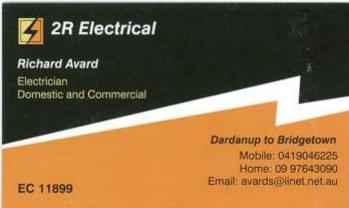
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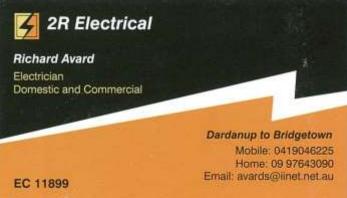
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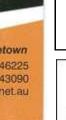
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Pedicure

Available @ the CRC **Tuesday 14th February** Between 12:30pm—2:30pm **\$25** With Polish **\$40**









Ticketing and information for Trans WA & South West Coach lines. Book your next trip at the CRC

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9764 3575



We have a Video Conferencing room available for hire, equipped with laptop & TV and video conferencing equipment— Seats 8-10

Video Conference / Meeting Room	CRC Members	Non Members	
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	

Call 9764 3575/email: trainee@greenbushescrc.net.au



RURAL IN REACH

CONTACT THE CRC FOR THE 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS OR CHECK THE NOTICEBOARDS.

WESTLINK BROADCASTS

ON A RANGE OF TOPICS. SEE THE CRC FOR A FULL LIST OF TOPICS AND BROADCAST TIMES.

GREENBUSHES CRC LIBRARY

CALL IN TO THE CRC AND CHECK OUT THE SHELVES IN THE LIBRARY WHERE YOU'LL FIND A GREAT SELECTION OF BOOKS. THERE ARE EVEN PAPERBACKS AVAILABLE TO SWAP. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE TO ORDER BOOKS FROM THE BRIDGETOWN LIBRARY BY SEARCHING THE ONLINE CATALOGUE AT THE CRC.



Community Notices

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT DRAFT YOUTH PLAN 2017 -2021



Council has prepared a draft Youth Plan 2017 - 2021 which will provide strategic direction to assist with Council's decision making in relation to service delivery for young people in the community.

Council seeks community feedback on the draft Youth *Plan 2017 – 2021* prior to considering its formal adoption. Copies of the draft document can be obtained from the Shire library or on the Shire's website:

www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au

Public submissions on this proposal should be made in writing and addressed to the CEO, Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, PO Box 271, Bridgetown, WA, 6255 and be received no later than **4pm Friday**, **24**th **February** 2017. All relevant gueries can be directed to the Grant & Services Manager, Megan Richards, on 97611555 or via email to mrichards@bridgetown.wa.gov.au.

TIM CLYNCH **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

AGM

GREENBUSHES RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION **INCORPORATED**

Thursday 2nd February 2017 7:30pm

Old Road Board Building Blackwood Road Greenbushes

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

Greenbushes St Barnabas

Sunday Morning Services held each week at 11:00am. Eucharist 2nd Sunday of the month at

Contact: Parish Office 97611066

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.

UNITING CHURCH

Greenbushes

2nd Sunday each month 2:30pm

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Balingup

1st Sunday (Sat Vigil) 6:30pm 2nd Sunday 10:30am

Greenbushes

3rd Sunday (Sat Vigil) 6:30pm 5th Sunday 8:30am 4th Sunday 10:30am



Event or Group	Venue	Time	Day of the month	Contact
Greenbushes Aged Community Committee	Stinton Gardens Function Centre	4.00pm	2 nd Mon of the month	Leanne Green 0419005224
Greenbushes Community Garden Committee and Morning Tea	Community Garden Building	8:30am	1 st Saturday of the month Busy Bee 2 on the 3 rd Saturday of the month	Tracy Lansdell 9764 3414
Greenbushes Discovery Centre Committee	Discovery Centre	4:30pm	4 th Tues of the month	Leonie 97825717
Greenbushes Retirees Committee	RSL Hall	11:00am	3 rd Tues of the month	Heather Cusack 9764 3653
Balingup Men in Sheds	Balingup Community Centre	7:00 pm	Last Tues of the month	Mike 9764 1080
Balingup CWA	Balingup CWA Centre		Meetings 2 nd Tuesday and gardens/crafts on 4 th Tuesday	Wendy 9764 3525
Community Resource Centre Management Committee Meeting	Community Resource Centre	2:30pm	3 rd Monday each month	Coordinator 9764 3575
Balingup Playgroup	Primary School Art/Music Room	9.30 to 11.30am	Every Thursday during school term	Katie 9764 1507
Greenbushes Playgroup	Old Court House Greenbushes	9.30am to 11.30am	Every Tuesday	Karen Browne 0408 301002 /97612001
Balingup Progress Association	Balingup Community Centre	7pm	1 st Wednesday of the month	Noelene King 9764 1080
Grow Greenbushes	Greenbushes CRC	3:15pm	Mondays	CRC Coordinator 9764 3575
Greenbushes CWA	CWA Rooms	9:30am Bingo 1pm Meeting	2 nd Thursday of the month	Molly Baxter 9764 3739
Greenbushes CWA Belles	CWA Rooms	7:00pm	4 th Thursday of the month	Karen Browne 0408301002.
Greenbushes Ratepayers & Residents and Tidy Towns	Road Board Building	7.30pm	1 st 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	3 rd Friday of the month	Pat Scallan 0427643508
Community Resource Centre Book club	Greenbushes CRC	10:00am-11:00am	3 rd Wednesday of each month	Coordinator 9764 3575
Community Resource Centre Craft Club	Greenbushes CRC	10am-12pm	Every Tuesday	Coordinator 9764 3575
Shamrock Sporting Club	Shamrock Hotel Greenbushes	5pm	Last Sunday of the month	9764 3512
Greenbushes Community Singers	St Barnabas Church	1:30pm—3:00pm	Tuesdays	0437338350
Greenbushes Community Garden—AGM	The Greenbushes Community Garden	From 8:30am onwards	Saturday the 4 th of March	Note: All positions vacant
Progressive Garage Sale	Follow the sings	8:00am – 2:00pm	Saturday the 4th of February	-

February Diary Dates

2nd AGM Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc

4th WA Opera Company "Opera in the Park" simulcast at Greenbushes CRC

14th Pedicures available at the CRC. Call to make a booking
 16th First Aid Course at Greenbushes CRC. Bookings Required.

16th-19th Boyup Brook Country Music Festival

16th Feral Pig Management Workshop at Rylington Park Boyup Brook. Contact 97651555.

21st Performance Management Workshop for Businesses. Greenbushes CRC.

22nd Men's Shed Meeting at Greenbushes CRC. 3pm-4pm 24th Shire Draft Youth Strategy Public Comment Period Closes

MARCH DATES

10th March—Comedian Marty Putz at Donnybrook Amphitheatre Free Entertainment March—National Tidy Towns Judge Visit to Greenbushes 24th-26th March—Fox Shoot coordinated by the Blackwood Biosecurity Group 25th March 7:30pm - Balingup Ghost Walk

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