## Greenbushes-Balingup Newsletter

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## GREENBUSHES SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN WITH UPCYCLING



Photos by Sophie Wilkinson Knight and Nicole Ward. Story by Sophie Wilkinson Knight.

There was no shortage of activities for children at the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre in January.

The CRC hosted a fun filled School Holiday Program which included a Kids' Yoga Class, Creating Healthy Tonics, Felt Poppy Making and Minecraft or Board Games. The holiday excursion by bus to the Extreme Trampoline Centre also proved popular.

On January 22 children from Bridgetown and Greenbushes enjoyed an upcycled pot people craft session with local resident Leanne Green. Children attending used their imagination and creativity to make crafty creatures using plastic bottle tops and pots as the pictures above show.

For more details about what is happening at the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre in the coming weeks see our pages inside this edition of the newsletter.

Inside this edition—Australia Day Celebrations, Part 3 of the Rail Series by Trevor Riley, CWA Belles News, Grow Greenbushes News and more. To contribute email reception@greenbushescrc.net.au

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## PERKS FAMILY TURNS OUT FOR DON'S AWARD



Don Perks is surrounded by family members as he accepts his award at the Bridgetown Greenbushes Shire Australia Day Barbecue. Photos by Leonie Letchford.

Several generations of the Perks family attended the Australia Day Barbecue at Bridgetown Showgrounds on January 26 to congratulate Don Perks on his award as Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire Senior Citizen of the Year.

Eighty-one year old Mr Perks was selected for the award for his deep commitment to the community of Greenbushes over a sustained period of time. He is a life member of the Greenbushes Golf Club, Grow Greenbushes and the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre and current Vice Chairperson of the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre.

Mr Perks was secretary of the Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association (now Grow Greenbushes) from 1998 to 2014 and secretary of the Greenbushes Golf Club from 2003 to 2014. He was also actively involved in the rebuilding of the Greenbushes Methodist Church (now Uniting Church) when it was destroyed by fire in 1987.

Mr Perks said his interest in community service began at 19 years of age when he was elected as secretary of the local cricket club. Other roles soon followed with the Amateur Athletics Club and local football club.

He started his working life at the local store aged 14 which he says helped him develop an early appreciation of community life.

He continued his work in retail and was actively involved in sporting groups for a number of years before travelling overseas on a long working holiday from 1962 to 1965. During this time he worked in many different roles including as a barman and in an orchard/farm in Wiltshire.

Mr Perks maintained his close connection to Greenbushes through weekly letters home to family.

Upon his return he met and married his wife Judy and settled into family life in Greenbushes.

At this time he also took up employment with the Jim Crow Dredge at Greenbushes. After seven years the dredge work ended and Mr Perks was offered a job with Greenbushes Tin at the new Integrated Plant and the Spodumene Plant where he was involved in the early development of the lithium mineral resource (spodumene).

He recalls the early days of lithium mining when a lot of test work was underway to develop the technology to process the pegmatite.

"In those early days we were still learning and we had a contract to dispatch 2,000 tonnes to Holland—and we managed to do it," Mr Perks said.

As he gained experience across the mining operations Mr Perks was offered a new role as Foreman at the Greenbushes Tin Smelter where he worked for six years. He was process trainer for the last three years of his employment at the Tin Smelter. He retired after 32 years in the mining industry.

Mr Perks is well known for his knowledge of the history of Greenbushes and he has attended the Back To Greenbushes picnic at the Greenbushes Pool on the first weekend in February for the past 30 years.

**Congratulations** 



## LOCAL AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDEES



Community members receive their awards at the Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire Australia Day Breakfast Barbecue.

Community spirit was celebrated during community breakfast barbecues at Thomson Park in Greenbushes and the Bridgetown Showgrounds on Australia Day January 26.

The day began at Greenbushes with an early breakfast at Thomson Park hosted by Grow Greenbushes and sponsored by the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes.

Toe tapping music was provided by local band Retrosonic as people enjoyed the sunny morning breakfast fare.

Then it was on to Bridgetown Showgrounds for a second breakfast and the presentation of the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Australia Day Awards.

Local landcare champion Cheryl Hammence was awarded Bridgetown-Greenbushes Citizen of the Year for her 20 years' work in conservation and land management in the Shire.

The Young Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Emilee Christie.

The Community Group of the Year Award was presented to the Bridgetown Grumpy Old Men's Shed Group.

Photos: Leonie Letchford.

Do what you can to show you care about other people, and you will make the world a better place.

Rosalynn Carter



Beth and Derek Dilkes, Don and Judy Perks and Naldo Da Ronch at the Australia Day Barbecue at Thomson Park in Greenbushes.



Local band Retrosonic performing at the Thomson Park barbecue in Greenbushes on Australia Day.



## INTRODUCING KYLIE LONEY—PRINCIPAL

Greenbushes Primary School has a new Principal.

Mrs Kylie Loney moved in during the school holidays and has been busy reviewing the resources at the school and setting up for the year ahead with the assistance of School Board member Leanne Green and staff.

Although Mrs Loney has been teaching at South Halls Head in Mandurah for the past 10 years she is no stranger to living in the country, having grown up in Pinjarra.

During her time teaching at South Halls Head she was promoted to Level 3 teacher and is now relishing the opportunity to take on her first role as Principal.

"I am excited to be at a school that has close links to mining and can see the potential for development of students' science, technology, engineering and maths skills," said Mrs Loney.

With a strong background in curriculum development and progression through leadership training she is keen to bring those skills to the fore in her role at Greenbushes.

Mrs Loney is also keen to develop students' literacy in digital technology in particular the critical thinking and problem solving aspects of working with technology.

She enlisted the assistance of Talison Lithium's IT staff member Jonathon Kennedy to review the tech equipment at the school during the holidays and prepare computers and laptops for the coming year.

She also worked with the school's new volunteer Librarian Leanne Green to update and refresh the historic Police Station classroom as a Library.

Talison staff members Neil Lovelle and Ray Chinnery assisted with the fit-out at the Library putting in shelving and painting the internal walls. New shelving was provided by Ed Outreach in Bunbury. Parent Amanda Smith made the cushions for seats. Students will learn Library skills with Mrs Green on Friday mornings.

While all the activity was underway at the school Mrs Loney's two young sons Jake and Heath enjoyed the school holiday activities at the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre.

Mrs Loney's eldest daughter Courtney is starting her first year at University and her other daughter Britney is studying Year 12 in Perth. Mrs Loney's husband Rhian works at Alcoa.

Community members were invited to attend a barbecue at the School on Friday February 1 to meet Mrs Loney and hear about her plans for 2019.

Pictured top right is Principal Mrs Kylie Loney

Pictured Right is School Librarian Leanne Green in the newly refurbished Library with School Chaplain Leonie Armstrong and community member Judy Perks.







## There is a spot on the veranda for you... with the Belles



To join in the fun contact the Greenbushes Belles via email: greenbushesbelles@gmail.com

We would like to thank our past President, Karen Browne for her hard work and diligence. We wish her all the best for her new life up in Bunbury. We are so glad that she has decided to stay as a member of the Greenbushes Belles as her input is always appreciated.

Our new Office bearers for 2019 are:

President - Sharon Edward

Vice President - Vacant

Secretary - Suzette Starling

Treasurer - Jamie Kennedy

Fundraising Co-ordinator - Ann Marie Stallard

## SCHOOL SEEKS INFORMATION ON PAINTING



The Greenbushes Primary School is seeking information about this painting of the Old Police Station (now Library).

The unsigned painting was found in a room at the school during a clean up in preparation for the new school year.

It now has pride of place in the newly refurbished Library but staff are keen to know who did the painting and donated it to the school.

Anyone with information about the painting or the painter is asked to contact the school so that the details can be kept with the painting.

Contact the School Administration on 07643535.



## GROW GREENBUSHES NEWS

Another big thankyou to Cheryl Hamence and her Helping Hands group for coming out in January to assist Lydia Perenzin and I cut back the vegetation bordering the Schwenkes to Greenbushes Pool walk trail. Many hands make light work! The plantings along the Schwenkes end of this track have done exceptionally well and have made it a beautiful section of the track. Congratulations to Cheryl for being named Citizen of the Year at the Shire Australia Day Awards. Cheryl has dedicated over 20 years to Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Landcare and the award is well deserved. See pictures right.

I would also like to congratulate our very own Don Perks, who was named Senior Citizen of the Year. Don was born in Catterick and has lived worked and retired here in Greenbushes. Over the years he has made many contributions to our community including holding committee positions at the Golf Club, Grow Greenbushes (formerly Greenbushes Residents and Ratepayers Association) and the Greenbushes CRC. He is often called upon to regale us with a tale or two of yesteryear Greenbushes. Thank you Don!

Just a reminder that our Grow Greenbushes monthly meetings recommence on Thursday February 7 at 7.30pm in the Road Board building. Our March meeting will be our AGM. We welcome new members, so if you live or work here in Greenbushes and want to contribute to our community please contact me for a membership form. We are always looking for new ideas for projects around town.

A big welcome to Kylie Loney, our new Principal at the Greenbushes Primary School! Kylie comes to us from South Halls Head Primary School and has many years of teaching and educational experience. By the time you are reading this you may have already met Kylie at the school's community sundowner, but if not, she would love to make your acquaintance. Kylie and her family have already been busy beavering away at the school getting ready for the start of term 1

We are looking forward to a great year at the Greenbushes Primary School. Many thanks to SG Mining, MSP, Talison Lithium and GAM for sponsoring our school art program again this year. Mrs Willis will back again to encourage our children to create more fabulous artworks. Thank you also to SG Mining for sponsoring the school in the Scholastic LiteracyPro Lexile Reading program.



Thank you to Tilly Fraser Butler for helping with our Australia Day breakfast setup.



All the burnout tyre marks around town look awful. If you see this happening, take a photo and dob them in!

Leanne Green
Chairperson
Grow Greenbushes
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## SHOW AND SHARE YOUR PHOTOS WITH US





Here is a photo of early morning Greenbushes down at Dumpling Gully when the sun was trying to come through the clouds and the moon was still there.

I hope you like it.

**Shannon Fraser-Butler** 

## SHOW AND SHARE

GOT A PHOTO OF YOUR LOCAL AREA OR LOCAL PEOPLE THAT YOU WOULD LOVE TO SHARE WITH OTHERS?

SEND IT TO US AND WE WILL PUBLISH IT HERE IN YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER. SEND IT ( WITH CAPTION) TO

reception@greenbushescrc.net.au





## FUNDING FOR REGIONAL HERBARIUM

The Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Landcare Office received some excellent news to start the new year - a successful grant application to expand and upgrade the Bridgetown-Greenbushes Regional Herbarium that is housed in the Community Landcare Office.

These funds will allow our wonderful volunteers as well as interested community members to learn more about our diverse local flora through a series of flora surveys to identify and collect local plants, then to press and mount the plant specimens for inclusion in the Regional Herbarium.

This project is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State Natural Resource Management Program, supported by Royalties for Regions.

The Blackwood Environment Society set up about 40 flora monitoring quadrats in many of our Shire reserves in the 1990's and 2000's across the Shire so it will be great to find and revisit many of them during this project.

A photographic herbarium and a photographic and written record of how to identify, collect, extract and store seed from our local plants will be also developed to complement the pressed specimens in the Regional Herbarium.



These will be a fabulous community resource and we are looking forward to starting this year long project in early February.

If anyone is interested in being involved please contact Cheryl Hammence at the Community Landcare office at the Visitors Centre or call 0428 723 111, no prior experience is necessary, just a love of our native plants and the great outdoors.



## The life of a Parasitoid wasp



Spider wasp (Family Pompliidae) dragging spider

No native wasp species in southern Western Australia are social, thus, they lack a queen, her drone consorts and a nest of workers doing her bidding. Instead, our native wasps have interesting lives as solitary hunters or parasitoides – they feed on and actually kill their bosts. They are also kleptoparasites, stealing their host's food supply before they kill them.

These wasps often focus on one type of host such as ceterpillars, beetles, bugs, cockroech or grasshopper oothece (egg cases), spiders or spider egg cases or even other wasps! The female wasp locates suitable food plants or habitats and then uses her antenna to taste and search systematically for a suitable host.

Once a suitable host is found, she will use her ovipositor to either insert eggs into the host body or attach them externally. When the larvae hatch, they consume the living host, and pupation takes piece within what is left of the dead host, inside the host's pupal chamber or they form their own pupa. The length of the ovipositor (the modified egg injecting stinger on the bock end) can indicate the type of host they look for. For example, some wasps have ovipositors 8 times their body length as their hosts are wood-boring insects.

Potter, Digger or Spider wasps will build or dig a chamber for a single egg, and then hunt down larger prey like spiders and grasshoppers. To keep the larva's food supply fresh each victim is paralysed and delivered live to the nest where an egg is laid on the

Cuckoo wasps lay their eggs inside the nest of other wasps. The cuckoo larvae then consume both the host wasp and its food supply.

Other wasps are tiny, or have wairdly shaped abdomens, and attack spider or insect eggs or even sphids and other sap-sucking insects.

Many parasitic wasps control pest insects in the garden. So if you see a weird, or wonderful wasp, try and photograph it, make a MyPestGuide<sup>30</sup> report and we will see if it's a parasitoid checking out the food options for her habies.



## BALINGUP FIELD DAY-SAVE DATE



Did you know that this year's Balingup Field Day has been brought forward to Saturday April 6?

Put the date in your calendar and get ready for another bumper experience

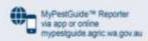
at Balingup.

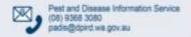
The theme is "Small Farms-Big Ideas." This year's event will showcase all aspects of small farming from caring for animals, growing trees and food, cooking using ingredients you have grown, fashion and local designers and of course a range of crafts.

Also on the same weekend and held in conjunction with the Field Day is the Annual Balingup Quilt Show at the Balingup Hall.

## Report suspect pests









# The 2019 Great Cocky Count Workshop

Please join representatives from Birdlife Australia, Blackwood Basin Group and Talison Lithium for a FREE workshop to learn all about the Great Cocky Count - a long term citizen science survey and the biggest single survey for black-cockatoos in Australia.

This year's Great Cocky Count – to be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April – will be the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the survey has taken place.

The workshop will include information on how you can get involved, how to spot the difference between the different species of black cockatoos, how to protect cockatoo habitat, what monitoring is already happening in the local area, and lots more.

To register for this free event, please email Katie@blackwoodbasingroup.com.au or call 9769-1129.



Greenbushes CRC Friday 1st March 2019 5:30pm-7:30pm Light Supper Provided



















## MINE NEWS - Craig's Corner

What a fantastic Australia Day morning we had in beautiful Greenbushes. Thanks must TALISON go to all those who volunteered their time to make the morning the resounding success it

was. Very pleased to see one of Greenbushes very own receive the Senior Citizen Australia Day award for the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes - congratulation to Don Perks.

Congratulations also to two (2) long serving members of the Talison team here at Greenbushes:

Jody McDonald - who celebrated 15 years of service; and Andy Crutwell - who celebrated 30 years of service during January. As someone who has had a bit of a gypsy work career I am always very appreciative of employees who make the long term commitment. I, and I am sure the rest of the Greenbushes team, look forward to working with both Jody and Andy for many years to come.

I had the opportunity during January to present the Talison/Greenbushes story to:

Kylie Loney - new Greenbushes Primary School principal; and

Andrew Donavan - CEO of Global Advanced Metals.

January saw us welcome our 2019 Trainees and Apprentices into the Talison family. I look forward to working with, and seeing the development of, our 2019 intake over the next 12 months.

The community consultation meetings which Talison has been holding each Wednesday at the Greenbushes CRC will be reduced to a timing of once per month as from this month. A Talison representative will be at the Greenbushes CRC on the third Wednesday of every month from 4 - 5 pm. Community members can still contact Talison at any time by phoning our reception (9782 5700) during business hours or by email to gbcontact@talisonlithium.com.

## TALISON COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICE

The Talison Community Liaison Office will be available to community members to provide information and answer queries regarding Talison's current activities and future operations.

## No booking required, drop in and have a chat.

PLACE: Greenbushes Community Resource Centre

DAY: Third Wednesday of each month

TIME:

gbcontact@talisonlithium.com EMAIL:

PHONE: 97825700

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The proposed Mine Access Road has certainly engendered a fair bit of community discussion in recent times on various social media platforms. Whilst Talison has certainly supported the rights of community members to have their say on the Mine Access Road it is disappointing that a lot of the social media commentary has been misleading at best and in some cases blatantly (and some would say maliciously) false. It was very pleasing therefore that the Shire supported the Company's proposed Mine Access Road at its January Council meeting. The Company will now be progressing the detailed design work for the Mine Access Road with reference to the various concerns raised by the community in relation to mitigating adverse impacts to people, flora and fauna prior to reengaging with the community and council ahead of final approval.

Commissioning of the new Chemical Grade Processing Plant #2 (CGP2) is fast approaching with first ore expected to be fed through the new crushing circuit in early March. Recruitment of processing operators for CGP2 is all but complete with the new operators being integrated into the existing workgroups.

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) public comment period in relation to the proposed Chemical Grade Processing Plant #3 (CGP3) and Chemical Grade Processing Plant #4 (CGP4) expansions closed during January. Four (4) public submissions were received by the EPA and Talison is busy preparing a response to the various concerns raised in the public submissions - all of which Talison is confident it can adequately address.

Mine activities are accelerating with additional mining personnel engaged in recent times by SG Mining to support the commissioning of CGP2. SG Mining are planning to receive an additional two (2) haul trucks (to be delivered in early February) to support the increased mining rates. Talison has committed to purchasing a new excavator and 8 haul trucks (which it will free-issue to SG Mining) for delivery in September/October to support the next major ramp up in mining activities. The rumour spreading on social media that Talison is going to take over the mine works from SG Mining is totally without foundation. Talison recently extended both the SG Mining and Action Drill & Blast contracts out to September 2020 and Talison looks forward to continuing to work collaboratively with our major contractors going forward.

The wise are instructed by reason, average minds by experience, the stupid by necessity and the brute by instinct.

(Roman orator, writer and politician)

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## Terry Redman MLA

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



#### **Electorate Travel**

I have already scheduled visits to towns around the electorate, and this will continue throughout the year. When Parliament is not sitting, I will most likely be somewhere in the Warren-Blackwood region. This means I will be in your town regularly and available for you to meet with me if required.

## **Short Stay Accommodation Inquiry**

As a member of the Economics and Industry Standing Committee, I will be inquiring into issues identified by the short-stay accommodation sector, particularly associated with emerging business models utilising online booking platforms. The committee has received written submissions and is currently hearing evidence from interested parties. The final report is expected to be tabled by the end of June.

#### Water licence fees

One issue that affects many farmers in this region is the proposal by the McGowan Government to introduce water licence fees. The industry is not totally opposed to water licence fees—but stress the amount must be fair and commensurate with the scale of the operation. The horticultural industry is vital to this region and secure access to affordable water is crucial for the expansion of this sector. This is an issue I am prepared to fight for.

## **Enhanced Prescribed Burning Program**

Royalties for Regions funding for the Enhanced Prescribed Burning Program is due to end in June 2019. This program has been highly effective in minimising the risk of large, out of control bushfires threatening our communities. I am a strong advocate for prescribed burning and have a petition calling on the McGowan Government to continue the program. I urge everyone to sign this petition. Please call my office for a copy.

#### **Shark SMART drum lines**

I am disappointed the SMART drum line trial has been delayed while the Government undertakes an environmental assessment. The plan has changed to not tag every shark caught or to tow them further out to sea for release. Now is the time to protect beach goers and ensure coastal events continue.

Phone: 9848 3171 or 1800 644 811 Email: Terry.Redman@mp.wa.gov.au Address: PO Box 327 DENMARK WA 6333

**ENATIONALS** for Regional WA

## PLANT OF THE MONTH

With

Felicity Littleton

Isotoma hypercratiformis: C.N. "Woodbridge Poison"

This little succulent plant often seems to signal the end of Spring. Pretty displays of Pink, Blue, Mauve and White appear to give you that last little splash of colour.

A close look at the stem displays that spongey appearance belonging to succulent plants.

It is an erect annual herb growing to 50 cms and sometimes a bit taller. It is widespread throughout the South West, and indeed has quite a large distribution reaching to slightly beyond Geraldton. It can appear in a variety of habitats.

The common name (Woodbridge Poison) begs the question, well, why Woodbridge? Woodbridge now being a suburb West of Midland, was once farmed in the 19<sup>th</sup> and probably the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. There used to be a West Midland railway station which was changed to Woodbridge station, and so remains today. Possibly, the people who farmed there suspected the plant as being Toxic to stock.

I am told, there is a lovely Heritage house in this area. Of course, I have spoken to a few that it was not so much West Midland, but East Guildford, and it is true that East Guildford was the train departure centre to head North to York and other places.

However, while these discussions continue, it is considered that there is little "poison" within the plant, but it contains Latex, that white sap that oozes from such plants as Euphorbias.

There are, in fact a number of Native plants that are Toxic. Top of the list would be the Gastrolobiums.... Gastrolobium bilobum, C.N. Heartleaf poison can, and will kill many animals. Then there is Stypandra glauca (Blind grass) which attacks the Optic nerve, causing blindness.

I know a sheep farmer who simply rips these plants out to protect his sheep.

## Felicity Littleton





## Pat's Patch...Cr Pat Scallan



We had a very successful breakfast at Thomson Park to celebrate Australia Day on

January 26 attended by about 150 people. It was also great to see our local resident Don Perks was awarded the Senior Citizen of the Year Award for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes at the Breakfast at the Bridgetown Showgrounds. Congratulations also go to Cheryl Hammence (Citizen of the Year), Emilee Christie (Young Citizen of the Year) and to the Grumpy Old Men's Group (Community Group of the Year).

Works have been completed at the Greenbushes Cemetery thanks to last year's Talison trainees Brad Kammann and Renae Reilly. They painted and installed new plot markers. An updated list of burials has also been completed and incorporated onto the sign at the Cemetery.

The Greenbushes Sports Complex multipurpose courts have been sprayed to control weeds. There are also plans to source water from Dumpling Gully Dams to assist with the watering of the Sports Oval (rectangular field) and the Golf Course.

Fire mitigation works have been carried out on the Hesketh block at Greenbushes. We are still to have confirmation of works at the Greenbushes Pool and New Zealand Gully area. A new fire mitigation plan is being developed for Greenbushes as part of the wider region but, as yet, no confirmation of timing and consultation or involvement of residents.

Thanks go to Talison for replacing damaged or missing signs at the Greenbushes Pool including the small No Camping Signs and the larger Camping Information Signs. This area is a fantastic facility for short term camping and it was very busy over the Australia Day long weekend.

Just a reminder to community groups that February is the deadline for submission of applications for Community Grants.

And "Save the Date" of May 26 for this year's Greenbushes Fun Run and MTB event. There has been a change to the date due to the HBF Run for A Reason changing their date to the third Sunday in May. Keep an eye on the Fun Run Facebook Page for details about this year's event.

Memory is the treasury and guardian of all things...
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## DISCOVERY CENTRE NEWS

Did you know the Greenbushes Discovery Centre celebrated a big milestone in 2018?

On 24 February 2018 it was 20 years from the date of the official opening of the Greenbushes Discovery Centre by former Greenbushes resident and football legend Graham "Polly" Farmer in 1998. During the Greenbushes Winter Festival Weekend in August 2018 the Discovery Centre Management Committee held a 20th Birthday Celebration to mark the occasion in recognition of the significance of the date when the doors officially opened to the public.

Of course the official opening was the culmination of many years of work by the local committee and consultants.

The Greenbushes Discovery Centre Sub- Committee was formed in January 1994 by members of the then Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc (now Grow Greenbushes) to develop an ecocultural interpretive centre for Greenbushes. As a first step the newly formed group sought permission from Gwalia Consolidated Ltd (the then owners of the building which now houses the Discovery Centre) in 1994 for a peppercorn lease to use the building to develop the centre.

With initial funding of \$2,500 from the South West Development Commission and \$2,500 from the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes, the group held community and school workshops (May and June 1994) and developed a concept plan. The SW Eco Museums Grants Program then allocated \$12,000 to develop detailed concepts and plans.

A submission to the South West Eco Museum dated September 1995 stated that from 1994 to that date some \$80,000 of contributions had been made by Gwalia Consolidated, Shire of Bridgetown- Greenbushes, Conservation and Land Management Department and the South West Development Commission.

On 16th September 1996 the Greenbushes Eco Cultural Discovery Centre Inc was officially incorporated. It was then a separate organisation to it's parent - The Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association Incorporated.

The South West Development Commission was a big supporter of the project over many years, recognising the economic and social benefits of the project. The SWDC contributed staged funding to the Discovery Centre. By February 1998 the Commission had awarded a total of \$42,400 to the centre and further funding was being sought.

The committee used the early concepts and plans to develop the centre under the overarching theme of "The Land" with interpretive displays to be developed encompassing Mining, Timber Milling, Agriculture and Heritage. The process of funding and building the displays was staged with the first display installed being "The Land" dome featuring native flora and fauna with the assistance of the then Conservation and Land Management Department.

The first walk trail developed was the Greenbushes Loop Walk which connected with the Bibbulmun Track. Development of the walk trails was focused on enabling people to experience the history and culture of the district through "indoor" and "outdoor" displays.

There are now five walk trails including the Heritage Amble and the Waterbird Walk around Schwenke's Dam.

The Heritage Park across the road from the Discovery Centre has also seen much development since those early days which is testament to the hard work of the local committee.

The Greenbushes Discovery Centre Committee is grateful for the support of the SWDC, Lotterywest, Department of Transport and Regional Development, Gwalia Consolidated, Sons of Gwalia, Talison, Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, Whittaker's Timber Mill and WA Plantation Resources.



## Once Upon a time line

By Trevor William Riley 2018 (continued from December Edition)

## 6.(Greenbushes)

North Greenbushes was both a passenger and goods station. The original Railway Station (with extensions) is still on site. The Heritage Council of WA notes on the site reported that "In 2012 the Public Transport Authority granted permission to remove the building from this site for community use." There are three lines (with deteriorating sleepers) across to a loading platform. The lines served the passenger rail, the adjacent timber mill and local mining products. The former Station Master's House, which was just behind the Station, had been tenanted after the passenger line service closed, but it burnt down in ~2003, when former mill worker John McCallum was living there. The cause of the fire was attributed to an electrical fault.

Another local resident, Charlie Fletcher ("Flipper" to his mates) was a rail Trainee Fireman. He recalls how train drivers used to stop at town-sites with pubs (eg Kirup and Balingup) to get a beer or two. And Thelma Fletcher's father (Ron Newman) and grandfather (Arthur Barker) were both Guards. In her early teens, Thelma's school-break high-light was to accompany Dad in the Guard's van. She used to ride in, and lie down on the floor of the Guard's van (no passenger seats), with the sliding door wide open to take maximum advantage of the breeze (compare the above with the OH & S standards of today !!). And she also shared with the drivers of the steam trains whenever they stopped for a cuppa.

The Grow Greenbushes Committee has long been investigating the prospect and cost of moving the old Railway Station to a site behind the Greenbushes Discovery Centre. It would be a unique heritage attraction for the town, and a preservation move, especially if the present Station site and rail line require upgrade and complete re-configuration for the future rail transport of the Talison spodumene concentrate product.



We continue our series on the heritage railway sidings in the local area. **"Once Upon a** time-line" has been researched and written by Greenbushes resident Trevor Riley who also took all the photographs to accompany the article.

We thank Trevor for his diligence and attention to detail.

The final chapter will be in the March edition.











## FOR SALE

Jarrah bat boxes \$20 Phone holders \$10 Tea Light Holders \$20







If you are interested in joining our Shed or have any queries please contact either;

Grant on 0427 145 147 or Angie on 0439 612 628 or email us at :

greenbuses@wamsa.org.au

Shed hours Friday 8.30-12.30pm

Saturday by appointment

## **GREENBUSHES COMMUNITY SHED**

Congratulations to our Shed committee members who received awards at the annual Grow Greenbushes BBQ this year. As with any committee, success comes from a team effort. Well done and thanks for all your hard work and commitment.

GCS recently applied for a Small Grant for Rural Communities to help support mentoring and training of at-risk youth in our community. The grant was provided through FRRR – Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal with Australia Post being the donor partner and we were successful in our application.

Funds from the grant monies will provide some quality pine for the students to work with and morning tea facilities throughout the term. Greenbushes Community Shed has already commenced a mentoring program in collaboration with Bridgetown High School and funding from FRRR and Australia Post will ensure materials are readily available for the students to use and continuation of the program in 2019.



A big thank you to our sponsors for awarding us with the funds and allowing our ideas to be accomplished. If you would like to join our Shed or mentoring program next year, please contact us on the numbers as advertised.





#### **NEW PROJECT for 2019**

2018 has been a great year but we have learned a valuable lesson: our current Shed workspace is too small to enable all our projects. We have installed a container for materials storage but we still need more space for better access to some materials and workshop preparation. We are taking steps to acquire an additional storage and workshop facility. We need funds to obtain another shed, to erect it and then add flooring, power and fittings and we are currently approvals and grants to help with that. The project will significantly add to our workspace and safety as it will redefine and separate workspace for all of our Shed and users. This is a vital part of our **Business Plan for 2019** which will improve our Shed facility for users and strengthen its safety measures.



# Greenbushes Community Resource Centre News

Hi everyone,



A blink of an eye and January has gone by......thanks to everyone who supported our Summer Holiday program - we enjoyed having your children and hope they enjoyed being with us too.

February brings some changes to the Greenbushes CRC with our opening hours changing effective Monday the 4th February 2019 (see post below) and a new calendar layout (over the page) so you can clearly see what is happening each month at the CRC.

Due to public demand we have also created a monthly Seniors Coffee and Chat where you can connect with other seniors in the community. The inaugural meet up is on Wednesday 27th February 2019 at 10am. For more details please see the advertisement over the next few pages.

Have a great February and pop in to see us soon.

Nicole and the CRC Staff & Volunteers





## **NEW OPEN HOURS**

Commencing Monday 4th February 2019

MONDAY 9am - 3:30pm

TUESDAY 9am - 3:30pm

WEDNESDAY 9am - 5:00pm

THURSDAY 9am - 3:30pm

FRIDAY 9am - 12:30pm

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS





## FEBRUARY 2019 At the Greenbushes CRC

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3rd	4th	5th Craft Club	6th Book Club	7th HITT Session	8th Community	9th Community
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			After School Tech Club			Aid course From 9am - bookings essential
10th Croquet	11th Hatha Vinyasa	12th Craft Club	13th Reflexology	14th HITT Session	15th Community	16th Community
9am-11am Greenbushes	Slow Flow Yoga session	10am-12pm	with Nicola	12:30 - 1pm	Shed open 8:30 am -	Shed open by appointment
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24th	25th Hatha Vinyasa	26th Craft Club	27th Seniors	28th HITT Session		
	Slow Flow Yoga session	10am-12pm	Coffee & Chat 10am - 12pm	12:30 - 1pm		
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	FHSS 7-11.2		Tech Club			





#### FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Come along to the next Book Club meeting at the Greenbushes CRC On Wednesday the 6th of February 2019

10am - 11am



If you would like to review last month's book come to the meeting.

And if you'd like to read this book call in and borrow a copy.

The Things We Keep By Sally Hepworth







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Community Resource Centre

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Plug replacement available \$ 12 per plug

For more info or to book please call 9764 3575 or email: reception@greenbushescrc.net.au





## **Community Notices**



In addition to the usual weekly Cleanaway rubbish collection service in Greenbushes townsite, the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes also offers a waste collection service on Saturdays.



## SATURDAYS: 10am—1pm

Household Waste

LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 10am-1pm

**Bulk Waste** 

The rubbish collection truck will be parked behind the Roadhouse/Post office during these times for you to deposit your rubbish.



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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.

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) 6:30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 10:30am

### Greenbushes

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

## **BINGO**

## **Stinton Gardens Function Centre**

Second Friday of the month



From 9.30am, \$5 entry, \$1 Raffle

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Contact Heather Cusack for details. 9764 3653



## LOCAL SERVICES DIRECTORY

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Free Information - living in a lifestyle estate

## Thursday 28th Feb 2019

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Rac from Meadowbrooke Lifestyle Estate will be at the Greenbushes CRC to answer any questions you might have about living in a Lifestyle Estate.

Meadowbrooke Lifestyle Estate is an estate for people 55 years and over. We are located in the small friendly country town of Boyanup, approx. 35 mins from Greenbushes, 15 mins from Bunbury & 2 hrs from Perth. The estate is affordable & attractive, with plenty of community facilities.





## GREENBUSHES TO BRIDGETOWN 2019 SHOPPING BUS RUN

The Community Bus shopping run service operates on alternative Tuesdays from Greenbushes to Bridgetown, and back again! This service is available at a cost of \$8 return to anyone living in Greenbushes who would like to come to Bridgetown.

The bus run operates every second Tuesday departing Greenbushes Roadhouse at 9.00am and leaves Bridgetown Butchers at 11.30am.

Parcels may be deposited in the bus throughout the journey so heavy shopping does not have to be carried.

For more information, please contact Rebecca Redman at the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Services Department on 9761 0800.

2019				
January	8, 22			
February	5, 19			
March	5, 19			
April	2, 16, 30			
May	14, 28			
June	11, 25			
July	9, 23			
August	6, 20			
September	3, 17			
October	1, 15, 29			
November	12, 26			
December	TBA			





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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		1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month Busy Bee/Crop Swap from 9:30am and Monthly meeting on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 3:30pm	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	Meet at Stinton Gardens Function Centre	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	Greenbushes 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	Caprece Nock 0400411709
Balingup Progress Association	Balingup Community Centre	7:00pm	1st 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	10:00am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month	Heather Cusack 97643653
Greenbushes CWA Belles	CWA Rooms	7:00pm	2nd Thursday of the month	Sharon Edward President
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	4:30pm	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	1st 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	Monday 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



## **FEBRUARY DIARY DATES**

- 9 First Aid Course Greenbushes CRC.
- 10 Croquet at Greenbushes Sports Complex Cricket Oval.
- 12 Greenbushes Community Singers commence rehearsals.

#### **MARCH**

- 1 Great Cocky Count workshop at Greenbushes CRC.
- 2 The Incredibles 2 Screening at Bridgetown.





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