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Greenbushes-Balingup Newsletter

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FAREWELL TO THE GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2015



Graduating from Greenbushes Primary School— Nico Minisini, Jazlyn Lansdell, Taylah Wells, Shakira-Rose Janitz, Mason Russell, Cameron Rodgers and teacher Ms Deb Penney. Absent Kye Barton.

Greenbushes and Balingup Primary Schools bid a fond farewell to their graduating students in the last week of Term for 2015.

Graduation concerts were held in December to farewell the students in style and awards were presented at each of the concerts with results as follows:

Balingup

Dux—Benjamin Wedderburn; Science Dual Winner—Oran Kennedy; Science Dual Winner—Emerald Kyaw; Men in Education—Ryley Fisher; Women in Education—Yali Harris; Citizenship—Benjamin Wedderburn; Virtue—Oran Kennedy; Enterprise—Katie Guest; Technology—Yali Harris; Art Dual Winner—Stephanie Aldridge; Art Dual Winner—Arki Schipp; Sports person—Stephanie Aldridge.

Greenbushes

Senior Apex Scholarship Award—Taylah Wells; Senior Science Award—Cameron Rodgers; LOTE Award—Cameron Rodgers; Senior Academic Award—Jazlyn Lansdell; School Sportsmanship Award—Chris Bennett; Room 4 English- Edyn Hardy; Room 4 Mathematics-Declan Wells; Room 1 Mathematics-Ethan Davies; Room 3 Citizenship-Brooke Potter; Room 1 English – Rachael Potter; Room 3 Teacher's Award-Mason Russell; Room 1 Teacher's Award-Jess Bunter; Room 4 Teacher's Award- Grace Taylor; Room 1 Science Award-Paige Ridley; Senior St John's Ambulance Service to Humanity Award – Katie Taylor, Intermediate St John's Ambulance Award – Gypsy Barton, Junior St John's Award – Shenae Woodall. The Roadwise Bicycle from Lifesports, donated by Talison Lithium, was won by Edyn Hardy.

Farewell



*Stephanie
Aldridge*



*Yali
Harris*



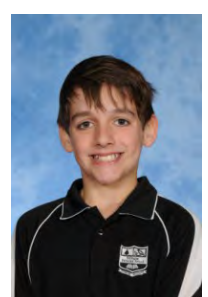
*Katie
Guest*



*Arki
Schipp*



*Benjamin
Wedderburn*



*Ryley
Fisher*

ANZAC EVENT AT BALINGUP



The Balingup Lions Club hosted a community event to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the ANZAC campaign at Gallipoli on Saturday, 5 December.

The event was held in the Avenue of Honour and focused on the successful withdrawal of ANZAC troops at Gallipoli and the 136,000 horses who served in war and did not return.

Greenbushes Australia Day Breakfast

Tuesday, 26th January 2016

at
Thomson Park

Blackwood Road (opposite the Primary School)

Breakfast fare provided

7:30 am – 9:00 am

**Come along and
enjoy breakfast
with your
neighbours.**



You can continue the celebrations at the
Bridgetown Active Citizenship Awards
Ceremony commencing 8:45am at the
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**Invites you to go to the next
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on Wednesday 20th January
10am—11am**



**If you'd like to read
this new book
pop in and talk to
Jamie at the CRC.**

**New members
welcome**

**DUNE
By Frank Herbert**

GREENBUSHES RATEPAYERS' EVENT RECOGNISES VOLUNTEERS



Award recipients pictured above: Jeanette McGinty (pictured left accepting the award on behalf of her daughter Sharen Pettersen) and Kim Hockings from the Shamrock Hotel, Phyllis Jones and Edna Fryer from the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre Craft Club, Molly Hardy, Heather Cusack and Marion Arrowsmith



More than 100 people were at the 2015 end of year barbecue hosted by the Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association at the Thomson Park Playground. Photos by Pat Scallan and Leonie Eastcott.

The Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association's end of year barbecue and welcome to new residents provided an ideal opportunity to publicly recognise people who contributed their time and talents to the community in the past 12 months.

Those honoured for 2016 were Sharen Pettersen from the Greenbushes Roadhouse (award accepted by her mother Jeannette McGinty), Kim Hockings from the Shamrock Hotel, Greenbushes Craft Club, Molly Hardy, Felicity Littleton, Heather Cusack, Marion Arrowsmith and Margaret Candido.

More than 100 people attended the barbecue which was held at the Thomson Park playground area.

END OF YEAR CONCERT FOR GREENBUSHES SCHOOL



Greenbushes Primary School Concert was a colourful affair. Pictured below left and right are students performing, above left is Chris Bennett receiving his award for Sportsmanship from South West MLC Colin Holt. Pictured above is Gypsy Barton receiving her Humanitarian Award from St Johns Ambulance representative Geoff Fullston. Pictured top right are school leaders Jazlyn Lansdell and Cameron Rodgers who were the MCs for the end of year concert.



WATER STATION PURCHASE WITH TIDY TOWNS GRANT.



Greenbushes Tidy Towns Committee members (left to right) Amanda Smith, Steve Green, Elizabeth Cooper, Terry Cooper, Leanne Green, Leonie Eastcott and Pat Scallan hope the new Water Station will result in less bottled water containers in bins at community events.

The Greenbushes Tidy Towns group is hoping to reduce the amount of bottled water used at festivals and sporting events with the purchase of a portable Water Station that supplies filtered water on tap.

The new equipment was purchased with a grant of \$3681 from the Keep Australia Beautiful Council's Community Litter Grants.

Greenbushes Tidy Towns Coordinator Leonie Eastcott said the group was keen to provide an alternative source of water for people at festivals and sporting events such as the Greenbushes Fun Run to reduce waste.

"Beverage containers form a large portion of the waste we find in our roadside litter drives and there is also a huge amount of empty plastic water bottles after events such as the Greenbushes Fun Run so we wanted to tackle this issue," said Ms Eastcott.

"People will now have the option of bringing their own water bottles to refill with filtered tap water from the Water Station at events in Greenbushes," she said.

Ms Eastcott said the Water Station contained a meter which would enable the group to calculate how many litres of bottled water had been saved by using the equipment.

The group would also conduct a bin audit at events to monitor any reduction in plastic drink container waste.

"The equipment contains a message about using less bottled water so we are hoping to educate people and reduce the reliance on this source of water which generates a huge amount of plastic in the environment," she said.

"We are really grateful for the support from the Keep Australia Beautiful Council to purchase this equipment for our town and we think it will help reduce plastic waste," she said.

The group is also considering hiring the equipment for local events. For more information contact Leonie on 97825741.

A friend is what the heart needs all the time -
Henry Van Dyke

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GREENBUSHES SNOW FOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE



Santa, snow and ice-creams were a winning combination at the annual free Greenbushes Community Christmas Tree in December.

The event, which was open to all local families, was held at the Greenbushes Primary School.

Talison assisted with the creation of a snow field which provided some "cool" fun for the youngsters at the event. Mr Soft and Scoop (aka Tony and Pam Pratico) provided the ice-cream treats.

No party would be complete without Santa and his attentive elves. Each year the guest of honour arrives in style and in 2015 it was a miniature pony who escorted Santa to the party. Thank you to the wonderful team of people who organised the event. *Photos by Andy Hardy.*



CLUB B

The Silver Chain's Club B programmes for 2016 will recommence on Friday January 15.

The first speaker for the year will be Sally Paulin who will present a slide show on her experiences of raising homeless children in India.

On Friday January 22 Judy Matts will give a presentation on what has been on her 'Bucket List' or "to do" list for many years.

On Friday January 29 Peter Seaward will talk about the history of the Ashbil Community Garden.

First up in February will be Gabriel Evans who will talk about his journey as a book illustrator and local musician Tracey Barnett will talk about her experience in the music industry.

For more information about the Club B programme or to find out how to join in contact Danni Roberts 0447713368.

THE SHIRE OF BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES
Presents
THE SUMMER OUTDOOR MOVIE FESTIVAL

A FAMILY COMEDY ADVENTURE
PADDINGTON
(G) General viewing

**Thompson Park,
Greenbushes
January 8th**

Admission Fee: Adults - \$5, Under 16s - \$2
Family Pass (Two adults & two children) - \$10

Arrive at 7.30pm for a 8pm start
BYO Picnic, drinks, & blankets
Children must be supervised by an adult

Movies may be cancelled if inclement weather is forecast
**For more information contact the Shire's Community
Services Department on 9761-1555**

STINTON GARDENS ACTIVITY CLUB CHRISTMAS WINDUP



The Stinton Gardens Friday Activity Club held a Christmas windup in December with plenty of fun and frivolity.

There were awards for the most bling hat—won by Heather Cusack and Marlene Da Ronch and the proceeds of the group's small cash win in the recent "Blooming Flowers" colouring competition was put towards a lotto ticket.

Choir singers Trevor and Patrick from Bunbury led the carol singing at the Christmas windup.

This year the Greenbushes Aged Community Committee and residents enjoyed a Christmas Lunch celebration at the Shamrock Hotel.

Photos from the Activity Club windup by Leanne Green.



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BREAKFAST AT GREENBUSHES

The Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association is hosting a free Australia Day breakfast for residents on January 26.

Residents have, in the past, had to travel to Bridgetown for an Australia Day Breakfast but it is hoped the community will support this new initiative.

The breakfast will take place at Thomson Park opposite the Greenbushes Primary School.

Breakfast fare will be provided from 7:30am to 9:00 am. People may choose to come early and then go on to the Australia Day Breakfast and Awards presentation at Bridgetown Showgrounds hosted by the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes. The awards to Citizen of the Year, Junior Citizen of the Year and Community Group of the Year will be presented at the Bridgetown Showgrounds at 8:45am as per previous years. There will not be bus transport from Greenbushes to Bridgetown for the event.

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Tea/coffee	\$2.00/head	\$3.00/head
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Call 9764 3575/email: admin@greenbushescrc.net.au

CRC Coordinator's Column

January 2016

HEALTH AND WELLNESS ROOM

Work has commenced on converting our old kitchen facilities into a new Health and Wellness room. An examination table and security screening have been purchased with a community grant, from the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes, as a first step in the transformation. The CRC has provided necessary office furniture and computer facilities to complete the transformation.

OPTOMETRIST



Graham Shipway will be the first service provider to utilize the Health and Wellness room. Graham plans to visit Greenbushes on Monday, 1st February between 9.30am and 1.00pm. If you have concerns regarding your eye sight or need a checkup please contact the CRC on 9764 3575 to make a booking. Medicare card and private health fund card necessary at the time of consultation.

Graham will also collect old spectacles. If you have any old or unwanted spectacles please drop them in to the CRC. These will be used for people in underdeveloped countries.

HEALTH WARNING

There Is A 1 in 7 Chance You Will Develop This Blinding Disease. Will It Be You?

If you are over 50, statistics show there is a 1 in 7 chance of you developing macular degeneration – Australia's leading cause of blindness. This condition can be devastating and can cause you to lose your driver's licence and your overall independence. An eye test can reveal this and other health problems like high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes. Don't become the next tragic statistic. Book a checkup.

REFLEXOLOGY – AT THE CRC

Reflexology is an ancient Chinese practice and has been around for over 3000 years. Reflexology stimulates the body into healing itself by improving circulation, reducing stress, pain and restoring natural balance. Reflexology aims to dissolve any blockages causing ill-health by encouraging the free flow of vital energy through the body.

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Fatigue	Migraine/headaches
Stress	Sluggish circulation
High/Low blood pressure	Back pain

I have been practicing this amazing therapy for 16 years and this is my passion. I have been so fortunate to see the benefits of receiving Reflexology personally plus I have seen some wonderful transformations with my clients.

If you are in search of some balance and good health; or perhaps just in need of some peace and harmony I am visiting Greenbushes on Thursdays. \$45 for a one hour session which includes foot soak and pamper. Please contact the CRC on 9764 3575 to book an appointment.

ANITA MAYER—RELEXOLOGIST



South West MLC, The Hon. Colin Holt visited our centre on Thursday, 10th December and whilst here drew the raffle prize for our Emergency Back Pack. Residents attending the centre for Bushfire information sessions and those who received green bags all had their names placed in the draw. Winner of the back pack was Molly Baxter of Greenbushes. Congratulations Molly.



Fundraising is ongoing until 20th January for Guide Dogs WA, however, thanks to the generosity of our local residents the Greenbushes CRC has reached their goal of \$350 towards this very worthy cause. Donations can still be made at the CRC or online.

Guide Dogs WA is Western Australia's primary provider of Guild Dog mobility services to people who are blind or vision impaired. Guide Dogs WA is part of VisAbility, formerly the Association for the Blind of WA.



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BUSHFIRE RESILIENCE & AFTERMATH

Greenbushes businesses and residents have received information bags over the past few months as part of our bush fire awareness, prevention and aftermath campaign. The bags contain DFES information booklets, a comprehensive list of local contact numbers for during and after an emergency, advice for small business, a magnet with emergency numbers and our Emergency Community Information Point Phone Tree which includes pre-season preparation and activation process of our Phone Tree, as well as additional emergency information. Please call into the CRC if you require additional information or have not yet received a green bag. **A BIG THANKYOU to SGIO** for providing the funding for our Bushfire Resilience and Aftermath programme.



Jenna Isaac-James, winner of the Bridgetown Swimming Pool fundraiser raffle called into the CRC during December to show off her new car and thank Heather Willis, our previous Trainee, for selling her the winning ticket. Jenna said she had a feeling she would win the car!
Congratulations Jenna, drive safely!



Coming Up @ the CRC

- ◆ Bookclub meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month
- ◆ Craft group meets each Tuesday at 10am
- ◆ Wednesdays of each week 10am—2pm by appointment—pop in and learn how to use the computer, iPad, ask us a techie question, Broadband for Seniors training available. Learn how to email, google, setup documents and spread sheets
- ◆ Interested in learning Mahjong? Call us to register your interest in a beginners session in 2016
- ◆ Commencing 20th January for 5 weeks—introduction to iPad training course. Bookings essential
- ◆ Don't miss out on our School Holiday Programme in January.

Angie Cornish—Coordinator and Jamie Kennedy—Trainee

SCHOOL HOLIDAY



The Pemberton Mountain Bike excursion on Monday 25th January is just one of the School Holiday activities we have planned at the CRC in Greenbushes. Contact the CRC to book a space for your child on the Pemberton excursion or to find out more about the School Holiday Programme.

IPAD classes are happening at the CRC commencing January 20th on Wednesdays. Call or drop in to the CRC to find out more.



Photographic competition

Our photograph competition held earlier in October was on display at the CRC during December and visitors were asked to vote on which picture they liked the most. Visit our website to see which picture was voted the favourite by our visitors @ www.greenbushes.crc.net.au

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Is it password protected?

When you **login** to your WiFi you should see a small lock—



If you don't please contact the CRC for help and advice on how to protect your internet connection from hackers.



Greenbushes CRC has a new Facebook page don't forget to **LIKE** us

CRC Coordinator's Column

CHANGE IN OPENING HOURS

Commencing January 6th the CRC will remain open on a Wednesday until 5pm. The extended hour is to encourage school children to use our facilities after school hours. Computers are available for homework and research with supervision provided by our staff. No booking necessary, however, commencing June students can join our kids club for \$7.50 to continue using the facilities, as a member, after school. We also have table tennis available, bookings necessary due to room availability.

RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO USE NEW OUTDOOR AREA FOR LUNCH



Installation of a new shade sail in the courtyard of the CRC in early January means our new training room is protected from the elements and the jarrah seating may be enjoyed by our residents and visitors all year round.

This area is a great place to enjoy a lunch break or sit and read a book borrowed from our library. Drop in and say hello to Angie and Jamie and enjoy a cuppa or take your lunch so you can watch the world go by.



**Contact Angie @ the CRC on 9761 3575
or email admin@greenbushescrc.net.au to
book**

**When: Sunday 7th February
Where: Thomson Park, Greenbushes**
Join us for a game of croquet.
All ages welcome, bring the kids to play at the park.

Don't know how to play; we have an experienced croquet teacher joining us

8am– 10am



Parenting WA – Protective Behaviours Parent Workshop

Keen to help you child understand and develop personal safety skills?

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Presented by Natalie Robertson from Parenting WA South West.



Greenbushes CRC—Friday 18 March 2016
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CRC Coordinator's Column

BATS

The Blackwood Area Transport Service (BATS) is a new community resource that has been founded by HACC, Meals on Wheels and Strive to provide Transport needs for those people who are HACC eligible.

BATS is committed to support people to maintain their independence. Transport assistance is available for:

- Medical Appointments
- Allied Health appointments
- Shopping
- Banking
- Social Events
- Maintaining Family Connections

If you would like more information brochures are available at the CRC or contact the BATS Coordinator on 9761 1855

Charges apply and a HACC assessment is necessary.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The January school holiday program has been finalised and bookings are being taken.

Parents are welcome to join in the activities or come along and help younger siblings if you feel the program is not suitable for your child without additional help.

If you would like a program or to make a booking please call us on 9764 3575 or email admin@greenbushescrc.net.au

The Greenbushes CRC

has a new website.

Check it out and let us know what you think!

Any suggestions welcome



Greenbushes CRC has a new Facebook page - don't forget to LIKE us

Friendship improves happiness and abates misery, by the doubling of our joy and the dividing of grief.

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FREE YOGA CLASS AT GREENBUSHES IN FEBRUARY

.... If the recent North Greenbushes fire exposed you to a traumatic event it may have triggered a series of responses. These responses differ between individuals and not every person fits a standard mould.

These reactions are a normal and experienced by normal people in response to traumatic experiences. They are not a sign of weakness, lack of moral fibre, or mental illness.

On 14th March Southwest Women's Health will be running a stress management and awareness workshop at the CRC followed by morning tea and a yoga relaxation session. If you would like to join us for the morning please contact the CRC on 9764 3575.

We welcome a new trainee starting at the CRC in January. Jamie Kennedy from Greenbushes has been selected as the successful applicant. We wish our previous trainee Heather Lee Willis all the best in her future endeavours.

*Angie Cornish—Coordinator and
Jamie Kennedy—Trainee*

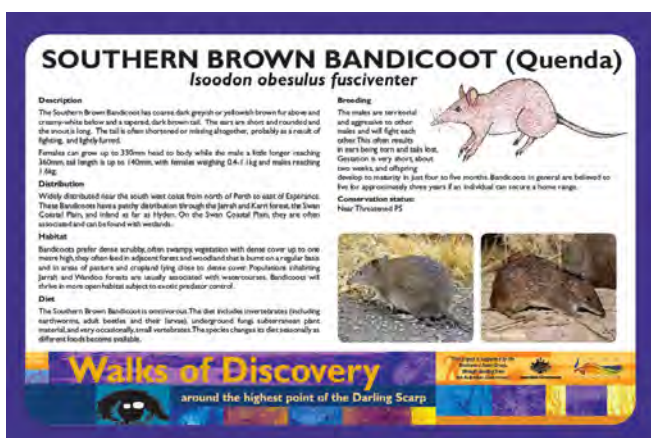


Blackwood Basin Group Update

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

2016

The Priority Bittern and Waterbird Biodiversity Enhancement Project has rolled ahead in leaps and bounds in the last two years and 2016 is sure to be no exception. We are jumping out of the starting gates with two new members joining the BBG team on the waterbird project, while the 'will be missed by all' Joby takes on his final month as project officer in preparation to take on his next venture in WA's Kimberly region. Please make Yornup and project local Margaret Jakobson and Wilga botanist Kristen (Kris) Mappin feel welcome as you see their faces out and about as they join the BBG team to make 2016 another successful and eventful year.



Interactive signs a taster of what is to come

Forty new interpretive signs of various sizes and topics have started to pop up at the Schwenke's site, in preparation for a new walk trail to be formed around the Schwenke's water body, linking with Greenbushes. The first new interpretive sign was unveiled by the Hon. Robyn McSweeney MLC at November's Waterbird Project Open Day. These signs will give visitors better knowledge and understanding of the site and its features. Signs include information on; waterbirds, birdwatching, bitterns, possums, native flora just to name a few, as well as a line of cultural panels

including uses of local fauna and flora for traditional customs. QR codes are the special feature of these signs, creating a direct link to social information forums with one scan from your smart phone! Download QR Code Reader on your device today and go for a scan of the signs and get linked to flora surveys, bird calls, welcome to country videos and much more.

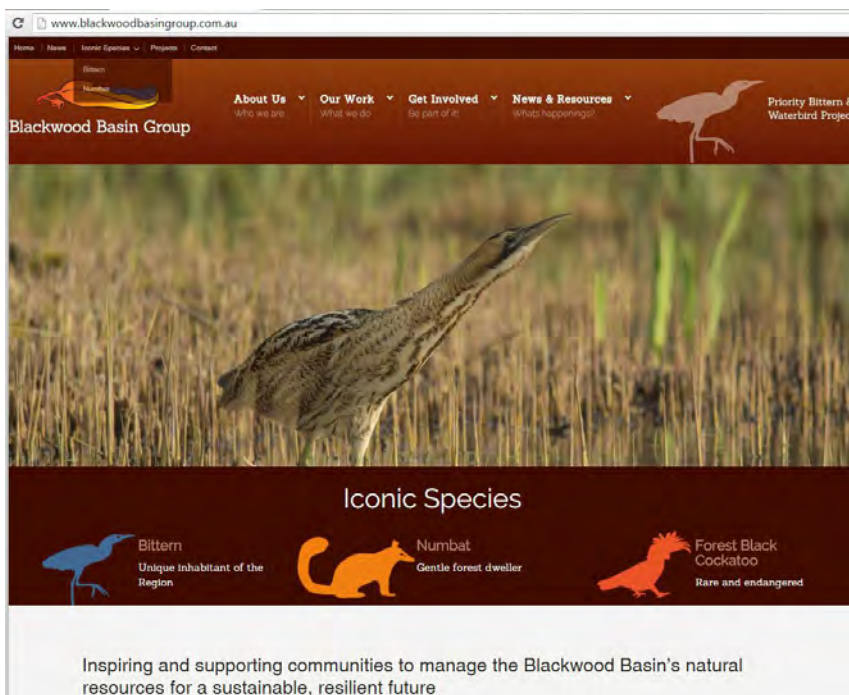


Photo captions: Above left –One of the signs on the new walk trail to Schwenke's Dam, Above—Scanning a QR Code and Below left a screen shot of the front page of the new Blackwood Basin Group website.

New Website

Be sure to check out the new and improved Blackwood Basin Group website where you can find everything you need to know about the Greenbushes Waterbird project as well as the other projects and themes that the BBG work on each year. You can also view our selection of short video clips on; welcome to country, re-vegetation, machine planting, macroinvertebrate group plus more thanks to GeoMedia from Bunbury.

Blackwood Basin Group Update



Wetland Conference

The BBG team will be making an appearance as guest speakers and running a Macro-invertebrate workshop at this year's World Wetlands Day Conference at Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre on Tuesday the 2nd of February. This year's theme follows the Ramsar theme for 2016 of "Wetlands for our Future: Sustainable Livelihoods". This theme was selected to demonstrate the vital role of wetlands for the future of humanity and specifically their relevance towards achieving the new Sustainable Development Goals. Sub-themes include wetland management and restoration, wetland education and wetland policy.

If you think you may be interested in registering please refer to below information;

Registration details Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, fees are kept to a minimum to enable all sectors of the community to attend. The 2016 registrations fees are corporate \$70, general \$60 and concessional \$20 (includes conference registration, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, post conference nibbles and conference proceedings). Registrations close on Monday 18 January 2016. Please visit <http://cockburnwetlands.org.au/world-wetlands-day/>



Macro-invertebrate group measuring a centipede.

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, jump on our website at www.blackwoodbasingroup.com.au or contact the BBG office on 9765 1555 or email Joby@blackwoodbasingroup.com.au to register your interest in our email updates network. For any further information or to be involved in the project, please contact Joby Rand on 9765 1555 or email Joby@blackwoodbasingroup.com.au.



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FUNDING APPROVED FOR GREENBUSHES WEEDS PROJECT

A project to remove weeds from the Mining Heritage Walk at Greenbushes will get underway in 2016 following a successful grant application under the State Natural Resource Management Community Action Grants Programme.

Warren Blackwood MLA Terry Redman announced that the Greenbushes project was among 140 to receive part of the \$3.99m to be distributed through the grant allocation from Royalties for Regions.

The Greenbushes Discovery Centre will partner with the Blackwood Basin Group in undertaking the project which will include weed mapping, removal of tagasaste, periwinkle, watsonia and blackberries along the walk trail and public information sessions about weed species.

Input has also been sought from the Department of Parks and Wildlife as the area to be tackled is in State Forest.

Greenbushes Discovery Centre Chairman Pat Scallan said the grant would help the volunteer based group to protect the State's natural resources.

"Our group manages many kilometres of walk trails through the forest around Greenbushes and we are pleased to have the funds to remove weeds and protect biodiversity through the Community Action Grants programme," he said.





SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6

The WA Opera Company will perform Gianni Schicchi by Puccini at Langley Park in Perth on Saturday February 6 but regional people don't have to miss out on the fun as the event will be simulcast via the CRC Network.

The performance includes the very popular aria "O mio babbino caro" and the comedy takes place over one day when a family's greedy inheritance plans are disrupted.

The Greenbushes Community Resource Centre will broadcast this event if there are six or more people interested in going along to watch at the CRC in Greenbushes. To express your interest or book a spot at the free event contact the CRC on 97643575.

Bring a friend or two and some nibbles for a great evening out.



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 coordinator@greenbushescrc.net.au or phone 9764 3575

**Wednesday, 9th & 16th March
from 6pm—9pm**

Or

**Saturday, 5th March
from 9am—5pm**

**Cost \$30 per person
one person per business**

Non-business \$99 per person



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Pat's Patch... Cr Pat Scallan

This year the Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association is hosting an Australia Day breakfast at Thomson Park between 7:30am and 9:00am on January 26. It is the first year we have held a local event so go along and join in the community breakfast and music.

Don't forget the Shire's Community Grants and Service Agreements programme is now open for applications. Applications need to be in by February 26. Collect your forms from the Shire office or download them from the Shire's website www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au.

The Bridgetown Swimming Pool re-development is on schedule for completion in mid February. Donations are still welcome and can be deposited directly at the Westpac Bank.

Wandoo Valley Walk Trail in Bridgetown is now signposted. It is a lovely walk especially in the cooler part of the day or during Spring for the wildflowers.

Greenbushes Loop between Mt Johns and the Water Supply Road is currently closed due to the recent fire. Signs have been posted advising people of the closure on this section of the track. Keep an eye out for when it re-opens.



**The President & Councillors invite members of
the Bridgetown-Greenbushes community
to join them in the annual**

"Aussie Breakfast"

Join your Shire Councillors for breakfast on Australia Day at the Bridgetown Showgrounds. A complimentary breakfast will be available from 7.30am to 8.45am, following this the President will present the Australia Day Awards and conduct an Australian Citizenship Ceremony.



For Greenbushes residents who cannot attend the Bridgetown breakfast, an Australia Day breakfast will be held in Thomson Park commencing at 7.30am.



Australia Day is a day for reflecting on what it means to be an Australian citizen and on the many benefits we enjoy living in this wonderful country



RALLY IN THE VALLEY AGAIN IN 2016



The Blackwood River Valley Marketing Association will conduct another Rally in the Valley event in 2016 following the success of the inaugural event in last year.

The event is aimed at encouraging people to drive through Balingup, Nannup, Greenbushes, Boyup Brook and Bridgetown on a quest to find answers to various questions in each town. Local businesses and tourism operators have been invited to participate in the event by submitting forms and questions to the Blackwood River Valley Marketing Association. Greenbushes Discovery Centre and Tasty Edibles will be participating in the 2016 event.

The Rally in the Valley begins on April 1 and continues until April 30 which gives people a month to visit the various towns and collect information which is then submitted to the Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Balingup and Boyup Brook Visitor Centres or the Tastes of Nannup shop. People have to submit answers to three questions in each town to be eligible for a prize. The entrant with the most points will get a \$500 cash prize. Go to www.blackwoodrivervalley.org.au for more information.

Participating businesses must send their forms in to the organisers by early February.

FUN RUN—SAVE THE DATE

Dust off those running shoes and get into training for the 2016 Greenbushes Fun Run.

The local charity run will take place on **Sunday May 15** at the Greenbushes Sports Complex.

There are categories for juniors, seniors and veterans over a 5 km walk/run or a 10 km run through the forest around Greenbushes.

All funds raised will go to charity. In past years the event has raised funds for Breast Cancer Network Australia. Thank you to the South West Development Commission for providing a grant for the event.

For queries about the event email pinkfunrun@talisonlithium.com.



MINE NEWS

A fantastic milestone was achieved on 14 December 2015 with the site achieving 365 days Medically Treated Injury Free. This is the first time this has been achieved on site. I would like to congratulate all site personnel for their commitment to safety on site.

A new financial year has commenced and the new production schedule and budget has been approved by the Talison Lithium Board to meet this year's shipping requirements.

Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans

A Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban is a ban that individual local governments are responsible for issuing under the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954* Section 38A, and/or Section 24C.

Local government will impose the ban when their Bushfire Control Officer is of the opinion that the use of engines, vehicles, plant or machinery during the prohibited burning times or the restricted burning times or both is likely to cause a fire or contribute to the spread of a bushfire.

To find out if a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban has been imposed you need to contact your local government office.

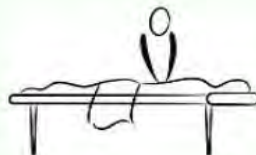


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Phone: 9764 3578 for further enquires regarding room usage



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GREEN TIME NOT SCREEN TIME

Encouraging children to take time out away from “the Screen” is the aim of a new “Green Time vs Screen Time” tool available from the Nature Play website.

Getting the balance right between screens and time outdoors is the aim of the tool which enables children to record the amount of time they spend in front of screens and the amount they spend outdoors.

Shire of Donnybrook Balingup Community Development Officer Deb Vanallen said there was a growing body of research showing that by brining unstructured outdoor play (nature play) back into our children’s lives can help with cognitive, emotional and physical development while building resilience and imagination.

She said children younger than 2 years of age should not spend any time watching television or using electronic media. Children 2-5 should spend less than 1 hour a day with screens while children aged 5-12 years should not spend more than two hours a day using electronic media for entertainment.

Ideas for outdoor fun these holidays include the new “nature play sandpit and swing at the Greenbushes Community Garden, the Thomson Park playground,

the giant playground at Donnybrook, the Donnybrook Recreation Centre’s pool, the Greenbushes Pool Boardwalk or one of the excellent walk trails in Bridgetown or Greenbushes.

For more “nature play” ideas visit www.natureplaywa.org.au.



Stacey Jones is getting time away from screens while swimming in the pool.

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GREENBUSHES COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Jill and Ken Christian at the CRC Christmas get-together.



Ben Patterson, , Keely Patterson, Rob and Gill Hesketh enjoying the CRC Christmas lunch and below, Molly Hardy, Edna Fryer, Ray Smith , Coordinator Angela Cornish, Judy Perks and Sue MacArthur



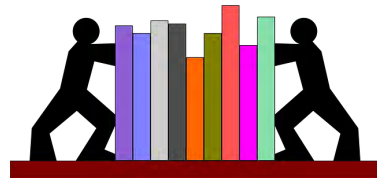
Community members were invited to go along to a Christmas get-together at the CRC in December.

People from the CRC Craft and Book club, volunteers, community members and participants in activities throughout the year, along with community members were invited to attend to celebrate a successful year at the centre.

Pictures from the event on this page.

“We were the people who were not in the papers.
We lived in the blank white spaces at the edges
of print. We lived in the gaps between the stories.

The Handmaid's Tale
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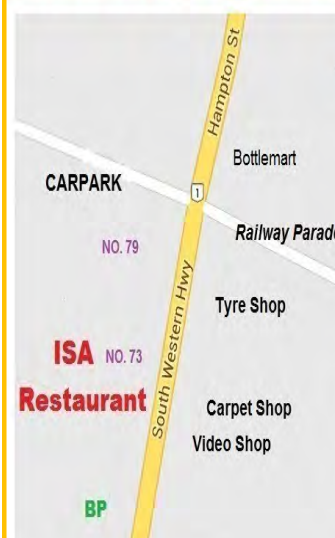
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BUS SERVICE TO BOYUP BROOK SWIMMING POOL

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

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

The bus service is provided free of charge but all other costs associated with swimming pool entry are the responsibility of patrons. Greenbushes Bus departs Roadhouse. Timetable at CRC Noticeboard and Post Office.

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



Introduction to iPad

The Greenbushes CRC will be running a 5 week iPad training course for beginners

Each Wednesday on 20th, 27th January & 3rd, 10th, 17th, February
Between 2:30pm & 4pm

Please contact the CRC on
admin@greenbushescrc.net.au
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM JANUARY 2016

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

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Free Employment Workshops

1 1/2 hour free workshop
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11th February	Week One	What is work in 2016?
18th February	Week Two	Employer Expectations
25th February	Week Three	Employability Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer expectations • Interview skills
3rd March	Week Four	Interview Techniques <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to prepare • Do's & Don'ts
10th March	Week Five	Resume Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What an employer wants • Current trends • Create a new resume

Location:

Greenbushes CRC,
46 Blackwood Road, Greenbushes WA 6254

Contact:

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CONTACT THE CRC FOR THE 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS OR CHECK THE NOTICEBOARDS.

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Community Notices

GREENBUSHES TO BRIDGETOWN SHOPPING RUN

The Community Bus "Rosie" shopping run service operates on alternate Tuesdays from Greenbushes to Bridgetown and return. This service is available at the cost of \$8:00 return to anyone living in Greenbushes.

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

For more information call
97611555.



JANUARY 5 and 19

We need your Help!

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

Would you be interested in:

**Men in Sheds
Youth Activity Centre
Other _____**

**What type of events would you
attend?**

**Westlink Broadcasts
Workshops
Other _____**

Please call 9764 3575 or email
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Church Times

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Greenbushes St Barnabas

Sunday Morning Prayer at 11:00am

Contact: Parish Office 97611031

Contact: Rectory 97611066.

Balingup

Eucharist every Sunday at 9am

UNITING CHURCH

Greenbushes

2nd Sunday each month 2:30pm

CATHOLIC CHURCH

New times from February 2014

Balingup

1st Weekend Sunday 8:30am

2nd Weekend Sunday 10:30am

Greenbushes

3rd Weekend Sunday 8:30am

4th Weekend Sunday 10:30am

5th Weekend Sunday 8:30am

(5th & 3rd Sun - Liturgy of the Word/Holy
Communion)



A Singing Group is starting in Greenbushes

If you're interested and you enjoy singing please contact the CRC and email
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CHRISTMAS FAIR

AT GREENBUSHES in NOVEMBER.

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

January Diary Dates

8	Movie at Thomson Park GB
20	Ipad Course commences at CRC
25	School Holiday Pgm Pemberton Ride
26	Australia Day BBQ Btown Showgrounds
26	Australia Day Breakfast Greenbushes
27	School Holiday Pgm Make a Bean Bag
28	School Holiday Pgm Hangout-Minecraft
29	School Holiday Pgm Paint Playground at Community Garden

February

6	Opera in the Park Simulcast at CRC
7	Croquet in the Park
11	Free Employment Workshops CRC

COMMUNITY GRANTS OPEN

Application packs for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes Community Grants and Service Agreements for 2016-17 financial year are now available at the Shire offices and on the Shire's website www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au.

Applications close on 26 February 2016 and the grant funds will not be available for successful applicants until later in the year.

Applicants must have submitted grant acquittals for any outstanding grant monies to be considered for the current round of funding.



DOG MATTERS

Did you know that if a dog has reached 3 months of age it must be micro-chipped under the Dog ACT 1976?

To register or re-register your dog you must provide proof that the animal has been micro-chipped. Fines of up to \$5,000 can be imposed under the Act.

WINTER FESTIVAL PLANNING UNDER WAY IN BRIDGETOWN AND GREENBUSHES

Planning for the 2016 Bridgetown in the Winter Festival has begun and organisers are busy compiling the programme of events.



Community groups and individuals have been asked to get their details in now if they are planning an event or activity as part of the annual festival from late June to the end of August.

Submissions must be in by February 15 so that the details can be released publicly prior to the Easter School Holidays. Last year 9,000 copies of the Bridgetown in the Winter Festival were distributed.

The event is on Facebook, Instagram and on the web at www.bridgetowninthewinter.com.au. For more information contact Lela Brown on 0467292878.



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