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Greenbushes-Balingup Newsletter

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WATERBIRD PROJECT TO FEATURE ON LANDLINE



The Blackwood Basin Group's Priority Bittern and Waterbird Biodiversity Project at Schwenke's Dam in Greenbushes will feature in an episode of the ABC program Landline.

The Landline team visited Greenbushes on March 7th and 8th to film various aspects of the project including work by the Green Army participants (pictured above with BBG Project Officer Margaret Jakobson) and local volunteers. See inside this edition for more news from the BBG.

NATIONAL JUDGE IN GREENBUSHES IN MARCH



The National Tidy Towns Judge Jill Grant will visit Greenbushes on March 20th and 21st to assess the town's entry in the National Tidy Towns Awards. She will be accompanied by Keep Australia Beautiful WA Tidy Towns Coordinator Shirley Brindley from Perth.

The Greenbushes Tidy Towns team will travel to Triabunna in Tasmania in May for the National Awards.

TRAINEE SURVEYORS JOIN THE MINING TEAM AT TALISON



Talison has some new faces in the mining team following the recruitment of trainee surveyors Georgia Tassone and Cody Garstone.

17 year old Georgia grew up on an orchard in Kirup and has completed Year 12 at Manea College in Bunbury. She will study for her 4 year Diploma in Surveying while at Talison.

20 year old Cody is from a dairy farm at Margaret River and has already completed a Cert III in Surveying at Central Tafe in Perth and a Cert IV at South West Regional Tafe. He will complete his Diploma in Surveying in 3 years while at Talison.

The new recruits are pictured at their sign up with Talison Training Officer Tim Hingston, Adrian Bestwick from Busy at Work and Senior Mine Surveyor Dave Malatzky.

EVERY BENCH TELLS A STORY AT GREENBUSHES

HARLEE



EDNA



SHANNON



VICKY



SIMMONE



DIDITH



IMOGEN & LARA ROSE



LORRAINE AND LOUISE



SHARON AND KATHY

Thankyou to Shannon and her band of helpers including the CWA Belles and other women in Greenbushes. Thanks also to Caroline for painting the words.

TIDY TOWNS NEWS

The Greenbushes Tidy Towns Committee is gearing up for a visit by the Keep Australia Beautiful National Tidy Towns Judge on March 20th and 21st.

The National Judge, Jill Grant, and Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns WA Coordinator Shirley Brindley will tour Greenbushes projects including Schwenke's Dam, the Greenbushes Pool, the Greenbushes Cemetery and the school.

The itinerary will include a presentation at the Community Resource Centre to showcase all the projects carried out in the past 2 years.

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.



**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
LITTER PICKUP
MEET AT THE GREENBUSHES ROAD-
HOUSE AT 3:55 PM. MARCH 13th**

**BALINGUP
NIGHT MARKETS**
Friday's 5-8pm

Stalls * Live Music * Food & Drinks

Find us on

WHERE: Grassed area opposite Visitor Centre on Hwy
WHEN: Every Friday 5pm to 8pm, February to April 2017
STALLS: balingupnightmarkets@gmail.com



**HOW YOU LOOK AFTER AN
8 MINUTE SHOWER**



**HOW YOU LOOK AFTER A
4 MINUTE SHOWER**

4 minutes is a Waterwise shower time.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AT GREENBUSHES



St Patrick's Catholic Church in Greenbushes was the venue for the local World Day of Prayer Service on Friday March 3rd.

In 2017 the host country was the Philippines and the theme to contemplate on the day of prayer and throughout the year is "Am I Being Unfair to You?"

Christians of many traditions come together in an ecumenical service each year on World Prayer Day. Locally the service is shared between the different Christian churches each year.

Local Filipino women Joanne Walker, Mercedes Bartlett and Didith Atkin (pictured left) wore traditional clothing for the World Day of Prayer at Greenbushes.

Greenbushes School Holiday Program for APRIL

Workshops



GREENBUSHES BANDAGING WORKSHOP

FRIDAY 21st APRIL 9.30 -11.00AM
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

How to manage a bleed
Arm slings, Snake bites, Fractures/breaks
Practice your skills with a certified trainer.
All ages 5+ Welcome, children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.
Gold coin donation per person at the door



Available daily

Board Games
Jigsaw Puzzles
Coloring In
Computer Access



10 am -12 pm daily



Table Tennis

(2 tables available)
\$5 each

Movie Morning

Mondays - 13th & 20th April
10:30am - 12:30pm



Gold coin donation
Includes Popcorn !



For more information or bookings please
contact the Greenbushes Community
Resource Centre on 9764 3575 Or email:
trainee@greenbushescrc.net.au

GREENBUSHES CWA HOSTS STATE PRESIDENT



The Greenbushes branch of the CWA hosted a visit by the organisation's State President Heather Allen in February.

Members from Bridgetown joined with Greenbushes for the visit and are pictured (left to right) Dorothy Grigson, Rosemarie Butler, Heather Allen (President), Karla Paget, Heather Cusack, Bernie Stringer, Peg Campbell, Molly Baxter, Karen Browne and Didith Atkin.

LITTER PICKUP

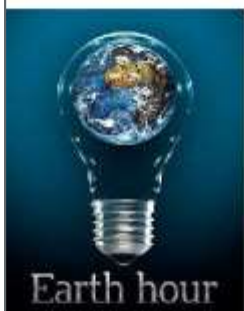
The Greenbushes Tidy Towns group is carrying out a Litter Pickup for **CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

MONDAY
MARCH 13th
4PM

If you would like to help please meet at the Greenbushes Roadhouse at 3:55pm.

Earth Hour Sundowner

March 25th 5.30pm onwards



Come and celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Earth Hour. Bring a plate of nibbles to share. Some drinks provided.

Earth hour is a great home-grown Aussie campaign designed to draw attention to tackling global warming and to get individuals talking about what we can do to help. In Australia, Earth Hour is something that really brings communities together and what better place to do this locally than our community garden?

For more information contact our co-ordinator Tracy Lansdell on 0400 976 434



ENJOYING LIFE TO THE FULL – WORKSHOP

PAPERWORK PEACE OF MIND AFTER RETIREMENT

TUESDAY 16th MAY 2017
10am to 12noon

- ◇ Tidying up your paperwork
- ◇ Leaving the instructions you really want
- ◇ Sorting out loose ends – making peace
- ◇ Designed and delivered by Jacqueline Lahne B.Soc.SC



Free Workshop

With morning tea included

For more information or to book:
Call the CRC on 97643575 or email trainee@greenbushescrc.net.au

GREENBUSHES COMMUNITY GARDEN MARCH NEWS

We hope you've been enjoying the freshly picked organic produce from the garden. We will have more coming into season over the next couple of months and will drop it off to Sharen's roadhouse when ready. Keep your eye out for it: zero food miles, organically grown, freshly picked and in peak picking time! Yum.

Thanks to those who entered our **Bee Hotel Competition**. We had a nice selection to choose from in both the children and adult categories. The winners of the kids prize were Lillie and Jack Hinchy from Bridgetown. They had created a wonderful recycled hotel with lots of space for cavity nesting bees and had planted many flowering plants to provide food for them in their garden. Jack and Lillie also demonstrated a great understanding of the importance of bees and had been observing what plants they were already visiting in their garden. They won themselves \$50 cash and a year's subscription to National Geographic Kids Magazine. Keep up the wonderful citizen science work kids!



The adult winner was Jenny Ngatai from Mandurah. Jenny bought a house with a sterile, paved backyard and has been slowly transforming it into an area that will support backyard biodiversity. Her impressive bee hotel was a great addition to this. Jenny also kindly donated her prize money back to our community garden to use to continue the development of our insectary gardens. Jenny has received a year's subscription to PIP Permaculture magazine. Thanks to our sponsor Green Tree Naturopathy for donating the magazine prizes to each winners. And a special most artistic recognition to our Secretary Leanne Green's hotel (or should we say High Rise) creation!



2017 will mark the 10th anniversary of Earth Hour as a global phenomenon. To celebrate this we are having a **Sundowner at the garden on March 25th** from 5.30pm onwards. Bring your own plate of nibbles to share. Some drinks will be provided. What started as an Aussie grassroots idea has grown into a global force of nature that is celebrated in over 172 countries and over 7,000 cities and towns worldwide. The symbolic hour has grown into the world's largest grassroots movement for the environment, with beyond-the-hour projects and initiatives happening throughout the year. Earth hour is a great home-grown success story: an Aussie campaign designed to draw attention to tackling global warming and get individuals talking about what we can do to help. In Australia, Earth hour is something that really brings communities together and what better place to do this locally than our community garden?

Monthly meetings continue on the first Saturday of the month at 8.30am followed by the monthly community morning tea at 9.30am. If you would like to participate in our Crop Swap, please be there by 10am to begin the swapping at 10.15am. See you in the garden.

Tracy Lansdell
Co-ordinator



BEE HAPPY!

LYNUS LINES UP TO SHAVE FOR LEUKAEMIA



Greenbushes youngster Lynus Butler may not yet be a teenager, but he's preparing to "shave."

Lynus is lining up for the "World's Greatest Shave" after hearing about the many people suffering from cancer and the need for more research for a cure and for treatments.

Bridgetown hairdresser Kristy MacDonald will carry out the "shave" of Lynus's hair at St Brigid's School on Thursday March 16th.

His keenness to help people suffering with cancer has led to his classmates at St Brigid's School deciding to join the quest by either getting a "shave" or dying their hair.

Tasty Edibles is donating \$2 from every Porky Pig sold at the café until 17th March.

There is also a donation box on the counter at the shop for the cause.

And students will be able to purchase a pizza and drink at St Brigid's School on Thursday March 16th to help raise funds for the World's Greatest Shave quest.

Pictured are Lynus Butler (centre) with classmates Max Wilson and James Gardener.

Great effort Lynus!



Harcourts Bridgetown

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	26	Harcourts
	11	Summit Realty
	8	Blackwood Valley
	7	Vlahos Realty

*Property sales in the area as reported by REINWA



Selling Houses Bridgetown and beyond!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 hefty dose of (old) thyme (John Ranieri)
- 1 cup of honey (Cathy Willis)
- 1 pinch of spice (Sue Moscarda)
- 1 splash of Cognac (Brandie Kenna)
- 1 carrot top (lyn lvery)
- 1 nip of Scotch (Bernadette Johnstone)

- Award winning Consultants
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- Step One:**
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Sit back over a cup of tea or coffee and prepare to have your world rocked by first class, ethical service.
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The Team



John Ranieri



Cathy Willis



Sue Moscarda



Brandie Kenna

New Office
126 Hampton Street

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Call us on 9761 1566

Grow Greenbushes

The anticipation is mounting as we count down the days to the National Tidy Town judge's visit on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st of March! The new tourist information signs at both the entrances and around town look great.

I would particularly like to commend Shannon Fraser Butler and her group of helpers for the initiative taken in painting all of our public benches in bright colours and with a nice saying. It has really brightened up the main street.

We are gearing up for the annual Greenbushes Fun Run and registrations are now open so go online and register to support our worthy causes.

<https://secure.onreg.com/onreg2/front/step1.php?id=3649>

This year, in addition to supporting the Breast Cancer Network of Australia we are also supporting the Sock it to Sarcoma Foundation. This foundation has been set up for the purpose of advancing medical research and community awareness into primary bone and soft tissue tumours, particularly in young people. Have a look at this video on YouTube to learn more.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KttxhUCny0M>

The Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association have been working hard over the past year to bring their constitution up to date as required by the new Incorporated Associations Act.

As part of this we have decided to change our name to **Grow Greenbushes**, with the objective of promoting, encouraging and fostering the collective interests of the Greenbushes Community. We are currently going through the process of completing the required documentation for the changes with the Department of Commerce.

Anyone who resides in the Greenbushes townsite and surrounding area may become a member.

If you would like to help us further the interests of the Greenbushes Community please come and join us. We meet on the first Thursday of every month except December and January at 7.30 pm in the old Road Board building.

Finally I would like to express our heartfelt condolences to Naldo DaRonch and family at the recent passing of Marlene DaRonch. Marlene was a member of our Association and was always interested in all things Greenbushes. She will be sadly missed and fondly remembered.



A brickbat to those campers who stay far longer than permitted at our free campsites.



A bouquet to everybody to helped paint our public benches.



A bouquet to all the volunteers who work so hard at St Barnabas Op Shop.

Leanne Green
Chairperson
Grow Greenbushes

**GOOD LUCK
GORGEOUS
GREENBUSHES**

Tidy Towns Judging March 20th & 21st



THE EXCHANGE HOTEL

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

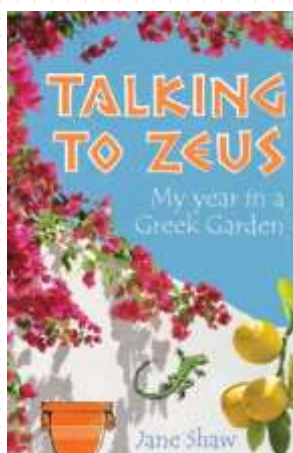
Accommodation Available

See website for more details:

www.exchangehotelgreenbushes.com.au



**Come along to the next Book
Club meeting at the
Greenbushes CRC
on Wednesday 15th
March, 10am - 11am**



**For more
information
please call
97643575 or
email**

**traineer@greenbushes
crc.net.au**

***Talking to Zeus
By Jane Shaw***



iPad training

The Greenbushes CRC will be running another course

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

For more information please contact the CRC

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

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

CLUB B SPEAKERS LIST

The Blackwood Club in Bridgetown has an entertaining and informative programme of speakers and events lined up for March and April 2017.

The sessions are open to all Silver Chain clients and members of the community and are held at the Blackwood Community Centre in Bridgetown between 10am and 12pm on Fridays.

The cost of the sessions is \$5 per person which includes morning tea.

On Friday March 17th the speaker will be long time Bridgetown resident Bert Reynolds who will present "Memories and More". This is sure to be a trip down memory lane for those who are long term residents in Bridgetown and an insight into the town for newcomers.

On Friday March 24th the club will host Mini Golf at the Bridgetown Golf Club. People are asked to meet at the Golf Club at Hester at 10am.

On Friday March 31st there will be a movie session. Mystery movie to be confirmed soon.

On Friday April 7th the speaker will be Richard Allen and the title of his talk is yet to be revealed.

On Friday April 14th there will not be a Speaker as this is the Easter Good Friday.

On Friday April 21st Mary Elgar will talk about "Memoirs". This will be handy for people who have children and grandchildren who are always asking them to write down their story.

On Friday April 28th there will be Morning Tea at the Bridgetown Pottery. Meet at the Pottery at 10am. On this day there will not be lunch at the centre.

For more information about the Club B programme contact Danni Roberts on 0447713368 or Sue Hill on 97612124 or email danni.roberts@silverchain.org.au

**For editorial and/or advertising
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Deadline is the 3rd Wednesday of the month**

**9764 3575
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Recycle your batteries, printer cartridges and mobile phones at the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre.



CRC Coordinator's Column

FEBRUARY 2017

WA PENSIONER FREE TRIP VOUCHERS

Commencing **Wednesday 1st March 2017**, all your TransWA free travel vouchers will be accepted at the Community Resource Centre when making bookings:

The vouchers are marked **WA Free Trip Voucher**;
The vouchers shows the cardholders name, CRN/
DVA File Number; and
All travel will be completed within the 24 months up to
and including the expiry date shown on the voucher
and matching concession card.

All vouchers can be used at any time within the two year validity period; vouchers will continue to be issued every two years.

FREE - Showerhead Swap

The CRC has ordered additional free shower heads from the Water Corporation. Drop up to two of your old showerheads off and swap them for highly efficient replacements absolutely FREE.

Call for further details.



Volunteers

A big shout out to our volunteer Leslie Valli for collecting rubbish left around Greenbushes verges over the past few weeks. Leslie is volunteering in our local community helping out at the Op-Shop, Discovery Centre and Community Resource Centre.

Keep an eye out for her as she continues cleaning-up around the camping and recreational areas around Greenbushes.

Please think before you throw your rubbish on the ground. Someone needs to pick it up!



GETTING YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER IS EASY WHEN YOU KNOW HOW

The South West Community Legal Centre is visiting Greenbushes on 4th April from 10.30am. Join us to find out about Advance Health Directives, Enduring Power of Guardianship, Enduring Power of Attorney and Will advice. This is a free information event for anyone needing to get their affairs in order. Please call us at the CRC on 9764 3575 if you wish to attend.

Jacqueline Lahne of Seven Senses Communication Consulting will be running a workshop on 6th May which offers guidance, suggestions and templates on the personal aspects of your paperwork. Covering areas such as leaving the instructions you really want, sorting out loose ends, tidying up your paperwork and allowing peace of mind leading into and after retirement.

Morning tea is included in both workshops. Please contact the CRC for further information or to register your interest.

CRC Coordinator's Column

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.

Terry Redman MLA

Member for Warren-Blackwood



THANK YOU....

for your support and the opportunity to once again represent Warren-Blackwood. I look forward to working as hard as I can on behalf of the people and communities in

Freecall: 1800 644 811 **Ph:** 9848 3171
Email: Terry.Redman@mp.wa.gov.au

THE NATIONALS for Regional WA



The Greenbushes CRC will broadcast the WA Symphony in the Park on April 4th. Please advise if you would like to attend this Westlink broadcast which is sure to be an evening of outstanding music.

Royalties for Regions—proudly supporting regional WA

Greenbushes Community Shed Get Together

On Thursday 23rd March from 10am please join us at the Community Resource Centre for coffee and cake to discuss our Community Shed. Find out what has been happening.

- **Bring along ideas.**
- **Ask questions.**
- **Get involved.**

*This is a great opportunity for a catch-up.
All community members are welcome to attend.*



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

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

School Holiday Program



Our April school holiday program is now complete with something for everyone. To kick start the program we are running a chocolate workshop. Bookings are limited as there will only be a small group of children. Make small chocolate eggs and treats to take home and **share** with your family.

On April 13th & 20th commencing 10.30am there will be a video morning, with popcorn. See the advertisement or call us for further details. All ages welcome for a gold coin donation.

A first aid, Bandaging workshop for all the family, grandparents, carers, mums and dads all welcome to attend. In this workshop you will learn how to correctly bandage limbs, deal with snake bites and fractures and breaks. Even if you have completed a first aid course this is a great refresher.

Our usual Wednesday freebies are available from 10am – 12pm including Minecraft, Table Tennis and computer use. Minecraft is also available daily from 10am – 12pm for \$5 per child.

COMING UP @ the CRC March

- Wednesday during school holidays 10am-2pm free board games, colouring-in, table tennis, jigsaws, computer use, minecraft - subject to availability.
- Wednesday 19th Reflexology with Anita. Bookings essential.
- Wednesday 22nd March, Yoga & Meditation with Sarah Collin.
- Thursday 22nd March, 10 – 11.30am Community Shed morning tea.
- Friday 24th March Croquet in the Park from 4pm, Sunday 8th April 9am-11am. At the sports oval.
- Tuesday 4th April, Wills Advice delivered by Bunbury Community Legal Centre.
- Saturday 7th April WA Symphony in the Park 6.30pm onwards, light meal provided live broadcast.
- Monday April 10th – 21st School Holiday Program. Contact us for further details.
- Each Monday, Dru Yoga, 10.30am-11.30am - \$2. An easy relaxing class.
- Each Thursday, Quilting & Sewing group, 1pm-4pm - \$2. Machines available.

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 (subject to room availability), or tune in at home. For the full schedule of programs, please visit www.greenbushes.crc.net.au.



Yoga & meditation with Sarah Collin
Wednesday 22nd March



9.30am to 11.30am
46 Blackwood Road Greenbushes
Gold coin donation

- Suitable for all fitness levels
- Very effective at reducing stress

Please bring along a yoga mat or a towel, water bottle



Government of Western Australia
Department of Regional Development



For enquiries contact Angie at the CRC on 9764 3575

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 Spring Gully Road 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.

Green Army

Once again we've been so lucky this year to get the help of the wonderful Green Army crew led by Jonny Perfumo. This time they built a new track which will be the connecting path between the end of the new boardwalk at Schwenke's and the existing circle track.

They also cleared off the existing track between Schwenke's and Greenbushes Pool, searched and destroyed some invasive weeds along that area, and managed to eradicate a full ute load of weeds around Mikey's.

Even with all that they still managed to get a great meeting with the new ranger, Ros, and learn all about the specific details that go into the ranger side of landcare, they had fun with insects and learning about bio-indicators of wetlands, and learnt all about various plants with Felicity Littleton who donated her time to teach them about seed collection and plant identification.



Ros the ranger talking to the Green Army team (above) and relocating a native bush from the path (below)



*The Green Army builds a pathway (above) and friendly Gum Leaf Katydid (*Torbia viridissima*) pictured right.*



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



FIND US ON FACEBOOK or www.blackwoodbasingroup.com.au

Blackwood Basin Group Update



Snakes in Cooler Weather

With all the unusual cooler weather we've been having lately, it is a good time to remember that snakes can actually be more dangerous on the cooler summer days. They still need the heat of the sun to warm up enough to move so they end up sluggish and slow. Unfortunately, this means that they just don't move away quickly (or much at all) when someone walks very close to them and snake bites can be more common.

Be careful when walking through the bush. Only walk where you can see your footing, and always wear bush appropriate footwear and clothing.



Get involved

The fish surveys and macroinvertebrate surveys are happening early March. We would love to see some new faces join our regular volunteers for this event. The more the merrier as this is shaping up to be a very interesting time.

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.

Felicity Littleton's Plant of the Month

Ptilotus manglesii: "Rose tipped Mulla-Mulla"

Only two species of *Ptilotus* are to be found in the South West. These *Ptilotus* or Mulla-Mullas belong to the AMARANTHACEAE family. *Amaranthus* means "unfading flower", so, in a way they can remind us of everlasting, but are totally different in plant structure.

Many members of this family are showy and colourful, however, these Mulla-Mulla's have bright pink petals among long woolly hairs. The long haired feathery sepals most likely protect the flower from harsh weather, as most species of *Ptilotus* are to be found in the arid interior of Australia.

Ptilotus manglesii is a small perennial herb, prostrate in form with upturned stems growing to 60cms.



Photo by Brooke Janitz

Blackwood Basin Group was announced as

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

GREENBUSHES BELLES HOST STATE TREASURER



Standing (left to right) Derice Potter, Amanda Cashmere-Green, Kristina Mastagli, Ann Stallard, Sue Whiten, Dianne Purnell, Ally Brennan, Ghia Oliver and Liz Irvine. Front (left to right) Leanne Green, Didith Atkin, CWA State Treasurer Pam Beatson and Karen Browne

Pam Beatson, State Treasurer of CWA of WA (Inc) was invited to be the special guest at the Greenbushes Belles Friendship Night on Thursday 16th February.

The Friendship Night was provided as an opportunity for members of CWA and other local women to learn more about CWA, its history and how it can be modernised to meet the needs of country women and their families today.

The night was a great success with Mrs Beatson sharing some of the projects being worked on currently by ladies across the State, including fiddle rugs for the elderly, handmade clothes for premature babies at King Edward Memorial Hospital and a wide range of other crafts.

Much discussion was held on topics including why ladies join CWA, the financial status of the organisation, ways to assist in the community and activities the Belles have undertaken and would like to do in the future.

Some of the projects which the Belles have been working on are crocheting mats for the homeless using plastic shopping bags, volunteering at the Blues at Bridgetown and cake stalls and raffles.

Earlier in the day, the State Treasurer conducted a training session on the Digital Cashbook for the Treasurers of 3 local CWA branches. Providing an electronic accounting option is one of the many ways CWA is striving to be current as a new generation of women start to join the organisation.

Greenbushes Belles CWA hold a monthly branch meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7.00pm, as well as other activities during the month. We welcome new members and visitors.

Education is the power to think clearly, the power to act well in the world's work, and the power to appreciate life.
Brigham Young

PARENT—TEEN COURSES

If your family life has become a bit of a roller coaster since your child moved into adolescence than a 4Families Workshop may give you some of the answers you need.



Raising Teens - Emotion Coaching for Parents, is a free six week course that offers a range of approaches and strategies to help build strong relationships between parents and teens. This enables everyone to respond better to daily challenges and increase family cooperation.

Emotion coaching is a way of parenting that focuses on emotions, as it is often emotion that is the driving force behind some of the more difficult, challenging and risky behaviours teenagers engage in.

4Families (Relationships Australia) is running courses in Manjimup, Bridgetown and Pemberton during the day or in the evenings.

For further information contact Melissa White on 0438520733.

HOW EXERCISE BURNS CALORIES

Put simply exercise can aid weight control and help ward off diabetes by improving the ability of fat cells to burn calories according to a study published in the American Journal of Physiology.

It is thought that exercise boosts the level of a hormone that helps turn ordinary white fat into brown fat. This is beneficial because, according to the American Journal of Physiology, brown fat is much more "metabolically" active than white fat. That is what burns calories and improves insulin sensitivity. It also helps control blood sugar.

SOURCE: Well at Work February 2017
<http://nytimes.com>



Pat's Patch

Some new signage has been installed at our town entrances and around town which gives a fresh new appearance to Greenbushes. This is one of the many little things we are planning to enhance the town ahead of the Tidy Towns judging later in March. Please see what you can do in and around your property to help us prepare for this exciting event.

The newly painted benches have also brightened the town up with the sayings providing a chance to think a bit more deeply about life!

We have had a big influx of visitors and campers staying at the Greenie Pool and down at the sports ground with most doing the right thing and yes a few taking advantage of the facility. We have had chooks and herb farms in mobile buses, dogs, cats and everything in between. We are still learning from these experiences to further improve the facilities and minimise the impact on all the users of these facilities. Your constructive criticism and suggestions are always appreciated.

The biggest issue I see at the moment is locals taking their dogs down to the pool and not keeping them on a leash. Most times people do the right thing and most times the dogs are not an issue, however we only need one dog to attack and hurt a child and one will never be able to forgive oneself. Please be responsible and keep the dogs under control!

I would like to pass on my condolences to Naldo DaRonch with the sad passing of Marlene. Marlene has been a passionate community member of Greenbushes for many, many years and has been on many committees over this time. Some of the organisations she has played a big part in, include the local guiding group, the Greenbushes Aged Community Committee and of course the Greenbushes Ladies Hockey Club where she played and coached for many years.

We had a great turnout at the Australia Day Celebration breakfast in January which was enjoyed by about 150 people. It looks as though this event can now become a regular spot on our community calendar.

The Greenbushes Cemetery has had a new storage shed installed which replaces the old wooden one, which was just being held together with paint. In addition, the new memorial wall is being constructed to provide alternative options for burying ashes as opposed to the current Niche Wall. The memorial garden will also be upgraded to provide this as an alternative option as well. The rear of the current Niche Wall will then be available for families wanting to install a memorial plaque for people connected to Greenbushes but buried elsewhere.

One generation plants the seeds; another gets the shade.....Chinese Proverb



MINE NEWS

Work has been progressing with the realignment of 850m of Maranup Ford road. During the month the pine trees which were harvested in January were chipped. While the chipper was on site, it mulched the remaining material for rehabilitation of the area. In winter months the area will be replanted with native vegetation.

SG Mining has recently employed 8 new local residents to commence operator training in preparation for the additional crews required for continuous mining in April. Prior to implementation of the new roster they will also have recruited 8 more experienced local operators.

With our process plants now operating on a continuous basis, 8 of Talison's casual employees have transferred to permanent employment.

The Talison board of directors were on site during February to review the site's annual safety performance and to review our development plans.

In February two of Talison's employees celebrated service milestones : Peter Arrowsmith celebrated 15 years and Joe Fiumano 20 years of service.

Steve Green, General Manager Greenbushes



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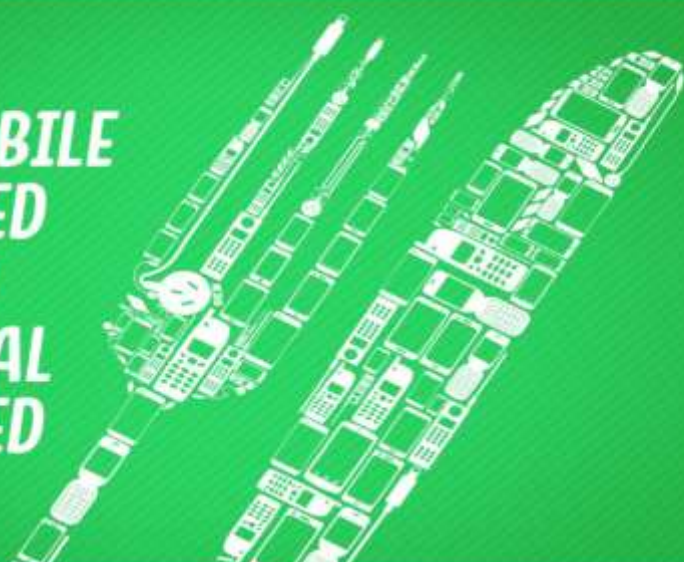



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SCHOOL YEAR UNDERWAY



Leonie Armstrong is a new face at the Greenbushes Primary School for 2017.

Mrs Armstrong is the new School Chaplain, taking over from Robyn Kelly who has moved to the North of the State.

She is pictured in the school garden with teacher Anne Giblett and classroom assistant Barb Hatswell preparing the new vegetable patch with (left to right front row) Shenae Woodall, Eugenie Smith, Edyn Hardy, Leah Woodall, Chealsea Bennett, Alex Jones, (back row) Tobin Russell, Tessa Scovell, Corey Poulton, Declan Wells and Logan Doab.

Students at the school have been busy planting in their garden as part of the school's sustainability studies.

The Bush Block project will also be continuing in Terms 2 and 3 with lots of exciting activities relating to science and sustainability planned for the coming year.

The Bush Block is a project initiated by the Greenbushes Tidy Towns Committee which includes input by Talison Lithium Global Advanced Metals and the Greenbushes Community Garden.

Term 1 has been packed with plenty of activities including school in term swimming lessons.

When students return from their April School holidays On April 26th they will be participating in an ANZAC Day service (after the official ANZAC Day on April 25th). Members of the community are welcome to join the school for this event.

For more information about upcoming projects and programmes including the ANZAC Day service contact the school on 97643535.

Want to be happy? Stop trying to be Perfect.... Brene Brown

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Improvements have been carried out at the Greenbushes Cemetery in recent weeks.

A replacement shed has been constructed to house the burial equipment and tools. John and Charlie Szolkowski and Jordan Turner carried out the works which have greatly improved the storage and the aesthetics of the cemetery grounds.

A new Memorial Wall area is being constructed to provide an alternative to the Niche Wall. The garden is also being redeveloped in the area to provide additional places for ashes. Jo Potthoff, Colin Shultz and Roger Robertson are carrying out the work.





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Church Times

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Greenbushes St Barnabas

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Contact Rev. Canon Karon Austin 0402141896

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5th Sunday 8:30am

4th Sunday 10:30am



To RSVP contact the CRC on 9764 3575 or email trainee@greenbushescrc.net.au

Event or Group	Venue	Time	Day of the month	Contact
Greenbushes Aged Community Committee	Stinton Gardens Function Centre	4.00pm	2 nd Monday of the month	Leanne Green 041 900 5224
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	2:30pm	4 th Tues of the month	Leonie 97 825 717
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 Wednesday of each month	Coordinator 9764 3575
Balingup Playgroup	Primary School Art/Music Room	9.30am 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 or 97612001
Balingup Progress Association	Balingup Community Centre	7pm	1 st Wednesday of the month	Noelene King 9764 1080
Greenbushes Community Shed	Greenbushes CRC	3:15pm	4 th Wednesday each month.	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 040 830 1002
Grow Greenbushes	Road Board Building	7.30pm	1 st Thursday of the month (except Dec and Jan)	Leanne Green 041 900 5224
Greenbushes Tidy Towns Committee	Road Board Building	7:00pm	1 st Thursday of the month (except Dec and Jan)	Leonie Eastcott 97 825 717
Balingup Lions Club Meetings	Community Centre Balingup	7:00pm	Every 2 nd Thursday	Chris 9764 1814
Greenbushes RSL	RSL Hall	3.30pm	3 rd Friday of the month	Pat Scallan 042 764 3508
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	043 733 8350
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March Diary Dates

5 th	Finding Dory Movie Night at Donnybrook Amphitheatre.
10 th	Comic Marty Putz at the Donnybrook Amphitheatre. Free entertainment.
13 th	Tidy Towns Litter Pickup for Clean up Australia Day at Greenbushes.
18 th	Free Fox Shooter Workshop at Rylington Park Boyup Brook. See inside for advert.
20 th & 21 st	National Tidy Towns Judge Visit to Greenbushes.
22 nd	Yoga—Live at the CRC.
23 rd	Community Shed Meeting Greenbushes.
24 th & 26 th	Fox Shoot coordinated by the Blackwood Biosecurity Group (see info in this edition).
24 th	Croquet in the Park at Greenbushes.
25 th	7:30pm - Balingup Ghost Walk.
25 th	Earth Hour Sundowner Greenbushes Community Garden.
31 st	Bridgetown Greenbushes Shire Thank a Volunteer.

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4 th	Get Your Affairs in Order Workshop - Greenbushes CRC.
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