Greenbushes-Balingup Newsletter

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GREENBUSHES GEARS UP FOR FUN RUN AND MTB

Registrations are flowing in for the Greenbushes charity fun run and mountain bike event on Sunday May 20.

This year's event will raise funds for Breast Cancer Network Australian (BCNA) and South West Autism Network (SWAN).

Since its inception the event has raised more than \$30,000 for charity with the bulk of the money going to BCNA.

The event is family friendly and features a 5 km run/walk/mtb, a 10 km run and a 15 km mountain bike race. The event course traverses the picturesque jarrah forest surrounding Greenbushes.

For more information and for registrations go to www.greenbushes.com or directly to the Blue Chip Timing Website Registration Page at

https://secure.onreg.com/onreg2/front/step1.php?id=4052



Jess Oliver and her children Sonny and Ruby will be participating in the MTB event at this year's Fun Run and they are pictured with Tom Mitchell and Leonie Eastcott who will be helping out on the day.

GOOD TURN OUT FOR FIELD DAY DESPITE STORM

The 28th Balingup Small Farm Field Day was a big success until a violent afternoon storm made for a wet and challenging wrap up.

Organisers were pleased with the estimated turnout of more than 7000 to the event, which is held every April at Balingup.

"We had a little light rain in the early morning while exhibitors were setting up, but then it cleared and we all enjoyed the cloudy but pleasant conditions," Field Day Committee Chair Janine Milton said.

"While numbers were down a little on the past two years, we were very pleased with the turnout, given the forecast."

Then the rain came with a vengeance, along with an electrical storm and, about an hour before the event was due to finish, organisers quickly moved into emergency mode."

"By 2.30pm it was clear a storm was approaching, with rain heavier and more rapid than forecast," Mrs Milton said.



"All patrons were advised to leave the site and go to their cars or take shelter in permanent structures. We shut off the power to the site to maintain electrical safety, and used a generator-powered Small Farm Field Day PA system to communicate." (continued overleaf)



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Families enjoy the giant sandpit in the Talison/Global Advanced Metals marquee at the Balingup Field Day.

With water shedding off higher ground adding to the rain, the oval quickly became a quagmire. While most patrons had left before the height of the storm, exhibitors still had to unpack, moving vehicles (and in some cases animals) on and off the site.

Only 4WD vehicles were permitted onto the oval, while others were parked on the periphery. Many exhibitors had to manually transfer their stall contents to their cars.

"Despite the conditions, exhibitors were patient and positive throughout, with everyone helping each other," Mrs Milton said.

"Volunteers were manually pushing cars that were bogged and two tractors were used to help cars leave the oval. By 6pm the site was cleared except for a few of the larger structures."

"We are grateful to so many people for their hard work, team spirit and patience. We get that every year, but this time they were challenged beyond the norm – and they excelled."

The Field Day Committee will liaise with the Donnybrook-Balingup Shire and the Balingup Soccer Club regarding repairs to any damage to the oval.

The Field Day is an annual event showcasing all aspects of sustainable 'small' farming. It is run by volunteers and profits from the event help finance worthy community projects.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

Three hundred and twenty people turned out for a memorable Dawn Service at Greenbushes on ANZAC Day 2018.

The event, hosted by the Greenbushes RSL, included a march from the RSL Hall to the Cenotaph led by the 10th Light Horse Troop.

The service featured performances by the Jubilee Singers and the 4 Tunes Quartet.

Guest Speaker at this year's service was Heather Domoney of Bridgetown, who served for 10 years in the Women's Royal Australian Air Force from 1961.

Mrs Domoney spoke of her experiences in the WRAAF including her time as Delivery Driver and during the development of computers for the Airforce.

She also spoke of the emotions reflected upon the return of the Vietnam War veterans.

Mrs Domoney highlighted the importance of 2018 as the final in our Australian "Centenary of ANZACs Commemoration."

The year 1918 was significant as it saw our Australian and New Zealand troops involved in a turning point in World War 1 during the battles at Villers-Bretonneux.

It was also the year Germany signed the Armistice leading to the end of the war.

Many wreaths were laid at the Cenotaph during the ANZAC service at Greenbushes.

This year "The Ode" was read by Russell Price and then sung by The Jubilee Singers.

Greenbushes RSL President Trevor Bottomley invited the gathering to enjoy a "Gunfire Breakfast" at the Greenbushes District Hall after the event.

See photographs from the service on the facing page.

Russell Price reading 'The Ode" at the Dawn Service.



Let him who would move the world first move himself-Socrates



ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE—GREENBUSHES



Greenbushes RSL Members Sue Bottomley, Russell Price and Ron Adair view wreaths at the Cenotaph.



Greenbushes RSL President Trevor Bottomley at the service.



Greenbushes RSL Members (front) Mercedes Bartlett, Sonia Townsend, Sue Bottomley, Gerry Carroll, Barry Boyle, Ray Mills, (back) Ron Adair, Russell Price, Trevor Bottomley, Dave Robertson, Stuart Henke and Pat Scallan.



Tony Domoney, Heather Domoney her daughter Teena James with five of Teena's six children Tyler, Declan, Talesha, Cooper and Caelan.



10th Light Horse Troop members (left to right) Sandra Hall on Nugget leading Ily (for the Fallen), Norm Hall on Mercury, Jane van Halen riding Akubra, Heath Hartwell on Sam and Shannon Hartwell on Arch at the Greenbushes Dawn Service 2018.



GREENBUSHES BELLES NEWS

The Greenbushes Belles CWA have had a relaxing and quiet month during April, hard to believe we know.

We kicked off with our monthly branch meeting, and ended the month with a Chill & Chat night where we trialled homemade beauty products and left glowing and smelling amazing. As with all of our Chill & Chat nights there was lots of laughter and mischief, and amazing food.

On the last Sunday in the month we participated in a worldwide event "Women Walk the World" to raise awareness and funds for rural women internationally.

We were able to share the walk with members from the Bridgetown CWA and friends of the Belles.

There were 2 walks to cater for the needs of the group with the longest walk taking in all of the painted benches around town, the Heritage Park, local buildings and businesses including the local churches, and the mine lookout.

We also were able to show the ladies the memorial and beautiful wreaths which were laid on ANZAC Day and were still looking beautiful.

Juggling Thursday 24th May 7.00pm \$10 per person **Bookings** essential **Light supper included** Make your own juggling balls & then learn the art of juggling. Bookings: Designed for beginners Sharon: 0407 087 388 but clever cookies are Karen: 0408 301 002 welcome too! reenbushes Belles CWA

The Belles would like to thank the Greenbushes Community Shed for making their cross for ANZAC Day and we will be proud to use it for many years to come.

To the Greenbushes RSL and local community, thank you for a beautiful Dawn Service. It is always a privilege to be a part of this service and community.

Karen Browne President



The Annual General Meeting Balingup Tennis Club

Monday 11th of June at 7pm Recreation Centre Balingup.

Election of Office Bearers. Agenda New Constitution Upgrade of courts. Community, New and old members welcome.



Terry Redman MLA

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



Margaret River Pro

Margaret River is one of 11 sites that form the World Surf League (WSL) World Championship Tour. It is vital we do all we can to keep this iconic event in Western Australia. The event is televised world-wide, showcases our magnificent coastline, and injects tourism dollars into the region. This is why the NationalsWA invested Royalties for Regions into infrastructure upgrades at Surfers Point.

The recent shark attacks have re-ignited the debate around drum lines, tagging and culling. Conversations around this contentious issue need to be based on scientific evidence of shark numbers and successful mitigation strategies. It is important we address this issue if we want to continue to attract world class surfers to our coastline.

Walpole 'Voluntourism'

Walpole-Nornalup St John Ambulance sub-centre recently launched their 'voluntourism' project and newly refurbished room. 'Voluntourism' is an interesting concept of encouraging ambulance volunteers from other areas to holiday in town and assist with call-outs during the busy holiday periods.

Apart from providing support to local volunteers, other benefits include sharing of professional knowledge, networking, and giving visiting volunteers a more personal holiday experience.

Rural Fire Division - my thoughts

I am happy to support the recently announced Rural Fire Division as recommended in the Ferguson Special Inquiry report.

Whilst there has been some discussion about the new Division being housed within DFES and not 'truly' independent as originally planned, it is my view having the right people lead the Division is more important than the structure. Murray Carter and John Tillman are very highly regarded within the sector, and I welcome their grass-roots fire management experience and commitment to volunteers.

Manjimup Revitalisation Project - celebration

It is so exciting to see the transformation of Manjimup as a result of the Town Revitalisation project partially funded by Royalties for Regions. Entry statements, the Timber and Heritage Park, recreational areas, town square, safety improvements, streetscapes and the Sound Shell all provide worthwhile community amenities.

Current evidence is showing the economic impact could be as high as 512 ongoing jobs, increased population and more visitors with longer stays in the region.

This is a long-term project worth celebrating.

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Plant of the Month

with Felicity Littleton

Lepidosperma squamatum (previously known as Lepidosperma angustatum)

This plant belongs to the group known as "Sword sedges".

There are many other larger sword sedges (some seen around the Greenbushes Pool).

Sedges are an immensely important plant in the Australian bushland. Apart from providing shelter for many small organisms (birds, frogs, fish, dragonflies, to name but a few) the plant carries out a wonderful purpose called "Nutrient stripping". This refers to the fact that they have the ability to take up toxins out of the soil thus purifying for purposes of re-vegetation etc.

Currently flowering in parts of the bushland, this Lepidosperma is a heath and shrubland species, unlike some of its cousins which grow over at the coast.

As you can see from the picture provided, the plant does flower. What can be seen are the Anthers The male parts of a flower)

Other plants flowering at present are: the very small "Bunny Orchid" (Eriochilus dilitatus), "White Leucopogon" Leucopogon propinqus, Astroloma drummondii, and the low growing Acacia obovata.

If any enthusiastic lover of native plants would like further information on where to see these plants, call on me here at the CRC.

Felicity Littleton





NEWS FROM THE GREENBUSHES COMMUNITY GARDEN



BEFORE



DURING



AFTER

You may have noticed a colourful addition at the garden?! We hope you all love the vibrant artwork of our endemic biodiversity on our building wall as much as we do. Our "Meet Smile Create" project was funded by CAN — Community Arts Network and together with support from Talison, GAM, our band of volunteers and all the community participants we have certainly "met, smiled and created" a masterpiece. The exceptionally talented graffiti artist Mike 'Shime' Barker from Shime Arts is the man behind this masterpiece.

We began the weekend of the art installation with community workshops where Mike demonstrated graffiti art techniques and helped us to explore what theme would suit the mural. Living in a biodiversity hotspot and with the community garden being well known for promoting gardening for bees and backyard biodiversity; it was decided that "Biodiversity" would be the perfect theme.

Without native bees we would not have the diverse flora we see in our surrounding bushland, therefore pollinators were an obvious choice. Three vibrant endemic pollinator species were chosen to highlight – the blue banded bee, cuckoo bee and cuckoo wasp. You can all find these in your backyard if you have the right habitat conditions. The wildflowers they pollinate was the next popular choice to represent, which ties in with our yearly wildflower walks and finally a red-tailed black cockatoo was chosen as this reflects the work of the Greenbushes Primary School's bush block project and the Blackwood Basin Group who have installed dozens of nest boxes in the area for the black cockatoo's.

Over the three days of the art installation community members were given the opportunity to help create our mural with Mike. No one needed any art experience under his guidance and people aged from 11 to over 60 helped. We are utterly thrilled with the outcome of this project and the number of locals and visitors that stopped by during the creation to give us positive feedback and have done so since then shows it has been a huge success. If this mural continues to bring in more people, makes them smile, makes them feel a connection to nature, encourages them to go and look for pollinators in their gardens and care for their backyard biodiversity... then we have definitely succeeded. A huge thanks to all involved, especially to CAN and Mike Barker.

Community Arts Network WA manages the Catalyst Community Arts Fund on behalf of the State of Western Australia through the Department of Culture and Arts.

Tracy Lansdell
Co-ordinator
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NEWS FROM THE GREENBUSHES COMMUNITY GARDEN



Students from Greenbushes Primary School learnt new skills and participated in the Greenbushes Community Garden's Mural Project.



Gypsy Barton learns to spray paint.



Learning the techniques for graffiti art at the workshops



 ${\it Mike Barker demonstrates different nozzle sizes for effects}$







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STINTON GARDENS TO GET FOUR NEW UNITS

The Greenbushes Aged Community Committee is pleased to announce that an agreement is soon to be reached with Access Housing Australia (AHA), Department of Communities and the Shire to build 4 new units at Stinton Gardens Estate.

Part of this agreement will include AHA taking over management of the new and existing units. Volunteers from the GACC will still have input to the selection of residents and will continue to advocate on behalf of the residents with AHA.

The selection of residents will continue to be based on the same guidelines as existed under GACC with priority given to Greenbushes seniors who wish to remain within their community.

Handover of management of the units will happen this year.

We expect ground works for the new units to commence later this year with the units being completed early 2019. AHA are currently carrying out refurbishment of units 1 and 2 on behalf of the GACC.

The new units will be located at the top of Stinton Gardens Estate and their access will be off Woodward Road.

They will be built with 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom and carport, and will be mobility adaptable.

The area between the existing units, function centre and the new units will have connecting paths and be landscaped.

If you are interested in applying for one of the new units please contact GACC Chairperson, Steve Green on 041 992 3663.

Club B Bridgetown - May

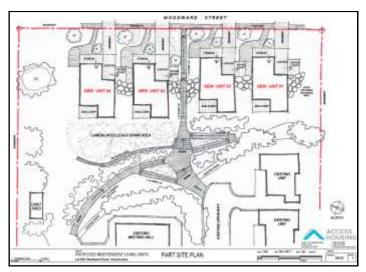
Club B in Bridgetown has a great line up of activities and speakers for May.

On Friday May 4 Lesley Longfield will talk about the Residential Meadowbrooke Lifestyle Village.

On Friday May 11 Naomi Scally, a natural health practitioner will talk about "Critical Thinking and her perspective on common symptoms and conditions.

On Friday May 18th Ingrid Hilario will present "My Life in France and the final session for the month on May 25 will be a discussion about "Countries I have Lived In".

For more details contact Danni Roberts on 0447 713 368.



Plan showing the layout of the new units. For more information or to see the plan contact Steve Green on 0419923663



If you have some news you would like to have included in this newsletter please contact: 97643575 Or email Greenbushes Community Resource Centre at trainee@greenbushescrc.net.au



TIDY TOWNS NEWS

The Greenbushes Tidy Towns Committee is working on the Portfolio for this year's Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards.

The portfolio will showcase projects and initiatives undertaken by individuals and community groups to improve the environment and social cohesion of the community with a particular emphasis on caring for our environment.

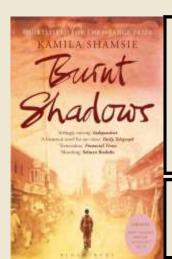
Anyone with ideas or projects they believe should be highlighted in the Portfolio 2018 is asked to contact Leonie Eastcott on 97825741 or Debbie Walsh on 97825717.

The portfolio is due for submission at the end of May.



NOW ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Come along to the next Book Club meeting at the Greenbushes CRC
On Wednesday 2nd May 2018
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.

Burnt Shadows By Kamala Shamsie

Balingup Patches and Craft



The annual quilting and craft exhibition held in conjunction with the Small Farm Field Day was another outstanding success with quilts from as far as Bridgetown to Donnybrook, on display.

The raffle quilt (pictured above), made by the whole group with the name "Licorice Allsorts", was well received and won by: Paddy Henderson from Mt. Baker.

Our group meets each Thursday at the local Balingup Recreation Centre from 10am to 3.00pm and as you can imagine with ladies from very diverse backgrounds, when we meet there is much discussion on every topic, with a lot of laughter and even occasionally, when one of the members has a problem, the odd tear.

We do manage to get a modicum of work done, participate in workshops, and generally enjoy each others company for the day.

In May this year our workshop will be mosaics with Jan Helsham instructing us over a 2 week period (mornings only), on Thursdays.

We also enjoy a couple of outings during the year – one mid year and our Christmas luncheon, usually they are surprise trips to places unknown which make it even more interesting trying to guess where we are going.

If you would care to join us, please come along or for more information you can contact Vicky Henderson on 9764 3375.

The reader lives a thousand lives before he dies...

George R R Martin

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GROW GREENBUSHES NEWS UPDATE FOR MAY



Grow Greenbushes is proud to have been associated with the project to install colourful Shade Sails over the playground equipment at Thomson Park.

The Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes and Grow Greenbushes worked together to obtain grants to carry out the works.

The total project cost was \$25,230 with half of this funding being granted by Lotterywest and the other half by the South West Development Commission's Community Chest fund sourced from Royalties for Regions.

The new Shade Sails will extend the hours that the playground can be used by families. Before the Shade Sails were installed the equipment was too hot to touch during the summer months. There was also more chance that children would get sunburn without the shelter now offered by the Shade Sails.

Thank you to the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes for helping to bring this project to fruition.





HISTORY OF GROW GREENBUSHES FORMERLY THE GREENBUSHES RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC

The Grow Greenbushes group is carrying on in the footsteps of a long standing community organisation in Greenbushes that had its genesis back in the early 1980s.

Beginning with small Tidy Towns projects to improve the streetscape and aesthetics, the original Ratepayers and Residents committee founders envisioned and brought to life many fantastic projects for Greenbushes.

People have come and gone over the many years since that first community minded group of people formed to initiate projects to improve the town. And it is due to the great energy and vision of those people from the 1980s and those that have followed continuing to the present day that Greenbushes has improved and evolved.

Those early achievements then led on to large projects such as the Greenbushes Pool Boardwalk, The Town Square and Community Garden, the initiation of the Greenbushes Discovery Centre and the development of events such as the Tin Centenary and The Federation Celebrations. Of more recent times the group has developed the Winter Festival and the Greenbushes Fun Run.

Over the coming months we will feature some of those projects to showcase what can be achieved when people work together with a common goal.

Leanne Green Chairperson Grow Greenbushes

(formerly Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association Incorporated)





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Greenbushes Community Shed

Is now on Facebook!

Check out the work we are doing and

Come and visit us on our

Open Day

Saturday 5th May 2018







Pat's Patch...Cr Pat Scallan

I am back from my sojourn in Nepal, and bottom line is that we as Australians are very privileged living in such a wonderful, free and prosperous country. The people of Nepal are friendly, happy and proud however the infrastructure rebuild post the 2015 earthquakes has not progressed that well with what I believe is due to bureaucratic corruption. We as the Bibbulmun Foundation at least made a small contribution to the school rebuilding program in Melamchi. See this edition of the newsletter for my travel diary.

There has been some minor vandalism in town with some related to walk trail signage. Please do keep your eyes open and report any unsocial behaviour to the police or myself.

The Prescribed Burn-Off period has ended however please be careful when burning off and make sure there is a clear area around your burn-off pile and make sure some water is on hand. In addition please do not leave any fire burning or smouldering if unattended.

Thanks to the RSL for a well run ANZAC Day service and to the community for supporting this event. We need to forgive but we also need to not forget! The service reflects the Centenary of the First World War and the signing of the Armistice Treaty.





MINE NEWS -Craig's Corner

Welcome dear reader to this inaugural Craig's Corner. Firstly, let me introduce myself.

My name is Craig Dawson and I am the new General Manager — Operations for Talison's Greenbushes mine, taking over from Steve Green who is taking on a new role with the Company. I am a mining engineer by profession with 30+ years' experience in the Australian and International mining industry — the majority of which has been on a FIFO basis.

My wife (Jacqui) and I have recently moved to Greenbushes and we are certainly looking forward to the "tree change" and becoming part of the community in this wonderful part of our great country. Our immediate family consists of two adult children (girl/boy), one daughter in law and one rambunctious grandpuppy. I look forward to meeting you over the coming months.

As most of you will be aware the mine is currently undergoing a significant expansion with a new processing plant being built under the ever-watchful eye of Pat Scallan and his team. Progress to date has been very good with the civil and concrete works nearing completion by the end of April. Structural, mechanical and piping (SMP) works will be the focus for the next couple of months which will see the transitioning out of one workgroup (concreters) and the transitioning in of another workgroup (steel fixers).

A new primary crushing circuit for the existing process plants was commissioned during April on schedule and has performed very well. Cape Crushing has this contract and it is good to see them becoming a part of the Greenbushes team.

In preparation for the expanded operations, employee numbers have been (and will continue), expanding to ensure that we are ready for the increase in production and activity.

Talison's marquee at the Balingup Small Farm Field Day was well attended with the sandpit again proving popular with the younger brigade. A pity that the weather was not the best on the day, but I certainly hope that people took the time to enjoy the hospitality of the Talison team.

I had the great pleasure of attending the Greenbushes ANZAC Day Dawn Service for the first time and was privileged to be able to lay a wreath on behalf of all Talison employees and contractors. It was fantastic to see such a great turnout on what was a chilly but clear morning. The service was a credit to the Greenbushes RSL and all who participated and I look forward to attending future services.

The secret of getting ahead is getting started... Mark Twain





A note from the Greenbushes CRC
The April school holidays program were a great success—A BIG thank you to the families who supported the events and who have signed up the children to our Kids/Youth Club Memberships.

I was honoured to attend the Anzac Day
Dawn Service and be part of the Wreath
laying. The service was beautiful and the
scrumptious breakfast afterwards warmed up
our bodies.

April has whizzed by and here at the CRC we have events for all ages planned for May and June. Please see the separate advertisements for more information.

Hope to see you and your smiling faces there.

Nicole Ward - Coordinator



COMING UP @ the CRC

<u>May</u>

- Each Monday, Stay and Play 9.30-11.30am with Jane. Mum's take some time out!
- Each Wednesday, 3.30pm-4.30pm Afterschool Coding. (not on during school holidays)
- Each Tuesday, knitting group 10.00am-12pm \$2 per session.
- Book club meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 10am-11am. New members welcome.
- Greenbushes Community Shed—please see their advertisement for opening hours.
- Tuesday 1 May 2018 1pm-2.30pm—Coffee and Chat with Wendy Trow.
- Saturday 5 May 2018—Preparing for Winter and Community Shed Open day.
- Sunday 13 May 2018—Croquet in the Park, 9am followed by a coffee & Fourth Friday from 4pm.
- Thursday 17 May 2018—HIIT session—see advertisement for more details.
- Saturday 19 May 2018—A Perfectly Posh Pink Afternoon Tea book launch.
- Wednesday 23 May 2018—Reflexology with Nicola—please contact the CRC on 9764 3575 to book.



What's on at the CRC in May











What's on at the CRG











Greenbushes Little Free Library





Pictured above are Tilly and Lynus Butler with Grant Macdonald from the Greenbushes Community Shed checking out the new library.

The Butler family of Greenbushes are the creators of the Greenbushes Little Free Library at the Greenbushes Pool (Norman Lindsay Reserve). Unfortunately, the previous little library had uninvited termites making a home.

Thanks to the wonderful donations of the Greenbushes RSL, Bridgetown Grumpy Old Men Inc. and the Greenbushes Community Shed, the Greenbushes Free Little Library has been replaced.

For more information about the library you can follow it on:



Greenbusheslittlefreelibrary



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April School Holiday Fun









Our School Holiday Programme was very successful with a great turnout of local children for the activities at the CRC. Don't forget there's more fun if you take out our Kid's Membership package.





Journey to Nepal

Pat Scallan

After seeing a Bibbulmun Foundation email come across my desk looking for candidates to fill a vacant spot on the planned Nepal School rebuilding project I thought that it may satisfy a few of my ambitions to see Nepal, do some trekking in the Annapurna Mountains and do some community work for a good needy cause!

After paying the deposit I did not really think much more about it until I needed to buy air tickets and plan a pre-trip with Debbie to the Chitwan National Park.

Again not much thought until I had 2 weeks to go and attended a briefing on the trip and looked at what the equipment and clothing requirements were suggested. After few trips to Mountain designs, Kathmandu, Paddy Palin, Main Peak etc I had topped up my existing gear and was ready to go.

The list of suggested medication was in its own right comprehensive and just about required its own suitcase! I also found out that most of the other participants had been training for a fair while and were talking strategies, comparing trekking gear and supplements and discussing their numerous training hikes.....not that there are many mountains to climb and any areas where one could practice at a reasonable elevation in Western Australia.

A week to go I decided to raise a few dollars so that I could take some cash to present to the proposed school for purchasing equipment materials or anything that they may need. After doing a quick whip around work which Talison Lithium contributed \$ for \$, the Shire and family and I had \$2,000 to take with me.

Thanks to everyone for being so generous.In Nepal this was a huge amount!

Kathmandu is still reeling from the earthquake damage from 2015. Many buildings including historical sites and tourist attractions were still being repaired or waiting to be repaired. Most of the roads have been severely damaged causing dust and more bumps and holes than the Gun barrel Highway. Unfortunately I don't think all the money that has been donated to the country was making it to the coal face due to corruption.

Traffic is absolutely chaotic but does keep moving very slowly and with 1.4 Million people (size of Perth) and the 3rd world environmental standards there is a lot of pollution and smells. Notwithstanding that the various temples and squares were interesting, colourful and the history complex and intriguing.



Roads and infrastructure in Nepal are still chaotic as the region is still reeling from earthquake damage suffered in 2015. Most roads we travelled on were damaged.



The people on the journey were so friendly and happy.

After an 8 hour trip to Chitwan National Park... covering 185km and passing truck after truck bringing goods, food and materials into Nepal from India we were able to relax in a safari lodge on the edge of the Rapti River serviced by country people and at a very much slower pace. We did a number of walks and jeep drives into the National park to see the numerous unique birds, one horned rhinos, hog and spotted deer, wild boar, monkeys, sloth bears and crocodiles.

We also went on an Indian elephant ride and swam with them while they bathed.....not sure if this was my expectation and would not do it again, but still they are beautiful animals.

Debbie had arranged a flight back to Kathmandu which took 35 minutes instead of the 8 hour car drive which was a great decision.....it still took 45 minutes to get from the airport to the Hotel.....Debbie then flew back to Australia and my solo adventure was to begin!





Journey to Nepal

Continued....

Meeting up with the rest of the trekking crew was exciting and the energy was electric as we were given the details of the school project. The actual school we were going to had changed at the last minute as a school in Malamchi in the Sindhupalchok district was identified as not being on the priority list for receiving grants to reconstruct it even though that they were using a couple of the temporary class rooms without a toilet facility. The reason that they were not seen as a priority was the small number of kids (just under 40) and that they could attend another school just around the corner so to speakbut it took in excess of an hour and a half for the kids to walk there every day!

We were housed in wilderness tents sleeping on a couple of gym mats and our own mattresses (in my case the thermarest mat I bought in Kathmandu did not even pretend to stay inflated) about a 15 minute walk from the school. Our Sherpas were there to look after us including feeding us 3 cooked meals a day...toilets were basic, just a small hole in the ground in a tent...thanks to a suggestion to buy Vicks Vapour Rub for relieving the smell, to a degree! I need to practice my breathing so I can learn to hold my breath for a very long time!

We were warmly welcomed by the school board, teachers and some kids (as they were on holidays) and shown what they were planning to build. We were to dig the remaining 6 of the 12 holes 1.5m X 1.5m X 1.5m for the foundation pillars for the 2 storey building (only a small footprint). In addition we assisted with the construction of the toilet block which was already at waist height...mainly mixing and carrying concrete (manually) for the stone masons to continue the construction process.

The tools we had were shovels, picks with homemade handle and makeshift crowbars. It was hot and humid as we were in a valley below the main Himalayan mountain range. The team comprised of 8 women and 6 men and the average age would have been ~60.....just what we needed for manual work! We all slept well the first night with a few reporting to light duty the next day and only 2 of us digging the last 2 holes on the third day. Most of the ground was glacial screed comprising of granite boulders, round river tumbled rocks, compacted sandstone and fine sand.

We found out that they needed to do this work before they could apply and justify further materials (reo bar and cement, sand and stone) to actually pour the foundations. Many of the labourers were working on a number of buildings in the area which had collapsed during the earthquake.





We were housed in wilderness tents sleeping on a couple of gym mats but the view was awesome.



Very manual labour was the order of the day—so we slept well each night.





Journey to Nepal

Continued....

We had a farewell function on the last afternoon where we handed out books, pencils, pens, Aussie English reading books, school bags, balls and skipping ropes to the kids and to the school to use as a resource. Everyone had brought something along. One of the builders that came with us brought a bag of tools, which was eagerly received. All work was done manually i.e. cutting and bending reo bar. Someone brought a cordless drill however the solar power systems were not charging the batteries properly and we found out later that Nepal does not stock that size cutting disc anyway. After some discussions we agreed that we would not donate the money to the school but rather buy some useful equipment for them.

Instead of the 7.5 hour bus trip, 6 of us chartered a helicopter (making it quite affordable) and flew back to Kathmandu which took a whole 9 minutes, flying over the tree tops. There was much excitement in the town when it arrived and picked us up as no one had seen a helicopter that close up before.

Using the spare day as a result of not enduring the brutal bus trip we spent the day searching for the agreed equipment which in itself took 6 hours. We eventually bought a 5kVa generator, a large electric jack hammer and an electric angle grinder (cutter). This way the builders could make efficient progress completing the digging of the foundations and sizing up the rocks for building the walls of the toilet block and school building. The idea of this generator and jack hammer is that they can then rent it out and get some much needed money in to buy their required building materials which would also assist in providing their contribution towards possible grant funding. The chairman of the school board came back to Kathmandu with the rest of the trekking party on the bus and took the generator, jack hammer and other various tools we had bought back to the school the next day!. Feedback during our trek was that they had made significant progress thanks to the contribution of this equipment.





So I do hope that those of you who donated money are happy with the outcomes of your contribution towards the project. I do know that the kids and teachers were overjoyed with their gifts and school resources we gave them as they really do value their education as this is their only opportunity to make a living and contribute to their community in such a poor country.

I have returned feeling that we may have made a little difference to their lives but that they too have reminded us and in particular myself how blessed we are living in such a wonderful, free and prosperous country. I will also never complain about roads, traffic, power supply and pollution in the same light again after experiencing this in a little but magical country with happy, generous, simple and proud people.

The one thing I will remember from Nepal besides all the street dogs which I wanted to adopt is that the interpretation of a level walk in Nepal is a walk with a little up and a little down!...the "little" is well understated!

Pat Scallan.

GREENBUSHES WINTER FESTIVAL WEEKEND

August 3-5 - SAVE THE DATE

Community Garden morning tea, Discovery Centre celebrating 20 years of operation,

Maranup Ford Laser Mayhem, Greenbushes Art Trail and Exhibition, CRC Art Workshop

A range of other workshops including Life Dance, Laughter Workshop and Yoga.





Cabaret 60's & 70's style Saturday, 5th May Greenbushes District Hall 7:30pm

All styles of dance welcome
Old Time, Rock 'n' Roll, Line, Swing
or come along and listen!

Funds to RFDS ALL WELCOME

Table bookings & information ph 97643418

Bring Basket Supper
Tea & Coffee provided
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\$15 Single \$30 Family

Do you have a skill or hobby that you can share with the Community?

If so the Greenbushes CRC wants to hear from you

Please contact us with details

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







OPENING HOURS

Monday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Tuesday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Wednesday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Friday: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Closed Public Holidays

BINGO

Stinton Gardens Function Centre

Second Friday of the month

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



Come and enjoy a morning out Bring a shared lunch

Contact Heather Cusack for details. 9764 3653

Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy..

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Greenbushes Community Resource Centre

> 46 Blackwood Road, Greenbushes WA 6254 Ph: 08 97643575

ROOM HIRE	DURATION	MEMBERS	NON MEMBERS
Video Conference / Meeting Room & Small Meeting Room	Per Hour	\$12	\$20
Health and Wellness Room	Half Day (4 Hours)	\$20	\$30
Training Room/ Large Meeting Room	Per Hour	\$12	\$20
и	Half Day (4 Hours)	\$33	\$45
и	Full Day (8 Hours)	\$45	\$90
Meeting Rooms – Special Rate Community Groups	Per Hour	\$10	\$18
Applicable after 5:00pm	Per Hour	\$8	







Stinton Gardens Will be holding a

Mother's Day Stall & Raffle

At the Stinton Gardens Activity room 70 Blackwood Rd Greenbushes

Sunday 13th May 2018

9:00am - 2:00pm

Items for sale will include plant, craft & knitted items, china and more

Tea and coffee for a gold coin donation

Raffle #1

1st prize: Hand made blue silk patchwork quilt 2nd prize: Hand made American style patchwork quilt Raffle #2

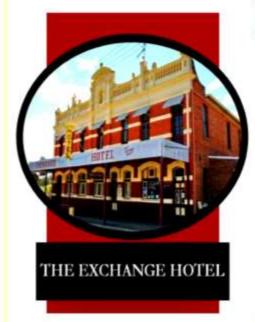
1st prize: Mixed prize from Greenbushes and local businesses
Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Looking for a good book to read? Check out the CRC Library or place your order for a book through the State Library service.



Ask the friendly staff at the CRC for more information.





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

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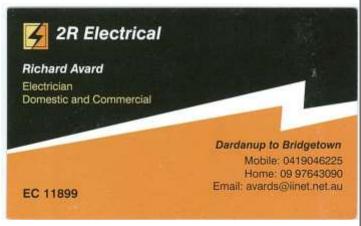


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Community Notices



Kids / Youth Club Membership Advantages

Kids/Youth Club is open from 3:00pm - 5.00pm on Monday & Wednesday afternoons

Excluding school holidays when times will be notified

Monday: Study, computer & internet use

Wednesday: Study, computer & internet use & after school coding program with Terry *

Great discounts on services such as printing

Great discounts on some of our School holiday programs & events *

MEMBERSHIP	12 Months	6 Months
Kids Club (under 12 years)	\$7.50	\$5.00
Youth Club (12+ years)	\$10.00	\$7.50

* Numbers are limited



C hurch Times

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Greenbushes St Barnabas

Sunday Morning Services each week at 11:00am.

Eucharist 2nd 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 1st Sunday at 9am. Services held each week

Contact Ms. Simone Payne for more details on 97641885.

UNITING CHURCH

Greenbushes

2nd Sunday each month 2:30pm

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Balingup

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

Greenbushes

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

5th Sunday 8:30am (Lay Liturgy)

Centrelink Access point

Available at the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre



Prescription drop off - Don't forget the CRC now runs a script drop-off and pick-up between

Balingup Pharmacy and the Community Resource Centre.



LOCAL SERVICES DIRECTORY



Souwest Glass Service



Steve Hawkins

Glazier - Glass and LeadLights PO Box 248 Greenbushes WA 6254

> P (08) 9764 3663 F (08) 9764 3387

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Greenbushes Discovery Centre welcomes new volunteers to help man the centre which is open Wed, Fri, Sat & Sun between 10am and 2pm.

Anyone interested in doing a shift once a month or another appropriate time is asked to contact the Secretary Leonie Eastcott on 97825717.





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		1st Saturday of the month Busy Bee/Crop Swap from 9:30am and Monthly meeting on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 3:00pm	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	From 1:00 pm	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
Greenbushes Playgroup	Old Court House Greenbushes	9.30am to 11.30am	Every Tuesday	Kayla Brunckhorst 0400 612 263
Balingup Progress Association	Balingup Community Centre	7:00pm	1 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 BINGO	Stinton Gardens Function Centre	9:30am Bingo 1:00pm Meeting	2 nd Thursday of the month	Heather 97643653
Greenbushes CWA Belles	CWA Rooms	7:00pm	2nd 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	6:30pm	1 st Thursday of the month (except Dec and Jan)	Leonie Eastcott 97 825 717
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 to 11:00am	3 rd Wednesday of each month	Coordinator 9764 3575
Community Resource Centre Craft Club	Greenbushes CRC	10:00am to 12:00pm	Every Tuesday	Coordinator 9764 3575
Greenbushes Primary School P and C	Greenbushes School Room 5	9:00am	Second Tuesday of the month	School 97643535
Greenbushes Meet and Play	Greenbushes Primary School Early Learning Centre	9am-11am	Thursday mornings	School 97643535
Shamrock Sporting Club	Shamrock Hotel Greenbushes	5:00pm	Last Sunday of the month	9764 3512
Greenbushes Community Singers	St Barnabas Church	1:30pm to 3:00pm	Tuesdays	043 733 8350



MAY DIARY DATES

One Family Project Chat at Greenbushes CRC with W	endy Trow.
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5 Cabaret at Greenbushes District Hall.

5 Keeping Safe in Winter - DFES Community Information session at the CRC.

5 Community Shed Morning Tea, Sausage Sizzle and Open Day.

8/15/22 Windows 10 for Beginners.

9 Club Secretary Information Session - for NFP groups.
 13 Stinton Gardens Mother's Day Stall and Raffle 9am-2pm.

14 Croquet in the Park at Greenbushes 9am (and Fourth Friday from 4pm).

17 HIIT Session - see advert for more details.

19 Manual Registration for the Greenbushes Fun Run and MTB at the Sports

Complex.

19 Perfectly Posh Afternoon Tea and Book Launch at Greenbushes CRC.

19 Old Time Dance at Greenbushes District Hall.

20 Greenbushes Fun Run and MTB.

23 Reflexology with Nicola—contact the CRC for bookings.

24 Juggling at Greenbushes CWA Belles.

JUNE UPDATE

11 AGM Balingup Tennis Club

19/26 iPad Lessons at Greenbushes CRC (also on July 3)

29 Bird House Construction Workshop at Greenbushes Community Shed

GREENBUSHES CRC FUNDING CUT FORESHADOWED

The Greenbushes CRC Management Committee has received a letter from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development advising that Greenbushes, as a Tier 2 CRC, will have its funding halved from July 2019.

The Minister has asked her Department to review the CRC programme and provide options for the future within these budget constraints.

The Greenbushes CRC committee is to provide feedback on the proposal by May 20.



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