Greenbushes-Balingup Newsletter

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FEATHERED FRIENDS THRIVING WITH DOUGLAS'S CARE



Douglas Sumner-McGhie introduces his school friend Gypsy Barton to his birds, Peck and Poke.

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Graduation Photos and Story from Greenbushes Primary School.

News from the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre.

New Trainees to start soon at Talison Lithium Nannup Family Fun Day Details Inside

Douglas Sumner-McGhie has an encyclopaedic knowledge about animals and in particular birds.

This knowledge and a passionate interest in all creatures great and small has saved the lives of a baby Tawny Frogmouth (Podargus strigoides) and a Magpie (Cracticus tibicen).

Douglas found the Tawny Frogmouth, whom he has named Poke, on the side of the road and the magpie named Peck was rescued in similar circumstances.

The Tawny Frogmouth was small enough to fit into the palm of his hand when rescued and is now thriving and foraging for food on its own.

Douglas feeds the birds in the early evening and again before he goes to bed.

Mum, Peta McGhie, says the family's food bill has increased by about \$80 a week as a result of the newly acquired feathered friends.

"We have added insectore mince and frozen rodents to the shopping list since Doug brought them home" she said.

Ms McGhie said her son had already rescued about seven other native birds over several years which had since been released back to the wild.

"We have a five acre property and we have a lot of unusual pets because Doug just loves animals," she said.

Douglas breeds birds and chickens which he exhibits in Agricultural Shows and has also rescued injured bobtail lizards.

The lifespan of a Tawny Frogmouth is about 10 to 14 years in the wild and a Magpie can live for about 25 years.

"My mother raised a Tawny Frogmouth and it came back to roost in a tree in the garden every year, " said Ms McGhie.



GRADUATION CONCERT AT GREENBUSHES



Departing students (left to right) Katie Taylor, Connor Bennettt, Carl Hahn, Douglas Sumner-McGhie and Brooke Potter will take on new challenges as they begin their journey through upper school.

The Greenbushes Primary School said goodbye and good luck to its departing Year Six students at the Graduation Concert on December 12.

Katie Taylor, Connor Bennett, Carl Hahn, Douglas Sumner-McGhie and Brooke Potter are pictured left. Marcus Goodwin is absent from the photograph.

The final event for the year, the Graduation Concert, was a joyous occasion with students wearing bright colours to match the colourful decorations in the undercover area and stage.

Students performed songs including the old favourite "There's a Hole in the Bucket."

MCs for the evening were Connor Bennett and Brooke Potter who had a busy evening providing all the links between awards presentations.

The Senior Apex Award went to Connor Bennett and the Room Three Academic Award was presented to Brooke Potter.

Room One Academic Award winner was Edyn Hardy.

Gypsy Barton received the Room Three Citizenship Award and Corey Poulton was awarded the Room 1 Citizenship Award. Awards details continued next page





GRADUATION CONCERT AT GREENBUSHES (continued)

Tessa Scovell was the Room One Consistent High Achiever.

Room Three Consistent Hard Worker was Maddox Lansdell.

Room One Love of Learning Award went to Logan Doab.

The Junior Science Award was presented to Alex Jones and the Senior Science Award went to Douglas Sumner-McGhie.

Carl Hahn received the Senior Music Award and Declan Wells was presented with the Junior Music Award.

Eugenie Smith and Katie Taylor received (Language other than English) awards.

The Junior Sportsmanship Award was presented to Shenae Woodall and the Senior Sportsmanship Award to Chris Bennett.

The Junior St John's Humanity Award was presented to Tobin Russell and the Senior Humanity Award was presented to Emily Wells.

Kindy and Pre-Primary Awards were presented to Leah Woodall, Chealsea Bennet and Kobee Kelly.

Sharen Petterson from the Greenbushes Roadhouse presented all year six students with a calculator as a parting gift.

The winner of the "Cop it Sweet Bike Award" was Shenae Woodall.







Magnesium is like Mother Nature's Chill Pill. It calms and relaxes blood vessels and nerves and is key for memory and learning as well.

Source: Well at Work Health works 2016



Ratepayers' News for January

A great time was had by everyone who attended the annual Ratepayers and Residents Christmas function. This year it was combined with the Community Christmas Tree which was held earlier in the afternoon. Santa arrived despite the rain and the kids had a wonderful time opening presents, playing on the bouncy castles and water slide and immersed themselves in the bubbles provided by the Bush Fire Brigade. Thanks to the Greenbushes Primary School P&C for organising their bit and for cooperating with us to change the day so that the two functions could be combined. Hopefully this format will continue next year as it made it a real community event.

The BBQ meal was ably cooked by Dominic lacopetta and Mark Lansdell – thanks guys! Thanks also to Tasty Edibles for the yummy salads and to the Shire for contributing financially to the function, and to all the other volunteers who helped make the evening a success.

We chose to celebrate our State Tidy Towns win on this occasion and certificates of acknowledgement and appreciation were handed out to all our community groups and businesses without which we would not be the wonderful town of Greenbushes.

We have finally been officially welcomed to this year's Australian Tidy Towns Awards Program. Judging will occur between February and March with the announcements being made in May. We will know an exact date for the arrival of the judge in Greenbushes in the New Year. We are planning on having a civic event so the judge can meet our community and details will be advised in the next newsletter. We hope you will join us and in the meantime keep working on those verges and your gardens so that Greenbushes will look the best it can be.

On another note, the Greenbushes Fun Run is on the 21st May 2017. This year we are introducing a mountain bike category so stay tuned for more details. We will continue to support the Breast Cancer Network of Australia with our fundraising, however the majority of funds raised will go to the Sock it to Sarcoma Foundation in memory of Mia Perrin. So save this date and encourage your family and friends to come along and support us in this fun family event.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and joyous festive season and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Our next Ratepayers and Residents meeting is on Thursday 2nd February and everyone is welcome to come and make a contribution to our events and projects.

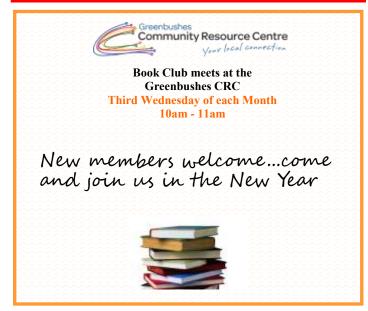
Leanne Green

President

Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association

OPTOMETRIST TO VISIT GREENBUSHES IN JANUARY. CONTACT THE CRC TO BOOK 97643575







INCORPORATING A MINI-FIELD OF WOMEN

5KM & 10KM FOREST WALK/RUN

(APPROXIMATE DISTANCE ONLY)

NEW! Mountain Bike category

Looking for participants, volunteers and sponsors Contact: pinkfunrun@talisonlithium.com Information: www.greenbushes.com.au



UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE GREENBUSHES RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



Pat's Patch

Once again we have had a few children making a mess in the public toilets and wasting the toilet paper. Please keep

an eye out as it takes time and money to clean up and reduces the time available to provide the services the staff are supposed to provide.

There are still examples where people are dumping non recycled waste in the bins provided by Talison at the school (picture of old mattress bottom right on this page). Any contaminated waste then has to be redirected to land fill and an additional fee is charged to cover this. There is a rubbish truck made available by the Shire every Saturday morning for rubbish to be collected from Greenbushes. I also note that due to unacceptable household rubbish being dumped at the truck bays, the bins, which have not been stolen, have been removed. This is disappointing as it is a service provided to reduce rubbish being dumped on our roads.

Council passed a number of motions the other night at the Greenbushes Council meeting including providing the Ratepayers and Residents Association meeting an opportunity to extend our Art Trail work by putting a mural on the Greenbushes pool ablution block. This should add a bit more colour to our wonderful facility.

Council also approved in principle the proposed carpark facility being planned at the rear of the shops. This will also improve the safety of the current car parks, provide safe access to the area, provide caravan car parking and safe access to all the shops and toilets along Blackwood Road.

Another project raised at the council meeting is to look at incorporating the Dumping Gully dams as part of the community reserves once WaterCorp has commissioned the new regional water supply system. The community can then develop this as part of the water bird project for both passive and active recreation uses. This concept was raised as part of the community consultation a few years ago and could be an exciting development, not only for Greenbushes, but the wider region.

A New Year is upon us which gives us all an opportunity to plan what we would like to achieve this year and one thing we all can do is see where we can volunteer, to assist the community in the many ways that our various community groups do......I would like to wish you all the very best with the challenges that you may face and that you have a very exciting and rewarding 2017.

Redman announces funding to Balingup Bowling Club

Member for Warren-Blackwood, Terry Redman said the State Government continued to support

grassroots sports with grants designed for clubs and councils that require financial assistance to

complete a project which might otherwise be out of reach.

The Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup will receive \$9,700 thanks to the latest round of Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund grants.

"I congratulate the Shire on receiving funding to install floodlights at the Balingup Bowling and Croquet Club which I know will make a difference to people living in Balingup," Mr Redman said.

Tennis Courts for Hire



The Greenbushes tennis courts are available for hire, excluding Tuesday late afternoon/evening,

The tennis courts are located at the Greenbushes Sports Complex on Blackwood Road, at the northern entrance to Greenbushes.

Please contact Leonie Eastcott, business hours 97825717, or mobile 0427643065, to initiate hire of the courts.

DON'T BE BORED IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

See the back page of this edition of the Greenbushes Balingup Newsletter to find out the fun activities for children at the Greenbushes CRC during the School Holidays.



Feeling Sleepy?

If you are excessively sleepy in the day, but feel you get enough sleep, see your GP.

Daytime sleepiness can be caused by a treatable medical condition such as obstructive sleep apnoea or a thyroid disorder.

Well At Work Health works JUNE 2016



GREENBUSHES COMMUNITY GARDEN

Welcome to a brand new year in the garden. Would you like to volunteer or rent a bed? Pop along to our first morning tea on the 7th of January at 9.30am to see how you can be involved. Our meetings are at 8.30am on the first Saturday of each month starting in February. New members are always welcome as this helps to keep the fresh ideas flowing in and the garden thriving.

Are you or your kids bored these holidays? Don't forget to enter our **Bee Hotel Competition**. Making a 'hotel' for cavity nesting native bees is a fun activity and will help preserve your backyard biodiversity. There are great prizes to be won in two categories: *Kids aged 4 – 13yrs* prize is \$50 cash and a year's subscription to the National Geographic Kids Magazine and *Adults 14 yrs and over* prize is \$200 cash and a year's subscription to PIP Permaculture Magazine.

Entry to this competition is free and to enter simply email us photos of you with your hotel in your garden. Please note: they will be shared on social media. We will be judging on individuality, the flowers you've planted for the bees around your hotel and the use of recycled materials. They are due by 5pm January 20th and the competition winners announced and contacted on 4th February. Please see our how-to guide in this edition for tips on successful hotel building. Email: greenbushescommunitygarden@gmail.com

In 2017 we will continue to have **Monthly Community Morning Tea's with a Crop Swap** on the first Saturday of each month. This year we would like to develop our crop swap a little more. Crop Swaps are community driven events where backyard growers are invited to come together to share their excess produce, seeds, plants and more. They involve no direct exchange or any form of payment. We all bring along our contribution, add it to the table and then pick something different to take home.

Build a Bee Hotel
Competition
Help your local native bees & biodiversity!
Get your creative hats on and build a bee hotel in your garden this summer.

For information about the Bee Hotel Competition go to the Greenbushes Community Garden Facebook Page or call Tracy on 0400976434 We are encouraging fresh fruit and veg, eggs, seeds, seedlings, cuttings, plants, recipes, books, baked goods, ferment starters e.g. Kombucha & sourdough, sprouts, jams, pickles and more. We won't swap meat or meat-based products or dairy and dairy-based products.

Crop Swap's tie in beautifully with our garden's permaculture principles of *Care for the People, Care for the Earth and a Fair Share.* Encouraging lots of home grown produce to be grown and shared with no monetary exchange strengthens our sustainable community efforts and is another way to bring people together.

Crop Swaps are a great place to exchange ideas about how to cook, eat or preserve what you grow. So don't let your surplus go to waste!!..... Find a good home for it and take home something different. Our first monthly Morning Tea is January 7th at 9.30am. If you would like to participate in the Crop Swap, please be there by 10am to begin the swapping at 10.15am.

Tracy Lansdell Co-ordinator



If you don't look after your body...where will you live?

Source: Well at Work Health works 2016



TIPS TO ENTER OUR

"BEE HOTEL"

COMPETITION



How to construct a home for cavity nesting solitary native bees

All you need is a container or shell that will securely hold the nesting materials. They can be made out of recycled items like old tins, PVC pipe or drawers from old wooden chest of drawers. You can also make one out of reclaimed timbers. Just ensure you choose materials that have not been treated with chemicals. Composite materials such as hardboard, chipboard or particleboard tend to disintegrate in the rain and are not suitable.

The container is your bee hotel and now you need to simply fill it with 'rooms' for the bees – which can be blocks of wood in which you have drilled small holes into, bamboo, spent raspberry canes, old grapevine cuttings, rushes, lantana, hollow stems like agapanthus flowers, etc. The open ends of these holes should face outwards, and must be smooth, and free of splinters. When using bamboo, cut it close to the node so one end is open and the other closed and use all different sizes from tiny up to 12mm.

Another option is to simply drill holes into a log of hard wood. Drill holes of varying diameters **between 2mm and 12mm**, but no wider and you must drill down the full length of the drill bit. These holes can be drilled close together and each different size will attract a different sized native bee. Drill the holes slightly upwards to ensure no rain collects in them.

The container needs to be at least 20cm deep. Ideally it should have an overhang at the top to keep rain off, or placed in your garden in a protected area.

Fix your bee hotel against a wall or fence. If the bee house is to be free standing you will need to give it a wooden back to give it protection from rain and wind. It is really important to protect your bee nest tubes from heavy persistent rain.

The hotel should receive a bit of morning sun but then protected from hot sun. Face the opening North East.

Provide nutritious bee food and water

Bees eat two things: nectar (loaded with sugar, it's a bee's main source of energy) and pollen (which provides proteins and fats). Choose a variety of plants that flower at different times so there's always a snack available for when bees are out and about. Aim to have at least 4 different flowering plants for every season and overlapping flowering times.

Create a bee bath. Line a shallow bowl or plate with rocks, add water, but leave the rocks as dry islands to serve as landing pads. Place the bath less than a metre high in your garden. Refresh the water daily and place near your bee hotel







Exchange up to two of your old showerheads for highly efficient replacements absolutely FREE.

Together with the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre and local Shire, we're offering a free Showerhead Swap program to assist residents to upgrade their old showerheads and reduce their water use.

Switching to high efficiency showerheads means you can still enjoy a good pressure shower and your household can save up to 7,000 litres of water each year by changing just one showerhead.

The showerheads are 3 star WELS (Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards) rated and use nine litres of water per minute.

How to claim your free showerheads

To participate, please take your Water Corporation water account and up to two of your old inefficient showerheads to the distribution point in your town to swap them for new water efficient ones.

Important information

Older instantaneous hot water systems are not compatible with water efficient showerheads. Please check your hot water system is compatible with a licensed plumber before removing your old showerhead off the wall. Further information is located in the terms and conditions on the next page.

Contact details

If you have any queries on the Showerhead Swap program please call us on 08 9423 7117 or email: waterwisetowns@watercorporation.com.au

A mobile optometrist is coming to the Greenbushes CRC on Wednesday the 4th of January



Appointments available
From 9:30
To make a booking email:
trainee@greenbushescrc.net.au
Or call 9764 3575



NEWS WELCOME

9764 3575 or admin@greenbushescrc.net.au



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





The Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association has proposed to paint a community mural on the Greenbushes Pool ablution block.

The current proposal is to repaint the exterior of the ablution block with the themed colours of the 2016 Art Trail and possibly apply specific art works of local attractions, buildings and history.

The artist Caroline Haines is a well-respected local artist, who has completed a number of works locally and regionally and was the winner of the 2015 Archie Awards Best Local Identity artist in 2015.

As part of the approval process the CEO of the Shire is seeking community feedback on the proposal inviting public submissions within a 21 day period. Submission to be lodged by 27 January 2017 to the CEO, Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, PO box 271 Bridgetown WA 6255.

The mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:6



ROOM HIRE

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

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

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

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

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

Tour of the Blackwood

The Rotary Tour of the Blackwood is a new initiative to hold a road bike ride to raise funds for the Blackwood Youth Action Group Incorporated.

The funds will be used to give rural youth access to counselling and a trained mental health specialist in conjunction with GP Down South.

The Rotary Tour of the Blackwood will kick off the inaugural bike ride on 22 April 2017. For more information about the event and to register go to www.blackwoodtour.info. Find them on Facebook and Instagram.



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

9764 3575 trainee@greenbushescrc.net.au

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CRC Coordinator's Column

Welcome to our new Trainee.....

It's that time of the year again when we say a fond farewell to our Trainee, Jamie Kennedy.

During 2016 Jamie completed her Certificate III in Business Administration and has gained valuable work experience here at the CRC. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jamie for her commitment throughout the year and wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

Sophie Wilkinson-Knight (pictured below) will commence her



traineeship here in Greenbushes during January. Sophie brings a year of CRC experience with her having completed a Certificate III in Business at the Manjimup CRC.

Please call in, introduce yourself and welcome Sophie to our community and bid a fond farewell to Jamie.

FREE NBN INFORMATION SESSION

Presenter—Mike Hendry independent NBN advisor for South West. Greenbushes Community Resource Centre

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1st 2017

5:30pm session with one-on-one appointments available between 2:00pm and 5:00pm. RSVP to the CRC.

For business and private customers.

JANUARY 2016

Reserve the date!

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

Showerhead Swap

Between Mid January and March the Water Corporation is offering a showerhead swap program. Drop up to two of your old showerheads down to the CRC and swap them for a highly efficient replacement absolutely FREE Please call the CRC for further information



A rich child often sits in a poor **mother's lap**

Old Danish proverb

Greenbushes Community Shed—Update

Our Community Shed registration with WAMSA has been accepted by their Board of Management and we are now officially a registered Shed. The next meeting for committee members is scheduled for 11th January at 3pm. There is lots happening with the acquisition of equipment and grant applications awaiting an outcome. Meetings may commence once there is power to the shed as the purchase of equipment decisions. There will be lots of odd jobs to do to ensure we get the Shed ready!

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.







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CRC Coordinator's Column







Code Monkey Sessions a Success

Greenbushes students were keen to learn computer coding skills at the CRC on Wednesdays after school in 2016.

Talison Lithium purchased the software for the program which is helping students gain valuable experience in programing and understanding the language of computers—said to be a vital skill required for the future.

The CRC is pleased to have been able to offer the sessions to students which had the support of Principal Roger Foster.

Keep an eye out for next year's sessions. New participants are welcome to attend and join in the fun.



First Aid For Small Business

Are you a business owner? Do you have a current First Aid Certificate? Are you due for a re-accreditation?

If so please contact the CRC to register for our subsidised course during February. Further details are available on the flyer on page 19 of the Newsletter.



COMING UP @ the CRC January COMING UP @ the CRC

- * Wednesday's in school holidays 10am-2pm free board games, colouring-in, table tennis, jigsaws, computer use—subject to availability.
- * Tuesday 11th & 18th 10am-12pm, iPad training with Terry.
- * Friday 13th Sports Fun Inflatables at Thomson Park 9am-1pm School Holiday Program
- * Wednesday 18th Reflexology with Anita. Bookings essential.
- * Wednesday 25th Sewing/design school holiday program 10am-2pm
- * Friday 27th Croquet in the Park—school holiday program 9am-11am
- Wednesday 1st February from 2pm make an appointment to speak to an NBN advisor about connecting-up.
- * Saturday 4th February Opera in the Park 7pm onwards, light meal provided live broadcast, a selection of operatic hits
- Mondays, Dru Yoga, 10.30am-11.30am \$2. An easy relaxing class
- * Book club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 10am-11am. New members welcome
- * Craft group meets each Tuesday at 10am-12pm
- * Saturday 18th February, First Aid for Small Business
- * Tuesday 21st February Performance Management—Business training workshop 9.30am—12.30pm

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

Thank you to our Volunteers and Staff

Volunteers, staff and friends of the CRC enjoyed Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 21 December.

The occasion was a time to reflect on the great community and business initiatives fostered by the CRC over the past 12 months.

Coordinator Angie Cornish presented Certificates of Appreciation to committee members, staff, volunteers and members of community groups who frequent the centre such as the CRC Book Club and Craft Club.









New Pavers at the CRC

The outdoor entrance to the CRC has been enhanced with the paving of the area under the shade sail which is a popular spot for lunch.

The work was completed just in time for the December meeting of the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes which was held at the CRC.

It was great to welcome our local councillors and team to the CRC for their annual visit. Councillor Pat Scallan gave an overview of the many and varied projects carried out in Greenbushes over the past 12 months.



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

We are conducting our first session in January. Contact the CRC to find out more!



HAPPY NEW YEAR



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



Angie Cornish—Coordinator and Jamie Kennedy—Trainee

WESTLINK PROGRAMS

Westlink (VAST 602) can be viewed for free, by members, at the CRC (dependent upon room availability). Or tune in at home. For the full schedule of programs, please visit www.greenbushes.crc.net.au.



Greenbushes Community Christmas Tree Party 2016



Thank you to the small but dedicated group of P and C members who organised the 2016 Greenbushes Community Christmas Tree Party.

This year the event started at 3pm with plenty of entertainment and a visit by Santa followed by the Greenbushes Ratepayers and Residents Association's End of Year BBQ.

The piles of snow and plentiful ice-creams were enjoyed by all despite the cool weather.

Megan Davies said the group was pleased with the turn out and the support from the local community.

Although there was plenty of "snow" around it was the threat of rain that led Santa indoors for the presentation of presents. Santa was supported by his elves Jazlyn and Maddox Lansdell.











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Blackwood Basin Group Update



The Priority Bittern and Waterbird Biodiversity Enhancement Project, coordinated by the Blackwood Basin Group (BBG), is a four year project, funded by the Australian Government, which aims to create a wetland haven at Schwenke's Dam, Greenbushes, to attract critically endangered waterbirds.

Photo Competition Winners

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Blackwood Basin Group Photo Competition themed "Capturing the Wonder of our Living Wetlands".

Our dedicated judges had a difficult job this year with many stunning photos entered. After much deliberation the winner was chosen.

Well done to Wendy Wilkins for her photo of a Night Heron which won the overall best photo.

Brooke Janitz's photo titled "Hide and Seek with Reptiles" was very popular and won the People's Choice award.

We would like to thank the judges, Pat Scallan, Leanne Green, Lee Steinbacher, and Lyn Willet for donating their time and discerning eyes to this competition, and also Tasty Edibles for hosting the People's Choice exhibition.





Wendy Wilkins' photo Night Heron (pictured left) and Brooke Janitz's photo Hide and Seek With Reptiles

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

<u>enquiries@blackwoodbasingroup.com.au</u> 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



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Blackwood Basin Group Update



Weeds and Pests

First of all, don't forget the fox baits are still active around Schwenke's for January. Hopefully we'll be able to reduce the fox numbers enough to remove them and have the area opened for less worried walks soon.

We're slowly making a dent in the weeds as well with the Spring control finished we're well into the summer control regime. Summer is the time to join the fight against the tasty but very invasive blackberry. If anyone needs some advice in controlling this destructive and fast growing weed please contact us.

We also have some Metsulfuron available to give away for those needing some help in knocking back large infestations.

For any questions, advice, or to ask about the blackberry chemical control availability please contact us on (08) 9765 1555.



New Year Plans

We have great news for the New Year. We'll be doing some ground works and mature Baumea reed translocation out at New Zealand Gully to make a small start in creating a waterbird habitat there as well.

The good news is that we should be able to do this in a short amount of time reducing the impact of recreational users. As always, with groundworks, it will look a little messy for a while. The reason for the groundworks is to make a small spit of land more shallow allowing reeds to grow and create food, shelter, and nesting materials for the waterbirds. When a body of water is deep with steep sides the reeds have trouble getting a foothold and just don't have anywhere to spread, so just by creating a shallow area we increase the usable habitats by a huge amount.

Around the same time through funding from the Norman Wettenhall Foundation, Murdoch University will be coming down to do some fish surveys in ten waterbodies in Greenbushes. By finding out where the predatory introduced fish species are we can hopefully find a suitable place to create a safe haven for the Balston's pygmy perch, one of WA's most threatened freshwater fish species. Greenbushes is well and truly on its way to fulfilling its potential in being a true Ark.

Members of our volunteer group will learn skills in survey techniques and fish identification, as well as assess the same waterbodies for macroinvertebrates and water quality. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Margaret on 9765 1555.

Felicity Littleton's Plant of the Month



Neurachne allopecuroidea:

"Foxtail Mulga Grass"
Foxtail Mulga Grass is a densely
tufted perennial. It is very appealing
in appearance with its marvelous grey
fluffy inflorescence. (Flower
arrangement)

It can flower from August to November.

Stems of the plant are up to 40cms high, featuring hairy leaves up to 7cms long.

This pretty native W.A. grass can grow on a variety of soils including lateritic sand and can appear on sandplains, hill slopes and rocky outcrops.

My special thanks to Brooke Janitz for her excellent photography.





Greenbushes Primary School



PASTORAL CARE

At Greenbushes Primary School we focus on the whole child



SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CARE

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

COMMUNITY

We value our active links with community groups



S.T.E.M. FOCUS

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



TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

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

Phone 97643535







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Please contact the CRC on

Email: coordinator@greenbushescrc.net.au Phone: 9764 3578 for further enquires regarding

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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.





Singing Group .

YES, IT'S TIME TO SING AGAIN.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SING
WITH US ???

WHEN: First Practice 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday 10th January 2017

WHERE: St Barnabas Church, Stanifer St.

Contact Trevor 0437338350

Free NBN Information Session

Are you wondering what the NBN is about?

What's the big deal?

What happens if I don't connect?

How fast is FAST?

How do I get it?

When can I get it?

FREE NBN INFORMATION SESSION

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1st 2017

5:30pm session with one-on-one appointments available between 2:00pm and 5:00pm. RSVP to the CRC.



THE BIG GREEN BUS PROMOTIONAL COMPETITION

With only a short time frame until the Big Green Bus event comes to Bridgetown in January 2017 there is a competition underway to come up with a great marketing campaign for the event.

Prizes will be awarded for the best entries.

Contact Shirley Browning on movedemountains@gmail.com or phone 0418918452 to find out more.





Sun 10 to 5pm



THE BIG GREEN BUS IS COMING

EMPOWERING KIDS TO MAKE BETTER FOOD CHOICES

"VERY INSPIRING WORK FROM THE ROOT CAUSE TEAM!" - JAMIE OLIVER



Bel Smith of The Root Cause will be presenting:

- The Mad Food Science™ Program for families / teenagers
- Healthy Cooking Demo / Lunchbox Bootcamp for Parents
- A "Make Your Own Lunchbox" Workshop for Kids
- and a Community Screening of "That Sugar Film"



BRIDGETOWN - GREENBUSHES 14-15 January 2016

http://therootcause.com.au/bridgetown



St John

Bridgetown

Thursday 16 February 2017 10am to 12pm

Groups Welcome

FREE OF CHARGE

Provided by your community.

Provided FREE for Over 65s Please bring your Seniors Card

FIRST AID FOR SENIORS



St John Bridgetown provides an informative demonstration and practical 2 hour FREE session for over 65s in basic First Aid to be held at Bridgetown Sub Centre. 17 Pioneer St Don't wait until it's too late ... Register Now ...

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People in your

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MINE NEWS

During December the maintenance and projects team carried out some major works on the Crusher and Chemical grade plant. This work was safely and successfully completed in the scheduled shut period.

Over the Christmas/ New Year period we said farewell to our 2016 trainees Kyle Foan, Alexandra McDonald, Jamie Kennedy and Cora Introvigne and we have welcomed our new trainees for 2017 - Adelaide Gibbs, Joel Wilson, Imogen Mills, Elle Lovett, Sophie Thomson and new apprentice Reece Ralston.

Adelaide, who lives in North Greenbushes, has completed her Year 12 studies at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School and is keen to pursue a career in science. She will undertake her traineeship at the Laboratory.

Joel Wilson, from Balingup, has also been selected for a Laboratory traineeship. He completed Year 12 and a qualification in sound engineering (music) and is keen to study science.

Eighteen year old Imogen Mills, who lives at North Greenbushes, has worked at Broome and Bridgetown Hospitals and will take up the Allied Health Traineeship.

Ellie Lovett from Greenbushes has just completed Year 12 and will study Business Administration in the Safety and Training Department.

Sophie Thomson from Balingup completed Year 12 at Bunbury Catholic College and will undertake a Traineeship in Stores/ Supply.

Our new Electrical Apprentice Reece Ralston from Bridgetown, completed Year 12 at Manea College and has a preapprenticeship qualification in electrical engineering as well as TAFE certificates in Occupational Health and Safety and Sport and Recreation.

2017 is shaping up to be a busy year with our plants budgeted to run at capacity for the full year. We also have a number of projects planned to improve efficiency of the existing plants and expect to gain approval for commencement of construction of additional capacity during the year.

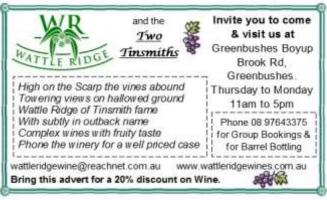
The team at Talison wishes everyone a successful New Year.

Steve



LOCAL SERVICES DIRECTORY





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Steve Hawkins Glazier - Glass and LeadLights

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Rowland is a registered osteopath in practice in Bridgetown. He treats muscle and joint problems such as chronic or intermittent pain with hands-on treatment. Advice may be given on posture, stress and exercise.

For enquiries or an appointment phone: 9761 4558

For more information visit: www.rowlandbenjamin.com



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Your local Member of Parliament.



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BRIDGETOWN TOWING

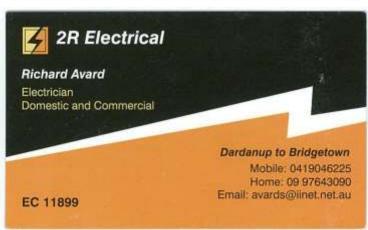
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Call 9764 3575 to make a booking





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

Video Conference / Meeting Room	CRC Members	Non Members
Per hour	\$12	\$20
Half day	\$33	\$45
Full day	\$45	\$90
After hours (per hr)	\$20	\$25
Tea/coffee	\$2.00/head	\$3.00/head
Morning OR afternoon tea	\$4.00/head	\$5.00/head
Other catering	Upon Quote	Upon Quote

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



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



9764 3575



RURAL IN REACH

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

WESTLINK BROADCASTS

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

GREENBUSHES CRC LIBRARY

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



Community Notices



COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETING DATES – 2017

Members of the Bridgetown-Greenbushes community are invited to attend Council

and Standing Committee Meetings during 2017. Meetings commence at 5.30pm

and those attending have an opportunity to address Council during the 'Public

Question Time' segment (at Council Meetings only). All meetings are held in the

Council Chambers except the December Council Meeting which will be held in

Greenbushes. Contact the Shire Office or the Greenbushes CRC for meeting dates.



Australia Day Community Breakfast And Citizenship Awards

The Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes will host the annual Australia Day Breakfast and Citizenship Awards on 26th January at the Bridgetown Showgrounds. All welcome to attend.

The presentation of Citizenship Awards will take place at 9:00am.

Greenbushes Breakfast at Thomson Park from 7:00am—8:30am All Welcome.

C hurch Times

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Greenbushes St Barnabas

2nd Sunday Morning Eucharist 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)6:30pm5th Sunday8:30am4th Sunday10:30am





Event or Group	Venue	Time	Day of the month	Contact
Greenbushes Aged Community Committee	Stinton Gardens Function Centre	4.00pm	2nd Mon of the month	Leanne Green 0419005224
Greenbushes Community Garden Committee and Morning Tea	Community Garden Building	8:30am	1st Saturday of the month Busy Bee 2 on the 3rd Saturday 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 CWA Belles	CWA Rooms	7:00pm	4th Thursday of the month	Karen Browne 0408301002.
Greenbushes Ratepayers & Residents and Tidy Towns	Road Board Building	7.30pm	1st Thursday of the month (except Dec and Jan)	Leanne Green 041 900 5224
Balingup Lions Club Meetings	Community Centre Balingup	7:00pm	Every Second Thursday	Chris 9764 1814
Greenbushes RSL	RSL Hall	3.30pm	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
Greenbushes Community Singers	St Barnabas Church	1:30pm—3:00pm	Tuesdays	0437338350



January Diary Dates

4	Optometrist Visits	Greenbushes

10 Greenbushes Community Singing Group at St Barnabas Anglican Church

13 Sports Inflatables School Holiday Activity at the CRC

14-15 The Big Green Bus Visits Bridgetown with Healthy Eating Activities and Tips

18 Reflexology Appointments at the CRC. Bookings required.
24 Nannup Family Fun Day (see advert inside this edition)

25 Design and Sew Activity at the CRC for School Holiday Program

26 Australia Day Breakfast at Greenbushes and Bridgetown 27 Croquet in the Park 9:00am-11:00am Greenbushes

FEBRUARY DATES

1 NBN Info Sessions at Greenbushes CRC

4 Opera Broadcast at the CRC

16 First Aid Course at the CRC. Bookings required

16-19 Boyup Brook Country Music Festival

Greenbushes CRC School Holiday Program



Friday 13th January 2017

9am-1pm

\$5.00 each \$10 per family

Lunch provided Suitable for all ages Bookings essential

Bring along a hat, water bottle and lots and lots of energy







Slippery water slide

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Available each Wednesday 10am-2pm During School Holidays

Board Games Colouring-in Table Tennis Jigsaws





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For additional information or bookings please contact the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre on 9764 3575

Or email: trainee@greenbushescrc.net.au



Design, Chop, Shop & Sew

Wednesday 25th January 2017 10am—2pm

\$5.00 each

Visit the op-shop, choose a garment, re-design, add buttons, ribbon, appliqué and alter to fit!

Lunch included—make your own wraps.



Croquet in the Park

Friday 27th January 2017 9:00am-11:00am Morning Tea provided. All ages welcome, Mums and Dads too...