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78th ANNIVERSARY HMAS NIZAM TRAGEDY

On February 11th, 1945 at 2215 hrs, HMAS Nizam was 11 miles south of Leeuwin Lighthouse, when it was struck by a freak wave. The ship rolled 75 degrees and tragically ten Australian sailors were swept overboard and lost at sea. These young sailors were aged 18-23 years.

Lest We Forget... LS Colin Ryder, OS Garnett Hill, OS John Wallace-Barnett, OS Keith Mills, OS Leslie Holloway, AB Victor Keys, AB Alfred Kerr, AB Allen Milich, AB Vincent Richardson and Stoker John Poulton.

The Annual HMAS Nizam Memorial Service at Cape Leeuwin has been conducted at this site since 1993, and this year it will be held on Sunday February 12th at 10.00 am.

30 years ago surviving members of the N Class Destroyers set about getting the Memorial Cairn erected at Cape Leeuwin where it still stands today. Members and their families have travelled to the area each year to conduct this very special service. Unfortunately, none of our surviving members are able to travel the distance due to poor health and age.

Our association, consisting of direct descendants, families and friends of the 'N's, from all over Australia, ensure that this event continues to be recognised and is very well supported.

There is only one 'N' Class sailor left here in WA, Ron Whitmore ex HMAS Nepal. Three in Victoria, George Raphael OAM and Jack Lance ex HMAS Norman and John Lovett ex HMAS Nizam. And our eldest and only member in NSW, Doug Wickens ex HMAS Nestor/HMAS Norman, who will be turning 102 on 30th April this year.

The five 'N' Class Destroyers, Napier, Nizam, Nestor, Nepal and Norman were built in the UK and although part of the Royal Navy, were commissioned to the RAN and crewed by Australians throughout WWII.

The 'N's served in every ocean in the world and hold 26 Battle honours between them. Unfortunately HMAS Nestor was sunk in the Mediterranean on 16th June 1942.

After their battles in the Atlantic, Africa, Mediterranean, Crete and Tobruk, the four 'N's joined the British Pacific Fleet playing a major role in the defeat of the Japanese. After the war ended, N Class Destroyers associations were formed in NSW, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Queensland and lastly Western Australia in 1989. Today Western Australia is the only branch still operating.

Associate Membership is open to any direct descendants of 'N' Class Sailors, and Affiliate Membership to anyone who has a keen interest in our association.

Over the past years we have been very fortunate to have the full support of the Commanding Officers from HMAS Stirling, the RAN Band, Navy buglers and magnificent catafalque parties guarding the memorial for the HMAS Nizam Service.

We are pleased to have the Commanding Officer, Captain Gary Lawton, attending again this year, together with the catafalque party and RAN Navy band. Chaplain, Barrie Yesberg PCHA RAN (Retd) will be conducting this year's service and we sincerely thank Barrie for his support.

The RAN Navy Band will once again provide a free concert at the Augusta Hotel on Saturday 11th February from 2-4pm. Everyone is welcome.

A special thank you to the Lions Club of Leeuwin, Myles and Mary Rees, and the school children from Augusta PS and the people of Augusta who continue to provide the wonderful support of our association throughout the year and the HMAS Nizam service.



'NIZAM' sailors surround Captain Bill Cook (front row holding pamphlet)

The Augusta River Festival would like to thank the generous supporters and sponsors of our return for 2023!

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DR. FISH

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS HOWLING ONSHORE & ZAC WEBB

Perth soul and blues rock band Dr Fish featuring local legends Tom Fisher and Kilian Albrecht will be performing in Augusta for a one night only concert at the Augusta Hotel on Saturday the 25th of March. Don't miss this incredibly tight, professional and entertaining band with a HUGE repertoire of soul, blues and roots music.

Supporting Dr Fish is local well known act Howling Onshore, fronted by Lindsay Baker. These lads have one thing in common, the love of blues n roots music with a desire to make people dance.

Wadandi Cultural Custodian Iszaac Webb from the Undalup Association will be welcoming us to Saltwater Country and the President of the Augusta Margaret River Shire will be opening the evening.

DOORS OPEN 4.45PM

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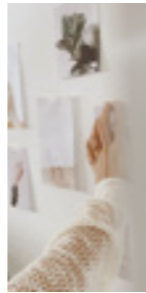
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2023

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Shire President's Message

Shire President Cr Paula Cristoffanini attending the opening of the Augusta Art Exhibition

Hello and Happy 2023!

I hope you had a lovely holiday season with your family and friends. After spending some time over the holidays enjoying all our region has to offer, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish a Happy New Year to our Augusta community.

I was thrilled to open the Augusta Art Exhibition in January and I'm really looking forward to another year focusing on the people, place and environment that make our region so unique.

Our Augusta community can look forward to a number of exciting projects and initiatives this year including the annual Augusta River Festival, the whale tail public art which is taking shape, and which follows on from the recent completion of Rebecca Cool's mural, also funded by the Shire.

Renewal works on Centennial Hall, upgrades to Blackwood Avenue out the front of the bakery, works along Leeuwin Road and the Augusta foreshore renewal works are also happening in 2023.

If you would like to have a chat about the things in Augusta that matter to you, councillors contact details can be found at www.amrshire.wa.gov.au/councillors. Join us for Cuppa with a or tap us on the shoulder and say hi when we're out and about. We would love to hear from you.

Best wishes,

Cr Paula Cristoffanini

Meet the author event with Greg Campbell

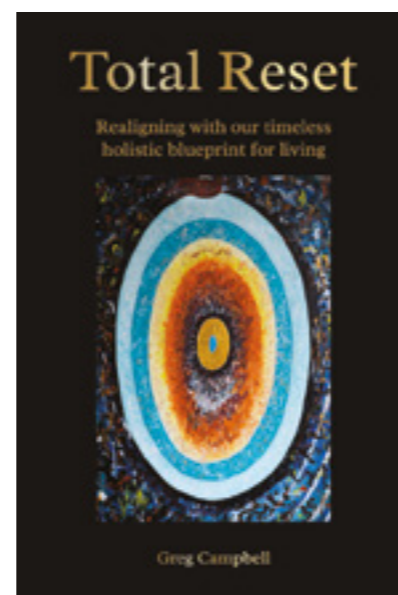
'Total Reset: realigning with our timeless holistic blueprint for living'

Though more than half of Total Reset focuses on the traditional settings, values and ways of the oldest continuous culture on Earth, that of the First Peoples of Australia, its purpose is much broader. Total Reset is about the future of our shared world and what can be done to permanently reverse the destructive trajectory so many are observing and experiencing.

Thursday 23rd February 6pm to 7.30pm

Light refreshments provided after the talk with a chance to purchase a signed copy of the book

RSVP to <https://amrlibraries-Greg-Campbell.eventbrite.com.au> or email amrlibrary@amrshire.wa.gov.au



Cuppa with a Councillor 2023 Calendar

Community members are invited to attend an informal chat over a hot drink at the 2023 Cuppa with Councillor sessions.

Wednesday 15 February	
Karridale 1pm to 3pm Karridale Tavern	Cowaramup 10am to 12pm Gourmet Food Merchant
Wednesday 17 May	
Augusta 10am to 12pm Dock Chair Cafe	Margaret River 10am to 12pm Blue Ginger
Wednesday 16 August	
Witchcliffe 10am to 12pm Yardbyrd	Gnarabup 10am to 12pm White Elephant
Wednesday 15 November	
Gracetown 10am to 12pm Gracies General Store	Rosa Glen 10am to 12pm The Berry Farm

For more information visit amrshire.wa.gov.au/owac

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Augusta Library Toddler Tales 2023

Free event!
Book online!

Second Thursday of the month at 10.30am*

A special storytime session for toddlers at the Augusta Library. Bookings required. Please reserve your child's place online at <https://amrlibraries.toddler-tales-augusta.eventbrite.com.au>

Dates for 2023:

- 9 February
- 9 March
- 11 May
- 9 June
- 10 August
- 14 September
- 12 October
- 9 November
- 14 December

*No sessions during school holidays. Please refer to our school holiday program at these times.

For more information visit amrshire.wa.gov.au/libraries

Get Your Augusta Gym Membership

Half Price and Free Gym Memberships!

Are you 75 years or over? For those aged 75-79, all gym memberships are half price (off the standard price). This includes all membership types and entry fees. If you're 80 years or over, all entries and memberships are free!

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In Person: Augusta Gym
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Online: membership.amrshire.wa.gov.au

Phone: 08 9780 5657

Direct debit memberships for the Augusta Gym are just \$45.25 per month (standard) or \$36.20 per month (concession). Terms and Conditions apply. Minimum term 3 months.

Social Badminton

Social Badminton is now happening at the Augusta Recreation Centre!

Day:
Wednesday evenings

Time:
6.30pm to 8.30pm

Interested?
To find out more, please contact Sandra on 0450 234 510.



Plants

Join the Fight on Invasive Sweet Pittosporum – Free Workshop

Nature Conservation Margaret River Region and the Shire of Augusta Margaret River are running a community workshop at Augusta's Turner Holiday Park from 10am to 12pm on Wednesday 8 February to help people understand, identify and eradicate the invasive weed *Pittosporum undulatum*, which often escapes home gardens and infests bushland.

Sweet Pittosporum is a fast growing, shrub or small tree with seed from the bright orange fruit spread by birds. It takes over and degrades bushland areas by outcompeting and shading the slower growing native plants. There are many large established trees and smaller plants spreading into nearby bushland areas and private property in the Augusta area.

Local residents are welcome to attend the free hands-on workshop to find out about identifying and controlling Sweet Pittosporum in the backyard. It will be led by well-known bush regenerator Rick Ensley. Tickets are free but places are limited. Jump online to grab tickets and secure your spot: events.humanitix.com/how-to-id-remove-and-control-sweet-pittosporum

The community workshop will complement a broader sweet pittosporum control program being rolled out this year in collaboration between the Shire, Nature Conservation and local volunteer groups. Upcoming control efforts will target local bushland reserves, road reserves and Crown land in the Augusta area, including sites around Flinders Bay, Turner Holiday Park, Albany Terrace, Lions Park, Victoria Parade, and Donovan Street.

For more information about the workshop, please contact Mike Griffiths, Nature Conservation Margaret River Region biodiversity officer on mike.griffiths@natureconservation.org.au; or Hayley Bain, Shire Senior Environment and Landcare Officer on environment@amrshire.wa.gov.au.

New Greywater System at Flinders Bay Holiday Park

The Shire is pleased to let the community know that a greywater diversion system has now been installed at Flinders Bay Holiday Park. The new system allows greywater from the existing three ablution blocks to be diverted, filtered, and then irrigated at various sites around the property, allowing the park to responsibly manage wastewater.

The team at Flinders Bay Holiday Park are now seeking to educate guests on the importance of reduced shower times, using grey safe laundry products and washing dishes in the camp kitchen sinks to allow the system to reach its full potential.

Thank you to local wastewater solution expert "Water Wally" aka Anthony Smith and local contractors Gozzi Gas and Plumbing, and Lightning Ridge Electrical who worked tirelessly in the lead up to Christmas so the system was ready for the peak season.



Staff Profile

Andrea Hough
Customer Service Officer

What does a typical day at work look like?

The Augusta community is very passionate about the upkeep of the township and the surrounds so my day is spent helping with customer requests assisting over the phone and in person at the Shire Office. Being an agent for the Department of Transport sees many enquires throughout the day as I process car, boat and licenses.

What is the best part of your job?

The best part of my job is the wonderful customers that I assist. I love the friendly chats, the drive to Augusta and having my lunch down by the river, makes for a wonderful reset for the afternoon ahead.

What do you love most about Augusta?

The people and the calmness I feel when working down here.



Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting

The next meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) is scheduled to occur in the Augusta Council Chambers at 4pm on 14 March 2023.

The SAC provides advice to Council on strategic policy direction, with the aim of achieving sustainability outcomes that are environmentally responsible, socially and culturally sound, and economically viable.

The Committee is made up of two Councillors, up to eight community members, and Shire staff with an interest and expertise in sustainability.

The agenda will be available from the Shire's website www.amrshire.wa.gov.au/council-agendas-and-minutes closer to the meeting. Please contact sustainability@amrshire.wa.gov.au if you would like to attend.

Old Augusta Jetty Works

The Shire will be carrying out works on the Old Augusta Jetty. Works will commence at the end of January.

The Jetty will remain open and all East Augusta residents have been notified by the contractor. Old steelwork is being replaced with new steel and is funded by the Shire.

Should you require any further information relating to these works please contact the Shires Coordinator Technical Services Rachel Sweeney on **0447 214 119** or rsweeney@amrshire.wa.gov.au.

WHAT'S ON Margaret River HEART

CINEMA

A Man Called Otto (M)
Saturday 4 February, 7pm

THEATRE, COMEDY & DANCE

Carmen (LIVE Stream)
Friday 24 February, 7.30pm
FREE Event, Registration Required
In association with Perth Festival

Michael Shafar – 110%
Saturday 25 February, 8.00pm

YOUNG @ HEART

Free live music
Mondays, 10am – Check artsmargaretriver.com
for February's line up of local acts!

TICKETS AVAILABLE online at
artsmargaretriver.com or call the Box Office
on 08 9780 5294, Monday to Friday between
10am and 4pm.





Leeuwin Lines

RECORD SUMMER SALES

All entities operated by the Lions club of Leeuwin have experienced

a super busy season. The Toy Shop, Book Shop, Second Hand Goods and Furniture Shed, Plant Stall and Container Deposit Scheme Shed have all produced bumper returns. Some snaps of Lions and Volunteers at work are included below:



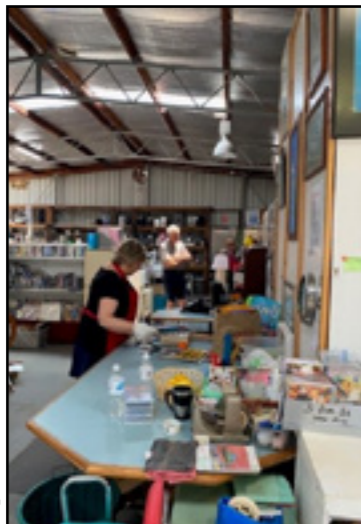
Irene Carlsen serving customers in Toy Shop



Vicki Patterson arranges goods in clothes section of shed



Judith Wilton and Edith Williams discuss whether article should be displayed in Bookshop or Second Hand Goods Shed

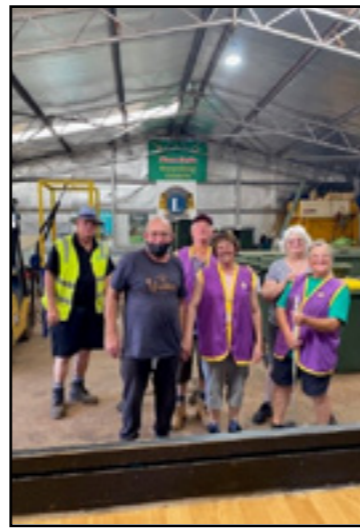


Heather Lock arranges goods for sale whilst David Turner and Mick Dench debate the merits of an extension to the electrical goods section

The wonderful contribution by Lions and volunteers to keep all entities flourishing provides huge support for the community and the local environment. Also important are the funds being raised for additions and improvements to the Lions complex in Hillview Road which will further assist the great community service provided by the Club.



Graeme Winfield, Bill Law and Karl Ambrose inspect a high quality chest of drawers just donated to the Furniture shed



Ross Newbury, Chris Buckland, Phill Robinson, Gail Robinson, Karen Allister and Sylvia Newbury finishing up after a morning processing almost 18,000 containers

'LEEWIN 400' DOCUMENT TRANSFERRED TO PERMANENT HOME



In mid-January 2023 after the Christmas/New Year crowds had waned a little, President Matt Russell joined with Light House keeper and well-known local, Paul Sofilas, to transfer the "document" prepared jointly between the Lions Clubs of Texel in the Netherlands

and Leeuwin the South Western corner of Australia, to celebrate the occasion of the first sighting of Cape Leeuwin by a Dutch vessel 400 years ago in March 1622, to the security and safety of one of the original Lighthouse Keepers cottages now refurbished as a museum and interpretive centre. The "document" was presented by President Matt to Paul at the entrance to Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse and later transferred for public viewing to the museum and interpretive centre, from where it is likely to attract interest from upwards of 130,000 visitors annually.



FLOWERS FOR NIZAM MEMORIAL WEEKEND

The Lions Club of Leeuwin have for 30 years given valuable assistance to the 'N' Class Destroyers Association of WA to enable the smooth conduct of the annual NIZAM memorial weekend.

This year this wonderful group of naval veterans and their families will again descend on Augusta for the 30th Anniversary of the dedication of a Cairn (in 1993) and Memorial Service for 10 sailors lost overboard from HMAS Nizam in treacherous seas some 20 kilometres off Cape Leeuwin, only six months prior to the end of WWII.

Each year over this time Lions have provided flowers and equipment and set up approximately 200 chairs for the memorial service at Cape Leeuwin then cleaned the site and returned the chairs and equipment afterwards.

Since the added support of the Stirling Naval Base, now under the command of Captain Gary Lawton, and the exceptional talent of the WA Navy Band, those same chairs and equipment are also delivered and picked up afterwards from the FREE CONCERT put on by the Navy Band for the people of Augusta in appreciation of the welcome and service provided.

The free concert is held on the lawns of the Augusta Hotel overlooking the river from 2-4pm on Saturday 11th February with the Nizam memorial service held on Sunday 12th February commencing at 10.00am at Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse. All are welcome to attend.



(See photo) Di Forster and flowers for Nizam Memorial. The flowers were provided by Lion Margaret Martin and cared for by Di Forster and

members of the Community Garden.

21st SALVO'S TOY RUN A BIG ONE

Riders and a big crowd turned out in force for the 21st Anniversary Salvo's Toy Run. Lions had their A team on board to cater and those wanting breakfast eagerly gathered around for the scrumptious bacon and egg burgers as they came off the production line. Supplemented by chilled fruit juice and tea or coffee the brekky was well received and raised over \$1300 dollars. Lions donated this amount back, plus an additional \$700, making it a sizeable donation to a very worthy cause.



Bill Perry, Murray Cameron, Phill Robinson, Ross Newbury, Barry Staines and Sylvia Newbury made up a highly capable team with the bacon and eggs cooked to perfection. They were ably supported behind the scenes by David Turner, Judith Wilton, Janine Cameron, Mike Walker, Karl Ambrose, Maurice and Jane Denton and President Matt Russell.



A section of the large crowd gathered for the event

The last of the riders leaving the Lions compound





Before the CRC closed for the holidays Jane Kelsbie MLA personally dropped off the Grant Certificate from Lotterywest for \$14,000 which will go towards a new outdoor movie screen and equipment.

WELCOME ALLIE HALDEN



The Augusta Community Resource Centre is thrilled to welcome Allie Halden to the team as our new Trainee. Allie completed her studies at Margaret River High School last year and lives locally here in Augusta.

Allie will be commencing her Certificate in February at the South West Regional TAFE and has joined us with great

customer service skills and experience.

We are sure you will welcome Allie to the team and say Hi when you next pop into the CRC.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS AUGUSTA PRESENTS CONCERT



If you would like to volunteer and be part of our 2023 Augusta Presents outdoor concert being held on the lawn area of the Augusta Hotel from 4.30-9.30pm on Saturday 25th March we would love to hear from you.

We are seeking volunteers to assist on the day in various roles from setting up, gate attendance, event official or various administrative duties prior to the event.

Please contact the Augusta CRC on 97580002 or register your interest via email reception@augustacrc.net.au



WA Seniors Card - Roadshow

Wednesday 15 February 2023
 Augusta CRC 66 Allnut Terrace, Augusta WA 6290
 Time: 10am

For potentially new members:

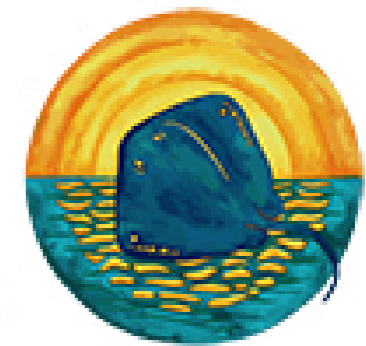
- Benefits of becoming a WA Seniors Card member including the range of State Government concessions and discounts from businesses across WA
- Eligibility
- How to apply

For current members:

- How to access a range of State Government concessions and discounts
- The Cost of Living Rebate
- The latest Safety & Security Rebate announcement
- The annual Discount Directory booklet (we will provide copies)
- WA Seniors Card monthly competitions
- How to replace your WA Seniors Card – if lost, stolen or damaged

RSVP 08 6414 2493 or
rachael.hughes1@communities.wa.gov.au

AUGUSTA RIVER FESTIVAL



All systems go for River Fest 2023!

We have so much action happening as part of our vibrant program but equally great options to just kick back, relax, and enjoy some downtime by the River!

Visit augustariverfestival.com.au for updates on the program, map, and hints to best enjoy Festival day. Our \$10 ticket is a bargain with a myriad of free inclusions from fruit and face painting to python cuddles and pony rides.

Australian rock legend **Tex Perkins** will headline an awesome line up of stage entertainment.

To minimise cash handling for our volunteers we are asking you to purchase your tickets in advance at Humanitix.com links are also on our website. Your tickets will be scanned at the gate to gain entry. All are welcome please share our event with all your friends and family.

If you need help with ticket purchases, you can always contact Carolyn or email info@augustariverfestival.com.au

We are offering a big range of free workshops and experiences, skateboard clinics, roller disco, silent disco, wreath and flower crowns, circus workshops, stand-up paddle boarding, screen printing, smoothie making and energy ball rolling, art workshops and more. These are all free and some offer casual participation, whilst others require advance registration, find out more at augustariverfestival.com.au

This year we introduce a new water element with Nicki Jones from Perth SUP School joining us with her mighty Dragon Stand Up Paddle boards. Built for teams of 4 these giants will offer a great challenge for those who would like to have a go or compete in various race heats.

Great prizes will be awarded for **Best Dressed, Best Team Name, Best Wipe Out** and the **Ultimate Dragon Slayer** champions! Get your team of 4 together and register via the River Fest website. A race registration fee will benefit Augusta Volunteer Sea Search & Rescue.

We have all the old favourites back including Nixie the Mermaid and Ladybird Fairies. Kiteman will be there and Old MacDonald's Farm along with a great range of amusements.

We have a new community art inclusion and our Augusta Men's Shed are currently building possum boxes ready for decorative workshops, facilitated by community artist Tania Davey. A new technique will be taught for each session and the finished boxes will be on sale, following an exhibition in the town centre. This is to raise awareness for our Western Ringtail Possums. Zac Webb will visit the newly established Possum Corner to conclude his guided cultural walk and we then welcome carers and environmental organisations to Q&As throughout the day. A large community possum mural will also be available for you to add your own unique contribution to.

Deepdene Flowers will be crafting crowns and wreaths for those who feel like some relaxing time out under the Peppy Trees. Nannas of the Forest will be working their magic with leaf stitching. Come and enjoy the chill out creative zone. Our emergency services will be on site for you to pop by and say "Hi" and we as Festival organisers can't thank them enough for their community dedication.

In-between market shopping and experiences our abundance of street food should appeal to all tastes and favourites like Soul Cocina, Real Moroccan, Mala Dumplings, Spice Odyssey, and Salt Sister who will be in the mix! Remember all the healthy options Choose Fruit, Choose Vege, and Choose Water! Go2Cup will be there with real serve ware to enjoy your tasty selections from, and the best part is we reduce Festival waste!

And of course, we simply couldn't make this happen without our generous supporters and sponsors.

A Big Thanks from the River Fest crew!



Make a lantern:

There are still 2 workshops left if you would like to create a lantern for our very first Festival Lantern Parade.

Wed 8 Feb @ 9 am-12pm or Wed 15 Feb @ 9am-12pm.

Contact Carolyn to register: 0424607334 / carolynt@inet.net.au



By **MORVEN HANSEN**
 Images by Morven Hansen

The Art Club's 55th Annual Exhibition was a great success with a busy and energetic opening night and busy but slightly less energetic following 2 days. The club has a loyal following of visitors who come to Augusta every year for Christmas/ New Year and they tell us how many exhibitions they have attended and that they would never miss the event. Some of these lovely people buy a painting every year, I think they must have a lot of wall space!

Wendy reports that we sold 82 artworks this year, in addition to the cards, which is an excellent result. Thank you to all the purchasers.

We thank everyone who attended our exhibition both locals and visitors.

The Raffle was drawn on Sunday and the following tickets won the 3 prizes:-

- 1st Prize Painting by Owen Fletcher. Blue B02
- 2nd Prize Painted China Dish by Jan Gozzi. Blue B18
- 3rd Prize Selection of Greetings Cards by Members. Purple C54

All Winners have been notified.

The Popular Vote is always a seriously contemplated activity by both children and adults at every exhibition. This year the highest number of votes were for Bev Schroder's Painting (actually a diptych) 'Boranup Forest'

The China Popular Vote was won by Jan Gozzi for her 'Blue Gumblossom Tile'



Popular vote winner (china), Tile by Jan Gozzi

The theme for this year's exhibition was 'Urban Landscapes' which caused slight consternation amongst members back in February 2022 when it won the vote



Happy purchaser, Patricia (from Sydney) with artist, Julie Westbrook and painting 'Street Skate 1'

from all the suggestions. However members produced some colourful and interesting takes on cityscapes and worth mentioning is Julie Westbrook's two streetscapes of Augusta painted on skateboard decks. Julie is always very imaginative!

A reminder to members that the club's AGM will take place at 10.00 sharp on Wednesday 8th February and will be followed by a shared Birthday Lunch for Evelyn Mc Arthur who celebrated a very significant 0 birthday recently.

The club is a little quiet at present but will get back into action following the AGM when the 2024 Exhibition Theme will be chosen, then the paintbrushes will be wielded again!

Quiet or not, visitors are always welcome, we are open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 2pm.



Bev's Boranup Forest



Together Minsitries

By **BILL WOODAGE**

Hello, my name is Bill; my wife Vicki and I are in our eleventh year of living in the Augusta region. We have been very happy and blessed in this community. In respect to working as a Christian lay pastor, this is our third assignment in independent church fellowships. We have a commitment to local needs, outside the church group and within. In saying this, it is equally true that we have a world vision and give support for educational needs of children and adults, assist with support of the spiritual and physical needs of people. Our drive comes from God's true love for us.

John 3:16 (in my words): For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son Jesus, that whoever believes in Him, and accepts Him into their lives, can have peace, joy, and life forever.

Through this acceptance of Him, He would like us to make Him Lord of our life. In other words, hand over the reins, hand over the keys, hand over ourselves to Him. The Lord wants to captain and pilot our lives through the dangerous seas in which we travel day by day. He is determined that we reach the destination of the shores of heaven in His perfect time.

I am most aware that multitudes of people do suffer terribly with stress and mental issues, sickness and diverse problems, such as broken relationships, loneliness and so forth. Jesus said, 'I have come to give life and to give it abundantly'.

So, we need to exercise faith. What is faith? What does it entail?

Faith is the substance of the things hoped for, yet unseen. The disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith. The exercise of faith is having the confidence and trust to believe in God and His word for us today. The good news is that Jesus died for our sins and made a way for us to be right with God and spend eternity in heavenly places. Faith changes your life in practical ways. Faith in God gives you courage and faith in God provides stability. We can pray and ask Jesus to increase our faith.

'Lord, increase my faith right now today; let me give you Lord my problems and issues for you to take over. I am trusting you Jesus. Thank you. Amen.'



By **WENDY STRUCELJ**
 Image by Wendy Strucelj

The Augusta Community Garden has had a very busy year. We are finalising details for the acquittal of a Grant gratefully received from the Department of Communities. Looking back, we have achieved quite a lot in the past 12 months.

Special thanks must go to the many wonderful supporters of the Garden who have volunteered time or materials or labour to the numerous projects that occurred. We are very fortunate to reside in a community which is so supportive.

Recently, the Garden hosted a visit from Leeuwin Kids Vacation Care with 15 children participating in a couple of activities. We hope the children enjoyed their visit.

Following our Mental Health and Open Day in the Community Garden last year, the terracotta tile making workshops produced a great variety of small tiles. Participants can now see the outcome of their work! Firstly, the tiles had to be dried slowly in a cool place for approximately 3 weeks.

A meeting had been previously made with Ian Dowling a professional potter from Margaret River. He was very

helpful and offered to do the bisque firing of the tiles after drying. Our thanks & appreciation go to him. Prior to the firing some of the tiles were coated with an iron slip to give some variation to the colour. The outcome we believe is very effective.

The various shapes, textures and colours have provided an interesting display on the tiles. They have been attached to some old jarrah slabs. The slabs are erected in the front area of the Community Garden at the Augusta Uniting Church.

The Garden will be open with members in attendance on Saturday 4th March and offer visitors to the Garden to have a guided tour and view an art exhibition and sale by local artists. Come along and enjoy the variety of flowers, produce, ornamental and remembrance displays in the garden. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.**



Patti Foster with the newly installed tiles which were made at the Open Day in October

Augusta Police Station

Since May 2018 I have called Augusta home after arriving here from Walpole. As a police officer, we are at the most a four-year tourist before we have to move on to another position. My time as the Officer in Charge at Augusta Police Station has, unfortunately, come to an end. Like most people, I have had good times and bad times, attended many differing jobs, and made a lot of friends. I am very grateful to the community here who have been very supportive, especially over the difficult period of the Covid pandemic.

In my career, Augusta has been the longest I have served at any single location. This is testament to the community of Augusta and I would like to take the opportunity to say 'Thank you'. Hats off to all the emergency service volunteers at St John, Marine Rescue and the Fireys who have assisted and supported me at serious incidents and a big shout out to all those other selfless people who volunteer in other capacities in the community. Without volunteers, small communities like Augusta would not have the services and protection these people provide. To all of you, I say 'Thank you', you have certainly made my role easier. After 37 years of policing, I am pleased to be able to say that Augusta will be my last post. I will be taking leave from mid-February until I officially retire from the WA Police Force later in the year. The search for a new Sergeant / Officer in Charge is currently underway and although Darren and Ross have only been in Augusta for a short time, they are settling in well and will continue in their roles while the new Sergeant finds their feet. I have no doubt, the community here will make them feel welcome and show them the same level of support that I received over my stay.

Traffic matters

There has been a significant increase in the amount of traffic around our town over the festive season, but most people seemed to be doing the right thing. Augusta Police alone have stopped almost 500 drivers during the holiday period with all drivers being breath tested. Most people returned 'zero' readings but a few drivers were caught out with two drivers losing their licences on the spot. At least they were stopped before they crashed. Both drivers will have the opportunity to attend court and explain their behaviour to the Magistrate, before having their licences suspended for at least six months and a substantial fine to boot. Road crashes are jobs we don't want. Unfortunately, Augusta Police and Margaret River Police, along with our volunteers, have attended a lot of crashes this holiday season. Pay attention whenever you are driving - a moment's inattention or an impulsive or impatient decision can cause a lifetime of regret. Please drive carefully.



Remember – Road Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Crime issues

The holiday period in Augusta usually sees an increase in reported crime, particularly opportunistic thieving, but this year we have not received as many reports. Although the caravan parks and holiday accommodation have been at capacity we have only received a handful of official reports.

One instance that was more serious than a stealing report was where a property was burgled. The offender gained entry to a property at night time and stole some items. Ross and Darren attended and commenced inquiries with the offender later being identified and apprehended. He is now facing the courts on a number of charges including aggravated burglary, stealing and fraud. I have been advised of some other incidents being published on a local community Facebook page. Facebook reports are not police reports. Police DO NOT monitor Facebook or any other social media platform. If something requires Police attention call the below numbers:

**Need to contact the Police?
Remember these numbers.**

If you have information regarding any illegal activity, please call Augusta Police on 9758 3900 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



The Augusta Police Station phone is usually diverted but if you follow the prompts you will eventually speak with a human. Alternatively, send us an email: augusta.police.station@police.wa.gov.au

FAREWELL

Once again, thanks for the memories Augusta. I won't be far away and will be back down from time to time enjoying life in my retirement.



Civic PARK GOLF CLUB AUGUSTA INC

By HERMAN GERRITSEN - SECRETARY

Over the past year a very small group of members, aged in their senior years, have worked extremely hard to improve the course. The edges of the fairways have been cleared, and the fairways have been mowed regularly. In addition the damaged sprinklers have been replaced and the course has been looking as good as it ever has been at this time of year.

Although the dry leaves are starting to fall and the course is drying out slightly, it has not deterred many of the numerous visitors to Augusta and locals from enjoying this picturesque course at a minimal cost. This is evident by green fee takings and an increase in annual number of members.

However, we need more active members, to help maintain the course and to ensure this course continues to be part of our community in years to come. Apart from helping with the maintenance of the course, we would love to see more players join us on our regular playing days on Wednesdays and Sundays. Believe me it's a very casual affair and I've never seen anyone get around with a score of less than 34.

So why not join up now and get a full year's membership, as the 1st of January 2023, was the beginning of our new financial year? After all, when it's "blowing rocks off the mole" and you can't go fishing or swimming, a quick game of golf is an ideal substitute and a great way to meet new friends and getting people together.

With the New Year here, membership fees for 2023 are now due. Membership is still only \$50.00 per year, which has not changed for a few years. Green fees are only \$10.00 per game, which makes an annual membership a viable option as it covers all the green fees for the year.

Membership fees to the Civic Park Golf Club can be paid in the following ways:

1. At the Shire Offices in Augusta.
2. At Xtreme Sports – next to the BP service station Augusta.
3. Directly into the Clubs bank account (Civic Park Golf Club Augusta)
**Bankwest Details: Civic Park Golf Club
 BSB 306-116 Account # 415 83 51**

If using Option 3, please ensure you add your name to the bank payment and send us your email address and your home address, so your Membership Card can be mailed to you, and you are kept up to date with Club information and activities.

As mentioned earlier, the Club still runs a bit of a "Scroungers" competition on Wednesdays and Sundays commencing at 8am. This changes to 9am in April and during the winter months. We're usually finished by 10am, allowing you to enjoy the rest of the day. So why not give it a go, whether on a regular or ad hoc basis? We'd love to see you there.

The Club's AGM will be held on Wednesday 22nd February 2023 at the Augusta Council Chambers commencing after golf at 10am. All positions will be declared vacant, and we would like as many existing and potential members attend to ensure the future of this great little Club.



Looking forward to seeing you there

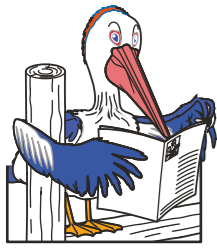


	Winners	Runners up
November 21 st	Di Ellis & Edie Williams	Lyn Leonard & Merione Wilson
November 28 th	Lyn Leonard & Merione Wilson	Mary Whittall & Trevor Steel
December 5 th	Herbie Whittall & Graham Shearwood	Lyn Leonard & Merione Wilson
December 12 th Xmas Special	Merione Wilson & Val Fimister	Mal Johnson & Lyn Leonard

We were very pleased to see Val Fimister at our Christmas party. Val, with her partner Merione, ended up winning the day!

New members welcome - have you played 500 or similar in the past? - we are a small friendly club and we meet on Monday afternoons 12:30pm

If you are interested, please phone Lyn on 9758 1496



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AUGUSTA

February 2023



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LONG 115° 2'E

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1st Augusta Wildlife Care inc - see pg 35	2nd Soil Secrets - see pg42	3rd	4th	5th Show & Shine - see back page
6th ○	7th	8th	9th	10th BMX Race day 1 - see pg 36	11th Annual Augusta Nurses Memorial Service - see pg 39 Navy Band - see pg 3 & back page	12th NIZAM Memorial - see pg 17 International Darwin Day - see pg 39
13th	14th ◐ Valentines Day	15th WA Seniors Card - Roadshow- see pg18 Cuppa with a Councillor - see pg 13 Corporate Bowls - see pg 10	16th	17th	18th	19th Detox your Home - see pg 35
20th ● Don't forget the Pelican Post deadline March 2023 edition	21st	22nd Civic Park Golf Club AGM - see pg 23	23rd	24th BMX Race day 2 - see pg 36	25th	26th
27th ◑	28th	Bunuru (February - March) The Noongar Season 'Bunuru' is represented by the colour orange and is the hottest time of the year, with little to no rain. Hot easterly winds continue with a cooling sea breeze most afternoons – if you're close to the coast. Traditionally this was, and still is, a great time for living and fishing by the coast, rivers and estuaries. Because of this, freshwater foods and seafood made up major parts of the Noongar people's diet during Bunuru. Bunuru is also a time of the white flowers with lots of white flowering gums in full bloom, including jarrah, marri and ghost gums. Another striking flower to look out for is the female zamia (Macrozamia riedlei). Being much larger than its male counterpart, the huge cones emerge from the centre of the plant with masses of a cotton wool like substance. As the hot and dry weather continues, the seed cones change from green to bright red, indicating they're ripening and becoming more attractive to animals, particularly the emu, that will eat the toxic fleshy outer layer. SOURCE ECU				



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

FEATHER CAKE

- Ingredients**
- 125gr(1/4).Butter
 - 3 Cups self-raising flour
 - 250gr(1/2 lb.)sultanas
 - 1 Cup sugar
 - 1 cup milk

Method

Beat butter and sugar to a cream and then add eggs, one at a time, beating well each egg. Add flour, then milk and, lastly, sultanas, Cook in a shallow tin for about 1 hour in a moderate oven.

(RECIPE AND LAUNDRY HINTS, SOAPS AND PASTES FROM THE CWA COOKERY BOOK AND HOUSEHOLD HINTS FIFTY FIFTH EDITION)



By **MARCUS DOWNEY**
Image By Chris Robertson

Happy New Year and greetings from the Augusta Men's Shed. Hopefully everybody has got over the festive season and welcomed in the New Year with enthusiasm? We at the Men's Shed have a new committee and lots of enthusiasm to complete some excellent projects for the community in 2023. The first cab off the rank is a new custom-made planter box for the newly painted and renovated bakery facade. The attached photo shows our esteemed long term member Chris Robertson standing at the front of the bakery with Mai the bakery owner proudly showing off the new planter box that Chris made and set up in pride of place out front. The Men's Shed has also made the nice new display shelving shaped like the light house and whale. The Augusta Men's Shed is very proud to support this iconic local business as they provide all those lovely pies, cakes, bread etc daily to Augusta and the very hungry tourists holidaying in our lovely town. Our sincere thanks also go to the bakery for supporting us with some lovely morning tea 'yummies'!



Towards the end of last year, the Shed completed a much-needed clean-up at the back of the shed in preparation for fencing and some hard stand area to support our ever-growing needs. As soon as we have the final approval from the Shire we will go ahead and complete that work in the coming months. We have also been busy building more of the rustic old Ellis Street jetty timber bench seats, check out 2 of them outside Flukes, so if you need something like that for the garden then please let us know as our supply of that timber is dwindling.

The second of our 1950's Ferguson tractor restorations, this time a 1952 TED20 has just been finished and looks a million dollars just like the last one. Again, there has been large amounts of \$'s, effort and hours spent on this restoration. We will most likely be showing it at the Augusta Hotel Show and Shine this year when that goes ahead. If you know of anyone who would like this beautiful old fully restored vintage tractor, then please let us know before it goes up for sale in about a month.

Our Community Days on Thursday mornings continue with an enthusiastic group of mainly ladies who enjoy learning new skills and completing some lovely projects. We are also working on Tuesday mornings at the moment with a core group of guys helping on the Whale Tail sculpture construction. This is coming along nicely with the mounting base completed and the first half of the tail 'fluke' almost completed. Did you know that the shape of the flukes is quite distinctive to the species? We are of course modelling ours on the Humpback. It's going to be big and quite an icon for Augusta. Don't forget to check out our items for sale at the Lions Bookshop and also our Shop page: <https://ams.tidyhq.com/public/shop/products>

Until next time, enjoy the summer weather, bush walking, swimming etc in this beautiful part of the world.

Garden Gossip

By **SUSIE BUTCHER**



Happy New Year to you all and I hope you've enjoyed the summer break.

Our first meeting of 2023 will be held on Monday 20th February at 1.30pm. The venue is the Dr John Williams Meeting Room, Leeuwin Aged Units, 194 Blackwood Avenue.

Noeline Williams's gardening tip for January: I have always loved plants indoors, they have a serious role to play in cleansing the home and visually are just

brilliant. However, there is no such thing as an 'indoor plant'; some will survive longer than others indoors – trust me I know!! Keeping them on the drier side is a better idea when growing them without sunlight to prevent root rot. Overwatering is the number one killer of indoor plants – again, trust me I know!!

My tips – group plants together, water minimally, feed with liquid fertiliser (more often in warmer months, less in winter months) and wipe any dust from leaves.



By **ROD CLEMENT**
Images by Rod Clement

27/11/22. It was a full-on tussle for the monohulls. Redback pulled away to be 100 meters in front at the town jetty mark. Pigs Might Fly came back at them on the last windward leg but to no avail. It was good tight racing and everyone's appetite for another race was well and truly sated. It seemed like there were two races happening in the Multihull fleet, four in the front group and six boats jockeying for position in the following group. First the changes came on the windward legs and then the others would fight back off the wind. From the top mark to the finish, boats were hitting 14kns and some smart sailing helped Serious Lee to jump a couple of spots. Xena first and fastest, Catatonic second and third was Buzz Box.



The multihulls, Windrush 14s, are inexpensive, really easy to set up and they are extremely good fun to sail. Getting your hands on one these days might be a challenge as all the good ones are gone. The Windrush Association of WA has thirty three registered yachts on the books. Augusta Yacht Club has thirteen of them, the largest contingent of Windrush 14s anywhere in Australia. Their involvement has boosted our membership numbers year after year. A pretty healthy and enviable position that the club finds itself in. Windrush 14 sailors, like most sailors, are a pretty competitive bunch. They all come sporting the latest sails and go-fast gear. They come in all genders, ages, shapes and sizes. Their clothing sets them off from other yachties, wetsuits, booties, life jackets, daggy old boardies and rashies of all different colours. On any Sunday we have up to ten yachts all vying for the coveted prizes, a yellow flag for fastest and a blue one for first. Yachts come from Busselton, Dunsborough and Margaret River every week to get their competitive fix against our local sailors. When they get back to shore after a race, the chatter amongst themselves is infectious; did you see that, I had you pegged, how fast was that, are you blind, geez that was close and it goes on. It is clear, they all look like they were enjoying themselves.



11/12/22. The monohulls had a championship heat and it was a beaut. Winds were 15 to 20kns from the southeast. All the boats hit the line together, Pigs Might Fly, Redback and Seabird duelling for the lead down the first leg, Pigs Might Fly was around first and tried to fend off a strong charge from Redback with Seabird not far off the pace. F-Troop, after a couple of hairy moments fought on. Redback took line honours but on yardstick Seabird took the points. 18/12/22. It was a relaxing program, for the monohulls anyway, the multihulls were at it right from the start to the finish. Both races were hard fought, Cliff Hanger, Seasaw, Xena, Catatonic and Serious Lee shared the points. Then along come Santa's Elf to dish out the early Xmas presents for those who deserved them, everyone got a pressie. It was unfortunate that the dreaded Corona Virus reared its ugly head and a few of our members were absent. The BBQ was lit and everyone sat down for a few drinks and some food.



8/1/23: Another club Championship heat in 15kns Southwest, which saw six monohulls fight it out for the points. Pigs Might Fly took the honours at the start and took off to have a commanding lead at the Lion Island mark. Redback and Seabird started making ground off the wind. Big Red Dwarf, F-troop and Wallabees were in a battle until F-troop retired with a broken boat allowing Big Red Dwarf some room to get the break from the Wallabees. Pigs Might Fly pulled further ahead on the next two windward legs. Seabird and Redback were

at each other throats all the way to the finish. The Pigs Might Fly crew were grinning, first and fastest, the Seabird crew were grinning with second and Redback, third.

15/1/23: The multihulls were chasing championship points and the first race was won from the start by Yellow Taxi who was revelling in the 12 to 15kn breeze, an excited Eion reckons, "it was probably the best day this season."

The fleet bunched for the start in race two. Serious Lee and Yellow Taxi could've had words, Xena, Double Shot and Frisky cleared the mayhem and set out to win some points. On such a perfect day for sailing, the speeds they were reaching on the reach were scintillating. Xena fastest, Emily Jean first, Serious Lee second and Double Shot held out Frisky for third. F-Troop first and fastest in the monohulls and many thanks to the starting box, handicapper and safety boat girls and boys, we all really appreciate your efforts.



By *KATHY TRITTON*

The Augusta Historical Society Inc.

Happy New Year to all and welcome to 2023.

Our Christmas gathering on 15th December was a small but enjoyable group. Thank you to Lorraine, Margo, Helen and others for decorating the Hall – it looked very festive.

Due to a very nasty flu type infection and some of our members already away our numbers were down, but those that were there had a good time. There were a number of raffle prizes with the Door Prize going to Ivy Meagher and the main prize going to Paul Sofilas, while other prizes went to Helen, Margo and Kathy.

We also had several different Show and Tell items which generated much interest. One was a selection of what looked like post cards and a viewer – when the cards were mounted on a holder in front of the viewer, they became 3D.

Thank you to all who brought items along and shared what they knew about them with us.

Mr Tony Tapper and his wife Regina also joined us from Margaret River with a donation for the Society which I will not go into in detail now as we have asked him to come back and address a meeting, but it involved the discovery and early exploration of Jewel Cave. I will advise the date as soon as we know. It is well worth joining us. Also, attending our March meeting (Thursday 16th) we will have Guy de la Bedoyere (British Historian who has appeared on Time Team amongst other things) visit and has offered to give a talk. Due to limited room, we ask you to email expressions of interest and numbers to augustahistsoc@gmail.com.

We have also started to share some of our own memories of Augusta (new or older) and plan to continue this. I hope you will come along to one of our meetings and enjoy listening to a speaker or one of your neighbours. We look forward to seeing you there at the Meeting Hall next to the Museum sometime.

Next Meeting: 16th February at 7pm – supper to follow.



By *MICHELLE READSHAW*
Image by Michelle Readshaw

Welcome back to the new year of 2023. The year of the rabbit in the Chinese zodiac, which begins on January 22. In Chinese culture, the Rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace and prosperity. 2023 is predicted to be a year of hope.

Being the year of the rabbit I wonder did they spin with rabbit fur. This is the information I found.



Angora wool being spun directly from the rabbit

Angora wool comes from a rabbit, it is more like silk and is 7 times warmer than sheep wool. Angora wool is about the only fibre that can be spun directly from its source (the rabbit). It does not need to be cleaned

or carded, depending on how it is harvested. You begin harvesting angora wool when it is three inches long. This is about the length at which the rabbit begins to shed the wool naturally.

Rabbits are clean animals as they don't have lanolin in their coat like sheep, very little washing (if any) is necessary. A rabbit can yield 3-10 pairs of socks a year depending on the quality of the rabbit. The yarn can be used for knitting and felting projects. Angora wool is ideal for making baby garments, sweaters, hats, scarves and mittens.

By the time this article is published, the Spinners and Weavers AGM will have been held and our 2023 committee elected. Congratulations to you all. We are looking forward to another year of activities.

Our first activity will be our Easter Exhibition and Sales. Raffles are being organized and members are busily knitting and crocheting hand crafted items for sale.

We meet every Tuesday 10-30 am -4pm and Thursday 7-00pm – 10pm in the club rooms at the Centennial Hall.

Come and play the Ukulele

By *MICHELLE READSHAW*
Image by Michelle Readshaw

The Augusta Ukulele Group is inviting anyone who would like to come and play the Ukulele from beginners, experienced or in between, to come and join the Augusta Ukulele group and have some fun.

The Ukulele is a great first instrument to learn because it only has four strings, the frets make it easy to play in tune and it's easy to play rhythm parts of any song. Its happy tone has helped it make a comeback in recent years.

The ukulele comes in three sizes. Soprano small (53cm). Concert middle size (58cm) and Tenor bigger (66cm). A size to suit everyone.

After learning four basic chords on the Ukulele, you can play and sing many songs.

Here is an example of a song with one chord and one finger. Using the C chord, you can play the song Are you Sleeping Brother John.

We have spare Ukuleles you can use while you decide if this is the instrument for you and will be given beginner instructions for the first part of each session for those who require it.

We meet every meet Tuesday 6.30pm at the CWA hall.

Contact
Sue Air 97580098
Michelle 0484757782



Some of the happy Augusta Ukulele players



Heard on the green

By *KAY CHALLIS*

We are now midway through another busy bowling season with the summer weather being generally mild and only the usual South Easterly "breeze" to contend with which as always provides a challenge.

The Leeuwin League pennant competition has been hotly contested between the four participating clubs. Current results show that Augusta is leading the Tuesday pennant ladder whilst our Saturday pennants teams are still well placed to play finals. The team placed top of the ladder wins the right to host the final and therefore has a home ground advantage.

The next two weeks will determine the finals competition, so we wish the best of luck to both teams.

February is the busiest month of the year for the bowlers and the club house becomes a hive of activity. Alongside the pennant competition, and our club championships we hold our biggest events of the year.

On the 8th/9th of February is the Men's Open Fours carnival and on the 25th/26th February we hold the Ladies Open Fours carnival. Each of these events brings

112 bowlers from all over the South West into the town to enjoy two days of competition and fun. This is a great opportunity to showcase Augusta and provide an extra boost to local businesses.

The long awaited and well supported Corporate Bowls season begins once again on Wednesday 15th February and will finish on Wednesday 5th April. Early interest has been keen so we recommend you recall past players or gather together new players, form your teams and register soon. To ensure your registration phone Allan Evans on 0408273182.

A local representative from St John's Ambulance Association will be carrying out a demonstration on how to use the defibrillation unit currently installed in the clubhouse on Wednesday 8th March at 5pm. This will be open to all interested locals, so place the date in your diary and come along to learn how to save a life.

See you on the green





By **LEANNE BAMFORD**
Images by Leanne Bamford

We wrapped up another successful year for the Augusta CWA branch helping the Augusta community. During the course of the year the branch has supported The Women's Refuge, Augusta

hospital and the Augusta Lodge donating much needed bedding, trauma teddies, knitted blankets and fiddle rugs for the elderly, We also enjoyed Augusta vacation care cooking activities with local children and putting together Project-care hampers. We would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming support for Project-care hampers this year that saw so many more people in our community receive hampers.



Jan Linto, Christine Wilson and Pamela Marsh



Project-care Hampers

On the social side, the members enjoyed a lovely meal at The Augusta Hotel celebrating the festive season and the children from the Augusta Primary School came along and entertained the ladies with Christmas carols.

CHOCOLATE STAINS-

A little yolk of raw egg will remove chocolate stains from most materials. Rub it gentle on the stain with a clean piece of linen, and afterwards, wash in clean soap suds. Rinse thoroughly.

(RECIPE AND LAUNDRY HINTS, SOAPS AND PASTES FROM THE CWA COOKERY BOOK AND HOUSEHOLD HINTS FIFTY FIFTH EDITION)

2022 was a fantastic year for the branch welcoming several new members to the group. If you'd like to join in with the CWA and assist with any of the services we provide to the community please contact us at cwainaugusta@gmail.com to become a member. (Sorry gents, ladies only)

Our sincere thanks to all the community, IGA Augusta, The Lions of Leeuwin, The Augusta Anglican Church and Augusta Meats for supporting CWA Augusta.

The new year has started off with our cake stall on the 14th January which was a great success. Thank you everyone for coming down to IGA and giving so generously.

Wishing everyone in Augusta a safe and Happy 2023

PROJECT CARE

CWA Augusta would like to thank you for the continued support in helping with project-care hampers. We thank IGA Augusta, the community of Augusta and surrounds and the Lions of Leeuwin for this last month. You will find the box for non perishable items inside IGA.

If you are interested in learning more about CWA please join us at our monthly meeting held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm or contact us cwainaugusta@gmail.com Come to our hall and have a cuppa and meet our members.

HALL HIRE

For your next gathering or for a regular booking please contact us email cwainaugusta@gmail.com

COOKBOOKS

CWA Cook books and merchandise are available for sale please contact us cwainaugusta@gmail.com or Leanne 040028442



By **BILL PERRY**
Images by Various

One of highlights on the calendar for the Augusta Rowers is delivering Father Xmas to the Carols at Colourpatch – this now appears to be entrenched in the Community calendar. In terms of logistics it went off without a hitch and he was delivered on time.



Zoom delivering Father Xmas to Colour Patch



Santa with his 'helper' - Sue

then 'piped by the bag piper' before the traditional blessing with a single malt whisky. The Augusta Rowers provided the 'salute' to Ducks on the Pond by raising their oars while she rowed between our two skiffs accompanied by the bagpiper – our participation & assistance throughout the build was greatly appreciated and acknowledged.



Zoom & Colour Patch providing 'salute' to Ducks on Pond at the Nannup launch

Just to round out the pre Xmas events an impromptu Christmas Breakfast was enjoyed by the 40 odd members

& guests – all participating in the preparation and wash up.

At the time of writing preparation for the hosting of the Augusta Picnic Regatta on the 28th of January was in full swing. The regatta will see a total of seven skiffs competing, three from Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club one of which will be used by Margaret River Rowing Club, Nannup's new skiff, Denmark's skiff and our two skiffs. There are five planned races with a race around a buoy around 250 m out & back. The festivities also includes a sausage sizzle under the paperbarks. We will capture some photo's for the Augusta Bluster section in the next edition. The pending regatta has seen a significant increase in the number crews rowing in the mornings – in the current week some 13 crews were on the water

A further four skiffs are very close to being launched, Denmark's second skiff is all but ready for launching, South of Perth Yacht Club have two skiffs near completion and East Fremantle Yacht Club has purchased the twin skiff to Shadow the skiff recently purchased & refurbished by RFBYC, built by the naval cadets several years ago and rarely used. The West Australian fleet will boast a total of 11 skiffs within the next few months.

The building of the Acorn continues, interrupted by Xmas and the regatta but is getting closer – as with all projects the last 20% of any project accounts for about 80% of work / time involved. Fitting of the thwarts & knees and a more elaborate gunnel is slowing the completion tasks.

A bit of a shout out to the volunteers at Leeuwin Lions in taking on the recycling of drink containers – our members have contributed over 1,000 drink containers for recycling that previously would have gone to landfill during the past month and the Rowers pick up in excess of \$100 for little effort! – well done and thanks to all who contribute.

Those interested in rowing and /or becoming involved in wooden boat building, contact us (0400 750967) – interest from groups and organisations is most welcome – age, fitness or skill levels are not barriers to rowing these amazingly easy to row boats. - check out the photo gallery on the website (augustarowers.org.au) & Facebook, recycle your drink bottles & cans to our account.





Augusta Wildlife Care W.A. Inc.

Rescue Rehabilitation Release of Australian Wildlife

'Homes amongst the gum trees...'

Our Possum Drey making workshop at the January 21st Augusta Mini Markets saw the 15 places filled. Drey is the woven branches nest of possums but they will also take to nest boxes. The workshop dreys are made from 2 hanging baskets with coconut fibre mats that Bunnings Margaret River donated plus the cable ties.

We also ran a Sausage Sizzle that was supported by Margaret River Woolworths (\$150 voucher to use) & Coles (\$50 voucher) & Brumby's jumping in to supply 150 hotdog rolls when our donated supply missed the truck! Oops. Stay tuned for future Possum Drey workshops & we may create a lovely amount of homes for our Critically Endangered Western Ringtail possums.

On that note **PLEASE** check that the poisons for rodents you use don't also kill our possums, lizards and birds of prey. There are ones like Racumin that have minimal risk of secondary poisoning. Or better still use a live humane trap and ascertain exactly what it is that's in your roof space or garage. You may be surprised.

More Christmas Cheer

Congratulations YOU donated \$1275 at our raffle at IGA on Dec 17th, thank you Augusta and special thanks to donors:

Margaret River Produce & Pet gave a fabulous pamper box and of course a cute doggy soft toy.

- Margaret River Chocolate Co. for the Chocolate gift box
- Brown Hill Estate for two bottles of lovely wine
- Dean McFaull for his landscape on canvas
- Rudy van der Snoek for the Possum box
- Jewel Cave for the Possum soft toy
- Dean McFaull for the honey in comb

Birds galore

These are baby Wattlebirds that came into care. They were very small but are now progressing well. They will stay in care until they can be soft released into their natural habitat. Kerry & Dave Bell have been busy with Magpies & Wattlebirds keeping them busy with up to 10 birds in care at once.



Augusta Wildlife Care W.A. Inc.

Rescue Rehabilitation Release

For help with injured or orphan Native Wildlife phone carer

Kerry Bell 0437 200 605
Dave Bell 0417 171 802

Augusta & surrounding region
TO DONATE BendigoBk BSB 633 000

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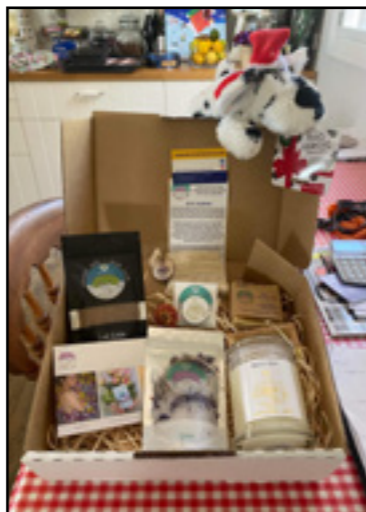
awcwainc63@gmail.com



1st prize winner with MR Choc co. gift box and Possum nestbox



3rd Prize winner with Brown Hill Estate wine & D McFaull landscape



MR Produce & Pet pamper box



MR CHOC CO. gift baskets



Wattlebird chicks



By WENDY & GRAHAM SHEARWOOD
Images by Bob Rowe

Tennis has been booming during January as we welcome back lots of summer visitors as usual at this time of year.

It's been very windy but even so we've often had some very competitive sets with all four courts in constant use. Sheep stations on the line?! Captain Katrina and Vice Shane have had their work cut out juggling the players, and they do it brilliantly.



Ric and Sheila

Some pics from our Christmas party



Carole, Annie, Carmel and Wendy and their Christmas Party spread, with new President Scott Godley. Thanks Claire for the lovely Christmas table



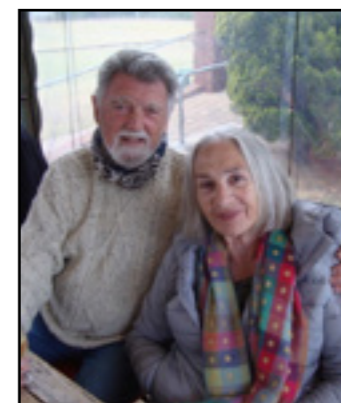
Mark and Louise



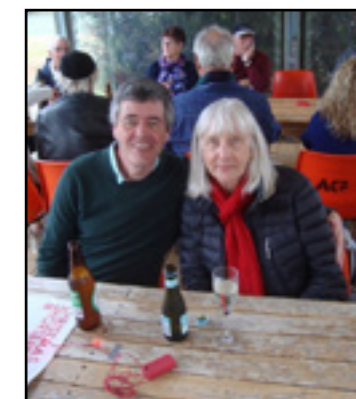
Louise (from Karnidale), Murray, Ann, Mike



George, Katrina, Carmel, Richard



Bob and Ann



Tennis meets croquet - Julian and Kate



Pat, Chris and Scott

Proudly sponsored by the Augusta Hotel Motel and Augusta X-treme Sports

GREATER AUGUSTA VOLUNTEERS THANK-YOU BBQ:

The annual BBQ went ahead on Friday, December 2, with Shire President Paula Cristoffanini and puppy Lulu there to say a few words, and Cr Tracy Muir also circulated with the community. Famous door prize, Lorraine Monahan's Award-winning Sponge was enjoyed by local legend Jenny Kikeros and family. Volunteers are the backbone of Augusta – thank you for all you do!

TAALINUP AUGUSTA MAIN STREET RENOVATION – CONNECTED MAIN STREET:

RAC has decided to open up a further \$15k of funding, so we will re-submit our Town Teams proposal for the Main Street Renovation – fingers crossed!

NEXT MEETING:

Due to calendar constraints, our next meeting will take place on Sunday Feb12 at 3pm in the conference room at the pub.



ELLIS ST JETTY MURAL:

Taalilup Augusta is now home to an incredible Rebecca Cool mural - a Sunken Ship at the Ellis Street Jetty precinct.

Rebecca worked with the Paint By Numbers Public Art Group to develop the concept, with generous support and contributions made by Augusta Margaret River Shire and Regional Arts WA. Around 100 community members and visitors of all ages joined us over 2 days of painting to bring the SS Leeuwin to life, with positive comments heard from everyone passing through the busy area.

Rebecca's feedback was that it was one of the nicest community experiences she has had, and we would have to agree. We look forward to more community collaborations in bringing public art to Taalilup Augusta, and thank Rebecca, AMR Shire and Regional Arts WA for their important contributions.

UPCOMING PROJECTS & MEETING:

We are still working away at the Whale tail with the Men's Shed, and the painted posts are ready for installation. The Ephemeral Wall will undergo another transformation in the coming months, and we plan to go for gold with an ambitious new project soon. Contact us if you are interested in joining the next brainstorm!

paintbynumbers6290@yahoo.com



COMMUNITY NOTICES

FOR SALE

Ladies Motorbike Helmet new
Ladies Motorbike Jacket new - \$250.00 for both

2 x Wanderer Stretcher camping beds with mattresses
\$200.00 for the two

Contact Sandy 0439 457 753

Crocheted Poppies

Thank you to everyone who knitted or crocheted poppies for the display at "The Soldiers Memorial" on Anzac Day, they looked fantastic.

We are hoping everyone will keep knitting and crocheting so the display will be bigger this year.

There are plenty of patterns online, thank you to Claire Burrow who encouraged and coordinated the whole affair.

There were 850 Poppies.

**CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS
AUGUSTA PRESENTS CONCERT**



If you would like to volunteer and be part of our 2023 Augusta Presents outdoor concert being held on the lawn area of the Augusta Hotel from 4.30-9.30pm on Saturday 25th March we would love to hear from you.

We are seeking volunteers to assist on the day in various roles from setting up, gate attendance, event official or various administrative duties prior to the event.

Please contact the Augusta CRC on 97580002 or register your interest via email reception@augustacrc.net.au

WORLD PRAYER DAY 2023 - TAIWAN

Friday 3rd March 10:00am
St Elizabeth's Anglican Church, Allnutt Tce
Contact Sarah 9758 0034

AUGUSTA WILDLIFE CARE WA INC

1st Annual General Meeting
Wednesday February 1st, 4pm 2023
OG cafe, 64 Blackwood Ave, Augusta



WA Seniors Card - Roadshow

SENIORS CARD

Wednesday 15 February 2023
Augusta CRC 66 Allnut Terrace, Augusta WA 6290
Time: 10am

For potentially new members:

- Benefits of becoming a WA Seniors Card member including the range of State Government concessions and discounts from businesses across WA
- Eligibility
- How to apply

For current members:

- How to access a range of State Government concessions and discounts
- The Cost of Living Rebate
- The latest Safety & Security Rebate announcement
- The annual Discount Directory booklet (we will provide copies)
- WA Seniors Card monthly competitions
- How to replace your WA Seniors Card – if lost, stolen or damaged

RSVP 08 6414 2493 or
rachael.hughes1@communities.wa.gov.au

**Augusta's Healthy Lifestyle Program
Come and join the discussion on ways
to Detox your Home**

Sunday 19th February 11am – 1.00pm
@ the CWA Hall, Allnutt Ter.
Healthy lunch provided
Contact Jill: 0407634695
or
Jenny: 0414263503
to book your seat. Cost \$10

Civic Park Golf Club – Par 3

AGM
Wednesday 22nd February 2023
10:00am at the Council Chambers Augusta



AUGUSTA BMX

fOLLOW ON FACEBOOK

2023 RIDE SCHEDULE

GET READY FOR RACING!

RACE DAY 1 FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

RACE DAY 2 FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

RACE DAY 3 FRIDAY 10TH MARCH

RACE DAY 4 FRIDAY 24TH MARCH

RACE DAY 5 FRIDAY 7TH APRIL (EASTER SPECIAL)

RACE DAY 6 FRIDAY 15TH APRIL (HOLIDAY SPECIAL)

AUGUSTA BMX IS FOR KIDS AGED 2-15 YEARS.

COME ALONG TO THE TRACK

CLUB FEES & INSURANCE CAN BE PAID ON THE DAY.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



The Cube Canteen WILL BE OPEN

Be trackside to cheer your friends & grab an early dinner!



Tap pay **VISA** available on the day

CLUB FEES - OPTION 1
PAY AS YOU GO!

Membership \$35
INCLUDES PARENT TRACK
INSURANCE FEE OF \$5

\$5 RACING FEE EACH WEEK

~Each family will be charged the \$5 additional adult insurance fee to cover a parent or family member helping on the track~

Augusta Volunteer Marine Rescue Group

By *LYNNATH BECKLEY*

Images By Lynnath Beckley & Dennis Meagher

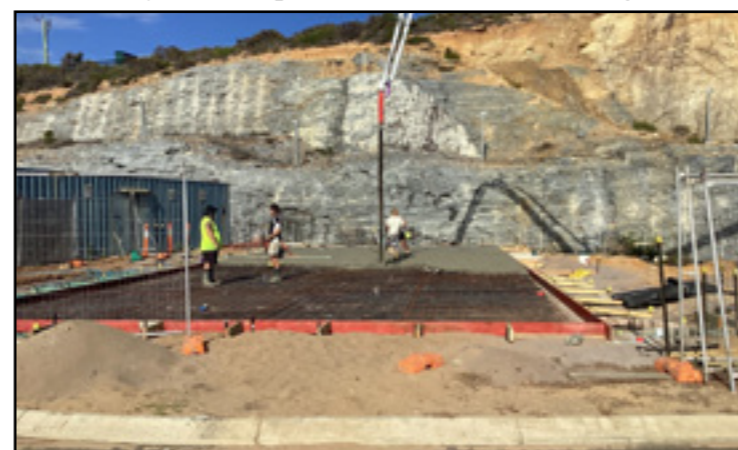
Summer, so far, has been busy for the Augusta Volunteer Marine Rescue Group with rescues and recoveries of vessels, commencement of the building of the new base in the small craft harbour as well as various training exercises and fundraising initiatives.



The RV Ryall about to dock near Molloy Island up the estuary to attend the annual black bream fishing competition. Photo Lynnath Beckley

Six rescues/ recoveries of boats were carried out offshore of Augusta over the Christmas/New Year holiday period by Augusta VMR skippers and crew using the RV Ryall. Most involved vessels belonging to out-of-town visitors which experienced mechanical problems and required towing back to the small craft harbour. A reminder that, in emergencies, skippers should use VHF Channel 16 with Repeater Channel 82 or, if with mobile phone reception, call 000.

Building of the new VMR base is proceeding at its new location in the small craft harbour with the foundations and binding slab laid. The walls are expected to be cast and raised soon. Fit out of the new base will require some serious fundraising so please contribute to the VMR donation jars at shops around town and at the lighthouse.



The binding slab being laid for the new Augusta Volunteer Marine Rescue base at the small craft harbour. Photo provided by Dennis Meagher

Thanks to all those generous people who bought tickets in the bumper VMR lobster and wine raffle held outside the IGA on New Year's Eve. Winner of the first prize was Shirley with ticket number green C-030 and runner up was Eliza with ticket number yellow D-092. They must have been popular New Year's Eve hostesses!

Maintenance of our versatile rescue fleet continues year-round and servicing of our towing vehicles is undertaken periodically. A new trailer to carry both of our jet skis simultaneously was built and commissioned in time for summer. The original single jet ski trailers are now available for sale to the highest bidders! Contact secretary@augustavmr.org.au

Other activities have included attendance by the RV Ryall at the Christmas Carols off Colour Patch and the annual Black Bream fishing competition at Molloy Island. These community events serve as valuable opportunities for on-water crew training and the Molloy event also serves as an occasion for fundraising. Formal shore-based training is also underway again for members after COVID protocols have somewhat curtailed this during the past couple of years. Augusta members participate in a range of training courses to upskill, keep themselves up to date and advance to skipper level. A Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) system was installed at the VMR shed in December and training provided by DFES. A Basic Navigation course was run successfully in early December by training officer



Augusta VMR members performing the weigh-in at the Molloy black bream fishing competition. Photo Lynnath Beckley

Gary Inions for five Augusta VMR members and one from Margaret River VMR. Importantly, a new consolidated schedule of training courses offered at VMR bases throughout the south of WA is now available so that local members no longer need to wait until enough participants have been mustered in Augusta to a run course – a welcome move. New members are always welcome to join the Augusta VMR group. We meet every second Thursday of the month at 5:30pm in the shed near the old ranger's residence off Leeuwin Road. Enquiries to: secretary@augustavmr.org.au

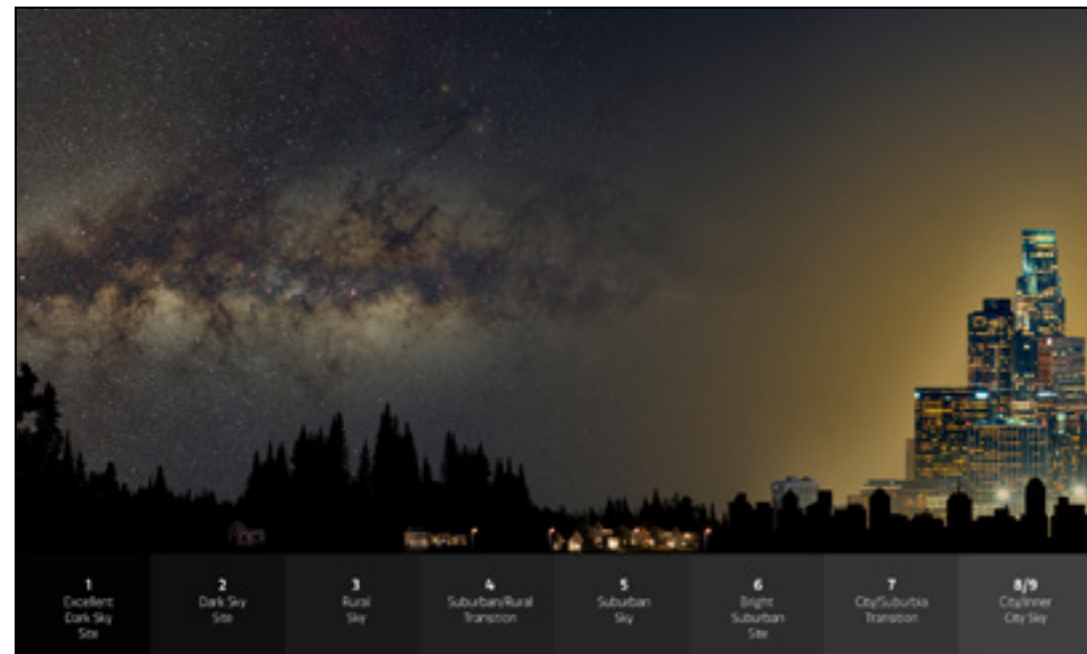
Augusta's Dark Sky and Why it is Worth Protecting - Part Two

By SCOTT GODLEY

Image by NOIRLab/NSF/AURA, P. Marenfeld – Source - <https://www.space.com>

In the previous edition of the Pelican Post we looked at the concept of Dark Sky and how most of Western Australia's population is exposed to a permanent sky night time sky glow as a result of living in urban areas. We also learned how light pollution can alter our sleep patterns and our psychological well-being, and how it can also impact on the feeding, social, migratory, and social habits of our native fauna in a negative way.

The photo below shows the light graduation (Bortle Scale) from dark sky to a heavily light polluted city sky.



need for planners to apply dark sky principles to new residential and industrial developments and ensure that consideration is given to reducing light pollution. The statement can be seen at https://www.wa.gov.au/system/files/2022-01/PS_dark_sky_astrotoursim.pdf

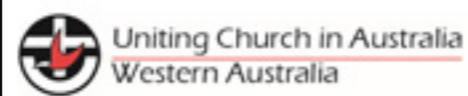
Astro-tourism is becoming more prominent as a tourism marketing tool, and while Augusta doesn't have an observatory to protect from light pollution, its fortunate geographical position of being surrounded by ocean, and by natural bushland, means that it already has a good start in the Dark Sky stakes.

With the recent rapid expansion of housing and industrial estates in the wider region, the challenge for our planners and residents in general is to ensure that mitigating light pollution becomes a much more prominent issue for consideration. It has important benefits for wildlife, our health, tourism, and our general quality of life.

The International Dark-Sky Association started in 1988, and as one of its roles, champions the use of "sky friendly outdoor lighting" in urban areas. It emphasises lighting to be directed only where it is needed (and not placed where it is not), to be the lowest wattage required, and to be turned off when not needed (light curfew). It also is the lead body in identifying Dark Sky Places and generally promoting Dark Sky principles. More in-depth information can be found at <https://www.darksky.org/light-pollution/>

A prime example of this approach is the city of Flagstaff in Arizona in the USA which became the world's first International Dark Sky City after putting in place planning measures to actively reduce light pollution. It now has 14 times less light pollution than cities of similar population (75,000) in the USA, and the Milky Way can be easily seen from within the city.

Closer to home the Western Australian government has recently released a position statement entitled "Dark Sky and Astro-tourism", which identifies the



By PATTI FOSTER

The Augusta Uniting Church meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10am
68 Blackwood Avenue Augusta.

At our January gathering we were fortunate to have Trainee pastor Reuben Edmonds join us and share some of his Christian journey. He is currently on his final placement as a trainee with Margaret River Uniting Church. He completes his time in our district in February and will join us again at this service.

Our gathering around the table provides music, a time for reflection, prayers, and an optional Communion.

ALL ARE WELCOME
NEXT GATHERING : 21st FEBRUARY

STUDY SUPPORT AVAILABLE

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE COURSES

Did you know that for 2023, it is FREE to study Early Childhood Education and Care at the Margaret River TAFE campus? Certificate III and Diploma courses are available. This is a great way to get highly desirable skills for this in-demand profession.

Not only that, but Augusta & Districts Community Childcare Inc., with support of the Leeuwin Lions, is offering support for locals wishing to study these courses. Dependent on your individual needs, we can assist with the cost of textbooks, travel subsidy, support for practical placements, loan of IT devices and also access to mentors to help you along the way. Margaret River TAFE offers flexible study options.

Anyone is welcome to apply - from school leavers, to those wanting a career change, to those who are semi-retired and wanting to help the little children of Augusta blossom!

Enrolments close SOON. Please speak to a representative of ASDCCI for more information - email info@augustachildcare.org.au or Jasmine 0433562384 before 10/2/23. We have big plans for Augusta Childcare in 2023 and need local educators to help our vision come to fruition!

Thanks to the Leeuwin Lions in supporting this initiative to build local skills. Find out more about the Early Childhood Education and Care courses by contacting the Margaret River campus on (08) 6371 3800.

Annual Augusta Nurses Memorial Service

By JILL PERKINS

Saturday 11th February 2023
RSL Park
York street, Augusta

A service will be held at 10am February 11th to commemorate the Australian Army Nursing sisters who died as a result of enemy action in World war 2. Retired Army Nurse Major Lynette Pearton will give the address and remember the nurses who died 81 years ago. We wish to thank Brian Neal retiring Karridale -Augusta RSL president for his amazing contribution and effort in the past. We are sorry to see him leave Augusta. We wish him well in his new home. Gil Goodwin will be the Master of ceremonies.

In February 1942 Japanese Forces were on the outskirts of Singapore. Of the 65 nurses who were evacuated on SS Vyner Brooke only 24 returned to Australia after the war. 12 perished following the sinking of the Vyner Brooke on February 14th. 21 were shot on Banka Beach, 4 died in the Banka POW camp and 4 at the Sumatra POW camp.

The average weight of the nurses on release from captivity was 30 kilograms. They endured harsh conditions with

limited resources as their possessions were lost when the ship sunk. The very limited diet and lack of medication caused the demise of many of their colleagues. Surviving nurses wore their uniform for each funeral in the camp and sang 2 verses from the hymn Jerusalem the Golden. We are grateful to the Augusta Primary school, Augusta - Karridale RSLWA and community who meet to honour this important anniversary.

There will be a morning tea at the Anglican Church Allnutt terrace following the service. All are welcome

Did you know?

The mission of International Darwin Day is to inspire people throughout the globe to reflect and act on the principles of intellectual bravery, perpetual curiosity, scientific thinking, and hunger for truth as embodied in Charles Darwin.

2022 AWARDS

At the End of Year Concert, held on Tuesday 13 December, at the Augusta Centennial Hall, the following students were recognised for their effort and achievement in 2022:

Award Category	Recipient
Pre-Primary	
Academic Achievement PP	Leeuwijn Mist
Most Improved	Logan Taylor
Values	Daisy Crain

Year 1/2

Academic Achievement Year 1	Jack Beard
Academic Achievement Year 2	Lila Borg
Most Improved	Kaden Clark (Year 1)
Values	Edie Pengelly (2)

Year 3/4

Academic Achievement Year 3	Cruze Kennedy
Academic Achievement Year 4	Alfie Watkiss
Most Improved	Savanna Baker (3)
Values	Xander Baker (4)

Year 5

Academic Achievement Year 5	Ella Adams
Most Improved	Georgia Thomas
Values	Angel Egan

Year 6 Graduation

Academic Achievement	Curtis Lonnie
Most Improved	Akaisha Howitt
Citizenship	Akaisha Howitt
Sportsperson	Emily Pengelly
The Arts – Visual Art	Tayla English
Languages - Japanese	Emily Pengelly
Science	Daniel Nichols

2022 WACKY WINNER GRAND PRIZE

At the 2022 End of Year Concert, P&C President, Maxine Petty, drew the Wacky Winner Grand Prize, which was a beautiful kayak, which was, once again, kindly donated by Bernice Gillam from **Augusta Xtreme Outdoor Sports**. The lucky winner was Year 3 student, Adeline Harrison. Congratulations, Adeline!

Congratulations to all students who received a Wacky Winner at some stage throughout the 2022 school year.

2022 WACKY WINNER SECOND DRAW

Our School Chaplain, Sharon Doyle, had a very busy 2022, and was able to source a magnificent prize a Wacky Winner Second Draw. The lucky recipient received a Family Pass for Sunflowers Animal Farm. Sharon drew the Wacky Winner Second Prize and the lucky winner was Year 4 student, Jack Proctor. Congratulations, Jack!

2023 TERM DATES

The following term dates apply to Augusta Primary School in 2023:

Term 1:	Wednesday 1 Feb. – Thursday 6 April
Term 2:	Wednesday 26 April – Friday 30 June
Term 3:	Tuesday 18 July – Friday 22 September
Term 4:	Tuesday 10 October – Thursday 14 Dec.

NB: Our Kindergarten students will commence on Monday 6 February 2023.

2023 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

We would like to advise the community that the following (six) dates have been marked as School Development Days (aka: pupil free days) for 2023:

Term 1

Monday 30 January and Tuesday 31 January

Term 2

Monday 24 April

Term 3

Monday 17 July

Term 4

Monday 9 October and Friday 15 December

STUDENT MENTORS

Do you have a spare hour a week to mentor an Augusta Primary School student? Or do you know someone who would make a good mentor?

Augusta Primary School and EdConnect Australia are seeking volunteers to provide learning support or one-on-one mentoring. Mentors share skills, knowledge and experience in order to build confidence and transform a student's outlook and prospects. It's about enhancing wellbeing and enriching lives and communities by enabling people of all ages to help each other. It's about giving everyone every opportunity to realise their potential – in school, in life and in the community. It's about encouraging students to stay engaged at school, but also equipping young people with the life skills they need. As an EdConnect volunteer you will have the opportunity to learn new skills, make new friends and make a real difference in your community, you will build connections and improve your wellbeing, too.

For more information, please contact Karen Barden – EdConnect Australia Rural Liaison Officer
Email: karen.barden@edconnect.org.au
Phone: 0438 028 646

New wasp season in full swing!



European wasp shown on drinks, grapes, bacon and BBQ meats.

The annual hunt to detect and eradicate European wasps (*Vespula germanica*) from WA is underway!

Guard your BBQs, monitor your pet's food and check the insects you scoop from the pool! European wasps, we are looking for you!

The European wasp is a declared pest and must be reported. It has threatened to establish in WA since six nests were found and destroyed near Fremantle in 1977, but thanks to ongoing collaborative surveillance between the Department, community, local governments and business, WA has prevented their permanent establishment and spread.

Widely established across most of southern Australia, these highly adaptive scavengers hitchhike their way across the border and into WA each year. This season is the 45th year spent competing in a sophisticated game of 'hide and seek' against this highly adaptable and destructive pest.

Most detections are made in the Perth Metro but following regional detections in the past year DPIRD

has set up surveillance traps in Geraldton, Dumbleyung, Goomalling, Bunbury, Albany, and Eucla this year. If you live in any of these locations and would like to join the community team by adopting a surveillance trap, please search "European wasp Adopt-a-trap" online to sign up or give us a call.

Know what to look for

Unlike the widespread and similar looking black and yellow paper wasp, European wasps:

- **Scavenge** on human and pet food.
- **Feed on fruit** like grapes and stone fruit.
- **Nest underground** - nests can grow to the size of a basketball in a single season and have a single (golf ball sized) entrance hole.
- Have completely **black antennae**.
- Do **NOT** dangle their legs when flying.

For more information about the eradication program, how to identify wasps or how you can help further, see agric.wa.gov.au/wasps or contact our Pest and Disease Information Service.

Report suspect pests



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Lower Blackwood Catchment LCDC Community Update January 2023

Annual General Meeting 2022



A balmy evening at the Berry Farm provided a perfect setting for our 2022 AGM in December, which marked the end of an amazing year for us. With so many things to be proud of our key achievements for the 21/22 financial year were highlighted during the meeting with the presentation of the Annual Report - here is a sneak peak at some them:

- * The successful delivery of 10 on ground & engagement projects covering a raft of sustainable agriculture areas including whole farm soil testing & nutrient management, trials of practices to improve soil health, feral pig control, riparian restoration & weed control, and the further development of a Regenerative Agriculture community of practice.
 - * Growth of the LCDC team to bring to a total of 8 staff members for project management, liaison & support.
 - * 6ha of revegetation plantings completed & a further 7.7ha contracted, & 4.2km of fencing completed with another 5km planned.
- Engagement & delivery of information to over 1000 catchment landholders and other LCDC subscribers.

Congratulations and thanks also to reappointed Chairperson **Tim Crimp**, Treasurer **Bruce Hamilton** and Deputy Chairperson Tim Prosser.

Get on Top of Blackberry Now.. with a little help from us!

With the Blackberry flowering & fruiting season in full swing our current focus is on working with landholders to get on top of this problematic and invasive weed.

Just one berry may contain as many as 80 seeds, which are easily spread by birds, mammals (especially foxes) and water. Blackberry will persist indefinitely in an area unless it is treated. Plants that die are replaced by seedlings or daughter plants produced by nearby individuals. Plants may produce up to 13,000 seeds per square metre!

Through our State NRM funded 'Weedwork - Declared Weed Control Support in the Lower Blackwood' Project we are able to offer landholders the opportunity for a 50% contribution towards control of blackberry along waterways on their properties.

To find out more please contact our Revegetation Project Officer Andrew Hemsley at andrew.hemsley@lowerblackwood.com.au or call on 0422 353 778

Events Coming Up with the LCDC



What? Join us for a 1- day workshop & field walk on 'Soil Secrets – The Fundamentals for Building Profit, Productivity & Natural Capital' with Australian soil ecologist Dr Christine Jones. Dr Jones will explain the truly amazing connections between plants, microbes & the soil, & how a positive feedback loop between them all can work to restore our farmland soils along with farm profits & productivity.

When? Thursday February 2nd

How? Head to our website & book at <https://lowerblackwood.com.au/events/soil-secrets-the-fundamentals-for-building-profit-productivity-natural-capital/>

Want to talk to someone at the LCDC?

Contact Kate Tarrant, Communications Officer,
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THE AUGUSTA BLUSTER

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

Wednesday 25th January 2023 6.00pm-9.00pm

Celebration of Coming Together on Country Movie Night, with Local Tales told by Zac Webb and a Free Sausage Sizzle + Cake



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Augusta primary school citizen award recipient Akaisha Howitt cutting the beautifully decorated cake by Leonie McFaul at the Celebration of coming together movie night



Story behind composition - By Leonie McFaul

I chose the rainbow because we are known for our beautiful rainbows (welcome to Rainbow country) and our flowers are the colours of the rainbow as Janette Gathe (very close friend) pointed out in her Georgiana Molloy calendar. The arch is also an encompassing shape like a hug and links areas like a bridge. I feel the animals are coming together towards the centre, drawn to the middle below the arch. The rainbow flows down & along showing the river flow & symbolising its beauty, colour & magic flows all along the Blackwood.



Zac Webb telling the story of Yebble in his usual informative and engaging way at the movie night

Art Club's 55th Annual Exhibition - Friday 6th - Sunday 8th January 2023

The Exhibition was a huge success, and the Art Club would like to thank all their supporters.



AUGUSTA COMMUNITY GROUPS CALENDAR

GROUP	DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Anglican Church	Sun and Wed	Sunday 9:30am Wednesday 9:00am	Church Service	St Elizabeth's Church, Allnutt Tce
Augusta Art Club and Studio Gallery	Tue, Wed & Fri	10:00am- 2:00pm	Art activities	Centennial Hall
Augusta Bowling Club	Wednesday Thursday	12.30pm 9.00am	Men's Mufti Ladies Bowls	Allnutt Tce
Augusta Bridge Club	Mon	12:15pm for 12:30pm	Weekly Game	Historical Soc room
Augusta Chambers of Commerce	Every 2nd Month Thursday Mornings	7:30am	Breakfast Meeting	Various locations around town
Augusta Community Development Assoc	Once a Month/Tue	5:15pm	Community	Augusta CRC
Augusta Community Nursery	Mondays	8:30am-10:30am	Nursery Work	Front of Lions Shed, Hillview Rd
Augusta Community Rowing Association	Mon, Wed & Fri	9:00am- 1:00pm	Wooden Boat Building/ Rowing Skiffs	368 Brockman Hwy, Karridale
Augusta CWA	1st Wed every month	1:30pm	Monthly Meeting	CWA Hall, Allnutt Tce
Augusta Croquet Club	Mon & Sat	12:30pm-4:00pm	Golf Croquet	Augusta Sporting Complex, Allnutt Tce
Augusta Dru Yoga Group	Wed & Sat	Wed 5:00pm Sat 8:00am	Dru Yoga	Augusta CRC, Allnutt Tce
Augusta Garden Club	3rd Monday every month	1:30pm-3:30pm		See Pelican Post - Garden Gossip
Augusta Golf Club	Tuesday & Friday Wednesday Saturday Sunday	12:00pm 9:30am 11:30pm 11:30pm	Men's Scroungers Ladies 18 Holes Men's 18 Holes Mixed 18 Holes	Hillview Road
Augusta Historical Society	3rd Thursday every month	7:00pm	Monthly Meeting	Society Rooms, Blackwood Ave
Augusta Historical Museum	Daily	1:00pm-4:00pm	Closed Christmas Day/Boxing Day	Museum Blackwood Ave
Augusta Mens Shed	Mon, Wed and Fri Sat	9:00am-1:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm	Member Shed activities	Mens Shed, Hillview Rd
Augusta Playgroup	Every Fri during School Term	9:00am-12:00pm	Playgroup for under 5's	Augusta PS, K/P room
Augusta River and Coast Care	Thur	8:30am-10:30am	Caring for our Environment	TBA
Augusta River Festival Inc.	As advertised on FB	6:30pm		Augusta Primary School
Augusta Spinners & Weavers	Tuesday Thursday	10:30am 7:00pm	Textile Crafts	Centennial Hall
Augusta Tennis Club	Wed & Sat	2:00 pm		Civic Park
Augusta Ukulele Group	Tuesday	6:30pm	Weekly Meeting	CWA Hall. Call Sue Air 9758 0098

If your community group would like to be included in the calendar, call the Augusta CRC on 9758 0002 or email editor@pelicanpost.com.au with the details.

AUGUSTA COMMUNITY GROUPS CALENDAR

GROUP	DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Augusta Yacht Club	Most Sundays as per programme	12:00pm onwards	January – April	Augusta Yacht Club call 0419 953 369 for program
Berean Baptist Church	Sunday Wednesday	10:00am-11:00am 11:00am - 12:00pm 2:00pm - 3:00pm 10:45am - 11:45am	Bible Study Morning Service Afternoon Service Bible Study	Centennial Hall CWA Hall - MargretR.
Civic Park Golf Club	Wed Sun	May - Nov 9:00am Dec - April 8:00am		Allnutt Tce
Coops Cottage Craft	Thursday	12.30pm - 4pm	Wool, Fabric & other crafts	CWA Hall, Allnut Tce
Friends of Cape Leeuwin	Every First Tuesday of the month	8.45am	Revegetation project	Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse (Paul 0419 940 066)
Hash House Harriers	Monday	5:00pm	Walking	See the Newsagency window
Karridale Augusta R.S.L Sub Branch	2nd Thu/ Month	6:30pm	Monthly Meeting	Augusta Men's Shed, Hillview Rd
Kudardup Bush Fire Brigade	1st & 3rd Thursday each month	5:30pm	Training	Kudardup Fire Shed, Kudardup Rd
Leeuwin Lions Club	2nd & 4th Monday/ Month	7:30pm	Fortnightly Dinner	Augusta Hotel
St John Ambulance	1st & 3rd Mon Month Friday	7:00pm 8:30am	Training Equipment Checks	Augusta SJA sub centre, Donovan St
Together Ministries	Sundays	10:00am-12:15pm	Service	Augusta CRC, Allnutt Tce
Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service	1st Tuesday/Month Every other Tuesday	6:00pm – 8:30pm 5:30pm – 7:00pm	Checks & Monthly meeting Checks & Training Drill	Augusta Fire Station, Allnutt Tc
Volunteer Sea Search & Rescue	2nd Thursday/Month	5:30pm	Monthly Meeting	Old Rangers Res, Leeuwin Rd

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- If you see smoke or fire, call 000 immediately – don't call your local fire brigade members as this may delay or complicate the emergency response
- Get familiar with the Emergency WA website (www.emergency.wa.gov.au), find your local ABC radio channel so you can listen to warnings and alerts on a battery operated radio, talk to your neighbours and exchange phone numbers so you can keep in touch with each other during an emergency, pack an emergency kit if you haven't already done so and review and practice your bushfire plan
- If you plan to leave early, identify your triggers for when you will leave – don't wait for someone to tell you when to go. Firefighters are too busy fighting the fire and network outages or depleted resources in an emergency mean that you can't rely on a text message or knock at the door telling you to leave – you need to be prepared to make your own decisions

for your survival. More information at www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/leave-early/plan

- If you plan to stay and defend your property, make sure you are extremely well prepared, physically, emotionally and materially, to do so. You can find more information at www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/stay-and-defend
- Check if a Total Fire Ban has been declared before doing any activity that may cause a fire (for example lawnmowing, slashing, cooking on an open fire, grinding or welding in the open). Even if a Total Fire Ban hasn't been declared, it's sensible to check the weather conditions on any day before undertaking these activities – if it's hot, windy and dry, hold off until the conditions become more favourable. Check if a Total Fire Ban has been declared on the DFES website – www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/total-fire-ban, Emergency WA website or call our Total Fire Ban enquiry line – 1800 709 355
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