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who lives right here in Augusta. Julia grew up in Manjimup, where her family were original settlers, but has holidayed in Augusta, Flinders Bay and Margaret River since she was a child before moving to Cowaramup 23 years ago. She relocated to Augusta at the end of 2022 and in October 2023 she became the first Shire President to be elected directly by the community. We've asked her some questions to get to know her...

What has drawn you to live in Augusta?

My family has been holidaying in Augusta for over 90 years and I fondly remember visiting it with my grandparents – so it has always been a very special place to me. Time seems to slow down in Augusta, and I just love its simple pleasures which is why I wanted to make it my base.

How long have you served on the Council?

I've always played an active role in the community and been involved in lots of grass roots organisations including the Cowaramup BMX, Junior Footy and Tennis Clubs. I was even the first volunteer Lolly-Pop lady for the Cowaramup school crossing! Then in 2017 I decided I'd run for a position on the Council. I have had two stints as Deputy Shire President - 2017 to 2019 and again 2021 to 2023 – and my current term as Shire President will run until October 2027.



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Get to know your Shire President

Meet Julia Meldrum, your Shire President What motivated you to run for election on Council?

Since I've lived in the Shire, I have seen it undergo rapid growth, which creates a lot of challenges. I'm dedicated to balancing the needs of a diverse and vibrant community while protecting our beautiful and precious natural environment, to safeguard it for our future generations.

What do you hope to achieve as Shire president?

I'd love for all the diverse sectors of our communities, to feel that they have the capacity to build on their strengths, and that they genuinely feel recognised and supported by the Shire. Community strength and resilience adds great value to our overall community health. We are so fortunate to live in a community which is truly engaged and I hope that residents can feel they are valued and supported by Council in the various contributions they made.

What's your view on Augusta?

I see that Augusta is going through a period of change and so the needs of the community are changing. While it has an ageing population, there's also a growing number of families and the increasing diversity of businesses. It's one part of the whole AMR Shire with it own unique identity. I think it's really important that the character of Augusta, and all towns within the Shire are recognised, respected and protected for future generations.



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- That means we DO NOT accept snails, cockroaches, ant nests, leaves, twigs, stones, cigarette butts or any liquid surrounding the items, such as stale beer, rainwater etc.
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The Augusta Community Resource Centre can offer spaces at either the CRC, Augusta Centennial Hall or the Uniting Church.





Shire News



Call for Nominations to Climate Action and Biodiversity Reference Group

Do you care about our environment? Are you keen to offer advice and guidance on sustainability issues such as local water quality and conservation, climate change and renewable energy?

If so, why not join the Climate Action and Biodiversity Reference Group?

We're seeking nominations from four community representatives to join this collaborative group which includes local organisations and Shire Officers. The role of the group is to guide how the Shire rolls out its Climate Action Plan and Biodiversity Strategy, building partnerships and community involvement along the way.

If vou're keen, submit a written nomination outlining:

- Relevant knowledge and experience around environmental / • sustainability issues.
- Availability to attend meetings and workshops, and assist on focus aroups if required.
- Effective communication skills.

Augusta Recreation Centre

Half Price and Free Gym Memberships!

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

Book, Pay or Set Up Direct Debit: Book and pay for classes, or get your direct debit sorted in person, online or by phone.

In Person: Augusta Gym (Tues & Thurs from 10.30am to 12.30pm)

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. No minimum term, \$30 joining fee.

Social Badminton Wednesdays 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Contact Sandra for more information 0450 234 510.

8 December to:

Stephanie Addison-Brown

PO Box 61, Margaret River WA 6285

sustainability@amrshire.wa.gov.au

Or by email to: amrshire@amrshire.wa.gov.au

Chief Executive Officer

Table Tennis

Tuesdays 10.30am to 12pm. Thursdays 10.30am to 12pm. Other session times by booking / appointment. Contact John for more information 0417 744 224.

Pickleball - Starting Monday 4 December! Monday 10.30am to 12.00pm & 7.00pm to 8.30pm. \$5 per session per person, contact Scott 0477 837 368.

Please submit nominations via post by 4pm on Friday

For more information or full Terms of Reference, contact us on

Strength For Life A gym based program for people over 50. Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30am to 10.30am.

Hydrotherapy Pool Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.10am and 8.50am. All sessions must be booked in advance.

For Strength For Life and Hydrotherapy information please call 08 9780 5620.

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Shire Staff Profile Matt Bain Ranger

What does a typical day at work look like?

Coming into the busy summer months my day often starts with an early morning patrol to look out for people camping in the wrong spots. I'll never complain about starting my day in Augusta checking out spots like Flinders. After meeting with any campers that might be around, I'll be straight into inspecting firebreaks on properties throughout the shire. While inspecting firebreaks we often get called away to assist with dogs that have escaped and wandering around.

What is the best part of your job?

I really enjoy the fact my job is so varied, and I can get called out to an unexpected job at any point. But my favourite thing is that I get to deal with community members and hopefully make a positive impact on them.

What do you love most about Augusta?

There are so many things I like about Augusta but swimming at Flinders Bay has to take the top spot.

Construction Works in Front of the Augusta Bakery

Works have commenced in front of the Augusta Bakery to construct new parking bays and a footpath.

These works are expected to be completed by Friday 15 December (weather permitting).

Traffic management will be in place for the duration of the works.

Access to the bakery will be provided throughout the works with signage to show parking and access.

For more information, please contact Mel Tombs, Project Manager at mtombs@amrshire.wa.gov.au or on 0482 836 249.

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What's On at Nala Bardip Mia - Margaret River HEART **Presented by Arts Margaret River**

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Check artsmargaretriver.com for school holiday program.

CINEMA & FILM FESTIVALS

Killers of The Flower Moon (M) Ocean Film Festival Saturday 2 December, 6.30pm Friday 8 March, 7pm

Napoleon (MA15+) Saturday 16 December, 7pm

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THEATRE, MUSIC, COMEDY & DANCE

Opera in Margaret River Friday 1 December, 7.30pm

Kate Miller – Heidke Concert Friday 1 March, 7.30pm

Shine! - Tutu Dance Company Saturday 9 December, 11am & 3pm

Diesel – The Forever **Tour Concert** Saturday 23 March, 8pm

Cosentino - Decennium the Greatest Hits Tour (Magician) Friday 19 January, 7.30pm

EXHIBITIONS

Harvey's World - A Retrospective Harvey Wachtel 5 to 29 January Mon-Fri. 10am to 4pm

Wander Out Yonder - Children's Workshops 9 to 11 January Tues-Thurs 10am

Reflections in Colour Lynnie Fenty & Barbara Allan 2 to 23 February Mon-Fri, 10am to 4pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Young @ HEART FREE live music Mondays, 10am Check artsmargaretriver.com for full program.

Sunday Sundowner @ Nala Bardip Mia Sunday 28 January, 3.30 to 7pm

Sunday Sundowner @ Pioneer Park, Cowaramup Sunday 11, 18 & 25 February, 5pm to 7pm

Margaret River Lions Fashion Show Friday 23 February, 5.30pm





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Shire News Continued



Have Your Say on the Future Development of Augusta

Augusta Streetscape Concept Plan

The Shire is currently preparing a Precinct Plan for the Augusta Townsite to guide future development. The Augusta Precinct Plan will incorporate streetscape concept designs to inform future improvements on Blackwood Avenue, and future development on privately owned land.

The Shire has prepared several streetscape concept designs for sections of Blackwood Avenue. We are now inviting community members to vote for their preferred designs.

Further community consultation for the full Augusta Precinct Plan will occur in the first half of 2024.

For more information and to vote, please visit the Shire's Your Say page www.yoursay.amrshire.wa.gov.au/augusta-projects.

If you prefer to chat in person, Stephen Schreck, Strategic Projects Officer, will be in the Shire's Augusta office between 9am and 4pm on Tuesday 5 December and Thursday 7 December. Can't make the above times? You can contact Stephen any time via email: sschreck@amrshire.wa.gov.au or phone: 9780 5259.

Consultation on the Augusta Streetscape plan closes on Friday 12 January 2024

Local Planning Scheme No.2

To ensure that its planning rules are current and relevant, the Shire has released an updated Local Planning Scheme No.2 for public consultation.

Local planning schemes are the rule books that guide development across the Shire. They determine the types of developments that require planning approvals and provide the criteria used to assess development proposals ranging from large scale commercial development to residential development.

For more information and to provide feedback, please visit the Shires Your Say page: https://yoursay.amrshire.wa.gov.au/local-planning-scheme-no-2

Matt Slocomb, Coordinator Planning Services, will be in the Shire's Augusta office between 9am and 1pm on Thursday 7 December. Can't make the above times? You can contact the project team any time via email: lpsreview@amrshire.wa.gov.au.

Consultation on the Local Planning Scheme No.2 closes on 31 January 2024.



Augusta Big Air Nationals February 2024

Kiteboarding WA and Kiteboarding Australia are gearing up for the inaugural Core Big Air Nationals Augusta in February 2024, when 54 of the best kiteboarders from around Australia will compete for the National Big Air title.

The competition window will be for one month, with the forecast monitored daily for the right conditions for competition days. Free workshops and have-a-go sessions will be held for the Augusta community as well as the chance to watch all the action from the shore. The event will be live-streamed and is expected to generate positive outcomes for community members and businesses while showcasing the region as a world class kiteboarding destination.

The Shire is proud to support this event through our Major Events Grants program.

To find out more visit www.kiteboardingaus.com.au/events or www.amrshire.wa.gov.au/BigAirNationals2024

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Together Ministries Augusta

We are a non denominational Christian church. "knowing Jesus and making him known" Join us for our services Sunday 10.00am at the Community Resource Centre, Allnut Tce. Augusta

Hear us on the local radio 97.1FM Sundays 8.00am after the news and repeated at 2.00pm same day

> Pastors: Bill 0404 152 084 Diana 0428 711 766



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Leeuwin

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REMEMBRANCE DAY A good gathering was present at the War Memorial at 11.00am on the 11th

November, to celebrate the end of WW1 and commemorate those who gave their lives in the service of our nation.

The service was conducted by Lt Commander John Wilson (retired) ably assisted by RSL members Bob Stiles, Fred Monahan and Ray Hart.

A superb display of red poppies prepared and organised by Ruth Combley, Lorraine Monahan and Claire Burrows provided a highlight to the tranquil setting.

Ron and Margaret Brearly laid wreaths on behalf of the Lions Club of Leeuwin and Jim and Kay Challis on behalf of the "N" Class Destroyers Association of WA. The Club once again thanks Lion Margaret Martin for making and donating the colourful wreaths.

Lest We Forget.



Jim Challis, Kay Challis, Margaret Brearley, Ruth Combley, Greg Burrows, Lorraine Monahan, Claire Burrows, **Ron Brearley**



Superb display of red poppies

TWO NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

President Matt Russell welcomed new members Tony Greipl and Melanie Vassallo into the Lions Club of Leeuwin with a brief induction ceremony followed by a hearty Lions roar.

Tony who is the Bendigo Bank Manager and his partner



Lions welcome new members - Tony Greipl, Mel Vassallo, Jim Challis (sponsor) Matt Russell (President)

Melanie Vassallo have been in Augusta only a little over 12 months but already are active and willing volunteers in several community organisations. Lions were pleased to have Tony and Melanie take on the role of Chairpersons for 'Lions Cakes and Mints' and they have quickly made an impact with their focussed sales approach.

Depending on the size of the loan or deposit you could be rewarded with a Lions Christmas cake or a packet of mints!

LIONS LANDSCAPERS

The impact the volunteer band of "Lions Landscapers" is having on the main street presentation is now becoming most noticeable. Team Co-ordinator Sonja Wahlers said she was pleased with the support they were now getting from the businesses and public and hoped the main street will look a treat in time for the Christmas holidays.

Special thanks to Ken Scott who provides the man power for the group and more particularly undertakes the regular watering of the plants during the week.



Karen Noakes, Noella Horsley Ken Scott, Noella Horsley and Sonja Wahlers and Karen Noakes

NEW FLAGPOLE FOR NIZAM SERVICE

Kathy Stewart. Secretary of the "N" Class Destroyers Association of WA advised in a recent communication that the Dept of Veteran Affairs had donated funds for a new flagpole to replace the old and severely corroded existing one before the service to be held at Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse precinct next year on Sunday 11th February 2024 at 10.00am.

Kathy would like to thank in advance the local volunteers who have offered to help to replace the old flagpole, and the Lions Club for all they do to make the Memorial Weekend such a great success.

As in past years the Navy Band will provide a free concert for the community on the lawns of the Augusta Hotel on Saturday afternoon 10th February 2024.





Old flagpole in better days

Volunteers painting flagpole

LIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY - Save the date!

Lions, Partners and Volunteers are invited to the Lions Christmas Party to be held at the Augusta Hotel on Monday 11th December commencing at 5.30pm.

With all volunteers from the Toy Shop, Book Shop, Adventure Centre, Second Hand Goods Shed, CDS Shed, Streetscape most welcome, Santa will have his time cut out getting around with a pressie for everyone. Fellowship will run from 5.30-6.30pm, after which a traditional Christmas Dinner of turkey, ham and the trimmings will be served.

After a short presentation by the returning leavers from East Timor, Christmas pudding with brandy custard will follow Refreshments and raffles form part of the evening along with fines and Christmas tunes to add merriment and joy. Book in early to avoid being out on the deck.

VALE KEN MITCHELL

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Lions Club of Leeuwin is saddened by the loss of highly respected member Ken Mitchell, and passes on sincere condolences to his wife Judy and family.

Judy and Ken Mitchell at Lions Function Ken was a great contributor to our

club and a good attendee at all meetings and functions until his failing health restricted his involvement.

Apart from dogs for the blind (labradors) or dogs for hearing Despite his health concerns and with help from Judy, Ken kept (mostly labradoodles) there are now dogs for Type 1 Diabetes charge of the Second Hand Furniture and Goods Shed for over Alert on which there was a highly absorbing video shown on the five years until others were able to step up. Lions Phill and large screen. A dog is trained to detect insulin deficiency and Gail Robinson, Richard McKenzie, John Stott and Jim Challis warn its carer by raising a paw to a knee or in the case of finding represented the Club at the funeral service in Bunbury on Friday the carer unresponsive on the floor, calling for emergency help 17th November 2023 where an interesting eulogy of Ken's life by pressing an alarm about the size of a small dinner plate wired was given by his son Daniel and daughter Katherine. within easy reach on a wall. Quite amazing!!

Ken served with the Australian Army rising to the rank of Major before retiring to Carnarvon and finally Augusta. A short address by Bob Stiles of the Karridale-Augusta Branch of the



Ken Mitchell at shed with Jim Challis (L) and Ken John

RSL followed by the playing of the Last Post was a fitting tribute to a private but very good community man who will be greatly missed by all those who knew him. RIP Ken.

DISTRICT 201 W1/W2 COMBINED CONVENTION Titled the "Stronger Together" convention it was a very historic



David Horne representing Lions Hearing Dogs

one, as it saw the combining of District 201 W1 (north of the Swan River) and 201 W2 (south of the Swan River) into one new District 201WA and become the largest district in Australia, both geographically and in membership. Held in the expansive grounds of Curtin University on 17-19th November 2023, the venue provided wonderful facilities by way of a huge theatre for conducting the business of the convention, separate areas

for displays of our many foundations and projects, shady rest areas for lunch and morning tea, plus a tavern with restaurant and outdoor area for quiet relaxation and discussions, which was quite ideal after the Flag and Remembrance Ceremony on Friday evening.

Jim and Kay Challis represented the Lions Club of Leeuwin at the convention and were pleased to report a good catch up with a number of old friends, and a long list of very informative guest speakers. Special among them were Prof Ralph Martins speaking on the advances being made in the treatment of Alzheimer's disease and David Horne speaking on the Lions Hearing Dogs Foundation. Leeuwin Lions have only just been advised that a dog they sponsored last year is soon to become available for training. Only 30 dogs are able to be trained each year (cost of about \$40,000) and are mostly labradors, labradoodles or jack russells.

Leeuwin Lions are currently seeking a name for its dog and will further discuss this item at the next meeting.





The CRC would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New years, we will be closed from 3:00pm Wednesday 20th December 2023 and will re - open 9:30am Monday 8th January 2024

Exciting Job opportunities to join the Augusta CRC in the

new year.

2024 Traineeship Vacancy -**Excellent opportunity**

The Augusta Community Resource Centre is seeking applications from customer focused individuals able to work between the hours of 9.00am to 3.00pm Monday to Friday for a 12-month traineeship contract commencing in February 2024 (to be confirmed).

On-the-job training is provided in a range of administration, community engagement and secretarial duties whilst undertaking a Certificate III in Business BSB30120.

Proficient MS Office literacy is highly desirable, receptionist, customer service and administration duties will form part of the traineeship. A current WA Driver's Licence and reliable vehicle is essential.

Please email a cover letter and resume by Monday 8th Jan 2024 or call 97580002 for more information.

Attn: Project Officer Augusta Community Resource Centre P O Box 269, Augusta WA 6290 admin@augustacrc.net.au

As per DPIRD requirements, former trainees of the ACRC are not eligible to apply for this position.

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We are keen to meet with an enthusiastic and committed individual to join the team at our busy and vital CRC on a permanent part-time basis of approximately 15-18 hours per week.

The role is varied and interesting, providing a diverse range of services to the Augusta Community and surrounding areas while working closely with a range of partners and stakeholders.

Duties will include providing administrative support to the CRC which includes preparation of reports for governmental requirements and sponsors. The role will also involve the undertaking of a range of community based projects and events hosted or run by the CRC and/or partners.

If you enjoy working within a close knit team and have experience in marketing, administration and project planning we would love to hear from you. A high level of computer skills are essential for this role.

Please send your resume to: manager@augustacrc.net.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 4PM 20 DECEMBER 2023



AUGUSTA

By MORVEN HANSEN

Following the General Meeting ART CLUB NEWS on the 10th November where we got all our ducks

in a row (not always an easy

undertaking) with regard to the 2024 Exhibition and all the myriad of other tasks, duties and responsibilities Other happenings coming up for us include the that life in the 21st century requires of us, the big Community Garden Open Day on the 2nd December question that I asked Trisha was, 'How many Gallery 1 where the club will have a stall promoting the exhibition with some small items for sale, so please drop in to paintings have been listed for the January Exhibition?' These are the new works which have never been seen support the wonderful Community Garden and check out our stall. There will also be our Christmas Party on before. Trisha reported that there will be 194 paintings and 40 China items. There will also be a higher number Friday 15th December to look forward to. (than usual) of 'Pay and Take' items in the foyer. So, The two days preceding the exhibition will see the Art if you are interested in a large statement painting for your home or a small painting to fill an uninteresting Club selling raffle tickets outside IGA where the prizes space, you will be bound to find just the perfect original will be on display. artwork to fit your requirements.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances we were not able to hold our Bric-a-brac Bazaar on Also worthy of mention is that there will be a new classification for Sculpture. Mal Johnson enters one or Saturday 18th November, we hope to reschedule more of his excellent metal sculptures every year but that after the exhibition, so watch this space and we they have to date not had their own classification, so the apologise for any inconvenience. hope is that other members may be encouraged to try their hand at what could be described as 3D art. The Club send Greetings for the Christmas Season to Every year members choose a theme for the exhibition everyone and look forward to seeing you in January at as I have written about before. The 2024 theme is 'A the exhibition. line from a poem (or inspired by a poem)' Over the

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year there has been a lot of studying of poetry books (both Australian and non-Australian), while members looked for just the right poem with imagery which could become a painting.



By WENDY & GRAHAM SHEARWOOD Images by Carmel Norris, Scott Godley and Janine Warden

Our new tennis and croquet year got off to a flying start with the AGM. There are very few changes to the committee

- we welcome back Scott Godley as President. We have a new tennis vice captain - Louise Moss, affectionately known as Trapeze Louise because of her association with Karnidale Circus. We also welcome Carmel Norris as a new committee member, and Kate Wright as a new social committee member. All other positions remain the same and we are very appreciative of the time and effort put in by the whole committee.



Happy Race Goers



Shane, Kay, Carole, Annie



Shaunaugh (Augusta Hotel), Wendy, Murray

A number of club members attended the Melbourne Cup Lunch at the Augusta Hotel, our main sponsor. As always this was a fun event! Murray Jorgensen MC'd the afternoon. Many of us dressed for the occasion, and Wendy Shearwood took out the prize for the Best Hat! Murray insists he had nothing to do with the judging. We know Augusta is always a bit windy, but wow, was it windy for our Open Day! This did not deter Augustians, and thirteen new people tried Linda, Louise and Janine having fun

their hand at

croquet, and seven new people tried their hand at tennis - some had a go at both sports. A fun day was had by all, and the afternoon teas were much enjoyed.





Neville Evans generously donated a Crayfish to the Club, which he had caught that morning. Never afraid to

raise some more Club funds, we decided to have an instant raffle, which raised \$44. The winner was Shane O'Brien. On the same day Murray donated a prepared Cray (caught by himself that morning) to the Club for after-tennis drinks. Together with the piquant sauce that he and Annie had prepared, it was delicious and was soon devoured by the hungry hordes. Thanks guys!

Any day now the colourful new sign for the club will be erected, giving times for play. Please feel free to come and give these sports a go, you don't have to wait for another open day. Contact numbers are in the Community Groups listing near the end of this Pelican Post.

Proudly supported by the Augusta Hotel Motel and Augusta Xtreme Sports

AUGUSTA men's shed

By MARCUS DOWNEY Images By Marcus Downey

Hello from the Men's Shed here in Augusta. As we approach Christmas it's always a busy time at the Shed. We have continued to enhance/ upgrade the facilities at the Shed

with all new HiBay LED lighting through the main woodwork area. We have also added more LED strip lights in historically dark areas. This is stage one of the planned lighting upgrade. When we complete the re-organisation of the shed into distinct woodwork and metalwork areas, we will adjust the lighting to ensure all areas are as well-lit as the woodwork area. We are also working on the second toilet and washroom which make it much easier on ladies' days as well as disabled access requirements.

One of the projects we have been working on, with the help of our keen ladies on Thursday, is the Beatrix Potter themed children's picnic set. This was a very kind donation from one of our members who happened to be at the Lions Shed and bought it when it was donated by its original owner. As we understand it, it is quite rare here in Australia and even in the UK where it originated from. Research has shown only a few examples ever come up for sale in the UK and when they do, they usually sell very quickly for a good price. The photo below shows this set which is now fully restored back to its original glory. This restoration took many hundreds of hours of painstaking work by many volunteers. Special thanks go to our wonderful group of ladies who took the freshly painted cast iron ends home to hand paint the animal characters over several weeks of painstaking work. We are now preparing to raffle the children's picnic set over several weeks of Friday mornings at IGA in the weeks preceding Christmas. We decided to offer it this way to the community so that local families had the opportunity to win it.



The Humpback whale tail structure is now close to structural completion but there is still a lot of finishing work to do before it can be sent for galvanising prior to installation. It looks fantastic and has already attracted



several groups of 'sticky beaks' to have a look including one politician. The Shed will hold an Open Day early in the new year to showcase the large tail which will be quite a tourist drawcard for Augusta. This will also be an opportunity

for us to fund raise so that the Shed can gain some valuable operational and development funds.



Our Ladies Day on Thursdays continues to be a busy day with ladies making woodwork items and some making metalwork sculptures. Attached are some recent photos of their achievements. We had to delay our November AGM this year due to several committee

members contracting COVID, we will now hold this in January 2024.

Don't forget to check out our items for sale at the Lions Bookshop, at the Shed and our Shop Web page: https:// ams.tidyhq.com/public/shop/products

Friday Raffle dates outside Augusta IGA:

8th December 15th December 22nd December

Please also support our sponsor the Augusta Bakery, one of the best bakeries in the SW, as they look after us with lovely morning tea nibbles.





By RIC HARRISON Images by Ric Harrison

An important message from the Augusta Volunteer Fire and **Rescue brigade**

If you live, work or own property in the Augusta townsite there in one major action you can take outside your property boundary, residential or commercial, that could help to safeguard it if a fire threatens. Read on to find out what it is and how you can help.

Of course, there are the well-known actions you can - and should - take to help reduce fire risk on your property. Things like keeping gutters clean, trimming trees and shrubs back from buildings, controlling leaf litter, keeping stacked wood away from buildings, making firebreaks and more. There are also things you can put in place if ever a fire was to occur. These include having an action plan (including when and where to go), making a grab bag of essentials, checking your smoke alarm batteries regularly, and making sure that there is easy access to your property for emergency responders.**

There is one extra action that will help the fire brigade control a fire where you – or your neighbours - live or work in. That one action? You can help us to ensure that the hydrants near your property are easy to find and accessible. We'll explain how to do that shortly, but first let us explain just how important hydrants (the water source for our hoses) are to your local brigade when a fire happens in town.

The fire truck in Augusta is designed to handle several types of emergencies, including building fire, bushfire, road crash rescue, and hazardous material incidents. All of that capability and equipment means that we can carry around 1,000 litres of water. That amount is rarely enough to control a fire without a lot of extra water, so within the townsite we usually rely upon connecting to a hydrant. In Augusta the hydrants are typically located on the council verge. There is about 1 hydrant per 6 to 8 properties. This ratio can vary depending upon property size and other factors, but it is a good guide. There are over 120 hydrants around our town.

Please take an interest in the location of hydrants near you. If there is no hydrant right outside your property we will probably rely upon one nearby. Hydrants don't "belong" to any one property – they are a shared community asset. When the fire truck arrives at the fire, one of our first actions is to connect hoses to the best-located hydrant. Speed is essential. We search for road or pole markings and, ultimately, the cover of the hydrant itself to help accelerate our response. The

covers are usually painted white or are white plastic, and we have a unique tool to open and operate them (please don't remove the cover yourself!).

Sometimes the hydrant covers are not so easy to find. Grass can grow over them, soil can accumulate, and in rare cases we've discovered them buried under a garden or driveway! It can be even more difficult at night. You can help us prevent this.





Hydrant cover with good access

Hydrant cover with poor access

What can you do to help? We'd like you to become a Hydrant Helper:

- Keep the cover of any hydrant(s) near you clear of obstruction. Trim grass and weeds, remove soil and leaves.
- Check that there is always easy access no bushes ٠ in the way, no vehicles parked over the cover, or similar.
- And let your fire brigade know if you spot a leaking hydrant or some other issue, such as badly faded road markings or damage. Please don't tackle any issues, other than access, yourself - contact us.

If there is an issue, please send us a short email (augusatavfrs@bigpond.com), mention that it is about a hydrant, include your name and number and we'll get back to you for details. Or write to us at PO Box 250, Augusta 6290

It could help to save your place, or your neighbour's, when fire strikes.

** See https://dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/ for more strategies to help you be prepared

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Life ages on Volunteer with St Johr

Together Ministries

By BILL WOODAGE

Christmas is almost upon us once more. It is said it is a great time for children, a real blessing. For many it becomes a gathering of scattered families to feast together for a short period of holiday time. For workers, it is a time to join with others in their workforce to have Christmas parties and celebrations. For some in the community it is a time of isolation and perhaps sadness.

What is the greatest Christmas present? Is it a new car? Or being set free from your mortgage? Or that holiday you always wanted? Or perhaps ticking off some items on your bucket list?

The greatest Christmas present is to come into a living, dynamic relationship with God Himself. The first gift He will give you is to remove your sins, your faults. The second gift He will give you is a fantastic unconditional love; it's called God's love. The third gift is life for ever more. This is encapsulated in the scripture of John 3:16, FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NEVER PERISH.

So what a time it can be for you. Ask Jesus into your life, by personal invitation, and allow Him to fill you with His love and power. Share His love; remember that others need this gift of life as well.

There is a book in heaven, a type of register of the names of everyone who have invited Jesus into their lives. Is your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life?

Have a Blessed Christmas.



treatment we have received from many nurses (under the guidance of our good doctors.) Thank you also to the girls in the Pharmacy who are always smiley and helpful.

We are so lucky to be living in Augusta.

Joan Haymes



By LEANNE BAMFORD Image by Leanne Bamford

November 2023 has been undoubtedly the most exciting time for all the Members of CWA Augusta 90 years of supporting the Augusta community. Wow what an achievement!!

From the birth of the Branch in 1933 during the great depression to the current times, we have survived through so many changes. Love, friendship and dedication of so many hard working women. The week started by blueing up the town. This was made possible by all the businesses who supported CWA Augusta by kindly allowing blue bunting to be hung. Thank you to our friends from The Lions Club of Leeuwin for the use of their sign and The Lions bookshop for a fantastic front window display.



A big thanks to Augusta Bowling club for the use of their fence to adorn with bunting. What an impact it made for our CWA visitors as they drove into town. Friday the 17th November saw 98 CWA members join us for the South West

Alice Willis, Beryl Teagan, Jan Linto, Christine Wilson and Sara Murphy

Christmas Party for 2023 and Augusta Branch 90th birthday at The Augusta Hotel. This was the first occasion in many decades that CWA Augusta had the honour to host. Our visitors came as far as Perth from the State office including Anne Gething CWA of WA State President and from all of the South West including Boyanup, Boyup Brook, Bridgetown, Bunbury, Busselton, Collie, Cowaramup, Donnybrook, Dunsborough, Eaton, Greenbushes, Margaret

The day was full of lots of fun including door prizes and raffles. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated the prizes.

River, Nannup, Pemberton, Rosa Glen, Ruabon, Yarloop.

Judy Meagher joined us all on the day showcasing her book HALL HIRE Fortunate West. It was a great way to show our guests one For your next gathering or for a regular booking please of our inspirational local women supporting the children contact us email cwainaugusta@gmail.com of Augusta. We were all entertained by our special guest Deb Spoons Perry. Thank you Deb wow! What an amazing **CHRISTMAS IDEAS** performance! Thank you Augusta Hotel together with **COOKBOOK AND APRONS FOR SALE please contact us** Shaunaugh and her team for the great venue, fantastic service email cwainaugusta@gmail.com or LEANNE 0400284423 and delicious food.

Many of our guests made comment on the amazing view from the function room and that the day was by far the best occasion in years that they had attended.

The following day CWA Augusta hosted a High Tea for the branches that had stayed in Augusta the weekend at the CWA Augusta Hall . Our guest speaker Paul Sofilas from The Leeuwin lighthouse entertained us with stories from the history of the Lighthouse. It truly was a memorable way to celebrate such a significant birthday.



Thank you everyone including all the friends of the membership who gave their time prior to and on the day to help make it the day it was.



Jan Linto cutting the birthday cake

A special thanks to Adam Birch from

Down South mini earthmovers, Glen Taylor from South West tree services and Section 95 at Bunbury Regional Prison for their contributions on final touches to the CWA Hall grounds in preparation to the celebratory week.



Leanne Bamford and Lind Augusta and surrounds and Zeffert

As the Festive season is upon us the ladies of CWA Augusta Branch wish the Augusta community a very safe and happy Christmas.

We look forward to continuing our work in 2024 supporting our beautiful town Augusta.

PROJECT CARE

CWA Augusta would like to thank you for the continued support helping with projectcare hampers. We thank IGA Jan Linto, Christine Wilson, Augusta, the community of

the Lions of Leeuwin for their constant support.

You will find the box for non perishable items inside IGA

PLEASE CHECK ITEMS ARE IN DATE AND NOT **EXPIRED BEFORE LEAVING THEM IN OUR BOX. ITEMS CAN ONLY BE ACCEPTED THAT ARE STILL** IN DATE.

CHOCOLATE STAINS

A LITTLE YOLK OF A RAW EGG WILL REMOVE CHOCOLATE STAINS FROM MOST MATERIALS. RUB IT GENTLY ON THE STAIN WITH A CLEAN PIECE OF LINEN, AND AFTERWARDS, WASH IN CLEAN SOAP SUDS. RINSE THOROUGHLY.

(RECIPE AND HINTS THAT HELP IN THE HOME AND PRESERVE THE TEMPER from The CWA Cookerv book and household hints Fifty fifth edition)

THE ROACH APPROACH - Introduction to Biomimicry

By JAY HARMAN

Photo courtesy of PolyPEDAL Lab, UC Berkeley

I once knew an Australian Fisheries and Wildlife officer named Ross. A wonderful young man, unusually popular, with a wicked sense of humour, Ross was one of three young bachelors posted to a particular country district. The department provided housing for married men, but not for singles. However, in this town there was a spare married officers house, and the chief officer, against his better judgment, was persuaded to let the threesome live in it. Boys will be boys, and after several months of parties, pizza crusts, and a complete lack of housekeeping, the house became infested with cockroaches. Late one night, the three returned home a little worse for wear after a night carousing. Ross was first to enter through the kitchen door and turned on the lights. Dozens of large black and brown roaches scrambled in every direction. Ross, in less than his usual jocular mood, snapped.

"I'm going to get those cockroaches," he said. Out to the garage he went and returned with a jerry can of petrol. This house was not connected to a sewer system. Instead, it had a septic tank under the backyard, capped by a thick concrete lid. To discharge any over-accumulation of volatile methane, a vent pipe went up the side of the house to a metre above the roof. Septic tanks provide an ideal breeding environment for roaches. Ross removed a small cap from the concrete lid and poured in the petrol.

"Watch this," he called out to the others, who by this time were standing on the back porch yelling encouragement as young men do. Ross struck a match and dropped it into the septic tank.

Kaboom! The lid, or pieces of it, flew into the air followed by an ascending ball of fire. Ross was knocked off his feet. The rain lid on the five-metre high vent shot into space (and was discovered the next day, more than sixty metres down the street). Back pressure in the effluent pipes blew wastewater back up through the kitchen sink drains and plastered dirty water and scum on the ceiling. It also blew back up the sewer line to the toilet, blasted off the lid, cracked the bowl, and deposited your worst nightmare all over the walls and ceiling. The neighbourhood woke up, lights went on, pyjama-clad people came into the street. There were many questions about the inferno burning in the Fisheries backyard and the foul stench of a charred cesspool. Interestingly, this treatment seemed to make little impression on the roach population, although married quarters were no longer available to bachelors.

You may have heard that cockroaches might be the only survivors of a nuclear war. Ten million degrees Celsius will vaporise any life-form; however, if a roach was out of heat range, it could survive up to fifteen times the radiation that would extinguish us. There are forty-five

hundred named species of roaches on earth and perhaps two to three times that many as yet unnamed.

One cockroach likely to cause panic in restaurants and kitchens the world over

is the American cockroach, one of that continent's most successful exports. Research is now beginning to uncover unique attributes of just a few of these highly evolved species and how they might be mimicked.

We're all aware of the emergence of antibiotic resistant superbugs that pose a growing and serious threat to humanity. Researchers have identified nine molecules extracted from cockroaches that have proved deadly to bacteria. In particular, they found that cockroach brain tissue wipes out more than 90 percent of antibioticresistant staphylococcus and E. coli, with no detrimental effect on human cells. Why would roaches have this ability? Living in unsanitary conditions means that they're in nearly constant contact with lots of bacteria. They're also coprophages—which means they eat poop. Between where they live and what they eat, it makes sense that they've evolved to cope with microorganisms. Imagine if researchers are able to develop a whole new class of powerful antibiotics with little or no negative side effects.

Scientists have been trying for decades to build artificial hands that can wrap around objects, like a coffee cup. Scientists have successfully developed an artificial hand, fingers and all, based on the dexterity and springing movement of cockroach legs. The hand can already grasp and pick up objects like tennis balls and a coffee cup. This holds great promise for amputees to have fully-functional hands again. Their innovation led from pioneering work at UC Berkeley, which started studying insect locomotion over 30 years ago, including how cockroaches are able to run so quickly over uneven surfaces. They don't have large enough brains to be planning their way, so it must be something in their anatomy or nervous system. Cockroaches have three different types of legs-each with a different functionthat work more or less on autopilot so the cockroach doesn't have to deal with the mental energy requirements of coordinated movement. Research revealed that cockroaches get their speed and agility from particularly springy flexibility in their legs. This allows them to cope with various surfaces without stumbling or tipping over, since an upside-down roach is a very vulnerable roach. This work led to a robot with legs on springs and hinges that scrambles across uneven ground at speeds no robot has achieved before.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING January 2024

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If your community group has an event coming up, please send through the details by the 20th of the month to editor@pelicanpost.com.au or ph 9758 0002.



BV WENDY STRUCELJ Images by Wendy Strucelj

Don't forget our Open Day is on Saturday 2nd December, 10am -2pm. Everyone is invited to pop in and stroll around the Garden.

In addition to the Garden's produce stall and potted plants, there will be a variety of stalls with all sorts of



goodies on offer: Scentsy Stall, Art for sale, Brica-brac, Doggie Treats. Book promotion, and more. Morning and afternoon teas will be available, making a perfect opportunity to enjoy a cuppa with friends, whilst taking in the Garden atmosphere. Come and see the Garden.

A reminder to members and prospective new members: The Augusta Community Garden Annual General Meeting will be held in the Garden on Monday 4th December at 10.30am, followed by a light lunch at noon. Please bring a plate, to share. All members and new members are invited to attend.

2023 has seen many changes as the Garden develops. It has been a great year, having achieved many of our goals. The shelter and shade house look great. The generous donation of time, expertise, labour and materials from many wonderful supporters of the Garden is very much appreciated. Thank you all very much.

Patti is holding a Clay Workshop for school age children, or anyone interested in joining in, on Monday 15th January 2024. The Workshop will be held at The Garden from 10.30am to 12noon. Cost: \$5. Limited places, contact Patti, asap, Ph: 0400 730 066.

Hope to see you at the Garden soon!



No No

> 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 Trevor on 0428308330 or by email augustabridgeclub@gmail.com

Not sure about playing Bridge? Checkout the FREE Bridge lessons online. Start with the very basics. Easy to follow instructions and demonstrations. www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBCRRwuhHRQ





Winners

October 23 rd	Graham Shearwood & Trevor Steel Lyn Leonard & Merione Wilson	Di Ellis & Edie Williams
November 6 th	Graham Shearwood & Trevor Steel	Des Thompson & Amanda Thompson
November 13 th	Graham Shearwood & Trevor Steel	Mal Johnson & Beth Johnson

Runners up

By BILL PERRY



Invitations to the Augusta Picnic Regatta on Saturday the 27th January have been

sent to the other St Ayles clubs. The racing now includes an additional race from the Turner Street Jetty to the Yacht Club – starting at 8am. A distance of approximately 3.5 kms (according to Mr Google). The five short course events as per last year will commence at 10am & still finish by 12:30 for lunch under the peppies.



Eskmuthe St Ayles Skiffs

The skiff maintenance activities are continuing, the gunnels on Colour Patch have been redone as there was quite a bit of dis-colouring occurring. Zoom needs to come out for a small tidy up – nothing major. The Lioness is now completed having had stretchers fitted, new gates & posts to replace the existing rowlocks, and oar length adjusted along with the signwriting has been completed. Needless to say the building of the pram dinghies remains on the back burner.

There continues to be a steady stream of visitors from other St Ayles Clubs - of recent times we've had one from Women on Water in Tasmania who built the first St Ayles Skiff in Australia and a visitor from Scotland from the Eskmuthe Community Rowing Club near Edinburgh at harbour known as Fisherrow.



Another busy and productive year is ending. We have had

many outings, visitors and welcomed new members. Some of us have finished projects that have been in the cupboard for years and others have started new ones. Some of us have challenged ourselves with new projects and skills.

As a group throughout the year, we are knitting or crocheting woollen squares from home spun wool to make a rug for our exhibition to be held in 2025.

This year we were delighted to have Elizabeth, an artist involved with the Margaret River Open Studios held in September, visit a few times wanting advice and helpful hints to learn to spin on a spinning wheel. When we visited her studio, it was a pleasure to see her spinning wheel, sheep's wool and some of her spinning samples on display.

Lioness was trailed by a wedding party who are keen to use her as part of their wedding ceremony on a private dam over at Pemberton in late February - believe she will look the part over amongst the karri trees.

The AGM was held on 3rd November with all office bearers & committee members returning for another year. A summary of the past year's events included

- Delivered Father Christmas to the Christmas Carols
- Annual participation in the Yacht Opening Day
- Xmas breakfast BBQ on the deck December 22
- Successful running of the Australia Day Regatta winning both the Marg's Mug for the first time and the inaugural 34 Degrees South for Champion Club
- Competed with 5 crews in the Virtual Regatta run by Living Boat Trust in Tasmania - creditable performances delivered.
- Participation in the Leeuwin 400 & Whalesong Festivals
- Alexandra Bridge picnic row with Nannup
- Joined with the Yachties picnic day at ski area
- Hosted a photo shoot for the MRBTB magazine
- Hosted Camp Quokka Lions camp for youth -15-18-year-olds with Type 1 Diabetes - They have now made bookings for the next 5 years!
- Participated in the South of Perth Yacht Club SAS skiff launch
- Completion & Launching of Lioness
- Rowing

The club remains in a sound financial position.

The South Easterlies are currently interrupting rowing activities & hopefully they'll blow themselves out and allow for some windows of good rowing weather.

Those interested in rowing and /or becoming involved in wooden boat building please do not hesitate to contact us (0400 750967) - check out the photo gallery on the website & Facebook, recycle your drink bottles & cans to our account many thanks to those who donate to our account.

By the time this is published we will have had our end of year celebration at the Augusta Hotel.

The AGM for 2024 is on the first Tuesday of the month which will be 6th February 2024. All positions will become vacant so please give consideration as to how you can get involved next year. We are looking forward to seeing new faces on the committee.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to another exciting year of fun and activities together. We continue meeting throughout the holidays and you can join us Tuesdays 10:30am - 4pm and Thursdays 7:00 pm in the club rooms at the Centennial Hall.



By ROD CLEMENT Images by Ian Ladyman

Well, Sunday the 29th October was a classic for the start

of the season opening round of the monohull club championship. We had 10kns from the SW and the sun There was a merry crew at the end of the day and once was shining on and off. Ended up a race of two, Pigs all the boats were packed away, there was fun to be had. Might Fly and Big Red Dwarf again. Both started on Especially having the Seabird crew gracing us with their the line and Big Red was on a mission, pointing high presence. and pulling away down to the first mark. The crew on Piggsy tacked early and picked up a lift that allowed The weekend of the 12th was blowing hard. Sunday them to sail along the western shore. Once both boats morning was 25kns and it was decided that a few beverages and a picnic at the club was the go. It is pretty passed each other she was just in front. It was neck and neck to the first mark but Piggsy pulled away down easy to pack up the boat when you didn't even look at it, the downwind leg and the reach to win by a couple of needless to say it was a great afternoon. minutes. On the yardstick though, Big Red won by 23 seconds. You should have seen the smile on the Big Red crew, beaming. It was a good chance to shake out the cobwebs and as usual to remind us of the repairs from last season.



The next weekend was the cats who were vying for the season championship opening round.

Xena and Catatonic started their race some six minutes behind, one in no wind out in the middle of the bay, the other, just milling around down the first leg

both thinking they had another five minutes to go. Cliffhanger blitzed it with the Yellow Taxi and Frisky seizing the opportunity to get some easy championship points. Xena and Catatonic got their mojos back and closed in

on the fleet, only just catching Frisky and then Yellow It was round two of the mono's club championship with Taxi before the finish to place second and third with four boats competing for the all important blue and gold Cliff-hanger first and fastest. flags. When you got out there it was pretty windy and the tide was low as. Pigs Might Fly easily won the start In the Catamaran crowd, they have an award called the with all others bouncing off the bottom and she led the pink elephant, usually awarded for some misdemeanour race down to the Lion Island mark. The downwind leg that happens when they all get together. This year allowed the fleet to close in, Big Red was at the heels they are picking up the points willy-nilly, our vice of Redback and Protocol Investigations until the latter commodore, Eion, had us all looking for the Rear retired. But by the end of the last windward leg there Commodore epaulettes for opening day, everyone was no stopping Piggsy, she was flying downwind and blaming everyone, even people who were not even there across the reaching legs to be winning by more than to only find them on Eion's shirt that had been hanging four minutes. First and fastest and consistency, the for a few years in his wardrobe. trifecta.

Now we have had Iain and Pete challenging for the dubious title by missing a start completely. There are plenty of months left, who will win? Stay tuned. Redback and Seabird were also out on the water and it

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By MICHELLE READSHAW

was a good hard tussle, with Seabird taking the honours up wind only to have Redback pass them downwind. It has to do with weight and age of the boats. Redback fastest by one minute, Seabird first on handicap.



Sunday the 19th November was a stunning day, warm and only a 18 to 20kn breeze from the SE. The wind this last week in Augusta has been out of control, so this change proved a perfect day to be sailing on the Blackwood River. Another plus for being at the AYC, we had power.

Association

Got feedback? Want to get involved?: augusta_acda@yahoo.com

CONVERSATIONS TAALINUP AUGUSTA:



We would like to thank Belinda Davis and Jay Harman for blowing us away with their knowledge and willingness to share it with our community.



Belinda, the Orchid Whisperer, visited us from Kings Park while in the area to rescue our local Caladenia Lodgeana – Lodges Spider orchids. As well as sharing some of the fascinating ways our orchids get pollinated, Belinda explained how almost all their seed falls within 2.5m of the

plant... we all need to remember that next time we try to get up close for a picture!

Jay shared a wealth of nature's most interesting facts, and how they can be used in design to create more perfect solutions to human problems. We think everyone came away buzzing with inspiration!

BIOMIMICRY INFORMATION

www.biomimicry.net www.asknature.org Zygote journal: http://zqjournal.org PAX Scientific: www.paxscientific.com The Shark's Paintbrush (Jay's book): www.thesharkspaintbrush.com www.youtube.com/watch?v=lXfqcK3IzxA

AUGUSTA'S MAIN STREET PLAN – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Community consultation has opened for Main Street options for Augusta – make sure you check it out and have your say - Steve from the shire will be in Augusta on December 5 and 7 if there's anything you want to discuss - email sschreck@ amrshire.wa.gov.au https://yoursay.amrshire.wa.gov.au/ augusta-projects. Please contact us if you would like to attend a focal group session to brainstorm constructive feedback.

PLANNING SCHEME

The document which governs what future development in our area will look like - AMR Shire's Planning Scheme - is currently being revised and is open for community

consultation here: https://yoursay.amrshire.wa.gov.au/localplanning-scheme-no-2

ACDA is seeking focus meetings with the Shire on a few topics with interested members of the community, likely to include:

- Neighbourhood centre zoning and densities
- Potential higher density patches closer to the town centre
- **Conservation and Tourism zoned areas**
- If you are interested in joining any of these meetings, please get in contact via email augusta_acda@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEERS BBQ

The 2023 Greater Augusta Volunteers BBQ was a great afternoon sharing a glass of something lovely amongst our finest citizens – volunteers, of course! Our delicious fare was all local, supported by the Augusta Bakery, Butcher, and Hotel, Hamelin Bay and Karri Bindi wines, and Cassy's Chook Co-op! Raffle prizes were generously donated by Flinders Collective and Augusta Hotel. Local Star Councillor Nicki Jones mingled with the crowd and we thanked everyone for the huge effort our volunteers keep putting in to keep our area ticking along so well.

Loraine Monahan's famous sponges were won by incredibly lucky recipients and Chantel kindly SHARED IT!! Nom nom nom!! 10,000 thanks to Lorraine for helping us coax the volunteers out of the woodwork, and lastly, massive thanks to ACDA's volunteers for making it all come together!

FRIENDS OF THE SOUTHERN WADANDI: The Friends of the Southern Wadandi group is working with our Shire to find ways to progress construction of the Wadandi Trail, hopefully from Augusta to Karridale. There is plenty of rehab, weed whacking and "finding the trail" to be done! If you would like to get involved, or come along on a Wadandi Wander, please get in touch! augusta_acda@yahoo.com

NEXT MEETING: We are running focal group meetings only in December so please rsvp ASAP if you're interested see you in the new year on Thursday January 11, 5.30pm at the Augusta Hotel Conference Room... come along and get involved!



JAY'S BEACH BUNKER MAKEOVER: Local artist Jo Hayes,

of PICS fame and the mastermind behind the beautiful sail on Ellis/ Blackwood, will be hosting

a school holidays mural workshop... we are hoping to make the bunker at Jay's Beach beautiful! Timing will be weather dependent (lest we get blown away), so book your free ticket on Humanitix to register: https://events.humanitix. com/beach-mural-with-jo-hayes paintbynumbers6290@yahoo.com



Reece Carter - Author Talks

By DONNA POWELL Images by Donna Powell

On Wednesday 8th November WA author Reece Carter released his new book - The Lonely Lighthouse of Elston-Fright - with a launch at the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, organised by Paul Sofilas.

Reece let us know that the book was inspired by a tour of our very own Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse and a chat with Paul Sofilas.

It was booked out with local kiddies hanging on his every word - a very successful afternoon.



Remembrance Day - Saturday 11th November By CLAIRE BURROWS Images by CLAIRE BURROWS

A big thank you to all of the lovely people who helped in any way with the supply of material, making, planting and removal of poppies at Memorial Park for this year's Remembrance Day. A great community effort and a wonderful outcome.

From small beginnings last year this has become an annual event. We plan to increase poppy numbers so any materials or completed poppies can be left at 27 Dawson Tce, Augusta. If I am not at home a "poppy box" is under the patio on the north side of the house. We appreciate any assistance in continuing this project.









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Heard on the green

By KAY CHALLIS

Well, it has been another busy month at the Augusta Bowling Club as the annual events proceed producing strong competition with mixed results.

Club Mixed Triples Championship sponsored by Georgiana Molloy Hotel was played over two days competition with the winners finally being declared as Owen Rafferty, Gwen Rafferty, and Alan Gordin. The last day of this event proved to be a battle of the elements as the players fought hard to stand upright against the strong S/E winds which sometimes blow in Augusta springtime. We hope this is not a sign of a windy summer to follow. Thank you to Georgiana Molloy Hotel for your generous sponsorship.

The annual Open Men's Triples event was played on 9/10th November. This event was once again sponsored by the Augusta Hotel with good cash prizes attracting clubs from as far South as Albany and North to Perth. With a total of 72 players participating the competition was fierce, the weather God was kind, the greens were perfectly groomed, the beer icy cold, catering was superb and overall everyone voted the carnival a great success with promises to return again next year.

The winners of this event happened to be a composite team from Augusta and Bunbury consisting of Andrew Drayton, Darren Wilkinson, and Roger Wilson. We feel sure they will enjoy the fruits of their labour. The club extends its gratitude to the Augusta Hotel for its continuing sponsorship, our amazing volunteers who organise, cater, and generally tend to all the needs of the participants over the two days. These carnivals bring many visitors to the area, is a great way to showcase the town and local attractions and provide a boost to the local economy.





Some of our lady members have been packing their bags and travelling the Southwest to play at various clubs. Helen Reid was selected to represent the Leeuwin League to play at Harvey in the Inter-league Round Robin Pairs. Dee Harrison, Helen Reid, Mem Evans, and Jane Kelly were successful in the Dunsborough Open Fours carnival coming in second place. Dee and Mem, Nikki Rodda and Noelene Williams, Jacqui Graves and Helen Teasdale all teamed up to compete in the Bunbury Pairs event against some very stiff competition. Dee and Mem played well to finish in third place. Dee, Helen, Mem and Wendy have just completed another two-day fours event in Busselton. Whilst finishing with mixed results all had a wonderful time, gaining a wealth of experience playing on very different greens and making new friendships along the way.

The Blackwood Challenge is another annual event played between the Leeuwin League and Blackwood League. Following this the Blackwood and Leeuwin Leagues will select a combined team that will play off against two teams from the Murray League and one team from the South West League. The playoff will be played at Margaret River on 26th November, with the Augusta players selected to represent the Leeuwin League being Gary Dial, Ken Proctor, Roger Wilson and Ginger Milentis. Well done for winning selection and good luck to you all. Meanwhile the pennant competition continues with Saturday pennant 1st division still holding top position. Tuesday pennant team had a big win last week to move it further up the ladder. Keep up the good work teams.

The club has arranged for a one day coaching clinic to be held at Augusta on 12th January 2024 from 10am to 3pm. Coaching sessions such as these can be invaluable to not only new players but also more experienced players who may be seeking expert opinion on how to improve their game, or resolve some bad habits developed over the years. Numbers for this clinic will be limited so anyone interested should register soon with Dee Harrison.

By the way have you popped down to the club to see the marvellous new mural on the water tank painted by local artist Cher James?

As this will be the final edition of

Pelican Post for 2023 your Management Committee takes this opportunity to wish all members and families a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and safe New Year.

We thank you all for your continued support and look forward to an equally successful 2024.





Garden Gossip

By Susie Butcher & Paula Higginson Images by Susie Butcher & Shirley Shephard

I've been standing and staring at my garden lately, willing my plants to

grow quickly and flower and then begging everything to slow down and pace itself. The reason for this angst is a commitment I made earlier in the year when I agreed for my garden to be the November visit for the Garden Club (along with Eileen McDonald's).

Now in January this all seemed straightforward and which looks like a mini version of the cottage, nestles beside a large Peppy tree. uncomplicated... I mean, how difficult could it be? Well. it turns out I should have heeded the warnings of other It is here that she does members who had opened their gardens. "It can be a lot of her craft work. Her mini work" they advised, and they were right! Having said all of cottage, provides the that, it is rewarding to see a garden through other people's "icing on the cake" of a eyes, and the tidying up that you've been meaning to do for picture-perfect English ages - with a visit looming - finally gets done. Garden beds Cottage Garden. that were a pipe dream have been made and are brimming Just around the corner with summer flowers. Shrubs and trees have been tamed. from Susie's we visited The increased effort has had a positive side-effect, Eileen's garden (by this time some strong winds had increasing my love of my garden tenfold, with the added thankfully subsided!) Eileen began her garden 35 years ago joy of observing wildlife flit around the block. when she first moved to Augusta with her husband Alec and their children, and it has gently evolved ever since. Next month's meeting will be our Christmas do, held on Here you'll discover a very eclectic mix of plants – many

Monday 11th December at 12pm at Paula Higginson's place: 16 Wishart Road, Flinders. All members are reminded to bring a plate of food, a secret Santa present and your mug. This will be our last meeting until 19th February 2024 - our AGM - held at the Dr John William's Meeting Room, Leeuwin Aged Units, 194 Blackwood Avenue.

Paula Higginson's review of the gardens:



December 2023 & January 2024

This month the group was treated to two gardens. We visited Susie's first. It's always a mystery wondering what garden we will find behind a tall wooden fence, especially when catching glimpses of what looks like a cute cottage on the plot... Perhaps we'll discover a 'Cottage Garden'?

Entering through the front gates it's exactly that, a beautifully

restored early settler's house with a gorgeous flower **Gardening Tip for December:** bed running off the back deck, filled with all the cottage Help pots in plants to stay cool during the hot, dry plants you can imagine. Susie collects seeds from previous summer months. Potted plants, especially in terracotta seasons, sowing them in Spring. Even she is not sure what pots, are vulnerable to overheating. Lightly mulch and, and where they will pop up! Through the Peppy trees, you where possible, position them out of hot western sunshine. can spot a few possum homes, bird nesting huts, feeders, Remember, standing pots in saucers of water encourages and ponds, a delight for all the many critters. root rot and mosquito breeding! Stand instead in saucers filled with sand and keep the sand moist, ensuring roots A long, retained flower bed stretches the backyard, filled stay cool and plants remain healthy.

once again with an assortment of flowers spilling over the sides. Apple trees, mandarin, herbs, veggies, roses and a few native plants are intermingled among them. Susie's 'studio'







of them well established and nicely trimmed to maximise the river views – while footpaths wind and twist through the extensive garden. We encountered Hibiscus, roses, lavender, and a cool oasis for frogs to hang out. I have passed Eileen's house many times on my walks. In early spring I have noticed many bulbs flowering, and now there are gerberas and oodles of Sweet Peas!

Many thanks go to Ash and Jabez for looking after Eileen's Garden so beautifully, she is unable to maintain it herself these days, but always enjoys looking out onto it through her lounge room window.



The Augusta Historical Society Inc.

Hello and welcome to some sunny and breezy days!! More visitors looking around and soon the children will be on holidays for the Summer.

Our November meeting was held on Thursday 16th with a good number of people in attendance to listen to Bernice Barry speak about "The Flowers of Augusta/ Taalinup" and her latest book "A Lady's Pen".

Bernice is an interesting and entertaining speaker, and it was wonderful to have our audience interacting with her and discussing the various flowers - which ones they may have seen and where.



The meeting was followed by a light supper supplied by various members (with thanks) and discussions continued with Bernice and Mike finding it hard to get away as everyone wanted a word with them. We hope to see them again soon.

Our December gathering will be our Christmas Party – 7th December at 6pm in the Meeting Room. Bring a plate of goodies to share and BYO alcohol (some juice and soft drink supplied). Bring a friend or partner and some cash for raffle tickets. Do you have an interesting or quirky item you would like to show us? We would love it to be on our curiosity table. And last but not least, come along for a bit of fun with a quiz and good company.

Do you volunteer in the museum but are not a member? Please come and join us. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Our next meeting will be Thursday 18th January, 2024 at 7pm

Guest speaker is Bill Bunbury – Bill has 40 years of experience in both Radio and TV as well as being an author of many books. He is also a University of the Third Age Lecturer giving regular talks on history and literature. He was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for services to Broadcasting and to Indigenous Communities in 2017.

All welcome.

Below is an excerpt from one of our papers as told by Shirl Miles and Arthur Coffey – Re-told by Bernice Miles. (Alexandra Bridge Christmas – Group 75, Warner Glen and Group 76, Nillup.)

"On Christmas morning there would be competitive sports on a flat stretch near the river. Foot races and novelties like sack races and egg and spoon races. The last event before lunch would be the tug-o-war between the two groups.

Everybody brought food (no barbecues). Freshly baked bread, butter and jams, cakes and biscuits. Lollies like coconut ice, Turkish delight and toffees. Cold drinks were home made lemonade, ginger beer and something stronger for the adults which were wrapped in hessian and buried up to their necks in a patch of sand to keep cool.

"After carols Father Christmas arrived to give each child a gift and some home made lollies. These being arranged by a committee who would hold raffles, etc to raise funds for them."



Bicycle Users Group

Augusta Wander..

Sunday, December 10th. Start at Augusta CRC carpark. Meet at 8.00am for a start at 8.15am.

Ride route - along Allnutt Terrace path, Bussell Highway then down past Yacht Club to Flat Rock. Follow track and along Victoria Parade, Blackwood Avenue and around to Allnutt Terrace then onto path to airport road, rail trail to Flinders Bay, path to Boat Harbour, continuing along to Dead Finish. Back to town via pathway to start point (CRC). Ride suitable for most bikes (E bikes welcome). Distance approx. 16 kms. Mostly bitumen with some gravel sections.

There will not be a ride in January due to the school holidays (busy roads).

Contact P Sofilas – 0419 940 066 - please notify Paul if joining the ride.



The Birds & Animals Need Your Help



As the days are getting warmer the water supplies for our wildlife are drying up. The weather people say we are in for a hot horrible summer so I am asking everyone to leave water bowls around their property in shaded areas for the critters. Shallow bowls for Lizards & Quenda and suitable bowls in areas where the Possums can reach them, & keep Bird baths full.

If we do have really hot days, you may find Possums hanging by their tails from trees. They will be

Western Ring tail possum

dead or nearly dead. If you can reach, remove the Possum and, if alive carefully take it to a cool area and call us for advice and where we can collect it from. Don't give them a big drink of water because they will be very dehydrated and need special care. Call Dave 0417171802, or Kerry 0437200605 We live on Molloy Island and have to abide by the Island rules regarding the barge, so it may take a little time to reach you. Thanks Kerry Bell Photo: Leonie McFaull

Don't pick up the ducklings

Five ducklings have been found abandoned so we are asking people to not handle ducklings as this may be the reason why the ducklings have been left by their parents. Also please keep dogs on leash near families of ducks. Chasing can lead to the ducklings being trampled or tumbled over causing injuries. Watch out for them on the roads too. Photo:Dean McFaull





Holiday Cheer

Look out for our December 16th & January 20th fundraising & raffle stalls at IGA Augusta. Lots of Christmas goodies and original local artwork on our first stall. Have a safe holiday season and thanks for keeping our wildlife safe too.

Hugusta Wildlife Care N. J. J. Reseue Rehabilitation Release For help with injured or orphan Native Wildlife phone carer Kerry Bell Dave Bell 0417 171 802 0437 200 605 Augusta & surrounding region TO DONATE BendigoBk BSB 633 000 ACC 187 299 052 Containers4Change C1058906 awcwainc63@gmail.com CCLic 23139

AGM Feb 7 2024 at 4pm CWA Hall - 41 Allnut Tce Augusta

THE AUGUSTA BLUSTER WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

Greater Augusta Volunteers BBQ - at the **Centennial Hall 24th November**





Remembrance Day - 11th November photos by Donna Powell



Melbourne Cup - at the Augusta Hotel 7th November















Join our WAITLIST for O-4 year olds Early Childhood Service opening in 2024:

Knowing the children's ages and preferred days helps us to plan our service and staffing accordingly. You will also be the first to hear when enrolments open! This information will also be vital in assisting with extra funding for this community run essential service.



info@augustachildcare.org.au or visit www.augustachildcare.org.au





Augusta Primary School News

2023 STUDENT LEADERS

As we approach the end of the year, the Augusta Primary School community would like to acknowledge and thank our student councillors and faction captains. They have demonstrated great leadership and have represented our school with integrity. For those that are heading to high school, we wish them all the best and hope that they continue to develop their leadership skills.

Head Girl & Blackwood Captain– Ella Adams



Head Boy – Alfie Watkiss

Student Councillor – Georgia Thomas





Student Councillor – Angus Cox

Blackwood Captain – Douglas Mitchell





Leeuwin Captain – Angel Egan

Leeuwin Captain – Makenna Hadley



KINDY ENROLMENTS 2024

If you have a child, or know someone who has a child, who turns 4 years old before 30 June 2024, then now is the time to enrol in the Augusta Primary School Kindergarten program. Please visit the school office to enrol and please bring your child's birth certificate and immunisation records. Parents are urged to enrol as soon as possible. Knowing student numbers early is important to our planning and critical to our staffing allocation for next year.



PINK UP AUGUSTA

It was fantastic to see so many students and their families supporting the Pink Up Augusta events. For our Pink Up Dress Up Day we managed to raise \$136! Thanks to the support of our P&C and their pink cupcakes which raised an extra \$100! Congratulations to everyone for their support.



CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

We are pleased to acknowledge and celebrate Mrs Tamara Manser for recently receiving a Certificate and Medal of Commendation from DFES. Not only is Tamara one of our teachers, she is also a dedicated Volunteer Fire Fighter with the Karridale Bushfire Brigade.



AUGUSTA PRIMARY SCHOOL SPONSORS

To finish the year, we would like to thank two of our major sponsors that have assisted us throughout the year. These sponsors have donated food for our breakfast club program every week for the entire year!





Hello! (°°)



L-R: Some of our Year 3-6 students who competed in the Red Ball Tennis Gala in Margaret River against other local schools.



Above: Rachael Drummond, Librarian Youth and Children at Margaret River and Augusta Libraries inducting our Kindy children into the "Better Beginnings" literacy program with a story.

We love a visit from Rachael Drummond, our friendly Librarian for Youth and Children at the Margaret River and Augusta Public Libraries. Rachael has introduced the Better Beginnings and Reading Rabbits literacy programs to our students for many years. These valuable programs aim to encourage the early year students to read and also to connect families with books through free reading packs and incentives.

Rachael also promotes our two wonderful public libraries in Augusta and Margaret River. They are free and offer a world of information, resources and services.

On this visit each Kindy child received a Better Beginnings bag full of goodies. We look forward to seeing Rachael again in Term 1 2024 when she comes to see our Year 1 students about becoming Reading Rabbits.

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Karridale Primary School News



EVERYONE FOR TENNIS

Our Year 3-6 students hit the courts at Margaret River Tennis Club, along with Cowaramup and Rapids Landing Primary School students to enjoy healthy, sun-safe, fun whilst playing competitive tennis.

Our little bush school did exceptionally well in the competition. Having our own tennis courts on site has definitely paid off. We only sent two teams and our students were excited to place first in the Group B competition and Group A placed second out of six teams.

All of the students played well and showed good sportsmanship. They said they loved the banter and conversation between the students from all of the schools.

The event was well organised and fun with the focus on enjoying tennis, building skills, having a go and reinforcing important messages of healthy eating, healthy lifestyles and beina sun smart.

We wish to thank Tennis West, Healthway and SunSmart for making this event possible again for our students.





Lower Blackwood Catchment LCDC **Community Update December 2023**

Dynamic Duo Take on Reveg Program

Our own Dr Chiara Danese has teamed up with LCDC staff member Rebecca Archer, to take on one of our key projects - Fencing and Revegetation of Riparian Areas as part of the Healthy Estuaries WA Water in the Landscape program. Both Chiara and Rebecca have other roles within the LCDC but their unique skills and experience make them the perfect team to ensure the success of this project.

Originally hailing from Derby, WA, Rebecca has a Bachelor of Environmental Science (First Class Honors) from Murdoch University and over 15 years of rehabilitation and revegetation work under her belt from projects across the Pilbara and Goldfields. She has also coordinated large environmental projects and botanical surveys - so has a wealth of experience and is a huge asset to our team.

Chiara has a PhD in Adaptation Planning and more than 15 years' experience in the field of natural resource management throughout Western Australia. She will continue with her vital work on GIS Analysis and Project Management.

We are delighted to have this dream team to progress riparian revegetation across the Catchment and they are already in the final planning stages for next year's projects, so if you're interested in the program for 2024 get in touch NOW.

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Are you a Fencing Contractor?



With a newly expanded team we're lining up our fencing projects, and are always seeking gualified, reliable fencing providers to help us deliver on our projects. If you're local, experienced and available (now or in the future) please get in touch at info@lowerblackwood.com.au or call us on 08 9758 4021.

Expressions of Interest are now open for:



The 2024 program is open to grazing farmers in the Shire of Augusta Margaret River who are interested in understanding the fundamental principles of regenerative agriculture and how to transition to a regenerative approach to farming.

For more information on this program please go to: https://lowerblackwood.com.au/regenerativeagriculture-in-practice-project-rapp-2024/

Application close Sunday January 14th 2024.



December & January Events Coming Up with the LCDC

What? Lower Blackwood LCDC Annual General Meeting + Sundowner, Tuesday 12 December 4.30pm to 6.30pm

How? More details on these coming soon to our website: https://lowerblackwood.com.au/our-events/

Or contact E: kate.tarrant@lowerblackwood.com.au | T: (08) 97584 021 | Mob: 0409 203 056



All the Christmas trappings



European wasps feeding from raspberry cake (© Adobe stock) and European wasp surveillance trap hung in a tree.

The 2023-24 season has started!

In time for Christmas, a 3000+ trap array has been set across Perth and regional sites in WA. Their purpose? To detect the invasive European wasp (Vespula germanica); one of the world's worst insect pests.

These gluttonous wasps swarm picnics, parties, cafés, and breweries, feeding on all things; drinks, sweets, and savories. Watch them close enough and you'll see their jaws skilfully carve a piece from your meal and take it to go. This behaviour makes them unique amongst wasp species and a social nuisance and safety concern.

European wasps also forage on fruit crops, impacting home gardeners and commercial producers, and their predation of insects can impact local biodiversity and beehives. When it comes to destructive pests, they take the cake.

The Department-lead European wasp surveillance and eradication program, has to date, prevented the permanent establishment of this species. However, every year fertilised queens hitchhike into WA on vehicles or in freight and cargo from interstate. If undetected, they will leave their mode of transport and make a nest, which is predominantly underground.



December 2023 & January 2024

Report your observations

MyPestGuide® Reporter via app or online mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au Pest and Disease Information Service (08) 9368 3080 | padis@dpird.wa.gov.au

Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

December 2023

Manually searching for a nest, is like looking for a needle in a haystack. The traps help us locate where in this haystack we need to look.

The traps are simple, but cleverly designed. Composed of a clear plastic, lidded jar, wire hook, a yellow label, and four specially designed yellow cones. A trap typically adorns a tree, and the decorative yellow appeals to the wasp, drawing them to the cones. The cones funnel the wasp inside and make it difficult to escape.

Capitalising on the wasps' unique attraction to protein, present inside the trap is a small cube of raw fish. It's this fish that lures the wasp to the trap. If a trap doesn't contain the fish, it's just a plastic ornament.

Traps are strategically placed in the highest risk areas of the state by surveillance staff or hung in home gardens, parks or schools by community or government participants of the 'Adopt-a-trap' program. If diligently lured with fish (fortnightly) and checked for wasps, we'll detect them, find them, and eradicate them.

For more information about the eradication program, how to identify European wasps, or to adopt your own surveillance trap, see agric.wa.gov.au/wasps or contact our Pest and Disease Information Service.



While Augusta Marine Rescue's major role is the safety of life at sea the group also plays an important role in supporting community events. Apart from the standard rescue operations the group has been very busy during the last two months with community events. These included the Bream Fishing competition weekend which was a great success. The groups 4 vessels and crew attended the event over the two days. In early November the group provided support for the Dunsborough Epic with 2 jet skis and crew in attendance.

In October the group provided 4 vessels and crew over a 4 day period in support of a visiting overseas kayaking party who conducted exercises in the Blackwood River, while on November 5th all 4 vessels and crew provided back up safety for the swimming women event held in the Blackwood River. The group will also be providing support for the Augusta primary schools surf school in the near future.

Augusta Marine Rescue community support role is an important function providing not only a community service but an excellent opportunity to train skippers and crew. In other news the group's new headquarters and marine facility, currently under construction at the Augusta Marina, will reach a major milestone on the 16th November when the tilt up panels are erected. The facility should become more and more obvious as construction works continue and we look forward to moving our operations into the facility when works are complete.

Anyone wishing to become involved with Augusta Marine Rescue is welcome to attend any of our monthly meetings held on the second Thursday of each month at 1730hrs at our current facilities. Alternatively you can call our commander on 0427 581 500.



Louise Kingston MLC - Nationals WA Member for the South West Region

It was a pleasure to be in Augusta just weeks after being sworn into Parliament as the new Member for the South West Region. The sun was shining for a day to remember and I'm incredibly grateful for the people I was able to meet during my trip.

We started the morning by dropping into the Augusta Lions Club just as volunteers were packing up from a busy morning of Containers for Change. It's no easy work and their dedication has returned over \$1million to community projects. Outstanding effort.

Coincidently it was ladies' day at the Men's Shed next door. Thank you for the warm welcome and a peek at some incredible work. In small communities Men's Shed's are invaluable for the wellbeing and enrichment of peoples lives and the local community.

Royalties for Regions was created to back regional communities and help people and business flourish. One of those projects was the Augusta Marina, now home to Rare Foods Australia operating an abalone ranch off the coast. It was great to drop in and get a tour from Brad. They're employing locals, investing in the community and putting Augusta on the world stage. I often say it's a small world and it turns out that Brad is a distant cousin!

Lastly, a special thank you to Erin and Emma, for taking me out to Scott River and their farms to discuss the importance of protecting priority agriculture.

While my office isn't open yet, if there is anything I can do to assist you as your new local member, you can always email louise.kingston@mp.wa.gov.au to speak with me and my team.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

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COMBINED COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2023

WHEN: SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER 2023 TIME: 5.00 pm Start WHERE: LUMEN CHRISTI CHURCH AUGUSTA A small plate of food to share for supper would be appreciated.

> **Contact Person:** Maureen Forrest. Mob: 0427 712 095

Join us to celebrate Christmas St Elizabeth's Anglican Church Allnut Terrace Augusta

9.30 am Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December 2023

8 am Christmas Day Monday 25 December 2023

All Welcome

ART SALE - Jan Gathe

Thursday 18th January 11am – 2pm At the Augusta CRC Morning Tea provided

All Welcome

Exciting Job opportunities to join the Augusta CRC in the new year - see pg 16

SHAMANIC ENERGY HEALING

Wednesdays 11am – 12pm Thursdays 5:45pm – 6:45pm at the Augusta CWA Hall \$20.00 donation, \$15.00 donation for seniors BYO yoga matt, pillow and blanket Contact Suzy 0405 840 787 one on one sessions available

All ages welcome

Augusta FM Radio

2Oceans FM is holding its AGM on Monday night 22nd of January at 5pm. Be a part of the community radio future. Please RVSP Manager@2oceansfm.com.au by the 15th of January for catering purposes

Nowhere Gal Piano Concert

Nowhere Gal performing again on Grand piano with a new concert after coming back from a tour up north, special evening with some originals, piano covers, classical, jazz & everything in between! Performing on Grand piano in the blue room at Augusta CRC 66 Allnut Tce on Saturday 4-6pm December 16th.

\$25 per ticket booking: 0484 142 405 Discounts available for early birds and families! (See on social media NOWHERE GAL or give us a call)

Doors open at 3:30pm for ticket purchase Seating capacity: 60 people

Enjoy a wonderful jazz/classical experience with some hot beverage provided at the event.



SUDOKU

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Sudoku Rules for Complete Beginners

- Use numbers 1-9.
- Sudoku is played on a grid of 9x9 spaces.
- Don't repeat any numbers.
- Don't guess.
- Sudoku is a game of logic and reasoning, so you shouldn't have to guess.
- Use process of elimination

Source:sudoku.com.au

CROSSWORD



Solutions for Sudoku and Crossword can be found on page: 49

TRIVIA

1. Who wrote Anna Karenina? (Bonus point for naming the titular character's lover.)



3. Crepuscular animals are active at what time of the day?

4. Which iconic Australian dessert brand appointed voluntary administrators this month?

5. Is a tussie mussie: (a) a type of shellfish; (b) a narrow-brimmed hat; or (c) a small floral bouquet?

6. Tension is which artist's 16th and latest studio album?

7. Which novel begins: "All children, except one, grow up"? (Bonus point for naming who wrote it.)

8. Ursa Minor, Canis Major, Andromeda and Orion are all what?

9. Four baker's dozen minus 12, equals...?

10. Is a chimpanzee a monkey or an ape?

source:TheSaturdaypaper

ACROSS

1 For example, to hit the nail on the nose? (5,8) 8 Musical work (4) 9 Audacity (8) 10 Port of ancient Egypt (10)12 Small stone (6) 14 Written order for payment (6) 15 Removal (10) 19 Tubular pasta (8) 20 Omit (4) 21 Ever more rapidly (13)

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Monday	10-11am	Keith's Sports Show	Keith, Owen , Jarrod
	3-4pm	Just Breath	Adrian Testa
	8-10pm	Raised On Rock	Mark O'Neill
Tuesday	10-12pm	Aussie Music	Stevie Goldworthy
Lesseng	1-3pm	Chris's Compilations	Chris Cummings
	3-5pm	Alphabeth	Beth Cummings
	6-7pm	Artist Of The Week	Jarrod Brindley
Wednesday	10-11am	Jazz-ter-day	Christine Browne
5	12-1pm	Conscious Hour	Suzy and Sarah
	2-3pm	Just Breath	Adrian Testa
	3-4pm	Jazz-ter-day	Christine Browne
Thursday	11-12pm	Rik Lok Show	Rik Lok
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	5-6pm	A Breath A Fresh Air	Sandy Kaye
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Friday	1-2pm	Afternoon Shift	Jarrod Brindley
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	4-6pm	Private J Live	Jarrod Brindley
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Saturday	9.00am	Lost In Science	CRN
	9.30am	Living Planet	CRN
	10.05am -11am	The Regan Narration	Anthony James
	11-12pm	The Country Wardrobe	Nardia Drayton
	12-1pm	Strong, Single and Human	Claire Martin
	2-3pm	Cinema Australia	Matthew Eels
	5-6pm	Australian Music is Bloody Great	CRN
<u> </u>	6-7pm	Lizard Lounge	Ben Thomas
Sunday	8-8.35am	Religious Program	Gordon Junor
	8.35 -9am	Conservation	Stevie Goldworthy
	10-12pm	The Mix Bag	Neil Haring
	12-1pm	What The French Show	Mick Radojavick
	1-2pm	All The Dirt	Steve Wood
	2-2.35pm	Religious Program	Gordon Junor
	4-5pm	Top Of The Pops	Kim Robinson
	5-7pm	Tommy Collins	The Fuse (RPT)

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AUGUSTA COMMUNITY GROUPS CALENDAR

GROUP	DATE	TIME	EVENT/CONTACT	VENUE
Anglican Church	Sunday & Wednesday	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	Allnut Tce
Augusta Bridge Club	Monday	12:15pm for 12:30pm	Weekly Game Trevor 0428 308 330	Historical Soc room
Augusta Chambers of Commerce	Every 2nd Month	8:30am	secretary@ augustawachamber. com.au	Various locations around town
Augusta Community Development Assoc	Meet monthly on a Thursday	Please contact for details	Community building, augusta_acda@yahoo. com	Augusta Hotel
Augusta Community Garden	Open Daily, Members meet Mondays	9.30am	Community visits Gardening/Stall	68 Blackwood Ave (opposite Butcher)
Augusta Community Nursery	Mondays	8:30am-10:30am	Nursery Work	Front of Lions Shed, Hillview Rd
Augusta Community Rowing Association	Tuesday & Thursday	9:00am- 1:00pm	Wooden Boat Building/ Rowing Skiffs	366 Brockman Hwy, Karridale
Augusta CWA	1st Wed every month	1:30pm	Monthly Meeting	CWA Hall, Allnut Tce
Augusta Croquet Club	Monday & Saturday	12:30pm-4:00pm	Golf Croquet Doreen 0428 581 557	Augusta Sporting Complex, Allnut Tce
Augusta Dru Yoga Group	Wednesday & Saturday	Wed 5:00pm Sat 8:00am	Dru Yoga	Augusta CRC, Allnut 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:oopm-4:oopm	Closed Christmas Day/Boxing Day	Museum Blackwood Ave
Augusta Men's Shed	Mon, Wed and Fri Sat	9:00am-1:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm	Member Shed activities	Men's 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	Thursday	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	Louise 0439 000 810	Civic Park
Augusta Ukulele Group	Tuesday	6:30pm	Weekly Meeting Sue Air 9758 0098	CWA Hall.
Augusta Uniting Church	3rd Tuesday of each month	10:00 am	Monthly Gatherings	Augusta Uniting Church

AUGUSTA COMMUNITY GROUPS CALENDAR

GROUP	DATE	TIME	EVENT/CONTACT	VENUE
Augusta Yacht Club	Most Sundays as per programme	12:00pm onwards	January – April Call 0419 953 369 for program	Augusta Yacht Club
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	Wednesday Sunday	May - Nov 9:00am Dec - April 8:00am	Dible bludy	Allnut Tce
Coops Cottage Craft	Thursday	12.00pm - 4:00pm	Wool, Fabric & other crafts	Dr John Williams Room Leeuwin Units
Friends of Cape Leeuwin	Every First Tuesday of the month	8.45am	Revegetation project Paul 0419 940 066	Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse
Hash House Harriers	Monday	4:30pm in Winter 5:00pm in Summer	Walking	See the Newsagency window
Karridale Augusta R.S.L Sub Branch	2nd Thursday/ 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
Paint by Numbers Public Art Group	Project-specific	Please contact for details	Contact paintbynumbers6290@ yahoo.com	Project - specific
St John Ambulance	1st & 3rd Mon Month Friday	7:00pm 8:30am	Training Equipment Checks	Augusta SJA sub centre, Donovan St
Tai Chi Qigong	Monday	10am - 11.00 am	Exercise	CWA Hall.
Together Ministries	Sundays	10:00am-12:15pm	Service	Augusta CRC, Allnut 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, Allnut Tce
Volunteer Sea Search & Rescue	2nd Thursday/Month	5:30pm	Monthly Meeting	Old Rangers Res, Leeuwin Rd

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