

Community Resource Centre



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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT ★ UNDER THE STARS ★



TICKETS Adult CRC Members & Seniors: \$10 Adult Non-Members: \$12 Children 5 - 16: \$5 Children 4 & Under: Free Children must be accompanied by an adult

JANUARY

SATURDAY

7:00 PM

Proudly suported by Augusta Community Department of **Primary Industries** Resourcé gional Develop

Gates open at 7pm - Movie starts at 7:45pm Location: The Lawn outside Augusta CRC 66 Allnutt Tce Augusta Enjoy a movie and picnic under the stars Bring along a picnic rug or Low Chair **BYO Food & Alcohol**



Public Notice

Mains water supply cannot be guaranteed during a bushfire

Water Corporation is prepared for bushfire season. However, we cannot guarantee that water pressure or water supply will be maintained in the event of a bushfire. Extreme demand, fire damage and power cuts can all result in a total loss of water.

If you plan to stay and defend your property during a bushfire, you must have your own independent water supply and pumping capability. You cannot rely on mains water.

Details and resources about how to prepare for bushfire season can be found at mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au. For warnings and advice visit emergency.wa.gov.au.

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Augusta Wild Fish Tours Blackwood River

WILD FISH

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Wind farm feasibility study

Synergy has completed several studies as part of the feasibility assessment for the proposed wind farm in Scott River.

You're invited to attend one of our drop-in sessions, where you can chat to the team to learn more.

Saturday 7 December, 2pm - 5pm The Shed, Molloy Island

Sunday 8 December, 10am – 1pm East Augusta Volunteer Fire Station, 51 Davies St, East Augusta

Monday 9 December, 3pm – 6pm Augusta Centennial Hall, 62 Allnut Terrace, Augusta

For more information

community@synergy.net.au | 0482 993 106 engage.synergyrenewables.net.au/scottriver







Tuesday 10 December, 11am – 1pm Margaret River Community Centre, The Old Church, 33 Tunbridge St, Margaret River

Tuesday 10 December, 3pm – 6pm Alexandra Bridge Hall, 1252 Brockman Hwy, Courtenay



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Protect our farmland and biodiversity

Synergy are proposing to install wind turbines at Scott River / East Augusta

The Scott River district is known for its high ecological value. The entire project boundary of the wind farm proposal sits inside the sensitive Scott River ecological community protected federally under the EPBC act of 1999. There are **26 fauna species** listed as threatened, priority our under protection that occur within the Scott and Blackwood River catchment. Our environmental laws are in place to protect unique places of high ecological value. The southwest of WA is one of only 26 biodiverse hotspots world-wide!

Residents and neighbouring landowners have raised a number of concerns with the developer. There has been a lack of transparency from the Synergy about their intentions for the land and the long term impacts to community and wildlife.



Wind Farm Community Concerns

Setbacks:

The block sizes are too small at the Scott River to safely host an industrial energy project of this size and scale. The wind turbines proposed will be unprecedented at 250m high and the largest land-based turbines in the country, equal height to the largest skyscrapers in the Perth city skyline! The amenity and rural landscape will be changed forever with multiple industrial skyscrapers towering over residents 365 days of the year, creating noise, shadow flicker and other disturbances like flashing lights at night. (Visible from Augusta)

Fire:

Industrial wind turbines will increase fire risk to Augusta, Scott River, Molloy Island, East Augusta, Karridale Alexandra Bridge, Warner Glen and Kudarup communities. With no aerial and limited ground support around the industrial site. This is due to the no-fly zone above a wind turbine facility. Firefighters are already restricted at ground level due to the high value ecological communities that are protected federally under the EPBC act (Scott River Ironstone Association) that exist in the neighbourhood. Ground crews and fire trucks are restricted on sensitive sites surrounding the wind farm proposal. This puts our community and assets at a heightened risk from bushfires.with no aerial support and limited ground support around the proposed wind farm. Industrial wind turbines disperse highly toxic compounds onto the ground and into the air during catastrophic failures.

Contamination:

Contamination of farm land and waterways is a serious concern for residents. The 100m long blades of a wind turbine erode during operation. This leading edge erosion spreads micro-plastics over great distances. The particles eroded from the blades include epoxy which is 40% BPA, a frequently banned endocrine disruptor and neurotoxin. Residents are concerned for their own health and livestock living so close to a facility that could potentially contaminate the land forever. Wind turbine contamination can have major ecological, health and economic consequences. The wind industry is self regulated and there are currently no laws or policy in place to protect peoples health, pollution or the environment.

Health Effects:

Synergy is claiming that it's safe to live near and run livestock under the turbines. However, many international studies have shown there are serious health effects for humans and livestock. A German study found the pulsing acoustic vibration from wind farm infrasound 20 kilometres out from turbines. Something to consider for residents living in Augusta, East Augusta, Karridale and Kudarup, just over 10km from the Scott River proposal. Molloy Island, Nillup, Warner Glen and Alexandra Bridge residents are in the firing line at just under 6km. Wind turbines create a noise that humans can hear measured in decibels. However, they also produce a sound ultrasonically by the blades, called infrasound. Humans don't hear it as such, it's more like a frequency and a vibration and it's measured below 20 hertz. Infrasound easily travels through the walls of your home and into the human body. This creates serious discomfort in people. Causing sleep disturbance, balance problems, nausea and headaches. One common link amongst sufferers of infrasound exposure is heart disease. It's been shown that in some cases livestock actually die from the stress and lack of sleep, as they simply can not rest with the noise, ultrasonic vibration and disturbance from the wind turbines, around the clock. Developers of industrial wind facilities are currently only regulated by audible noise measured in decibels, not low frequency emissions measured in hertz. This policy needs to change.

Noise:

The developer needs to show that they can contain all noise and disturbance within the project boundary and not use neighbouring land as a buffer for their industrial emission's. Noise testing procedures should be revised to include low frequencies created by industrial wind turbines, low frequency events contain the most power and highest amplitudes.

Environment:

There is a very probable risk of Acid Sulphate Soils being created during and after the construction of the enormous wind turbines and what this will present to the sensitive waterways of the Scott and Blackwood River, neighbouring farmland and Flinders Bay. It's been proven 20+ years ago with the failed Beenup mineral sand mine that sits adjacent to the site. BHP couldn't contain the toxic reaction in the soil when they disturbed the soil below a certain depth. This environmental disaster cost the mining company \$800 million dollars to clean up and is still under ongoing rehabilitation and monitoring to ensure the toxic sulphuric acid and heavy metals and arsenic do not leach into the nearby Scott River. The modern wind turbine requires substantial footings of 10m plus and extensive underground cabling to connect to the grid... The proposed location of the wind farm, will also risk the superficial aquifer system and the native vegetation that has specifically adapted to the ironstone profile of esturine environment. Wind turbine foundations on this known, high risk Acid Sulphate Soil site at the Scott River is a disaster waiting to happen!

The Scott River district is known for its high ecological value. The entire wind farm project is located inside the sensitive 'Scott River Ecological Community protected federally under the EPBC act. There are 26 fauna species listed as threatened, priority our under protection that occur within the Scott River catchment. Flinders Bay is an internationally recognised birthing ground for the endangered Southern Right Whale and and a successful and sustainable aquaculture industry, an Acid Sulphate Soil breach at the Scott River will have serious effects on our environment and wildlife.

Future Farming:

Synergy is seeking 33 year land access agreements (plus another 33 years) with host and neighbouring landowners. These one sided exclusivity contracts contain caveats and restrictions that will affect future farming prosperity. With some of the restrictions on land use for hosts and neighbours, such as not building a house, planting trees, or making improvements to the property like building a farm shed. All essential things that come with living life on the land. Restrictions like this will ensure that it is impossible for the farmer to live and work on the farm in the future. There are questions around ownership long-term of the wind farm and who will clean the turbines up and be responsible for restoration at the end of life of the project. There is a 40% Dutch investment interest here via DIF Capital, who have a track record of setting projects up and selling them off to a new investor. There needs to be more consideration about the long-term negative impacts these giant turbines will bring to the community and our environment. Western Australia has adapted renewable energy policies from other states and territories with little consideration for prime agricultural land and protecting it for future generations to ensure we can continue to feed the people of the future and protect neighbours and community from inappropriate industrial projects in highly sensitive areas like the Scott River.

More information:

If you would like to help in any way or have a specialised expertise in any of the areas of compliance mentioned here we would welcome your assistance. You can reach out to us via the Facebook page, No Wind Turbines Scott River email: savethescottriver@gmail.com telephone: 0400 666 600 or 0429 843 987



Shire news

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! From Shire CEO Andrea Selvev

I am so excited about my first Christmas in the Shire of Augusta Margaret River!

Its hard to believe how quickly it's come around. but I'm really looking forward to spending time with friends and family, and exploring our gorgeous region.

However, December is still going to be busy! We'll be hosting the Council Meeting a bit earlier this month (11 December) to allow everyone a holiday break, but the agenda will be pretty full, with a focus on planning for next year.

As I mentioned last month, I spent some time in November exploring East Augusta and Karridale, and met some lovely locals.

It was wonderful to attend a meeting of passionate supporters of the Par 3 Golf course, and visit the Tennis and Croquet club. I also had the honour of laying a wreath on behalf of the Shire at the Remembrance Day service in Augusta, which was very moving.

I hope to get to know you even better over the next little while. I'll be in the Augusta office on Tuesday 10 and Thursday 19 December, then I'll be back on Tuesday 7 and Tuesday 21 January. As always, I'd love to see you, so feel free to say hello any time.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. I'm very excited about all the things we'll Andrea do together in 2025.



Stay Safe Over the Holidays - Summer Fire Restrictions

Over the holidays we move from a Restricted Burning Period (which started on 9 November) to a Prohibited Burning Period which begins on 22 December (unless advised otherwise) and will continue until March 2025.

During the Restricted Burning Period a Permit to Burn is required prior to lighting any fire in the open air. Contact your local area Fire Control Officer (FCO) for a free Permit - their details are on page 9 of your Firebreak Notice Requirements and Bushfire Information booklet

or on the Shire's website.

During the summer's Prohibited Burning Period no burning is permitted.

For more information visit the Shire's website:

www.amrshire.wa.gov.au/residentscommunity/fire-and-emergency-management





"Merry Christmas and all the best for a wonderful New Year!"

Good Day Sunshine!

Gloucester Park, Saturday 7 December This all-ages music event will be the exclusive WA show for Angus & Julia Stone, Boy & Bear and The Dreggs, who will share the stage with talented artists including Jordy Maxwell, Margaret River's very own Paige Valentine, Kiera Jas and Kiki & Co and Cowaramup's Olive Mae.

The Shire will work closely with the event organiser Macro Music before and after the event to explore how we might responsibly continue similar events.

More info: www.amrshire.wa.gov.au

Meet Maureen Kollman

Communications Office



What do you do for the Shire? As a Communications Officer I help to increase our community's understanding of what the Shire does and how we're working hard to

make our shire a great place to live. What do you love about Augusta? Life is simpler and slows down in Augusta.

What's your favourite thing about Augusta?

You can't beat spending time under the stars and camping in Augusta, or getting out on the Cape to Cape. Magic.

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What's on in DECEMBER and JANUARY

Augusta Recreation Centre Nala Waabi Mia / Our Play House

Half Price and FREE Gvm Memberships! Table Tennis

Gym memberships and entry fees are half price if you're over 75 or FREE if you're over 80 years young. Includes entry for the gym. Call (08) 9780 5657 or visit

membership.amrshire.wa.gov.au for info. Augusta Gym Staff

Our friendly staff are in the gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 1pm. Press the intercom to access the gym.



Margaret River HEART Nala Bardip Mia / Our Story House

CINEMA | FILM FESTIVALS DECEMBER & JANUARY

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (G) Tuesday 17 December 10.30am The Wild Robot (PG) - Thursday 9 January Thursday 19 December 1pm + Thursday 9 January 10.30am

Wicked (PG) Friday 20 December 7 00pm Moana 2 (PG)

Tuesday January 7, 1.00pm + Tuesday 14 January, 10.30am Friday 17 + 24 January, 10.30am My Favourite Cake (M) Saturday 11 January 7 00pm

Gladiator II (M) Tuesday 14 January, 7.00pm

Mufasa: The Lion King (CTC) Thursday 16 + Tuesday 21 January, 1.00pm Sonic The Hedgehog 3 (CTC) Thursday 23 January + Tuesday 28 January 10.30am

Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story (M) Tuesday 28 January, 7.00pm Paddington in Peru (PG)

Wednesday 29 January, 1.00pm Check www.artsmargaretriver.com for full program

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THEATRE, MUSIC, COMEDY & DANCE

Magic Moments - Tutu Dance Sunday 1 December, 10.30am Rise Up! - Tutu Dance Sunday 1 December, 3.00pm

Encanto Musican Theatre Workshops Wednesday January 8, 10am + 1.00pm Shadow Puppet Workshop

The 60 Four Thursday 30 January, 7,30pm

VISUAL ARTS

Shaped from the Earth Wednesday 27 November to Monday 16 December Monday - Friday 10.00am - 4.00pm

Capes Cultural Canvas Wednesday 27 November to Friday 13 Dec Monday - Friday 10.00am - 4.00pm

Bush Trails Wednesday 8 - Thursday 30 January 2025 Monday - Friday 10.00am - 4.00pm Exhibition Launch - Friday 10 January 2025

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Strength For Life

A gym based program for people over 50's. Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30am to 10.30am. Tuesday 10.30am - 12.00pm & Thursday Hvdrotherapy Pool 10.30am - 12.00pm. Other session times by

The Hydrotherapy Pool is currently closed for maintenance. We're really sorry for any inconvenience and we'll let you know as soon as we're back up and running.

Monday 10.30am - 12.00pm & 7.00pm - 8.30pm.

booking /appointment. Contact John for more

information 0417 744 224.

Tuesday 6.00pm - 8.30pm.

Call Sandra 0450 234 510.

School Holiday Program

Pickleball

Badminton

Toddler Tales

amrlibraries.com

2025!

\$5 per session, per person. Call Scott 0477 837 368. Christmas Closures

The gym and indoor courts will be open throughout the holidays.

Augusta & Margaret River Libraries Nala Kaatajiin Mia / Our Knowledge House

Our last Toddler Tales before the summer holidays will be Thursday 12 December at 10.30am (bookings essential), Tel. 08 9780 5602. We'll see you all again when we're back in February

We're planning a fun-packed program for the school holidays and are in the final throes of pulling together the details. We'll have it ready to share with you all in December. For more information about activities at the Augusta and Margaret River libraries go to our website:

Christmas Closures

Augusta and Margaret River Libraries will be closed from 4pm, Tuesday 24 December and will re-open at 10am on Thursday, 2 January 2025.

Our online resources will be available for the duration of the break.

Visit amrlibraries.com to explore our range of e-books, downloadable audio-books, online courses and movie streaming services, 24/7.





cember	COMMUNITY EVENTS Sunday Sundowner at the Augusta Hotel
5	Sunday 19 January 2025, 5.00pm FREE live music
5, 6 - 8pm	Young @ HEART Monday 9 December, 10am returning Monday 13 January

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www.watercorporation.com.au/waterwise offers to find out more.



Supporting Pink Up Augusta

I was proud to support Pink Up Augusta and the inspiring efforts of Shaunaugh Boston and Bronwyn Proctor, who raised funds for the McGrath Foundation to help place breast care nurses in communities. Bronwyn's goal this year was \$10,000, which she well and truly surpassed!

Bronwyn, like me, lost her mum to breast cancer, and she's been fundraising tirelessly ever since. I was honoured to contribute a gift basket for the fundraiser, and I'm always happy to donate to support community groups, school P&Cs, or charity fundraisers. Let's cheer on these amazing women!



Clean Energy Upgrades

I'm pleased to share that Augusta Primary School has received funding for LED lighting upgrades through the Cook Labor Government's Schools Clean Energy Technology Fund.

Over the past four years, we've been able to support 373 schools across WA with clean energy upgrades, helping them reduce their energy bills and make a real impact on our environment.

Student Assistance Payment

Augusta families have received \$23,650 in cost-of-living support through our WA Student Assistance Payment.

This program saw payments of \$150 for primary school students and \$250 for secondary school students paid directly into parent's bank accounts, this is on top of a \$700 Household Electricity Credit.

If you have a local community event that you'd like me to attend, or an issue you need help with don't hesitate to get in touch. My team is always happy to help!

Jane Kelsbie MLA 💡 5/78 Strickland St, Denmark 🕓 9848 3171

MEMBER FOR WARREN-BLACKWOOD

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AUGUSTA ART CLUB

SATURDAY 11TH 10AM - 5PM SUNDAY 12TH 10AM - 4PM

New and Retrospective Works Including Fine China



FOR CHANGE
CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE
Lions Refund Depot Hillview Road, Augusta Normal opening Times: Thursday 8-12 midday Saturday 8-12 midday
Christmas Trading: Closed Thursday 26th Dec and Saturday 28th Dec Back open and normal trading from Thursday 2nd Jan
CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME (CDS) - 10 CENTS - LIONS CLUB OF LEEUWIN

Under the WARRRL (WA Reduce Reuse Recycle Ltd) agreement, ALL cans and containers must be CLEAN and in GOOD CONDITION.

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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Lines

PARTNER'S NIGHT, NEW MEMBER AND A FAREWELL

At a recent meeting with a good crowd of Lions, partners and guests, the Club inducted new member, Unity MacDonald and formally welcomed her with a traditional Lions "roar".



Sponsor Karl Ambrose, new member Unity MacDonald and President Matt Russell

The club also said "farewell" to Lion Andy Butcher and partner Susie who are relocating back to England. Andy has been a very active and dedicated Lion who gave many hours of valuable time at the wood yard splitting a mountain of wood during his years with the Club. Andy and Susie were also very good community members being strongly involved with St John's Ambulance, Wildlife Care and the Augusta Garden Club.

President Matt Russell presented both Andy and Susie with token gifts and on behalf of the Club wished them all the very best for the next chapter in their life.



Andy and Susie Butcher with President Matt Russell



Daisy wearing her Lions Bandana

LAP THE MAP

Throughout the month of November, Lion Melanie Vassallo has been doing 'Lap the Map' with her dog Daisy raising awareness for prevention and research for Diabetes which is a major Lions Club Project. In previous years, members have walked the oval and rowed the Blackwood River.

Lap the Map was an event historically created by Lions Australia to help raise awareness for diabetes. This year, Australian Lions Hearing Dogs are taking the reins and raising money for our Medical Alert Dog Program that provides Diabetic Alert Dogs free of charge to Australians with Type 1 diabetes.

FUNDS FOR SPORTING CLUBS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

A reminder to all local organisations that funds are still available for four hours on a Thursday and Saturday morning in return for assistance provided at the Container Deposit Scheme Shed. If two helpers give four hours on both mornings for one month, your organisation can raise close to \$2000.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Bill Perry – good to know that our hardworking secretary is active once more after extensive back surgery. We trust his recovery continues to progress in a positive way.

Gail Robinson – our thoughts remain for a caring, valuable Lion and community member who bravely continues treatment for a serious illness.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 11 November.

Lions were represented by President Matt Russell and wife Georgie who laid wreaths at the War and Nurses Memorials respectively to acknowledge those who died or suffered while serving in wars, conflicts and peace operations since World War I. Lion Jim Challis and Shirley Shephard represented the N Class Destroyer's Association with whom Lions have had a close association since the memorial wall was constructed at Cape Leeuwin with annual services held there for over 30 years. As in the past, Lion Margaret Martin did a superb job in making the four beautiful wreaths.



President Matt Russell & wife Georgie



Stunning poppy display made by local ladies



Shirley Shephard and Jim Challis

HALL OF FAME

Charter member Jim Challis recently attended the Lions Hall of Fame Dinner after being nominated by Club members. He reported that it was a good catch up with many familiar faces and District Governors he has met in the 53 years since the Leeuwin Club was formed His nomination which was well received continues for another two years. The Dinner was held in the Pagoda function room in Perth and attracted around 85 Lions and distinguished guests.

Further pleasing was the many positive reports he received on the recent 201WA State Convention hosted by the Lions Club of Leeuwin in Augusta.



District Governor Mary-Ann Wolfe and Lion Jim Challis

END OF YEAR AWARDS CEREMONY

Once again the Lions Club of Leeuwin have been pleased to donate \$250 to both Augusta and Karridale Primary Schools to purchase book prizes for students at the school end of year awards ceremony.





BOOKSHOP CORNER

We've had a very successful year in the Bookshop with all proceeds going back into the community, so many thanks to everyone for all their donations. Thanks also to our precious band of volunteers for their commitment to help run this great little show in town.

While acknowledging the need for recycling, please remember we are not the drop-off point for magazines, old books in poor condition, encyclopaedias and dictionaries. Please instead just put these in your recycling bin. Donations are accepted during weekday opening hours 10am-2pm (Saturday 10am-noon) - and we would appreciate it if donations are not left outside.

Lions Christmas Cakes (and Puddings) are now on sale in the Bookshop, ranging in size from \$2 for mini size to \$20 for 1.5kg.



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The CRC would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas and New years, we will be closed from 3:00pm Tuesday 17th December 2024 and will re - open 9:30am Monday 6th January 2025

Expression of Interest – Receptionist Exciting Opportunity Available

The Augusta Community Resource Centre is currently seeking expressions of interest for a Receptionist under a traineeship program, commencing in February 2025.

Position Details:

- Hours of Work: Typically between 9:00 am 3:00 pm, Monday to Friday, with some flexibility.
- Contract Duration: 12 months with growth opportunity for the right applicant

Key Competencies Required:

- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Exceptional communication and relationship-building abilities
- Proficiency in MS Office and basic computer skills
- Ability to work to instructions and engage with a mentor
- Initiative to work autonomously when required
- Capable of working effectively in a small team
- A WA Driver's Licence and reliable vehicle are highly desirable.

Key Responsibilities:

- Completing a relevant 12 month TAFE Certification of your choice ie, Business Administration, Marketing & **Events, Community Services**
- Performing general administrative duties •
- Providing front desk customer service and reception duties
- Contributing to CRC operations as part of an engaged and supportive team
- Assisting with room bookings, functions, and • community events

On-the-job support will be provided, along with training to meet the required competencies for the chosen certificate.

To express your interest in this opportunity, please submit your cover letter and resume via email or post to: **Attn: Project Officer**

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





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Club members have submitted ART CLUB NEWS their lists of artworks for the exhibition and that means we are now in exhibition mode

By MORVEN HANSEN

with paintings being finished (or in my case started), task lists being filled in and a myriad of other things to get done before then.

The dates for the 2025 exhibition are Friday 10th to Sunday 12th January and as usual we welcome locals as well as visitors to come along, enjoy viewing all the artworks for sale and morning or afternoon tea.

Tickets for the raffle which accompanies the exhibition will be on sale outside the Village Grocer on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th January and during the exhibition in the Centennial Hall.

Last month I did not submit my usual news column due to a slight mishap which occurred when I was visiting family in Perth. The result was a broken wrist and was caused by a fall. I only mention this to point out how easy it is to have these slight mishaps as we get older and that can mean that the normal activities of daily life will be challenging whilst in plaster. (I take this opportunity to thank my neighbour who has opened countless cans for me over the past 6 weeks!)

I previously wrote about the Hokusai Wave Challenge which started a few months ago and I am happy to say there will be 25 versions displayed during the exhibition as the challenge was accepted by a lot of people. Some of the artworks will be for sale, some not. There will be a wide variety of media including buttons!

For reasons such as Santa's garb and holly berries the colour red, along with green is associated with Christmas, so I will write a little about one of the natural red pigments which is commonly used in paint and food colouring. This is colour additive E120 also known as Carmine, Spanish Red and Cochineal and comes from the blood of the cochineal beetles which start and end their lives feeding on Prickly Pears in Chile.

The dark side of the cochineal industry is the vats full of harvested live beetles being churned into Colour Index No 4.

Cochineal beetle blood would not pass any colour fastness test, it has to be fixed with tin or alum which is a mordant which is so astringent it 'bites' onto the pigment and makes it 'stick' (become colourfast) with its metallic teeth.

In JMW Turners's day many pigments were not colourfast and faded or changed colour over time (in some cases a very short time). Turner was unconcerned about his colours fading in spite of being warned by

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Mr Winson of Winsor and Newton that many of the pigments he used were definitely 'fugitive'. It is said that nowadays there is no work of Turner's art that looks like it did when originally painted. They are all to various degrees 'washed out'.

The Art Club sends Christmas Greetings to everyone, and we look forward to seeing many of you at the exhibition. I enclose a copy of one of Susan's Christmas Cards which she paints every year combining the Christmas story with an iconic view from Cape Leeuwin.





Turning the Tables on Dementia – The Magic of Table Tennis By SCOTT GODLEY

The Benefits of Racquet Sports Part 2

Last month, part 1 of this racquet sports article focussed on the advantages of racquet sports in increasing life expectancy by a degree unmatched by other sports or physical activity.

This month I will talk about the specific features of table tennis and why it is increasing being used as a treatment for people in cognitive decline such as those with dementia related diseases.

Sports like table tennis, badminton and tennis can be classified as Open Skilled Exercise (OSE), which essentially means that they take place in an externally influenced, dynamic and more unpredictable environments. For instance, you have no control over how your opponent will return the ball to you, and you must respond and react both physically and mentally in a short frame of time. In Closed Skill Exercise (CSE) such as jogging or cycling your environment is much more controlled and predictable and you can control your pace and exertion levels and effectively switch your • Table tennis is played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at mind off while doing this.

Research has found that OSE such as racquet sports can improve cognitive function in people. Table tennis has been identified in studies as being one of the best "Brain • Games" that you can play.

It is a fast, reactive game that stimulates mental alertness and concentration. According to one Japanese study it "..requires agility, hand-eye coordination, focused attention, foresight, and the ability to implement various techniques and tactics, thereby necessitating the simultaneous activation of multiple brain networks." (https://www.mdpi.com/2673-8392/2/3/107).

In a nutshell it is an excellent sport for helping develop good cognitive function in young people, maintaining (and improving) it in younger adults, and delaying cognitive decline in older adults.

This is not forgetting the physical benefits such as improving cardiovascular health, enhancing physical strength and balance, and improving hand-eye coordination - all in a low impact, low injury, and very social sport.

In treating people with dementia related illnesses such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Diseases, researchers have found that table tennis stimulates both hemispheres of the brain and exercises their motor skills and hand eye coordination. Combining this with the obvious exercise provided by table tennis, individuals can maintain their cognitive abilities for longer.

But it is not only a game for people suffering cognitive decline. It is a great activity for all ages with definite benefits for keeping your mind sharp. And maybe while not as fast, other racquet sports (such as tennis, pickleball and badminton), also provide many of the "brain game" benefits as table tennis.

- 10.30am (at the recreation centre)
- Pickleball is played on Mondays at 10.30am and 7.00pm
- Badminton is played on Tuesdays at 6.30pm
- Tennis is played on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2.00pm

See this edition for further information.



Table Tennis at the Augusta Recreation Centre

Looking to hold an event - need a space to suit your needs?

Large hall? Kitchen? Projector? WIFI? Private office space? Send an email to enquire to reception@augustacrc.net.au or phone 9758 0002. The Augusta Community Resource Centre can offer spaces at either the CRC, Augusta Centennial Hall or the Uniting Church.



AUGUSTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

By KATHY TRITTON - PRESIDENT

As the year winds down and we start heading into what we refer to as the "Silly Season", it is sometimes nice to take a moment and look back at what we have done or achieved. Think of loved ones near or far, or gone on to other adventures. Maybe look forward to new memories, new friends or reconnections with old ones and other experiences to add to our ongoing life history. Who knows what is around the corner, just absorb it and make it part of your ongoing story.



Photo by Hermen Gerritsen

The display of Eric Gill paintings and Open Day at the Museum was a great success, wonderfully supported by Photo by Hellen Carroll locals and visitors alike. Thanks to Eric's cousin Sarah for her organisation, supported by Kerry Gillard. The room was set up beautifully, and Sarah provided an Take care, stay safe and Happy New Year for 2025. Our amazing cake for all to enjoy. Eric was in his element next meeting will be our Christmas Party on Thursday chatting to old and new friends as we enjoyed his art 19th December at 6.30pm. We'd love to see there. along with other paintings of our area set up around the meeting room. Thank you to everyone for supporting this event.



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Oct 28 th	Beth Johnson & Mal Johnson
Nov 4 th	Herbie Whittall & Graham Shearwood Beth Johnson & Mal Johnson
Nov 11 th	Herbie Whittall & Graham Shearwood
Nov 18 th	Herbie Whittall & Graham Shearwood

Runners up

Herbie Whittall & Graham Shearwood Sue Air & Nancy Gibson

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Recipe of the month

Aunty Mary's Christmas cake

Ingredients

- 500 gr (1lb) BUTTER
- 500 gr (1lb) currants
- 250 gr (1/4 Lb) raisins
- 125 gr (1lb) sweet almonds
- 60 gr (2 oz) ground rice
- rind of 1 orange (grated)
- 1 teaspoon almond essence
- 500 gr (1lb) castor sugar 500 gr (1lb) sultanas
- 250 gr (1/2 lb) glazed cherries
- 500 gr (1lb) flour
- 500 gr (1b) mixed peel
- rind of a lemon (grated)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon mixed spice
- 8 eggs and (or 6 eggs and 1 cup milk)

METHOD

Clean the currants and raisins, blanch and chop the almonds, shred the peel and cut the cherries into halves. Cream the butter and sugar, add the eggs one at a time, and beat well.

Add the prepared fruit, grated orange and lemon rind, and the essence. Mix well, add the flour, ground rice and spice. Put into well-greased tins lined with paper. Cook very slowly for about 5 hours. This quantity makes two very large cakes. It is best to make this cake one month before Christmas. Wrap the cakes with a cloth and put in a tin. A fortnight before use, put on a layer of almond paste and ice.

ALMOND PASTE

Beat the yolks of 4 eggs with essence of almond, vanilla, ratifia, maraschino, florida water and juice of a lemon. Add 500 gr (1lb) ground sweet almonds, 250 gr (1lb)icing sugar 250 gr (1/2 lb) ground sweet almonds, 250 gr (1/2 lb) castor sugar, and mix well. Put on a sugared board and roll out. Make ordinary icing, adding all above flavourings. Ice and decorate.

Ratifia - A liqueur or cordial with peaches or cherry kernels, bitter almonds or other fruit.

Maraschino - liqueur

Florida water -made out of 3 different citrus fruit, essential oil, rose petals and jasmine. white vodka and brandy.



By LEANNE Images by Leanne

As the year winds to a close, the CWA Augusta members would like to extend a huge amount of gratitude and take a moment to acknowledge you all in our

beautiful town and surrounds for their constant support to our branch. Without all this support, we wouldn't be able to make a difference in supporting all our worthy causes. We would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and seeing you all in 2025.

BUSSELTON CWA CENTENERY FOR CWA OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH The last several months of the year are always an extremely busy time for our Branch. Several members On Melbourne Cup the members enjoyed a fun day. The from Augusta CWA went on a road trip and enjoyed a cup day celebrations took place at a member's lovely day out in Busselton. The members joined in with CWA new house. A big thank you to Noreen and her husband Busselton's 100-year festivities for CWA of Western Daniel for a lovely day. Australia. The day included a train ride on the Busselton **PROJECT-CARE HAMPERS** jetty and a visit to the aquarium.



AUGUSTA GARDEN CLUB SPRING FETE This October the members held a stall at this year's Augusta Garden Club Spring Fete. It was a great success for our branch. Thank you for all who stopped past our stall and supported CWA Augusta. A great day was had by all, congratulations to The Augusta Garden club. It was wonderful to see all Centennial Hall filled with abundance of bright coloured springtime flowers and lots of local interesting artisans.



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LEECHES - Introduction to Biomimicry

By JAY HARMAN

Damn! If it's not bad enough having to bounce up and down on these two wheel ruts, I have to go and break down in the middle of a creek crossing-in two-foot-deep water, no less!"

It was 1976 and long before the roads were built in the area. I was driving my government-issued Land Cruiser the hundred miles from the then remote outback town of Broome to the cultured pearl farm at One Arm Point. This was hard country: blazing, subtropical sun and the soil bone-dry for nine months of the year, flooded for the other three, and sparsely vegetated. Attired in my standard khaki shorts and short-sleeved shirt, I took off my boots and socks and stepped out into the water. The engine had been sputtering and low on power for the past hour, so I assumed there must be crap in the carburetor. I carried spare fuel in long-range tanks, but in the vast, scarcely populated north of Australia, petrol can end up with all sorts of dirt, water, and other contaminants in it. I grabbed my tool kit, opened the hood, and dismantled the carburetor. Sure enoughflakes of rust in the jet and bowl. It took about an hour and a half, standing up to my knees in the muddy water, to complete the clean out and refit the parts. I closed the hood, threw the tool bag in the back, and climbed out of the water into the driver's seat.

Oh my God! That's when I noticed that my legs from the knees down were covered in large, glistening, black leeches. There must have been fifty or more, some about the size of my little toe, on each leg. They were thoroughly attached and sucking my blood for all they were worth. Several had even chewed through the soft skin between my toes.

You don't actually feel leeches latching on or sucking. They anesthetize the area they pierce. Then they apply an anticoagulant to keep your blood flowing into their gut. They might not hurt, but they are seriously creepy. You can't pull them off. They're too slippery to get a grip on and they stick like chewing gum to a shoe. So what do you do? First you must steady yourself and stop freaking out. Then apply one of the most satisfying solutions to a problem ever invented-salt. Just a tiny amount of salt placed on a leech's tail will cause it to instantly back out of you and fall off. I involuntarily shuddered as I grabbed a handful of salt from my food locker and wiped down my limbs—covering every square inch of my affected skin as rapidly as I could. Yuck, yuck, yuck! Thanks to the leeches' anticoagulant saliva, my wet legs were covered in blood. It looked terrible, but it appears much worse than it is. The salt stung, but it's one of those discomforts that one actually welcomes and feels good about-each sting meant that a leech had vacated.

Usually I think of all God's creatures as beautiful in their own way. The three exceptions are leeches, cockroaches, and centipedes. All right. They're all beautiful masterpieces of design and function. I just don't want to share my personal space with them—ever.

Leeches are cousins of earthworms. While some leeches eat small bugs or snails whole, most varieties feed by attaching to and sucking the blood of a larger animal before dropping off when full. Bloodletting, also known as hirudotherapy, by applying leeches to humans, has been used for thousands of years and is an example of biotherapy, where a living animal is used in the diagnosis or treatment of illness. Biotherapy ranges from dogs that are able to detect cancer or epilepsy to the use of bee venom to reduce joint pain from arthritis. Now biologists are studying the excretions and processes that allow a leech to attach to its host in the first place, without the host noticing, as well as the anticlotting chemical that leeches mix into their host's bloodstream to keep the blood from thickening and clogging their slurping session.

Biomimetic, nontoxic anticoagulants could spell big business in the treatment of heart disease and a number of other conditions. Blood clotting is an amazing process. When the body recognizes an opening or rupture in a blood cell wall, it sends chemical signals that cause a particular type of blood cell called a platelet to lay its disk-shaped form against the rupture. The contact of a platelet with the damaged cell wall results in a cascade of chemical reactions that converts fibrinogen, a soluble protein that floats around in blood, to fibrin, an insoluble protein that forms a sticky mesh or web. This closes the wound and stops the bleeding. If the body's chemistry is unbalanced, however, the chemicals that signal the blood to clot can trigger at the wrong time and cause medical crises, such as deep vein thrombosis, vascular blood clots, and embolisms (where a clot forms and travels to another part of the body). Anticoagulants such as warfarin, which is marketed under the brand name Coumadin, have saved many lives. Unfortunately, in part due to their disruption of the balance of vitamin K in the body, they come with a number of side effects-including nausea, headaches, loss of taste sensation—and potentially life-threatening effects such as internal bleeding, bone instability, and artery calcification. Ironically, the same chemical, warfarin, is also one of the most widely used pesticides on earth. It kills rodents by causing them to bleed to death internally.

A number of biomimicry researchers have also studied the neurons in leeches that control their movement and heartbeat rates for clues to optimized control systems, such as in heart pacemakers. The leech's heart is divided in two segments, one of which beats from front to back and the other from side to side. About every twenty beats, this pattern switches sides. Scientists are creating mathematical models to understand and replicate this seamless switching.

Leech therapy has recently achieved FDA clearance and is experiencing resurgence in modern medical institutions, particularly in situations where the body is recovering from certain surgeries such as transplants of fingers or toes. During the healing process, blood flow is sometimes congested in constricted places and leeches can be used to remove blood that can't exit via the usual pathways.

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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.



By MICHELLE READSHAW Images by Michelle Readshaw

This year we welcomed three new spinners to our club. One lady, a beginner, the other two are experienced spinners revisiting the craft.

As usual we have had a busy and productive year. Some of the highlights have been:

Our "Spin In" this year was held at the bowling club as the film crew producing the series 'Silver' occupied the hall. 60 guests from around the State attended. As usual it was a great day of sharing ideas and displaying works.

Our annual Easter Sale of work was a smaller event this year, selling and displaying our items in our club room. It was nice to catch up with our regular visitors and meet new ones. As usual the spinning demonstration was of great interest especially to the children.

We participated in Lighthouse Day and this year some of our members went to Boyanup for a spin in organized by Craggy Pear. The event was well attended by spinning groups from around the area and it might become an annual event.

Carols at Colourpatch Friday the 20th of December from 4pm With a very special guest Proudly sponsored by AUGUSTA COMMUN RIVER Augusta STIVAL

The Garden Club Spring Fete was another activity that had a change in format this year with the spinners joining the many stall holders to open their club room and sell items to the public.

The AGM for 2025 will be held in the club room on the 4th February at 1.30pm. All positions will be vacated ready to be filled for 2025. We all thank the committee for their hard work this year, organizing the many activities we all have enjoyed. Until then, give some thought how you might best serve the club as new faces on the committee are always welcome.

We continue meeting over the holidays in our club room at the Centennial Hall every Tuesday 10.30am – 4.00pm and Thursday 7.00pm – 10.00pm.

We wish all our members, their families and the Augusta community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.





Augusta Land and Coast Care Group and Augusta Community Nursery

By Prue Leeming **Images by Prue Leeming**

AUGUSTA'S PINK PERIL

Augusta is relatively free of arum lily intrusion, unlike Margaret River and Busselton, where the problem has escalated to serious levels. However, Augusta does suffer from **watsonia or the pink** flower peril, currently in bloom. The worst outbreaks are along Leeuwin Road and near Jack French Park (Unallocated Crown Land), Hillview Road, in town and along the Wadandi Track.



Plate 1: Watsonia flower

The community can assist in limiting its spread and even eradicating this invasive bulb. Watsonia with its pink, white or orange flowers is destroying bushland at an alarming rate. While best to focus on outliers, simple measures are as follows: -

1. Pull the first green shoot in late autumn – winter rain may then "rot" the bub.

2. Cut fully grown leaves in spring near the base using a pruning saw- the bulb will perish through lack of nutrients from the leaves. Whipper snipping by the AMR shire has been equally effective as resulted near the Jack French Park sign.

3. Dislodge both leaves and the bulb from the ground, ensure they dry out and rot. Bulbs are not easily dislodged unless the area is well mulched and damp. **4.** Cut or bend the flowers – this prevents the bulb going to seed and spreading.

5. Major infestations may require poison. Special permission from the AMR Shire, Main Roads or DBCA is needed unless on private land. eg Poison was successfully used with caution in the Flat Rock area, to minimise the impact on surrounding vegetation. DBCA personnel wiped individual leaves. Watsonia

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outbreaks near Flinders along Leeuwin Road and near the airport have also been poisoned.

We strongly recommend that any resident removes this bulb from their garden or verge to mitigate its spread into Augusta bushland.



Plate 2: Whipper snipping fully grown watsonia last year shows no regrowth from the bulb



Plate 3: Watsonia displacing undergrowth in bushland.



Pruning saws easily cut Watsonia at the base. Cut before end of flowering



By ROD CLEMENT Images by Ian Ladyman

Sunday 27th October was the commencement

of AYC monohulls club championship producing favourable winds, 8-13kms Southwest tending Northwest and sunny as. There were only three boats competing but there was something in the air. We had Fig Jam, Protocol and Big Red Dwarf out there and the start had all three of them on the line together. Fig Jam made the most of it in the light winds down to the bottom of the course. Big Red second and pulling away from Protocol, the latter having difficulty with the very low tide.

The next lap saw Big Red and Protocol catch and pass Fig Jam. On the reach there was fifty metres in it, on the last beat to the line the skipper on Big Red didn't crack and sailed perfectly to be fastest over the line to rapturous applause from the crowd on the beach. A very popular result. I don't reckon Brenton stopped shaking for an hour and the crick in his neck will last for a while too. I knew there was something in the air right from the start. The handicap results were, first Protocol, second Big Red Dwarf and third Fig Jam.



The next Sunday was the first of AYC multihull club Xena on the line. A pretty hooting yacht race to watch. championships for the season. A good turnout with nine yachts out in 5-10kns of very flukey westerly breeze. the line in the last three races. She is stamping her Catatonic hit the line charging and blew everyone authority over the fleet in the light breezes. away. He had half a leg into the fleet at halfway, pretty awesome effort. The rest of them were in two groups As always, thank you to the handicapper, the start box chasing the puffs as it lifted and knocked them onwards. and the rescue boat crews for your much appreciated After two and a bit laps Catatonic went for the line, endeavours. Cheers. alas, one lap early, spewing. Meanwhile the first group of chasers were all battling it out in the last leg, Seasaw was leading down by a bit, but needing a couple of tacks The deadline to get through the line. When out of the blue came for Sirius Lee with wind and reaching to the line. Seasaw would have seen her coming, but was half way through submissions to a tack in no wind Zephyr and Double Shot, both in The Pelican good wind and seeing the chance, came bearing down on him to the line. Sirius Lee hit the line first, twenty Post seconds in front of Zephyr, Double Shot third and poor old Seasaw had to watch from only meters from the line

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on the wrong tack with stuff all he could do. From first to fourth just like that. That's sailing. Next over the line was Cliff Hanger followed by Neko, Billy M and a new member Neil on Xena. The usual after-race huddle on the beach was excellent to see, they were frothing, arms going and jaws jabbering away.



The next Sunday was the day of the cats. A light 8-12kns breeze from the Southwest had the fleet itching to go. The start all bunched up but by the bottom mark, Buzz Box and Double Shot well out in front with Sirius Lee and Billy M together and Zephyr, Frisky and Xena in their own battle at the back of the field. Frisky lost his mast and was towed back to the beach by the rescue boat and while this was going on Sirius Lee, picking the wind perfectly, flew past the

leaders to take the lead with Buzz Box dropping back to third and only just, Billy B was hot on his tail. One lap to go saw the two out front changing places a couple of times and by the mark up in West Bay it was still anyone's, but the fickle breeze suited the light weight on Sirius Lee to just clinch a thriller by seconds from Double Shot, third to Buzz Box who had come back strong, followed by Billy M and Zephyr just ahead of This season's standout, Sirius Lee, with three wins over



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



THANK A VOLUNTEER on International Volunteer Day – Thursday Dec 5 - and even better BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

If you want to find out more about volunteer activies currently in the Taalinup Augusta community, you will find all groups listed in the Pelican Post Directory. If you want to talk to someone about where you might best fit as a volunteer, talk to Pam from 2Oceans FM via manager@2oceans.com, who has been interviewing representatives of our volunteer groups. If you want to start your own volunteer project and need some support, contact ACDA at augusta_acda@yahoo.com!



HUGE THANKS to Jimmy from Capricorn Seakayaking for showing us the ropes! We learnt some new Skillz and went for a paddle on the Blackwood!



The Capers Trails are being recorded and our website is being built – we hope to launch the CAPERS CHALLENGE in early 2025!

CONVERSATIONS TAALINUP AUGUSTA: DHUFISH: Biology, BOFFFS and Assessment

Gigantic thanks to Dr Alex Hesp, Rubie Evans-Powell & Dr Emily Fisher, from Fisheries Research, DPIRD for their enlightening talk about the lives of "big, old, fat, fecund, female fish" (BOFFFFs)! Key learnings: One BOFFF spawns the same amount as 19 x 2kg dhufish! So we really need to look after our experienced mothers!!!

PLANNING SCHEME 2

The revised Planning Scheme was endorsed by Councillors in November, and will go to the WA Planning Commission for finalisation. Significant zoning changes to the Augusta town centre were made, reducing the size of Augusta's "town centre" significantly, removing the potential for mixed uses in many properties in Ewing St and Allnut Tce. Since this formed the basis of consultation with individual owners, no holistic consultation was made, leaving us with little room to grow. ACDA will be reaching out to landowners and clarifying this arrangement with WAPC. Please get in contact if you have comments at augusta_acda@yahoo.com



PROPOSED EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY ON CAVES ROAD @ COSY CORNER

ACDA's Sounding board undertook an online survey to gauge support and concerns. Our submission to AMR Shire reflects these, and we will be closely following the Joint Development Assessement Panel proceedings, and any other associated publicly listed approvals processes. The Shire will present its recommendation to Council at a public meeting, likely to be 11 December, and a public JDAP meeting will take place in Margaret River soon after.

JUNIOR WINDSURFING

The South West Junior Windsurfing School operates out of Augusta, and windsurfing season has just kicked off! If your kid over 6 wants to get involved, please contact Ethan on 0416 525 900 or email swjws.president@gmail.com

ANDIMAPS:

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Don't forget – we are the local distributor for the excellent Andimaps. If you would like copies for your business, please get in touch at augusta_acda@yahoo.com

NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting will be to talk strategy – what have we been doing, and what can we do going forward, to help make Augusta and surrounds great!

Please RSVP for Thursday 9 January, 5.30 in the Miners Room at Augusta Hotel... all welcome!



Spiritual Reflection

By BILL WOODAGE

It Is Written

The Word of God, the Bible, has altogether 66 books. Its origin is from 1500 years before the Messiah, Jesus Christ, God's only Son, was born. The last book of Revelation was written 90 years after Jesus was resurrected from the grave. The word of God boldly predicts and prophesises future events with total accuracy, unnervingly so.

Now Father God, Creator of all life, is omniscient. This means He is a Creator who knows everything, even the exact count of the hairs on your head. So, God tells us that He knows all things: For I am God, there is no other god. I am God and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times, things that are not yet done. Isaiah 49:9, 10.

Within the Word of God there are a total of 3, 856 verses devoted to prophesy. As well as over a quarter of the entire bible contains predictive passages of which most have been fulfilled.

One particular section is found in Daniel 12:1-4. Part of this prophesy speaks about a future time where knowledge shall increase exponentially. Today in 2024, nanotechnology is doubling every two years and total clinical knowledge is doubling every eighteen months. Total human knowledge is doubling every thirteen months.

Another part of Daniel's prophesy speaks about future human travel as never before in human history. Today we have vehicles to transport us in style. Car planes and boats and even space type crafts. We are a generation on the move. Today even for employment we have many fly-in/fly-out workers.

This particular prophesy was given 500 years before the birth of God's chosen Messiah, Jesus. And there are hundreds of scriptures referring to His mission to save people from sin.

Now the important issue is to know God loves you and He desires you to know Him in a personal way. Today you can join the family of God.

John 1:12 But to all who received Him, He gave the right to become children of God.



Karridale-Augusta RSL Sub-branch

Some War History for the month of December.

1 December 1942.

HMAS Armidale was sunk by Japanese aircraft near Timor. As the Armidale sank Able Seaman Teddy Sheean fired at attacking bombers until he was lost with his ship.

1 December 1951. Air battle over Sunchon, North Korea. In this, the largest air-to-air battle fought by the RAAF during the Korean war, twelve 77 Squadron Meteors met between 40-50 Chinese Mig-15s. The fight precipitated a change from an air interception to a ground attack role for No. 77 Squadron.

2 December 1914. First Australian military aircraft despatched to war. Australian aircraft and their crews left to form the 'Mesopotamian Half Flight', fighting in what is now Iraq. Many were captured at the fall of Kut in 1916.

3 December 1915. Siege of Kut begins in Mesopotamia. Nine members of the Australian Flying Corps serving with 30 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps, became trapped in Kut with the forces of Major General Charles Townsend when the town was besieged by the Turks. The Kut garrison surrendered in April 1916.

3 December 1914. First AIF disembarked in Egypt. Though many had expected to go to Britain, after Turkey's entry into the war the first Australian troops were sent to Egypt to protect the vital Suez Canal.

3 December 1954. No. 77 Squadron RAAF returns from Korea.

77 Squadron achieved a high level of operational performance throughout the war, flying Mustangs and then Meteors.

Notes taken from Australian War Memorial site.

The Sub-branch meets First Tuesday of the month at 2.00pm (1400 hours) at the Augusta Men's Shed Hillview Road, next to the Lions.

All members and any new members welcome.

RSLWA:

Our mission is to provide support to veterans, their spouses, and families. We are dedicated to providing assistance through the following ways:

Assisting with Veterans' Affairs compensation claims. Providing emergency financial support. Connecting individuals to peer support and specialist services.



By JO HAYES Images by Jo Hayes

Meet the Augusta Flounders. **COUNDERS** It's about time we formally introduced ourselves and invite anyone who loves to, wants to, or

hopes to, ocean swim to please come and join us in our pristine local pool, Flinders Bay. We meet twice a week for "Technique Tuesdays" and "Threshold Thursdays" at 6:30am, rain, hail or shine. Most weekends you can find us lapping other stunning local spots including Hamelin Bay, Cosy Corner, Foul Bay and even the Blackwood.

It's about fun, fitness and friendships ... and it's free! We are all ages and stages and different swimming ability and experience. Swim as much or as little as you want and join us for a coffee after at one of our local cafes.

We love newbies. Don't be shy. Just turn up. See you down there 🙂

What's new: Six Flounders and their commendable paddlers battled the long shorelines of Geographe Bay in a 20km race on 16th November. Each swimmer clocked between 4-5kms between Dunsborough and Busselton. Conditions couldn't have been better. and locals couldn't be prouder. Super achievement. Next challenge is the Goorbilyup swim here in our own Blackwood on 1st December. Get involved! Go Flounders!!!







Looking to hold an event - need a space to suit your needs?

Large hall? Kitchen? Projector? WIFI? Private office space? Send an email to enquire to reception@augustacrc.net.au or phone 9758 0002.



The Augusta Community Resource Centre can offer spaces at either the CRC, Augusta Centennial Hall or the Uniting Church.



Garden Gossip By SUSIE BUTCHER Images by Paula Higginson & Shirley Shephard

It's just like the human race, the animal kingdom houses its share of thieves, vandals and psychopaths and they all visit my garden!

My strawberries have been decimated by the bobtails; the 28s are destroying my roses; the kookaburras have been attacking some of my succulents. (I presume the latter mistake the plants for snails, pulling out the centres and bashing them on the ground, only then to discard them because they weren't what they thought they were!)

All this, of course, will be a distant memory... by the time you read this article I will have left my beautiful garden in Augusta and migrated back to the UK. Over there I will be starting my garden from scratch: planning, making beds - definitely raised ones! - learning what will and won't work in the clay soil. I will no doubt be raiding family gardens helping myself to cuttings and plants that they are (hopefully) happy to donate. A new learning curve awaits me, a new gardening adventure begins.

I'm going to miss this corner of paradise; the people who live here and of course the Augusta Gardening Club who embraced me as President, after just one meeting, but all good things, as they say, must come to an end.

Our last meeting - October's - had a great turnout and saw us visiting Ven Tinley's wonderful garden. Her roses are something to behold! The blooms are huge with not a single black spot in sight. My favourite was a hybrid tea rose called Double Delight with its creamy yellow centre, deep pink edges and the most amazing, sweet scent. A close second and third: a climbing rose called Seafoam covering an arch way and a bright red rose bush called Cardinal, spectacular with its large blooms and delicate fragrance.



Thank you Ven for letting us visit your beautiful garden, sharing with us your incredible knowledge of roses and the best way to care for them.

Having wandered around the garden and said hello to the Gardening tip for December: chickens we had a Spring Fete debrief. Everyone agreed Recipe for an eco effective way of reducing black spot-on roses: Mix 2 teaspoons of bicarbonate of soda with 5 litres it had been a sure-fire success and this was the format to follow in the future, the structure being easier to organise of water and then add a couple of drops of eco oil. and manage.



This month's meeting will be the club's Christmas do, held on Monday 16th December at 12pm at the Community Garden on Blackwood Avenue. All members are reminded to bring a plate of food, a Secret Santa present, a chair (if you have one) and your mug. This will be our last meeting until 17th February 2025 - the club's AGM - held at the Dr John William's Meeting Room, Leeuwin Aged Units, 194 Blackwood Avenue at 1.30pm.



By SCOTT GODLEY Images by Scott Godley

November has been a busy month at the Augusta Tennis and Croquet Club. There has been a noticeable increase

in numbers at both Tennis and Croquet with one tennis afternoon topping out at 19 players.

THE AGM was held at the end of October and was well attended. Louise Goodwin (Secretary), and Murray Jorgensen (Vice-president and former President) stepped down after 10 and 9 years respectively of service on the Committee. The Club thanks them for their wonderful contributions over this time and looks forward to seeing them remain very active members of the Club. We are pleased to welcome Carmel Norris and Kate Wright as the new Vice-president and Secretary respectively, who both bring a wealth of experience into their roles

The much-anticipated Melbourne Cup Lunch at the Augusta Hotel was well supported with members turning out in all their finery to celebrate this iconic Australian tradition.



A couple of weekends ago, about 15 members turned up to lend a hand at the spring busy bee. It was a great effort with the clubhouse and surrounds getting a good spruce up, Windows were cleaned, weeds removed, grass cut, nets replaced, and courts washed and cleared of leaves. Thanks to all who were able to lend a hand.

The Club was in great condition for the Open Day held last weekend. While the numbers of prospective members were down on the same time last year, the Club is still expecting close to half a dozen new members moving into summer.



Save the Date

We are pleased to announce the Augusta and Districts Tennis and Croquet Club will formerly celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Tennis Club with a dinner dance at the Augusta Hotel on Saturday the 17th May 2025. We invite current and former members to save the date. We will provide further information in the next edition of the Pelican Post.

Proudly supported by the Augusta Hotel and Augusta Xtreme Sports.

TUESDAY BADMINTON - NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

By WENDY MATTHEWS

Looking for something fun to do on a Tuesday night in Augusta and to make new friends? Come along and join us with social badminton at the Augusta **Recreation Centre.**

Badminton is one of the most popular sports in the world with more than 300 million active players worldwide (Nielsen Sports, 2019) and is played by both males and females equally across a range of ages and skill levels.

Badminton offers several health benefits including:

- Improvements in physical fitness and heart health
- Enhanced hand-eye coordination
- Increased alertness and reaction time ٠
- Improved cognitive function ٠
- Social interactions
- **Reduces stress and anxiety**
- Calorie burning (helping with weight loss)
- Reduced risk for health problems such as high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity
- Lowered risk for coronary heart disease

CIVIC PARK GOLF CLUB AUGUSTA Inc. (Par 3) by Herman Gerritsen - Secretary

What a wonderful response we had at our recent "Special Meeting" held at the CRC on 7th November. Twenty-three people attended of which approximately 50% were not members, but people who used the course for other activities such as walking their dogs, exercising, enjoying nature or ensuring the course is retained for the town.

The purpose of the meeting was to ensure the future of the Club and what it has to offer. From the discussions which evolved it looks like the Club and the course will be well cared for in the future. Mind you, it doesn't mean that we can just leave it to a few to do what is required. I would encourage anyone who uses, or has an interest in the course, to support the Golf Club committee and its members.

By the time this article is published it is envisaged that much of the work will have been completed for the summer holidays and the visitors coming to our town. These improvements include:

- Some of the greens will be replaced or repaired and cups replaced.
- Fairways and rough surrounds will be mowed.
- Reticulation system should be operational.

In preparation for 2025, new membership cards will be available from the 1st Dec onwards. Membership is still only \$50.00 per year, which has not changed for a few years. Green fees are \$10.00 per game which makes an annual membership a viable option as it covers all the green fees for the year.

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

1. At the Shire Offices in Augusta.

If interested, just show up any Tuesday at 6.30pm and you will be made very welcome. No experience or equipment required.

Alternatively, contact Wendy Mathews on 0439 980 932 or email wmathews@y7mail.com to find out more. As well as locals, we would welcome any visitors to Augusta to come along as well.

2.	At Xtreme Sports – next to the BP service station
	Augusta.

3. Directly into the Clubs new bank account (Civic Park Golf Club Augusta)

Bendigo Bank	Civic Park Golf Club
BSB 633-000	Account 209-162-080

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

The Clubs AGM will be held at the Augusta Council Chambers commencing at 10.30 am on Wednesday 29th January 2025. We would like to see as members, potential members and interested community members attend the meeting to ensure the future of this great little club and its facilities. Many of the present committee who are vacating their positions, are willing to support the incoming committee in any way possible.

Finally, I would like to thank all the present members for their support, especially Ray Wakelin, Tim Sutherland, Rose Gerritsen and Peter Johnston who have supported me and been the backbone of this club for years.

Everyone have a wonderful and safe Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you at the AGM on 29th January.

Herman Gerritsen. Secretary





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AUGUSTA BOWLING CLUB WA

Heard on the green

By KAY CHALLIS Images by Kay Challis

November has been a very busy month at the Augusta Bowling Club as the season gets into full swing and the weather warms up.

Wednesday afternoon Men's Mufti competition continues to grow in numbers welcoming some new members and bowlers from visiting clubs. All are enjoying the camaraderie and banter both on and off the green. To join in the fun just show up at 12-30 to put your name in the draw.

Club championships have begun with the Ladies Fours Championship sponsored by Augusta Real Estate First National.

This year's Fours Champions are; Mem Evans, Trish Campbell, Jacquie Graves and Noelene Williams.

Mixed Pairs Championship; Sponsored by Owen and Gwen Rafferty.

Mixed Pairs Champions are; Ken Proctor and Mem Evans



Runners up being Alan Evans and Dee Harrison.



Congratulations to all winners and a huge thankyou to our generous sponsors for their continued support. Meanwhile Tuesday and Saturday pennants continue to be played against Dunsborough, Cowaramup, Margaret River and Augusta with mixed results. At the time of writing the Saturday team was placed second and the Tuesday team are gaining ground.

A two-day Men's Open Triples Carnival sponsored by the Augusta Hotel was held on Nov 13th & 14th and attracted fellow bowlers from all over the Southwest and Great Southern area. In all 84 bowlers participated in a very spirited competition with the final winners being the team from Margaret River consisting of Kyle Fittler, Peter Girault and Mark Ridge, closely followed by the Eaton team.

As well as competing in these events, many of our members have travelled far and wide to participate in various Gala Days and local events in Gnowangerup, Pemberton, Donnybrook, Albany, Eaton and other places too numerous to mention.

It is therefore obvious that the life of a bowler can be very busy, however, it can also be quite cruisy depending upon one's energy levels and desire of commitment.

So, if you would like to join in the fun follow the weekly programme included below.We would love to welcome you to the Club.

WEEKLY COMPETITIONS; MEN'S MUFTI;

Wednesday Afternoon Registration 12-30 – Play begins 1-00

LADIES COMPETITION; Thursday Morning Registration 9-00 - Play begins 9-30

MIXED COMPETITION; Friday Scroungers. Registration 2-30 - Play begins 3-00



Iugusta Wildlife Care W.H. Inc.

Rescue Rehabilitation Release of Hustralian Wildlife

This month I am writing regarding the Avian Flu (* Bird Flu) which is possibly going to arrive in Australia via the migrating birds, either from countries to the north of us, or from Antarctica. Australia and New Zealand are the only countries that do not have the flu at the moment.

There are many Avian Flu varieties with different degrees of seriousness. HPAI (High Pathogenicity Avin Influenza) is very serious and has caused many deaths in Waterbirds and some other animals.

What to look out for:

You may find birds on the beach acting abnormally, with head movements swinging from side to side, or maybe stretching their heads backwards. Pelicans have been observed turning round and round in circles.

What to do:

If you find five or more birds on the beach, dead or alive, you suspect of having Bird Flu, DO NOT APPROACH. Keep your distance, keep dogs and children well clear, and call the following number.

EMERGENCY ANIMAL DISEASE HOTLINE 1800 675 888 and follow their instructions.



We would love to thank some generous community members/groups for their recent donations

- Colourpatch's Hans & Dagmar for their kind continued donations of their empty cans & bottles for C4C.
- Augusta River Festival for donating some of their beautiful painted possum boxes.
- Peter MacDonald & Martin Dekkers for donating their time & equipment in helping prepare our site for build works.
- Augusta Hardware for their donation of an outdoor setting
- ACDA for their very generous donation

SEE YOU ON THE GREEN





Evans and Dee Harrison. MIXI

On the weekend of 16th & 17th November, four of us went to Busselton to do Wildlife training, hosted by the Geo Bay Rescue Group. Three of the girls did an initial course in Wildlife Care on Saturday, and I did an advanced course on Sunday. We were instructed by staff from Kanyana Wildlife Hospital in Lesmurdie. This will be a huge help to me in the care of sick, injured or orphaned wildlife. I really appreciate what these girls have done.

On FRIDAY 20th December, our group is holding our Christmas Raffle, out side IGA. We hope to see you there.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and take special care on the roads.





Augusta Primary School News

The PCYC Halloween Disco was a huge success. Thank you again to all the school staff, the P&C, the PCYC crew and the volunteers, with special thanks to Sergeant David for organising. Without so many people volunteering their time these events just could not run! Also, a big thank you to our students for their fantastic manners and behaviour, and for the courage to start up a flash mob dance that they have been learning with Kat at the dance school!













P&C News

Well done to Kori and crew who managed to cook 120 cheese toasties and cater to our dancers throughout the night! A huge effort! On behalf of our students, thank you!



Augasta Sastainability Stall

This term the Year 5/6 class have been working towards zero paper waste at Augusta Primary School. Over the last few weeks, they have been collecting and sorting recycling across the school. All the collected wastepaper is then sorted by colour, shredded, and then turned into paper pulp using water. The paper pulp is then turned into fresh new sheets of paper. In Science lessons, students from Years 1-4 have begun to assist the senior class in their paper production. Classes have also begun using the

scrap paper to create Christmas cards.

Remembrance Day

Our Year 4-6 students had the honour of representing our awesome school at the Augusta Remembrance Day service. They sat quietly and with respect throughout the event and were a great role models of our school, engaging in meaningful conversations with other guests. Well done to our student leaders Aliza, Jon, Cleo, and Alfie who laid the school wreaths. Thank you to Deepdene Flower Farm for the amazing wreaths!



Destination Highschool

The Mrs O'Brien and the Year 5 students took a bus to Margaret River Senior High School for the Destination High School program. Along the way, they picked up students from Karridale Primary School and the Independent School, giving them a chance to meet other Year 5 students.

At Destination High School, they were partnered with students from Cowaramup Primary School and shown around. It felt like they covered quite a few kilometres as

they walked through the administration and student services buildings, the science and math blocks, and down to the amazing school farm. The students familiarised themselves with the school and nerves were calmed by the end of the day, plus they saw some familiar and friendly faces around the school!



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This may come as a bit of a surprise, but our school is now 141 years old. From humble beginnings where 10 or more children could ride to school on their horses, the school has been open since 1883. We remain as important to the local community as we have ever been.

Families value the tradition behind the school. With small class numbers where education can be individualised, combined with a beautiful rural setting with great facilities, a sense of community has ben a driving force behind everything you see today. Strong connections create unique opportunities for our students. Sustainability practices are highly visible at our school and form part of our daily routines.

Children at Karridale Primary School fully appreciate everything that our small, Independent Public School offers.



The children benefit from many excursions and incursions that value add to their learning. Together we create a safe and friendly learning environment where children thrive and succeed. Our emphasis on health and well-being is reflected in our motto "Growing through learning, active bodies and healthy minds".

Visitors to our school always comment on our beautiful grounds and how friendly, welcoming and engaged they find the children.

In December we celebrate our long history.

Karridale Primary School ~ an independent public school

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Karridale Primary School News





Above: Our school celebrates 141 years—from 1883. This photo is from 1933. **Below left:** Karridale Primary School today.



STUDENTS START ON WEDS 5 FEB 2025 Karridale Primary School 12612 BUSSELL HWY | KARRIDALE www.karridale.ps.wa.edu.au



Augusta Blue Light WA[™] **Unit presents**



Christmas DISCOI





Join us for a merry good time with music, fun and dance!

- Friday 13th December 2024 WHEN 6.00pm - 8.00pm
- **Open to all ages!** WHO Children under 4 years must be

supervised by a parent/guardian Augusta Centennial Hall WHERE 62 Allnut Terrace, Augusta

> Prizes to be won!

Food and drinks available for purchase





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Lower Blackwood Catchment

Lower Blackwood Catchment Land Conservation District Committee **Community Update November 2024**

How to Manage Feral Pigs

The growing menace of feral pigs on the Scott River Coastal Plain and surrounding areas poses a very real and serious threat to the biodiversity and cultural values of our beautiful and important landscape. The Lower Blackwood LCDC team has recently completed a multi-year Feral Pigs in Focus project has supported the Lower Blackwood Vertebrate Pest Management Group to work collaboratively with landholders, plantation companies, DBCA, DPIRD, Traditional Owners, and the local government to undertake the important work of managing feral pigs and their impacts.

A large part of managing the feral pig problem is dependent on the Landholder's awareness of the problem. The Lower Blackwood team has put together a management guide full of valuable information for all landholders: https://lower-

blackwood.shorthandstories.com/guide-to-managingferal-pigs/index.html



This guide covers:

- Feral pigs' biology, ecology, and where and how they live
- How to assess the impact on your land and how to develop a management plan
- Options for monitoring and control techniques
- Evaluation methods so you can modify and repeat controls as necessary

Working with our team is a good way of getting started on managing the feral pigs in your area.

This project is supported through funding from the Shire of Nannup, Peppermint Estate Pty Ltd., and the State Natural Resource Management Program, and is facilitated through a continuing partnership with the Lower

Blackwood LCDC the Lower Blackwood Vertebrate Pest Management Group In addition the Augusta Margaret River Shire, through it's Environmental Management Fund, has provided



support for a 1 year pilot Feral Pig Focus project to complement the Scott River Project for Feral Pig Control in the wider AMR shire.



RAPP 2025 Now Open!

Interested in learning about Regenerative Agriculture? Already practicing but want to join others in the transition?



Applications are now open for 10 Grazing Enterprises to join our comprehensive Regenerative Agriculture in Practice Program for 2025.

The Regenerative Agriculture in Practice Program is designed to cater to those who are just starting to 'dip their toe' AND for those who are already transitioning. The program includes a wide range of face-to-face, practical, and online activities with a strong focus on providing support for participants to move from 'learning to doing'.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn how to improve overall farm landscape health and enterprise productivity for the long term

Application deadline is Wednesday December 18th, so get in quick!

You can find out more here: https://lowerblackwood.com.au/regenerativeagriculture-in-practice-project-rapp-2025/

Or contact our RAPP Project Manager Kate Tarrant on M: 0409 203056

E: kate.tarrant@lowerblackwood.com.au

This Lower Blackwood LCDC program is supported through the Shire of Augusta Margaret River Environmental Management Fund.





Events Coming Up with the LCDC

What? LCDC Annual General Meeting Tuesday December 10th, 4 pm to 6 pm **How?** Head to our website for more information: https://lowerblackwood.com.au/our-events/



Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

December 2024 It's Starting to Look a Lot Like Christmas...Spiders.



Melanistic form of Austracantha minax, and the typically coloured form at Canning regional park. (Photo left: Caitlin Henderson. Photo right: MvPestGuide user David.)

Have you ever been in the garden, or out walking in the bush and spotted a miniature Christmas bauble with legs? You might have encountered Austracantha minax, otherwise known as the Christmas or jewel spider, Australia's very own living holiday decoration! Some might say it gets its common name from the time it's most prolific, but where's the fun in that?

All about these beauties

These spiders are found throughout mainland Australia and surrounding islands. They're easily recognised during the summer months by their shiny black bodies adorned with patterns of white, vellow, or orange. Their most striking feature is the six spine-like projections on their abdomen. Females are larger, measuring 7 to 12 mm in length, and brightly coloured, whereas males are smaller at 3 to 5 mm and dark red/brown.

They are skilled web builders, creating intricate, interconnected webs ~ 1 to 2 meters from the ground, there are often as many as 30 individuals in these aggregations. Interestingly, they add white silk tufts to their support threads, making them visible to larger animals and preventing accidental damage.

Christmas spiders may be a sign of summer and the holidays here in Perth, but why don't we see them

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the rest of the year? The answer is they're around but don't get those dazzling colours until they reach maturity, so much less conspicuous at other times.

Speaking of colour, it has been observed that later in the autumn months (typically from March to April), some Christmas spiders undergo a dramatic colour change, becoming melanistic - entirely dark brown to black in colour. It's speculated that darker coloration could allow the spiders to absorb heat more efficiently during the cooler autumn months, potentially extending their active period. 'The mysteries of these spiders, like other spiders, may continue to be revealed as the ever passionate but very few spider scientists record observations and do studies in the spiders likewise dwindling bushland homes.' - Dr Leanda Mason.

How to encourage them into your garden

As with trying to encourage any wildlife into your garden it is important to minimise the use of pesticides, as well as provide natural habitats and appropriate vegetation. Spiders flourish where there is good hunting, a diverse garden provides food sources and shelter for a greater variety of insect life. Remember, if there's no food for the bugs then there's no bugs for the spiders!

Happy Holidays from the Backyard Buddies team.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Pelican Post would like to wish all readers, community groups/members and advertisers a very merry and safe Christmas and a happy New Year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Pelican Post, which wouldn't happen without the community.

From all of us at **2oceansFM**, we wish you a joyful Christmas filled with love, laughter, and good cheer. Thank you for being part of our journey this year.

Here's to a safe and happy New Year in 2025! We can't wait to share more music, stories, and moments with you. Stay tuned, and let's make the year ahead one to remember.

Cheers to you all, The 2oceansFM Team

The Combined Churches of Augusta invite you to join us to celebrate the Christmas story

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE St Elizabeth's Anglican Church, Allnut Terrace Augusta

Sunday 22nd December 2024 6 pm All Welcome - light refreshments to follow

CIVIC PARK GOLF CLUB – PAR 3

Invites all members, potential members and interested Community members to the

AGM Wednesday 29th January 2024 10:30am at the Council Chambers Augusta





Pest and Disease Information Service (08) 9368 3080 | padis@dpird.wa.gov.au



REIKI ENERGY HEALING

Empower your Health: Holistic Healing for a Balanced Life. Tuesdays 1pm at CWA Hall Augusta BYO yoga mat, pillow & blanket (To be comfortable) \$20 per person one on one sessions Available contact Suzy 0405 840 787

BLOOD PRESSURE HOW LIFESTYLE CHOICES AFFECT IT

Join us for an insightful presentation at the CWA Hall, Allnutt Tce. Augusta Sunday December 1st Healthy Lunch Provided 12.00 – 2.00pm (Note the NEW TIME) Cost: \$10.00 Please RSVP (for catering purposes) Jill: 0407 634 695 Jenny: 0414 263 503

AUGUSTA EXTENDED CHRISTMAS **RETAIL TRADING HOURS**

5pm to 7pm Thursday December 5th Thursday December 12th

Main street retail shops are staying open:

- Awhilago
- Flinders Collective
- Mayflower Surf
- Augusta Bottle shop
- Augusta Pharmacy
- Flukes

Follow community notice board for more info more businesses.

Any purchases between 5pm - 7pm will have the opportunity to enter a collective hamper.

The next Pelican Post to be published will be the February 2025 edition - Deadline is Monday 20th January 2025 email editor@pelicanpost.com.au for article or paid ad submissions



PROGRAMME

DAY	ТІМЕ	SHOW	NAME
Monday	10-11am	Keith's Sports show	Keith, Owen, Jarrod, Christine
	8-10pm	Raised On Rock	Mark O'Neill
Tuesday	11-1pm	Alphabeth	Beth Cummings
	1-3pm	Chris's Compilations	Chris Cummings
	6-7pm	Artist Of the Week	Jarrod Brindley
	8-9pm	On Air with Brian Peel	Brian Peel
Wednesday	9.30am -10am	Kiddies Corner	Christine Brown
	11.30-1.30pm	All That Jazz	Christine Brown
	2-3pm	Just Breath	Adrian Testa
Thursday	2-3pm	Afternoon Shift	Jarrod Brindley
	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Rik Lok Show	Rik Lok
	5-6pm	A Breath a Fresh Air	Sandy Kaye
	8-9pm	Atomic	Melainie Smith
Friday	12-1pm	In Your Neighbourhood	Pam Winter
	1-2pm	Afternoon Shift	Jarrod Brindley
	2-4pm	History Rock N Roll	Adam Mathews
	4-6pm	Private J Live	Jarrod Brindley
	6-7pm	Roots, Rock, Reggae	John Wallman
	9-10pm	Sugar Radio	Robin Schultz
Saturday	8-9am	Word For the day	Amber Pasco
	9.00am	Lost In Science	CRN
	9.30am	Unscripted Science	CRN
	10.05am -10.15am	Women On the Move	Donny Walford
	10.15- 10.30am	Just breath	Adrian Testa
	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
	6-7pm	Lizard Lounge	Ben Thomas
Sunday	8-8.35am	Religious Program	Bill & Vicki
	8.35 -9am	Lost In Science	CRN
	9-10am	All The Dirt	Steve Wood
	10-12pm	The Mix Bag	Neil Haring
	12-1pm	What The French Show	Mick Radojavick
	2-2.35pm	Religious Program	Bill & Vicki
	4-5pm	Top Of the Pops	Kim Robinson
	5-7pm	Tommy Collins	The Fuse

Community Announcements Erin Kingston, Wendy Mathews and Pam Winter Daily 10 & 2 pm Gig Guide Gill Goodwin Wednesday, Thursday at 5pm & Friday at 4pm

SUDOKU



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



Solution for Crossword and Trivia can be found on page: 51

TRIVIA

1. True or false: an emu is larger than an ostrich

2. What colour is a polar bear's skin?

3. Does a high- or low-pressure system typically bring settled weather conditions?

4. Peking is the former name of which capital city?

5. Which discipline includes the cobra, boat and chair poses?

6. Quotidian can be used to describe something that recurs how often?

7. True or false: Berlin is the capital of Bavaria.

8. A Bactrian camel has how many humps?

9. Pleura is a membrane surrounding which organ in the human body?

10. What temperature unit measures absolute zero?

source:TheSaturdaypaper

Solution for Sudoku can be found on page: 49

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AUGUSTA COMMUNITY GROUPS CALENDAR

GROUP	DATE	TIME	EVENT/CONTACT	VENUE
Anglican Church	Sunday & Wednesday	Please check noticeboard at the church	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 Badminton Club	Social games every Tuesday	6.30pm-8.30pm	All ages welcome. Equipment provided if needed Wendy Mathews 0439 980 932	Augusta Recreation Centre, Allnut Tce
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, Mebers 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 Thursday	9:00am-1:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm	Member Shed activities Community Morning (ladies and men)	Men's Shed, Hillview Rd
Augusta Playgroup	Every Fri during School Term	9:00am-11:00am	Playgroup for 0-5 yr olds, all welcome	Augusta PS Kindy, sign in @ office
Augusta River and Coast Care	Thursday	8:30am-10:30am	Caring for our Environment	TBA
Augusta River FestivalInc.	As advertised on FB	6:30pm		Augusta Primary School
Augusta Spinners & Weavers	Tuesday Thursday	10:30am 7:00pm	Textile Crafts	Centennial Hall
Augusta Singrays	Wednesday / Weekly	5.30pm-7pm	Singing Deb Perry 042 8131 148	Augusta CWA Hall

GROUP	DATE	TIME	EVENT/CONTACT	VENUE	
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	Leeuwin frail age lodge - Sunroom	
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 9:00am - 10:00am	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		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	1st Tuesday/ Month	2:00pm	Monthly Meeting	Augusta Men's Shed, Hillviev 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	
Pickle Ball	Monday	10:30am - 12:00pm 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Scott 0477 837 368	Augusta Rec Centre	
St John Ambulance	1st & 3rd Mon Month Friday	7:00pm 8:30am	Training Equipment Checks	Augusta SJA sub centre, Donovan St	
Table Tennis	Tuesday & Thursday	10:30am - 12pm	John 0417 744 224	Augusat Rec Centre	
Tai Chi Qigong	Monday	10am - 11.00 am	Exercise	CWA Hall.	
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 Ro	
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