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The Augusta Abalones Football club commenced training in late January for the 2025 season.

Making the Grand Final in 2024 after re-joining the "Onshore Cup" 4 years prior, after a long absence, was a great effort by all involved.

Thanks for all the support that we have received from the Community and especially our Sponsors, over the last 4 years, especially with the Home Games, it really does make a difference to the team on the field.

We look forward to the continued support from the Augusta Community in 2025 to take the next step and bring home the "Onshore Cup."

Congratulations to Ollie Abbey who has been elected to lead the club as Captain in 2025, and to Archer McDonald who is the vice-Captain.

After spending the last couple of seasons being involved with the club, I have taken on the role as President for the coming season. A role that that I'm proud to take on.

Many thanks to the outgoing President, Committee and Coach after the past 4 years of involvement with the club.

Paul Canny
President

Football has always been a sport I have loved watching but also playing. Moving between various clubs throughout Australia I have gained a lot of knowledge.

Augusta was my next venture in my football journey, and I thoroughly enjoyed playing for the Abalones last season. After 15 years playing senior football, my body was telling me it was time to rein it back on the field, the transition to a player/coach role allows me to instil my passion and stay connected with the club

This season will be my first as a senior coach and I am looking forward to passing some of my experience and football knowledge to the current and next generation of Abs coming through

Reaching the grand final last year was a major milestone in the re-birth of the football club. It has ignited a fire within the playing group this preseason to give us the best opportunity to go one better and bring the cup back to town.

Darren Rafferty
Coach



Social memberships are back again!

Only \$50 and you will get your own bumper sticker and stubbie holder!!

First game of the season - 29/03

First home game - 12/04

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Feasibility Assessment Progress

March 2025

Synergy is investigating the feasibility of a wind farm in Scott River. The feasibility assessment is considering up to 20 turbines up to 250m tall.



Thank you to those who visited the Augusta Synergy drop-in office in February.

Community members were interested in Synergy's approach to managing acid sulfate soils, expected noise levels in Augusta, and visual impact if the wind farm were to go ahead.

Acid Sulfate Soils

Synergy is aware of the presence of acid sulfate soils (ASS) at the proposed wind farm site and is obtaining a detailed field investigation to better assess and mitigate associated risks.

If the wind farm were to go ahead, Synergy would safely manage acid sulfate soils as per the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's comprehensive guidelines.

Noise Levels

The wind farm would produce a maximum of 15dB(A) in Augusta when the wind is blowing towards Augusta, which is about as loud as a ticking watch. The wind only blows towards Augusta approximately 10% of the year. Existing background noise in Augusta, such as trees rustling or cars driving, will likely mask any noise from the wind farm.

Visual Impact

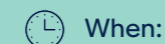
As part of Synergy's landscape and visual impact assessment, key views were selected based on where turbines would be most likely to be seen and areas the community highlighted as important.

The following images have been developed with software to represent potential views of the proposed wind farm. These images depict a maximum number of 20 turbines at the maximum possible height of 250m and are indicative only. The final number and height of the turbines will be determined based on the results of the feasibility assessment and manufacturer availability, but won't be more than 20.

Synergy Drop-In Office March Dates



If you would like to know more about the proposed wind farm, please drop-in to see the Synergy team between 10am and 4pm on the following dates.



When:

- Tuesday 4 March
- Wednesday 5 March
- Tuesday 18 March
- Wednesday 19 March



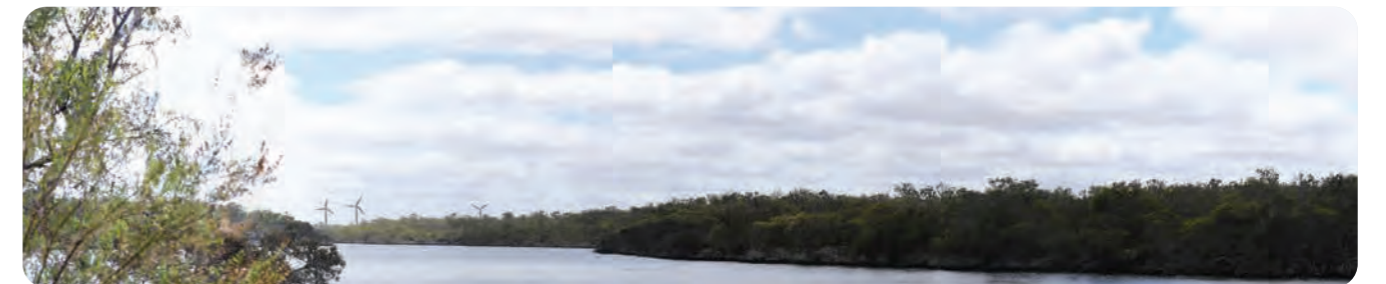
Where: **56 Blackwood Ave Augusta**, in the Nautilus Bookkeeping building.



Viewpoint: Colourpatch / Seine Bay



Viewpoint: Augusta Hotel



Viewpoint: Adjacent to Molloy Island



Viewpoint: Flinders Bay



If you wish to receive regular email updates or have further questions, contact us at:

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Dr Sue Chapman **INDEPENDENT** for Forrest



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Jane Kelsbie MLA Member for **Warren-Blackwood**

Re-elected Cook Labor Government to deliver \$20,000 for Augusta Primary School Nature Playground Upgrade

19/02/2025

- \$20,000 funding commitment for nature play area upgrades to be delivered by a re-elected Cook Labor Government
- New equipment and enhancements to provide more engaging play opportunities for students
- Complements \$5,000 already fundraised by the Augusta Primary School P&C

Augusta Primary School's nature playground will receive a significant upgrade with Warren-Blackwood MLA Jane Kelsbie announcing a \$20,000 election commitment to improve the play area, if WA Labor is re-elected in the upcoming State election.

The funding will support the purchase and installation of new equipment, expanding the nature play area and offering students more interactive, creative play opportunities. The project will be further supported by \$5,000 raised by the school's P&C.

The upgraded nature playground will foster creativity, outdoor play, and student engagement, creating a space where children of all ages can play and learn together.





Comments attributed to Warren-Blackwood MLA Jane Kelsbie:

This upgrade will enhance the play experience for Augusta Primary students, offering them even more fun and educational opportunities during their breaks.

"The school's P&C has worked hard to make this project possible, and I'm excited to support them in delivering a space that meets the needs of all students.

"This commitment is about supporting our local schools and giving back to the Augusta community.

"I'm proud to partner with the P&C to make this exciting upgrade a reality for the students and families at Augusta Primary School."

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Dear Reader,
I hope you're enjoying our stories about biomimicry. As we can see, nature really has solved virtually any challenge facing humanity in surprising, efficient, and elegant ways. Those of you who follow my stories know I'm a longtime researcher into the extraordinarily efficient ways that nature produces and uses energy. As such, I'm often asked my opinion about our energy challenges and potential solutions.

My first response is that it's not about my opinion, but about the facts. What I know is that the United Nations reports that 92% of climate-changing CO2 emissions and 75% of all other greenhouse gases come from our use of fossil fuels. 99.9% of 90,000 peer-reviewed science articles on the subject agree. But you don't have to be a scientist. We can all see that weather patterns are changing, and the rapid rise in climate disasters.

Obviously Australia needs fossil fuels for transport, but the facts are that a livable future for our children and grandchildren requires us to get off as much fossil fuel as possible. Putting it plainly, we should not burn fuels for power generation. That means using a combination of renewable energy, from solar to wind to green hydrogen, but fossil fuel and nuclear proponents throw up fierce resistance reminiscent of the strategies of tobacco and asbestos companies in the past. There are also nature-inspired ways to dramatically reduce our energy use, so we don't need to install as many renewable energy farms. Those solutions are coming, though they have had a hard time reaching the market.

The great challenge is that we live in a world where the largest industry and biggest profits depend on selling more energy, not reducing waste. This is amplified by misinformation and a "not in my backyard" reaction that most of us share. We know energy solutions have to be in someone's backyard – we just don't want it to be ours. So what are our choices?

Proponents of nuclear energy describe its merits, but there are critical questions that must be answered. It's true that a nuclear reactor can operate 24 hours per day regardless of the weather and doesn't require energy storage – but it is extremely expensive to build and unquestionably, it's playing with fire. There have already been more than 100 severe and 12 catastrophic accidents in the 34 countries that have nuclear energy.

The US currently has 88,000 tonnes of deadly nuclear waste accumulated over 75 years and is adding 2,000 tons each year. It has unsuccessfully spent billions of dollars trying to work out how to safely store it. All of this waste is temporarily stored in concrete and metal cylinders beside the nuclear power plants. Although engineered to withstand impact from a crashing jet, these radioactive contents can still be released with powerful explosives from terrorists, a hostile enemy, or natural disasters. In any event, the authorities in charge of keeping them safe admit that they will inevitably leak in the coming decades or centuries. Australia already has many thousands of tonnes

of low and intermediate-level radioactive waste that we can't dispose of. The modern nuclear reactors that have been proposed will produce significantly more waste than older reactors, according to research by Stanford University. If the US can't sort all this out, what is Australia's solution?

Regards to Australia's proposed nuclear reactors they will take 15 years to build they're still only projected to supply 10% of our energy needs. Costs are estimated to be between \$450 billion and \$880 billion dollars.

Given the international investment in energy research, including nuclear fusion – which is not the same as nuclear reactors – by the time nuclear plants are commissioned in Australia, they may very well be obsolete.

So what can we replace fossil fuels with, other than nuclear energy? Every day the earth receives more clean energy from the sun in the form of solar, wind, and tides than all the energy that humans use in a year. Western Australia has more renewable energy resources than any state in the world and could readily power itself on sun and wind, saving fossil fuels for transport. Green hydrogen also offers outstanding promise though it is subject to a great deal of misinformation. Some even claim renewables can never replace fossil fuels. However, there's a rapidly expanding list of countries including Norway, Iceland, Albania, Ethiopia, and Costa Rica that are already running 100% on renewables. China gets 35% of its power from renewables and Germany often runs for days on solar and wind energy.

Solar really is a success story in so many ways. The technology is rapidly improving and costs are dropping. However, electronic waste, or e-waste at the end of a solar panel's life is an issue. In this, Australia is embarrassingly behind Europe. It's a problem that is being fixed overseas because up to 95% of materials can be recycled – but Australian solar recycling needs incentive and regulation.

Wind turbines are currently a hot topic in Augusta. There are legitimate concerns that I will not attempt to address here, but the fact is that many localities and countries before us have worked through significant issues and found ways to have wind turbines be part of the answer.

The fact is that every energy generation technology will inevitably have trade-offs. There will be consequences that deserve careful and public scrutiny. Some will benefit, including receiving income for the use of their land and some will suffer losses. As a "CommonWealth," we must carefully identify and fairly compensate those who lose on behalf of the common good. Let's get the facts and make the best choices for our greater good – that which creates the most possible good with the least possible harm to each of us and to the environment.

Jay Harman

March greetings from Shire

Kaya from Shire President Julia Meldrum and Shire CEO Andrea Selvey

We hope this message finds you well as we move into March. The year is off to a great start, we recently visited several businesses in Augusta as part of our regular walk the streets initiative. We welcomed the feedback from our business community and look forward to future visits. If anyone would like us to drop in for a visit to their business, please contact ceo@amrshire.wa.gov.au

Andrea will be working from the Augusta office on Tuesday, 18 March — a great opportunity to connect and hear your thoughts on what's happening in our community.

On Tuesday, 26 March, we'll be holding the Councillor Briefings and Ordinary Council Meeting in Augusta.

These meetings are an important way for the community to engage in decision-making, and we encourage you to attend in person or tune in via the live stream.

We're also inviting the community to help shape the Shire's vision for the next 10 years through our 2025-2035 Strategic Community Plan, 'Together Towards 2035'. This plan will be created with the community, for the community—so we want to hear from you!

You can get involved by attending the Augusta Workshop, filling out our online survey, or picking up a hard copy survey from Shire offices, libraries and recreation centres.

We look forward to working with you and hope to see you in person in Augusta soon.

Andrea and Julia



"Welcome to March!"

Alexandra Bridge Works
Finger Jetty, Viewing Platform, Swimming Stairs and Log Armouring

Staged works at Alexandra Bridge are set to take place in February and March 2025.

Stage 1 - Log Armouring
Stage 2 - Swimming Stairs and Platform
Stage 3 - Finger Jetty Installation

The work site area will be fenced off to the public, aiming to minimise limited access to recreational users. Alexandra Bridge campground will not be affected.

www.amrshire.wa.gov.au/alexbridgeworks

Alexandra Bridge works

Construction and works upgrades at Alexandra Bridge are set to take place in February and March 2025.

Staged upgrades at Alexandra Bridge are set to take place in February and March 2025. Local contractors, Enviro Infrastructure have been awarded the tender to perform log armouring for erosion protection along a section of the Blackwood River and construct stairs, a public viewing platform and a finger jetty.

The proposed program of works is set to commence on Thursday 20 February 2025. Recreational users of Alexandra Bridge campground will not be affected.

All relevant works enquiries can be directed to Mel Tombs at mtombs@amrshire.wa.gov.au or on (08) 9455 7381.

'Together Towards 2035' workshop

The Shire of Augusta Margaret River is inviting the community to get involved with our 2025-2035 Strategic Community Plan, 'Together Towards 2035'. This vital document will guide the Shire's vision, priorities and actions over the next 10 years.

Are we heading in the right direction? Together Towards 2035 will be created with the community, for the community. Please share your thoughts by

- Registering for the Augusta Workshop, Tuesday 11 March 5pm - 7pm at Augusta Hotel: <https://augusta2035.eventbrite.com.au>

Or

- Filling out our online survey at: www.togethertowards2035.com.au
- Hard copy surveys: available from Shire offices, libraries and recreation centres.



Meet Aloha Fritsch

Job title:
Communications Support Officer

What do you do for the Shire?

I provide all round support to the Communications team.

What do you love about Augusta?

I love Augusta's peaceful atmosphere, stunning beaches and incredible outdoor opportunities. Whether it's relaxing by the coast, fishing in the river or ocean, or camping under the stars, there's always something to enjoy. The town has a laid-back charm that makes it the perfect place to unwind and connect with nature.

What is your favourite thing to do in Augusta?

Camping and fishing! I enjoy setting up camp near the river or coast, spending the day fishing and then relaxing under the stars. It's the best way to unwind and enjoy Augusta's natural beauty.



What's on in March

Augusta Recreation Centre Nala Waabi Mia / Our Play House

Half price and FREE gym memberships

Gym memberships and entry fees are half price if you're over 75 or FREE if you are over 80 years young. Includes entry for the gym. Call (08) 9780 5657 or email recreation@amrshire.wa.gov.au

Exercise physiologist

Available for consultations at Augusta Gym. Wednesdays 8am - 4pm. Enquiries to fitness@amrshire.wa.gov.au or call (08) 9708 5672

Table tennis

Tuesday 10.30am - 12.00pm and Thursday 10.30am - 12.00pm. Other session times by booking/appointment. Contact John for more information on 0417 744 224.

Hydro pool

Tuesday and Thursday sessions available at 8.10am, 8.50am, 10.45am, and 11.30am

Badminton

Tuesday 6.00pm - 8.30pm. Call Sandra on 0450 234 510.

Strength for life

A gym based program for people over 50. Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am to 10.30am.

Pickleball

Monday 10.30am - 12.00pm and 7.00pm - 8.30pm. \$5 per session, per person. Call Scott on 0477 837 368.

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.



Afternoon tea in Augusta

Join us for afternoon tea in Augusta during Advance Care Planning Week

Come along and learn about Advance Care Planning in this interactive session. The WA Seniors Card team and the Australian Red Cross will also be in attendance to share information and answer questions about their services available to you and your community. Tea, coffee and afternoon tea provided.

Date: Tuesday 18th March, 1pm - 3.45pm

Venue: Augusta Community Resource Centre

RSVP: For catering and set up purposes, please let us know if you would like to attend.

RSVP to Olivia Knowles, Community Development Officer via oknowles@amrshire.wa.gov.au or call (08) 9780 5667.



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

Augusta Library has a change of artwork on display

We thank outgoing artist, Lynnie Fenty, and welcome the Augusta Art Club to the walls of the library. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to view works by local artists. Call in and have a browse. The exhibition continues until June.

Augusta Library invites you to toddler tales!

Join us for stories, rhymes, songs and craft. Free sessions aimed at children aged 18 to 36 months and their caregivers.

This special toddler tales session is held at Augusta Library on the second Thursday of the month at 10.30am during school term.

To book visit www.amrlibraries-toddlerstories-augusta.eventbrite.com.au or Phone Rachael on 9780 5602.

Next dates: 13th February, 13th March and 10th April

Augusta Library opening hours

Tuesdays: 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm
Wednesdays: 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm
Thursdays: 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm.

The library is closed on Monday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Contact details

Phone: (08) 9780 5670
Email: auglib@amrshire.wa.gov.au

Margaret River HEART Nala Bardip Mia / Our Story House



CINEMA & FILM FESTIVALS

- A Complete Unknown (M) - Sat, Mar 1 @ 7pm
- The Last Showgirl (M) - Tue, Mar 18 @ 7pm
- Ocean Film Festival World Tour - Thu, Mar 20 @ 7pm
- Sing Sing (MA15+) - Sat, Mar 22 @ 7pm
- Mozart's Sister (G) - Tue, Mar 25 @ 7pm

VISUAL ARTS

- Stories that Quilts tell... have you ever stopped to listen? (Exhibition) - Fri, Mar 21, 10am - 4pm
- Stories that Quilts tell... have you ever stopped to listen? (Exhibition Launch) - Fri, Mar 21, 6pm - 8pm

THEATRE, MUSIC, COMEDY & DANCE

- Dancing in the Light (Workshop) - Wed, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 6.30pm - 8pm
- Marri Tree Girl - Fri, Mar 14 @ 10.30am - 11.30am & 1pm - 2pm, Sat, Mar 15 @ 6.45pm - 7.45pm

COMMUNITY

- Art, Culture & Climate: local conversations across regional WA - Spotlight on Marri Tree Girl - Fri, Mar 7 @ 1pm - 2pm

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FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENING

(Minimum Age 18)

Lions Club of Leeuwin

As a joint project with

The Lions Cancer Institute Inc.

The team will conduct a *Free* Skin Cancer Screening in

Augusta

On 15th & 16th March

@ Augusta Primary School

To make an online screening appointment

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Garden Gossip

By CAROLINE FOLEY

Images by Shirley Shephard

Hello, all you garden lovers out there. I am delighted to say that the Augusta Garden Club had their AGM and have voted me in as President. Paula Higginson remains as Secretary, Shirley Shephard as Vice President and Margo Hart as a committee member. Thanks for staying on, all of you. I will definitely need your guidance throughout the year and thank you also for all your hard work in previous years. We are still looking for a Treasurer so, if anyone is interested please let us know.



After the business was done, Peter Madeley gave us a wonderful demonstration on how to bonsai a ficus tree that Sue Winfield had brought in. The tree was rather large but Peter soon had it clipped and wired into shape and it definitely started to be teased into a bonsai shape. The process takes years so we look forward to seeing Sue's tree in a year's time!



Plans for this year include a number of visits, some garden crafts and our Fete in October, as well as a talk for the Mediterranean Garden Club by Professor Kingsley Dixon's (Kings Park & Cypress Gardens) on Saturday 14th June.

In December last year the Garden Club had their Christmas function at the Augusta Community Garden, a lovely venue with plenty of tables and chairs under shady of trees. As usual everyone brought a plate and we all enjoyed a very relaxed and friendly afternoon.

On March 17 we will visit Andrea & Eoin Lindsay's garden at 60 Victoria Parade at 1.30. We have lots of interesting ideas for the year and would love to see more people becoming members. Why don't you join us at one of our meetings to see if you like it? Membership is only \$15 pa and the fee for non members is \$5 per visit.



The previous month included visits to Alison Clarke's and Caroline Foley's gardens.

The deadline
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**DAYSPRING SOUTH WEST
CONTEMPLATIVE SPIRITUALITY**



2nd Thursday of every month

9.00am - 9.30am - Meditation

Morning Tea/Coffee

10.30 - 12.30pm - Contemplative Spirituality

Everyone welcome

Venue - Augusta Uniting Church

For more information Contact

ELECTRIFY
AUGUSTA MARGARET RIVER

**Help Electrify Augusta Margaret River –
Take the Survey!**

Electrify Augusta Margaret River, a collaboration between AMR Clean Community Energy and Rewiring Australia, is working to electrify our community - and we need your input!

Scan the QR code below or visit electrifyamr.com.au to take our quick survey and share how you use energy at home, plus any barriers to switching to electric. Your responses will help shape local programs, events, and support initiatives.

We're also looking for volunteers to help drive this important initiative forward - so please reach out if you'd like to be involved at info@amrce.com.au.

Complete the survey to go in the draw to win My Efficient Electric Home Handbook by Tim Forcey - three copies up for grabs!

Thank you for your support as we Electrify Augusta Margaret River!



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A THANK YOU TO LIONS FROM CAPEL RIDERS ASSOCIATION

At a recent dinner meeting, President of the Capel Riders Association Roger Harrison presented the Club with a metal plaque as a thank you for again catering and hosting the "Big Brekky" at the Lions Hillview Road complex last December which formed part of the annual Salvo's Toy Ride. Roger announced to say that over \$22,000 was raised as well as a donation of



President Matt accepting plaque from Roger Harrison

\$7,000 worth of toys – the biggest and most successful ride to date. Leeuwin Lions donated \$5,000 to this very worthwhile charity.

NIZAM MEMORIAL WEEKEND – A Busy Time for Lions

Lions were warmly acknowledged for the major role they played on the weekend of 8/9 February in the staging of the 80th Anniversary of the NIZAM tragedy off the shores of Cape Leeuwin only six months before the end of World War II.

Lion Margaret Martin lead a dedicated team of volunteers which included Karen Noakes, Ken Scott and Pam Meek to provide over 150 colourful potted flowers to highlight the sign at the entrance to town, the main street and the pathway to the Memorial Wall at Cape Leeuwin. Along with Karen Noakes, she made eighteen wreaths for placement at the Memorial Service for the Army Nurses on Saturday 8th February at the War Memorial and on Sunday 9th February at Cape Leeuwin for the NIZAM Memorial Service on the Sunday.

Shirley Shephard took care of memorabilia and ensured that it was in place for the NIZAM dinner on the Saturday evening and again at Cape Leeuwin on Sunday morning.

Lion Barry Staines along with volunteers Graeme Winfield and Trevor Cooley delivered chairs to the Nurses Memorial Service on Saturday morning and returned them to the lawns of the Augusta Hotel for the concert by the Navy Band on Saturday afternoon.

On Sunday it was Lion Ross Newbury who took over the Lions truck delivering chairs to Cape Leeuwin for the



President Matt Russell about to lay wreath on behalf of Lions Club

Memorial Service. Fortunately there were several Lions including President Matt Russell at the service who were able to give him a hand afterwards and ensure they were all returned intact to the Lions Depot.

It was huge effort by the Club who received special recognition at the dinner on Saturday evening with the presentation of five plaques individually mounted on a polished jarrah base with the emblem of the five vessels that comprised the "N" Class fleet.

It is likely to be an impressive display on a wall of the new club rooms.



Streetscape team Sonja, Wendy and Karen about to plant flowers left from NIZAM Memorial Service



President Matt Russell amongst the crowd at Memorial Service



Part of wreaths supplied by Lion Margaret Martin and volunteer Karen Noakes
Augusta Primary School children ready to lay wreath at NIZAM Memorial Service



Plaques with emblem of each of the five N Class Destroyers

RETURNING STUDENTS FROM EAST TIMOR LEAVERS TRIP 2024

At a recent dinner meeting Stephanie Stewart, Project Manager of last year's East Timor Leavers trip, who first went to Timor in 2012 as a student, gave a very interesting and moving recap which included a slide show with the following key points.

- Met President of Timor
- 170 school bags were made and taken to East Timor
- 75 kilos of school supplies with first aid supplies totalling 85 kilos taken in all.
- Students laid a new concrete floor for a new medical clinic over three days.



President Matt Russell thanking East Timor Leavers group for their attendance and presentation

Kate Jovic 2025 Leadership Applicant gave a recount on her adventures in East Timor Leste and spoke of how privileged she feels to be living in Australia. They interacted with many local communities and played sports such as volley ball. She thanked the club sincerely for its donation and support.

Oceania Noonan 2025 Leadership Applicant also spoke of her time in East Timor and the projects that they completed

and said it has had a lasting impact on her and all the other students who went.

Part of the Leadership team, Dr Allan Walley thanked the Lions Club of Leeuwin for their support which enabled the students to go to East Timor in 2024 and hoped that the support can continue for many years to come. Dr Walley spoke of the medical clinics where he helped at and the limited facilities that East Timor has. He fully endorsed the comment that the trip has changed all the students' lives. An interesting question and answer session followed.

Stephanie reported to the meeting that she already has had 12 expressions of interest, 5 completed applications and 7 applications from previous applicants for this year's trip.

Stephanie on behalf of the East Timor community presented President Matt Russell with a ceremonial banner 'acknowledging his importance and the kind work done by his club'.

SKIN CANCER BUS RETURNS

Lions and the community of Augusta and surrounds are advised that the Skin Cancer Bus will be in town on the 15th/16th March 2025.

On previous visits the free screening resulted in over 20% of attendees being referred to a Doctor for further examination and attention. Truly a life-saving service – be sure to book early. Details on separate advertisement.

VALENTINES DAY



Touching photo of Phill and Gail Robinson from Gail's hospital bed

VALE GAIL ROBINSON

It is with great sadness that Lions Club of Leeuwin advise the peaceful passing of Lion Gail Robinson on Thursday 20th February 2025.

A dedicated Lion, Gail worked alongside husband Phill to initiate the "Containers for Change" Scheme from the Lions complex in Augusta, as well as being a great contributor to the many projects and programs undertaken by the Lions Club.

Her stoic approach to adversity, long community service and enduring friendship will always make her remembered with great respect and affection.

Heartfelt condolences to Lion Phill who was a great comfort to Gail in her final days.



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Our new Receptionist

My name is Erin, and I am delighted to be the newest member of the CRC team as receptionist.



I was born in Scotland and raised in Perth, but my connection to Augusta started in utero. It was during a holiday here, and a trip to the pharmacy for my mum's "mysterious" sickness, that my parents found out that I would be coming along! Growing up, we would often holiday and stay in Augusta, and I have fond memories of going on the River Tour, bakery trips, and exploring the surrounding Leeuwin region.

My work background involves hospitality, conversation work, optical retail, aged care, and disability support. I am excited to be studying a certificate in Community Services under my traineeship and am hoping the skills I learn can be put to good use here at the CRC and the wider community.

To relax I enjoy reading, watching films (you'll see me at the movie nights held at the CRC), bushwalking, or doing search words or Sudoku puzzles with a cuppa. I'm trying to be more active this year, so you may see me on the yoga mat or tennis court around town.

Thank you to everyone I've already met for your warm welcome and patience while I learn the ropes. I look forward to working alongside you for the betterment of this great community.

AUGUSTA ART CLUB NEWS

By MORVEN HANSEN

The AGM was held on the 12th of February. The committee for 2025 is as follows:-
President: Bev Schroder. Vice President: Owen Fletcher. Secretary: Trisha Hearne. We thank these members for filling the positions, and the past committee for all of the work put in during their tenure.

The clubroom has been quiet since the exhibition but we hope to see more members returning to paint, the 2026 theme has been chosen so anyone with Artists Block has some inspiration to work with.

The hall roof repairs commence before the end of the month so we will be decamping to other venues which are still being organised.

The Tuesday group has been active and their enthusiasm has been infectious. It's a great evening and we welcome any working people who have an interest in art to drop in on a Tuesday evening between 6.30 and 8.30 after the end of March when we return to using the club room.

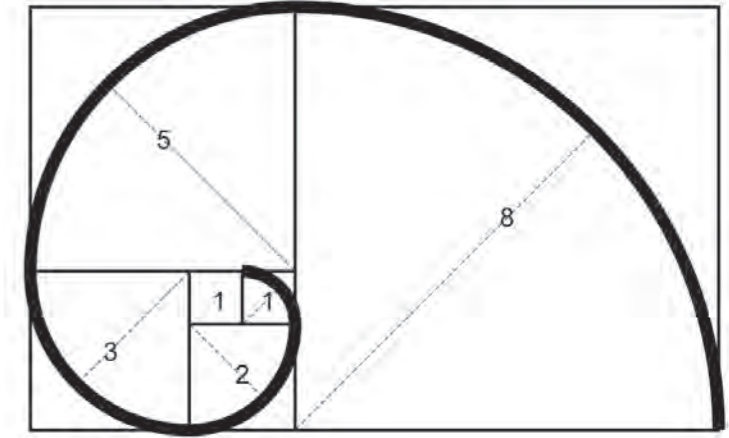


Last month photos of the winning paintings of the Exhibition Popular Vote were included in this article, the close 2nd popular painting was Maz Harwood's 'Crow' which along with Maz's other birds, proved popular. So

a photo is included to remind you how penetrating the bird's gaze is!

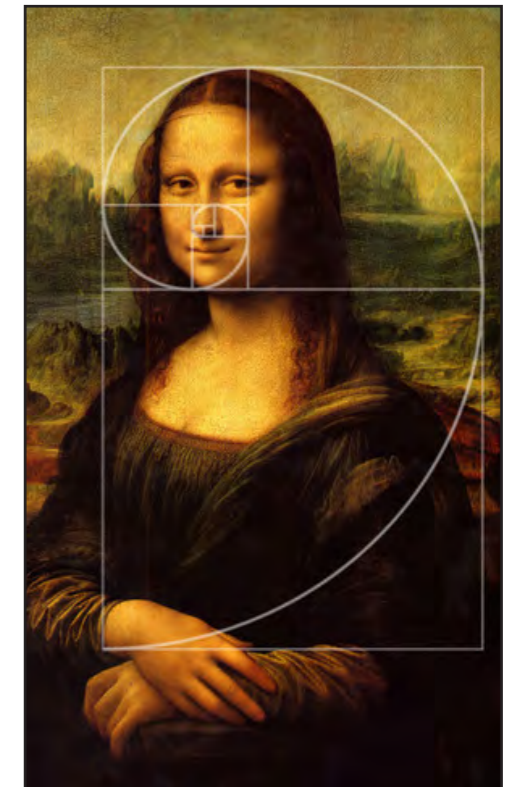
Last month I omitted to thank the partners and sons of members who helped hugely during set up and dismantling of the exhibition, much appreciated are Graham (for photographing the art), Mark, Chris, Barry, David and Ross.

I also talked about point of interest in paintings and referred to Fibonacci and his golden ratio which I will now attempt to explain. Maths is not my strong subject so Mr Google helped out (as usual) and I refer you to him for more information. I found an excellent article by the BBC under the classification 'My Bitesize'.



So search for Fibonacci sequence BBC and the 4 pages explain it very comprehensively.

The Fibonacci sequence is a series of numbers (beginning with 1 and 1) From there you add the previous 2 numbers in the sequence together to get the next number. So 1+1=2, 1+2=3, 2+3=5, 5+3=8 and so on. Fibonacci numbers are found in nature eg number of petals and seeds. If you take a number (above 5) in the sequence and divide it by the previous number in the sequence you get an answer very close to 1.618 (the golden ratio) The golden ratio as a spiral gets wider by a factor of 1.618 every time it makes a quarter turn (90 degrees) The illustration shows this beautifully.



In relation to art, Michelangelo painted his David on the ceiling of the Sistine chapel based around the spiral, as did Da Vinci's Mona Lisa and Hokusai's Great Wave. Even Mozart used the Golden Ratio in writing his Piano Sonatas.

To conclude, get the kids or grand-kids to count petals on flowers, seeds in an orange - chances are they will be Fibonacci numbers and if

you can take a magnifying glass to a sunflower (once the seeds have formed) you will see they grow in spirals. This is how so many seeds are packed into each flower (and why cookies love them so much).

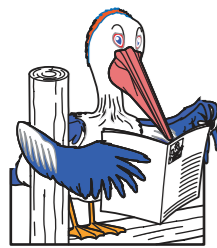
MOVIE NIGHT Thursday 13th March

Adults - \$10
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March 2025



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1st Autumn	2nd Clean-Up Australia Day - see pg 31
3rd Who gives a crap opens – see pg 25	4th Synergy Drop in – see pg 4	5th Synergy Drop in – see pg 4	6th	7th ☾ World Day of Prayer 2025 - Cook Islands - see pg 39	8th 2025 State General Election – see pg 32	9th
10th	11th "Together Towards 2035" Workshop – see pg 10	12th	13th Toddler Tales – see pg 11 Contemplative Spirituality – see pg 16	14th ☉ Nature Play session – see pg 31 What? Accu-Spreader Calibration Workshop - see pg 36	15th Lions Skin Cancer screening – Free – see pg 14	16th Lions Skin Cancer screening – Free – see pg 14
17th	18th Synergy Drop in – see pg 4 Afternoon Tea in Augusta – see pg 11	19th Synergy Drop in – see pg 4	20th Movie night – Embrace – see pg 20	21st Power of Attorney workshop – see pg 20 Music Morning with Kate Finklestein – see pg 31	22nd ☾ Ipsen Cup – see pg 32	23rd Odema wraps – see pg 39
24th	25th	26th	27th	28th Music Morning #2 with Kate Finklestein – see pg 31 Augusta Community Radio AGM – see pg 39	29th ●	30th
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FEATHERING OUR NEST - Introduction to Biomimicry

By JAY HARMAN

"His name is Fang," said the teary lad. "We're moving house and we can't keep him."

Fang, the pink and gray galah, was brought to my wildlife office in a cardboard box. By the telltale wrinkles around Fang's eyes I guessed he was about ten years into his projected eighty-year life span. "Be careful; he bites really, really hard," said the young teenager, as he handed me the box.

Though galahs were a significant food source cooked into pies, stews, and soups during the Great Depression, it turns out that they are highly intelligent and have the problem-solving abilities of a two-year-old human child. Perhaps their greatest talent, from an Australian point of view, is their ability to tear the lid off a beer bottle with their beaks.

I was used to receiving all manner of wildlife, from pelicans to kangaroo joeys, whether they were injured, abandoned, or had outgrown their welcome with their owners. In twelve years as a Fisheries and Wildlife officer, this was my first galah. I opened the door to the largest bird cage I had, fitted a long leather welder's glove to my hand, and reached into the box. Fang latched onto a finger and bit as hard as I imagine he could, with his curved, sharp beak—evolved to crack the hardest seeds and gum nuts. Thank you, glove. I brought him home and set him up with cage, toys, and seed on the back porch outside my kitchen, so he could have close contact with me whether I was in or out of the house. He was sullen and silent for the first few weeks, unusual for a species known for its cacophony of screeches and ability to talk. However, galahs mate for life and can also become very bonded to humans, dogs, and cats in their close environment. They suffer anxiety and depression when separated from their habitual companions.

One summer evening a few weeks later, I had guests to dinner—a dignified and formal gathering of charity fundraisers. We had just sat down to the candlelit table on the poolside patio. In those moments of reserved, slightly awkward silence before wine loosened ties and tongues, Fang suddenly screeched, at full volume, "F--- off, you bastards! Get the f--- out of here!"

Talk about an icebreaker. Fang didn't stop yelling profanities until I threw a darkening cover over his cage. The next day, I ran an ad in the local paper:
Free pink and gray galah.
Great talker.
Potty mouth.

I was swamped with inquiries. I could only imagine the soup Fang's vocabulary would land him in, in his coming decades.

Nature has a lot to teach us about flight. There is a species of hummingbird that beats its wings six hundred times per minute and flies clear across the Gulf of Mexico on just two grams of fuel. The ultraefficient albatross can fly for many hours at a time and six hundred miles a day. Thanks to specially serrated feathers and extra-wide wings, owls are

so silent in flight that mice and gophers have no warning of attack.

Every bird is a master of fuel efficiency, so it would make sense to apply their strategies to improve aircraft and other vehicles.

Moving at very high speeds, Japan's 500 series Shinkansen bullet train produces significant noise, primarily from wind resistance over the train's body and rooftop pantographs (mechanisms for collecting electricity from overhead wires). Eiji Nakatsu, an engineer with West Japan Railway Company, studied the head and beak of birds like the kingfisher, which can dive into water noiselessly and without a splash, in order to streamline the train's nose for a more aerodynamically quiet ride and reduced drag. The wedge-shaped beak starts at a point and expands in diameter at a very precise rate. Eiji also applied the design features of owl wing feathers to quiet the pantographs. Owls have a unique, fringelike adaptation, called a fimbria, on the leading edge of their primary feathers. It appears that this structure changes the sound frequency of their wings passing through the air to a higher spectrum, which is beyond the hearing range of humans—or more important for owls—their prey.

Don't you hate it when you drop your mobile phone? You know the shock of hitting the ground can damage or destroy it. A relatively small collision can damage not just your phone but your brain, car bodies, aircraft flight recorders, and space vehicles. However, an American bird, the woodpecker, can whack his head against a tree up to twenty-two times per second and twelve thousand times per day. He strikes with a massive force of twelve hundred grams of deceleration (scientific term), while humans get concussions at just one hundred grams of deceleration. How does he avoid the monster headaches, detached retinas, and brain injury that humans would suffer from just one such impact? First, he has a super-tough yet elastic beak and "sponge-like" bones to absorb shock. He also has purpose-built, thick muscles and vibration-suppressing spinal fluid. His eyelids act as "seat belts" to protect his retinas.

Researchers have been studying these birds for decades and have now built woodpecker-inspired shock absorbers that can withstand the sixty-thousand-gram impact from a bullet—sixty times the shock resistance of today's advanced aircraft black boxes, which currently can only handle one thousand grams of impact. As you can imagine, helmet makers as well as militaries are looking at adapting the technology to helmets and other applications.

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The southwest of Australia is one of the world's most biologically diverse environments. Nature solves the same problems facing humans, but does so in surprisingly efficient and sustainable ways. Jay Harman is sharing a series of examples in the Pelican Post.



AUGUSTA BRIDGE CLUB

	Winners	Runners up
Jan 20th	Lyn Leonard & Merione Wilson	Di Ellis & Edie Williams
Jan 27th	Graham Shearwood & Trevor Steel	Lyn Leonard & Merione Wilson
Feb 3rd	Des Thompson & Amanda Thompson	Jude Casey & Nancy Gibson
Feb 10th	Mary Whittall & Trevor Steel	Lyn Leonard & Merione Wilson
	Graham Shearwood & Herbie Whittall	
Feb 17th	Graham Shearwood & Herbie Whittall	Des Thompson & Amanda Thompson
		Lyn Leonard & Merione Wilson

The game of Bridge has a special charm. For some, recreation and relaxation, for others, stimulation and a challenge. Bridge sharpens the mind and is easy to learn, with straight-forward rules.

It is fun! You will gain a skill that should give you a lot of pleasure. We are a small, friendly bunch who meet on Monday afternoons in the Hall next to the Historical Museum on Blackwood Avenue.

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By JO HAYES
Images by Jo Hayes

For anyone who loves to, wants to, or hopes to, ocean swim, 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 the Blackwood.

It's about fun, fitness and friendships...and it's free! We are all ages and stages with 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?
January 2025:**

The Flounders were grateful to share a day off on Jan 26 and head up to their favorite bbq and swim spot in Warner Glen. Families and friends joined in with swimming, boating, bbq brekky and mimosas. Special thanks to Rob at Augusta Wild Fish Tours who took us up to this magic place and chartered the non-swimmers around.



February 2025:
The Flounders up'd their kilometers in training for the 3.6km Busselton Jetty Swim on Feb 9. There were 13 local Augusta fish competing in the Solo 3.6km swim around the iconic jetty. Our frequent strong south-easters have provided perfect choppy training conditions in our Flinders Bay pool throughout December and January. For the longer continuous stretch, we could head up our own Blackwood River and plod along in the warm water amidst the trees. Nothing but us and the beautiful black cockatoos up there. How blessed are we.



And they smashed it!
Not only causing a small frenzy with their new squad bathers....



...the conditions were less than ideal with a strong nor-wester pushing swimmers backwards on the way out to the tip of the jetty, and heavy lumps n bumps pushing them up against the jetty on the stretch home. But, thanks to our 'surf n surge' swim training at Flinders, the Flounders thrived 🍻

All emerged from the chop with, not only impressive times but big smiles. So proud of us.

Special mention goes to our very own local legends Kaye n Joe Reither. That was Kaye's 28th (!) jetty swim event, and Joe one of the original event committee members from its origins back in 1996. Such a brilliant and well coordinated event. Can't wait til next year...

Coming up...
Next stop...Flounders swim to Rottnest in March!!



By BILL PERRY

The fourth Augusta Picnic Regatta was held on the 25th January with seven clubs competing drawing some 140 plus rowers and spectators. Clubs competing were RFBYC, South of Perth Yacht Club, Denmark Rowers, Nannup Rowers, East Fremantle Skiffs, Margaret River Rowing and ourselves. There were nine races in total with one boat per club in most events.

For the first time in holding this regatta the south-easterly made its presence felt and forced the opening race from Colourpatch to the Yacht Club to be replaced with a course around West Bay. This also made the short course events around the buoys difficult for starting, favouring the inside lanes going into the wind, however allowed the outside lanes assistance on the return leg. All crews handled the conditions well with strong competition from all.



That winning feeling !

East Fremantle (Stalwart) competed for the first time and won the Veterans race and Margaret River assisted in making up crews with East Fremantle, with exception of the Marges Cup when they used Zoom.

RFBYC won the Blackwood Challenge & the Marges Cup with Augusta winning the Consistency Trophy. The regatta was completed with the traditional lunch amongst the paperbarks.

CLUB	BLACKWOOD CHALLENGE	MARGES CUP	CONSISTENCY TROPHY	REAR RACE	MIXED GEAR	MIXED GEAR	SPRINGS	MARGES CUP	TOTAL POINTS
BELLING C	5			5	5				5
COLOUR PATCH	2	2	1	2	1	3	1	2	2
DUCKS IN POND		5		4		4		5	
NANNUP	3	1	2		3	1	3	4	3
SOUTH	1	3	4	1	2	2	2	3	1
STALWART		4	3	3	4		4	1	4
Zoom	4								5

The Scoreboard of results

The East Port Pram dinghy being raffled was on display, attracting a great deal of interest. Tickets are being sold with the raffle being drawn on 25th April. Once coats of paint and varnish are finished the dinghy will be on display at various times over coming weeks. Tickets \$5. Nannup organised a combined picnic row with us on Sunday 9th February at Alexandra Bridge, enjoyed by all.



The Eastport Pram Dinghy

The next event on the calendar will be Australian 5, a virtual race held between the 21st – 23rd of April organised by the St Ayles Skiff Community in Tasmania. The race is over a 5km course with times and course undertaken to be lodged on line. Four crews have so far nominated here in Augusta.

With Albany well advanced on building their two skiffs they are planning their launch in late June early July to coincide with the Maritime Festival that includes the Shanty Festival, so keep a watch for details as they materialise. From information to hand there is a fair amount of 'bling' occurring on these two skiffs.

Those interested in rowing and /or becoming involved in wooden boat building, contact us (0400 750967) check out the photo gallery on the website (augustarowers.org.au) & Facebook, recycle your drink bottles & cans to our account



By **PETER KEPPEL**
Image By Peter Keppel

The Augusta Men's Shed continues to focus on the wellbeing of its members and ladies. It very much appreciates its relationship with the community.

This includes the Augusta Bakery who sponsor us with morning tea food on days we are open.

We continue to work on the Shed's projects such as completion of the Whale Tail artwork, restoration of the Massy Ferguson tractor, furniture products for sale to community, members and ladies' projects, and the restoration of hand tools.

The message below from Stephen White outlines the use of our new Tormak wet grindstone.

Keep coming to the Shed and enjoying it.

Restoring hand tools

At Augusta Men's Shed, we appreciate the generous donations of tools from our community. Often these come from workshops and garages, tucked away for years. It's not unusual to hear, "These were my Dad's tools, but I don't have a use for them." (One day, we hope to hear, "These were my Mum's tools!")

Many of these tools carry generations of history. If they could speak, imagine the stories they'd tell! For some of us, using traditional hand tools isn't just practical; it's a connection to craftsmanship. Machine tools are excellent for large or tough tasks, but nothing beats the sensation of working with hand tools. The satisfying curl of shavings from a plane or the ease of a sharp chisel slicing cleanly through wood—these experiences bring us closer to the material and process, investing heart into each project.

That said, many donated tools arrive dusty and worn. Steel may be pitted, handles chipped, and blades dulled by time. While some are beyond saving, many are high-quality and deserve a second chance. Restoring them



has become a rewarding endeavour. Classic bench planes, like those by Stanley or Acorn, or Australian-made Falcon, are carefully dismantled, cleaned and reassembled—not to erase their history but to prepare them for new stories.

Our recent investment in a Tormek wetstone has

improved blade sharpening out of sight, letting us to achieve clean, sharp bevels that last. Wooden grips are sanded back and revarnished, bringing out their character. The true joy, though, is using a restored plane on a raw piece of jarrah or sheoak—its weight in hand, the crisp sound of the cut, and the smooth glide of the sole.

By breathing life back into these tools, we hope to inspire others to embrace the slower, tactile traditions of woodworking, ensuring these skills endure for future generations. Why not come along and see what's going?

Please support our sponsor the Augusta Bakery, one of the best bakeries in the SW.



Pickleball 3rd February

Visiting group from Busselton enjoying Pickleball in Augusta, hosted by John & Dallas at Recreation Centre.



By **ROD CLEMENT**
Images by Ian Ladyman

The second of February was a bit overcast, the breeze was from the West and a consistent 10kns. The monohulls had a club championship race and a handicap start for race two. There was five of them vying for the points. Big Red Dwarf won the start followed by Fig Jam and Happy Hour and led to the first mark, they then pulled away on the downwind leg and kept the lead with one lap to go. Could the big fella hold it together? The crowd on the beach was urging him on. I thought I could hear his heart beating from a fifty metres away. Fig Jam was coming though, Protocol looked dusted and all out of sorts, and Happy Hour was trying to get back amongst it. The positions didn't change, just closer, but Big Red made it to the reaching mark in one tack, Fig Jam missed it and it gave Big Red a fifty metre lead but he came back at the leader by the last mark up in West Bay. The crowd were willing the smallest boat Big Red Dwarf to be first over the line which he was. Fig Jam finished second by a bees dick, then Happy Hour, Protocol and almost Warrigal too. Geez, the scenes on the beach were joyous, the Big Red Dwarf crew were frothing, literally. The results after handicap were Protocol first, Big Red Dwarf second and Happy Hour third.



The second race of the day was a beach start with handicap times. Big Red Dwarf and Warrigal were off first with a three minute lead, followed by Happy Hour a minute back, Protocol next and on scratch was Fig Jam. It didn't take long to realise that Big Red was on a flyer. Warrigal, Protocol and Happy Hour were all even with one lap to go. Big Red was in front by a minute of so and not really showing any nerves. After two more legs Big Red by thirty seconds but Protocol now on the charge through the first of the reaches seemed like he was pegging the leader back. With a couple of hundred metres to the last mark there was bugger all in it. Big Red got to the mark still in front and tacked straight away and heading a bit low for the line, Protocol and now Happy Hour saving their tacks for another twenty metres, Big Red was getting knocked but had good breeze but would have to tack again, Protocol tacked first and was heading straight for the line, Happy Hour was still there but needed someone to stuff up.

Big Red tacked and headed for the line on a port tack, it was going to be close but the nerves were hanging in there and he crossed the line ten seconds in front of Protocol, and third was Happy Hour. Fig Jam was fourth and congratulations to Warrigal on completing their first race, yeeha. I think the captain and crew on Big Red may need to be swabbed for next week. There's something going on, that's for sure.



The sixteenth of February was down in the program as a novelty race, now called The Three Bays Race. The wind was just coming in on the first leg down to the Colourpatch and ten minutes later it was 10 to 15kns and all over the show. The cats were out to play with Double Shot and Sirius Lee leading the pack, Zephyr and Xena also in a tight scramble. The downward leg had them flying all the way up into North Bay and then back on the wind for a bit and then a bear away into West Bay around a moored boat and to the finish. It didn't take them long. Not quite sure who won but it would have had to have been between Double Shot and Sirius Lee, I would reckon. The second race was a shorty and had Sirius Lee, teaming up with the skipper of Zephyr, up against the rest. The breeze had strengthened to 20kns and the gamble paid off. At the end everyone was grinning, a very wet Sirius Lee first, Double Shot second and third was Xena.



Thank you to all the starting crew and rescue boat captain, as usual it was a fun day had by all.



The Augusta Historical Society Inc.

By KATHY TRITTON



Our hardworking curator with her raffle goodies

We hope you have all been surviving the Summer and the windy days we have been having.

It is usual for this time of the year but definitely gets a bit tedious at times!!

December was our Christmas Party. Lots of food, fun and frivolity and lovely raffle prizes. Some interesting items on our mystery table including some items Paul Sofilas brought in from the works

done on the lighthouse recently. Thanks to all who joined us.

Our January meeting went well. No speaker but instead we heard stories from some of our members. We are hoping to continue this idea as we all have so much to share with different backgrounds and experiences. If you have something you would like to share, we would love to hear from you. You do not have to be a member to join a meeting.

February saw the Annual Nurses Memorial service on Saturday 8th. It is great to see such a good turnout. Hearing the stories behind this event is important for all to hear and remember. Then on Sunday 9th it was the NIZAM memorial service at the Cape Leeuwin



Lighthouse. As usual, the wind made things interesting, but the rain held off. Along with the N-Class Destroyers Group there were some family representatives from interstate as well as local and visiting dignitaries, representatives of various community groups and the local primary school. It continues to be very well attended.

We again had Guy de la Bedoyere as guest speaker for our February meeting. He spoke to us two years ago on the Batavia wreck. This time around it was "Hatshepsut: The Egyptian Queen Who Would Be King." Guy is such an interesting speaker and had a full house enthralled. We consider ourselves very lucky that he and his wife Rosemary continue to enjoy our beautiful town and that they are willing to share their time and knowledge with us.

Our next meeting is Thursday 20th March, 7pm in the Meeting Room.

WheelChairs for Kids

By MURRAY CARTER

Results of Raffle held on Saturday 15th February

- 1st Prize Trevor Earl – Trailer load of wood kindly donated by Leeuwin Lions and Peter Keppel
- 2nd Prize Hannah Marriner – Basket of Groceries
- 3rd Prize Marian Brown – Augusta Bakery Café Voucher

Thank you to everyone who again generously donated and supported our raffle, unfortunately not everyone can be a winner, but the results of the raffle have now enabled six disabled children to have access to their first wheelchair and now enjoy the freedom and mobility to attend school.

Special thanks to Village Grocer Augusta for the use of their premises.

Our next raffle will be held in June.

Thank you



Spiritual Reflection

By BILL WOODAGE

Some Personal Questions

On a cold, cloudy, windy day it is nice to snuggle up in bed when you don't have to get up and go to work. When you sleep, do you fall into a pattern of a favourite lying position? Just as you are falling asleep, do you, at times, almost jump and wake yourself again? Do some nightmares cause you terror or turmoil because they seem so real?

Are you short-tempered sometimes with those who are closest to you and unjustly so? When people pry into your affairs, does it annoy you at times?

All of us display similar emotions – love, fear, concerns, and multiple desires. Each one of us desires to be happy and enjoy the wonderful pleasures of life. No person enjoys pain or severe discomfort. Most people recoil at the thought of death or the threat of death. Most people will flee from danger or death, and rightly so.

Today there are two billion people in our world who have a permanent antidote to death. There has been a huge number coming into the family of God in Arabic and Syrian lands. Many of these from professional circles of people. Their main concern is to have joy, peace, love, and a purpose for living.

So, if you don't know the Lord Jesus personally, perhaps now is a good time to turn to the Living Lord and invite Him into your life right now.

Jesus was talking to a religious man in His day. He said that unless a person is born again, he can not ever see and experience the Kingdom of God. Jesus went on to say, 'For God so greatly loved and deeply prized the world, that He gave His one and only begotten Son so that whoever believes and trusts in Him, as Saviour, shall not perish but will have everlasting life'.

Everyone is invited to take part in heavenly life. Are you willing?

Join Augusta Playgroup!

Fun activities and friendship for children 0-5 years.

Friday during school terms 9.15-11am.

Please sign in @ Augusta Primary School office.

Special event days coming up:

- 14th March - Nature Play Session
- 21st March - Music Morning with Kate Finkelstein, musician and music teacher (non members welcome, gold coin donation towards costs)
- 28th March - Music Morning #2 with Kate
- 4th April - Story Time with Rachael from Shire Library

Contact Us: augustaplaygroup@outlook.com Or find our facebook group! We are part of PlaygroupWA

AUGUSTA/ TAALINUP COMMUNITY

!Clean-Up Australia Day!

Is coming to the Colourpatch - Quarry Bay

Event Details

2ND of MARCH, 2025

9:00am - 10:00am

(safety briefing at 8:45)

Colourpatch Foreshore, Augusta 6290

Site Clean-up Coordinator
Please contact me (Bronte Halden) if you have any questions/inquiries
[email- bmaeh@icloud.com
Message- 0458 774 198

WHAT TO BRING

- Water bottle
- Gloves (if possible)
- Sunglasses
- Positive Attitude!

Enjoy a light snack courtesy of Sewing Seas, as we sort through our finding! Plus, we are in a prime location with the Colourpatch Cafe, a 50m walk.



By **SCOTT GODLEY**
Images by Scott Godley

February has seen the numbers of people playing tennis and croquet settle a bit from the busy January period, although there have been some great turnouts for both sports on some club days.

Many members have remarked on the improved state of the croquet lawns which are looking very green for this time of the year. This is due to some special attention with weed control, fertilizer application and sprinkler adjustments. Thanks go out to Doreen Hunter's son David, for weed and fertilizer application, Mike Smart for his reticulation work, and Shane and Toby from the Shire who assisted with advice and grass improvement products.

Tennis players were very thrilled to welcome back Colin Clark from Sportspower Margaret River who came down on the 15th Feb with a shop load of tennis racquets for club members to try out. Colin also joined in on the courts to add some skilled tennis playing to the sets, and to better match players to tennis racquet options.

On the 22nd March the Club will hold the Ipsen Cup which is an annual event celebrating the local AFL derby. Teams representing the West Coast Eagles and the Fremantle Dockers will fight it out on the tennis courts, and for the first time, the croquet courts as well. This competitive but social afternoon is usually followed by a BBQ. Current club members are invited to register their interest by mid-March down at the club house.



Bob, Pat and Annie during a set

If you are not a member of the Augusta Tennis and Croquet Club and like the idea of the Ipsen Cup (as well as regular exercise, and some social competition) then come on down to have a hit at either croquet or tennis on one of their club days. New members are always welcome.

Prospective new tennis playing members will also have the opportunity to have a bit of coaching along with existing members later this spring. This tennis coaching has been enabled from a small Shire grant, and it is expected that many existing members will take advantage of the opportunity.

Both current and former tennis members are reminded about the 50th anniversary dinner dance to be held on 17th May (see advertisement in this edition). The Club is also looking for any old photos (either print or digital) that former members may have in their collections. Any photos that date back to the 1970's (or even more recently) from the old tennis club days would be greatly appreciated. Please contact secretaryadtc@gmail.com

Augusts Tennis and Croquet Club Derby Challenge

The annual Tennis-Croquet Derby challenge is on.



Be part of this highly sought after and friendly event with Prizes and social BBQ to be held after the game.

Welcome new members. Come along and play for your team and enjoy a BYO BBQ after play. Pre-registration is required.

To register your interest and receive information on arrival times and details contact secretaryadtc@gmail.com by the 19th March



'How To Tell You' it's time to quit smoking

On Sunday 16 February 2025, Cancer Council WA's **Make Smoking History** program launched its newest WA-made campaign, 'How To Tell You', which taps into the powerful role loved ones play in motivating people to quit smoking.

The new campaign depicts a man who has recently been diagnosed with cancer and must break the news to his partner, children, mother, and friend. Each scene captures the deeply personal and emotional weight of these conversations, highlighting the unique relationship the man shares with each loved one.

The emotive campaign focuses on the impact smoking has not just on the person who smokes, but also on their loved ones. While it's not always easy to find motivation for ourselves, thinking about how our choices affect our loved ones can make all the difference. The research behind 'How To Tell You' revealed that many people are deeply motivated to quit smoking when they think about how a smoking-related illness, like cancer, could affect their loved ones.

Quitting smoking means taking back control of your life. It's about having more money for the things you love and having the energy to dive into your favourite hobbies. Most importantly, you'll greatly improve your chances of enjoying a longer, healthier life with the people who matter most.

There are so many reasons to quit. Take the first step today:

- Visit www.makesmokinghistory.tips for all the best tips to quit + for the long term.
- Try our free, interactive **quit planner**.
- Download the free **My QuitBuddy** app.
- Chat to your GP, Aboriginal Health Worker or pharmacist.
- Call the **Quitline** on **13 7848** or chat online at www.quitlinewa.org.au.

For more information email, makesmokinghistory@cancerwa.asn.au

Share Your Story to Help Find Cancer Early

Cancer Council WA is calling on people in the South West who have been diagnosed with cancer to share their stories as part of the **Find Cancer Early** program. We know that early diagnosis saves lives, and real stories from people in regional WA who have been affected by cancer can make a huge difference in encouraging others to recognise symptoms and see their doctor.

We are looking for cancer survivors who are:

- over the age of 40 years,
- have been diagnosed with one of the following cancers: **breast, prostate, bowel, lung, or skin** cancer,
- live in regional WA, and
- discovered their cancer after noticing symptoms and visiting their doctor.

If you meet the criteria and are willing to share your story, we invite you to contact our Find Cancer Early Senior Co-ordinator at findcancerearly@cancerwa.asn.au or call (08) 9382 9354.

For more information on the Find Cancer Early program, visit findcancerearly.com.au.



Julie Rose
Regional Education Officer South West
Cancer Council Western Australia
Julie.Rose@cancerwa.asn.au
cancerwa.asn.au



Call us on **13 11 20**
findcancerearly.com.au



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AUGUSTA POLICE STATION
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 WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6290

Notification to East Augusta Residents

As a reminder, the roads in East Augusta are gazetted, and all standard road rules apply. This means that the use of unlicensed vehicles, including:

- Off-road Motorcycles
- All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs, three- wheelers, four-wheelers)
- Utility Task Vehicles (UTVs, side-by-sides, Can-Ams)
- Golf Buggies

is strictly prohibited.

Non-compliance may result in:

- Arrest
- Charges
- Infringement notices
- Vehicle impoundment and potential crushing (if the vehicle is unable to be licensed)

Additionally, drivers or riders without a valid license may face further charges.

We urge all residents to prioritize road safety, respect their fellow road users, and drive responsibly.

For further information please visit the below websites:

- <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/road-safety-commission>
- <https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/rules-of-the-road.asp>
- <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/community/off-road-vehicle-areas>

Yours sincerely,

Augusta Police Station
 08 9758 3900



Augusta Wildlife Care W.A. Inc.

Rescue Rehabilitation Release of Australian Wildlife

The 3rd Annual General Meeting of the Augusta Wildlife Care WA Inc was held on the 12th February at the Historical Society Room with a good turnout of members and interested locals. In keeping with the Constitution a new committee was elected, new members were introduced and, following the meeting, wildlife experiences shared. A huge thank you to all outgoing and proxy committee members during a difficult past year and a warm welcome to the new committee and members.

Most importantly was the acknowledgement of Kerry and Dave Bell's contributions to Wildlife Care in the Augusta region for over 27 years. Sadly, Dave is no longer with us, his many years of loving commitment were recognised and honoured. For both of them, the 24/7 call outs, the loving care, the dangerous situations, the need to tranquillise or euthanase to ease a severely injured animal's pain. Not flinching from any type of fauna from snakes, bats, roos, eagles or pelicans down to little phascogals. This included the first ever recording of the hatching and raising of hooded plover chicks. You name it, they probably have rescued and transported it to vets and wildlife hospitals, rehabilitated and released them. Plus taking on being the Chair and Treasurer of AWCWA Inc.

A very colourful AWC thank-you cake was baked by outgoing Chair Leonie McFaul in recognition of this incredible couple. Kerry is on the right in the image below.



United Nations World Wildlife Day (WWD) is celebrated every year on 3 March to celebrate wild animals and plants. Every year WWD recognises the unique roles and contributions of wildlife to people and the planet.

The WWD 2025 Theme is Wildlife Conservation
 Finance: Investing in People and Planet.

By JUDY WENBAN
 Images by Judy Wenban



Our planet's magnificent biodiversity is priceless, but conserving it comes at a cost. Each year, hundreds of billions of dollars are needed to close the global wildlife conservation finance gap - a gap that must be bridged to ensure the survival of species and the ecosystems that sustain us all.

A unique couple from Buntine in WA have made a personal commitment that aligns with this year's WWD theme adopting wildlife care as a way of life as seen in the ABC Back Roads Animal Carers episode - Series 10 - Wheatbelt Animal Carers.

Sue and Steve Rose's story - What would you cash in your super to buy? Can be seen on ABC iview. <https://iview.acc.net.au/show/back-roads>
 #Backroads #BlueBushWildlifeRescue

For help with injured or orphan Native Wildlife phone carer
Kerry Bell **0437 200 605**
Leonie McFaul **0422 888 343**
 Augusta & surrounding region
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Bobtails of the South-West

Noongar Name: Yoondarn

Scientific Name: *Tiliqua rugosa*

The Bobtail lizard is a very common skink lizard with a broad triangular head and short blunt tail.

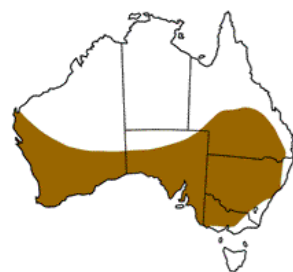


They have many many names, a few are: The Shingleback Lizard, The Sleepy Lizard, and even The Two-headed Lizard because of the way they curl up when they're scared to give the appearance of two heads and confuse predators (seen above).

Bobtails aren't a threatened species, but they are handy for our environment! Bobtails disperse seeds and control pests while moving around the landscape. Moving seeds around our neighbourhoods helps maintain biodiversity as we work to drive a more effective ecosystem.

Bobtails are pretty versatile and happy to live in most places; shrublands, eucalyptus forests, desert grasslands, and sandy dunes. But they love to live in the shelter of the bush under low foliage. These lizards show strong home range site stability for up to several years and often multiple lizards can utilise the same burrow!

Being cold-blooded, these skinks are well known to have a strong preference for sunbaking in open areas.



They are often seen along roadsides or other cleared areas in its range.

They're nice and peaceful and help keep small pests away! So, remember to be nice next time you see one.

Cruising on the Scott

Late last month, we had a great day out for our Scott River engagement activity for Scott River Healthy Estuaries WA farmers. The activity is a central plank of our [Engagement for Scott River Health Project](#). It included a cruise up the Scott River with farmers and information shared by representatives from the Department of Water & Environmental Regulation (DEWR) to better understand the water trends and quality over the past few years and how activities on-farm can impact water quality further downstream.

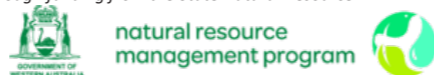
Christine Wilder from BirdLife WA gave us an overview of the birds of the Scott River and Hardy Inlet and how human activities can impact them.

After lunch, we visited local farmer Gary Buller, who told us how he's seen the river's water change over the years he's been farming. We discussed opportunities to improve factors like soil water holding capacity, aquatic life, water quality, and more.

The tour highlighted some farmers' concerns regarding the streams and tributaries that run through their properties. We look forward to the next steps we can take to care for this corner of paradise.



Our thanks to Gary Buller for hosting the visit, and to Healthy Estuaries WA. This project is supported through funding from the State Natural Resource Management (NRM) Program.



Events Coming Up with the LCDC

What? Revegetation Preparation Workshop Thursday
February 27th, 9 am to 12:30 pm

What? Accu-Spreader Calibration Workshop Friday
March 14th

How? Head to our website for more information:
<https://lowerblackwood.com.au/our-events/>

Weeding out a bad sale



From left to right: *Salvinia molesta* (close-up), *Pistia stratiotes* and *Eichhornia crassipes*

“Let the buyer beware”

It may not have crossed your mind that plants being sold online or privately, might be prohibited in Western Australia! Or that you have a responsibility as a consumer, to be aware of the risks associated with a purchase. There is legislation that underpins the regulation of importation and trade of plants that are not permitted in Western Australia. The goal of this regulation and legislation is to protect natural ecosystems and primary production systems in WA from the many pests, weeds and diseases found elsewhere. There can be consequences for people who are aware yet continue to engage in distribution of certain species. The consequences for the environment, however, can be devastating if pest species make it into natural ecosystems.

A work in progress

To be eligible for import into WA or trade within WA, a species must be assessed and given a legal status, under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* (BAM Act). Once classified, the species is then listed as a 'permitted species' or 'declared pest' in a database called the Western Australian Organism List (WAOL). If an organism is not listed on WAOL it cannot be imported or traded. A person can request to have an organism assessed for classification by filling in an assessment form which is available on the department's website.

End the circulation cycle!

During the Covid-19 pandemic many people started new hobbies. One growing trend is aquascaping an aquatic garden inside an aquarium or pond. Plants were brought in by people who were unaware of the requirements. Subsequently, prohibited plants have

been circulating in WA and advertisements of prohibited plants may occur on a variety of online advertising platforms. It is important that consumers learn how to weed out a questionable sale and how to determine if a plant is prohibited.

Some examples to be aware of: *Salvinia species* (ALL varieties), floating crystalwort (*Riccia fluitans*), *Rotala rotundifolia*, water lettuce (*Pistia stratiotes*), floating water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*) and frogbit (*Limnobium laevigatum*). *Rotala rotundifolia* is often sold under 'cultivar' names. A cultivar is a variety of a species that has specific physical features, but all cultivars of a species share the same classification as they are the same species.

The buyer's checklist:

1. Before making a purchase, check whether a plant has a 'permitted species' status (find the scientific name of the species through internet searches).
2. Enter the scientific name into WAOL: <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/organisms>
3. Don't buy or distribute unlisted species or species that have a 'declared pest' status.
4. Advertising/selling 'declared pests' is prohibited and can be reported as an illegal agricultural matter on crimestopperswa.com.au
5. If you are unsure you can also email padis@dpird.wa.gov.au

If you find that you have ended up with a prohibited plant because you were not aware, please put it in a sealed plastic bag and leave that in the sun for two weeks on a hard surface, before putting it in the bin. This will stop it being viable and it won't become invasive in the environment.



Report your observations

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

SUDOKU

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Sudoku Rules for Complete Beginners

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

Source:sudoku.com.au

CROSSWORD

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Solution for Crossword and Trivia can be found on page: 41

TRIVIA

1. Which continent has more independent nations: Africa or Asia?
2. Which fictional bear was taught "hard stares" by his Aunt Lucy?
3. Which planet is known as the evening star?
4. Add one letter to the start of which stringed instrument to make the name of a woodwind instrument?
5. Name any two of the five Bennet sisters in Pride and Prejudice.
6. Greenland is an autonomous territory of which country?
7. Which planet is known as the evening star?
8. What is 4 cubed?
9. An interrobang combines which two conventional punctuation marks?
10. Which F1 grand prix begins the 2025 season?

source:TheSaturdaypaper

ACROSS

- 1 Involving more than one (6)
- 4 Circus setting (3,3)
- 8 The pub down the road (5)
- 9 It's deceptive when pulled (4,3)
- 10 One's done a bunk (7)
- 11 Like a feather (5)
- 12 Feelings of intense longing (9)
- 17 Film industry bigwig (5)
- 19 Party, wedding or town (7)
- 21 Declare unfit (for use or consumption) (7)
- 22 Unfairly hike prices (5)
- 23 Guarantee (6)
- 24 High (6)

DOWN

- 1 Insignificant (quantity) (6)
- 2 Mysterious and hard to explain (7)
- 3 Let (something happen) (5)
- 5 Blood sugar-regulating hormone (7)
- 6 Revealing underwear (5)
- 7 Sitting this way, one's very comfortable (6)
- 9 Equipment used on the stove top (6,3)
- 13 What's wrong with you? (7)
- 14 Damage caused by ultraviolet radiation (7)
- 15 Hits (6)
- 16 False, fair-weather or furry (6)
- 18 One's on the way out (5)
- 20 Language of certain groups (5)

Source:theguardian.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES

2025 State General Election

Ordinary Polling Places in the District of Warren-Blackwood

Open on polling day, 8 March 2025, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Augusta Community Resource Centre
66 Allnutt Terrace
AUGUSTA WA 6290

AUGUSTA'S HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAM PRACTICAL HOME REMEDIES "Oedema wraps"

With Lana Drebit via DVD presentation

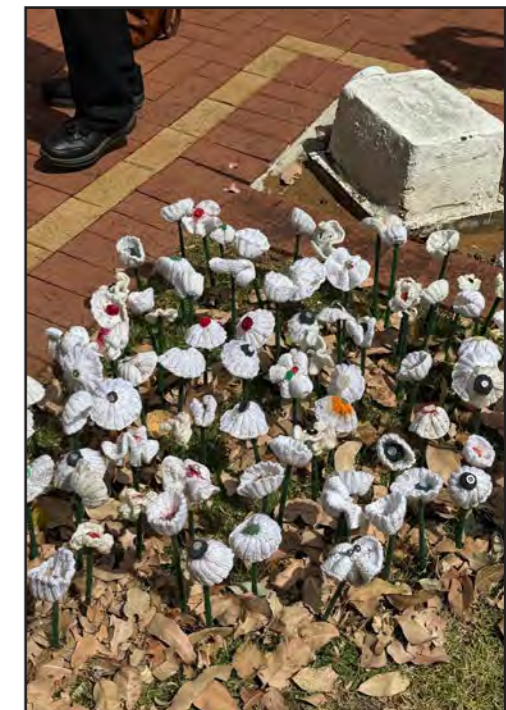
Followed by demonstrations on how to prepare a healthy meal using fresh produce from the garden.

Sunday, March 23, 12.00 – 2.00pm
AUGUSTA CWA HALL ALLNUTT TCE,
Healthy lunch provided

Please RSVP by 20th March.
Jill: 0407634695 or Jenny: 0414263503 and book your seat.
Cost \$10

What's been happening on Augusta

Nurses Memorial Service
Augusta - Saturday 8th February 2025



Centennial Hall - Temporary Closure

Monday 24th February, with the expected completion date of Friday 14th March 2025.

The works will require full building perimeter scaffolding, so during this time, nobody will be able to use the Hall.

Augusta Community Radio AGM

Join us for our AGM on Friday, 28 March, at 5 pm in the Miners Room, Augusta Hotel. All positions will be vacated. Come along for a drink and a chat about the future of your local radio. Everyone welcome!



Fire Fuel MR

Firewood delivery

9757 8135"

World Day of Prayer 2025 - Cook Islands

"I made you wonderful"
7th March at 10am

St Elizabeths Anglican Church Augusta
Diana Gosling 0428 711 766

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- Jane, Elizabeth, Mary, Catherine (Kitty), Lydia
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- A question mark and an exclamation mark
- Australian Grand Prix at Albert Park in Melbourne on March 16

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, Allnut 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	1:00pm-4:00pm	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

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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, Hillview Rd
Kudardup Bush Fire Brigade	1st & 3rd Thursday each month	5:30pm	Training	Kudardup Fire Shed, Kudardup Rd
Leeuwin Lions Club	2nd & 4th Monday/ Month	7:30pm	Fortnightly Dinner	Augusta Hotel
Paint by Numbers Public Art Group	Project-specific	Please contact for details	Contact paintbynumbers6290@yahoo.com	Project - specific
Pickleball	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	Augusta 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 Rd

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