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Hello, I'm Dr Sue and I've been a surgeon in the South West for the last 25 years.

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Learn more about me, my values and aspirations for Forrest at suechapman.com.au

## Feasibility **Assessment Progress**

April 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 March.

Community members who visited us were interested in understanding the role of wind and solar power in our energy system.

#### How rooftop solar power is changing our energy system's needs

Western Australians are rapidly embracing solar power, with over 40% of homes and businesses in the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) having installed rooftop solar systems.

However, this high uptake of solar power is not without challenges for our energy system. This trend has reduced the demand for electricity from the energy system during the day, as many homes and businesses use energy produced by their rooftop solar systems, but demand for electricity goes up again once the sun sets and everyone gets home. This means there is increased strain on the energy system as it works to keep up with fluctuating supply and demand, which can create system instability. Therefore, installing more solar panels alone cannot meet our energy demands both day and night.

The wind generation profile, generally peaking in the early morning and evening, is complementary to the solar profile which peaks in the middle of the day. Batteries help to balance the energy system by storing excess wind and solar energy when generation supply is greater than demand, distributing this excess energy back to the energy system later, when demand increases.

## Synergy Drop-In Office **April Dates**

To find out more, please drop-in to see the Synergy team between 10am and 4pm on the following dates.

#### (└) When:

- Tuesday 1 April
- Wednesday 2 April
- Tuesday 15 April
- Wednesday 16 April
- Tuesday 29 April
- Wednesday 30 April

 $\bigcirc$ Where: 56 Blackwood Ave Augusta, in the Nautilus Bookkeeping building.





Pictured: Lara Mist, Allegra Willcox, Leeuwin Mist, Maggie Mist, and Erin.

#### Community Giving Fund – Shade sails at **Augusta Primary**

At Synergy, we're committed to making a positive impact on the communities where we operate. Our annual Community Giving Fund aims to support community organisations creating resilient, prosperous communities.

Augusta Primary School was one of fifteen funding recipients as part of last year's Community Giving Fund, and received funding for the installation of new shade sails for students.





April 2025 April 2025

This initiative will address the need for enhanced sun protection and comfort at the school's playgrounds.

Synergy staff, Erin and Wilson, attended an event at the school on Wednesday 5 March to celebrate the installation of the shade sails and mark the start of the school year and enjoyed speaking to parents, teachers and playing cricket with students!

If you wish to receive regular email updates or have further questions, contact us at: community@synergy.net.au | 0482 993 106 engage.synergyrenewables.net.au/scottriver



#### CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Lions Refund Depot Hillview Road, Augusta **Opening Times:** Thursday 8-12 midday Saturday 8-12 midday

CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME (CDS) - 10 CENTS -LIONS CLUB OF LEEUWIN

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### **Food Service Attendant**

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Location: Leeuwin - Augusta and Margaret River

Salary: HSW Level 1/2 - \$1,226.69 - \$1,260.45 per week pro rata

Closing Date: 4.00pm 16th March 2026

Position Profile: We are seeking Food Service Attendants to join the team at Augusta and Margaret River. To provide a 'food safe' environment and to provide a quality service in an efficient and timely manner. To maintain a clean environment with regard to infection control guidelines to consumers and staff of Augusta and Margaret River Hospital. This position incorporates a range of duties that are essential to the safety and quality of services provided by WA Country Health Service - South West. Selection Criteria: Please see Job Description Form (JDF) at jobs.health.wa.gov.au.

For Further Job Related Information: We encourage you to contact Georgina Thiele on 0429 962 365.

Application Instructions: Applicants are requested to apply online at jobs.health.wa.gov.au



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Blackwood River WILD FISH Bookings: Contact Rob: 0488562022



54 Blackwood Avenue, Augusta 1 Charles West Avenue, Margaret River



## **Shire news**

#### **April greetings from Shire**

#### Kaya Augusta community!

As Djeran season deepens, our region transforms with spectacular flowering gums and summer flame-we're grateful to call this beautiful place home.

It was great to see so many faces at our March Ordinary Council Meeting in Augusta and we encourage you to join future meetings, specifically ones held in Augusta on June 25 and September 24. Meetings are also livestreamed for those who prefer to observe from home.

Andrea was in Augusta for the day on 18 March and enjoyed a meeting with Experience Augusta. She will also be available at the Augusta office on Tuesday April 15, with an open-door for anyone who would like to meet. To connect, please arrange a meeting by emailing ceo@amshire.wa.gov.au

Major Events Grants 2025-26 applications are now open! You can find out more information below

#### Maior Events Grant 2025-26 are NOW OPEN!

If you're planning a major event of State or National significance that attracts visitors, supports local businesses engages the community and makes Augusta Margaret River an even more amazing and vibrant place to visit (and to live!), check to see if you're eligible to apply for up to \$20,000 (ex GST) in major events grant funding at

www.amrshire.wa.gov.au/majoreventsgrants



#### Mosquito management

#### Barmah Forest Virus detected on Mollov Island

As part of ongoing mosquito management strategies the Environmental Health Team has conducted mosquito surveillance on Molloy Island. During this process, the Barmah Forest Virus (BVF) was detected in mosquitoes collected from the trapping site.

To determine whether you have contracted a mosquito-borne disease, visit your GP for a specific blood test.

Have you ever wanted to do a home energy and water audit?

The kits are being provided by Switch Your Thinking and funded by the WA Government!

be borrowed from the Augusta and Margaret River Libraries.

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Please note that Barmah Forest Virus has been detected on Molloy Island. To determine whether you have contracted a mosquito-borne disease, visit your GP for a specific blood test. Our Environmental Health team have provided some more information below

In partnership with Switch Your Thinking, we now offer energy and water audit kits for loan at Margaret River and Augusta libraries-helping improve your home's efficiency.

Our Young Mentors program returns! This initiative, in partnership with MRSHS, connects generations through meaningful interactions. To get involved, contact Ana Brawls at abrawls@amrshire.wa.gov.au or 08 9780 5600.

We are honoured to work on Wadandi Boodja and remain committed to fostering a vibrant, sustainable community through responsible governance and engagement.

We look forward to seeing you in Augusta.

Warm regards Julia Meldrum, Shire President Andrea Selvev, CEO



#### **EOI - Customer Services Officer Augusta**

#### Continuing, Part-time 45 hours/fortnight EA Level 4 (\$71,869 - \$79,349 per annum pro-rata) Plus superannuation, career development, generous leave provisions and recreation centre membership

We are currently seeking an enthusiastic and passionate Customer Service Officer to join the team based at the Shire's Administration Centre in Augusta, Reporting to the Team Leader Customer Services, you will act as the first point of contact for the Shire, process Shire applications and transactions for the Department of Transport.

Previous experience in a multi-disciplinary front-line customer service environment is essential. Demonstrated data entry and keyboarding skills, competence in MS Office and financial/cash receipting programs, alongside a high level of accuracy are fundamental

Jetty

If this sounds like you, please apply now. We look forward to hearing from you.



Andrea Selvey, CEO

The Shire encourages residents and visitors to take precautions to prevent mosquito bites:

- · Cover up: Wear long, loose- fitting, light-colored clothing.
- Use insect repellent with DEET. Repel:
- Clean up: Remove or cover water-holding containers around your property. For more info, visit healthywa.gov.au/FighttheBite

FREE home energy and water audit kits now available

The kits will enable you to understand how effectively your home uses power and water, and to identify actions you can

take to improve your home's efficiency. Simply come into the library and speak with our friendly team to organise your loan.

Let's work together for a healthier community!

### **Closure of Turner Street**

On Wednesday 19 March 2025, the Turner St, letty was closed off to members of the public based on expert engineering advice to ensure public safety. The Augusta community and visitors alike are understandably frustrated, surprised and saddened by the closure of this important and much-loved community asset

To resolve the closure as soon as possible, the Shire dealt with the matter as urgent business at this month's Ordinary Council Meeting in Augusta.

For updates and more information: https://www.amrshire.wa.gov.au/shire-and-council/news



#### Sustainable | Inclusive | Connected to Place | Respecting Boodja

#### What's on in April **Augusta Recreation Centre** Nala Waabi Mia / Our Play House

#### Half price and FREE gym memberships

Gvm 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

#### Young Mentors Program

The Library has partnered once again with Margaret River Senior High School to deliver the popular Intergenerational Young Mentors Program and is inviting the community to register their interest

The program is aimed at people over 50 who are interested in improving their digital skills.

Seniors information session Margaret River Library, 1.00pm - 2.00pm, Thursday 1 May. Young Mentors Program

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

Tuesday 10.30am - 12.00pm and Thursday 10.30am

Contact John for more information on 0417 744 224.

Tuesday and Thursday sessions available at 8.10am,

Wednesday sessions avilable at 1.00pm and 1.40pm.

-12.00pm. Other session times by booking/appointment.

Margaret River Library, 12.00pm - 1.30pm, Thursday 15, 22, 29 May and Thursday 5 June.

To register please call (08) 9780 5600 or email Ana Brawls abrawls@amrshire.wa.gov.au

8.50am, 10.45am, and 11.30am.

Table tennis

Hydro poo

Badmintor



#### **Margaret River HEART** Nala Bardip Mia / Our Story House

#### **CINEMA & FILM FESTIVALS**

- National Theatre Live: The Importance Of Being Farnest (CTC) - Sat. Apr 5 @ 7 PM (THIS IS A FILM OF THE I IVE SHOW - SO NOT THEATRE)
- Anora (MA15+) Tue, Apr 1 @ 7PM • Seen (M) - Tue, Apr 8 @ 7:00 PM (Mindful Margaret River fundraiser)
- Paddington In Peru (PG) Tue, Apr 15 @ 1:00 PM
- Runt (PG) Wed, Apr 16 @ 10.30 AM
- Snow White (CTC) Tue, Apr 22 @ 10.30 AM
- Snow White (CTC) Thu, Apr 24 @ 1:00 PM Blue Horizon: 20th Anniversary (E) - Sat. Apr 26 @ 7 PM

#### Young @ HEART

April 2025

FREE live music each Monday from 10am Check artsmargaretriver.com for full program





- Earnest (CTC) Sat. Apr 5 @ 7 PM • You Are a Doughnut - Fri, Apr 11 @ 10.30 AM and
- 1 PM
- Dorothy the Dinosaur Spectacular Show! Sun, Apr 27 @ 10.30 AM

#### COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Mental Health Workshop Tue, Apr 1 @10 AM • Wooden Block Printing Workshop - Wed, Apr 16 @ 1
- PM
- Watercolour Brush Lettering & Modern Calligraphy Wed, Apr 23 @ 1 PM

Next dates: 10 April. 8 May. 12 June arts

#### THEATRE, MUSIC, COMEDY & DANCE

- National Theatre Live: The Importance Of Being
- A Little Bit of Blue Thu, Apr 17 @ 10 AM and 2 PM

#### 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 gvm





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

#### Augusta Art Club on display at the library!

The Augusta Art Club are exhibiting works by club members at the Augusta Library. The works are predominantly landscape and garden themes and are for sale. Have a browse next time you visit the library. The exhibition continues until June

#### Lego and crafts at Augusta Library

Join our one-hour long Lego Club session on Thursday 17 April 10.30am-11.30am to take on new challenges with all Lego provided. Best suited to children over 5 years and bookings are essential.

#### 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

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



Cvanotype Workshop - Wed, Apr 23 @ 9.30 AM

#### 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



#### VISUAL ARTS

- Stories that Quilts tell (Exhibition) Fri, Mar 6 Tue, Apr 15 (Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm)
- Visual Stories (Exhibition & Launch) Thu, Apr 24 @ 6 PM (runs until May 30)

#### LITERATURE

- Book Launch: Peter Lane Thu, 3 Apr @ 6:30 PM -7:30 PM
- TIX ON SALE NOW: Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival - 2-4 May, 2025 (www.mrrwfestival.com)

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**MILESTONE AWARD – MARGARET MARTIN** At a dinner meeting in early February, President Matt Russell was pleased to award a 30 year Chevron to Lion Margaret Martin for her outstanding contribution to the Lions Club of Leeuwin and the local community for the past 30 years.

Margaret has been a regular contributor to the plant stall at the Lions Shed raising many thousands of dollars each year, in addition to providing flowers for the streetscape and sign at the entrance to town for any special occasions.



Two special occasions each year are the "NIZAM Memorial Service" at Cape Leeuwin in February, and the "ANZAC Day Service" in April where Margaret has been known to make and donate up to 20 wreaths for Lions and participating organisations as well as provide over 150 colourful potted plants to create extra effect. Of recent years she has obligingly included the "Nurses Memorial Service" which is held on the same weekend as the "NIZAM Memorial Service" and is fittingly attracting a growing attendance.

President Matt Russell presenting 30-year Award to Margaret Martin

In her role as a member of the Board she has always promoted projects that benefit the elderly, ageing and disabled citizens of our community and was foremost in recently moving that the club purchase new medi-alerts for those in need.

Margaret Martin is truly a caring and dedicated Lion and a much-respected citizen in our community.

#### **MILESTONE AWARD – BARRY DARNELL**

A partners night is to be held on Monday 28th April 2025 to celebrate 50 Years of Service to Lions and the Community by Lion Barry Darnell.

Lion Barry and Lions Partner Des have been a big part of the local community since Barry became the Principal of Karridale Primary School, a position he held until his retirement many years later.

He is part of the well known and highly respected Darnell family, early pioneer residents of the Augusta Margaret River Shire who operated general stores at Witchcliffe and Rosa Brook.

His father Bill Darnell (Snr) now deceased, remains on the



Barry Darnell a Lion of 50 years with Lions Partner Des

records as the longest serving Councillor of the AMR Shire over an amazing span of 32 years. With this background, it is not surprising that Barry and his siblings have been recognised as community stalwarts and a solid presence in the district over many decades.

Lion Barry has given valuable service to the club at all times and in its formative years was a major contributor to the success of the club and its annual "Monster Auction" which involved the supply of many trailer loads of wood, an area in which he was particularly adept given his early rural upbringing. Even today despite his senior age Barry can still help out with a chain saw if required.

In so many ways Barry Darnell has been a great Lion, ever reliable, ever ready to help out, and the type of member that makes really good clubs. CONGRATULATIONS are most deserved for his exceptional achievement of 50 years of service.

It should be noted that both Margaret Martin and Barry Darnell are recipients of "Melvin Jones" awards, the highest International Award that can be bestowed upon a member.

#### SUPPORT FOR VARIOUS CAUSES

At its February meeting the club moved to support the strongly community based projects listed below:

#### **Timor Leste Leaver's Trip**

The annual donation of \$10,000 was moved to Feburary instead of October as has been the case in previous years. In doing so it allowed the organising committee to arrange air fares and purchase goods and equipment with more time and surety. Some of the goods purchased are small items such as colouring pencils which retail in Australia for \$2-\$3 per packet but if available in Timor Leste are around \$16, and beyond the reach of most families.

In addition to the funding that the three Lions Clubs in the Shire, Leeuwin, Margaret River and Cowaramup provide, as well as Rotary Margaret River (combined over \$50,000) the clubs and many local businesses donate goods and services which further add to the amount of aid the graduating students are able to give to remote villages and communities in this third world nation.

Simple items such as cloth carry bags in which to place gifts such as pencils, colouring-in books, reading books,

personal cups and drink containers, lunch boxes etc all make up items that Lions and volunteers assemble for the life changing experience of all the students involved. Lion Jane Denton has a template for making cloth bags and

ample material and has made a great start. Further help is of course most welcome.

Any volunteers or local organisations who would like to become involved in any way please contact Secretary Bill Perry at leeuwinlionssec@gmail.com or 0400 750 967

#### **Medi Alert Watches/Pendants**

Following advice that with the switch to 4G, the remaining 3G Medi-Alerts that the Lions had assembled over 20 years ago were now redundant. Lion Margaret Martin moved that the club purchase 12 new ones that can be used in the form of a watch or pendant.



Lion David Turner and Lions Partner Judith undertook the investigative work and came up with a recommendation that was duly accepted by the club. The bulk purchase reduced the price by \$100 per medi-alert incurring a final outlay of \$5,300. Lion Margaret provided a list of worthy recipients who the club intends to contact once the medi-alerts arrive.

#### **Readers and Writers Festival**

The club was pleased to support the request for a \$3,000 donation towards the operation of the festival to be held in the AMR Shire between 1-4 May 2025.

Support was determined appropriate given the festival Gail was a dedicated Lions partner for 25 years until she committee was prepared to include the Augusta and Karridale herself became a member of the club over five years ago. With devoted husband Phill, their initiative and drive resulted Primary Schools in the program for the southern end of the Shire in addition to the Augusta Centennial Hall hosting the in the club taking on the "Containers for Change" project making of the film Silver with Chris Hammer and Jock Serong which she worked upon and gave her all, right up until her - comprising an insightful conversation about the film which illness and passing. The project now returns more than 100K was produced in town. per year to the club and will forever remain a legacy of both Gail and Phill Robinson.

Lions had a great relationship with the producer and crew who purchased most of their props and furniture requirements from the Lions Shed and then donated it all back after they had finished. In addition to returning the goods they included a generous donation.



Phill and Gail Robinson

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#### SKIN CANCER SCREENING RAISES ALARM

Results from a recent skin cancer screening carried out by the very professional team on board the Lions Skin Cancer Screening Bus produced some alarming results with over 40% of



the 142 people screened over the two days receiving a referral to their local doctor for further tests. It should be noted that all lesions are only suspect until proven otherwise by further investigation.

The Lions Club appreciates the assistance given by its members Bill Perry, Jane Denton, Matt Russell, Daniel Kempton and Lions Partners Deb Perry and Kay Challis who organised the attendees and provided the morning tea and lunches for the screening team over the weekend.

Further the club would like to thank the Principal of Augusta Primary School for making the enclosed pavilion and adjacent parking for the large bus available for the weekend. It was an ideal venue for what is a potentially life saving project that Leeuwin Lions are very pleased to support.

#### A SAD LOSS - VALE GAIL ROBINSON

The Lions Club of Leeuwin and communities of Karridale and Augusta recently came together to farewell Lion Gail in a moving service held at the Lumen Christi Church. The level of love and respect for Gail was evident as there wasn't an empty seat with many people standing.

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AUGUSTA By MORVEN HANSEN

During the hall closure we spent ART CLUB NEWS the 3 week period at the Lions Adventure Centre and the Yacht Club as well as members' houses for the Tuesday Evening Group.

Huge thanks go to Augusta Lions, the Yacht Club and Sarah and Wendy. It was very pleasant working in different environments. The Adventure Centre has fantastic light and lots of room to spread out, in contrast to the intimacy of working in people's homes where we had fun engaging in some activities such as Blind Contour where you constantly look at what you are drawing rather than your paper and pencil. This usually results in some interesting and often hilarious results.

Thanks to Augusta Margaret River Library we are currently exhibiting a range of member's art for sale until June in the Augusta Library. Our local library may be small in size but manages to pack in a lot of terrific books. I am always drawn to the range of art books on the Non Fiction shelves.

We are planning some workshops at the club for the end of March into April (and beyond).

Sandy will be demonstrating Paint Pouring. This is an activity where the paint makes the decisions about where it will go, although Sandy did manage to get a lot more control in her version of the Hokusai Wave at the exhibition.

As the new category of 'Challenge Painting' was so successful and popular at this years exhibition we will launch a new challenge in June. It again will be based on a quite familiar artwork (one which has no copyright attached).

Referring back to the March Pelican Post where I attempted to explain the Fibonacci Sequence, I must



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apologise for an error. The sequence starts with a zero, therefore, 0+1=1, 1+1=2, 1+2=3 and so on.

At the Yacht Club Maz and I were discussing the subjects of art, maths and nature and her Bird Paintings and she asked me to acknowledge Matt Laughton whose bird photography is the basis for many of her paintings (with his permission). The Art Club meets on Tuesday Evenings from 6.30 to 8.30 pm (for working people), and Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am to 2.00 pm. Visitors are welcome, and we would love to welcome some new members. Enquiries to Trisha Hearne 0419 964 214.

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#### Waterwise garden learnings from the not-so-wise newbies By JO BAKER

We'd always taken water for granted, until we moved to Kudardup last year. Now we're on tank water and wholly reliant on what falls out of the sky to sustain us and our garden. It's changed everything.

We wanted to avoid reticulating to save water and money. So we spent hours geeking out on waterwise, fire-safe, windtolerant, nature-friendly planting guides. And we asked local nurseries for advice on what's likely to survive in our rocky clay soils with minimal maintenance.

Not all our best-laid plans worked out though, and we're still learning. For anyone starting from scratch, like us, here's what's working (so far) since we planted up in June, July and August last year.

PVC pipes. A lady in Karridale kindly shared this tip with us. She'd sunk off-cuts of PVC pipe (upright) around the base of her fruit trees and tied a fine piece of mesh over the top to stop the pests from getting in. We've done the same with our young native trees and shrubs and fill them with water twice a week over the summer to get water directly to the roots.

Using the same principle, we've made some simple ollas. Not the fancy expensive clay ones. Just old milk bottles with two holes punched in the side. We put these in the ground up to their necks when we planted our windbreak shrubs. They seem to have worked well so far. Plastic isn't ideal, but we'll remove them once the plants have established their roots. We've got a steep drop on the east side of the garden where the rain was washing the topsoil away. So, we dug some mini swales (short ditches), banked up the soil we dug out to create mini berms to slow and catch the run-off, then covered it all in hessian and mulched over the top to stop those strong southerly winds carrying the soil away.

We're hand watering twice weekly for the plants' first two summers using watering cans and a hose. And we're finding that most are happy with only 10 to 15 seconds of watering at a time. So far, the septic drainage field is going great guns with these septic-safe varieties from Everyday Potted Plants: Dianella Silverado, Lomandra Crackerjack, Lomandra longifolia, and Aussie Flat Bush (Rhagodia).

The Cape Leeuwin Wattle, Sticky Wattle, Westringia dampieri, Westringia fruticose, Frog Hakea, Coastal Daisybush, Coastal Pimelea, Cockies Tongues, and Paddy's Pink are all doing OK too.

The Coastal Wattle, Rigid Wattle, Sharks Tooth Wattle, Coastal saltbush, Scaevola (Fanflower) and Correa are under constant attack from leaf-eating pests. And the Prickly wattle (Acacia lasiocarpa), Old Man Saltbush, Bluebell Creeper (Billardiera), Snake Vine (Hibbertia scandens), and Pig Face have been completely decimated.

Augusta Margaret River Shire visited our garden-in-progress for Part 1 of the Caring for Our Place Challenge. You can watch the short video on their socials, posted for World Water Day on 22 March. Hope this helps more newbies like us.





#### at guns with these Possums in focus..... Although we care for

Although we care for all manner of animals and birds, in February a number of Western Ringtail Possums (WRP) required assistance and care.

WRP or Ngwayir, are a marsupial found only in the south west of Western Australia. They are smaller than a cat, with a stocky build, grasping feet, dark greyish brown fur, pale undersides and a long tail with white tip. Breeding occurs mainly in winter, and a single juvenile emerges from the pouch after about three months when they weigh about 125 grams and suckle until 6-7 months and weigh 550 grams. In the wild WRP live up to four years, dwelling in tree hollows or building a Drey - a nest like structure assembled of shredded bark, twigs and leaves.



Ngwayir are largely arboreal (tree dwelling) herbivores that forage at night through the upper canopy of trees, but will move through the under-storey or open ground to feed or gain shelter when the tree canopy is unconnected. In Augusta and surrounds a small population of WRP exist, some of whom frequent urban gardens where they feed on a variety of native and introduced plants. Ngwayir are largely arboreal (tree dwelling) herbivores being watchful for animals when driving at night. We invite you to come along to the Village Grocer (IGA) on Easter Saturday 19th April and support our fundraising efforts at our Sausage Sizzle or by buying a ticket in the Easter Raffle or BOTH! We are most grateful for the continued support of the local community and hope to see you then.

Of the WRP taken into care, unfortunately two passed away. One had neurological symptoms as if it had received a major head knock. This WRP improved for a short time then passed. The second had a large wound on its rump near the base of its tail and scattered hair loss. This WRP was taken to Busselton for specialist veterinary care but also unfortunately passed away. A baby WRT came into care after being separated from its mother after she was attacked by dogs. The mother had patches of fur missing and escaped to the trees while the baby was found on the ground curled up at the base of a tree and so was taken into care. Baby (Bob) was taken to the vet and weighed 102 grams when found. Bob requires feeding every 4 hours on Biolac - a special animal formula and now four weeks on weighs 162 grams.

April 2025



Western Ringtail Possums are classified as critically endangered with a decline in numbers by more than 95% due to clearing of habitat, fire, the introduction of foxes and cats and as a result of roadkill. AWC encourage residents to make their homes possum friendly to contribute to their conservation. This would include ensuring domestic cats are kept inside at night, erecting a possum box if able in suitable trees and being watchful for animals when driving at night.



## MAKE NO MISTAKE - Introduction to Biomimicry

By JAY HARMAN

The Abrolhos Islands consist of a chain of 122 islands and hundreds of kilometres of coral reef on the continental shelf near Geraldton. It was there that I had a memorable close encounter with a humpback whale. I was aboard a Department of Fisheries and Wildlife patrol and research vessel, anchored in a sheltered lagoon. As I scrambled up from below decks at 6 a.m. to get ready for another day of seafaring, my skipper Ted exclaimed, "You should see the size of this whale swimming out from under the boat!"

"You should see its tail and calf," I yelled back as I watched two, very large shadows pass under the boat. The scene was fitting for the Islands. Abrolhos means "look out!" and was named by early Dutch navigators who crashed their lumbering sailing ships into them when inaccurately plotting their course to the Spice Islands north of Australia. The Abrolhos is comprised of tens of thousands of acres of reefs and lagoons, capped by tiny, rocky outcrops that barely qualify as islands. The water in our anchorage lagoon was about four acres in size, 20 metres deep, and crystal clear, with up to an astounding 60 metre visibility.

A humpback whale had entered the lagoon, which was very unusual. We were concerned that she may be injured or tangled in fishing gear. We decided I needed to investigate. To swim with a whale in these conditions was the opportunity of a lifetime. I had to go in, though I felt at some risk, knowing that such a massive animal could easily dispatch me in one swift movement. With my heart in my mouth, I donned my mask and fins. I slipped over the side of the vessel, making as little splash as possible. I had entered the water facing the whales. As the bubbles cleared from my face mask, I could clearly see the mother whale, like a bus gliding by about 15 metres away, but at first no sign of the calf. I then caught a glimpse of the younger animal hiding behind its mother, who turned and headed toward me.

My heart pounded hard. The sheer size of my companion was gripping. About five metres from me, she changed direction and turned side-on, staring at me as she cruised silently by. I was mesmerized. I felt completely exposed and simultaneously held by the dark depths of her huge eye. Although whales have an extensive language of song and due to the non-compressible nature of water, can communicate with their relatives and potential mates up to eight thousand kilometres away, this protective mother was in stealth mode. As she passed, I could see isolated clusters of white and grey barnacles clinging to her skin. The leading edge of her long flipper, looking more like an aircraft wing, had large, irregular bumps or growths along its length. They, and the barnacles, looked strangely out of place on her otherwise streamlined body.

Through a surprisingly and somewhat humbling experience, university researcher Dr. Frank Fish discovered that these odd looking design "mistakes" on a whale's flippers are actually nature's ingenious strategy to not only reduce drag but to give her extraordinary manoeuvrability.

As a fluid dynamics researcher, Frank knew that irregularities on the trailing, or back edge of a wing could reduce drag and

noise. As his company's website describes, he saw a sculpture of a humpback whale in a store one day with bumps on the front of its flippers and made the observation: "Look at that. The sculptor put the bumps on the wrong side of the flipper." But the store manager knew the sculptor's work well enough to know the sculptor wouldn't have been wrong, especially when it came to humpbacks. So she assured him that the bumps were where they should be. After checking the facts, Frank conceded that the artist was indeed correct. But if the artist was right, then contemporary scientific understanding was wrong. It led Frank to dig further, and now he's a specialist on cetacean fins.

Cetaceans, from the Latin cetus, which means "whale," are a class of marine mammals that include whales, dolphins, and porpoises. Frank Fish has become one of the world's leading experts on how their shapes result in phenomenal hydrodynamics. If a plane climbs or turns too steeply, the flow of air can separate from the wing as it rushes past. This makes the plane lose the lift of its wings so that it stalls (the technical term). Proper flight requires keeping flow attached to the wing, since this dangerous stall condition can result in a plane falling out of the sky.

Humpback whales need to climb and turn rapidly to herd and then gulp balls of small, schooling fish. Dr. Fish's research confirmed that the irregular bumps on the whales' fins act like channels that guide the water into many tiny, spiraling whirlpools. These whirlpools are made of the same water that surrounds them, but the way the water rotates does two things for the whale. First, the bumps help create a thin cushion of tiny, spinning whirlpools that act like ball-bearings close to the animal's skin, so the bulk of the water can slide past. Second, the whirlpools lower the pressure within them so the water flowing past is sucked closer to the whale and is less likely to separate when rushing past the fin. This helps the animal maintain lift and avoid stall even when manoeuvering at steep angles.

Compared to a regular wing or blade that you might find on an airplane or fan, Dr. Fish's research has shown that a whale's bumpy fin can provide significant increase in lift and up to 40 percent increase in angle of attack. enhancing its ability to fly and turn the animal through its watery atmosphere. To engineers, whose designs benefit from one hundred years of aeronautic analysis and innovation, a 40 percent improvement is a staggering amount. The bumps also provide around 30 percent reduction in drag, to better slice the fins through the surrounding water.

Dr. Fish proved once again that nature can confound our traditional scientific logic and produce performance far beyond engineering imagination. His work is now patented and is being commercialised by applying whale bumps to the leading edge of wind turbines and large fans in order to improve their energy efficiency and reduce noise.

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.



## **Information Session: A community-led initiative** Find out how you can get paid for supporting your local community or get help to stay living at home

Join Mable and Augusta CRC for morning tea and to hear about our new Staying in Place program - locally led care with social, economic and health benefits for our community.

## Thursday 3rd April, 9:00am - 10:30am Augusta CRC, 66 Allnut Terrace









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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 630am, 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 its 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? March 2025:



The Flounder fellas welcomed their 'men's line' of iconic Flounder toggs premium Delfina jammers made in Europe no less. The men are strutting their stuff and pleased with the comfort. Get in touch if you're keen for a pair.

This month the Flounders celebrated with a bittersweet send off to two of their local legends, Joe n Kaye Reither,

who are off to travel the continent and eventually relocate to Busselton to be closer to their 'other' family. We'll miss them in the water with us daily, but will join them at their jetty once they settle.





March 15 was the 10th anniversary of the Port 2 Pub. The mighty channel swim from Leighton Beach to Rottnest Island saw 1500+ participants, and their support vessels, crew, paddlers and friends, journey across. The solo's jump in at dawn closely

followed by the duos and teams. The Augusta Flounders had their first fleet crossing with 4 local legends in a mixed team. Joey, Rob, Claire and Nicki swam the 20Ks+ relay style and reached the island after 6hr 50mins of swimming in +2m swell. Once again our slop n chop training in our local pool gave us all the strength and stamina we needed. We charged and loved every minute of it ...well, maybe not the stingers onslaught in the final 5Ks.





We were blessed to have legendary skipper (Mick Cudby, Karridale) direct the perfect course and great friends for support on board. Our team came 5th in the veteran's category. We can't wait to back it up in 2026. We're likely to enter two teams next year so for anyone who'd love to tick that box come down and get training with us. Stay tuned for our next adventures!



Got ideas? Want to get involved?: augusta\_acda@ yahoo.com

#### TURNER STREET JETTY

We are working with the AMR Shire to understand what part the community can play to expedite repair or replacement of the Turner Street Jetty. Interim updates will be made to the Community Noticeboard on Facebook.

#### CAPERS HAVE A GO : SWIMMING & RUNNING COME OUT AND HAVE A GO!!

The Flounders meet to swim on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6.30am at Flinders Bay. The Mudskippers meet to run a 5km run at your own pace, at 6.30am Fridays, also meeting at Flinders Bay. Contact us at caperschallenge@gmail.com for further information! #OFFTHECOUCH!!

#### WHALE TAIL & MENS SHED OPEN DAY!



A steady stream of visitors were blown away by the incredible whale tail sculpture being built at the Men's Shed, and many took a tour of the Shed's fantastic facilities and shop... The tail will head off on its journey for galvanising soon – it will go to one of the biggest galvdips in Perth! Galvanising involves bathing the whole

structure in a chemical solution at high temperature so it won't rust in our saline environment... we are a little nervous – will the holes fill in? will the heat cause any warping?? If you missed out on the open day, pop in to Men's Shed one morning - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday (community day – all welcome) or Friday, to see the last little bits being added.

#### SOUNDING BOARD: COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

94 out of 107 respondents said they or someone they support would appreciate help getting to appointments, community events, etc.

Of these, 34 need help getting around Augusta and surrounds. 50 have appointments in Busselton, 43 have appointments in Bunbury. About half would need the service once per month, with less needing it more often. No one who responded indicated they receive government support which meets their transport needs. Most rely on their spouse or family to drive, and some are still driving.

#### Q5 Do you currently receive government funded services at home ie Home Care package / PATS / NDIS etc



Most needed out of town medical, dental and specialist support. Amazingly, 52 said they could volunteer to help drive others.

This data will be used to advocate for a community transport service and additional public transport. We will also use the data to inform other activities of the Ageing in Community group. Please get in touch if you would like more details or would like to get involved.

SOUNDING BOARD: SHIRE BUDGET

The Shire is drafting its 25/26 budget – what do you



want to see in it? Contact councillors direct, or add your voice to the Sounding Board via the link or QR code: https://www.surveymonkey. com/r/ShireBudget25-26 We note there is already money in the budget to complete the Lighthouse trail and there's funding over 4 years for the Wadandi track.

There are more ways to fund projects than Shire funding – contact us if you want to make something happen in our area!

## CONVERSATIONS TAALINUP AUGUSTA: APOLOGIES

Due to unforseen circumstances, "Protecting Augusta's Unique Environment - the Rezoning of Augusta's Kings Park for Environmental Conservation" has been postponed. We look forward to hearing all about it later in the year... watch this space!

If you know anyone who knows anyone who lives next door to someone who knows a lot about something INTERESTING and might be willing to have a Conversation with our community, please get in contact!

#### **ANDIMAPS:**

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 on Thursday April 3, 5.30pm at the Augusta Hotel in the Miners Room... come along and get involved!



By PETER KEPPEL Image By Peter Keppel

The Mens Shed continues to be a busy and happy place that encourages its members to use the Shed. This includes members, ladies and visitors visiting to

carry out their wood and metalwork projects, and the rebuild of the Massey Ferguson tractor. Each Friday the Shed meeting room is busy with local people coming to use the Pool Table and socialise. Local people are always welcome.

The Shed has commenced the build of a Blacksmith Workshop. It also continues to have a steady income from the making of and by selling goods and doing jobs for local people.

Members and visitors are reminded that the Shed and its Shop are open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings.

Again, thanks to the Augusta Bakery for your sponsorship by donating our morning tea food.







Swing into Mother's Day with the Margaret River Concert Band in Augusta!

By Genevieve Mann

Music lovers, mark your calendars! The Margaret River Concert Band is bringing their much-loved Mother's Day Weekend Augusta Playout back to Centennial Hall on Saturday 10th May from 2:30 to 4:30pm—and you won't want to miss a note!

Get ready for an afternoon filled with toe-tapping jazz, swinging big band hits, soaring concert pieces, and beautiful vocalists Michelle Spriggs and Andrea Manners, all performed by a band that can't wait to be back in their favourite venue. And what's a great concert without a little indulgence? The band will be serving up a delicious afternoon tea, so bring your appetite along with your love for live music.

Whether you're a longtime fan or a first-time listener, this is your chance to see the Margaret River Concert Band in action, soaking up the vibrant community spirit that makes Augusta so special. And if you've ever thought about picking up an instrument (or dusting off an old one), now's the time! The band welcomes musicians of all abilities—so why not come along, enjoy the show, and have a chat about joining?

Tickets to the concert are \$20 for adults. Children 12 and under are free. Afternoon tea included.

Tickets are available online via https://www.trybooking. com/DACTP, via the Augusta Newsagency (cash only) or at the door on the day.

See you there for music, laughter, and a perfect start to the Mother's Day weekend!

All enquires can be made to Genevieve Mann 0439973195.

Follow the QR code to book your tickets online.





By ROD CLEMENT Images by Ian Ladyman

The 23rd of February and it's another monohulls club

championship heats. The breeze at the club was from the southeast and 10kns but out in the open water it was gusting 15 to 18kns, making for a challenging sail. Fig Jam was out in front, Happy Hour and Protocol were close and Big Red Dwarf missed the start and was languishing at the tail of the fleet. Protocol was edging closer to the leader after one lap and with the breeze stiffening, the reefed mainsail, he was looking the goods. Happy Hour also still in it.

With only three legs to go it was looking like it was The second race was the same course but now in 15kns anyone's to win. Fig Jam was first around the last mark, but only just, and it was now panic stations for the line, from the Southwest, almost proper raining and as it quite often turns out in the water out from the cold as, Cliff Hanger broke the start and had to go back club, the breeze dropped and had all three boats around the start buoy and set off again. Double knocking badly, Happy Hour got the better of the Shot led throughout the whole race and the rest of the situation and tacked to the line first, Fig Jam second fleet were all bunched together, Billy M, Emily Jean, and Protocol third. On handicap Protocol first over the Catatonic and Sirius Lee changing possies all over the show. It was good to watch. line.

A really good race enjoyed by all.



The first Sunday of March was meant to be a howler and the catamarans were meant to compete for a club championship heat. In the end it was a fizzer, the breeze was just breeze and not the 30kns as everyone had expected. Goes to show, you can't always rely on expected wind predictions, sailing was called off.





But, skipping to two legs to go, Cliff Hanger made his move, at first passing under Double Shot only to have him pass back. The breeze was hitting 20kns and they were flying, spray was pluming off their hulls with nothing in it, then Double Shot's bow drove in to a wave and in a blink it was all over. It was an impressive cartwheel for us in the safety boat and everyone on shore to see. He righted it, climbed back on, got it sailing, tacked and still finished third over the line. That got his heart rate pumping. Fastest to Cliff Hanger, on handicap it was First Xena, second Billy M and third was Frisky.

As always thanks for the starting and safety boat crews.





*By JUNE LE GALLEZ* Images by June Le Gallez

Back under a new roof With our little room closed

off and roofing work to be done we needed to find a new venue where our club of ladies could come. We came up with the perfect place: the Jewel caves are swell. So, we took our wheels, our knitting and crocheting as well. The coffee was delicious the food amazing too. So we spent a lovely afternoon as we ladies always do. Next week we'll find another home just for a week or two then we'll return to our little room, the Spinners & Weavers crew. So, if you're on your own Tuesday and Thursday too, come along to our little room to see what we all do and bring along your project or maybe start anew.

All Welcome at the spinners room at the Centennial Hall for a chat, homemade goodies and laughter.

Tuesday 10:30am – 4:00pm Thursday 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Just a reminder a date for your diaries: Saturday 19th April the Spinners and Weavers Easter the Augusta Centennial Hall 8:00am – 1:00pm. Where the ladies at the club will have a wonderful array of woollen products for viewing and sale. Now is the time to buy your winter woollies. There will be a display of the art of spinning. Lastly a big thank you to Michelle Readshaw for all your hard work. Michelle has been writing our articles for Spinners and Weavers for the Pelican Post for many years. She will be a hard act to follow!







By ISABELA GODDEN Image by Isabela Godden

We have received great feedback from the local community and town visitors.

The photo was sent to us by a lovely couple from Bunbury who took the time to sit and appreciate the garden's beauty. At the moment we have thriving garden beds and a very healthy passion fruit vine taking over our recently built new pergola.

We will have a Garden Stall with fresh produce on the Easter weekend - Saturday 19th April from 9 to 11am. On the same day there will be a lovely art exhibition at the hall next door.

We meet every Monday from 8:30am to 10:30am as we work on the garden and have a cuppa afterwards. A great way to meet like-minded garden lovers. All welcome!



Taken in your lovely community garden, with the friends we went with. It is lovely, keep up the good work.



#### Spiritual Reflection By BILL WOODAGE

In the 1980s, I was learning Australian sign language, known as Auslan. At that time in America there was a gorilla named Koko, she was a female Western Lowlands Gorilla. A PhD student called Penny taught Koko American sign language. This animal could communicate effectively though sign language and developed some of its own signs for words as well. Near the end of its life, Koko was asked what she thought of the people of the world. She told Penny that people, as a species, are stupid and dangerous. Koko's IQ was estimated to be as high as 90. Indeed, she was a very clever animal.

Many people today say we are all children of God, no matter the race or religion or creed. It is true that we have all been created in the image of God and His DNA is stamped on our being. But every person has a moral compass, and this sets us apart from the animal kingdom. Also interestingly, the Bible makes it very clear that we are not all His children because of an individual's unredeemed state. In fact the Bible goes on to say in Ephesians 2:3, *Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.* 

I think that this is what Koko the gorilla could see in people.

Our unredeemed state is hostile toward God's holiness. John 8:44, You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.

We become children of God only when we are born of His Spirit.

Do you know God as your Father?

Finally in Romans 8:14 it says, For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.





#### Hello Augusta and Surrounding Areas!

As another month passes at your local radio station, we're excited to spotlight one of our most dynamic team members—Nardia Drayton. Though she has been with the station for just over a year now, her journey with 20ceansfm began long before that,

Nardia isn't just a radio personality; she's an entrepreneur and a trailblazer in the country music scene. As the owner of Rock This Country and RTC Records, she has carved out a niche in public relations, dedicated to everything country. Her extensive network and deep understanding of the genre make her the go-to source for many of our afternoon shift interviews, where listeners get to hear firsthand from the rising stars and established legends of country music.

#### **Bringing Fresh Sounds to Airwaves**

Every Saturday morning, Nardia takes her passion for country music directly to the airwaves with her show, Country Wardrobe. This program isn't just about playing music—it's a curated showcase of emerging country acts poised to become tomorrow's big names. With an ear for talent and a commitment to supporting new voices, Nardia's show serves as both a platform for artists and a destination for listeners eager to discover fresh sounds.

#### **Your Opportunity to Shine**

Does Nardia's journey resonate with you? Do you have a passion—whether it's a specific music genre, a hobby like fishing, local history, or even surfing—that you'd love to share with a broader audience? Our local radio station is always looking for fresh voices and new perspectives. We understand that life can get busy, and committing to a half-hour show might seem daunting. That's why we invite you to consider a oneoff or occasional segment whenever you have a spare 30 minutes. It's a chance to pop into our community, share your passion, and contribute to the vibrant tapestry that makes our station so unique.

#### Join the Conversation

Nardia's story is a reminder that creativity and community go hand in hand. Whether you're an aspiring artist, a passionate hobbyist, or simply someone with a story to tell, our station is here to help you shine. So, if you've ever thought about stepping behind the mic and sharing what you love with others, now is the perfect time to get involved.

Until next time, keep your dial tuned and your passion alive. Augusta

#### TRIVIA

**1.** Does puerile mean: (a) childishly foolish; (b) easily managed; or (c) feverish?

2. What Sanskrit word beginning with 'n' is used as a greeting in Hindu cultures?

3. Born in Melbourne in 1864 and enjoying great career success in Paris was the artist Rupert [who]? **4.** Following the life of the Donaher family, name

Australia's first reality TV show. shot in 1992

5. The Spanish phrase feliz cumpleaños translates to what in English?

6. Presbycusis affects which sense?

7. Monarch, red admiral, Ulysses and orange migrant are all types of what?

8. Ultramarine is a deep-blue colour pigment that was originally made by grinding which semiprecious stone into a powder?

9. In what year was the Australian \$1 banknote withdrawn and replaced by a \$1 coin?

**10.** By what name starting with 'L' is Hansen's disease more commonly known?

source:TheSaturdaypaper

Solution can be found on page: 45

## ACCI **MEMBER MEETING**

The Augusta Chamber of Commerce is back for 2025 and ready our a brand new year of fun events.

Here are the details of our first meeting:

When: 24th April Where: Deckchair Cafe Time: 7:30am -8:30am Who: All member and local business owners

Come down for a coffee and see what the Chamber can offer you and your business

> If you wish to attend the meeting please RSVP to Allie via email

secretary@augustawachamber.com.au





40 Chairpersons and **Executive Committee** members attended

the workshop from all over WA. The meeting was a wonderful networking opportunity and a chance to

learn about Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's (DPIRD) involvement and expectations. Workshop topics included Boardroom **Risks & Realities, Committee Roles and Responsibilities** and The Importance of CRCs in rural communities.





#### Heard on the green By KAY CHALLIS Images by Kay Challis

February has been another jam-packed month of top-class bowling competition around the Augusta Bowling Club and Leeuwin League events.

Two very successful two-day open fours events were held at the club during February and thankfully the weather god ensured perfect weather for both events.

Men's Open Fours held on 12th/13th February, which was generously sponsored by Optima Lime, welcomed 26 teams from all over the Southwest. A great time was had by all with the outright winners being a composite team comprised of players from Augusta, Dunsborough and Bunbury.

The Ladies Open Fours event, once again generously the enjoyment for sponsored by the Augusta Hotel and Hamelin Bay Holiday all. Although the Park, took place 22nd/23rd February and was another bowls don't always rip-roaring success with the ladies concluding the evening travel in the exact entertainment by donning colourful wigs and dancing direction they were the night away at the bowling club disco. 28 Teams intended, much representing 16 clubs from all over the state competed with laughter and chatter the outright winners this year being a team from Capel. make for a good These two events attracted 216 bowlers into our town over distraction. With the four days providing a huge boost to the local economy. the music wafting Without the continued support of our major sponsors over the greens some bowlers have even been spotted Augusta Hotel, Hamelin Bay Holiday Park and Optima concentrating more on their barefoot dancing than the Lime these events could not occur. We wish to publicly destination of the bowls. One or two jokes delivered by MC acknowledge and thank all local businesses for their Allan Evans along with lots of great raffle prizes once again continued support of our annual club events. provided by our local businesses, complete the night in fine Meanwhile Club Championships have continued to be form and ensure you all return for more fun the following played and finalised, with the following results. week.

#### **MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Men's Fours Champs this year are Gary Dial, Allan Evans, Rob Crain and Ginger Milentis. Men's Singles Champion; Owen Rafferty Men's Veterans Singles Champion; Owen Rafferty Men's Novice Champion; Austin Fraser



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#### LADIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ladies Singles Champion; Trish Campbell Ladies Singles Plate Winner; Jane Kelly Ladies Veterans Singles Champion; Trish Campbell Ladies Fours Champions; Mem Evans, Trish Campbell, Jacqui Graves and Noeline Williams.



Corporate bowls is continuing to bowl along this month with 24 teams vying for top position, or at least bragging rights. So far, the weather has been mild and calm which only adds to

Sunday 27th April will be the official closing event for the year with the AGM at 11-00 being followed by the President v Patrons competition.

#### **Regular Competitions**

Men's Mufti Wednesday Afternoon Registrations 12-30 Play begins 1-00

Ladies Day Thursday morning **Registration 9-00 Play begins 9-30** 

**Friday Mixed Scroungers** Registration 2-30 Play begins 3-00

See you on the green



## **Garden Gossip**



By CAROLINE FOLEY

An enthusiastic band of 20 garden club members were treated to a

wonderful tour of Andrea and Eion Lindsay's Garden on Monday. It was a glorious day with brilliant sunshine which allowed the garden to shine. Andrea inspired us all with the story of the regeneration of her garden, how they had brought in more soil and and had then completely redesigned a new landscape without compromising the view of the river from the house. The front of the house now boasts a variety of magnificent climbing roses, Crepe Myrtles, Japanese windflowers, salvias, lavender and other colourful plants surrounding the spongiest lawn I have ever stood on. The rear garden is dedicated to producing vegetables and fruit along with soil regeneration trenches. The avocado tree was especially prolific and the envy of all. Thank you, Andrea and Eion, for a wonderfully informative visit. It is such a treat to be invited into local gardens and we greatly appreciate the opportunity although we know it does cause some anticipatory stress getting your garden ready. We don't expect it to be pristine. We enjoy everyone's creativity, and every garden has its own character. We always take away some idea or inspiration back to our own gardens.

"If you want to be happy for a year, get married. If you want to be happy for a decade, get a dog. If you want to be happy for the rest of your life, make a garden."





Here is the condensed program for the rest of the year:

- 28th April (4th Monday) Visit Secret Garden, Wilvabrup
- 19th May Local gardens Grant Jackson & Dot Goddard - & Guest speaker Peter Keppel
- 16th June Guest Speaker Peter Wallace All about bees - followed by meeting
- 21st July Garden Craft Mandala rock painting all supplied
- 18th August TBA
- 15th September AGC Fete Meeting followed by general meeting
- 4th October AGC Fete
- 20th October Visit Glenbrae Gardens, Rosa Glen (\$10pp)
- 17th November Visit Leuca Creek Water Lillies, Metricup
- 15th December Christmas Luncheon





## Inclusivity within our Community

By IRIS KUPFER-HOLLIS, SUPPORT WORKER

#### **Augusta Bakery provides Outstanding Community Service**

This is not your average bakery. While you'll find all your favourites on their huge menu such as chunky beef pies and bee-stings, it also provides opportunities for our community members with a disability to develop their skills, grow their confidence and feel useful and valued for the work they provide.



#### Intellectual Disabilities and the importance of Inclusivity

Essentially the person with an intellectual disability, work is provided to Josh that he is able to successfully in this particular case, autism, has a brain that does complete. not innately or intuitively understand how to socialise with other people. Knowing how to socialise means Josh has worked at Augusta Bakery for the last 8 knowing things like how to read a face, use body months, attending on average twice a week and working anywhere between 1-2 hours at a time. Some of his jobs language, start a conversation, knowing why we use greetings and people's names, and how to infer what involve folding flat pack chip boxes into their useable shape, cutting up rolls of sticky labels and sorting these people are thinking and expecting. There are degrees to this difference that range from having no idea into appropriate storage compartments to be later used in the packaging of goods and finally, adhering these about socialising, what it is and how to do it, all the way to being able to manage socialising reasonably ready-to-go labels on to countless bags ready to be filled well, by using other areas of the brain. In addition to with freshly prepared sweet and savoury creations. Such having these social difficulties, the autistic person has doable tasks are of a very repetitive nature on which difficulties with processing the information coming to persons like Josh thrive. He loves coming to fulfill his the brain through the senses, and/or shows rigidity and weekly volunteer work and does so with much energy and enthusiasm. repetition in their behaviour. In other words, they do not cope well with change or transitions and they tend to like to do things the same way over and over. Such tasks might sound simple and boring to most of



Inclusivity in society is crucial because it ensures everyone, regardless of their background or identity, has equal access to opportunities, feels valued, and can fully participate in social life, leading to a more equitable, vibrant, and productive community by harnessing the potential of all individuals and mitigating the negative

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impacts of social exclusion; essentially, it promotes a sense of belonging and well-being for all members of society.

A mutually benefitting relationship has been developed and fostered between this local bakery and Josh Italiano (a local, young man) whereby valuable and meaningful

us; however, for Josh this is most definitively not the case. The bakery and its regular provision of tasks make him feel included and respected, fosters a strong sense of community for all parties involved and positively impacts his self-esteem and general quality of life.

Overall, being made to feel valued and included can lead to a greater sense of belonging and personal fulfillment for our people who have a disability and it would be wonderful to see other local businesses jumping on board and opening their doors to such mutually beneficial experiences.



## **ANZAC DAY SERVICE 2025**

110th ANZAC Day service

Friday 25th April



**RSL Memorial Park** Corner Osnaburg and York Street Augusta

> Dawn Service 6:20am Main Service 11am Form up for march at 10:50am

For any additional information please contact Bob Styles on 0417 936 211

#### Augusta River Festival Inc AGM

Wednesday 7 May 2025 at 6 pm Augusta Hotel Miners Room All Welcome Any queries please contact Carolyn 0424 607 334



## **BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

#### **General Public and Red Hatters Welcome**

#### DATE - FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025

Taking the 9.30 Ferry onwards

Time - 10.00am to 1.30pm

#### Where - Molloy Island

At the Shed alongside the Ferry

Ferry cost \$5.00 return trip per car Morning Tea - Plate of goodies with tea or coffee \$5.00 per person Raffle - Tickets \$5.00 each and drawn on the Day

#### All proceeds to Cancer Council

Local art and craft stalls Barista Coffee available for purchase





## **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

#### **Easy Scones**:

- 2 cups of self-raising flour
- 1 dessertspoon butter
- 1 cup of full-cream milk
- 1 dessertspoon sugar
- 1 room temperature egg



220°C and put the baking tray in the oven to heat.

A high-sided baking dish will ensure more evenly cooked moist scones.

- Always use good quality flour. Try to use butter rather than
- margarine.

**Country Women's** Association of WA

Handle as little as possible. A soft mixture rises best.

Work quickly – get scones in the oven as soon as possible after adding moisture to the recipe.

Flour on the bench and hands makes mixture easier to handle. Use a knife in a cutting action to mix the ingredients so as not to overwork the dough.

Place scones close together (touching) on the baking tray as they will support each other to rise well.

1. Sift flour into a bowl. This aerates the flour to make it lighter. 2. In a microwave, melt butter (or margarine) and sugar together in a small cup.

(Place a paper towel over the top of the cup to stop any splatter).

3. In a separate small bowl, add melted butter/sugar to the milk and then whisk in the egg with a fork.

4. Using a knife, gently mix the wet ingredients into the dry flour and turn out on to the bench which has been sprinkled with flour. (Add the liquid slowly as you may need a little more or less depending on the type and quality of flour - this can vary each time you make a batch of scones.)

5. Flour hands and lightly form dough into a flour coated ball. Do not overwork as this will make the dough tough.

6. Roll the dough gently but quickly to about 2-3 cm thickness.

7. Dip scone cutter or glass in flour and in one action push down firmly to cut the scone shapes and pull straight up to remove. Be careful not to twist the cutter as you push down as this will cause the edges to tear and the scones will rise lopsided Repeat the process each time you cut a new scone. Keep gently gathering the mix together until all the dough is used.

8. Place on a pre-heated hot baking tray close together so they are touching (this helps them to rise straight).

9. Place in a hot oven (220°C) for 10 minutes. Serve with fresh whipped or clotted cream with your favourite jam and a steaming pot of freshly brewed tea.





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#### **IN MEMORIAM GAIL ROBINSON**

Sending our love, sympathy and strength to Phill on the loss of his beautiful Gail. We are all here for you. Go easy Gail-flying with the angels.

All your mates at the Augusta VFRS.



#### Fire Fuel MR

Firewood delivery

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#### By SCOTT GODLEY Images by Scott Godley

As the summer weather ends, more mild conditions have seen good numbers at both croquet and tennis.

Correspondingly, rainy days have also seen some smaller numbers, although the standard of play has still been high.

A few tennis players have taken receipt of their new tennis racquets organised by Colin Clark from Margaret River Sportspower who brought a large collection of racquets down to the Club last month. As well as adding a significant splash of colour to the courts the racquets are steadily being mastered by their respective owners, and the percentage of sizzling winners has been on the rise.

Last month a group of players attended a busy bee to install some new carpet in the croquet club rooms, replacing the old 1990's carpet, and matching the carpet already in the tennis clubrooms. Our thanks go out to Mark, Julian, Helen, Mike and Scott who did a great job in improving the look of the recently joined clubrooms.





Are you an ex-member of the Augusta Tennis Club?

The Augusta and Districts Tennis and Croquet Club is celebrating 50 years of the Tennis Club on the 17th May with a Dinner Dance at the Augusta Hotel. All ex-members are invited along to help celebrate this achievement with current members and special guests. The evening will include a buffet meal put on by the Hotel and an opportunity to kick your heels up with a DJ and music.

Ex-members and current members can purchase a ticket at https://humanitix.com/au/events/australia/augusta You can also contact the club at secretaryadtc@gmail.com for further information.

Any memorabilia or photos that past members may have would be greatly appreciated to add to a display or slide show.

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## Augusta & Districts Community Childcare Inc.





As you may know, our community group received state government and shire funding to renovate and refit the old house next door to the Augusta Police Station for the purposes of running a childcare service. This will be a not-forprofit childcare service catering for 0-4 year olds and will deliver valuable early childhood education to Augusta's littlest residents. Employing local educators and supporting more parents to participate in work or study will also support Augusta's economy and local businesses. We are very excited to be able to deliver this project to our local community.

You may have also noticed that we have had our builders Resicom Southwest on site since February, with demolition stage complete, earthworks, parkland clearing to meet fire standards, concrete laid and framework for the additional buildings have gone up. It is all starting to take shape!

This is a big project for a volunteer committee, and of course, like many other groups in town, we are working on this project along with juggling busy lives with our own families and work commitments. Many hands make light work if you would like to help please see some of the ideas below, or please get in touch with us – <u>info@augustachildcare.org.au</u>



#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

In addition to building costs we need to cover insurance, utilities and more - not to mention setting up some great learning and play resources for Augusta's littlest children!



- Donating your eligible 10c containers to our cause, mention "Augusta Childcare" or C10433637
- Sponsor an item , for example: evacuation cots, raised garden beds, mud kitchen, office furniture, paint, landscaping materials
- Cash donation to our bank account

   Augusta & Districts Community Childcare
   BSB 633000 Ac 179478193
- Volunteer a skill or labour like helping build some garden beds or a mud kitchen for our outdoor space. Or can you help lay some turf or pavers?
- If you have a child 0-4 yrs requiring care and you haven't yet advised, please email us knowing ages and preferred days helps us plan

ease email info@augustachildcare.org.au if you'd like to lend a hand

#### 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

#### Solution can be found on pg 45

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## **PROJECT UPDATE**







### **Augusta Primary School News**

Thank you to all the members who made it down on election day for our P&C Sausage Sizzle. The P&C members were cooking up and selling a storm of sausages while our students were doing some of the best upselling of the baked goods ever!

#### Atheletcis Carnival

Well done to all our staff and students for yet another amazing Faction Carnival. The students demonstrated pride, enthusiasm and resilience throughout the two-day event. Again, it was fantastic to see the good sportsmanship shared among competitors and the way they looked after each other, supported each other to make sure that everyone



had fun. A big thank you to our P&C for providing a sausage sizzle and nachos and to all our parents that helped throughout the carnival – we couldn't do it without you! It was a very close carnival with the results being checked not once, not twice but thrice with only a 40-point difference! In the end Leeuwin emerged victorious to secure back-to-back victories. Could this be a new faction dynasty?













#### Year 4/5 Billy Carts

What an opportunity! Mr Howitt and his class have been busily working on planning, designing and now building their very own billy carts. This has been a great project for the students to test all the things they have been learning at school. On Friday they were even luckier to have granddads, carers, VIPs and dads come down to the school to help them with the build. It's always fantastic to see the students using the tools and their imaginations while working alongside their classmates and family members to create something awesome!



## Hello! (...)



Pre-Primary to Yr 2 students jump for joy at the AFL Clinic held at school



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## **Karridale** Primary School News



#### **AWESOME START TO 2025**

We warmly welcomed ten new families to Karridale Primary School this year—with nine of these families enrolling children in our Kindy or Pre Primary.

We commenced the school year with 50 students.

Four Student Councillors graciously accepted their role and councillor badges at our first assembly. All of the students should be proud of their acceptance speeches as they all showed confidence and maturity. They have embraced their role enthusiastically. Congratulations also to the Faction Captains.

All children have settled in quickly and we have had some special events take place including the Fun Run, Teddy Bears' picnic and an excursion to the Marri Tree Girl performance at the MR Heart.

On Tuesday 18 March, Mark Nicoski with Eddie Eagle conducted an AFL Auskick Clinic for our children in PP to Yr 2.

We look forward to the Faction Sports and Interschool Sports carnivals to round out the term.

#### **ARE YOU ABLE TO VOLUNTEER?**

As a volunteer you can make a difference to the lives of students at our school who need extra help and guidance either as a mentor or in learning support.

The EdConnect program connects positive and trusted role models with students who need help the most. Only one hour per week (during school terms) is the commitment and free training is provided.

EdConnect aims to equip young people with the life skills they need by building positive and supportive relationships with each student.

EdConnect is more than just an opportunity to make a difference, volunteering gives you an opportunity to make new friends, have fun and learn new skills.

We'd love to have you volunteer at our school as either a mentor or in learning support. Mentors work face-to-face with the same student. Whereas Learning Support volunteers help students within the classroom and provide much needed support to teachers.

Love to know more about **EdConnect**? Then please contact Fiona Cormack or Sharon Doyle on 9718 5150 or visit www.edconnect.australia.org.au



## Lower Blackwood Catchment

Land Conservation District Committee

## **Community Update April 2025**

#### Nutrient Dense Food Production on the Agenda

Dan Kittredge, a lifelong organic farmer, educator, and founder of the Bionutrient Food Association (BFA), is set to launch the world's first Certificate Level Masterclass in Nutrient-Dense Food Production in New Zealand (March) and Australia (April).

This unique two-part, seasonal Masterclass offers a transformative approach to food production, empowering individuals to understand the science of producing nutrient-dense crops—those with superior nutritional content and natural resilience. The course is designed to improve food quality while boosting productivity and profitability for food producers, with ongoing support and follow-up provided throughout the program to ensure successful accreditation.

We are delighted to announce that the Lower Blackwood LCDC is assisting Dan to present a course here in the Margaret River Region with Part 1 scheduled for early April at Wayfinder Vineyard in Cowaramup.



When? Thursday April 3, and Friday April 4, 2025, 7:30 am to 5:00 pm Where? Wayfinder Vineyard, 168 Clews Road, Cowaramup WA 6284 **Register Here** www.lowerblackwood.com.au/events/nutrient-dense-

food-production/ For more details head to our website.

You can read the full release here: 0c3a48df-bb18-4769-9a8e-739e0d7d11d0.pdf

## Planning and Preparing for the coming **Revegetation Season**

A good revegetation project is one that integrates the native bush into the whole farm enterprise. It may rehabilitate degraded land, use native vegetation

productively, or improve wildlife habitat. The success of any project however requires good planning and preparation.



Our final workshop for the month focused on those critical aspects with guest presenter Brook Devine from **CapeLife** walking participants through:

- the benefits of revegetation •
- how to pick and plan for your revegetation site •
- common challenges and how to avoid them ٠
- the steps to how to prepare a revegetation site •
- what plants to choose to achieve your goals

The workshop included a site visit to observe a wellplanned and established revegetation site and the impact it has had on the surrounding environment and wildlife.

Couldn't make it to the workshop? Take some time out to watch Brooke's 'Steps to Successfully Revegetate Your Farm', a webinar presentation we hosted in 2020 on this same topic, or check out our content hub 'Riparian Restoration' – You can find these on our website.

Interested in getting support for a fencing &/ or revegetation project on your place? Contact our Revegetation Officer, Ali Babington on M: 0499 037 126 |E: ali.babington@lowerblackwood.com.au

This workshop forms part of our Fencing & Revegetation project. This project is a part of Healthy Estuaries WA – a State Governi program that aims to improve the health of our South West estuaries.



#### **Events Coming Up with the LCDC**

What? Nutrient Dense Food Production Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 am to 5:00 pm How? Head to our website for more information: https://lowerblackwood.com.au/our-events/





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## **Annual Ryegrass Toxicity (ARGT)**

#### What is it?

Annual Ryegrass Toxicity (ARGT) is a disease present in parts of Western Australia that typically occurs in animals grazing on pasture or cereal stubble containing annual ryegrass infected with a nematode (Anguina sp) and a bacterium (Rathayibacter toxicus) between late spring and the end of summer. The disease can also occur in animals given feed containing infected ryegrass. The disease results from the ingestion of a toxin produced by the bacterium.

#### How does it happen?

The toxin producing bacterium are carried into the ryegrass by the nematode. The nematode invades the developing seeds of the ryegrass, replacing it with nematode galls (abnormal growth on plants). Nematode galls are not toxic and cause no resulting disease when consumed by animals. However, if the bacterium is attached to the nematode it will begin to grow and produce a bacterial gall with subsequent production of the toxin that causes ARGT.

#### What does it do?

The toxin that causes ARGT has a cumulative effect, continued consumption of infected feed will increase levels in the animal over time until symptoms develop. Symptoms can become visible within a week or two after introduction of animal to toxic feed or pasture but can take up to 12 weeks. Typically, affected animals show signs of muscle tremors, convulsions, grinding of teeth, nystagmus (rapid, repetitive, uncontrolled movements of the eyes), lateral recumbency (unable to rise from lying on their sides), jumping or swaying gait, aimless wandering and ataxia (poor muscle control that causes clumsy movements), followed by death. Signs are provoked when animals are driven or moved.



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#### Report your observations

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

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## **Backyard Buddies** Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

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Horse eating feed purchased from a supplier that tests for ARGT

#### What can I do?

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Diagnostics and Laboratory Services (DDLS) can carry out testing to detect the bacterium and provide a potential risk rating of feed, with the aim to prevent and limit exposure of the toxin to animals. For sampling and submission instructions please visit https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/livestockbiosecurity/testing-hay-annual-ryegrass-toxicityargt-risk

Steps to prevent annual ryegrass toxicity ARGT

1. Have your feed (hay, pasture, processed feed and silage) tested for the presence of ARGT. 2. If you are buying in feed, always check the seller has a laboratory report to show the hay sample tested is "No Risk' or "Low Risk" for ARGT. 3. Observe your animals daily when they are on pasture containing ryegrass or being fed hay, as

early removal from the toxin can allow animals to recover.

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## AUGUSTA COMMUNITY GROUPS CALENDAR

GROUP	DATE	TIME	EVENT/CONTACT	VENUE	
Anglican Church	lican 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 Comple 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 ScroungersHillview RoadLadies 18 HolesHillview RoadMen's 18 HolesHillview RoadMixed 18 HolesHillview 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	

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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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