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Q. Which country drinks the most coffee per capita?



Thursday 15/5 10:30am - 12:30pm

- Meet our team at the CRC
- Learn what we do for our community
- Meet new friends
- Special guests and prizes



See page 18 for details and answer

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA
MARGARET RIVER PRO





The 2025 Western Australia Margaret River Pro Pre-Event Community Notification

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

Event setup: 2 May to 16 May

Think Mental Health WA Trials: 13 May

Main Event dates: 17 May to 27 May

Event pack down: 28 May to 1 June

Surfers Point - Changed traffic conditions to Surfers Point 2 May – 1 June

Full Surfers Point car park closure 12 May to 30 May

Surfers Point to Rivermouth footpath closure 15 May to 28 May [You can access the Rivermouth on foot using the Rivermouth Road footpath at any time]

Parking - Will only be available at McLeods Paddock, Wallcliffe Road opposite the Margaret River Golf Course on the weekend of the event. The shuttle bus will run on a continuous loop from Surfers Point to McLeods parking area. Parking will be available at Riflebutts Reserve during weekdays.

Buses - Will only run on weekends – leaving from Mcleods Paddock, Wallcliffe Road opposite the Margaret River Golf Course to Surfers Point. Buses will run from 8am – 4pm

depending on the competition schedule. There is no time schedule with buses running on a rotation.

Traffic Management - Local Gnarabup/Prevelly/Grace-town residents will be issued with a Resident’s Pass.

Please ensure the sticker is placed on the inside of your left-hand side of your windscreen.

Message Boards - There will be visual message boards on Wallcliffe Road near the Margaret River Skate Park and near the Margaret River Golf Club. These will provide information regarding if the site is at capacity. If this is the case, please consider watching the event online at www.worldsurfleague.com, or at participating local businesses.

On surfing competition days Riflebutts dog exercise area will be closed however the dog beach section will remain open.

There will be **NO DOGS** allowed on the event site.

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Give back and get a lot.

Supporting your community is one of the best ways to get to know it. In such a social and inclusive group, you'll be surprised that some of the friendships you'll make can be nearly as rewarding as the good you're doing for your town.

You'll get St John certified training and the team support you'll need, plus you can pick your own hours.

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Help keep your ambulance service strong in Augusta.

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

- That means we DO NOT accept snails, cockroaches, ant nests, leaves, twigs, stones, cigarette butts or any liquid surrounding the items, such as stale beer, rainwater etc.
- WINE bottles and SPIRIT bottles are not acceptable.
- Please REMOVE ALL LIDS FROM ALL ITEMS.
- All ineligible items will be returned to the customer.
- They must be CLEAN. So customers, if you want your 10 cents, you need to help too.
- All WARRRL sites operate under the same Code of Practice.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

The Augusta Community
Resource Centre can offer
spaces at either the CRC,
Augusta Centennial Hall or the
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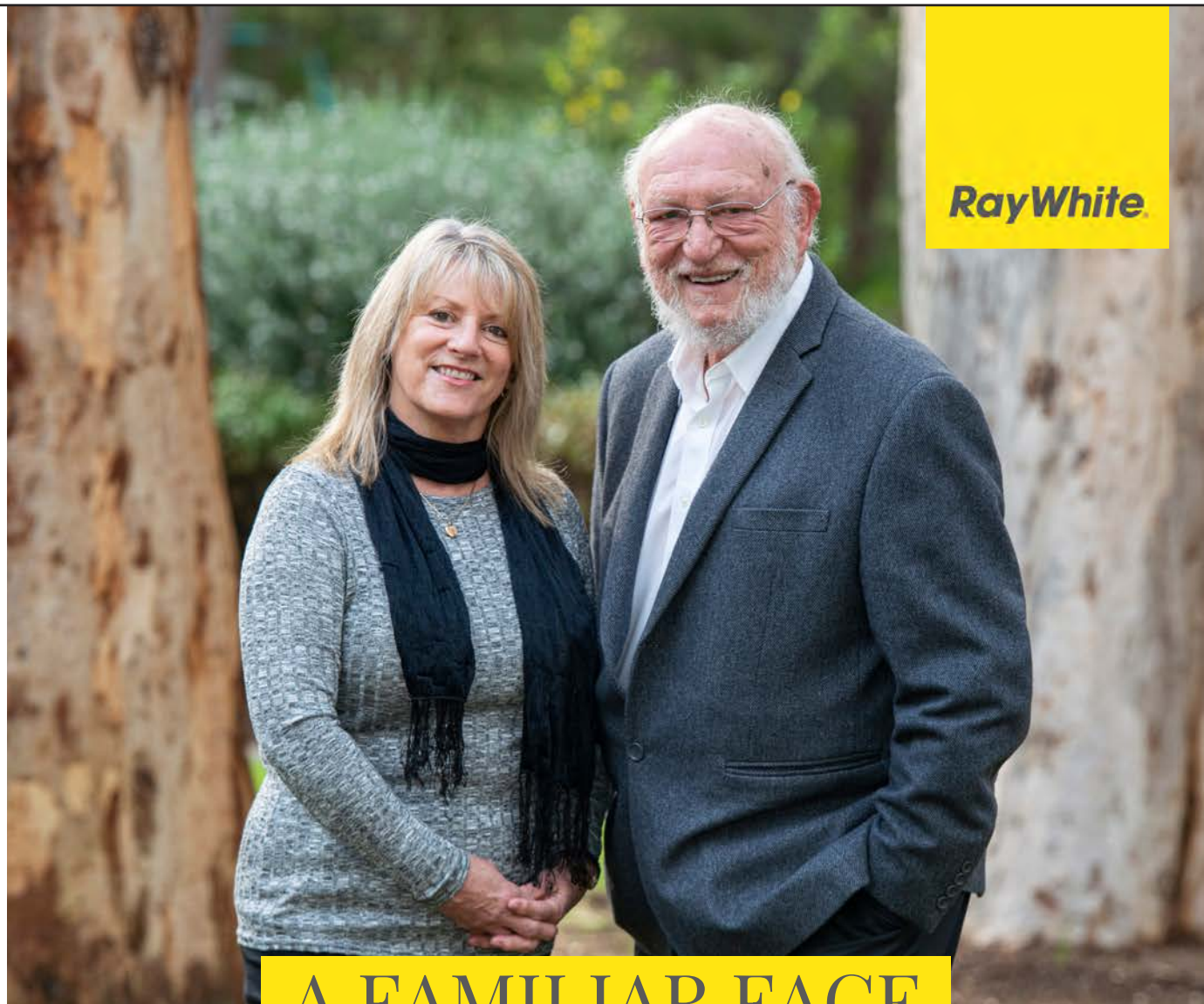
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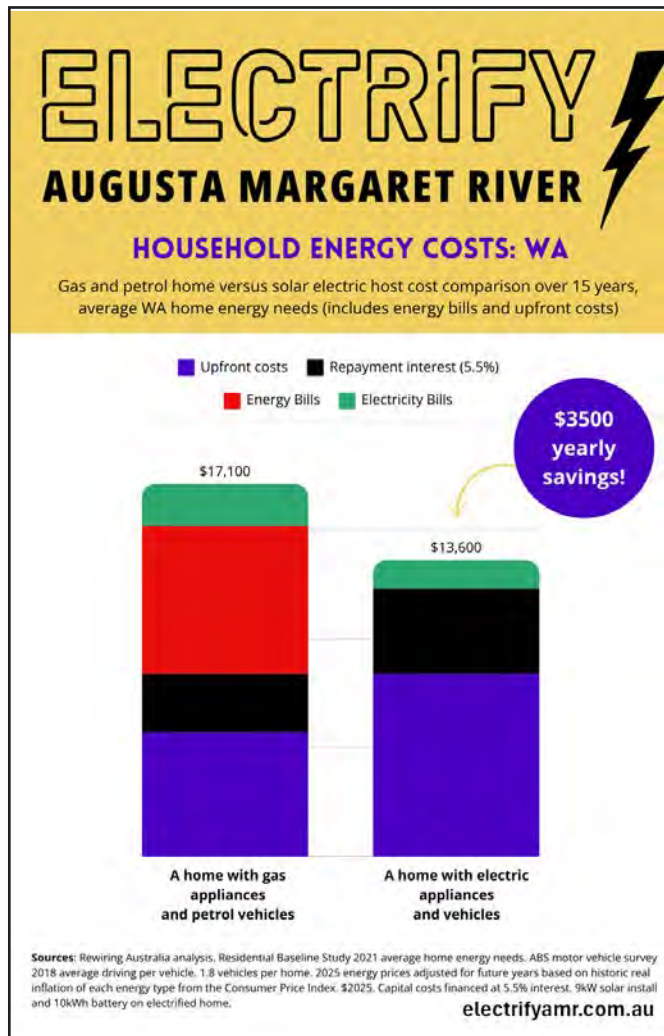
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TAKE THE SURVEY!

- Calling all households in our AMR Shire...
- How do you use energy at home?
- Are there any barriers to switching to electric?
- Keen to help shape local programs & events?

Complete now and go in the draw to win a book by Tim Forcey: My Efficient Electric Home Handbook. For more information or to complete survey online?



Thank you for your support!

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Surf Art EXHIBITION

Opening night Friday 16th May, 6-8pm
The Prevelly Chapel

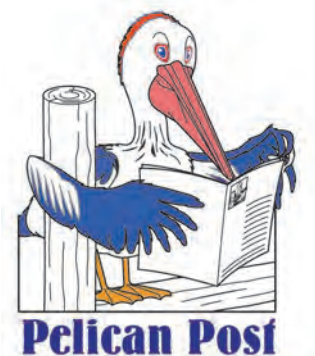
Artists: Jacqui Brown
Jamie Roper | Seasaltware Ceramics

Supported by

17-27 May Open daily 10am to 6pm

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS TO PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PAPER WANT TO BE PART OF THE PELICAN POST?

The Pelican Post will be running some additional articles around activities, new items of interest and extra editorials. If you would like to take advantage of these great new pieces and become a sponsor that promotes your business, please contact us at editor@pelicanpost.com.au and let us know what connects with your business.



Some examples may be to sponsor a prize for our puzzle page, sponsor an article with our new recipes with your logo or create and sponsor a piece with your business logo.

We'd be happy to meet with you to look at the best way to promote your business while supporting your Pelican Post.



In celebration of *Mother's Day* **Margaret River Concert Band**
& Friends invite you to the

Augusta Playout

Mother's Day Variety Performance

Featuring local vocalists **Michelle Spriggs** and **Andrea Manners**

BYO drinks & nibbles, afternoon tea provided

Tickets on sale now: Online: www.trybooking.com/DACTP

Augusta Newsagency (cash only) & at the door

Tickets \$20, Children under 15 years FREE



Augusta
Centennial Hall

SATURDAY 10 May,
2.30 – 4.30 pm
(PLEASE NOTE SATURDAY NOT SUNDAY THIS YEAR)



MOLLOY ISLAND'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

General Public and **Red Hatters** Welcome

DATE - FRIDAY 30th 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





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Kirstine Forestier



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AUGUSTA DINNER DANCE

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE CELEBRATIONS FOR THE AUGUSTA TENNIS CLUBS 50YEARS

ALL WELCOME TO THIS DINNER DANCE TO BE HELD ON
SATURDAY 17TH MAY AT THE AUGUSTA HOTEL

Tickets now on sale..don't miss out!

To purchase your ticket you can do either of the following
Click on the link below to take you to the Humanitix ticketing site
<https://events.humanitix.com/augusta-celebrating-50years-of-tennis>

Or you can search for Humanitix events and search on Augusta

Or if needing assistance contact the secretary below to arrange alternative payment options
secretaryadtc@gmail.com

TICKET PRICES \$70 pp includes welcome drink on arrival, 3 course sumptuous buffet and more



Feasibility assessment progress

May 2025



Wind farm end of life

Should the wind farm go ahead, and if after 30 years the decision is made to close the wind farm, Synergy would be responsible for the removal of the wind turbines.

The wind turbines, site offices and other infrastructure would be removed, and Synergy would rehabilitate the area to support its return to its previous land use. Synergy would then work with intermediary companies to recycle wind turbine components.



Case study

Ten Mile Lagoon Wind Farm

While we don't know where technology will be in 30 years' time, a current example of wind turbine recycling is Synergy's recently decommissioned Ten Mile Lagoon Wind Farm in Esperance. These turbines were sent to regional businesses to be repowered and put back to work powering their operations, thereby reducing diesel use.

Two turbines were donated to North Metropolitan TAFE in Perth to educate and inspire the next generation of renewable energy professionals.

Internal road bases and concrete foundations were crushed and removed off-site by a local Esperance contractor for reuse.



Electromagnetic fields

Electromagnetic fields (EMFs) are invisible areas of energy that are associated with the use of electrical power. EMFs occur both naturally and from manufactured sources. Naturally occurring EMFs are associated with lightning or solar activity. EMFs occur whenever electricity is being used, such as the refrigerator running. There is no evidence that exposure to low level EMFs causes negative human health effects. Studies have found that EMF levels in the vicinity of wind turbines were lower than those produced by many common household electrical devices.

Common household appliances that generate EMF



Electric stove



Toaster



Hairdryer



Fridge



TV



Kettle

The cost of renewable energy

Keeping coal generators online for longer is not a cheaper solution than renewable energy. The reliability of coal-fired power stations decreases as they approach the end of their intended operational life.

The continued uptake of rooftop solar and renewable energy across our electricity system has changed the demand for electricity at certain times during the day. The energy system now needs to rapidly adjust the electricity supply to meet this changing demand. Starting and stopping a coal-fired generator can be a costly and slow process, which is no longer compatible with the rapidly changing demand of energy in a 24-hour cycle.

Synergy drop-in office



To find out more, please drop-in to see the Synergy team between 10am and 4pm on the last Tuesday of every month.

⌚ When: Tuesday 27 May

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

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



Welcome to May from Shire President Julia Meldrum and CEO Andrea Selvey

Kaya Augusta community!

We're really excited to share that at a Special Council meeting on 16 April, Council accepted a tender to finalise the Cape Leeuwin Trail. This is a big step forward, and we're thrilled to be moving ahead with this project which our community has identified as a high priority project for Augusta.

A huge thank you to everyone who submitted an expression of interest to join the Turner Street Jetty Community Working Group. Your input is incredibly valued, and this collaborative approach between the Shire and the group will play a big part in shaping the future of this much-loved asset. Our first meeting on Thursday 18 April was very successful. If you'd like to stay updated or get involved, head over to the Shire's website – yoursay.amrshire.wa.gov.au/turner-street-jetty.

Applications are now open for the 2025–26 Major Events Grants! If you're planning a public event that boosts tourism, supports local businesses and makes Margaret River even more amazing, apply now for up to \$20,000 in funding! Applications close Wednesday 30 April 2025 at 4pm.

If you're visiting the Augusta Library soon, be sure to check out the beautiful display by the Augusta Art Club. It's a wonderful showcase of local talent, and a great way to support our creative community.

For our little ones and their families, the Augusta Library also hosts Toddler Tales – a fun, interactive storytime that's perfect for young children and their caregivers. It's a great way to introduce kids to the joys of reading in a relaxed, playful setting.

Andrea will be working from the Augusta office on Tuesday, 27 May and would love for you to drop in, say hi, and have a chat.

We're looking forward to seeing you at one of these events or out and about in the community!

Warmly,
Julia Meldrum, Shire President
Andrea Selvey, CEO



Grants open!

Community Development and Events Grants

The Shire invites applications for the Community Development and Events Grants program. Grants up to \$10,000 are available for larger projects, and up to \$3,000 for smaller initiatives. Applications close Monday 26 May 2025 at 4pm.

Environmental Management Fund (EMF) Grant Program 2025-26

The Shire is excited to announce that applications for the EMF Grant Program are now open! Grants of up to \$40,000 (ex GST) are available. Applications close Monday 5 May 2025 at 5pm.

Major Events Grants 2025-26

If you're planning an event that boosts tourism, supports local businesses and makes Margaret River even more amazing, apply now for up to \$20,000 in funding! Applications close Wednesday 30 April 2025 at 4pm.

For more information and to apply visit the website: www.amrshire.wa.gov.au/grants

Turner Street Jetty renewal

Keep up to date on the Turner Street Jetty renewal

Visit www.yoursay.amrshire.wa.gov.au/turner-street-jetty

- See a timeline of proposed project milestones and work updates.
- Read about upcoming meetings for the Community Reference Group and previous meeting minutes.
- Learn more details about the project by reviewing the frequently asked questions about the project.



East Augusta Jetty and Ted's Landing Rebuild

East Augusta Jetty

On Monday 28 April 2025 remediation works will commence at East Augusta Jetty. An additional two piles will be installed to finger jetties one to nine, and all steel fixings will be inspected and replaced where required. It is anticipated that all works will be completed by Friday, 2 May 2025.

Enviro Infrastructure Pty Ltd (Enviro) have been awarded the contract to complete the works. The Jetty will remain open to East Augusta residents. The intention is to perform the work one finger jetty at a time. Enviro will move any boats in the finger jetty to another finger jetty until the works have been completed. Once completed they will return the boat to the initial finger jetty. Should boat owners prefer to make alternative arrangements please contact Phil on 0450 166 512.

Ted's Landing Rebuild

Works to rebuild Ted's Landing Jetty are planned to commence on Monday, 5 May 2025. The existing structure will be demolished and a new jetty replacement installed. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Project delivery team directly on 0482 836 249.

Celebrating our community grant recipients!

Empowering local organisation to enhance community wellbeing and resilience

The Community Support Services Grant has been awarded to several outstanding local organisations within the shire of Augusta Margaret River.

This grant aims to provide financial assistance to support the delivery of direct social support services across the shire. The successful recipients include Augusta CWA, River Angels, Margaret River Community Pantry, Margaret River Community Centre, South West Counselling and Just Home.

These organisations have demonstrated a strong commitment to sustaining and increasing their services and programs that build community wellbeing, capacity, and resilience.

The Shire is also excited to award funding to collaborate with the Augusta Community Resource Centre, through the Community Partnerships program. This partnership will leverage the strengths and resources of each organisation to collaboratively address community needs, enhance the quality of life for residents, and create a more vibrant, inclusive, and resilient community.

What's on in May 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.
Wednesday sessions available at 1.00pm and 1.40pm.

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.



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

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

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

Augusta Art Club display at the Augusta Library

Come along to the library to view a variety of art on display by the Augusta Art Club. Works are for sale and the exhibition continues until the end of June.
If you are interested in being the next artist on display at the Library, just get in touch. Email: amrlibrary@amrshire.wa.gov.au

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: 10 April, 8 May, 12 June

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

- BANFF Mountain Film Festival (E) - Friday 9 May @ 7pm
- Women & the Wind (E) - Tuesday 20 May @ 7pm
- The Surfer (MA15+) - Thursday 22 May @ 7pm - Creative Corner Fundraiser
- Wilding (PG) - Tuesday 27 May @ 7pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Nature Conservation MR Sundowner - Thursday 8 May @ 6pm
- Our Community Volunteers Celebration - Monday 19 May @ 6pm
- Carnival Parade - Celebrate the Rains - Saturday 31 May @ 3pm
- Puppet Playtime (2 sessions) - Tuesday 27 May @ 10am & 1pm

THEATRE, MUSIC, COMEDY & DANCE

- Moments from Laramie - Presented by MRSHS Year 11 Drama Students - Tuesday 13 May @ 6:30pm
- Moments from Laramie - Presented by MRSHS Year 11 Drama Students - Wednesday 14 May @ 6:30pm
- Two thread - Presented by Danni and Karla Cook - Wednesday 21 May @ 7pm
- Mozart by Candlelight - Saturday 24 May @ 7:30pm
- Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow 2025 - Friday 30 May @ 8pm

Young @ HEART

FREE live music each Monday from 10am (not on Monday 5 May)
Check artsmargaretriver.com for full program



VISUAL ARTS

- Visual Stories (Exhibition & launch) - running until Friday 30 May (10am - 4pm, Monday - Friday)

LITERATURE

- Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival - Friday 2 May - Sunday 4 May 2025 (www.mrvfestival.com)



Leeuwin Lines

BUMPER EASTER SALES

Record crowds at the Second-Hand Goods Shed on Easter

Saturday brought in a great return for the Club and was due reward for those members and volunteers who gave up their morning to open the complex for trading. The opening times of 8am – mid-day on Thursdays and Saturdays each week is now becoming well known to visitors and those holiday makers who include a visit to the Second-Hand Goods Shed on each trip south. Also remaining highly popular are the Lions Book Shop and the Toy and Bric-a-Brac Shop both with a main street presence which promotes busy trading most mornings of the week.

All Lions entities well manned and operational over Easter



GUS BOMBS OUT!

It was disappointing news to learn that our Club sponsored Hearing Assistance Dog Gus (name derived from Augusta) failed to pass final testing on behavioural grounds.



He will of course be re-homed to a caring owner and the Club is likely to once again provide \$3,500 for another puppy to be selected and trained.

The Hearing Assistance Dog Program is enjoying remarkable success and giving life changing abilities to the many who are fortunate to received a trained dog and best companion.

EASTER ART

A great initiative by Augusta Primary School students saw Easter Art provided for display on the main intersection in town where the Lions Landscape team had just completed beautification work ahead of Easter and the school holidays. The Lions Landscapers were in the throes of installing the artwork when Shire President Julia Meldrum and CEO Andrea Selvey walked by and stopped to comment on the interesting project and praise the goodwill and enterprise of the students. The Shire President was happy to be photographed with the Lions Landscape team and pass on her appreciation for all the volunteer work they do on a regular basis to keep the main street attractive and well presented.



Shire President Julia Meldrum pauses for photo in middle of Leeuwin Lions Landscapers

AND FURTHER ...

At a recent Board Meeting the Lions Club of Leeuwin approved a quote for approx \$2,500 from the Men's Shed to build six planter boxes incorporating seating to replace the wine barrels that have seen better days. It is intended that most will be installed soon after the school holidays in the area from the newsagency to the local solicitor's office.

AND FURTHER STILL ...

Lions Landscapers appreciate the donation of coffee by many businesses at the end of work each Tuesday morning. Thanks are due to recent donors Augusta Bakery, DeckChair Café, Flinders Collective and generously for coffee plus an Easter treat, Catherine and Murray Broadbent of local solicitors "CM7 Legal and Settlements".

STAY ALERT WITH A MEDI-ALERT

The new medi-alerts ordered by Lions to replace the ones that operated under the old 3G telecommunications for many years have now arrived. Modern and easily worn as either a watch or pendant they have been readily accepted with appreciation by several local people in our community so far. A project proposed by Lion Margaret Martin and arranged by Lion David Turner, it is one that is intended to cater for those who are living alone or getting along in years and should have the 24-hour monitoring of health and safety that these devices provide. They may not look better than a Rolex or Cartier watch, but they do in case of heart attacks, accidents or falls. Any person interested in being considered for a medi-alert should make contact with Secretary Bill Perry 0400 750 967 or email leeuwinlionssec@gmail.com



LIONS MYALUP PINES COTTAGES

Looking for a pleasant break, or planning a special function, a birthday celebration or conference then Lions Myalup Pines Cottages could be the place for you. Situated 150km south of Perth, Lions Myalup Pines Cottages is leased from DBCA, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. (previously known as CALM and under the supervision of Lion Peter Keppel when a District Officer in his earlier working days)

It is now managed by a board of management made up of Lions from District 201WA, who are all volunteers. Myalup Pines Village has seven basic cottages each sleeping up to eight people. All cottages have crockery and cutlery for eight people, wood heating, toilet and shower facilities under the main roof. For further convenience, each cottage has a toilet outside. Visitors need only bring their own bedlinen including pillows and bathroom towels and toiletries.

The village has full BBQ facilities, an open fire pit, large green areas, bush walks of various distances and a children's playground. In addition, there is a hall available with a large modern kitchen as well as a large screen TV and a PA system for presentations, conferences or other group gatherings.

There are many things around to explore and enjoy. Myalup Beach with its beautiful white beaches great for swimming and fishing is only a short drive away. Lake Preston and Yalgorup National Park are ideal for bird watching, bush walking and nature study. Whittaker's Mill Site is 18km north of Myalup, once an old mill town, it is

now a popular rest spot for travellers with BBQ's and tables. The little town of Myalup boasts one of Harvey region's most unique mosaics designed by a talented local artist. Less than five minutes' drive away is the Old Coast Brewery with a variety of boutique beers and great food. There are also a range of other eateries to be found in Harvey and Myalup.

For bookings contact:

Roy and Marie +61 8 9720 1026
Forestry Road, Myalup, Western Australia 6220

"We are sure you will agree it is a wonderful Lions project and delightful holiday spot"



Lions Myalup Pines Cottages



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9758 0002 or reception@augustacrc.net.au





Celebrate Neighbourhood Week with


Trivia & Tea at the CRC!

Join us for a fun-filled morning of trivia, morning tea, and plenty of laughs!

Register as an individual—teams will be formed on the day, so everyone's welcome.

 **Date:** Thursday, 15 May 2025

 **Time:** 10:30am – 12:30pm

 **Location:** Augusta CRC

To register, call 9758 0002 or email reception@augustacrc.net.au

We can't wait to see you there!



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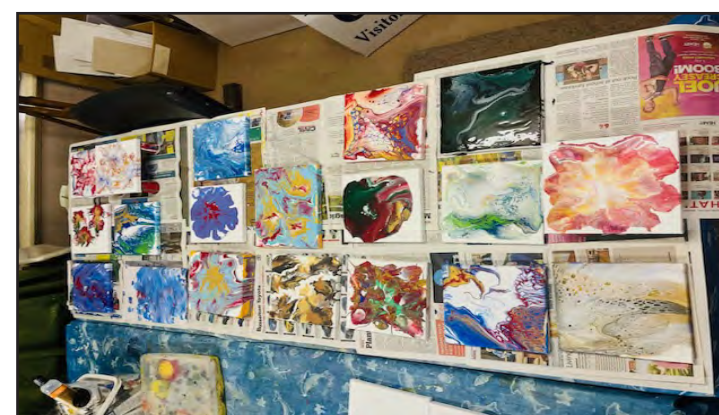
By **MORVEN HANSEN**
Images by Donna Powell & Morven Hansen

The Art Club has enjoyed and benefitted from some workshops and art theory sessions over the past month.

Bev has been sharing her extensive knowledge of art composition including point of interest and colour theory. We have been painting small landscapes based on the colour wheel and how the various colours relate harmoniously. The combinations include Complementary, Split Complementary, Analogous, Triadic and Monochromatic (one colour). Some of us have learnt about these topics before but it is beneficial to revisit them and be reminded how, analogous colours especially always work so well together.



Sandy ran a paint pouring workshop with the Tuesday evening group with great results. Paint pouring is achieved by adding Floetrol to acrylic paint and literally pouring onto small canvasses. Floetrol gives acrylics the ability to spread over the canvas in an organic manner, where the different colours poured meet, blend and mingle (just like a good cocktail party). There is no planning to this process except in colour selection. The canvas has to be left undisturbed for a few days to dry, then it can be enhanced with overpainting or left as it is. We may introduce gel printing to the group in the future as long as we can amass enough gel mats.



In the past when I was writing about paint pigments and the interesting plants, minerals and animals etc from which originally they were derived, I talked about

indigo which in its natural form is derived either from the Indian Indigo Bush or Woad. I am revisiting woad as I watched a doco on SBS recently on the North of France and learned that woad has been introduced again to farms near Amiens in the Somme Region. The gothic cathedral in Amiens, which can give many of the world's most magnificent cathedrals a run for their money, has decorated reliefs on its façade of woad flowers and many of the carvings were originally coloured with woad. The City of Amiens was made rich from the 12th Century by the sale of indigo pigment from woad.

After being forgotten for centuries woad has now been reintroduced from a few seeds from a seed collection, to the fields near Amiens by an art teacher and her husband.

Woad belongs to the brassica genus of plants formerly known as Cruciferae, and includes mustard, kale, cabbage and broccoli. They all share the characteristic bright yellow flowers.

I will continue the "Tales of Woad" next month. Finally as I write Easter is nearly upon us and so I will include a little about the City of Glasgow's most prized and valuable painting.

Majestically hung in Kelvingrove Art Gallery is "Christ of St John on the Cross" by Salvadore Dali. Painted in 1951 and purchased the following year by GCC for £8200. It is now worth over £60 million! The dimensions are 205 x 116 cm and it is spectacular. It was recently sent on an overseas visit to Spain and the Vatican, and was welcomed home with great celebration. Whether you are interested in Religious Art or not you will be mesmerized by this incredible work of art.



MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY 23RD MAY

LOCATION:
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DOORS OPEN: 5:00PM
MOVIE STARTS: 6:00 PM

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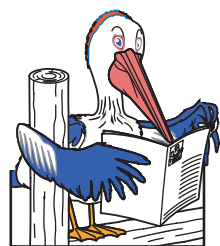
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AUGUSTA

May 2025



CAPE HAMELIN
LAT 34° 16'S
LONG 115° 2'E

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Breast Screen WA's mobile service is in Augusta until 22nd May for an appointment book online - www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au or phone 13 20 50 – see pg 4			1st	2nd Chase the Ace is back on – see back pg	3rd	4th 
5th Whats? Regenerative Grazing – see pg 37	6th	7th	8th Toddler Tales – see pg 15	9th	10th Augusta Payout – see pg 8	11th Mothers Day 
12th	13th 	14th	15th Trivia and Tea at the CRC – see front pg and pg 18	16th	17th Augusta Dinner Dance – see pg 11	18th
19th	20th 	21st	22nd	23rd Mufasa movie night – see pg 18	24th	25th Augusta's healthy lifestyle program Glutathione- The Master Antioxidant - see pg 24
26th	27th 	28th	29th	30th Molloy Island's biggest morning tea – see pg 9	31st	

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Hello and welcome to May and Augusta's anniversary.

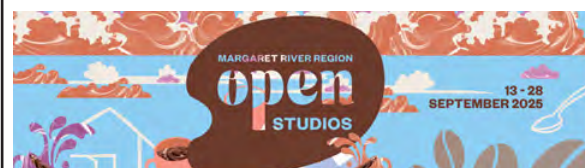
On 2nd May 1830 our first settlers arrived on the Emily Taylor making Augusta the third European settlement after Albany (1826) and the Swan River Settlement (1829).

On Friday 2nd May 2025 we will commemorate this event with our annual dinner at the Augusta Hotel. 195 years after that first arrival we remember those who came before and wonder how they felt in this strange new land. Our guest speaker is Daniel Holland, and his subject will be: 'Learning the Landscape: the historical archaeology of Augusta's first British settlement.'

Amongst those first arrivals was James Woodward Turner with his family, servants and various goods (including a house in pieces). On this 195th anniversary we welcome the various Turner descendants who will

be in town for their family reunion. This regular event was interrupted by Covid, so it is great to see it continue now and into the future. Hoping to meet up with some of you, but regardless, welcome and we hope you have a great weekend.

Our next meeting will be Thursday 22nd May with a guest speaker from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions – Michelle Keppel from Blackwood Parks and Wildlife will give a power point presentation regarding the Waterwheel. As the lack of water has created much concern for this important part of our history, she will be sharing the Department's plans for ongoing care and management. We encourage you all to attend, visitors and non-members always welcome. This will also be our last meeting before our winter break, commencing again in September with our AGM.



A huge national win for our visual arts community

Margaret River Region Open Studios (MRROS) has won Silver in the Festivals and Events category of the 2024 Qantas Australian Tourism Awards.

Announced on Friday night at Adelaide Convention Centre in South Australia, the tourism industry's best operators gathered from around the country to recognise their achievements and celebrated excellence and innovation.

MRROS Chair Jim Davies said it was a huge win for the arts as well as the Margaret River Region.

"To the best of our knowledge, this is the greatest win for a grassroots visual arts event in Australia," he said.

"We've entered the Tourism Awards just twice, and each time have made it to the National finals. This is our greatest achievement to date. To be awarded Silver, and to be acknowledged on the national stage for tourism excellence, is truly incredible.

"It speaks volumes for the creativity flowing in the Margaret River Region and the desire of visitors and tourists to have an immersive arts experience when they travel.

"Enormous congratulations to our wonderful artists who make this event possible by opening up their studios and their hearts to allow visitors to see into their creative spaces.

"Thank you to the tireless efforts of our voluntary board and to our team and to our local, regional and state tourism bodies for their support."

Jim said the award recognition was timely. "We are in the final week of registrations for the 2025 Open Studios event, so it's a great prompt for artists living in the region to finalise their registrations for what I'm sure will be another record-breaking event."

Margaret River Region Open Studios returns from 13-28 September 2025 with studios opening from Busselton to Augusta. In 2024 the event saw approximately 12,200 visitors and 110,000 studio visits over the 16 days.

Artist registrations, and more information is available at www.mrropenstudios.com.au.

Sponsorship and general enquiries are welcome to art@mrros.com.au, or visit the event's Instagram, Facebook and Vimeo accounts.

MRROS is made possible thanks to Private Properties, Department of Local Government, Sport and Creative Industries, Tourism Western Australia, Jacksons Drawing Supplies, Rio Tinto, Swings & Roundabouts, City of Busselton and the Shire of Augusta Margaret River.



Augusta Wildlife Care W.A. Inc.

Rescue Rehabilitation Release of Australian Wildlife

Easter was a busy fundraising time for Augusta Wildlife Care. The Augusta Hotel was kind enough to host and generously donate the Seafood raffle and bottle of wine on the Thursday night. Thankyou Augusta Hotel. "Skip" assisted in the sale of tickets for the Seafood raffle.



Easter Saturday saw many of our volunteers cooking up a storm at the Sausage Sizzle held at the Village Grocer. There were many Easter Chocolate Hampers to be won in the raffle and the winners were not disappointed! Many thanks to the Margaret River Chocolate Factory,

Brown Hill Estate Winery, Woolworths Margaret River and Coles Margaret River for donations toward the prizes. And an especially big shout out and **thankyou** to all the fabulous people supporting our cause by purchasing raffle tickets or a sausage.

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS!



Bob our Pelican Post Western Ringtail Possum (WRT) pin-up joey continues to progress under the tender attention of Jen, his host carer. Bob has gained 270 grams since last

By JUDY WENBAN
Images by Judy Wenban

month. Here is a picture of Bob at 432 grams, now lapping formula 4 times a day from a saucer and munching on peppie leaves. Bob likes to do zoomies around his cage in the evenings and still enjoys a cuddle and a scratch. Between the ages of 150 -180 days, joeys start to eat solid food and gradually wean from milk.



Autumn and Animals

Days are getting shorter, leaves are turning brown and temperatures are dropping – autumn's here! For a number of people, autumn is a time for cleaning up their property, cutting back foliage and trees, burning off and replanting. So before undertaking your chores, take a moment to reflect on any impact your actions may have on wildlife and maybe modify to assist our local critters.

- Australian wildlife needs old-growth trees – especially those with hollows; trees that provide shelter and food – to maintain most of its mammals and birds, particularly nocturnal marsupials. So where possible, rather than cut down trees, old ones in particular, can pruning be undertaken instead? Or if building, incorporate the trees into your landscape design rather than clear felling. It takes many years for trees to grow to the size to support animals and nesting birds. Habitat loss is one of the major causes that contribute to the declining number of animals in the wild.
- Check your pile of garden waste before you burn for birds or reptiles and safely relocate them. Often bobtails, snakes and skinks take refuge in waste piles or wood heaps.
- Avoid using chemical pesticides particularly the ones to kill lawn grub or army worms, birds can't process the toxins and the chemicals build up in their bodies, when they eat these treated grubs. This is one of the major causes that is killing hundreds of magpies, mudlarks and ravens in Perth and the Southwest at the moment.
- Create a wildlife habitat in your backyard by growing native plants that provide food and shelter for local wildlife. With time, your garden will become a habitat for wildlife, including native birds, mammals, reptiles, frogs, and invertebrates. Add a comfortable seat to watch from and enjoy observing your wild neighbours in a wildlife-friendly way.



Augusta Wildlife Care W.A. Inc.

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AUGUSTA VOLUNTEER SUSAN HAWKINS CELEBRATED

By EDCONNECT - JANE BEATTY



Susan Hawkins at Government House

Augusta local Susan Hawkins started volunteering at Augusta Primary School in 2009 and was recently celebrated for her achievements at Government House. She has recently been announced as the award recipient for her commitment to volunteering in the South West.

Susan has been a dedicated volunteer for 15 years, she has introduced other volunteers to the program and is known for her love of working with children. Susan supports students through mentoring, she is a reliable adult role model who gives her time once a week.

EdConnect Area Manager Karen Barden explains “Susan brings to her role outstanding passion and commitment, last

year winning our EdConnect South West Volunteer of the Year award. It was fantastic she could attend our event at Government House this year and be properly celebrated.”

The annual EdConnect Australia Volunteer Awards is an event to celebrate the extraordinary volunteer effort which is the lifeblood of EdConnect Australia – with volunteers giving their time to the education and learning of primary and secondary students in Western Australia.

EdConnect COO Carol Shannon expressed her gratitude towards all EdConnect volunteers, emphasising the vital role they play in supporting students, teachers and schools in Western Australia.

"The EdConnect Annual awards acknowledge and celebrate the dedication and commitment of over 600 volunteers in 176 schools in Western Australia who provide vital mentoring and learning support to over 10,000 young people," she said.

For more information about the EdConnect volunteering opportunities see www.edconnectaustralia.org.au, contact edconnect@edconnect.org.au or call 1800 668 550.



Augusta SINGRAYS

By DEB PERRY

Introducing
OUR NEW PIANIST/ SINGER/ SONG WRITER /
CONDUCTOR
Kate Finkelstein

The “Augusta Singrays” are now meeting each Wednesday evening in the Augusta Hotel’s Function room, 5.30pm – 7.00pm.

You are welcome to come in and simply enjoy our singing and music making. If you would like to sing along with us that would be even better. We are looking to build our numbers and all abilities are welcome.

The Singrays are very fortunate to now have enthusiastic and talented Kate Finkelstein expertly leading us. She is a well-known Australian Pianist/ Singer Songwriter and also a Piano and Voice Teacher who until recently has been a Choral Tutor for the Australian Girls Choir.

Kate has recently joined the Augusta Community and can provide entertainment with great music performed with style and exuberance plus she also offers Piano and Singing lessons. Contact Kate: 0426 972 300

We are certainly enjoying and having fun in our sessions with Kate who is constantly encouraging and extending us. Our improvement has been rapid as we gain confidence. Noting the dynamics within a chosen song, singing with more feeling and expression is very rewarding. We also include our own interpretation and actions for each song including varied percussion and all go home feeling energised.

Augusta Singrays enjoys a good variety of Sea Shanties plus other songs including. Skye Boat Song, Lighthouse, Scarborough Fair, Whiskey in the Jar, Summertime, Wild Mountain Thyme, Weather with You.

Come on down or up to the Hotel on Wednesday evenings to enjoy your community singing group.

Deb Perry 0428 131 148



AUGUSTA
BRIDGE CLUB

At a table of four, partners sit opposite each other. A whole deck of cards is dealt out and sorted by suits - spades, hearts, diamonds. clubs. Bidding takes place in clockwise direction, with each partnership communicating in a special bridge language, or code, until a Contract is established. The Declarer plays the hand, with their partner (the Dummy) laying down their hand for the Declarer to use. Dummy can now relax!

The play is reminiscent of Whist, both partnerships trying to take tricks. The two defenders compete against one Declarer to try to defeat the Contract.

We are a small friendly bunch who meet on Monday afternoons in the Hall next to the Historical Museum on Blackwood Avenue.

Come along and try us out - phone Trevor 0428 308330 email captsealake@bigpond.com

	Winners	Runners up
March 17 th	Des Thompson & Amanda Thompson	Beth Johnson & Mal Johnson
March 24 th	Herbie Whittall & Nancy Gibson	Mary Whittall & Trevor Steel
March 31 st	Beth Johnson & Mal Johnson	Di Ellis & Edie Williams
April 7 th	Sue Air & Nancy Gibson	Di Ellis & Edie Williams
April 14 th	Herbie Whittall & Merione Wilson	Sue Air & Nancy Gibson

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Augusta River Festival Inc
AGM

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Augusta Hotel Miners Room
All Welcome

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Happy Mothers Day to all the Ladies from Mark



The deadline
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By JUNE LE GALLEZ
Images by June Le Gallez

We hope you had a happy Easter. By the time you read this article Easter Eggs and hot cross buns will be a thing of the past, and this beautiful blanket (pictured) will have a new home after being won in our raffle. The squares were knitted and crocheted by members of the

Spinner and Weavers from home spun wool and patiently crocheted together by Marion. On Easter Saturday the Spinners and Weavers opened their club room doors to enable the public to come and see what the group have been busy working on over the year. A variety of items such as blankets, beanies, socks, gloves, scarves, wind spinners, toys, baby clothes, draught stoppers to name a few were on display and for sales. This was the time to buy gifts for the cooler days ahead.

Demonstrations of spinning, knitting and crocheting were in progress. A beautiful coloured blanket was gratefully donated for sale by Kim, a member. The funds for this will go to the club. Easter Saturday was a busy time for our beautiful little town of Augusta with so much going on: included in the events were the mini market, the Art club, Raffle ticket sales by several venues, a sausage sizzle, the garden stall with fresh produce plus much more. A perfect day out for all the family.



The Sheep

The process of spinning is an ancient craft dating back thousands of years. To appreciate the work that has gone into the final beautiful woollen garment, here is a basic run through of events from our sheep to garment.



A dusty dirty fleece is carefully removed from the sheep, beginning with the breastbone and belly and moving to the leg, head and sides, producing the fleece.



The next steps are picking and carding. The fleece can be cleaned and combed ready for spinning.



Then the yarn can be dyed and knitted or crocheted or woven and transformed into numerous colourful woollen handmade products. The fleece can also come from Alpaca or Goats.

A large variety of plants and vegetables have been used over the years to produce natural dyes nowadays chemical dyes are used too. Many hours of experimenting with natural dye have taken place, as it's not always the colour of the plant or vegetable, berry or seed that is the end product!!

These are just a few examples of natural dyes: Eucalyptus, Goldenrod, Dandelion, Black Walnuts, Onion skins, Turmeric, Pomegranate, Wattle Blossom, Kangaroo Paw, Bottle Brush, Hibiscus and Avocado.

Next time you are out and about look around you, not only at the beauty of the day but at the colours and endless opportunity there is for natural dyes. To help the dye stick to the wool a mordant is used: iron, copper, chrome alum.

A very interesting fact - also used are jelly crystals, well just think how your fingers look after making jelly! So, from a sheep to beautiful woollen product and so worth it to keep us warm. Nowadays pure wool is often replaced, so when you next wear your pure wool article remember the journey it has been on.

Lastly, I apologise if I have not got all this information correct. I am but a Pom learning.

A la prochaine (Look that one up)

Spinners and Weavers meet:
Tuesday 10:30am – 4pm
Thursday 7pm – 10pm

All are very welcome for some or all the meeting times.



By ROD CLEMENT
Images by Rod Clement

On Sunday the 22nd March, Augusta turned it on. The breeze was 10kns from the West and a bit nippy. The club championship heat had nine cats out there and from the start Cliff Hanger was on a mission. Behind him, Double Shot, Sirius Lee and Catatonic were in a tight tussle for the placings. Billy M, Emily Jean, Xena and Frisky were fighting it out. After one lap Cliff Hanger was a leg in front and seemingly unbeatable. The breeze was swinging a bit to the Northwest and a bit more flukey. The light weight on Sirius Lee was scooting along and in front of the pack for bit but with one lap to go, the first group were all back together again. Double Shot took off on the reaches and was now eyeing off Cliff Hanger who had got all mucked up trying to get around the final mark in the very shifty winds up in Westbay. He finally got it together and tacked then headed for the line, Double Shot tacked on the mark and needed to hope for a lift, a lift that never came. Cliff Hanger first and fastest, Double Shot second and Sirius Lee third. It's never over till it's over, that's for sure.



6th April was a great day for sailing, the breeze from the Southeast at 10-15kns, sunny and a few wispy clouds floating past. The catamarans were on a catch-up day and all the big guns were in town for the two last club championship heats. There were twelve Windrushs and a Hobie 16 out on the water. The start crew have been decimated of late, the latest being Sue, out for the season with a new knee, Rose the same with a shoulder and Graeme has been having a hard time of it but hopefully on the mend. We all hope they are all fighting fit for next season. The rescue boat was manned by former Commodore Peter and Lyneth, the start box captained expertly by Sue and the ring-ins were pretty much like Westcoast, all newbies or has beens, excepting another former Commodore Pete, who is a master with the flags.

Race one had the fleet bearing down on the line, three broke the start, mayhem ensued as the knob on the

hooter didn't sound it twice, in the end he did so, and the three of them had to negotiate their way back around the start buoy and set off again. Other than that it was a pretty impressive start. They were all in a line as they headed east across the river, Buzz Box pulling out all the stops and in front after the first tack, with Zephra, Cliff Hanger, Seasaw, Emily Jean and Double Shot all twenty to fifty meters behind each other. Lap two had no change with the leading yachts. The rest of the fleet, Catatonic, Sirius Lee, Xena, Billy M, Frisky and Knot Working were completely the opposite with places changing all over the show. Sirius Lee and Catatonic were at it, passing each other or drawing up to each other to have them pull away again. The wind shifts had the others bamboozled, but it kept them nice and tight. On the last lap and with only two legs to go, it was the master on Buzz Box out in front and pretty much had it in the bag, followed by Cliff Hanger, then Zephra and Seasaw. That's how it finished, only one minute separating the four of them.



Race two started with no catastrophes by anyone, Billy M was flying as he hit the line perfectly at full speed, hotly followed by Emily Jean, DoubleShot and Buzz Box and the rest not far away. After one lap BuzzBox was back in front, Double Shot next, Catatonic and Seasaw in pursuit. With one lap to go, Seasaw and Catatonic had changed positions and the rest of the boats were fighting it out for their last points for the season. Cliff Hanger and Zephra, were both back of the pack which was unusual, especially both being favourites for the championship, bugger. All the others seized on their chance and made the start crew work for their money with multiple boats crossing the line within seconds of each other. Buzz Box first, Double Shot second and Seasaw third.

Well, that's it for the sailing program this year, we still have presentation night, usually pretty good fun. Sundays will be a bit boring till next season comes along, although we are pretty lucky, we still have Sunday Pho from the Augusta Bakery to look forward to every Sunday during winter, except on school holidays, in this sleepy little town of ours. Well sort of sleepy.

DELIVERANCE - Introduction to Biomimicry

By JAY HARMAN

It’s twelve days since I’ve seen any sign of another human. No roads, fences, litter, nothing – just pristine wilderness.

It was the mid-1970s and I was the sole Fisheries & Wildlife officer responsible for the top half of Western Australia. One of the local aboriginal elders told me there was talk of wildlife smuggling in a remote region of the Kimberley, so I had headed out to investigate. Apparently, people were landing aircraft on disused WWII airstrips to collect animals, and some of his people had been offered bribes to catch and deliver birds, snakes, and lizards.

Live animal smuggling is a highly lucrative but very cruel industry, with many of the smuggled animals perishing. The World Wildlife Fund estimates the annual value of smuggling at 12 billion dollars – after habitat loss, it’s the largest threat to the future of many species. Even back in the 70s, a pair of Major Mitchell parrots could fetch \$100,000 on the Asian black market.

I’d left the last dirt road and headed overland in my government-issued Land Rover.

The mighty Fitzroy River only flows in the summer monsoon. The rest of the year, it forms a series of lakes and ponds and dry riverbed. I was following its banks where I could, but often had to deviate long distances where the river had cut through rock and rough terrain.

I came to an expansive alluvial plain caused by the river’s flooding over millennia. A wall of dry kangaroo grass completely surrounded my vehicle. I could see nothing but brown grass ahead and to the sides. The grass was too thick to open the door, so I climbed out of the driver’s window and onto the hood. Standing up, I could see over the top of the grass to a distant hill about three kilometers away and took a compass reading.

The grass prevented the flow of cooling air, and as a result the engine’s temperature gauge had been steadily climbing. I had to stop, climb out, and clear the radiator of grass stalks and seeds every hundred metres or so. Back in the driver’s seat, I steered by compass. Slowly, slowly – the ground was flat and even, but I had no way of telling if I were about to drive into a boulder, a pothole, or drop into a canyon.

There was not a cloud in the sky and the tropic sun and lack of air elevated the temperature inside the Land Rover to 44 degrees. With the humidity at 75%, it was seriously uncomfortable.

After a couple of hours of this torturous process, I came to the end of the tall grass. Laid out before me were several hundred acres where the grass had been burnt to the ground, no doubt caused by monsoon season lightning –

probably a month or two earlier, since there was a carpet of green shoots covering most of the blackened areas.

Up ahead I saw a donkey foal, standing by itself in the middle of nowhere, with no sign of its mother or a herd. This was a feral donkey, about two or three days old.

First imported into Australia as pack and wagon-pulling animals in the late 1800s, domestic animals escaped from captivity and bred into wild herds that freely roam the great expanses of northern Australia. They’re now widespread in semi-arid parts of WA. Excellent conservers of body water, they can tolerate extreme dehydration, making them particularly successful in dry conditions. Unfortunately, like other feral animals in Australia, they do considerable damage to the environment and compete with native animals and livestock. They’re considered a pest to be controlled.

Pest or not, I couldn’t leave this little guy to suffer. As I drove up, he started to walk away, so I followed – slowly, in order not to frighten him. After a hundred metres or so, he came to a halt. As I got out of my truck he turned around and walked right up to me. This little guy needed milk badly. I had none fresh, but I carried a can of powdered milk in my camping provisions. I filled a plastic bag with water and powder, mixed it by shaking, pierced a small hole in one corner and offered it to my new friend, “Charpie.” He drank it all and a refill; then nuzzled up to my hip. It seemed that I had shown him all the necessary qualities of a mother – and now he had adopted me. I lifted him into the passenger seat and continued on my way. He sat on the seat, with his front legs elevating his head to see out of the window. My companion seemed relaxed and content with his new circumstances.

That evening I made camp beside a small waterfall with a lagoon below it. Camp consisted of a fold-up camp cot (to keep me above any snakes and wandering scorpions) and a mosquito net hanging from a tree branch above. A small fire to cook with completed the picture. I tethered Charpie to the tree beside the cot, fed him again, and turned in for the night.

Around 2:00 am whilst I was in deep sleep, Charpie came up to the cot and, with his mouth right beside my ear, let out a brain-piercing “Hee Haw!!” It scared the proverbial out of me. I leapt up, having no idea what the hell had happened, got tangled in the mosquito net, and fell over onto the ground. Charpie, unfazed, stood in the moonlight gazing at me intently.

A dog bark, and then another, came from the river. I grabbed my flashlight. What dogs would be out here in the bush? Australia’s wild dog, the dingo, doesn’t bark and there

shouldn’t be any domestic animals within a hundred kilometers. I swept the riverbanks with light. 30 metres away, two pair of red eyes were looking in my direction. Crocodiles have red eyes and bark like dogs. These two were advancing toward me. The closest one was a huge beast, around four or five metres long, I guessed.

Western Australia has two species of crocodiles – the relatively harmless, smaller freshwater or Johnson River Crocodiles and the very, very, dangerous saltwater monsters (salties) that grow up to six metres long. I knew a fair bit about crocs. My father had hunted crocs after the Second World War, so I had heard his stories and seen his souvenirs and photos but had no idea that salties would be this far inland.

There were few opportunities for returning soldiers after the war. My father and a half-dozen mates went to the Kimberley to eke out a living in the extremely tough and dangerous business of catching and skinning crocs. The skins were highly prized by the international fashion industry. Over the next 20 years, the skin trade and sport-shooting took the crocodile population close to extinction and in 1970, WA became the first state to legally protect the animals. Since then, their numbers have burgeoned.

I did not waste a second. I grabbed Charpie and got both of us into the Land Rover. About a kilometre from the river, we stopped to sleep again. Charpie in the back, and me, uncomfortably, in the front seat. I figure that finding my donkey was indeed good fortune. He’d alerted me to the crocodiles and helped me live to tell the tale of his heroic service.

Charpie rode around with me for a couple of weeks until I needed to drive the 2,200 kilometres from my outback posting to Perth. I had been transferred, so I packed all my gear into my own 4x4 short-wheel based Land Cruiser, put Charpie in the back of the cab on top of all my stuff, and headed off. We stopped every two hours so Charpie could stretch his legs, pee, and drink some water.

The “highway” was a two-lane dirt road through desolation. The only signs of civilization were refueling roadhouses about every 300 kilometres. At about the 1,000 kilometre mark, I pulled up at such a roadhouse to buy petrol. It had only been an hour since Charpie had been out of the vehicle, so I left him in his bed in the back and went into the old corrugated-iron building to buy a coffee.

In my absence, Charpie managed to climb from the back onto the front seats. In standing position, he peed at least a litre all over the seats, splashing the dash, doors, and floors, and then climbed back into his bed.

Water was a scarce commodity at the roadhouse, so my only recourse was to wipe the vehicle interior down as best I could with a wet cloth. I threw a towel over my seat and drove the rest of my journey with the windows down to relieve the stench of male donkey urine.

Charpie lived in my backyard until almost fully grown, and the neighbours complained about me keeping livestock in town. A dairy farmer friend took him in where he lived to a very ripe old age.

Around since the time of dinosaurs and masters of adaptability, camouflage, stealth and armour, Crocodiles have inspired us since the earliest times. Ancient Egyptians bred them to sacrifice and mummify in large numbers. Highly valued as good luck charms to ward off evil spirits, their dung was used as a contraceptive (the mind boggles), and the Chinese have used crocodile oil to treat burns since antiquity.

Crocs have outstanding swimming ability and remarkable jaws that can exert a pressure of 2000 pounds per square inch, or psi (a car tire is around 40 psi), yet they can use their teeth to delicately crack open the shells of their offspring to release them at birth. Although they’re seen as the battleship of the reptile world, it turns out that crocs are extraordinarily sensitive. Researchers at Vanderbilt University have discovered that they’re one of the most acutely sensitive animals in the whole animal kingdom. They have receptors on their faces and in their mouths more sensitive than the human fingertip, and are able to detect a single drop of water, its tiny ripple, and the direction it came from.


Crocodiles are a veritable treasure trove of inspirations for marvellous new technologies.

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.

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

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

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





By SCOTT GODLEY
Images by Scott Godley

April has seen the weather cool down with a bit more rain making its presence felt. Correspondingly numbers have dropped on some of the rainier days, but numbers have also been strong on days with good weather.

Late March saw club members draw their battle lines with the running of the annual tennis Ipsen Shield. This long running competition pits Eagles and Dockers supporters against each other in a round robin doubles competition. Players dressed up in their respective football club colours and then duked it out for bragging rights for the next year.

The first few rounds saw the honours generally shared, but then the Dockers team started to inch ahead, and from there they opened up a winning lead to be the clear winners of the Ipsen Shield for the first time in the Dockers team history.

Unfortunately, the Shield patron, George Ipsen, was unable to be present for this year's competition. However, George's support of the Club was celebrated in a rather unique way. A printed photo of him was fastened to a box and was then placed in the service box. All players then took turns trying to hit the box with serves. Murray, Julian and Katrina were particularly effective in making solid strikes on George.

The croquet players also got into the spirit of the Ipsen Shield also dressing up for the occasion. The day culminated in a well-attended BBQ.

With the rain that has occurred over the last month, and some application of some more fertilizer the croquet courts are looking their best. One notable event for croquet members was the attendance of two visiting Perth players who turned out to be croquet national representatives.



Docker Mark runs for the ball



Di and Mark congratulate Pauline and Mike



Louise in action with an appreciative audience looking on

The count down is on for the 50th Anniversary dinner dance for the Tennis Club on Saturday the 17th May at the Augusta Hotel. All past members are invited to come along. Please contact Kate Wright at secretaryadtc@gmail.com for further information or look for the advert in this edition of the Pelican Post. The Club would love to see you at the event to help celebrate this very special milestone.



The Eagles and Dockers teams at the Ipsen Shield competition day



Spiritual Reflection

By BILL WOODAGE

The current world population is in excess of 8.2 billion people. Presently there are 195 countries that are listed. 2.4 billion people have a form of Christianity, the largest religious body. Australia's current population is in excess of 27 million souls. Western Australia is 3.5 million folk. The population of Augusta, and Margaret River region, is over 20000.

I have a question: as a person of this world, do you really count? Or as a member of Australia, do you really count?

Our own world at times can be a heartless and cruel place due to human dictatorial behaviour. For some poor folk, their lives are often forfeited because of war and famine.

It is of great comfort to know that the man Jesus gave up His perfect life to die in my place. The prophet Isaiah said 700 years before Jesus was born: But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:5,6.)

Yes, this is the Son of God, the Messiah, the chosen one.

Your life does indeed matter to Father God, but He can not stand human sin. He calls this rebellion. So instead, Jesus died in our place, for our sinning lifestyle, to give you entry into the heavenly realm. As Jesus was being dedicated as a baby, a prophet called Simeon said: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation. A light to lighten the Gentiles (which means everyone who is not Jewish) and the glory of thy people Israel. (Luke 2:30, 32.)

Today is the day of salvation; you can be set free from all sin in your life.

**The deadline
for
submissions to
The Pelican
Post**



By JARROD BRINDLEY

Another month has flown by, and there've been a few exciting changes at your local radio station, 20ceansFM.

First up, we're thrilled to welcome a few new sponsors to the 20ceansFM family: Augusta Men's Shed, Storm Double Glazing, and Synergy. Sponsorship not only helps keep us on the air - it also shows a real commitment to supporting local radio and the community we serve.

Speaking of commitment, we recently held our AGM and are proud to introduce the newest members of our team: Pam Winter, Erin Kingston, Rik Lok, Beth Cummings, and Adam Matthew. Not pictured, but very much a part of the crew, are Ben Thomas and Christine Brown. We're excited about what's ahead with such a passionate group onboard.

And finally, you might've caught some recent interviews with local councillors and federal candidates ahead of the upcoming elections. This is a great chance for your voice to be heard. As your community station, we care deeply about your thoughts, your concerns, and your ideas.

If you'd like to be part of the action - whether it's helping with interviews or prepping behind the scenes - we'd love to have you join the team.





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 it's free! We are all ages and stages and different swimming ability and experience. Swim as much or as little as you want and join us for a coffee after at one of our local cafes. We love newbies. Don’t be shy. Just turn up. See you down there

What’s new?

April 2025:

The Flounders headed north for the Gracetown Easter Bay Swim. We joined our local friends from the ‘Red Rockers’ and 300+ others and swam the beautiful 1km loop in the bay on Easter Saturday. Their ‘pool’ is almost as serene as ours. It was clear, flat and the water was warm. There were multiple prizes and raffles and brekky burgers going and our beloved Mira from Lil Sip was pumping out the brews.



Then our own Easter frivolities were had at Flinders. A 2km swim in pristine conditions around Granny's Pool followed by an egg hunt and hot cross buns overlooking our magical bay. We live a wonderful life down here don’t we?

Stay tuned for our next adventures!



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

LIGHTHOUSE TRAIL:

We are excited the council has voted to approve funding for the proposed tender to build the final leg of the track to the lighthouse from Dead Finish – this work is anticipated to be completed by September!

TURNER STREET JETTY:

The first community reference group meeting run by the Shire took place on April 17, with unanimous agreement for a replacement or repair design going forward, being of the same size, and decking to retain the heritage aesthetic and feel. This will be developed into more detailed design options and taken to the next reference group meeting in May. The Shire’s dedicated YourSay webpage contains all up to date information including FAQs, the council meeting outcomes, the project timeline, and it includes a copy of the two most recent engineers’ (“asset investigation”) reports. It will be kept up to date as the project progresses.
<https://yoursay.amrshire.wa.gov.au/turner-street-jetty>

AMR SHIRE COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Did you know the council meetings held in Margaret River are livestreamed? Now, recordings are made available via the Shire’s youtube channel. Find agendas and minutes here:
<https://www.amrshire.wa.gov.au/shire-and-council/council/council-meeting-agendas-and-minutes>
And the youtube channel link here:
<https://www.youtube.com/@AMRShire>

NRM GRANT:

With the assistance and involvement of numerous other organisations, ACDA has applied for a large Natural Resource Management (NRM) Community Stewardship grant to develop technology to take the fight against arum lily and other high-impact weeds in our natural environment to the next level. Watch this space!

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT:

We are still trying to land funding for this service and investigate the best booking platform... If anyone would like to donate a new Corolla for transporting community members to appointments, please get in touch!! Naming rights and other kudos apply...

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!

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’s already 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!

TAALINUP AUGUSTA:

Why do we refer to Taalinup Augusta?

The Noongar Aboriginal nation stretches from Geraldton to Esperance. The Wadandi Pibelman people have lived and met in this place much farther back than 1830, as evidenced by the middens (ancient mounds of discarded mollusc shells) and tools found here, including during the archaeological dig near Dead Finish which currently dates Indigenous Australian history here back over 9000 years [REF: <https://arkeonews.net/9200-year-old-noongar-habitation-discovered-at-augusta-archaeological-dig-site/>] Indigenous Australians are known globally as the oldest living culture, with a continuing oral history. Whilst Taalinup / Talinup has only recently come to be known in the colonial vernacular to refer to this area, it is an old Noongar name for this area – the place of the knotted club sedge reed, which can still be seen along the Blackwood River’s edge.

As a progress association, we strive to seek the best outcomes for this place and its people, including acknowledging its long history in the spirit of reconciliation. This country – this place, Taalinup Augusta - connects us all.

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 June 5, 5.30pm... drop us a line if you want to come along and get involved!

Hello!



Karridale Primary School News



SUCH GOOD SPORTS!



Top: Casper, Blakely, Vincent and Jake pictured with the awards they won at the Leeuwin Interschool Sports at the end of Term 1.

Our school competed in the annual Leeuwin Interschool Sports with St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Margaret River Independent School and Augusta Primary School held over two days last term.

Being the smallest school, all our students from Years 1-6 accepted the challenge to represent our school in numerous events. Staff from other schools with larger student numbers appreciated how well our students conducted themselves and commented on their outstanding attitude and manners throughout the whole carnival. Congratulations to all students

Special mention to Casper and Jake, recipients of the Spirit of Sport awards for leadership, sportsmanship and citizenship. Congratulations to Yr 3/4 Champion Girl, Blakely who earned the highest amount of points of any student at the carnival, Yr 1/2 R/Up Champion Boy, Vincent and Year 5/6 Runner Up Champion Boy, Jake.

ANZAC'S REMEMBERED

Our Year 4-6 students conducted a solemn and respectful ANZAC assembly on the last day of Term. In preparation for the ceremony the students made commemorative floral wreaths, ANZAC biscuits and created emotive artworks with their class teacher Mrs Mulvey.

Our School Chair, John Wilson, commended the students on their public speaking and the message they delivered. He reinforced their message that ANZAC Day is about acknowledging the contribution of members of the armed forces who have represented our countries in many theatres of conflict and their personal sacrifices.

The student's homemade ANZAC biscuits were enjoyed by all attendees at the end of the assembly.

Right: John Wilson with Student Councillors at our ANZAC assembly.



Above: Former Karridale student returns to her old school.

WELCOME BACK BAILEE!

We were thrilled to welcome back a familiar face, Bailee, a former student who returned to our school on student work placement. Bailee said initially she found the experience a bit weird being back in her old class rooms, but after a few days she then viewed all the different roles in a school from a completely new perspective.

Bailee was very popular with students and staff alike. We wish her all the best with her future career aspirations.

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Media Statement

Date 16 April 2025

Historic Cape Leeuwin Waterwheel to be preserved under new management approach

The iconic Cape Leeuwin Waterwheel, a historical landmark located within the Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park, will be preserved under a revised management approach informed by new expert advice.

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) recently engaged former WA Museum specialist in historic artifacts, Ian MacLeod, to conduct a comprehensive review of the structure and provide key recommendations moving forward.

DBCA's Blackwood District Parks and Visitor Services Coordinator Rory Chapple said previously, water was directed to the flume to help preserve the timber structure, however, Dr MacLeod's recent assessment found that keeping the Waterwheel wet has actually accelerated timber decay.

"Paradoxically, keeping the Waterwheel wet has accelerated the deterioration of its timber components," he said.

"By stopping the flow of water to the flume, we're actually taking a crucial step toward long-term preservation of this valuable piece of Western Australia's heritage."

Constructed to power a hydraulic ram that once supplied fresh water to the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse and nearby keepers' cottages, the Waterwheel is now a registered heritage site with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage.

"This is a win for both heritage and the environment. The important wetland habitat for the threatened Cape Leeuwin freshwater snail species will also be protected." Mr Chapple said.

"By adjusting our approach, we're not only ensuring the Waterwheel's preservation, but also allowing the spring to recover in response to the region's drying climate."

Encrusted over time with limestone deposits, the Cape Leeuwin Waterwheel has become a symbolic feature of the region's history and is much loved among visitors and locals alike.

DBCA will work with the Augusta Historical Society to implement key recommendations, which also include removing outdated infrastructure and applying preservation treatments to the timber and metal elements.

Media contact: DBCA Media 9219 9999
Facebook / Instagram: @waparkswildlife



The Huntsman and the Wolf

Terrifying or Terrific?

There are hundreds of species of Wolf spiders (Lycosidae) and Huntsman spiders (Sparassidae) in Australia, and they are two of our most feared spiders - inside or outside of the home. But they really don't deserve a bad reputation or our fear and loathing.

Huntsman spiders conjure up images of big hairy Tarantulas terrifying people when they scuttle out from behind curtains or crawl along the ceiling, and Wolf spiders seem to be everywhere - roaming in the garden or running along the floor, disappearing under the lounge.

The fact is these spiders, although sometimes frightening, are completely harmless, and if found in the house it is either by accident or they are only there to help you control insects like moths, crickets and flies, or even other spiders.

Huntsman spiders

These long-legged spiders, measuring up to 100mm or more across the legs, are grey to brown, sometimes with leg banding. They are nocturnal and are known for having keen eyesight making them excellent hunters - hence their name. Huntsman spiders are very sure footed and quick, often running down or leaping onto prey. They are known for their flattened bodies and sideways, crab-like arrangement of their legs, appearing wider than they are long. They are found Australia wide, huddled in family groups (Eastern states species), or solitarily in wood piles, under the bark of trees, on rock walls, under leaf litter and logs - and occasionally inside the house. Huntsman spiders have eight eyes in two rows of four- all the better to see you with!



Wolf spiders

These spiders measure between 10-80mm across, they are smaller and stouter than Huntsman spiders, with shorter legs. Unlike Huntsman spiders, their legs extend straight out from the body rather than being angled and positioned sideways. Their bodies appear longer than they are wide. They live on the ground and are usually dull brown with white, black or grey variegated markings or radiating bands. Wolf spiders are found Australia-wide in all habitats and are vagrant hunters making temporary retreats in vegetation, although some build burrows, either open or with a trapdoor. Wolf spiders have eight eyes in three rows of 4, 2, and 2. The 4 rear eyes are greatly enlarged and form a square making them very recognisable. They have excellent eyesight and chase down their prey, much like a wolf - and this is where they get their common name.



Remarkably, both these spiders also show some endearingly human traits. For example, Huntsman spider breeding pairs have lengthy courtships involving mutual caressing and dancing. Wolf spiders demonstrate incredible maternal care for their young. You may have seen the little spiderlings being carried on the mothers back until they are able to fend for themselves. Wolf spiderlings are aerial dispersal specialists, where they spin a silken thread to catch the wind and fly away in an act of dispersal called ballooning. Although they do spin silk, neither Huntsman nor Wolf spiders create a web for catching prey but will spin silk for their egg sacs.

We hope you've gained an appreciation for these remarkable creatures, understanding the differences between them and the differing roles they play in our ecosystem.



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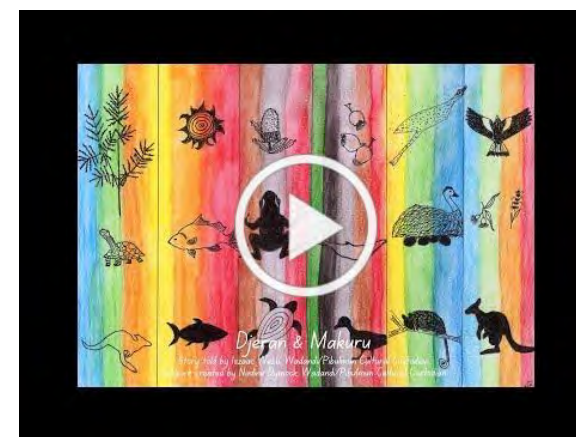
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The Six Seasons: Djeran & Maraku

In this latest Connection to Country story, Wadandi / Pilulmun Custodian Isaac Webb explores the six seasons of Bibbulmun country, focusing on the cultural significance of each season, the flora and fauna that indicate seasonal changes, and the communal gatherings that occur during **Djeran** (April-May), the season of adulthood, and **Makaru** (June-July), the season of fertility.

Also highlighted is the interconnectedness of nature and indigenous practices, emphasizing the importance of these seasons in the lives of the people.



You can listen to the full story on our YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/SQVkmzL6QWU>

This story 'Djeran & Makaru' is the sixth of a series of Wadandi/Pibulmun cultural stories of the Lower Blackwood and Scott River regions of the South West of Western Australia. Its recording was made possible through a collaboration with the Undalup Association, and with funding support from the Western Australian Government's State Natural Resources Management (NRM) Program as part of the Lower Blackwood LCDC's project: 'Scott River Action Plan Implementation Strategy and On-ground Action'

*Djeran & Makaru is told by
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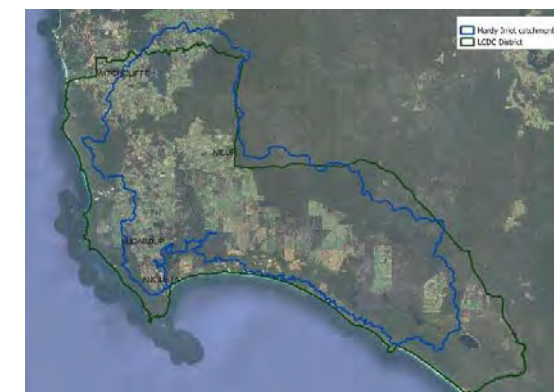


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Knowing Our Boundaries

As many of you already know, the Lower Blackwood LCDC Catchment reaches from Witchcliffe down to Augusta and toward the Donnelly River and everything in between.



The Healthy Estuaries Catchment that some of our projects operate within, is ever so slightly different as it follows the Hardy Inlet and the tributaries and rivers that branch off of it.

In the green, we have highlighted the Lower Blackwood LCDC catchment where we work to promote a sustainable agriculture community in the Blackwood Region. The Blue outlines the Healthy Estuaries WA boundaries where we carry out the following projects:

KeePing P in Soils - a trial project underway to keep phosphorus from leaching out of sandy soils,
Dairy for Healthy Estuaries - a project to support the management of effluents,
Fencing and Revegetation of Riparian Zones - a project to encourage the stream ecosystems on-farm.
Soil Testing - a project to support farmers' fertiliser decisions for more economic and environmentally conscious decisions.

If you're in the blue boundaries and interested in participating in any of these projects, we can help you!

These projects are a part of Healthy Estuaries WA - a State Government program that aims to improve the health of our South West estuaries.



Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development



Events Coming Up with the LCDC

What? Regenerative Grazing Monday, May 5th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

How? Head to our website for more information:
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AUGUSTA COMMUNITY GROUPS CALENDAR

GROUP	DATE	TIME	EVENT/CONTACT	VENUE
Anglican Church	Sunday & Wednesday	Please check noticeboard at the church	Church Service	St Elizabeth's Church, Allnutt Tce
Augusta Art Club and Studio Gallery	Tuesday Wednesday & Friday	6:30pm - 8:30pm 10:00am- 2:00pm	Art activities 9758 0363	Centennial Hall - Art Room
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	Rowing days vary	6.30am 8.30am	Wish to come rowing In our Skiffs call Kevin Kent 0473 089 803	Augusta Yacht Club
Augusta CWA	1st Wed every month	1:30pm	Monthly Meeting	CWA Hall, Allnut Tce
Augusta Croquet Club	Monday & Saturday	12:30pm-4:00pm	Golf Croquet Doreen 0428 581 557	Augusta Sporting Complex, Allnut Tce
Augusta Dru Yoga Group	Wednesday & Saturday	Wed 5:00pm Sat 8:00am	Dru Yoga	Augusta CRC, Allnut Tce
Augusta Garden Club	3rd Monday every month	1:30pm-3:30pm		See Pelican Post - Garden Gossip
Augusta Golf Club	Tuesday & Friday Wednesday Saturday Sunday	12:00pm 9:30am 11:30pm 11:30pm	Men's Scroungers Ladies 18 Holes Men's 18 Holes Mixed 18 Holes	Hillview Road
Augusta Historical Society	3rd Thursday every month	7:00pm	Monthly Meeting	Society Rooms, Blackwood Ave
Augusta Historical Museum	Daily	1:oopm-4:oopm	Closed Christmas Day/ Boxing Day	Museum Blackwood Ave
Augusta Men's Shed	Mon, Wed and Fri Sat Thursday	9:00am-1:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm	Member Shed activities Community Morning (ladies and men)	Men's Shed, Hillview Rd
Augusta Playgroup	Every Fri during School Term	9:00am-11:00am	Playgroup for 0-5 yr olds, all welcome	Augusta PS Kindy, sign in @ office
Augusta River and Coast Care	Thursday	8:30am-10:30am	Caring for our Environment	TBA
Augusta River FestivalInc.	As advertised on FB	6:30pm		Augusta Primary School
Augusta Spinners & Weavers	Tuesday Thursday	10:30am 7:00pm	Textile Crafts	Centennial Hall
Augusta Singrays	Wednesday / Weekly	5.30pm-7pm	Singing Deb Perry 042 8131 148	Augusta Hotel Function Room

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GROUP	DATE	TIME	EVENT/CONTACT	VENUE
Augusta Tennis Club	Wed & Sat	2:00 pm	Louise 0439 000 810	Civic Park
Augusta Ukulele Group	Tuesday	6:30pm	Weekly Meeting Sue Air 9758 0098	CWA Hall
Augusta Uniting Church	3rd Tuesday of each month	10:00 am	Monthly Gatherings	Leeuwin frail age lodge - Sunroom
Augusta Yacht Club	Most Sundays as per programme	12:00pm onwards	January – April Call 0419 953 369 for program	Augusta Yacht Club
Berean Baptist Church	Sunday Wednesday	10:00am-11:00am 11:00am - 12:00pm 2:00pm - 3:00pm 9:00am - 10:00am	Bible Study Morning Service Afternoon Service Bible Study	Centennial Hall CWA Hall - MargretR.
Civic Park Golf Club	Wednesday Sunday	May - Nov 9:00am Dec - April 8:00am		Allnut Tce
Coops Cottage Craft	Thursday	12.00pm - 4:00pm	Wool, Fabric & other crafts	Dr John Williams Room, Leeuwin Units
Friends of Cape Leeuwin	Every First Tuesday of the month	8.45am	Revegetation project Paul 0419 940 066	Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse
Hash House Harriers	Monday	4:30pm in Winter 5:00pm in Summer	Walking	See the Newsagency window
Karridale Augusta R.S.L Sub Branch	1st Tuesday/ Month	2:00pm	Monthly Meeting	Augusta Men's Shed, 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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