








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*Leeuwin Lines*

## THE MARVELS OF MEDICAL SCIENCE

One of the many foundations that Leeuwin Lions have supported over past years is that of Parkinson's Research, initially due to the loss of a very good member and great contributor to many projects – Lion Ken Kowald.

This support has been reinforced in the recent times with the introduction to the town and community of retired CMDR Philip Orchard AM, a patron of the "N Class Destroyers Association of WA" which visits annually for the NIZAM Memorial weekend.

Many of you will recall the presentations given last year in February and October on "Living with Parkinson's Disease" given by Phil Orchard, along with Chris Cleghorn who together with three colleagues, rowed the Indian Ocean to raise money for Parkinson's research.



*Leeuwin Lions cheque presentation to the Perron Institute 24 July 2025) LR Phil Orchard Chris Cleghorn Jim Murphy (Perron Institute) and Prof Sulev Koks*

As pictured, the Lions have donated \$2500 to the Perron Institute through 'BrainWaves' research towards Parkinson's Disease. Whilst Chris is planning his next row, likely to be Drake's Passage between Cape Horn and Antarctica in December 2026, Professor Sulev Koks has been conducting further research into the disease. One of the areas is a study called TONic – (Trajectories of Outcome in Neurological Conditions) a quality of life study that collects and measures information about what it is like for people living with neurological conditions, including Parkinson's. Phil is very much involved in this study too.

Phil has recently undergone Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) surgery which is a therapy treatment for the movement symptoms of Parkinson's including tremor, stiffness or difficulty in walking movement. Just like a pacemaker for the heart, a small neurostimulator is surgically implanted under

the skin just below the collarbone to deliver DBS therapy. The device sends electrical pulses through extension cables to the leads and electrodes that are placed in an area of the brain that controls movement. These pulses disrupt some of the brain's messages that cause the symptoms associated with Parkinson's.

DBS therapy is reversible and can be discontinued at any time by turning off the neurostimulator or surgically removing the device. Parkinson's is a progressive disease meaning symptoms worsen over time. There are opportunities for those with Parkinson's to consider DBS when the 'window of opportunity' arises. This is when Parkinson's medication does not meet its purpose.

This treatment has made a terrific improvement to Phil's quality of life and is thoroughly recommended for those suffering Parkinson's Disease who are in the 'window'. Lions are pleased that Phil and Isobel Orchard are to be our guests at a Partner's night at the Augusta Hotel on Monday 10th November where Phil will give an update on his inspiring and groundbreaking surgery in aid of medical science.

## LANDSCAPE LIONS PROVIDE EVERLASTINGS FOR "PINK UP AUGUSTA"

Given winter is not the ideal time for gardening, the Landscape Lions have shown resourcefulness during the winds and storms in creating pink flowers made from scrap wood and iron to place amongst the garden beds for 'PINK UP AUGUSTA' or to brighten up the street for any other function such as the Spring Fete.

Regular volunteers Sonja, Wendy, Karen, Fran and Ken say the flowers are very easy to maintain, always present well and do not need any watering or pruning.

Anyone wishing to join the group make contact with Sonja Wahlers (0492 844 964) or meet them in the main street between 8.30 – 10.30am (recognisable in their bright yellow vests) on a Tuesday morning or afterwards in a coffee shop, we are told they discuss strategic planning.







*Further creation*



*Sonja, Wendy, Lyn and Ken (Karen taking photo)*

## BLACK DOG RIDE

The president of the Denmark Lions Club Rob Woods is heading up a BLACK DOG RIDE around the lower half of WA with a group of around 40 riders and staying in Augusta overnight on Friday 3 October.



Leeuwin Lions who have always supported this cause will be arranging a breakfast for all riders from 7 – 8.30am on Saturday morning 4 October.

## TRUCK DRIVERS REQUIRED

With Lions Murray Cameron somewhere in Queensland, Barry Staines away in Perth, Ross Newbury unwell, and volunteer Graeme Winfield roaming the Pilbara and Kimberley, the list of truckdrivers to pick up furniture and worthwhile goods around town is desperately short.

Lions would appreciate any able-bodied retired farmer or truck driver to volunteer a few shifts by contacting Shed manager Mike Walker (0430 111 936) or calling at the Shed complex in Hillview Road on either Thursday or Saturday morning between 8 – 12am.

There are helpers available, but not too many truck drivers to pick up the often sizeable donations of good quality items from the community who donate generously towards the Lions fundraising.



*Retired truck driver Bill Law with volunteer Graeme Winfield and Lion Barry Staines*

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# RETURNING TO SERVE: NEW OIC AT AUGUSTA POLICE STATION HAS COME FULL CIRCLE

The Augusta Police Station has welcomed a familiar face, with Sergeant Simon Harrison returning as Officer in Charge after first serving in the town more than two decades ago.

Having spent the past 20 years building experience across a range of policing roles throughout Western Australia, Sergeant Harrison says the opportunity to return to Augusta is both professionally rewarding and personally meaningful.

“It’s a privilege to come back to a community I know and respect, and to work alongside dedicated officers to keep Augusta safe,” he said. “A lot has changed since I was

last here, but the sense of community is as strong as ever.”

Sergeant Harrison said his focus will be on high-visibility policing, building strong partnerships with local groups, and ensuring timely and effective responses to calls for help.



“Our goal is to be visible, approachable, and to work hand-in-hand with the community. Together, we can make Augusta an even safer place to live and visit,” he said.

The appointment marks a full-circle moment for Sergeant Harrison, who began his career in the South West before serving in metropolitan and regional postings as a detective.



*Flashback to 2006 - AMR Mail June 28*

*Then Constable, Simon Harrison returning \$10 found by Quinn and Alex Donaldson. The note was found by the boys when out walking with their Mum, Marie. The boys handed the money in and, after a month, nobody had claimed it so the boys were rewarded for their honesty.*

## SHEDS & SHOWROOMS SET TO BOOST AUGUSTA’S BUSINESS LANDSCAPE

Augusta continues to evolve, and the latest project from WS Collective, called Sheds & Showrooms, is aiming to give local businesses more room to thrive. With an expected completion by late 2025, this multi-purpose development is designed to meet rising demand for flexible retail, industrial, and storage solutions.

Centrally located, the Brindley Street site will offer a mix of units to suit a wide range of business needs. Two premium showrooms will front the development, offering large display windows, high ceilings, and dedicated parking - perfect for retail or display-focused businesses.

Behind those, four light industrial units will be available. These are designed with trades, light manufacturing, or creative workspaces in mind, each one includes mezzanine space and high-clearance roller doors. Two larger workshops, which are already reserved, will cater to businesses needing extra space for equipment or mechanical work.

Located at the rear of the property, 19 fully enclosed storage units will be up for lease. These secure units offer a long-term

storage solution for tools, trailers, small boats, or household overflow, within a fenced and gated area.

Sheds & Showrooms Augusta is shaping up to be a rare opportunity for small business owners and tradespeople looking for a well located, versatile and thoughtfully designed business hub.

For more information on the development please visit [wscollective.au/projects/sheds-showrooms](https://wscollective.au/projects/sheds-showrooms) or contact WS Collective at (08) 9315 1513.





# Wind farm feasibility assessment

Synergy is completing the feasibility assessment for the proposed wind farm in Scott River. Findings will be shared with the community in September during community drop-in sessions.

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

This is a drop-in session, so you are welcome to arrive at any time that suits you within the below timeslots.

**Saturday 6 September, 2pm - 5pm**  
The Shed, Molloy Island

**Sunday 7 September, 10am - 12pm**  
East Augusta Volunteer Fire Station,  
51 Davies St, East Augusta

**Monday 8 September, 3pm - 6pm**  
Augusta Centennial Hall,  
62 Allnut Terrace, Augusta

**Tuesday 9 September, 11am - 1pm**  
Margaret River Community Centre,  
The Old Church,  
33 Tunbridge St, Margaret River

**Tuesday 9 September, 3pm - 6pm**  
Alexandra Bridge Hall,  
1252 Brockman Hwy, Courtenay

## For more information

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# Making great things happen

The 2025 Community Raffle generated \$36,575 from ticket sales for our local community.

The winners are:

<b>1st Prize</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>Archer McDonald Abalone Football Club</b>
<b>2nd Prize</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	Georgina Thiele 97.1 2 Oceans FM Augusta
<b>3rd Prize</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	Phillipa Chapple Rotary Margaret River

Thank you to the community groups that helped make this happen:

Margaret River Horse & Pony Club  
Margaret River Toy Library  
Augusta Men's Shed  
Civic Park Golf Club  
Margaret River Community Pantry  
Just Home  
Kudardup Bushfire Brigade  
Gracetown Tennis Club  
Augusta & Districts Garden Club  
Margaret River Primary School P&C  
Margaret River Community Centre  
Augusta CWA  
Margaret River Polocrosse Club

Augusta Community Garden  
Rotary Margaret River  
97.1 2 Oceans FM Radio Station  
Margaret River Community Garden  
Augusta Community Development Association  
St Thomas Moore Kitchen Garden  
Abalone Football Club  
AMR Junior Football  
Augusta Spinners & Weavers  
Augusta Wildlife Care  
Augusta & Districts Tennis and Croquet Club  
Augusta Community Resource Centre



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The following ticket sequences were not included in the draw: 51-60, 111-130, 191-200, 331-390, 451-500, 531-600, 951-1000, 1001-1190, 1201-1400, 1561-2000, 2042-2050, 2061-2070, 2085-2100, 2613-2620, 2636-2640, 2641-2650, 2671-2720, 2730, 2741-2750, 2801-2850, 2859, 2939, 2961-2970, 2981-3100, 3291-3300, 3359-3370, 3500, 3651-4000, 4001-4300, 4334-4340, 4341-4350, 4381-4500, 4501-4600, 4661-4670, 4691-4693, 4721-4830, 4851-4860, 4940, 4961-5000, 5001-5500, 5501-5580, 5801-5830, 5863-5870, 5911-5920, 5971-5980, 5991-6010, 6053-6060, 6601-6610, 6513-6515, 6654-6660, 6685-6700, 6741-6750, 6842-6850, 6862-6870, 6881-6890, 6914-6920, 7041-7150, 7171-7400, 7949-8050, 8051-8070, 8091-8100, 8141-8170, 8201-8230, 8271-8200, 8287-8290, 8301-8310, 8331-8340, 8381-8400, 8471-8480, 8492-8500, 8511-8520, 8551-8800, 9011-9040, 9051-9070, 9151-9170, 9181-9190, 9221-9230, 9241-9260, 9271-9280, 9301-9310, 9331-9380, 9401-9420, 9531-9570, 9641-9650, 9741-9790, 9801-10000, 10001-10300, 10311-10330, 10341-10350, 10451-10500, 10665-10670, 10911-10930, 11121-11210, 11221-11280, 13095-13100, 13117-13120, 13286-13290, 11438-11440, 11450, 11665-11670, 12818-12820, 12842-12850, 12853-12860, 12939-12940, 12949-12950, 12977-13000, 13081-13090, 13097-13100, 13115-13120, 13286-13290, 13351-13380, 13384-13390, 13601-13800, 13821-13830, 13851-13900, 13955-13970, 14001-14300, 14310, 14331-14340, 14344-14350, 14351-14500, 14571-14580, 14651-14660, 14681-14700, 14701-14720, 14731-14761, 14932-14940, 14941-15000, 15021-15030, 15041-15340, 15351-20000

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# Shire news

## September

### Welcome to August from Shire President Julia Jean-Rice

Kaya Augusta,

After what feels like months of non-stop rain, it's hard to believe spring has arrived. Which means the countdown to summer and bushfire season has begun.

At last month's Council meeting we endorsed our new Bushfire Risk Management Plan, which has also been signed off by the Office of Bushfire Risk Management. This is our guide to keeping the community safe by managing fuel loads and access routes on Shire land.

Our planners also reported on how local planning rules can support bushfire safety and identified several advocacy opportunities to raise with the State Government.

Of course, community safety also depends on everyone doing their part. Spring is the perfect time to prepare your property, and I urge you to get fire-ready now.

We've also started planning our wider community consultation on the Turner Street Jetty, which will commence after the elections.

Speaking of which, nominations are open for Council elections until 4 September. Councillors play a vital role in shaping our community's future, and we need diverse voices around the Council table to truly represent our residents and influence local priorities.

Another exciting project is the extension of the Wadandi Track, with \$17.5 million in State funding secured to connect Busselton to Augusta.

This is a joint project with the City of Busselton and we've asked to CEO to appoint a project manager to oversee planning, approvals and construction.

Finally, our CEO Andrea Selvey will be working from the Augusta office on Monday, 8 September and Friday, 26 September. If you'd like to discuss anything directly with her, or simply stop by for a chat, she'd love to see you.



Local Government Elections 2025  
**Shape the future  
of your  
community**



### Your voice, your vote - upcoming election

The upcoming local government election will be held on Saturday 18 October 2025. This election will be conducted by postal vote, with ballot packages sent by the WAEC in late September.

Local governments touch almost all areas of our lives regardless of where we live. Alongside roads, rates and rubbish, the Shire is responsible for a broad range of assets and services, including libraries, pools, parks, ovals and cemeteries and so much more.

This is your chance to help choose the people who will be making important decisions about the Shire for the next four years. Don't miss the opportunity to have your say.

More info: website : [amrshire.wa.gov.au/shire-and-council/council/elections](https://amrshire.wa.gov.au/shire-and-council/council/elections)

### Spotlight on one-star roads

You may have noticed speed limit changes on some local roads where the limit has dropped to 70 km/h.

Roads like Cowaramup Bay Road and Redgate Road have been rated just one star out of five for safety. They're narrow, have large trees on the verge and lack key safety features.

Lowering speed limits is one of the most effective ways to reduce serious crashes and save lives. The rollout is now complete, with all new signs installed.

Share your thoughts: [yoursay.amrshire.wa.gov.au/safer-speeds-trial-2](https://yoursay.amrshire.wa.gov.au/safer-speeds-trial-2)  
More info: [safer-speed-trial.com.au](https://safer-speed-trial.com.au)







## What's on in September

### 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 more than 80 years young. Includes entry for the gym. Call 08 9780 5657 or email [recreation@amrshire.wa.gov.au](mailto:recreation@amrshire.wa.gov.au)

##### Exercise Physiologist

Available for consultations at Augusta Gym. Wednesdays 8am - 4pm. Enquiries to [fitness@amrshire.wa.gov.au](mailto: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 837 369.

##### 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.



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

##### 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-toddler-tales-augusta.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.amrlibraries-toddler-tales-augusta.eventbrite.com.au) or Phone Rachael on 08 9780 5602

Next dates: 11 September, 9 October

##### 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.

## Margaret River HEART

### Nala Bardip Mia / Our Story House



##### Cinema & Film Festivals

- Cinefest Oz - Saturday 30 August - Sunday 7 September
- The Salt Path (M) - Tuesday 16 September @ 7pm

##### Community Events

- Emergence Creative Festival: Collision 2025 - Thursday 18 September, Friday 19 September

##### Young @ HEART

- FREE live music each Monday from 10am - **There will be NO Young @ Heart concert on Monday 29 September**
- Check [artsmargaretriver.com](http://artsmargaretriver.com) for full program

##### Theatre, Music, Comedy & Dance

- 1984 by George Orwell - Wednesday 10 September @ 7:30pm
- In the Shadow of Time - Tuesday 23 September @ 7pm
- Other Desert Cities (Margaret River Theatre Group) - Thursday 25 September @ 7pm, Friday 26 September @ 7pm, Sunday 28 September @ 1pm
- Romeo & Juliet - Saturday 27 September @ 7:30pm
- Dreams of a Loney Planet (Theatre performance) - Tuesday 30 September @ 1pm
- Dreams of a Lonely Planet (Dance workshop) - Tuesday 30 September @ 2:30pm



##### Visual Arts

- The Art of Small: An exhibition by Tracey Leigh - Wednesday 10 September to Friday 3 October - Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm
- The Art of Small: Exhibition launch - Friday 12 September @ 6pm
- 10 Years of Photography: An exhibition by Daniela Tommasi - Thursday 11 September to Friday 3 October - Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm

# Early Learning in Augusta Have Your Say!

REED is in the development stage of a new early childhood service in Augusta, and we want to hear from YOU!

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- Tell us what your family needs
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It is fun! You will gain a skill that should give you a lot of pleasure.

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

If you have not played before, lessons can be arranged. If you have, and are a bit rusty, we can sharpen you up.

Come along and try us out - phone Trevor 0428 308330  
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### Winners

July 21<sup>st</sup> Di Ellis &  
Edie Williams

July 28<sup>th</sup> Graham  
Shearwood &  
Herbie Whittall

August 4<sup>th</sup> Lyn Leonard &  
Merione Wilson  
Mary Whittall &  
Trevor Steel

August 11<sup>th</sup> Mary Whittall &  
Trevor Steel

August 18<sup>th</sup> Lyn Leonard &  
Herbie Whittall

### Runners up

Lyn Leonard &  
Merione Wilson

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Graham Shearwood  
& Herbie Whittall

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& Herbie Whittall

Mary Whittall &  
Trevor Steel

## GATHERING COMMEMORATES VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC WITH GEORGE

A group of friends recently celebrated a morning tea with George Hooks to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Victory in the Pacific Day.

George, as a veteran member of the Royal Australian Air Force serving as a wireless air gunner (11/9/40 to 6/12/45) had been invited to attend the commemorative service at the State War Memorial at Kings Park, but unfortunately the distance to attend was difficult for George aged 102.



*Pictured at the gathering are  
Peter Toy, Jill Walker (Peter's daughter),  
Christine Wilson, George Hooks, Amber Pasco,  
Val Fimister and Bob Stiles*



## STAYING IN PLACE MABLE PRESENTATION

As part of the implementation of the Staying in Place program in Augusta, the team from Mable (Linda Doolan, Community Partnerships Manager and her colleague Brad) presented to over 25 local residents about their involvement in the program and how Mable fits in to the Staying in Place model.

Lots of great questions from the attendees and many registered to find out more or to sign up as a potential client or as a support worker.

Augusta Community Resource Centre will be the coordination centre for the Staying in Place program which should be fully operational within the next 3-6 months once a Coordinator is appointed. This role is currently open for people to apply for. If you are interested in applying, have experience in the health system or aged care, please refer to the advertisement in this month's Pelican Post.



*Wendy Mathews, Acting Chair with Brad and Linda from Mable outside the Augusta Community Resource Centre looking happy after the successful Mable information session*




### SOCIAL EVENT INVITATION FROM THE AUGUSTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE




The Augusta business community warmly invite past present and future members to join us in a social evening to be held at the Augusta Hotel from 4pm to 6pm on Sunday the 21st September 2025.

Come and say hello and meet other like-minded people of the community or reacquaint yourself with someone you haven't seen in a while.

Nibbles and drinks provided and request you rsvp to Pauline on 0417 964 092 or [pauline@teccrew.com.au](mailto:pauline@teccrew.com.au) by Friday 19th September to arrange suitable catering.


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# LOCAL ARTIST - SARAH ZEL CHESCOE JOINS MR OPEN STUDIOS

It's just a month before Margaret River Region Open Studios takes over the region and Augusta artist Sarah Zel Chescoe (*right*) is taking part for the first time.



Sarah is a multidisciplinary artist in jewellery, mixed media, textiles and sculpture. She moved to Augusta from Perth last year.

Sarah has a Bachelor Degree in Visual Arts (Art) with Honours from Curtin University with a focus on Textiles, Wearable Art, Jewellery & Body Adornment; and a Diploma of Education. She has been a Visual Arts Educator for almost 2 decades inspiring young people across multi-disciplinary studio areas who have gone on to pursue creative careers.

She opened two successful bespoke jewellery and eclectic object stores in Fremantle and has been a Perth Upmarket Exhibitor and Ambassador for over 15 years and exhibited twice in the New Zealand Wearable Art Awards, winning second overall design winner.

Her Augusta studio is Mermaid's retreat - a huge garage she's converted into a coastal atelier 20 metres from the bay. It is a bohemian-style space with a huge peacock chair. It's a large creative open studio with mannequins, display boards ornate furniture and exotic plants with a large central table for display.

Wearable art pieces will be on either side with sculptural objects on display stands. Sarah loves curating and visual merchandising so it will be a feast for the eyes.

Other artists near Augusta are Sam James in Forest Grove, Caroline Bannister and Jo Bear in Witchcliffe.



above: Sam James' "After the Bath"  
below: Caroline Bannister's "Tsunami"



## Spiritual Reflection

By BILL WOODAGE

### Cleansing

In our society today we have an extensive array of cleaning products. Supermarkets devote aisles to soaps and cleaning liquids and chemicals. We are all aware that cleaning correctly can involve time and effort. When I was in primary school, there was emphasis placed on the importance of picking up rubbish, and of washing hands after that and after toileting, and certainly before eating.

It would be an accurate assessment to say we live in a relatively clean environment in our particular area. As a rule, people prefer to be clean. We all seem to use soaps, detergents and body sprays to look clean, and smell perfumed. All of us enjoy the benefits of being clean people, at least on the outward appearance.

Now Father God sees the outside, but He also looks on the inside. He knows our motives and opinions, our thoughts and desires.

What does Creator God think, for example, when we 'lose it' due to frustration or anger? Or when our selfish attitudes hurt others directly or indirectly, because we want it done our way?

God calls us sinners because we transgress, all of us violate His perfect standard for living. This then makes us morally disobedient according to His desire for us to live right. What is required to make amends?

Well Father God knows we are frail, sinful and weak. This is part of our inherited nature. To accommodate our inherited sinful nature, He sent a scapegoat to take every disobedience upon His shoulders, a perfect man named Jesus.

Yes, we can be clean on the outside, but the Saviour of mankind, Jesus, can cleanse our inner being. John 1:12 says, Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.

There is an eternity waiting for people with clean hearts. Are you ready to join the God revolution?



# AUGUSTA CHILDCARE BUILD UPDATE WE HAVE THE KEYS!!



**We have handover!**

**We'd like to thank the team at Resicom South West for their professionalism in delivering this amazing project for Augusta**

**Complete:**

- **Occupancy permit form sent to shire**
- **Grass, sand pit and shade sail complete**
- **Furniture flatpack assembly underway**

## BEFORE



## AFTER



**To come:**

- **Wall Mural**
- **Merger with REED**
- **Licence submission for early education service &**
- **Those magical finishing touches**

# SUPPORT AT HOME UPDATE



HomeMade

**THUR, 18 SEP 2025**  
**10am – 11.30am**

**Join Misty Morton and  
Dex de Bruin from  
HomeMade Support  
for an informative  
presentation on  
important upcoming  
changes in the  
Aged Care Sector.**



## VENUE:

Augusta Community Resource Centre

66 Allnut Terrace

Augusta WA 6290

## MORE INFORMATION:

(08) 9758 0002



[reception@augustacrc.net.au](mailto:reception@augustacrc.net.au)



Please register your attendance with the CRC reception - Tea and Coffee with light refreshments provided



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# VACANCY

## STAYING IN PLACE COORDINATOR

### (FIXED TERM - 1 YEAR)

Augusta Community Resource Centre (ACRC) is seeking a part-time Staying in Place Coordinator based in Augusta. This is a fixed term position for 1 year with a possible opportunity for extension for the right candidate.

ACRC is an independent not-for-profit and registered charity who is implementing the Staying in Place program locally to support seniors in the Augusta and surrounding region.

The SIP program is an innovative community approach that is making it possible for older people in rural and regional areas of Western Australia to stay living in their own homes, in their community. It is a model that draws on 'locals supporting locals' through coordination from the ACRC in partnership with an approved aged care provider Homemade and local workers who provide their services through the Mable support worker platform.

The SIP Coordinator role will commence as a two day a week position (16 hours) which could increase to three days or more in the future as more SIP clients come onboard to access local services.

This is a new role, and we are looking for someone who is able to work with SIP clients with patience, understanding and has a desire to help clients achieve and maintain wellness so they have the ability to stay living in their own home, in their own community.

We are seeking an individual who has the following skills and experience:

#### SELECTION CRITERIA

##### Essential

- Knowledge, awareness and understanding of the Commonwealth Aged Care Home Support Program.
- Ability to develop genuine and lasting relationships with older people.
- Enjoys working in a small community and understands the confidentiality and sensitivity of connections and relationships.
- Able to work independently whilst also participating as part of a small team.
- Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills applicable to working with elderly people.
- Networking capacity with community organisations and services and Government.
- Strong communication and time management skills with attention to detail.
- Current Police Clearance or can acquire one if requested.

##### Desirable

- Knowledge, awareness and understanding of the Staying in Place model.
- Experience in case coordination.
- Experience as a support worker or contractor to aged people.
- Confident analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Ability to maintain social and organisational standards and values; honour commitments.
- Sound computer skills in MS Office and email communication.

If you would like a copy of the Position Description please email [reception@augustacrc.net.au](mailto:reception@augustacrc.net.au).

When submitting your application please provide the following:

- A cover letter
- Address the enclosed Selection Criteria
- A current CV
- Names and contact details of at least two (2) referees who can comment on your work performance.

Email your application to [manager@augustacrc.net.au](mailto:manager@augustacrc.net.au).

**Applications close on Friday 19th September 2025**





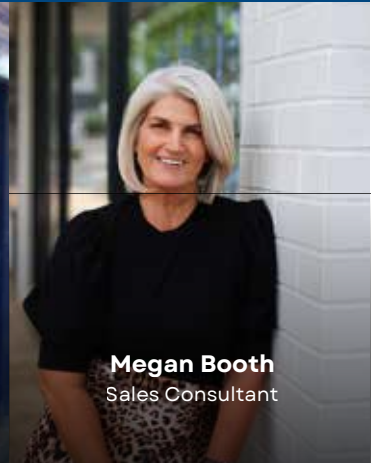
**Kelly Donaldson**  
Director, Licensee



**Ken Proctor**  
Sales Consultant



**John Stott**  
Sales Consultant



**Megan Booth**  
Sales Consultant

# Meet Our Augusta Real estate Team!

[www.augustarealestate.com.au](http://www.augustarealestate.com.au)



The Augusta Real Estate office has started a new chapter in 2025, and the team is excited to introduce the familiar faces—and new ones—who are here to support the community.



**Nadia O'Meagher**  
Sales Administration



**Sue Perriman**  
Property Management Administration



**Mary Lynne**  
Commercial Property Management



**Lisa Wibberley**  
Property Management

The Augusta office now has greater capacity to support locals across sales, property management, and commercial property. The team invites the community to drop by, meet the staff, and have a chat about the local market anytime.

69 Blackwood Avenue, Augusta WA 6290  
[admin@augustarealestate.com.au](mailto:admin@augustarealestate.com.au)



# ELECTRIFY

AUGUSTA MARGARET RIVER



You're invited to

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An Electrifying Afternoon with Saul Griffith part of the Faster and Fairer Tour

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Join Dr Saul Griffith as he launches his latest book **'Plug In: The Electrification Handbook'** and hear how we can ensure electrification happens faster and fairer.

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# THE SCOTT RIVER WIND FACTORY

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



### TOO BIG FOR OUR LAND!

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### BUSHFIRE DANGER!

NO AERIAL FIREFIGHTING ALLOWED OVER TURBINES. LIMITED GROUND ACCESS DUE TO PROTECTED ECOLOGICAL ZONES, HIGHER RISK TO HOMES, FARMS, AND COMMUNITIES!



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### HEALTH RISKS!

INFRASOUND TRAVELS UP TO 20KM – CAUSING SLEEP LOSS, HEADACHES, BALANCE ISSUES, AND HEART PROBLEMS. LIVESTOCK DEATHS RECORDED FROM CONSTANT STRESS. PROVEN WORLDWIDE TO DESTROY QUALITY OF LIFE AND TRIGGER SERIOUS, LASTING HEALTH DAMAGE!



### ENVIRONMENTAL THREAT!

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### FARMING FUTURE UNDER THREAT!

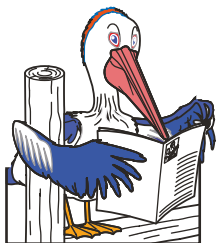
33-YEAR CONTRACTS (PLUS ANOTHER 33) HAND CONTROL OF YOUR LAND – FOR BOTH HOSTS AND NEIGHBOURS – TO THE PROJECT. BANS ON NEW HOMES, SHEDS, OR TREE PLANTING CRIPPLE FARM OPERATIONS AND DESTROY FUTURE VALUE. FOREIGN WIND INDUSTRY INVESTORS CAN SELL OR WALK AWAY AT ANY TIME, LEAVING THE COMMUNITY WITH THE CLEAN-UP COSTS, DEGRADED LAND, AND PROPERTY THAT CAN NO LONGER BE FULLY USED.



### ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION!

THE FACILITY'S ELECTROMAGNETIC EMISSIONS WILL EXCEED WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION SAFETY GUIDELINES. LINKED INTERNATIONALLY TO INCREASED RISKS OF CANCER, HEART DISEASE, AND NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS IN HUMANS. POSES A SERIOUS HAZARD TO LIVESTOCK HEALTH – INCLUDING A VERY REAL POSSIBILITY OF BOVINE LEUKOSIS – WITH POTENTIAL KNOCK-ON EFFECTS FOR THE FOOD CHAIN AND HUMAN HEALTH.

**IMPORTANT... ATTEND THE DROP IN SESSIONS AND MAKE IT CLEAR, THE DEVELOPER DOES NOT HAVE A SOCIAL LICENSE TO BUILD OR OPERATE AN INDUSTRIAL WIND FACTORY IN OUR COMMUNITY**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AUGUSTA

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

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LCDC Demonstrating  
the Difference Walk  
1:30pm - 5pm  
See page 41

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LCDC Nutrient Dense  
Food Production Event  
9am - 3pm  
See page 41

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HomeMade support  
presentation  
Augusta CRC  
10am - 11:30  
see page 18

AUGUSTA  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
AND MUSEUM INC.  
**AGM**  
7pm in the  
Meeting Room

22



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Kings Birthday  
Long Weekend

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# September 2025



**TIDE CHART**  
**CAPE HAMELIN**  
**LAT: 34° 16'S**  
**LONG: 115° 2'E**

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5	6 Augusta Tennis & Croquet Club Season Opening Start 2pm BBQ after see page 29	7
12	13	14
19	20	21 Augusta Chamber of Commerce Social Evening Augusta Hotel from 4pm to 6pm See page 15
26	27 Kings Birthday Long Weekend  Augusta Mini Market Start 8am See page 29	28 Kings Birthday Long Weekend

SEPTEMBER					
	Time	m		Time	m
1 MO	0253	0.88	16 TU	0541	0.90
	1538	0.30		1556	0.13
2 TU	0459	0.87	17 WE	0657	0.90
	1547	0.28		1626	0.18
3 WE	0626	0.89	18 TH	0751	0.90
	1601	0.27		1645	0.24
4 TH	0717	0.92	19 FR	0834	0.87
	1619	0.25		1656	0.31
5 FR	0758	0.95	20 SA	0246	0.55
	1638	0.24		0911	0.83
	2358	0.61		1657	0.37
6 SA	0127	0.61		2254	0.62
	0838	0.97	21 SU	0330	0.52
	1700	0.25		0942	0.77
	2345	0.60		1645	0.42
7 SU	0226	0.56	22 MO	0412	0.50
	0919	0.96		1007	0.69
	1721	0.28		1613	0.46
	2342	0.60		2236	0.70
8 MO	0319	0.52	23 TU	0452	0.48
	1004	0.91		1027	0.62
	1740	0.35		1547	0.47
	2339	0.63		2225	0.76
9 TU	0418	0.49	24 WE	0541	0.47
	1055	0.82		1037	0.54
	1745	0.45		1533	0.46
	2334	0.68		2230	0.82
10 WE	0533	0.47	25 TH	0704	0.45
	1200	0.68		1028	0.46
	1718	0.53		1500	0.43
	2326	0.75		2247	0.87
11 TH	0742	0.45	26 FR	1351	0.39
	2323	0.84		2314	0.90
12 FR	1213	0.35	27 SA	1345	0.34
	2333	0.91		2345	0.89
13 SA	1330	0.22	28 SU	1348	0.31
14 SU	0000	0.94	29 MO	0021	0.86
	1428	0.14		1401	0.29
15 MO	0045	0.92	30 TU	0112	0.82
	1516	0.11		1420	0.28

## **Volunteer Role - Join the Management Committee Augusta Community Resource Centre**

We are seeking volunteers from the community to join the management committee (Board) of the Augusta Community Resource Centre.

If you are community minded, and have an interest or skills related to any of the following- administration, marketing, events management, communications or experience in not-for-profit/charity organisations, we would love you to join us as a fellow committee/board member.

This is a great opportunity to use your life skills in the above to help guide the management of the Augusta Community Resource Centre.

For further information, please contact Wendy Mathews, Acting Chair at the Augusta Community Resource Centre via [wmathews@y7mail.com](mailto:wmathews@y7mail.com) or 0439 980 932 to find out more.



### **Need a hand with your digital device?**

The Augusta CRC is here to help! Whether you're new to technology or just need a little extra guidance, we offer friendly, one-on-one support for a range of digital and admin tasks, including:

- Setting up and using mobile phones and smartphones
- Getting started with laptops or tablets
- Sending and organising emails
- Typing and formatting documents



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The CRC is delighted to welcome John Galvin back to his former role as Editor of the Pelican Post! John has seamlessly stepped back into the position and has been warmly greeted by CRC regulars, who are glad to see his familiar face once again.

At the same time, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Krystelle Lloyd for her dedication and valuable contributions during her time with us. Her commitment to the CRC, from a Trainee to Editor of the Pelican Post, has been greatly appreciated and has left a lasting impact. We wish her all the very best as she embarks on a new chapter, and we're sure we'll continue to see her around the community.

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







## Centre Manager/Coordinator

Up to 25 hours per week, with potential to increase work hours in the future.

- ❖ Permanent Part-Time
- ❖ Cohesive Team and Committee support
- ❖ Attractive salary and conditions

The Augusta Community Resource Centre (ACRC) is seeking an experienced manager or coordinator to provide strategic leadership and direction to both staff and partners accessing and utilising various services provided by the Centre.

The ACRC is a community managed not-for-profit organisation committed to servicing the regional community of Augusta by providing a diverse range of services to all residing within the surrounding areas. The ACRC works with various stakeholders and partnerships in the delivery of key services to the community.

The successful applicant will provide leadership and manage the day-to-day operations of the CRC. The role includes the development of the CRC's strategic and business plans in consultation with the Management Committee together with related policies, processes and procedures to ensure the Centre operates at its optimum. This includes building and maintaining positive and collaborative working relations with a diverse range of internal and external stakeholders and managing a small administration team.

A high level of financial acumen and proficiency in compiling information for the Committee of Management is required including the Centre's budget, monthly and end-of-year financial reporting requirements.

Experience or skills required will include management experience, including budgetary and financial planning and the competence to prepare funding grants and sponsorship agreements. The ability to plan, organise and prioritise to agreed timeframes is essential.

To apply for this position please send a confidential covering letter and resume to [manager@augustacrc.net.au](mailto:manager@augustacrc.net.au) before the closing date of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of September.



## **Staying in Place Program**

### **Home Care and Support Services**

#### **REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN THIS PROGRAM!**

The Augusta Community Resource Centre in conjunction with Homemade & Mable – a Commonwealth approved home and community care provider for older people - will be introducing a wide variety of home care support and services for seniors so you can continue to enjoy living at home.

Whatever your needs, we will work with you to put a plan into action so that you can live your best life at home in your own community.

If you are over 65, or an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander over 50, you could be eligible for a Home Care Package funded by the Australian Government. Home Care Packages are subsidised by the Australian Government and are available in 4 levels based on your needs.

**Level 1** – basic needs like essential cleaning, pet care, social outings

**Level 2** – services like meal preparation, cleaning, gardening and home maintenance

**Level 3** – higher care and support needs such as meal preparation, domestic assistance, personal care, gardening and home maintenance, social support, allied health services

**Level 4** - higher care and support needs such as meal preparation, nursing care and allied health services, personal care, domestic assistance, medication support, gardening and home maintenance, and social support.

The Augusta Community Resource Centre will be the coordination centre in Augusta for the Staying in Place program and we encourage people over 65 in Augusta and the surrounding areas of Hamelin Bay, Kudardup and Karridale to register now to find out more about the program and how it can support you locally.

The Augusta Community Resource Centre is currently recruiting a Staying in Place Coordinator but while that role is being finalised, we encourage you to get in touch with us and register your interest in the program.

You can email [reception@augustacrc.net.au](mailto:reception@augustacrc.net.au) or phone (08) 97580 002 where we can take down your contact details for our Staying in Place Coordinator to contact you once they commence. You can also ask for our flyer to be sent out to you that explains the Home Care and Support Service further or collect a copy from Reception at the Augusta Community Resource Centre.



**AUGUSTA HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY**

By *KATHY TRITTON*



Hello everyone  
and welcome to  
September.  
The Society has  
been in recess for  
three months but meetings will recommence in  
September.

Just a reminder that the Augusta Historical  
Society and Museum Inc. will hold their:

**AGM**  
**Thursday 18th September**  
**7pm in the meeting room**  
**All welcome**

Membership was due from 1st July and only  
financial members can vote. Membership can be  
paid at the museum, or via EFT to Bendigo BSB:  
633 000 Acc: 146324835 or on the night.

(Single \$10, Double \$15). If paying by EFT please  
remember to use Membership and your name as  
the reference.

This will be followed by a General Meeting.  
Hope to see you there.



**AUGUSTA MINI MARKET**  
LOCATED AT CENTENNIAL HALL (CNR  
ELLIS ST & ALLNUT TCE)

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STARTING AT 8 AM

UPCOMING DATES:  
27th September 2025

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**AUGUSTA TENNIS  
AND CROQUET  
CLUB**

**SEASON  
OPENING**

**6 SEPTEMBER, 2025**

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**  
**START TIME 2PM, BYO BBQ AFTER PLAY.**  
**CONTACT CLUB SECRETARY,**  
**SECRETARYADTC@GMAIL.COM FOR FURTHER**  
**DETAILS.**





# Hello!



## Karridale Primary School News



### BOOK-CENTRIC BIRTHDAYS



Our school marked a special occasion as we celebrated two significant book-related milestones—the 20th birthday of our Reading Program and the 80th birthday of the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA). The day was packed with fun, creativity, and a shared love for reading!

With the theme "Book an Adventure," students and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters and took part in a range of book-inspired activities. The children embarked on exciting journeys through four imaginative destinations:

1. *Outer Space* – Exploring galaxies far, far away through a space-themed treasure hunt in the library.
2. *Underwater* – Diving into the depths of collaborative short story writing with an ocean themed thriller!
3. *Fantasy Land* – Creating fantastic creatures through art.
4. *Countries Around the World* – Cooking up creative dishes from Italy and Japan.

It was a joyful day that brought our school together and reminded us all of the power and importance of literacy, storytelling, and the magic of books.



### YIRRA YAAKIN ON FIRE

Our students really enjoyed watching Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company's performance of *Kaarla Kaatijin*, which means "understanding fire" in Noongar.

The play shared stories from Noongar culture showing how important fire is. Students loved the mix of acting, music and movement, and many said they learned new things about Aboriginal culture and traditions.

It was a fun and thought-provoking experience that helped us understand and respect Noongar culture more deeply.

**Right:** Yirra Yakin perform "Kaarla Kaatijin" and engaged students.



**Above:** Chantel Edwards on professional experience in Room 4.

### SUPPORTING FUTURE EDUCATORS

This term, our Year 4–6 class welcomed Chantel Edwards for a three-week professional experience placement for her Master of Teaching studies with Open University and Curtin.

Chantel described her time with us as "awesome and really interesting," especially with three year levels in one class. She likened the experience to being part of a family, with everyone helping each other in the classroom and the playground.

Chantel especially enjoyed dressing up for Book Week and celebrating 20 years of our school reading program, joining in the fun and spirit of our learning community.

We wish Chantel all the best with her studies and career.

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### Year 6 Emergency Services

Things are heating up for our Year 6 students! They've begun their Emergency Services Program which runs every Thursday afternoon and where better than to start at the local Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services?

During their recent visit, students got a firsthand look at the life of a firefighter. They learned to handle fire hoses, worked together to extinguish practice fires and even got to climb inside the fire trucks. Beyond the excitement, a key part of the program focused on a vital lesson: creating a family emergency plan.

This experience is more than just fun and games. It's about building confidence, teaching teamwork, and equipping our students with the knowledge to respond calmly and effectively in an emergency.

Thank you to Mrs Hawkins and Mr Kehoe for their support.



### National Tree Planting Day



We were proud to take part in National Tree Day with a wonderful replanting session that

brought our school community together in support of a greener future. A huge thank you goes to the Capes Foundation for their ongoing support and

generous contribution to this important initiative. Well done to all our students and teachers who rolled up their sleeves and worked hard to plant and care for our native vegetation. Your enthusiasm, teamwork and care for the environment made the day a great success. We're already looking forward to the next planting session, as we continue to grow both our gardens and our commitment to sustainability!

### NAIDOC

Our school community came together on Friday, 25 July, for a special NAIDOC Day. Students were immersed in a dynamic day of hands-on activities designed to foster a deeper connection and understanding of local Indigenous culture. The day was a meaningful and engaging experience for everyone involved. The day was structured around a series of cultural rotations. Students learned about the six Noongar seasons, discovering how the Noongar people traditionally read the landscape to guide their lives throughout the year. They also brought the ancient Rainbow Serpent story to life by creating their own puppets, and they pieced together Aboriginal tools jigsaws, learning about the ingenuity and purpose of items like boomerangs. Creativity flourished in other workshops as well. Students explored traditional Aboriginal symbols and their meanings, then used this knowledge in a beading activity to create their own unique pieces. The "yarning" station, where students wove wool onto sticks, was another popular activity that taught them about the importance of threads and connection within the community.

The day was a huge success, thanks to the enthusiasm and curiosity of our students.



### Jeans4Genes Day

Jeans4Genes Day – Thank You! A huge thank you to our amazing Student Councillors for organising this year's Jeans4Genes Day. Together, our school community raised \$105 for this very worthy charity, supporting vital research into childhood genetic diseases. Well done to everyone who took part and donated!

### Kindy Enrolments

Kindy enrolments are now open and due by July the 25<sup>th</sup> – please get these to the school so we can plan for 2026!

By **MORVEN HANSEN**  
 Image by various

Work on the mixed media paintings continues, Bev has six on the go, all variations on a theme, demonstrating her mastery of the process. We have enjoyed a long visit by Sandy who always inspires with her imaginative and diverse art. She has been doing a lot of gel printing with lovely colourful results.

Jan is working on a painting from Bev's workshop, and due to the glazing kiln warming up the artroom lately, I'm guessing there will be some lovely china in the 2026 exhibition. Following a few quiet months at the club (except for Tuesday evenings) it's good to see members returning to the clubroom with their projects and some interesting work based on the theme for next year's exhibition.

Regarding my experimenting with mixing purples, I have found the best shades come from a combination of mixing Alizarin Crimson with any of the blues from Cerulean to Indigo. The purples achieved from mixing red and blue are much nicer than purples 'from the tube'.



*Da Vinci's Lady with Ermine*

As promised, not a word about the history of pigments this month (or the foreseeable future). Instead the first in a series of 'Artist in a Nutshell', starting with the 'Greatest Artist of the Renaissance' Leonardo Da Vinci.

Da Vinci was born in 1452 in the small town of Vinci near Florence

in Tuscany. The humble farm amongst olive groves is still there and is now a museum to Da Vinci. He did not paint prolifically in his early years in spite of his obvious talent, but from 1472 onwards he started to paint seriously both for himself but mostly on commission.

The first major painting was The Annunciation in 1472 followed by: The Baptism of Christ, Ginevra De Benci, Virgin of the Rocks, Lady with an Ermine, The Last Supper, Mona Lisa (1503-1517), Virgin and Child with St Anne and Salvator Mundi. His works spanned mainly religious subjects and commissions, and he demonstrated a mastery of technique and exploration of human form and emotion.

Mona Lisa, whose real name was Lisa del Gioconde was painted on commission from Francesco de Gioconde,

her husband. In Italy the painting is known by the name La Gioconda.

Da Vinci was never entirely satisfied with his Mona Lisa and reworked it for many years. The painting was never given to Francesco De Gioconde. It moved to France when LDV was employed by the French King Francois 1 in a chateau on the Loire, where LDV painted many frescos on the chateau walls. He reworked the Mona Lisa and never considered her finished. Next month, just for fun, I will relate the story of the adventures and misadventures of the Mona Lisa following the death of LDV in 1519.

Her enigmatic smile, may be (methinks) the result of non-existent dentistry back in the 1500s - she perhaps did not want to open her mouth! Each of LDV's paintings of women had the same closed mouth (almost) smile.

LDV is almost as renowned for his fascination with and mastery of science, maths, anatomy and engineering. His technical drawing skills were quite extraordinary although he never built any of his inventions on paper.

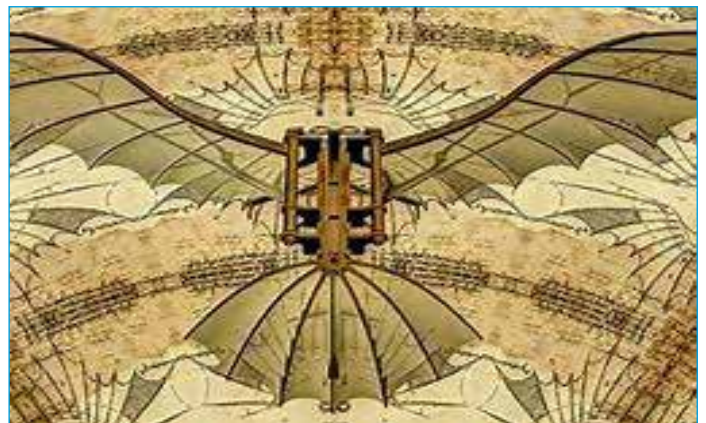


We, at the Art Club, are very saddened to have recently lost Mary Palmer (left) who passed on 3rd August 2025.

Mary was a valued club member who had joined the Art Club in 1996 after attending TAFE classes, which acted as a catalyst to her interest in art. Her forte was working with textiles and especially

wool. Mary was a tireless worker for the Club, taking on roles as President, Treasurer, Secretary and not least, Exhibition Co-ordinator. A Life Membership was awarded to Mary in 2014. Mary will be missed.

The Art Club welcomes visitors on Tuesday evenings (6.30-8.30) and Wednesdays and Fridays (10-2.00) at the Centennial Hall. Enquiries Trisha 0419 964 214.



*Leonardo's flying machine*





# Register your request for assistance for storm preparedness and recovery tasks with Disaster Relief Australia

Disaster Relief Australia volunteers will be in the Augusta community to help with storm preparedness and recovery tasks from 30 October to 2 November 2025

Local Disaster Relief Australia volunteers will be in the area providing assistance to the Augusta and surrounding areas. We can help with the following tasks:

- Clearing fire breaks
- Cutting and piling unsafe trees (tree dependent)
- General debris clean-up where access and egress is compromised (i.e. piling of green waste, chainsaw operations, and other disaster waste)
- Fenceline clearing

Please note that this list is not exhaustive. If you require assistance with your property, contact Disaster Relief Australia for further information.

Requests for assistance close on 12 October 2025.

## About Disaster Relief Australia

Established in 2016, Disaster Relief Australia (DRA) is a veteran-led not-for-profit that unites the skills and experience of veterans and other dedicated volunteers to help communities prepare for and recover from disaster.

If you would like assistance on your property, please email the WA Disaster Relief and Recovery Team below:



**[drrtwa@disasterreliefaus.org](mailto:drrtwa@disasterreliefaus.org)**  
**1300 372 287**

@DisasterReliefAUS  
**[disasterreliefaus.org](https://disasterreliefaus.org)**





# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Bereavement Notices

### PALMER, Mary

Deepest Sympathy to John, Angela and Graeme from the Augusta Art Club.

A valued member of the Art Club who is truly missed.

## In Memoriam

### OWEN JONES 13/1/1936 - 1/9/2005

Remembered Always by Family, Friends and The Augusta Community. The "Pelican" is thought of and remembered often and guides us quietly. You would be very proud of us and your adult grandchildren and their families.

Always Remembered.

Love, Rob & Robyn, Helena, Laura, Grace & Lachlan, Sue, Seb & Ben xo

## Thank You

The inspiration book has almost completed its journey around the world, and many a 'heart is singing' with \$6,600 donated to nominated charities.

The last few of these colourful and cheerful books, that boasts the South West and the people who live here, are available for sale at the Augusta Newsagency.

A very heartfelt thank you to all for making this dream come true.

Thank you Augusta for your generous support of this year's Daffodil Day.

Together we raised \$1,100. Thank you to all our helpers and the Leeuwin Lions for the trailer load of wood - always a popular raffle prize, especially this winter! **The winner was purple R34, held by local identity Margo Hart.**

Wendy Shearwood is shortly relocating to Vasse so Augusta needs a new Daffodil Coordinator. Could this be you? Please call Margaret Martin on 0438 584 523 to find out more.



## VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR 97.1

*2oceansFM - Social Media Role*

Would you like to volunteer in the promotion and ongoing social media of your local community radio station?

And get some valuable work experience across different social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, as well as the radio station website? Then this is the role for you.

Join a team of highly motivated announcers, programmers, and station sponsors in driving the success of the station in our home town of Augusta. No experience necessary as all training will be provided. We are all volunteers - why not join us and have some fun as well. We anticipate the role will involve a flexible 1-2 hours per week.

Please forward your interest via email with your contact details to [manager@2oceansfm.com.au](mailto:manager@2oceansfm.com.au) and someone will get in touch.

We look forward to hearing from you, and having you on our team!



## AUGUSTA VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE NEEDS YOU

The Augusta volunteer fire and rescue brigade is an exceptional team of community members who serve our small country town with dedication and passion. We are proud to have 18 active members in our brigade, which includes three women of varying ages and from different walks of life.

Every week, on Tuesdays from 5.30 pm - 8.00 pm, we attend the fire station for our training session, which involves running comprehensive checks on our vehicles, equipment, and radios. After this, we engage in a drill covering structure fires, road rescue, or hazmat. We are committed to ensuring that we are always prepared to handle any emergency situation that may arise in our community.

Our team covers a large area within our town, and we take pride in serving our community with professionalism, integrity, and a deep sense of responsibility.

If you feel you can give time and commitment, we would love to welcome you into our brigade. Training and courses are all available through DFES along with our own in-house training.

Kind Regards  
*Trudy Jane Tutty*



By **JUNE LE GALLEZ**  
 Images by June Le Gallez & Michelle Readshaw

July brought birthday celebrations for three very special members of the Spinners and Weavers, Gibb, Trish and Yvonne, our little room was decorated beautifully with streamers and balloons, thanks to Gibb's son Andrew. The table was laid with a feast of food and several cakes, the kettle was on, and a good day was had by all. Well done ladies.



July was also the month several of our members got down and dirty at the Containers for Change Depot every Thursday and Saturday for the whole month. A big congratulations and thank you to the ladies and not forgetting some of the husbands who dutifully stepped in to help out. You are all stars, and your efforts have benefited our club immensely. Your hard work is greatly appreciated by us members who couldn't help on this occasion. We will be shouting at you for the next few weeks until your hearing gets back to normal!

International Lighthouse Weekend Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th August was busy with locals and visitors



*Spinners and Weavers stall at the lighthouse*

alike enjoying the Augusta Volunteers Marine Rescue group and their rescue craft on display the 2-way radio operators were on site again all weekend. And of course, Spinners and Weavers were there displaying our range of crafts. We had a wonderful assortment of unique hand made products for sale. Our stalls were set up on the verandah area where a display of the art of Spinning was being demonstrated. The sun shone for the event not like last year when it was a very wet and wild weekend.

### Remembering Mary

We were all very sad to hear the news that one of our friends (right) Mary (Palmer) who was a very respected and loved member of our group passed away on 4th August aged 88 years.

Mary was a regular at Spinners and Weavers until she left to access age care. She was a talented artist, and her beautiful, felted

hats were always a great attraction at our events. Mary hand spun her fleece, then knitted it and then made the hand knitted fibre into felt.



She often incorporated knitting or crocheting into her designs, which was why her work was so unique. I happened to meet a lady a couple of months ago and in passing she mentioned Augusta Spinners and Weavers, she said she had bought a beautiful felt hat several years ago from one of our events. I said "Ah, that will be one of Mary's". I have several books about life in Guernsey during the German Occupation, Mary showed a great interest and enjoyed reading them.

Mary will be sadly missed and remembered with great fondness by all at Augusta Spinners and Weavers. We send love and sympathy to her family at this sad time.

*A la Prochaine Mary.*

### A fact for the month

This one's for you Mary

Felting has been around for thousands of years with evidence of felted textiles dating back to ancient times in Asia and the Middle East. Archaeologists have discovered felted garment fragments with intricate designs in central Asia, and ancient Egyptians used felting to create items like headdresses, clothing and sandals as early as 3000 B.C.

Come and join us anytime  
**Tuesday 10:30am – 4:00pm**  
**Thursday 7:00pm – 10:00pm**  
 All very welcome





By JO HAYES  
Images by Jo Hayes

For anyone who loves to, wants to, or hopes to, ocean swim please come and join us in our pristine local pool, Flinders Bay.

We meet twice a week for “Technique Tuesdays” and “Threshold Thursdays” at **6:45am**, 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? Aug – Oct

There are plenty of ‘winter warriors’ that brave the chillier conditions this time of year. Wetsuit or no wetsuit you will still find regular Flounders down at Flinders Bay Tuesdays and Thursdays at **6:45am**. Come and join us.

There are 10+ Flounders who have commenced 15 weeks of training in preparation for the Geo Bay swim in November 2025. This will require a 4-5km swim each in a relay from Quindalup to Busselton. This will keep the Flounders fit and focused through the colder months. Anyone is welcome to join on the training sessions at our usual times **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:45am** at Flinders Bay.

If that sounds a bit harrowing then try a more casual swim with our friends “**The 8 O’Clockers**” (8:30am in winter) who meet at the northern end facilities at Flinders Bay every morning of the week. Either way you’re guaranteed an invigorating immersion with some new friends in a very special place.



## Garden Gossip

By CAROLINE FOLEY  
Images by Various



This month thirteen of us had a casual meeting at the Leeuwin Bean Cafe at the Leeuwin Lighthouse. The weather was glorious as you can see from the photo.

We discussed the wonderful weather, what was happening in our gardens and the result of the Bendigo Bank raffle amongst other things. Tracey served us with beautiful coffees and delightful cakes and scones. Thanks Tracey.

Planning is well under way for our Garden Fete to be held on Saturday 4th October at the Augusta Centennial Hall.

If you would like to have a stall for just \$30 for the day, please contact Caroline on 0410 889 346.





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

#### **TAALINUP AUGUSTA CONVERSATIONS:**

##### **TSUNAMIS - Dr Srinivasa Tummala**

1000 thanks to Dr Srinivasa Tummala who told us all about tsunamis and the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System! A fascinating topic with some local experience!

##### **For your diary:**

Local rockstar geologist Peter Lane will tell us all about our local geology on Sunday November 23 at 2pm in the Augusta Hotel function room.

##### **ERGA:**

##### **Arum Lily Blitz**

The Arum Lily Blitz is in full swing. Arum lilies have a huge impact on biodiversity and agriculture in our area. Working together we can make a difference.

Be a good neighbour! If you have arums on your property, you can obtain free chemical locally from Augusta Home Hardware or Karridale Agencies. For more information about the program: <https://natureconservation.org.au/the-battle-against-arum-lily/>

#### **OVER 65's BLOKES COFFEE CATCHUPS:**

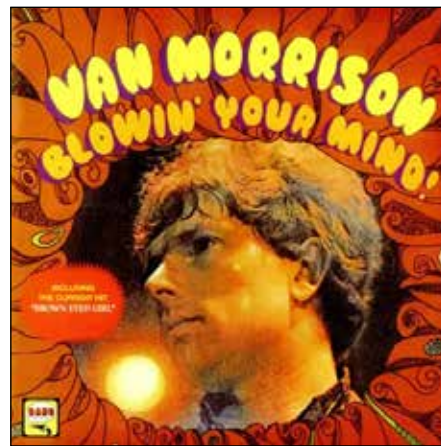
A casual meetup group of over-65's blokes has started at the Colourpatch on Wednesdays from 10am... come down and have a conversation and a coffee – you never know what you might find out!

#### **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](mailto:augusta_acda@yahoo.com)

#### **RECORD CLUB AT THE RADIO STATION!: VAN MORRISON**

Come along to a one-hour showcase of Van Morrison held at the 2OceansFM



Radio Station, on **Monday September 8 at 5.30pm.**

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Our next meeting will be on Thursday September 4, 5.30pm at the Lesser Hall (next to the Rec centre)... drop us a line or come along and get involved!



### **Help Track Australia's Changing Seas Join Redmap!**

The Range Extension Database and Mapping project – or Redmap – is a national citizen science initiative that invites Australians to share sightings of marine species that are unusual or uncommon in their local waters. These community observations help scientists track which species may be extending their ranges in response to changes in our oceans, such as warming seas and shifting currents.

Australia has one of the largest coastlines in the world, and monitoring it is a huge challenge. That's where you come in. By reporting an unusual fish, lobster, shell, or anything else you've spotted while diving, fishing, swimming, or beachcombing, you're contributing to a national database that can act as an early warning system for environmental change. This information helps highlight regions and species experiencing the greatest shifts, directing valuable research and guiding marine management decisions.

Importantly, Redmap data is already making a difference. Recent scientific studies have used community sightings to better understand how tropical fish are moving south into

cooler waters, and what determines whether they survive temperate winters. Research published in Global Change Biology and other journals shows that Redmap observations are filling crucial gaps. For example, 91% of range shifts for over 200 marine species reviewed between 2013 and 2022, would not have been detected by traditional science alone. These insights are helping researchers and managers forecast ecological change, plan for shifting ecosystems, and support coastal communities.

Your contribution doesn't stop with logging a sighting. You can help spread the word by telling friends, sharing Redmap's posts on social media, giving a talk at your local club, or simply encouraging others to keep an eye out while they're on the water. The more people who know about Redmap, the more sightings we collect, and the clearer our picture of Australia's changing marine environment becomes.

Across the globe, species are already "moving house" in response to climate change. With your help, Redmap Australia is building a powerful tool for scientists, managers, and communities to share data, collaborate, and better understand the future of our oceans.

Seen something fishy? Log it at [www.redmap.org](http://www.redmap.org) – and be part of the story of Australia's changing seas.

Read the latest Redmap newsletter here: <https://email.ionata.com.au/t/y-1AEBA0196B29A2262540EF23F30FED>

## SUDOKU

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### Sudoku Rules for Complete Beginners

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

*Solution see page 45*

Source:sudoku.com.au

## TRIVIA

1. Which country is home to the most UNESCO World Heritage-listed sites?
2. A BLT sandwich by definition comprises what three ingredients?
3. Which commonly used French phrase translates as "false step"?
4. Viridian is a shade of which colour?
5. According to the Stevie Wonder song "Master Blaster (Jammin')", nobody ever told you that you would be jammin' until [when]?
6. Viswashkumar Ramesh was the sole survivor of the June crash of a Boeing 787 Dreamliner operated by which airline?
7. Name the host of the ABC's Hard Quiz.
8. What building appears on the United States \$20 note: (a) the Capitol Building; (b) Lincoln Memorial; or (c) the White House? (Bonus point for naming the president, America's seventh, who appears on the other side.)
9. Which team last weekend became this year's Super Netball champions?
10. True or false: arsenic often smells and tastes like bitter almonds?

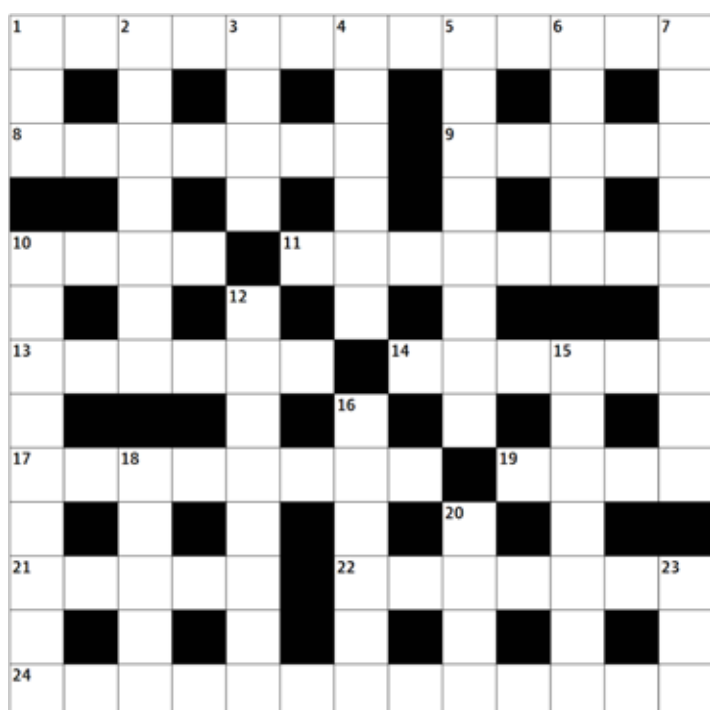
*Answers on page 45*

source:TheSaturdaypaper



## CROSSWORD

Source:theguardian.com



### Across

- 1 Expression of incredulity (4,2,3,4)
- 8 Best possible (7)
- 9 Sanctum (5)
- 10 Hammer – what's hammered! (4)
- 11 Engraved design – ligation (anag) (8)
- 13 Crime (6)
- 14 Tree with swollen trunk (6)
- 17 Tin-opener? (4,4)
- 19 Core (4)
- 21 Vigour (5)
- 22 Daytime (7)
- 24 Drinking game (4,3,6)
- 25 Twelve (4)

### Down

- 1 Seek the hand of (3)
- 2 Heap of insects (7)
- 3 Plonk (4)
- 4 From an Arabian republic (6)
- 5 Disruption (8)
- 6 New – book (5)
- 7 Apartment's tiny garden (6,3)
- 10 Wicked (9)
- 12 Image taken without fuss (8)
- 15 One brat (anag.) (7)
- 16 Snow vehicle on runners (6)
- 18 Dark clouds (5)
- 20 Sport with Nage Waza throwing techniques (4)
- 23 Porky (3)

*Solution see page 45*



By **SCOTT GODLEY AND  
CARMEL NORRIS**

July and August have been good months for rainfall, but not so much for tennis. However, members have managed a few good days on the courts in between the numerous rainy days that have occurred this winter. Many members have also taken advantage of the warmer weather and taken some breaks to the northern part of the state.

The Club is sad to hear that two of our stalwarts will be leaving Augusta and moving to Vasse. Graham and Wendy Shearwood have been wonderful contributors to the Club and the local Augusta community for many years.

Coming from the Roleystone Tennis Club, Graham and Wendy championed regular and very memorable visits between both clubs over a period of years.

They have both held positions within the Club – Graham as Club Captain and Wendy and Graham both on Club Committees. Wendy and Graham were active participants in most Club functions and were famous for running quizzes and organising the music during these events.

They will be very fondly missed and on behalf of the Club we would like to thank them for their contributions, their friendship, and we look forward to seeing them regularly in the future.



*(below) Wendy enjoying the Melbourne Cup at the Augusta Hotel*



*With the Roleystone Tennis Club*



*At the 50th Tennis Anniversary celebration - Augusta Hotel*



*Graham always enjoyed a balanced diet*

The clubs have also been busy with a number of new initiatives and events for new and existing members to take part in. This will include potential new playing and membership options and a calendar of social events throughout the season. More information to follow shortly. In the meantime, don't forget to come along to the Spring season opening for both clubs on Saturday 6th September at 2pm with a casual BYO BBQ to follow up around 5.30pm





September 2025

## Biosecurity Blitz 2025: Scanning for Land and Water Invaders

### Vigilance is key

Spotting invasive species early helps prevent pest outbreaks and protects our local environment. When community members report what they see, we can identify these species quickly and act before they spread. Your observations make a real difference in managing these threats.

### Power in numbers

Keen-eyed observers across Western Australia can sign up to take part in DPIRD's [Biosecurity Blitz 2025 \(16 October to 16 November\)](#) to report not just pests, but also unsung beneficial organisms that play a vital role in maintaining ecological balance, pollination, and naturally help control pest populations.

Past Biosecurity Blitz observations revealed increased sightings of beneficial bugs like hover flies and lacewings in urban gardens, clear signs that habitat-friendly practices are taking root across local communities. Predators, such as lacewings, ladybirds, and predatory mites, actively hunt and consume pests. Parasitic wasps, hover flies, and even some spiders, lay their eggs on or inside pest species. Their larvae then feed on the host, often killing it in the process.

Community observations help shape the story of WA's biodiversity. What new discoveries will this year's Biosecurity Blitz uncover? DPIRD encourages people of all ages to sign up, download the [MyPestGuide® Reporter](#) app, submit sightings, and share photos to help map beneficial species and confirm the absence of exotic pests across WA.

### Don't forget the waterways

Biosecurity Blitz 2025 isn't just about gardens and bushland—it's also about what's lurking in our waterways. Invasive aquatic species like carp and the carpet sea squirt (*Didemnum vexillum*)



Carp (Koi) – Canning River pest survey.

threaten WA's biodiversity and can spread through floods, fishing, boating, and pet release. Other pests like non-native crustaceans, molluscs, and worms, can disrupt ecosystems and impact industries like aquaculture and tourism.

Even hardy aquarium fish can become invasive if released. Pearl cichlids, for example, are not native to Australia and compete aggressively with local species. Originally 5–15 cm as pets, they've grown to over 30 cm in Perth waterways!

While taking part in the Blitz, report any sightings of released aquarium fish using the [MyPestGuide® Reporter](#) app. Your actions help protect WA's aquatic ecosystems. Happy hunting!

Report damaging pests on land or water with  
[MyPestGuide®Reporter](#)



Report damaging pests on land or water with [MyPestGuide® Reporter](#)

Questions? Call Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS) on 08 9368 3080, email [padis@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:padis@dpird.wa.gov.au).

# Lower Blackwood Catchment

## Land Conservation District Committee

### Community Update September 2025



#### Need a Hand on the Farm? We've Got the Tools (and the Science!)

Running a farm is tough work, but getting support shouldn't be. That's why the Lower Blackwood LCDC offers a range of complementary services and equipment for loan to help landholders like you make more informed, productive, and sustainable decisions on the land.

From pasture assessments to parasite checks, our tools and expert services are here to make your job easier, and your land healthier. Free for Local Landmanagers!

#### Loan Equipment

- Soil testing equipment – take your own soil samples and better understand what's happening below the surface
- Forage corer kits – assess pasture quality and feed value for livestock grazing decisions
- Ground penetrometer – measure soil compaction and dig deeper into root health and infiltration
- Gallagher portable tumble wheel cattle fencing – perfect for trialing rotational grazing or creating temporary paddocks
- Arum lily herbicide – ready to help you tackle this invasive menace before it spreads further

#### Free In-Office Services

- Basic soil microscopy assessments – get a closer look at your soil biology and what it means for plant health
- Microscope faecal egg counts – test livestock manure to better target worm control and reduce unnecessary drenching



All loans are free of charge — just book ahead and we'll get you sorted!

Get in contact with our Project Officer, Jourdyn, today to book!

[Jourdyn.wells@lowerblackwood.com.au](mailto:Jourdyn.wells@lowerblackwood.com.au)  
or 0488 941 388

#### Building Soil with Fungal-Rich Compost

What do worms, wire, and waste have in common? They're the building blocks of healthier soils, as a group of local landholders discovered at our hands-on Johnson-Su Bioreactor & BEAM Workshop earlier this month.

Led by soil systems expert Mark Tupman (Productive Ecology) and hosted at Wayfinder Estate, this session was all about making the magic of fungal-dominant compost.



- Participants didn't just learn - they got their hands dirty. In just a few hours, they braved the weather to:
- Build a fully functioning Johnson-Su bioreactor, a low-maintenance composting unit that requires no turning
  - Discover how to create the ideal conditions for fungal microbes to thrive
  - Learn how to use that finished compost to boost soil biology and bring life back to tired pastures
  - And as an added bonus, they built a DIY worm farm!

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This event forms part of a collaborative project with RegenWA called 'Make Your Hectare Count'. The project is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program (State Natural Resource Management Program)



#### Events Coming Up with the LCDC

**What? Demonstrating the Difference Field Walk**

Tuesday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm

**What? Nutrient Dense Food Production** Tuesday, Sept

16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**How?** Head to our website for more information:

<https://lowerblackwood.com.au/our-events/>





## INTRODUCING: FRIENDS OF CAPE LEEUWIN

This winter has seen a lot of planting activity at the Lighthouse on Cape Leeuwin. Thousands of native seedlings, a great number of them produced by the Augusta Community Nursery, were installed over several planting days.

Friends of Cape Leeuwin together with members of the Capes Foundation, Teachers and year 6 students of the Augusta Primary School achieved this great outcome.



*Augusta Primary School Year 6 class and teachers*

'Re-wilding' the Cape has become a very rewarding project, which has been progressing for a number of years. The whole idea gained great momentum after the formation of the Capes Foundation, a new arm of the Augusta Margaret River Tourism Association (AMRTA).

Areas planted up in previous years have become a haven for local fauna which is benefiting from the increased/restored biodiversity of this beautiful and iconic place.

If you would like to join us on the first Tuesday of every month, please contact Gudrun on 0413 381 852 or send an email to [gudrunthiele59@gmail.com](mailto:gudrunthiele59@gmail.com)

We are usually working from 8.45am to 11.30am

AMRTA provide a light morning tea at the Lighthouse Café for volunteers after each work meeting.



You are very welcome to check our efforts most of which can be seen from the verandah outside the Café.

*Gudrun Thiele  
for Friends of Cape Leeuwin (FOCL).*



*By PAULA HIGGINSON  
Images by Carolyn Balding*

With the abundance of rain, the Community Garden is looking fresh and revitalized.

There is nothing better or the plants than the water from the heavens, except the wicking beds, which are a little waterlogged, so the drain pipes face down for a while.

We have started preparing for a stall at the Garden Club Spring Fete on Saturday, October 4th. We received an assortment of pots kindly donated by Aprille, which we will pot up with some colourful annuals and herbs.

The CG is also organising night markets on Saturday, December 6th, 1-8 pm. We will keep you informed on the progression of this.

Thank you to John Towie (*pictured right*) for popping into the garden to demonstrate how to prune roses and general care for them.





Winter is a great time to go Bird Watching in Augusta.

Birdwatching around Augusta provides opportunities for impressive coastal scenery and walks through Karri / Jarrah forests, or along the Blackwood River with a wide range of birdlife, including 11 species endemic to WA. Donovan St Reserve – is a 83ha site on the shores of Hardy Inlet close to and easily accessed from the northern end of Augusta via Donovan St, then left into Blackwood Ave and right into Pelican Rise. Park at the end.

There is a pleasant walk into town to the right but walk left for the reserve. A range of habitats includes riparian vegetation (plants that grow on the banks of rivers/streams), low heath in shallow soils on granite outcrops, Marri/Jarrah woodland and damper understorey areas. Look for White-naped Honeyeater, Spotted Pardalote, White-browed Scrubwren, Red winged Fairy-wren, Western Golden Whistler & Grey Shrike-thrush.

A variety of waterbirds can be found along the river margins, keep an eye out for migratory waders when the tide is low. Many other bird species found include the Little Egret, Pelicans, Yellow-billed Spoonbills, Ibis and Little Black Cormorants. You may be very lucky to see a Black Bittern.

Or take a walk along the old rail trail, to see Golden Whistlers, Splendid and Red winged Fairy-wrens, White-breasted Robin, Crested Shrike-tit, Grey Currawong and many other species.

Keep an eye to the skies as sometimes you may be lucky enough to see Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo and Baudin's Black-Cockatoo or any of the many raptors living around Augusta including the Wedge Tailed Eagle.

Take a drive from Augusta to Cape Leeuwin to visit the lighthouse and old waterwheel. This area is a favourite haunt of the Rock Parrot, sometimes feeding on the grass in front of the café. The Southern Emu-wren can also sometimes be seen in vegetation around the café. Cape Leeuwin is an excellent place to go sea birding in winter. Southern and Northern Giant-Petrel, Cape and Great-winged Petrel, Black-browed, Shy and Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross, Wilson's Storm-Petrel and Australasian Gannet have all been sighted here.

From the Augusta Boat Harbour, a walk along the beach towards Dead Finish may also offer opportunities for seabirds. Species found include Eastern Reef Egret, Caspian Tern, Australasian Darter and Sooty / Pied Oystercatchers.

Keep an eye out for the Ospreys from Turner Street, they often fly out to the boat harbour and beyond in search of a meal.

For other bird watching locations across the Shire download the birdlife Australia cape to cape brochure:

*Bird-Watching-around-Augusta-and-Margaret-River-Birdlife-WA.pdf*

There are many bird apps available for your mobile to assist with identification.



Australian golden whistler  
(*Pachycephala pectoralis*) or golden whistler



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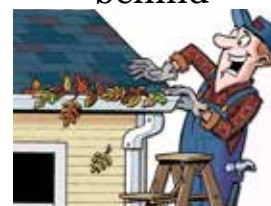
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7. Tom Gleeson
8. The White House. (Bonus point: Andrew Jackson.)
9. Melbourne Vixens
10. False (arsenic is odourless and tasteless)



# 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 first Thursday of each month	5:30pm	Community building, augusta_acda@yahoo.com	Augusta Library Lesser Hall
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	1:00pm-4:00pm	Closed Christmas Day/ Boxing Day	Museum Blackwood Ave
Augusta Men's Shed	Mon, Wed and Fri Sat Thursday	9:00am-1:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm	Member Shed activities  Community Morning (ladies and men)	Men's Shed, Hillview Rd
Augusta Playgroup	Every Fri during School Term	9:00am-11:00am	Playgroup for 0-5 yr olds, all welcome	Augusta PS Kindy, sign in @ office
Augusta River and Coast Care	Thursday	8:30am-10:30am	Gudrun Thiele 0413 381 852	TBA
Augusta River Festival Inc.	As advertised on FB	6:30pm		Augusta Primary School
Augusta Spinners & Weavers	Tuesday Thursday	10:30am 7:00pm	Textile Crafts	Centennial Hall
Augusta Singrays	Wednesday / Weekly	5.30pm-7pm	Singing Deb Perry 042 8131 148	Augusta Hotel Function Room

# AUGUSTA COMMUNITY GROUPS CALENDAR

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 Wednesday of each month	2:00pm	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 - 11:30am	Gudrun Thiele 0413 381 852	Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse Precinct
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 John Wilson 0427 586 493	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
Over 65 Bloke's Coffee Catchup	Every Wednesday	from 10:00am	augusta_acda@yahoo.com	Colourpatch
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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