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Leeuwin Lines

THE SPRING HAS SPRUNG and Lions have too!!

A stroll around town last week highlighted the hive of activity by Lions and their army of volunteers.

Lions Landscapers

Caught amongst the spring flowers were the Lions Landscapers, a group of volunteers who meet each Tuesday morning to plant fresh seedlings and tend to the gardens in the main street.

Ken Scott, who provides the manpower, said amongst the best aspects of the regular gathering was the satisfaction gained from looking back on a tidy and colourful central business area, and the coffee and catch up with the team after the morning's work.

Shops in the main street have been generous in sponsoring the Lions Landscapers, who would like to thank Catherine and Murray of 'CM7 Legal and Settlements' for their donation towards 'coffee for the crew' this month.



(l-r) Lions Landscapers Wendy, Lyn, Ken, Karen and Sonja

Lions Bookshop

The bookshop was very busy, immaculately presented, and bursting at the seams with a huge variety and array of books.

Volunteer Jo Vickery said, between serving a constant stream of customers, that the shelves were being continually replenished from the regular supply donated by the public... often as far away as Margaret River.

A couple browsing in the shop remarked, "such a wonderful facility for Augusta". And further..." we have friends who are regular visitors to town who make the Lions Bookshop their first stop".

A wonderful compliment that is so often heard, and testament to the great work of the team of volunteers led by Lion David Turner who keep the Bookshop open and trading all week. Information is that there is likely to be **"a not to be missed Clearance Sale of books"** during the October School holidays".



Jo Vickery serving customer



Customers browsing
a wide array of books

Lions Toy Shop

The sunshine brings people out and about said volunteers Blodwyn Flintoff and Margi Webb who were on duty at the Toy Shop and active with sales and enquiries from the large number of people seeking pre-loved toys, children's clothing and gifts.

With oversight and guidance from Irene Carlsen, the shop has been very well stocked in preparation for a busy October school holidays.



Well stocked Toy
and Gift Shop

The covered verandah provides additional display area and appeal since being added to the premises last year.



Blodwyn and Margi in spell between brisk sales

Lions Containers for Change Shed

There is never an idle moment once multiple vehicles roll in to unload containers and collect payments.

Lions and volunteers under the direction of Lion Phill Robinson move into action like a well oiled machine. Some

Leeuwin Lines continued...

help unload the containers, some help sort the cans, bottles and plastic containers into the respective wire cages ready for cartage, some sit and wiggle the aluminum tops off the cans for further recycling, and some operate the forklift that picks up the wire cages when full and moves them to a level area outside the shed for loading and transport to Perth.

Volunteer Jan Thomson is the most popular of all because, as the cashier/office administrator, she pays out the cash or credits the funds to the organization nominated.

With container numbers likely to rise to well above 20,000 per week from this time of year onwards the return to the community is over \$2,000 per week. This is expected to rise again from 1 July 2026 with the introduction of wine bottles and large plastic containers.

Lions value the assistance given by the volunteers at the Containers for Change Shed and encourage organisations to take part in the **8hrs per week paid help scheme as a great way to boost their fundraising.**

A good place to finish a look over the Lions entities is the Sheds in Hillview Road on a Saturday around midday.

Once everything is closed and packed away, Lions and volunteers sit to enjoy some hot chips and refreshments and a pleasant hour or so of fellowship.



Lions enjoy well-earned fellowship after work



Trevor Cooley and Graeme Winfield outside bike shed



Lions, Volunteers and Wigglers at work in CDS shed

Lions Second hand Goods & Furniture Sheds

From quality clothing, to bedding, TV's, handyman equipment, pot plants and gardening equipment, household appliances and furniture the Lions Goods sheds have the lot!

The Lions truck has been busy around town during September with the number of pick-ups required. Much of the high quality furniture donated is sold as soon as it arrives with the crowd, particularly on a Saturday morning, eager to find a bargain.

Lion Barry (Stacka) Staines, one of the regular truck drivers, along with volunteers Graeme Winfield, Greg Ryan, and Trevor Cooley, said that it had been so hectic that he needed to take stress leave. All knew he meant holidays as he promptly headed off to South Australia for 3 weeks.

Lion Mike Walker who manages the Shed with volunteer Paul Byers said the community support for the Sheds was tremendous to see, and the considerable funds raised enabled Lions to give generously to charitable causes and local projects.

Local bike repairer Tony Lemon is one who has contributed wonderfully by restoring many of the bikes donated to the Shed and providing an economical selection of great bikes for local families and holidaymakers.

SWELL the RANKS

The Lions Club of Leeuwin was very pleased to welcome and induct a new member in John Moran at a recent Dinner meeting.

John who retired into Augusta from a busy working life in the Motor Trade as a 'Honda Dealer' has fitted in seamlessly to the 'Containers for Change Shed' as a wiggler. (someone who wiggles the tops off aluminum cans for later quite profitable recycling). John's young grand daughter thinks he is quite famous as she only knows of the 'Wiggles' on TV.



Membership Chairman Daniel Kempton, Sponsor Mike Walker, New member John Moran and President Bill Perry

STATE CONFERENCE 17 – 19 October 2025

Lions District 201WA Conference will be held in Busselton from Friday to Sunday 17/19 October and Leeuwin Lions club is pleased to have at least 6 members attending.

A full program is yet to be released, but early advice is that a most informative and exciting time can be anticipated.

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AUGUSTA POLICE URGE HOLIDAYMAKERS TO LOCK UP VEHICLES AND HOMES DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD



Augusta Police are reminding residents and visitors to remain vigilant during the busy holiday period to prevent an increase in stealing offences. With the town about to experience an influx of holidaymakers, police are urging people to take simple steps to prevent opportunistic crime.

Officer in Charge, Sergeant Simon Harrison, said offenders often take advantage of unlocked cars, homes and caravans. "Most of these thefts are preventable," he said. "We're asking everyone to make sure their vehicles are locked, valuables are removed from sight, and homes are secured before heading out."

Police say increased patrols will be conducted across the sub district over the holiday period. Locals and tourists alike are encouraged to report suspicious activity immediately to police on **131444** or Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**.

"Augusta is a safe and welcoming community, but we don't want visitors to leave with bad memories of preventable crime," he said "A few extra seconds to lock up can make all the difference."

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*Sergeant Simon Harrison
outside Augusta Police Station*

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- Add a doorbell camera or peephole.
- Install a security screen door, alarm system, cameras, and sensor lighting.
- Make it look like someone is home by setting timers for lights, radio, or TV.

Secure valuables:

- Install a safe for valuables.
- Use GPS trackers on vehicles.
- Lock away tools and ladders.
- Install 'find my' apps on phones, computers, and tablets.
- Keep valuables out of sight from windows.
- Record serial numbers and photograph valuable items.
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000 for life threatening situations
131 444 when police attendance is required
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**REPORT MOTOR
VEHICLE CRIME**

Report crime to
Police on 131 444
and suspicious
activity to **Crime
Stoppers on
1800 333 000**

DON'T LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLE.

SECURITY TIPS FOR YOUR VEHICLE

- Park your vehicle in well-lit and secure areas.
- Take all valuables with you, including wallets and bags.
- Lock your vehicle and secure your keys, even when you are at home.
- Fit anti-theft screws to your registration plates.

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Wind farm feasibility study

Synergy has completed the feasibility assessment for the proposed wind farm in Scott River.

Community drop-in sessions

Thank you for those who attended the September 2025 drop-in sessions to discuss the proposed wind farm in Scott River.

During the sessions, the Synergy team had meaningful discussions with community members on the following topics:

- Flora and fauna
- Acid sulfate soils
- Social values
- Cultural heritage
- Electromagnetic interference
- Shadow flicker and blade glint
- Aviation
- Bushfire management
- Traffic management and transport

Next steps

Synergy is referring the proposed wind farm to the Environmental Protection Authority and submitting a development approval application to the Shire of Augusta Margaret River and Regional Development Assessment Panel. A public comment period will be advertised through these channels, visit their websites for more information.

Synergy drop-in office

You can also drop into the Synergy office in Augusta between 10am and 4pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday 7 October
- Wednesday 8 October
- Tuesday 21 October
- Wednesday 22 October

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

If you couldn't make these sessions, you can review the feasibility assessment findings, and register for project updates on our website.

For more information

community@synergy.net.au | 0482 993 106
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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:

1st Prize	\$10,000	Archer McDonald Abalone Football Club
2nd Prize	\$1,000	Georgina Thiele 97.1 2 Oceans FM Augusta
3rd Prize	\$1,000	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

October

Welcome to October from Shire President Julia Jean-Rice

Kaya Augusta,

If you've ever wanted a say in the decisions that shape Augusta-Margaret River, now is your chance. Local government elections are happening on 18 October, and 11 passionate locals have put their hands up to serve our community.

To help you get to know the candidates, and inform your decision, we'll be hosting a meet your candidates forum in Augusta on Monday 6 October at 5.30pm at the Augusta Council Chambers. I encourage you to come along, ask questions, but more importantly, vote.

Thanks to everyone who came along to last month's Turner Street Jetty Reference Group meeting. We'll be using your valuable input to draft a survey for wider community consultation after the elections.

After the election, we'll also be seeking feedback on our draft Agriculture Policy, designed to guide decision-making and better support local farmers. It's been developed through roundtable discussions with farmers and agricultural businesses to understand their hopes, challenges, and priorities and we're keen to know what you think.

As I mentioned last month, now is the time to get your property bushfire ready. You should have received your Firebreak Notice and Bushfire Information and Firebreak Guide in the mail. These documents outline your legal obligations for preparing your property, provide practical tips and explain the rules for burning periods. The guide also available from the Shire office or on our website.

Finally, I want to acknowledge Cr Ian Earl, who has resigned from Council after 16 years of service as Councillor, Deputy President, and Shire President. Ian has been a down-to-earth, hands-on leader, overseeing major projects like Margaret River HEART, the Main Street redevelopment, and guiding our community through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. It's people like Ian who make our community truly great.

Warm regards,
Cr Julia Jean-Rice, Shire President



Election month is here - meet your candidates and make your vote count!

October is election month and now is the time to prepare to vote in the 2025 Local Government Election.

Eleven local residents have nominated to represent the Shire, bringing a range of experience and perspectives. To help voters make informed decisions, the Shire is hosting two candidate forums where community members can hear directly from the nominees and ask questions.

Candidate forum details

- **Augusta forum:** Monday 6 October, 5:30pm at Augusta Council Chambers
- **Margaret River forum:** Wednesday 8 October, 5:30pm at Margaret River Council Chambers (Livestream available)

Residents are encouraged to attend and participate. Questions for candidates can be submitted in advance by emailing candidates@amrshire.wa.gov.au or texting 0472 720 149 by Wednesday 1 October at 5pm.

Ballot packages have now been sent, and voting will be conducted via postal vote. Election Day is Saturday 18 October.

For more information about the forums, candidates, voting options, and livestream access, visit: amrshire.wa.gov.au/elections

This October, make your voice heard and help shape the future of your local community.

Turner Street Jetty update

Progress continues on the Turner Street Jetty project, with the Community Working Group meeting on Tuesday, 9 September to discuss the outcomes of the recent Council decision and plan the next steps. Thank you to all community members involved for your ongoing time, insights, and contributions.

Following Council's resolution, further community consultation will now take place to explore the financial implications of the Community Working Group's preferred option. The next phase will involve assessing how allocating funding to a like-for-like jetty restoration could impact other marine projects scheduled in the 2025/26 budget. The Community Working Group has provided valuable input into the design and communication of this consultation to ensure the upcoming survey is clear, accessible and informative. Phase two of the consultation is scheduled to begin in mid-October, and we will continue to progress detailed design at the same time.

To find out more about the project, visit www.yoursay.amrshire.wa.gov.au/turner-street-jetty





What's on in October

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

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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 837 369.

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

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Margaret River Library

• AI for Small Business

- Monday 20 October | 10:30-11:30am
- Learn how AI can save time and boost productivity

• AI Zero to Hero

- Tuesday 21 October | 1:30-2:30pm
- Quick intro to free, easy AI tools. No experience needed!

Augusta Library

• Instagram for Beginners

- Wednesday 22 October | 10:30-11:30am
- Set up your profile, learn posting basics
- and explore features

Scan QR code to RSVP and learn more or contact the library directly: 08 9780 5600 | abrawls@amrshire.wa.gov.au



Margaret River HEART

Nala Bardip Mia / Our Story House



Cinema & Film Festivals

- The Fantastic Four: First Steps (PG) - Wednesday, 1 October @ 1pm
- The Bad Guys 2 (PG) - Thursday, 2 October @ 10:30am
- Sketch (PG) - Tuesday, 7 October @ 1pm
- The Roses (MA 15+) - Tuesday, 7 October @ 7pm
- Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie (CTC) - Thursday, 9 October @ 7pm
- Future Council (PG) - Friday, 10 October @ 10:30am
- The Centre Will Not Hold (M) - Sunday, 19 October @ 4:15pm
- Sorry, Baby (M) - Tuesday, 21 October @ 7PM

Young @ HEART

- FREE live music each Monday from 10am
- Check arts.margaretriver.com for full program

Theatre, Music, Comedy & Dance

- Dreams of a Lonely Planet (Workshop #2) - Wednesday, 1 October @ 10:30am
- Dreams of a Lonely Planet (Theatre performance #2) - Wednesday, 1 October @ 11:30am
- IMAGINE LIVE #1 - Wednesday, 15 October @ 10:30am
- IMAGINE LIVE #2 - Wednesday, 15 October @ 1pm
- The Glow Show - Saturday, 18 October @ 5pm
- Alice in Randomland - Friday, 24 October @ 6:30pm

Community Events

- Margaret River Region Business Awards 2025 - Thursday, 16 October @ 7pm
- Arts Margaret River Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Wednesday 22 October @ 6pm

Visual Arts

- The Art of Small: An exhibition by Tracey Leigh - Thursday, 11 September to Friday 3 October - Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm
- 10 Years of Photography: An exhibition by Daniela Tommasi - Thursday 11 September to Friday 3 October - Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm
- 25 Kilns, Sculptural Diversity in Clay - Tuesday, 7 October to Thursday, 23 October - Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm
- 25 Kilns, Sculptural Diversity in Clay (Exhibition Launch) - Thursday, 9 October @ 6pm
- Margaret River Art Auction - Saturday, 25 October @ 6pm

Literature

- Dinner with Griffin Dunne at Voyager Estate - Friday, 17 October @ 6pm
- The Friday Afternoon Club with Griffin Dunne - Sunday, 19 October @ 2pm

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CIVIC PARK'S BUSY BEE DAY

The Civic Park Par 3 Golf Club held a Busy Bee on the 22nd September to clear up all the branches that had dropped around the course following the extreme weather over the past month.

Members were welcomed to lovely clear blue skies to undertake the clean up, which meant a lot of highly motivated people getting 'stuck in'. Large branches were placed into piles and burnt, honkey nuts raked off the course and fairways mowed.

With the course now looking its best, our regular local golfers and visitors to town will be able to enjoy a game without having too many obstacles getting in their way.

Thanks to everyone who came along to lend a hand including Shire CEO Andrea Selvey. Special thanks to Rose Gerritsen who organised the lovely morning tea which all the volunteers enjoyed back at the Golf Shed, to celebrate a successful clean up.



(l-r) Helen Sutherland, Par 3 Member, Andrea Selvey, CEO of Shire of Augusta Margaret River.



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MARK AND MELISSA REACH ANOTHER MILESTONE

On the 17th September 2000, a wedding took place in Perth WA. There are many weddings happening all the time, so what was so special/different about this one? Mark and Melissa were both born with Downs Syndrome. They are both fully Downs (not mosaic, which is where only half the chromosomes are affected) and it was very unusual for two people with this condition to get married.

They met at a Dancing for the Disabled class in Perth, fell in love and wanted what every other couple were allowed to be.....Married. The general outlook was that they wouldn't be able to cope, that they didn't understand enough about relationships to hold it together, and it probably wouldn't last. But give them a go anyway!

Well it did last. Mark and Melissa (Junor) celebrated their (25th) Silver Wedding anniversary with a lunch at the Colourpatch cafe, with family and friends, many lovely gifts, and with lots of well wishes from the community of Augusta, who have gone a long way to making sure they have enjoyed their best life over the last few years.

So congratulations to you both and here's to another 25.

(Written by Lynne Junor- more commonly known as 'Mark's Mum')



Congratulations to Mark and Melissa Junor, seen here celebrating their (25th) Silver Wedding anniversary at the Colourpatch Cafe

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Biomimicry

By JAY HARMAN

Hang On

Still and silent as a church at midnight, I was sitting and reading under the vaulted ceiling of a plantation-style house in the tropics. I was enjoying my aloneness, when suddenly—splat—something landed on my left shoulder. Startled out of my serenity, I looked up and saw the source of my blessings. I had become the target for a gecko that had relieved himself about fifteen feet above me. He was hanging upside down from the ceiling panels and I imagined that he had a satisfied look on his face. The following night, sitting in the same place with the same stillness . . . plop. Startled, I thought, no, not again, and turned my head to look at my shoulder. Instead of poop, there lay the gecko. My movement caused him to scurry down my arm and disappear behind the sofa cushions.

My gecko sighting reminded me of the dozens of research studies that have been conducted on how geckos are able to stick to and climb vertical glass windows and hang upside down from ceilings—at least, most of the time. They do this because they have a specially evolved skin surface on their feet that forms a high-energy bond to virtually any surface. On each of a gecko's toes there are about a billion tiny, tubular hairs that are just nanometers long and wide. Each of these hairs is impacted by van der Waals forces that attract to a surface, so the gecko is in effect, sticky to start. In order to move, the animal simply relaxes a toe and the muscles operating the attachment mechanism let go. The same mechanism is also self-cleaning, which is hugely valuable. When the gecko toes let go, dirt is more attracted to the other surface he is walking on than to himself. He simply steps out of the dirt. Replication of these strategies is one of the most commonly cited examples of modern biomimicry. Development has resulted in chemical-free medical bandages and adhesives and could lead to the elimination of toxic or non-biodegradable glues for everything from Post-it type notes to wall hangings.

If you think a gecko's sticky feet are cool, check out a chameleon's bug-catching, sticky tongue. Imagine if you were whacked in the head by something traveling at nearly 50km per hour. That is a chameleon's ability to retrieve an insect – without creating such an impact that it sends it cartwheeling into space. This is being studied for rapid yet highly-controlled response in robots. An alternative use could be as an ultimate, high-tech, flyswatter that won't actually squish the fly onto wall or table.

There are nearly 3,800 species of lizards on earth, ranging in length from 20mm to the three-metre Komodo dragon. In prehistory, water-dwelling mososaur lizards grew to sixty feet in length. Some extinctions paid off for humans.

Some lizards produce saliva that can kill you, or save your life. The oral juices of the giant Komodo dragon comprise a soup of fifty-two virulent bacteria varieties that completely overwhelm the immune system of anything unfortunate enough to receive even the slightest bite. Four of the bacteria species have no specific antidote and can kill you in as little as two days. Yet, if you're another Komodo dragon, you have

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complete immunity to a bite. Scientists are working to unlock this secret to create a whole new paradigm in biomimetic antibiotics.

Another lizard, the Gila monster of North America, eats very large meals—but infrequently. Nature has equipped it with a strategy for regulating its blood sugar between feasts. Its saliva contains a hormone that boosts insulin. The pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly has synthesized the hormone into a drug that differs in chemical structure and pharmacological action from insulin, but has been successfully applied to the management of certain types of diabetes.

In a world of growing water scarcity, scientists are studying the water harvesting abilities of the Texas horned lizard and the thorny devil lizard. The former has a routine where he arches his abdomen, splays his legs, flattens his body, lowers his head, and slurps drinking water from rain that flows down and into his jaws. Awkward, but effective. The thorny devil gets his liquid refreshment from any water source including moist soil, against gravity and without a pump. Instead, he relies on capillary action to wick water up through tiny channels on his skin. By mimicking the lizard's micro-channels, engineers could use this strategy to provide cheap solutions for people in desperate need of water. Since it's a passive system, it requires little or no energy to harvest a drink and may even be applicable to the raising of water to the tops of tall buildings and to evaporative air-conditioning devices (also called swamp coolers).



Hello!



Karridale Primary School News



GIVE RUGBY A TRY!



Above: Karridale students giving rugby a try.

In September our students had an awesome time with Ben Thomasian from Rugby WA for a one off rugby skills clinic.

The children in Years 1 to six have enjoyed a focus on rugby each week for a month during Term 3.

Ben taught the children how to pass like a pro and introduced safe tackling techniques through fun, engaging activities.

The session was fantastic, full of learning, laughter and plenty of fun!

Thank you Ben and Rugby WA for providing regional schools with such valuable experiences.

A BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST

Our annual Father's and Other's Day Breakfast was once again a heart-warming gathering of our school community.

The breakfast venue looked especially inviting, creating the perfect space for connection and conversation. A big shout-out to Mr Gould for setting the vibe with a rocking playlist that had everyone smiling. We also acknowledge our dedicated P&C for organising the breaky and raffle hampers.

Thanks also to Mrs Mulvey, Sharon Doyle and the Room 4 students for setting up the shared tables and installing the vibrant display of student artwork for the guests to enjoy.

To see everyone pitching in on the day—from selling raffle tickets and helping at the kids' breakfast bar, to those packing up at the end of the morning.



Above: Family time at the Father's & Other's Day Breakfast

A NATURAL WAY TO PLAY

Being a *Better Buddies* school, our students engage in weekly mixed-age activities that encourage positive, respectful and inclusive behaviours.

In a recent Buddies session, the children worked together to create imaginative land artworks using natural materials such as leaves, twigs, stones and flowers. With minimal guidance, they were encouraged to think creatively and explore ideas on their own. While some children were initially unsure of what to do, by the end of the session they had made beautiful artworks—and didn't want the activity to end!

Providing opportunities for children to play and create in nature together not only fosters creativity, but also has a natural and positive influence on their social, physical, emotional and cognitive development. Play is a powerful and essential part of learning and growth.



Above: Land art created by students during Better Buddies session

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BE BREAST AWARE THIS OCTOBER



Cancer Council WA is urging everyone in the South West region to take Breast Cancer Awareness Month as an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the common symptoms of breast cancer.

In 2021, 1,862 women were diagnosed with breast cancer, and sadly, 279 women and one man lost their lives to the disease. In the South West region, 175 women were diagnosed with breast cancer, and 31 died from it.

Common symptoms of breast cancer include:

- A lump or hard area in your breast or underarm, especially if it is only on one side
- A change in the size, shape or feel of your breast
- Change in the look of your breast, including redness, rash, or your skin looks like the skin of an orange, or is wrinkling in small folds
- Changes to the nipple, like it's pulled inwards, leaking, itchy or has a sore that won't heal
- Breast pain or discomfort, especially if it is only on one side
- An area of the breast that feels different to the rest

If you have had any of these symptoms for more than four weeks, tell your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker as soon as possible.

If you have any of the symptoms, it doesn't mean you've got cancer; often, it turns out to be something less serious, but finding breast cancer early often means that the breast cancer is small, less likely to have spread to other parts of the body and can be more effectively treated.

Cancer Information and Support

To find out more about common cancer symptoms, visit www.findcancerearly.com.au, or if you're feeling overwhelmed and you need someone to talk to, call Cancer Council's information and support line on 13 11 20 and speak to one of our cancer nurses.

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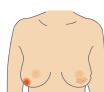


Common symptoms:



Lumps and bumps

A lump or hard area in your breast or underarm, especially if it is only on one side.



Unusual dimpling or rashes

Change in the look of your breast, like: your skin looks like the skin of an orange, your skin looks and feels different in one area, redness or rash.



Changes to the nipple

Changes to the nipple, like: it's pulled inwards, leaking, itchy or has a sore that won't heal.



Pain or swelling

Breast pain or discomfort, especially if it is only on one side.



A change in size

A change in the size, shape or feel of your breast.

Get to know your breasts and what is normal for you. If you notice any of these symptoms or unusual changes, talk to a doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker without delay.

If you have a symptom, it does not mean you have breast cancer. Often these symptoms turn out to be something less serious. However, it is important to get these symptoms or any unusual changes in your body checked out just in case.

For further information visit findcancerearly.com.au or call 13 11 20.



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:



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AUGUSTA'S COMPLETED EARLY LEARNING CENTRE



THE CHILDCARE THAT OUR COMMUNITY BUILT

We are proud of our accomplishments over the last six years of seeing this project through. From a project which began in 2019 with identifying a need for childcare in Augusta, to the formation of Augusta & Districts Community Childcare Inc., our first Rekindle Mingle (intergenerational playgroup), opening our Leeuwin Kids holiday program for 4-12 year olds in December 2021, and through many many hours of letter-writing, meetings, lobbying, planning, fundraising and the design & building process, we now have a beautiful learning space for the children of Augusta and surrounds.

We'd like to thank and acknowledge the South West Development Commission for the majority of funding towards this project (\$550 000), the Shire of Augusta Margaret River for committing \$100 000, and the Augusta community who donated and fundraised a further \$100 000 to see this centre come to fruition.

On Saturday 13th Sept we held a thank you morning tea with representatives from Augusta community groups to celebrate that this has been built by the whole community. From the farmers who helped with earthworks, to the Lions and Mens Shed who contributed outdoor play spaces, art donations & to those who advocated for us along the way - THANK YOU.

We can't wait until the first day that little Augusta kids turn up for play and learning!!



Early beginnings - 2019 - meeting of ADCCI



Rekindle Mingle - Intergenerational Playgroup



Opening Leeuwin Kids Vacation Care



Helping locals re-enter the workforce including training - funded by the Lions



Wine & Dine so Kids can Shine - Fundraiser



Secured a venue & state funding thanks to advocacy of Jane Kelsbie



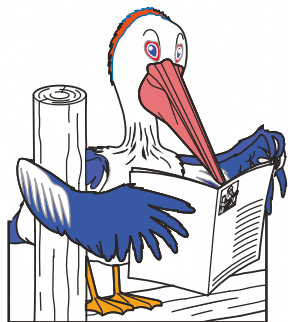
Secured \$100k from AMR Shire



Builders on site



Handover - We have the keys



WHAT'S HAPPENING OCTOBER

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TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month			1 School Holidays
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26 Crystal Singing Bowls Sound Meditation 3.30-4.30pm @ Uniting Church	27	28	29



AROUND AUGUSTA 2025



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 School Holidays	3 School Holidays	4 Pink Up Augusta Raffle and Sausage sizzle IGA 8:30am  Spring Fete See page 29 School Holidays
9 Accidental Counsellor Training See page 30 School Holidays	10 School Holidays	11 School Holidays
16 	17  Pink Up Augusta Lawn Bowls 5:30pm	18
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CAPE HAMELIN
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OCTOBER

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With Senior Regional Officer for the South West Annetta Bellingeri

Boarders and lodgers' rights explained

Knowing whether you're a tenant, boarder, or lodger isn't just about labels. It can make a big difference to your rights and responsibilities. While tenants are covered by Western Australia's tenancy laws, boarders and lodgers usually rely more on the terms of their agreement.

The tricky part is that the difference isn't always obvious, and it comes down to the details of your living situation. Knowing what to look out for, and what questions to ask before you move in, can help you avoid headaches later on.

You're probably a boarder or lodger if you're living in someone else's home and they're still in charge of the space. This means the landlord, or someone they appoint, is living there with you, setting the house rules, and being able to come into your room or shared areas.

If the landlord also throws in extras like meals, cleaning or laundry, then you're a boarder. Otherwise, you're considered a lodger.

While the Residential Tenancies Act doesn't apply to your living situation as a boarder or lodger, you do have rights and protections under both common law and the Australian Consumer Law (ACL).

The property must be fit for purpose, meaning it must be safe, clean and meet your needs as discussed with the landlord at the beginning.

You should be able to use your room and facilities without too much disturbance from the landlord and you can expect your room and belongings to be safe and secure.

Any meals or services included in your agreement must meet consumer guarantees, such as be provided with care and skill.

Your responsibilities should be covered in your written agreement. Generally, you will need to follow house rules, keep your room clean and tidy, pay your rent on time and give around one week's notice if you plan to leave.

Before you consider this living arrangement, there are some questions you might want to ask before moving in. Make sure you understand what is included in your rent, who else lives at the property, is there a safe place to park and who is responsible for cleaning common areas. House rules will differ between properties so make sure they are rules you can live with.

The landlord is also not allowed to make false or misleading representations about the property or services, such as claiming there is air-conditioning when there isn't, or agreeing to provide a wide variety of meals when they don't.

Ensure you understand and agree to all the terms before you sign an agreement. You and your landlord can make changes to the agreement if you both agree in writing. Importantly, always keep a copy of the signed written agreement.



Be aware that as a boarder or lodger, the landlord can end your agreement at any time, unless otherwise stated in your agreement. They also don't have to give a reason to ask you to leave. You should be given reasonable notice, which means you have time to collect your belongings.

If you don't have a written agreement with your landlord and there is a dispute, it will be up to a Magistrate to decide whether you're a tenant, boarder or lodger. This is why it's important to make sure you get a copy of your signed agreement.

If you have a problem with the property or the services provided, contact your landlord directly in the first instance to give them the opportunity to fix the problem. If this doesn't work, we may be able to help.

If you are not sure whether you are a boarder, lodger or a tenant, or you have issue that can't be resolved contact Consumer Protection 1300 30 40 54 to discuss.



Augusta Garden Club

Spring Fete

Saturday 4th October 2025

9 am – 3 pm

Centennial Hall Augusta

Over 20 Market Stalls

Plants, flowers, craft, ceramics, preserves,
wood, Art Group, Spinners & Weavers,
jewellery, raffles & much more

Pet Competition at 11 am

Many categories to enter & prizes to be won,
donated by MR Vet Hospital

Guest Speaker - Steve Wood - 1 pm

\$5 entry fee

This includes morning/afternoon tea
Garden Club Raffle prizes to be won



AUGUSTA CRC Annual General Meeting

Augusta Community Resource Centre (Inc) AGM

Notice is given that the 2025 Annual General Meeting of the Augusta Community Resource Centre (Inc) (ABN 85 517 849 347) will be held:

When: Thursday 20th November 2025

Time: 5.00pm

Venue: Augusta Community Resource Centre 66 Allnutt Terrace, AUGUSTA WA 6290

Call for Nominations

The Committee and Management of the Augusta Community Resource Centre (Inc) advise that eight positions which include the office bearers positions will be declared vacant at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on Thursday 20th November and are inviting nominations from financial or ordinary members interested in joining the Augusta Committee of Management.

A financial or ordinary member who wishes to be a Committee Member must be nominated by one other member as a candidate for election.

Nomination forms can be collected at the Augusta CRC at 66 Allnutt Terrace or email: reception@augustacrc.net.au or call 9758 0002 to have a nomination form sent to you.

Please refer to our Constitution for further information on the electing of Committee Members clause 12.3 or contact us for this information.

Nominations close at 3.00pm on Wednesday 12th of November 2025.

ACCIDENTAL COUNSELLOR

MindEd

9 October 2025
10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Augusta
Augusta CRC

Do you find others often open up to you and share their problems, sometimes distressing situations, and ask you what you think they should do?

Would you like to be clearer about what to say or do to really help them?

Are you worried about what to do if people talk about suicide?

Accidental Counsellor Training

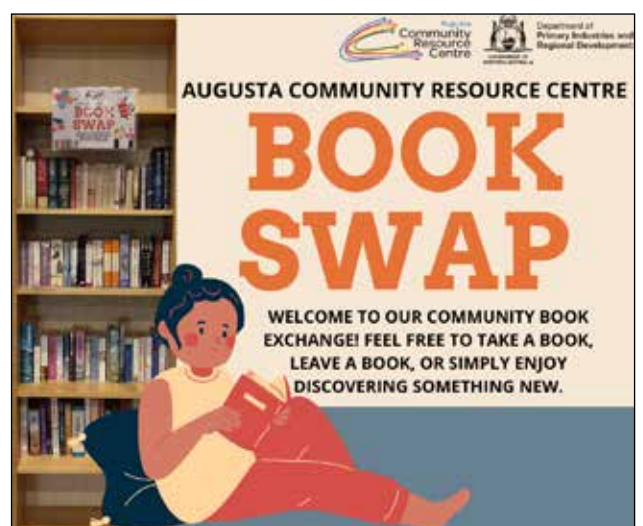
This workshop empowers participants to become effective Accidental Counsellors, equipping them with essential skills to support individuals in crisis. Attendees will master effective communication techniques and deepen their understanding of mental health and suicide prevention.

By the end of the course, participants will confidently guide those in distress toward safety and support while also prioritising their own mental wellbeing.

Light Lunch Provided.



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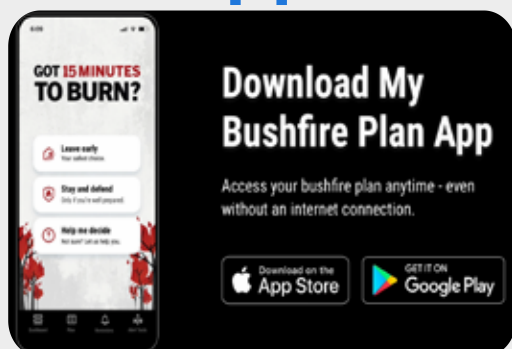


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WHAT IS YOUR BUSHFIRE PLAN?

Friday 24th October 2pm

**Join us to learn
how to use
the Bushfire
Preparation
Toolkit and the
My Bushfire
Plan app**



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By **MORVEN HANSEN**
Image by various

With the end of the year looming, and the exhibition lists due early November, there has been a distinct increase in output of paintings. Until recently the atmosphere has been fairly cruisy but now the completed canvasses are stacking up. There will also be a club project, hopefully completed to be displayed at the exhibition, which we are all contributing to.

The Tuesday evening group are as enthusiastic as ever and have certainly embraced Bev's workshops this year. We are hoping that each of them will have works to be included in the January exhibition.

The Margaret River Open Studios are currently happening and there will be a few outings to get inspiration from. Studios will be open from Busselton down to Augusta and there are a lot of very creative and talented people in this region.

The Art Club will be remembering Mary Palmer, who passed away last month in York, with an afternoon tea on the 24th September. We will be joined by members of Spinners and Weavers and I am sure there will be lots of stories and reminiscences about Mary on the day.

Last month I started a new feature on Famous Artists and wrote about Leonardo Da Vinci. The Mona Lisa, which is probably Leonardo's most renowned work, had a few adventures following the death of Leonardo in 1519. She entered the French Royal collection and was not seen for about 300 years. During the French revolution, 1789-1799, which resulted in the creation of the First French Republic (closely followed by the execution of Louis XVI), Napoleon Bonaparte became First Consul. He removed the Mona Lisa from the Royal Collection and for 3 years she hung in his bedroom. She was then returned to the Louvre and by the 19th Century had entered the creative imagination of artists and academics who debated her enigmatic smile.

Mona Lisa achieved a great boost to her fame in 1911 when she was stolen from the Louvre by an Italian workman, Vincenzo Perugia, who kept her in his bedsit in central Paris. This made big news internationally and there were serious efforts to solve this crime and return Mona Lisa to the Louvre. Vincenzo tried to sell the painting, but soon realised she was 'too hot to handle'. He was caught and arrested and the Mona Lisa went home to the Louvre, achieving enormous fame. She has been hugely popular to visitors to the Louvre ever since.

I visited the Louvre when I was 14 with my mum. She had a list of 2 works not to be missed, Da Vinci's Mona Lisa and The Venus de Milo sculpture by Alexandros of Antioch. I remember the Mona Lisa being smaller than I imagined.

The Mona Lisa is currently valued at \$1 billion (US)

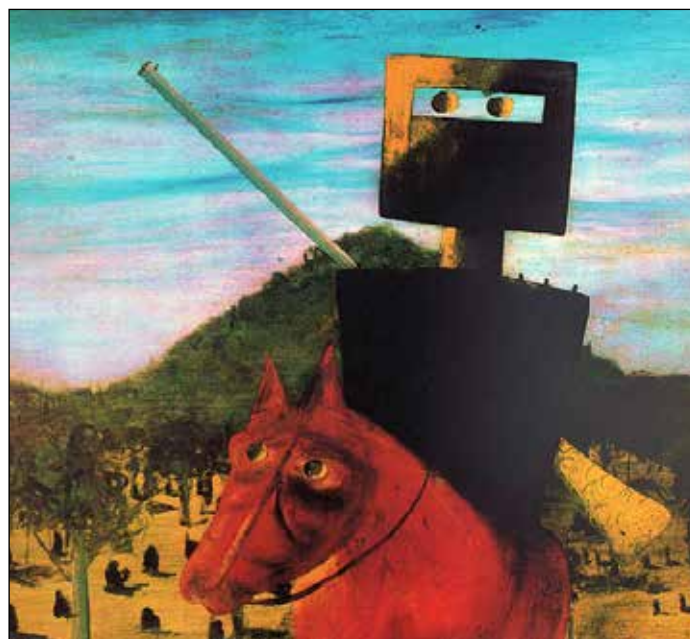


The Artist of the Month is Sir Sidney Nolan, who was born in Melbourne in 1917 to working class parents.

In 1932 Nolan enrolled in a Design and Crafts course and the following year he produced advertising signs for a hat company and enrolled in evening classes at the National Gallery School. He started painting au plein air in an impressionistic way. In 1938 Nolan met John and Sunday Reid and became a founding member of Victoria's Contemporary Art Society. He married fellow art student Elizabeth Paterson and moved to Barwon Heads.

Inspired by an exhibition of contemporary art, his approach to his painting changed. He held his first exhibition in 1940. In 1941 Nolan left his wife and daughter to live with the Reids at Heide Park. He became romantically involved with Sunday for 6 years. She actively encouraged Nolan to take a more experimental approach to his art. In 1942 a radio play about Ned Kelly might have inspired his Kelly series which remain Nolan's most memorable works, and he continued the series throughout his career.

In 1948 Nolan married John Reid's sister Cynthia and the couple made several aerial flights across the outback inspiring a remarkable series of paintings.



Kelly and Red Horse. 1972, Sir Sidney Nolan

In 1953 the Nolans left Australia and settled on London, and travelled extensively in Europe, Africa and Antarctica. In 1963 Nolan was awarded an OBE for his services to art. Cynthia took her own life in 1976 and in 1978 Nolan married Arthur Boyd's sister Mary.

In 1981 Nolan was made a Knight Bachelor and in 1983 the couple moved to the Welsh Borders where they lived for the remainder of Nolan's life. He died in 1990.

The Art Club will hold an Open Day during the Spring Fete on Saturday 4th October.

Visitors to the Art Club are always welcome. Enquiries Trisha Hearne 0419 964 214.

LOCAL ARTIST FINDS BEAUTY IN BROKEN SURFBOARDS

Linton & Kay Galleries is proud to present Broken Boards, a bold and thought-provoking new solo exhibition by Helen Shearwood, (pictured right) whose close-up photographs of fractured surfboards reimagine the broken into vibrant abstract art.

Broken Boards invites viewers to consider the transformative power of perspective through gritty, evocative photographs of broken surfboards, many of which bear an uncanny resemblance with the ocean. These once functional boards, weathered by the ocean and time, emerge as unexpected canvases, revealing profound beauty and layered narratives in their imperfection.

The seed for this exhibition was planted in 2018, when Helen first began noticing beauty in overlooked moments – a practice that would evolve into her core art philosophy. Now, in her third solo exhibition, Broken Boards draws its immediate inspiration from The Sea Garden Café in Prevelly, Margaret River, where an unconventional fence made of old surfboards caught Helen's eye. Drawn to their splintered edges, gritty textures and vibrant sections of colour, she discovered poetry in the fragments; capturing images that speak to vulnerability, resilience and transformation. The café's support for this exhibition underscores the collaborative spirit of the Margaret River community.

Running until 26th October 2025, this exhibition coincides with the renowned Margaret River Open Studios, Australia's largest Open Studios event, offering visitors a unique experience in the heart of the South West's vibrant arts scene.

In Helen's words:

"Broken Boards invites a new way of seeing – where fractured surfboards become art, and brokenness becomes beauty. This shift in perception isn't just about aesthetics; it's something that has saved my life."

This exhibition celebrates resilience and the insights to be found in imperfection and adversity, challenging audiences to see with fresh eyes and awaken new possibilities.

Event Details:

- Exhibition Dates: 13 September to 26 October 2025
- Venue: Linton & Kay Galleries Cherubino, Margaret River, Western Australia
- Coinciding Event: Margaret River Open Studios (13-26 September 2025)

For media enquiries, interviews, or additional information, please contact:

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+44 7733 920372 (currently in the UK)

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'SPRING INTO SPRING' ART EXHIBITION

Katy Bridges

Julie Westbrook

Wendy Strucelj



SATURDAY 4TH & SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER

10AM TO 3PM

At **Uniting Church,**

Blackwood Ave, (opposite Butcher)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

AGM Notices

Notice is given that the 2025 Annual General Meeting of the Augusta Community Resource Centre (Inc) (ABN 85 517 849 347) will be held:

When: Thursday 20th November 2025
Time: 5.00pm

Venue: Augusta Community Resource Centre 66 Allnutt Terrace, AUGUSTA WA 6290

See main notice page 26

Notice is given that the 2025 Annual General Meeting of the Augusta and Districts Tennis and Croquet Club Inc will be held:

When: Saturday 25th October 2025
Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Augusta Tennis and Croquet Courts

Augusta Civic Park
Allnut Terrace AUGUSTA WA 6290



VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR 97.1 2oceansFM RADIO PROGRAMMING ROLES

Would you like to volunteer in the programming of music for your local community radio station? We are looking for up to three volunteers to assist with reviewing and programming radio content. This will ensure music is appropriately catalogued, labelled and programmed.

Join a team of highly motivated announcers and programmers 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 flexible hours per week as we go through all the music files on the database.

Please forward your interest via email with your contact details to manager@2oceansfm.com.au and someone will get in touch.

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



AUGUSTA'S HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAM

Food Habits for a Lifetime
CHILD NUTRITION

"Our children are a precious gift. We want to give them the best possible start in life."

Sibilla Johnson B.Sc. Nutrition



Sunday, October 19th, 12.00 – 2.00pm

AUGUSTA CWA HALL
ALLNUTT TCE.

Healthy lunch provided
Please RSVP by 15th October.
Jill: 0407 634 695 or
Jenny: 0414263503
and book your seat. Cost \$10



AUGUSTA BRIDGE CLUB

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

It is fun! You will gain a skill that should give you a lot of pleasure.

We are a small, friendly bunch who meet on Monday afternoons in the Hall next to the Historical Museum on Blackwood Avenue.
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
email: captsealake@bigpond.com

Winners

Runners up

Aug 25 th	Graham Shearwood & Herbie Whittall	Beth Johnson & Mal Johnson
Sept 1 st	Lyn Leonard & Nancy Gibson	Beth Johnson & Mal Johnson
Sept 8 th	Mary Whittall & Nancy Gibson	Di Ellis & Edie Williams
Sept 15 th	Beth Johnson & Mal Johnson	Mary Whittall & Trevor Steel



By JUNE LE GALLEZ

SILK

On Tuesday I sat next to Jenny who was working with some very pretty ivory silk, which gave me the idea to write about the history of silk.

The history of the silkworm began in ancient China with legends of Empress Si-Ling-Chi discovering silk around 2640 BC. She was walking through her garden when a silkworm cocoon fell into her tea, when she picked it out, she noticed that the cocoon began to unravel forming a beautiful string of what is now known as silk. Intrigued by the origin of the cocoon Si-Ling-Chi examined the Mulberry tree above her and noticed the small caterpillars (silkworms).



China protected the secret of silkworm farming for centuries; the material was sold to the rulers of the West but the source of the shiny thread that made the material was not revealed. There was a death penalty put in place for anyone who told the secret of the silkworm.

The secret did eventually spread through the Silk Road to India, Japan, Korea, the West and Guernsey, revolutionising the textile industry. The Silk Road opened in 114 BC connecting the East to the West.

Harvesting Silk

Harvesting silk begins with extracting filaments from silkworm cocoons. The cocoons are treated with hot water to soften the sericin and bind the fibre. This is followed by the silk reeling where multiple filaments from several cocoons are unwound and twisted together to form a stronger continuous thread. Silk production still very much remains a labour-intensive process.

It takes around 6 weeks for the silkworms to grow to their full potential (about 3 inches). At this time they stop eating and are ready to spin their cocoon which takes about 3-8 days. Each silkworm produces just one single strand of silk, which is held together by a type of



natural gum called sericin. The cocoon is placed into boiling water to soften; each thread is then carefully reeled from the cocoon in individual long threads which are then wound onto a wheel.

Dyeing

When the silk thread has been washed and degummed, they are bleached and dried before being dyed. Traditionally, silk dyeing techniques take the dyes from natural resources found in the surrounding environment such as fruit or plant leaves.

This process will occur multiple times over a span of days to ensure colour tone and quality. The traditional dyeing methods have become almost extinct and commercial manufacturing of silk uses various dyes such as acid dyes or reactive dyes that give a greater range of colour and shades.

Spinning

The traditional spinning wheel has always and will always be an integral part of the silk production process. Although industrial processes are now able to spin silk threads much quicker it simply mimics the functions of the classic spinning wheel.

Weaving

Weaving is the process in which the final piece of silk comes together. There are many different ways in which silk can be woven. Satin weave, plain weave and open weave are the most common. Generally, weaving involves interlacing two sets of threads so that they lock around each other and create a strong uniform piece of fabric.

The threads will be woven at right angles to each other, and the two different angles are called a warp and a weft. The warp will run up and down the fabric while the weft runs across it.



Facts for the Month

Silk is elegant, soft and durable, in fact silk is nature's strongest natural fibre but loses 20% of strength when wet.

Silkworms are the larvae of silk moths.

One filament of silk is stronger than a comparable filament of steel.

It takes 3,000 silkworms to produce a single yard of silk fabric.

And last but not least a big thank you to Dot for donating her beautiful, knitted jumper. Proceeds from the sale have gone to the Spinners and Weavers Club.

Come and join us anytime

Tuesday 10:30am – 4:00pm

Thursday 7:00pm – 10:00pm

All are very welcome

A la Prochaine



HEARD ON THE GREEN

By Kay Challis

Welcome all Bowlers and 'would be bowlers' to the beginning of season 25/26. Sunshine, Sportsmanship and Tradition mark the start of another exciting year on the greens.

For many, the opening of Lawn Bowling season is more than just a sporting event; it is a social highlight that brings residents together after the long winter months.

The sport's timeless appeal, with its roots stretching back to the 13th Century, remains a constant fixture in communities across the country – and for good reason. The game offers a unique blend of strategy, skill and sociability that appeals to a broad spectrum of players.

People sometime think it's just a pastime for retirees, but nothing could be further from the truth. Players come from all walks of life, some for the competition, other for the company, but everyone leaves with a smile.

So, we the Augusta Bowling Club welcomes all experienced, and not so experienced, bowlers to join us on opening day Sunday 5th October for a social game followed by afternoon tea or a cold beverage.

Ladies Opening day will be Thursday 2nd October 9:30. The following week will see the beginning of regular fixtures as follows:-

MIXED COMPETITION

- **WEDNESDAY** Mixed Mufti Competition
Register 12:30pm Play 1:00pm
- **FRIDAY** Mixed Mufti Scroungers
Register 2:30pm

LADIES COMPETITION

THURSDAY Ladies Day
Register 9:00am Play 9:30am

PENNANTS

Saturday Pennants commence 18th October
Tuesday Pennants commence 21st October

"One of the advantages bowling has over golf is that you seldom lose a bowl."

SEE YOU ON THE GREEN!



Spiritual Reflection

By BILL WOODAGE

Your Destiny?

People are the master of their own destiny. It is said that man is in control of his future. If so, then he should be able to control his own body. But we are all subject to involuntary yawning, sneezing, swallowing and blinking, for example.

Come to think of it, we can't control our own hair and nail growth. Many body parts work independently of our will, such as our heart, kidneys and lungs, etc. Even our daily bodily functions can catch us out at the wrong moment or during inappropriate times. Certain things happen to us that we cannot control.

Thus, it does seem unwise to say that man can control his future. I admit that I have great trouble predicting the stock market. And who can predict political outcomes here and overseas. Presently the world weather patterns seem out of sorts and there are wildfires raging in different countries.

So what can you control?

Did you know that your Father God loves you? He sent Jesus, His only Son, to bring you the opportunity to have

a godly life. You can control your heavenly eternity by seeking first the kingdom of God and His right ways. It is so simple to invite Jesus into your life, but the emphasis is on your choice and the need to be genuine in that commitment.

Father God wants faithful children to be in His family for ever. John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.

What is the advantage of making such a decision for the Lord God?

Firstly, it is about a relationship with the Maker of all things.

Secondly, it is the peace, satisfaction and joy of this new dimension of love and blessings.

Thirdly, it is knowing where you are going to spend your eternity.

Yes, in a sense, you can allow Jesus to be the Master of your destiny. Are you ready?

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

**TAALINUP AUGUSTA CONVERSATIONS:
LOCAL LEGEND IAN EDGAR**

Rakiura (Stewart Island): A Kiwi Adventure

Hear about Ian's adventures on and around Rakiura – one of the other edges of the world! Augusta Hotel Function Room Sunday, 26 October 2025, 4pm. Tickets \$10 / \$5 concession from Humanitix (<https://events.humanitix.com/conversations-stewart-island>) or on the door.



IKEBANA!

We have invited Ursula Pagels from Perth Sogetsu Ikebana to give an Ikebana demonstration and run a workshop on Sunday October 12th at 1pm at the Augusta Hotel. Tickets are \$10 / \$5 concession for just the demonstration at 1pm, or \$30 for the demonstration + workshop including all materials, via Humanitix:

<https://events.humanitix.com/augusta-ikebana> There are strictly limited numbers for the workshop so book asap or email us – conversationsaugusta@gmail.com

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.



**RECORD CLUB AT THE RADIO STATION!
BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN**

Come along to hear and talk about Bruce Springsteen's 'The Rising' album at the **2OceansFM Radio Station, on Monday October 13 at 5.30pm**

BEACH CLEANUP 2025



**Taalunup Augusta
Sunday October 19th
Time: 9 am – 11 am
Meet: Flinders Bay Car Park**

We will break into small groups and collect debris along the beaches from Skippy Rock to The Colourpatch. You may have a favourite beach that you would like to see debris and litter free.

Clean-up materials are provided except gloves, so all you need is a pair of hands, a pair of gloves and some energy to spring clean our beaches. Please dress for the conditions - hat, sunscreen, shoes and a water bottle. We hope you can join us!

BUSHFIRE PLANNING:

Did you know that our whole area, *including Augusta township*, is in a high bushfire risk zone? Have you thought about how you or your loved ones will respond during a bushfire threat? When you'll leave, what you'll take, where you'll go and how? Where you'll get the most up to date information about the fire, and how that will change your evacuation?

If you'd like to have some guidance on bushfire planning, come along to the Bushfire Preparedness workshop on **Friday October 24th, 2pm at the CRC**. Linda Ashton from the regional Community Preparedness team will help you think your plan through!

JUNIOR WINDSURFING

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

Community Adventure Sports Facility Expressions of Interest
ACDA is investigating community interest in an adventure sports facility in the Colourpatch precinct of Augusta. We anticipate the facility will serve as a multi-use hub for a variety of water-based and land-based adventure sports, including rowing, kayaking, windsurfing, and stand-up paddleboarding and all kinds of biking. Please express your interest and feedback in our short survey here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/augusta_adventures

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. If you look closely, you'll see the rhizomes have a vast root network which make them impossible to pull out effectively – all those little bits of rhizome can become new plants! 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/>

COFFEE WITH FOGYES!:

[foh-gee] In 1811, an Old Fogey was a nickname for a wounded soldier; derived from the French fougueux ("fierce or fiery")

In Augusta, 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 with fogeyes – 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

NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday October 2, 5.30pm at the Lesser Hall (next to the Rec centre)... drop us a line or come along and get involved!

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

CROSSWORD

Source:theguardian.com

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TRIVIA

1. Are the vestibular organs located in: (a) the kidneys; (b) the lungs; or (c) the ears?
2. Cate Blanchett is a new global brand ambassador for which clothing apparel company founded in Japan? (Bonus points for naming the two films for which Blanchett has won an Oscar.)
3. Which of these landlocked nations is not surrounded by just one country: Lesotho, Andorra or San Marino?
4. Who comprised the television sketch comedy duo French and Saunders?
5. Ireland's Great Famine was caused by a blight affecting which staple crop?
6. True or false: red pandas are closely related to giant pandas.
7. The protest song "From Little Things Big Things Grow" was co-written by Kev Carmody and which other Australian singer-songwriter?
8. Carlo Acutis recently received what honour?
9. Does apocryphal mean of doubtful authenticity or opening a new era?
10. Which Dutch Formula One driver recorded the fastest average speed lap in F1 history at the Monza Circuit last weekend?



Answers on page 45

source:TheSaturdaypaper

Across

1. Serious (6)
4. Shut (6)
9. Influential – in males (anag) (7)
10. Holy and highly desired object (5)
11. Ursa or Morris? (5)
12. With justification (7)
13. Banning order (11)
18. Sieved tomatoes (7)
20. Fester or Vanya? (5)
22. Cut by 50 per cent (5)
23. Vocal rise and fall (7)
24. Harris, Donegal and others (6)
25. Save (6)

Down

1. Tahini ingredient (6)
2. Squeezed fruit (5)
3. Butterfly known for its long-distance migrations (7)
5. Limit or loophole? (5)
6. Unnamed individual or item (2-3-2)
7. Postpones (6)
8. Peace offering (5,6)
14. Decide – to clear up (7)
15. Move slowly on wheels (7)
16. Result (6)
17. Wipe out (6)
19. In the lead (5)
21. One thinks the worst of people (5)

Solution see page 45

How to have a video call with your doctor

1

Before your appointment

- Book your video appointment with your healthcare provider.
- Check your email or SMS for a link to your Teams or Zoom call.
- Write down your appointment time.

2

Getting set up

- Use a computer, tablet or smartphone with a camera.
- Sit somewhere with good lighting, like facing a window.
- Ensure you're in an area with good internet or mobile signal.

3

Joining the call

- Open the email or text message from the clinic.
- Click the blue link that says "Join Zoom" or "Join Teams".
- A window will open - follow the prompts after.

4

During the appointment

- You will see and hear the doctor on the screen.
- Speak normally - just like in person.
- Ask questions if you're unsure.

5

After the call

- Make sure you understand your next steps (follow-up appointment, prescription, etc.)
- Close the app or browser window when finished.

When trees send distress signals



Photos from left to right: a Marri tree demonstrating branch dieback, the trunk of the same tree stained with kino (gum like substance produced as a protective response), this tree was diagnosed with Marri canker. A stressed verge tree with peeling bark showing signs of secondary attack by boring insects

Trees across Western Australia have faced a multitude of threats in recent years including pests, disease and environmental stress. Learning to spot the warning signs can help save our trees.

Disease or drought?

Dark staining, bark splitting, blackened areas on trunks, and leaf discolouration are common symptoms of tree disease. Many fungal pathogens attack trees that are already stressed from environmental factors.

Root diseases caused by *Armillaria* and *Phytophthora* are particularly common in WA, with symptoms including thinning canopies, branch dieback, and bleeding trunks. Drought-stressed trees exhibit symptoms that can easily be mistaken for disease. The most common being, wilting or curling leaves, premature leaf drop, browning leaf margins and thinning of the canopy.

A key point of difference is that drought symptoms typically appear uniformly across the tree, while disease often begins with flagging or wilting of individual branches before spreading.

The secondary attack

Both diseased and drought-stressed trees can become more vulnerable to attack by pests. Wood-boring insects that normally can't penetrate healthy trees take advantage of weakened defenses, evident by small holes and sawdust-like material around trunks.

This could be seen as a domino effect, the initial stress compromises the tree's natural defense systems, allowing opportunistic organisms to establish.

Treatment options

Is professional diagnosis worth it? If low-cost, simple efforts don't lead to improvements, engaging a qualified arborist to help identify and guide treatment options is a good idea, especially for valuable or heritage trees. Plant health laboratories, including DPIRD's, offer fee-for-service diagnostic testing. Treatment will vary by problem, but in general:

- For root diseases: improve drainage, avoid overwatering.
- For drought stress: provide slow, deep watering and adequate mulching, especially if the tree is young.
- Prune affected branches with sterilized tools.
- Apply appropriate fungicides and pesticides as necessary and as per label instructions.
- Protect trees from physical damage.

Remember good garden biosecurity - check any new addition to the garden for signs of pests and diseases.

Prevention is key

Think carefully about what you're planting, a tree well suited to the environment it is being planted in will require less intervention and be more resistant to both disease and environmental stress. Consider species adapted to local conditions such as drought-tolerant natives and pest resistant species that can withstand WA's challenging climate.

Be vigilant - keep an eye on your trees and the trees in your community. The faster an issue is identified the sooner the tree can be helped - it might be as simple as a few deep waterings to help get it through a particularly long summer.



Report your observations

MyPestGuide® Reporter via app or online mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au

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

Lower Blackwood Catchment

Land Conservation District Committee

Community Update October 2025



Planting Season Is Here: Join the “Seedling Success” Movement!

Spring’s planting season is officially underway across South West WA, and it’s the perfect time to get hands-on with restoring your local waterways.

Since 2020, the Healthy Estuaries WA Stream Restoration Project has helped more than **232 sheep, beef, and dairy farmers** across our region plant **260,000+ native seedlings** and **over 20 kg of seed** along farm streams and rivers. Working alongside catchment groups like us at Lower Blackwood LCDC, farmers have fenced out stock and revegetated waterways to improve water quality, enhance bank stability, and support thriving ecosystems.

Why It Matters for Your Farm

- Improves water quality: vegetation filters nutrients and stabilises stream banks.
- Protects stock and habitat: keeps livestock safe and provides shade, food, and habitat for wildlife.
- Builds stronger landscapes and communities: join neighbours, students, and traditional land stewards in land care.

If you’re a landholder in the Lower Blackwood LCDC catchment and would like to be part of next year’s revegetation and fencing of riparian zones, you can express your interest now!



Get in contact with our Project Officer, Declan, at Declan.mcgill@lowerblackwood.com.au. Let’s make this planting season count, for our farms, our waterways, and our future.

This project is a part of Healthy Estuaries WA – a State Government program that aims to improve the health of our South West estuaries.



Dung Beetles – Nature’s Little Farm Helpers

When it comes to improving soil health and farm productivity, sometimes the hardest workers are the smallest ones. Dung beetles may not look like much, but on South West farms they play a big role in keeping pastures healthy, stock happier, and waterways cleaner.



- Dung beetles bury and break down manure, which:
- Frees up pasture by removing dung pats that smother grass.
- Reduces pests and flies by taking away their breeding ground.
- Improves soil fertility and structure as nutrients are recycled back into the ground.
- Protects water quality by keeping nutrients from washing into creeks and rivers.

Australia has hundreds of native dung beetle species, but most evolved with kangaroos and wallabies – not livestock. That’s why, since the 1960s, a number of specialist dung beetles from overseas have been introduced to help tackle cow and sheep dung.

In the South West, both native and introduced dung beetles are now at work, though populations can be patchy. Some farms see strong beetle activity, while others have very few.

We’re keen to hear from landholders in the Lower Blackwood and broader South West who are interested in supporting dung beetle monitoring or future beetle releases. Your farm could help build stronger beetle populations across the region.

You can find out more about Dung Beetles here: <https://www.dungbeetlessouthwest.org.au/>



Events Coming Up with the LCDC

What? Weed Control Workshop, 23rd Oct details TBD

How? Head to our website for more information:

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



Fire Danger Ratings and Bushfire Warnings

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- **Fire Danger Ratings describe the potential level of danger if a bushfire starts.** They provide important information so you can take action to protect yourself and others from the potentially dangerous impacts of a bushfire. You need to understand the Fire Danger Rating to assess your level of bushfire risk and decide what actions to take.

The Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) levels are:

Moderate: Plan and prepare.

Most fires can be controlled. Stay up to date and be alert for fires in your area.

High: Be ready to act.

Fires can be dangerous. There's a heightened risk. Be alert for fires in your area. Leave bushfire risk areas if necessary.

Extreme: Take action now.

Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous. Put your bushfire plan into action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, plan to leave early.

Catastrophic: For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.

These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire. If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost. Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions. You may not be able to leave, and help may not be available.

- On days when there is minimal risk, Fire Danger Ratings will be set to 'No Rating'. On these days you still need to remain alert and abide by local seasonal laws and regulations.
- **When a bushfire starts, things can change in a matter of minutes so it's important to stay up to date through official information sources.** During a bushfire, emergency services will provide you with as much information as possible, but no system is foolproof. If you believe you are in danger, act immediately to stay safe and do not wait for a warning.

The warning levels for bushfires are:

Advice



A fire is active but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes. Be aware and keep up to date.

Watch and Act



There is a possible threat to lives or homes. Take action now to protect yourself and others.

Emergency Warning



There is a threat to lives or homes. You may be in danger and need to take immediate action.



If you see smoke or flames call Triple Zero (000) and put your Bushfire Plan into action immediately

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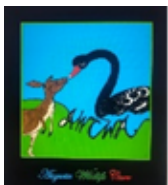
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Make a Plan

Dangerous bushfires can start at any time and can quickly turn into a life threatening situation for you and your loved ones. Your safety will depend on how prepared you are and the decisions you make.



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By JUDY WENBAN



Hooded Plovers and the Red-capped Plover (known for its bright red cap) are the smallest of Augusta's beach-nesting birds and resident shorebirds. In fact, adult birds only weigh between 35 and 40 grams, about the same as a muesli bar. These small, endangered birds nest on beaches in Augusta and the Margaret River region and need our help, especially now during their breeding season, which occurs from August to March.

During this period, pairs will lay one to three eggs in a shallow scrape on the beach or in the dune above the high-tide line, making eggs and chicks vulnerable to disturbance from beachgoers and dogs. Their nests and chicks are small and can be easily mistaken for seaweed and debris, making them hard to see but susceptible to accidental trampling.

Incubation is for 28 days, and adult birds use passive nest defence and heavy camouflage of the eggs to reduce the chances of predation. Chicks are able to feed themselves shortly after hatching and need undisturbed space to feed on insects along the shoreline. After hatching it takes 28 - 35 days until the chicks can fly.

Plovers breed from their second year and live for 16 years. They form long-term monogamous pairs that usually only change when one of the pair dies. Nesting often occurs at the same area year after year, particularly if the nesting is successful.

Here's how you can protect these vulnerable birds while enjoying the sand and surf.

Stay clear of Hooded and Red-capped Plover nesting sites
Before you head out, check if the beach you're visiting is a nesting site for Hooded and Red-capped Plovers.



Both plover types are most vulnerable during their breeding season, so consider visiting other beaches during this time as this reduces the likelihood

of disturbing these birds while they care for their eggs and chicks.

Beaches with nesting sites often have signs or fenced-off areas to protect the birds. Respect these areas and avoid disturbing them by following the instructions on the signs, not walking through marked nesting areas and keeping dogs on leads. Dogs can be a significant threat to nesting plovers and their chicks.

When people or unleashed dogs approach too closely, parent birds are forced to temporarily abandon their nests and chicks. They rely on camouflage alone to keep their young safe until danger passes and it creates critical vulnerability windows where eggs and chicks face harsh temperatures and hungry predators like ravens and gulls.

Walk near the water's edge

When you're walking along the beach, try to stay close to the water. Plovers typically nest in the upper part of the beach, so walking near the water helps reduce the risk of accidentally stepping on their nests.



Take your rubbish with you

Litter on the beach can attract predators like foxes, cats and gulls, which pose a threat to plovers and their young. Make sure to take all your rubbish with you and dispose of it properly.

Educate others about Plovers

Share what you've learned about plovers with other beachgoers. The more people who understand the importance of protecting these birds, the better their chances of survival.

Why it matters

Hooded Plovers are a key species in our beach ecosystems, but they're at risk. By following these simple steps, you can enjoy your day at the beach while helping protect these endangered shorebirds.



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1. (c) The (inner) ears.
2. Uniqlo. (Bonus points: Best Supporting Actress for The Aviator; Best Actress for Blue Jasmine.)
3. Andorra.
4. Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders.
5. Potatoes.
6. False.
7. Paul Kelly.
8. He was declared a saint by the pope.
9. Of doubtful authenticity.
10. Max Verstappen.

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 3rd Thursday of the Month	5:30pm	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 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 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 Wednesday/ Month	1:00pm	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
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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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