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WA Police hope you enjoy your stay in beautiful Augusta, a safe and friendly community surrounded by stunning coastline, forests and rivers. Augusta is a great town with very little crime, however we need your help to keep it that way with a few simple steps to prevent opportunistic offending.



Keep Your Property Secure



Augusta has a relaxed holiday atmosphere, but unfortunately, theft can still occur from time to time especially when valuables are left in plain sight or items are left unsecured.

To help prevent theft: Always lock your vehicle, caravan and accommodation when unattended.

Keep valuables out of sight and don't leave belongings unattended.

Where possible, photograph or engrave valuable items so they can be identified and returned if lost or stolen. (An engraver is available for use at Augusta Police Station.)

If you see anything suspicious, report it to the park manager or contact WA Police on 131 444. If it's an emergency, always call 000.



Personal Safety and Exploring

Mobile phone coverage is limited in many parts of Augusta particularly along the south and west coasts. If you're heading out to explore:

Let someone know where you're going and when you expect to return.

Be aware of coastal dangers such as slippery rocks, strong waves, and tidal surges.

Observe all warning signs from the Shire of Augusta Margaret River and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).

When fishing from rocks, consider wearing a lifejacket, using a safety line, and fishing with a friend.



Boating and Water Safety

If you plan to go boating, please note that the Augusta Volunteer Sea Rescue does not monitor UHF or VHF marine channels.

Before you head out

Plan your trip carefully and check local conditions.

Make sure your vessel has all required safety equipment (including flares and lifejackets).

Inform someone onshore of your departure point, destination and expected return time.



Being prepared and taking sensible precautions will help you enjoy a safe and memorable visit to Augusta. Take Care and Stay Safe. Thank you for helping keep our community safe.

We hope you have a wonderful stay in Augusta.

Simon Harrison Sergeant 10375

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Officer in Charge - Augusta Police Station 💮 🖂

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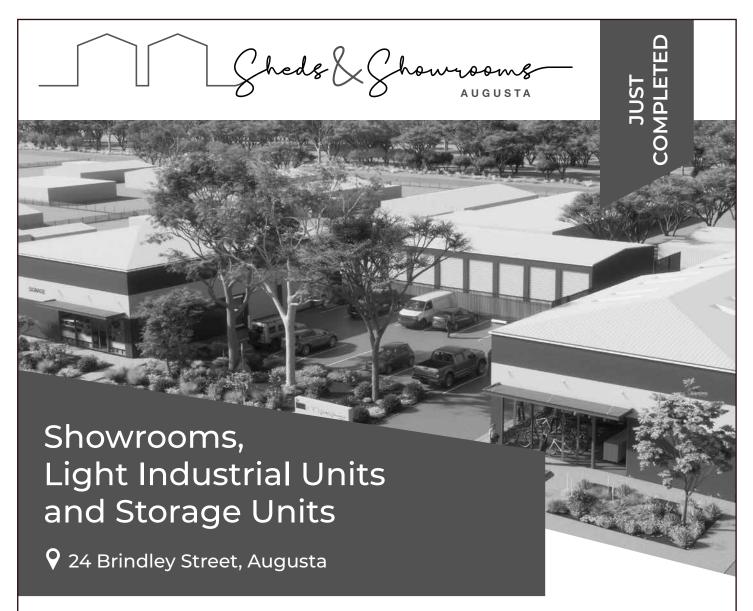
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Leeuwin Lines 201WA District Convention hosted by Vasse Lions Club

Convention Highlights

The 2025 State Convention held in

Busselton from 17-19 October, was a resounding success. It started with the "Welcome to Convention" on Friday evening on the Busselton Foreshore. There was a full train of Lions hooting and roaring for the ride to the end of the jetty and the visit to the underwater museum.

This was a great way to have all conventioners mix and mingle and get to know each other and was only diminished by the weather when light rain began as the open air BBQ station was set up and operating for the evening meal.

The positive was that most ate and ran, or took a BBQ burger back to the comfort of home or a motel, ensuring an early night with most ready to go at the start of the convention sessions the next morning.

Following official introductions, a great "Welcome to Country" by Zac Webb, a sincere "Welcome to Convention" by District Governor Tom Oversby, and a warm "Welcome to Busselton" by Mayor Phill Cronin, a full program for the day got underway at 9.30am.

A number of excellent speakers gave very thought-provoking addresses throughout the day. Those of particular interest to Leeuwin Lions were:

Lions Eye Health Program - address delivered by Chairman Lion Kevin Barratt with particular reference to the Early Childhood Vision Screening Program introduced in 2018. In our district 201WA since 2018 Lions have screened over 7,000 children of school age with a referral rate of 20% (one in five children) for further assessment.

All primary schools in the Cape-Cape area have been screened over the past two years including Augusta and Karridale Primary Schools last year. With such a high referral rate this promises to be a very rewarding exercise but needs a regular turnout of volunteers to make it work.

Leeuwin Lions are pleased to have Jane Denton, Angeline Kempton and Melanie Vassallo complete training and qualify as screeners to help ensure this valuable work is able to be carried out annually in our local schools.

Camp Quokka - address delivered by Lauren Cusack who spoke of the great outcomes being achieved by this Lions organisation in the management of Type 1 Diabetes. Lauren gave a very complimentary reference to the Leeuwin Lions for the use of the "Augusta Adventure Centre", a venue they use annually for their main camp. Lions Matt Russell and Bill Perry were mentioned particularly for the great assistance they provide.

Leo Of the Year – speech by Hope Langford was truly captivating and an invitation has been extended for her to visit and address our club early in the new year.



Best fashion/clashing outfit line up



Leeuwin Lions seating for dinner

Every Daughter - a spell Matters address by binding keynote speaker Darren Reynolds talking of the tragedy and heartbreaking dilemma of the forced labour and sex trafficking trade of young women in the impoverished regions of Nepal.

Approximately 196 Lions, partners and guest presenters met in the town hall over the

course of the weekend to produce a most friendly, enjoyable and educational convention.

Like times of old, the food was plentiful and beautifully prepared with scones, jam and cream, cupcakes, and lamingtons amongst the selection for morning afternoon whilst the buffet lunches were excellent also with ample quantities of meat, salads, vegetables, pasta and soup.



The buffet meal for the Saturday night fashion/

clashing dress up dinner was quite superb, with many Lions returning for seconds from the selection of tender lamb, succulent fish, vegetables, salads and dressings. Dessert of fruit salad and cream or sticky date pudding and caramel sauce had everyone discarding their caloric calculator.

Leeuwin Lines continued...



Karl & Carolyn Ambrose, Jim Challis & Jane Denton

Actions for Lions to remain Relevant – a forceful, no holds barred address by motivational speaker Leanne Shaw brought home the many ways in which Lions need to modernise their thinking in order to attract new and younger members.

The session wound up with PDG Tom Oversby leading the attendees in singing the Convention song, "A Club with No Fear" (To the tune of "A Pub with No Beer).

Vasse Lions Club with strong support from Busselton Lions Club are to be congratulated on running such a successful convention.

Black Dog Ride



Pres Men's Shed Bill Madeley &

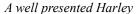
Leeuwin Lions and Augusta Men's Shed combined to host a BBQ breakfast for approx. 30 riders and support crew who were doing a lap of the State from Denmark through to the Midwest and stayed in Augusta overnight.

Lions President Bill Perry Lions Pres Bill Perry acknowledged the great work in the area of mental health that those who organise the ride do and the huge value of riding with a mate, and checking up on a mate. In addition to providing funds for the BBQ he also advised of a donation by Lions of \$1000.

President of the Men's Shed Peter Maddeley was also acknowledged for arranging the BBQ with

> volunteer members and providing support and assistance to the Black Dog Riders.

> > President of Denmark Lions Rob Woods who was the lead organiser of the ride was very thankful for the hospitality and breakfast provided. Obviously, the bacon was done to his liking.





Roger Seeney & wife Bev (a director of Black Dog Ride)

FAREWELL MARG AND MEL MUNDAY

A good number of Lions and volunteers were present at the Lions Second hand Goods Shed on Saturday 18 October to farewell regular volunteers Margaret and Mel Munday.

Lion Ross Newbury set up the tables, diced the onions and chilled the refreshments, whilst President Bill Perry and Lion Tony Griepl took charge of the BBQ, producing five Kg of superbly cooked, locally sourced snags which, combined with the onions, condiments and fresh bakery buns kept everyone happily chomping away for most of the afternoon.

Lion Phill Robinson, in charge of the "Containers for Change" Shed, when presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Margaret and Mel, stated "that they were amongst the first to volunteer some 5 years ago when the project began and have been reliable helpers ever since. They will most surely be missed not only by the Leeuwin Lions, but by so many other organisations around town. A very big thanks to you Marg and Mel."



CDS Chairman Phill Robinson with Marg and Mel Munday with their Certificates of Appreciation

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COMMUNITY COOPERATION GIVES MOBILITY TO KIDS IN NEED

Thanks to the Leeuwin Lions, Leeuwin Lodge, Augusta Second Hand Place, Karridale - Augusta RSL and Graham Edwards for the introduction to "Wheelchairs for Kids". Eight used wheelchairs with spare parts, two walking frames and ten months collection of aluminium ring tabs were delivered to Brother Oly and Greg Hebble at "Wheelchairs for Kids" Wangara on Wednesday the 8th of October. They were extremely grateful and sent a sincere Thank You to our Augusta Community.

To date, the Wheelchairs for Kids project have built and distributed almost 65,000 chairs for needy kids in 101 countries around the world.





(Above) Paul and Mike at the Leeuwin Lions shed

(Left) Phil, Oly, Beppie and Greg at "Wheelchairs for Kids" Wangara



please contact John Wilson on 0427 586 493



Wind farm feasibility study

Synergy has referred the proposed wind farm to the Environmental Protection Authority and submitted a Development Approval application to the Shire of Augusta Margaret River and Regional Development Assessment Panel.

A public comment period has been advertised by the Environmental Protection Authority and is now closed.

The Shire of Augusta Margaret will advertise a public comment period through their online consultation platform at yoursay.amrshire.wa.gov.au

To register for updates on the progress of the proposed wind farm, please scan the code.



Synergy drop-in office



To speak to a Synergy staff member, visit our office in Augusta between 10am–4pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday 4 November
- Wednesday 5 November
- Tuesday 18 November
- Wednesday 19 November



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

For more information

community@synergy.net.au | 0482 993 106 engage.synergyrenewables.net.au/scottriver





CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Lions Refund Depot Hillview Road, Augusta

Opening Times:

Thursday 8-12 midday Saturday 8-12 midday

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

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

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



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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\$10,000Archer McDonald Abalone Football Club2nd Prize\$1,000Georgina Thiele97.1 2 Oceans FM Augusta3rd Prize\$1,000Phillipa ChappleRotary 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

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Just Home

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Augusta CWA

Margaret River Polocrosse Club

Augusta Community Garden
Rotary Margaret River
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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

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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, 5501-5800, 5001-5800, 5861-5800, 5861-5870, 5911-5800, 5911-5910, 5911-5910, 5911-5910, 5911-5910, 7041-7150, 7171-7400, 7949-9650, 8051-800, 5001-5500, 5601-5800, 5

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Shire news November

Welcome to November from Shire President Julia Jean-Rice

Kaya Augusta,

Local Government Elections have just wrapped up, and we have three new Councillors ready to serve our community.

Augusta's Pamela Winter, along with Lisa Bell and Joe Forte, join re-elected Councillors Tracey Muir and Greg Boland, as well as continuing Councillors Kylie Kennaugh, Melissa D'Ath, and myself to form a dedicated team of eight.

I know I speak for all Members of Council when I say it's an honour to be elected to represent our community. A big thank you to all the candidates who put their hands up, and to everyone who took the time to vote. Your participation is what keeps our community strong.

With the election now complete, we're back to business. The next round of community consultation on the Turner Street Jetty is now open and we've also invited feedback on our draft Agriculture Policy. This was developed in collaboration with local farmers and agricultural businesses to guide our decision making, and we'd love to know your thoughts.

Over the past month, we've also seen strong community interest in Synergy's proposed wind farm at Scott River. The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has just completed a short consultation to gauge the community support for a formal environmental assessment, which is separate to the development application process. If the EPA proceeds with an assessment, the public may have further opportunities to provide input during the assessment or an appeals period.

The Shire will also be advertising the Development Application for the proposed wind farm, so please keep an eye on our YourSay page and have your say there.

And finally, our CEO Andrea Selvey will be working from the Augusta office on Tuesday 25 November. If there's anything you'd like to discuss with her, or just want to have a chat, please drop in.



Warm regards, Cr Julia Jean-Rice, Shire President

Local Government Election results

The Shire has welcomed five newly elected Council Members following the 2025 Local Government Election.

Elected to four-year terms:

Tracey Muir, Lisa Bell, Joe Forte and Greg Boland

Elected to a two-year term:

Pamela Winter

They will join continuing Council Members Kylie Kennaugh and Melissa D'Ath, and Shire President Julia Jean-Rice to form the new Council.

The first Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 October 2025, where the Deputy Shire President will be elected.



Proposed Synergy wind farm

The Shire has received the Development Application (DA) for the proposed Synergy wind farm at Scott River, which has been lodged with the state Development Assessment Panel (DAP) by the applicant. The DAP is an independent planning assessment pathway that combines technical expertise and local knowledge when considering development applications.

Each DAP meeting includes five members - three specialists (appointed by the State) and two local government members (councillors). This means that while the local government can't determine the application, two of our Councillors have a seat at the decision making table.

A Development Application is eligible to follow the DAP pathway when the project is valued at \$2 million or more. It is an opt in process, but in practice most eligible projects choose to go through DAP. The Shire cannot decide whether or not a project is assessed this way.

This means the Shire's role in this process will be to provide advice and recommendations, but the proposed wind farm application won't go to Council and the final decision will rest with the DAP panel.

We will be inviting the community to share feedback as part of the DA assessment process. This consultation will go live on the Shire's YourSay page soon. To find out more, visit our website.

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Have your say on the future of the Turner Street Jetty

The next phase of consultation on the Turner Street Jetty is now open, and we'd love to hear what the Augusta community thinks.

The much-loved jetty was closed to the public earlier this year due to safety and structural concerns related to the age and condition of the structure. Since then, we have been exploring what's next for the site.

Working with a dedicated volunteer Community Reference Group, we looked at several options, including repairing the existing structure, replacing it with a fixed or floating jetty, or removing it entirely. Feedback from the group was clear and overwhelmingly in favour of a like-for-like restoration of the fixed timber decked jetty structure. Thanks to the passionate locals who gave up their time to attend these meetings.

We're now hoping to find out if the broader Shire community supports

the restoration of the jetty at an approximate cost of \$660,000.

Find out more and have your say on our YourSay page. Scan the QR code or search "Your Say Turner Street Jetty."

Alternatively, hard copy surveys will be available at the Augusta Shire office during normal business hours.





Community Grants

Local groups can now apply for funding through the Shire's Community

Development and Events Grants Program.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for projects that build connection, creativity and resilience.

Applications close Wednesday, 12 November.

Scan the QR code for details.





Augusta Community Representative Group quarterly update

We recently held our quarterly meeting with the Augusta Community Representatives Group. Members of local community groups including ACRC, Lions, ACCI and ACDA regularly meet with our CEO Adrea Selvey and representatives from the Shire to collaborate on matters that are important to Augusta.

At the September meeting the group discussed the Cape Leeuwin Trail extension works, the Wadandi Track, the library Book Club service and parking at Karridale Cemetery, alongside ongoing conversations about roads, footpaths, car parks and jetties.

Agricultural Policy consultation

We have drafted a new Agricultural Policy and would like to hear what the community thinks of it.

We want to ensure that the decisions we make support food security, sustainable land management and a sense of belonging for our farmers allowing for a thriving and sustainable agriculture sector.

The Policy has been developed in consultation with a group of agricultural experts from our community and will beimplemented at and operational level by our staff.

Scan the QR code to read more on the draft Policy and share your feedback.

Submissions for feedback close on Monday, 3 November 2025.





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What's on



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

Exercise Physiologist

Available for consultations at Augusta Gym. Wednesdays 8am - 4pm.

Enquiries to <u>fitness@amrshire.wa.gov.au</u> 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 avilable at 1:00pm and 1:40pm.

Badminton

Tuesday 6:30pm - 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 1:00pm. 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 <u>www.amrlibraries-toddlertales-augusta.eventbrite.com.au</u> or call Rachael on 08 9780 5602

Next dates: 11 November

Augusta Library opening hours

Tuesdays: 10:00am - 12:00pm and 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Wednesdays: 10:00am -12:00pm

and 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Thursdays: 10:00am - 12:00pm and 1:00pm - 4:00pm.

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

Margaret River HEART Nala Bardip Mia / Our Story House





Cinema & Film Festivals

- Kangaroo Island (M) Tuesday, November 11 @ 7pm
- Hamilton (PG) 10th anniversary screening -Thursday, November 13 @ 7pm
- Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere (M)
 Friday, 28 November @ 7pm

Young @ HEART

- FREE live music each Monday from 10am
- Check <u>artsmargaretriver.com</u> for full program

Community Events

- YOUnity: Calling all LGBTIQA+ -Wednesday, November 5,1 and 19
- Find Your Story (Youth workshops) Every Wednesday of Term 4

Theatre, Music, Comedy & Dance

- Y2Kabaret (Suspensions Arts & Burlesque) -Saturday, November 1 @ 7pm
- Roman Rudnytsky Sunday, November 2 @ 3pm
- The Greatest Show (Tutu Dance Company) Friday, November 7 @ 6:30pm
- Little Stars (Tutu Dance Company) Sunday, November 30 @ 10:30am
- Four Seasons Aerial Silks End of Year Concert - Friday, November 21 @ 7pm
- Toys In Motion (Blackwood Dance Company), Saturday, November 22 (Two Shows)

Literature

 Runt and the Diabolical Dognapping Book Launch: An Afternoon with Craig Silvey -Saturday, November 15 @ 2:30pm



Visual Arts

- Creating Identity Exhibition Wednesday, November 5 - Thursday November 20, Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm
- Creating Identity Exhibition Launch Friday, November 7 @ 6pm
- Elders in our Community Exhibition -Wednesday, November 26 - Wednesday, December 17- Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm (see website for special events as part of this exhibit)

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Staying in Place Program Coming to Augusta

Support at Home and Support Services

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN THIS PROGRAM!

The Augusta Community Resource Centre (CRC) 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 and get back to enjoying life doing what you love while being supported in your local community.

Support at Home

The Support at Home program is the new Australian Government program launching on 1 November 2025 to replace the Home Care Packages program and Short-Term Restorative Care program. It aims to create a flexible, personalised, and more supportive system for in-home aged care so that older people can live independently at home for longer.

We encourage people over 65 in Augusta and the surrounding areas of East Augusta, Hamelin Bay, Kudardup, Molloy Island and Karridale to register now at the CRC to find out more about the program and how it can support you locally if you sign up with our Approved Provider HomeMade or Service Provider Mable.

Service Provider (Contractors)

We are also seeking existing contractors or new local people to become a contractor, who want to register to provide local services to people with a Support at Home Program. Services such as garden and home maintenance, cleaning, social support, transport, meals, etc are required locally to support our clients in their home. Great opportunity for retirees to assist their friends while securing a small income to do in-home services for them.

Register Now or Want to Find out More?

Email <u>reception@augustacrc.net.au</u> or phone (08) 9758 0002 so we can take down your contact details for our Staying in Place Coordinator to contact you.

Staying in Place Kickstart Program is supported by the State Government through Linkwest, with consultancy support provided by Pingelly CRC







Vale Bill Shephard 1935-2025

Bill was born in Bridgetown on the 22nd December 1935, to Gwen and Keith Shephard, who were farmers. Bill went to Bridgetown State School. In those early days when WW11 was on, most children went bare foot and had to walk to school as money was scarce and everyone had coupons for butter, meat, tea and clothing. Petrol was rationed to two gallons a week but farmers and people living out of town were given a little bit more. Rationing continued until about 1950.

Bill attended Guilford Grammer School in Perth but had to leave school at fourteen to run the farm as his father had had a heart attack and was bed ridden for three months and was not allowed to work.

Bill did a lot of clearing with eight big draught horses. He also packed fruit, pruned fruit trees and helped with the shearing of six hundred sheep. Bill also dipped, ear tagged, drenched and tailed the lambs. They had about four hundred acres with thirty acres of orchard. They also had a potato licence for ten acres.

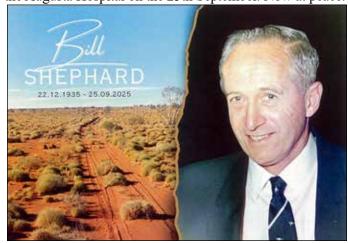
Bill was very energetic, played tennis, became fire control officer for Glenlyn, then becoming chief fire control officer for the Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire. Bill was also a member of the Junior Farmers, where he met Shirley Busch. They were married on the 27th December 1958.

Shirley learnt farming very quickly and Bill taught her to drive. Shirley made quite a few trips to town to get supplies and other necessary items while Bill and his father were busy and didn't have time to go to town.

Bill and Shirley had three children, David, Keryn and Kenneth. In 1973 the family moved to Newman, where they built Capricorn Roadhouse, staying on there for twenty two years. Bill was the licensee for seventeen years, but never drank. He was very active there as well and joined many local organisations.

The Shephards bought John Nutley's garage in 1993. David and Lyan moved to Augusta and managed the garage, then Bill and Shirley also moved down. They rebuilt the Service Station, calling it Shephard's Augusta Auto Stop. Bill was also very active in this as well as a lot of other organisations.

They managed to have many enjoyable holidays over seas and cruises. Bill's health started to decline two years ago and this year he was hospitatised a few times. Bill passed away in the Augusta Hospital on the 25th September. Now at peace.





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

	First Place	Second Place
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Oct 6 th	Lyn Leonard & Merione Wilson	Di Ellis & Edie Williams
Oct 13 th	Des Thompson & Amanda Thompson	Di Ellis & Edie Williams

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AUGUSTA LOCALS SPEAK UP ON SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY

Last month, I was pleased to bring Opposition Leader Basil Zempilas to Augusta — to listen, learn and shine a spotlight on the issues this town quietly carries.

Too often, regional voices are drowned out. But in Augusta, locals are speaking clearly: this community needs stronger services and fairer support.

In Parliament, I've raised the pressure our local governments face in maintaining essential services and tourism infrastructure. It was good to have Basil here to see the reality for himself — and to help push these concerns into the State conversation.

We met with the Lions Club, visited the marina to inspect Royalties for Regions investments, and spoke with residents concerned about planning decisions and access to services. We also took the opportunity to visit the proposed Scott River wind turbine site — a project raising strong views in the farming community about transparency, amenity, and agricultural land use.

Later that evening, we hosted a "Politicians at the Pub" session at the Karridale Tavern. The turnout was strong, and constituents were both forthcoming and vocal. It was a reminder of the passion and care local people have for their communities — and the value of turning up, listening, and staying accountable.

Across the electorate, I continue to raise the need for infrastructure that matches growth — and Augusta is no exception. Whether it's regional roads, mobile coverage, or emergency services, our communities can't be treated like an afterthought.

I'll keep standing up for the Augusta-Margaret River region — and I invite anyone with a concern to contact my office. Your stories help me speak up in Parliament with clarity and purpose.

Bevan Eatts



20ceansFM Community Announcements

Did you know that your local radio station offers free community announcements for community groups, notfor-profits or charities?

If you have a community announcement you would like us to read out, please provide in writing by placing it in the Blue Letterbox in front of the Uniting Church on Blackwood Avenue at least one week prior to your event or activity.

Community Announcements are on the radio daily at 10am and 3pm.

Hello!



Karridale Primary School News





Our annual SuperKids SuperHeroes dress-up fundraiser for The Kids Cancer Project (TKCP) continues to be a favourite among both staff and students! With masks, capes and

for a very worthy cause.

How wonderful it was to see our school community come together in support of TKCP, helping fund vital scientific research to develop better treatments for all children with

creative costumes galore, everyone embraced the fun — all

During our assembly, we screened a short movie showcasing the SuperKids SuperHeroes team's memorable final scooter ride to our school back in 2022. The children were delighted to see the footage of the superheroes zipping around the school, and they were amazed to see just how much they themselves had grown in just three years!

A huge thank you to everyone for your generosity and enthusiasm. Together, we raised \$110.00 for The Kids Cancer Project — a super effort indeed!

www.superkidssuperheroes.com.au



2026 SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE

Are you new to the area and have primary school-aged children? Consider Karridale Primary School – a small school with a big heart! Well, it's not too late to enrol for the 2026 school year. We have spots available from Kindy to Year 6.

Nestled in a beautiful bush setting, Karridale Primary School offers a warm and welcoming environment with plenty to offer your family.

- Kindy program for children turning 4 by 30 June 2026.
- Compulsory schooling from Pre-primary to Year 6.
- Playgroup WA's Karri Kids Thursdays 9:30-11:00am during school terms. A great way to meet new people, make friends, and connect with the school community!

Get in touch before the school year ends on Thursday18 December 2025 OR when our Admin team returns on Tuesday 27 January 2026. The 2026 school year for students starts on Monday 2 February 2026—so get ready!

We'd love to meet you and your young people!



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Augusta Primary School News

Father's Day Breakfast

We shared a special morning with families at our annual Father's Day breakfast, one of the biggest events of the year. A big thank you goes to Augusta Bakery and Augusta Meats for their generous support, which helped make the event such a success. It has grown to a big event on our Term 3 calendar so a huge thank you to all the staff that lent a hand that morning to make the morning such a big community success. Together we managed to



cook up over 150 burgers plus other treats. Thank you to our amazing P&C for their awesome Father's Day Raffle!

Year 6 Our Patch Presentation @ the HEART

The Year 6 students of Augusta Primary are excited to share what we've been up to this term! We went on an eye-opening Catchment Tour to see how our local rivers and bushland are doing. We were shocked to see just how many nasty, invasive weeds are hurting our beautiful environment. It was a big wake-up call, and we knew we had to do something to help. **Our Patch Weed ID Booklet** To act, we created a **Weed Identification Booklet!** It's a simple, easy-to-use guide designed to help everyone—from kids to adults—spot these sneaky weeds in their own backyards and local parks. By identifying and removing these plants, we can all become guardians of our local environment. At our recent "Our Patch" Celebration, we were so proud to showcase all our hard work! Well





done to Jonn and Charlie for getting up in front of a packed house to present our program. Our display featured real-life examples of the sneaky weeds we found right here at our school. We also shared photos of our journey, from learning about the weeds to helping remove them. It was great to show everyone how we're doing our part to keep our beautiful Augusta environment healthy and thriving. This project wouldn't have been possible without some incredible people who helped us along the way. A huge thank you to: **Ellie Ward** from Nature Conservation Margaret River, the **Undalup Association**, **Ben** the Invasive Weed Expert, and **Alysha Johnson** from the Capes Foundation. Their guidance and support helped us turn our ideas into a real-life project. We are so grateful for their help in making our community a better place! - **written by the Year 6 class**

Family Open Night

What an amazing and inspiring night the Open Night was. To have the opportunity to have family and friends visit the school and see all the wonderful work that has been happening in the classrooms was a delight! A big thank you to the staff here at Augusta PS staying on into the night to make this event happen. It is a fantastic reflection of the willingness to go the extra mile from all staff. Thank you to Debbie Pendlebury for her organisation of the Book Fair in the library and forging a great partnership with the Margaret River Book Shop. It is an excellent way of supporting reading for our students as well as our local community. Another big thank you goes to our awesome P&C and parent volunteers who cooked up





delicious soups and hamburgers to serve to the masses. Well done to Kori and her crew for the fantastic effort!

Emergency Services Morning Tea

It was a pleasure to celebrate the end of the Year 6 Exploring Emergency Services Program with a thank you morning tea. Now in its sixth year, the program has given students the opportunity to visit and learn from our local volunteer emergency services throughout the term.





Message from the Officer in Charge of the Augusta Police

Scams continue to affect people right across our community, and we want to remind everyone to stay alert and protect themselves.

Scammers are becoming more convincing, often pretending to be trusted organisations, government agencies or even family members.

If something doesn't seem right or seems too good to be true, stop, think, and check before giving out personal information or sending money.

You're not alone - many people have fallen victim to scams, and help is available.

If you believe you've been targeted or wish to report a scam, contact WA ScamNet at www.scamnet.wa.gov.au or call 1300 30 40 54.

Together, we can help protect our community from fraud and deception.



Augusta OIC Sergeant Harrison is raising awareness of scams



Spiritual Reflection

By BILL WOODAGE

The Tourist

We are all aware of the huge number of tourists that visit our region. Some pass through quickly, others stay overnight, some for a week or more. Many come back each year, rather like a pilgrimage.

When asked why they come here, many say for the natural beauty, for peace and relaxation, or just for fun. Others may suggest coming to destress or escape the pressures at home.

These people, and some locals, often suffer from worry, pressure, rejection, or hurts, and unfortunately carry large amounts of emotional baggage. When I converse with folk and ask them how they are, too many reply, 'Just surviving'.

Now life should be happy, loving, exciting and fulfilling. For many that is an unreal illusion. How do we change this element of sadness, despair or disharmony?

Do we understand that God created us, and He desires a personal relationship with each one of us? This is not about head knowledge, but He desires that each of us invite Him personally into our lives. I call that heart knowledge.

Jesus came to set people free from the effects of heartache, rejection and disharmony. In John 14:6, Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'.

Through Him, millions of people each year come to the Father for forgiveness and life eternal. Jesus, the Son of God, died for our sin, our dishonesty and our grief, and wants us to trade in our old nature for His nature, by faith in Him.

So, there is great hope in Jesus. Salvation does not come by keeping laws or being a good person or doing good works, but only through faith in Jeus Christ. All have sinned, but anyone who receives Jesus can be forgiven and accepted by God as righteous.

John 1:12, Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.





Spotting scams

Scams can be clever and tricky, but there are steps you can take to protect yourself:

Practise the pause:

- When you get a message by phone, SMS, or email, stop and take the time to work out if it is a real message or a scam.
- Never click on links in messages or a pop-up window to update software or personal information. Banks and trusted authorities, such as government agencies, will never send you a text message with a link to update your details.
- · Never give a caller remote access to your devices.

Verify with the source:

- Check you are dealing with the actual person or organisation.
- Don't give money or ID documents to anyone you have not met in person.
- Use the number or email address you already have, for example on an account statement. Or look up the contact details on an official website.
- Don't reply to the email or call the number provided in the message as you could be speaking to the scammer.
- If you are not sure, ask a trusted family member or friend.
- Contact WA ScamNet to help you work out if it is a scam.

Protect your computer, devices and accounts:

- Keep your anti-virus and anti-spyware software up to date.
- Always update software from your device's settings.
- Turn on multi-factor authentication if you can. This
 makes it harder for hackers to get into your accounts
 because they'll need more than just your username
 and password.

When shopping online or on social media platforms:

- Before you give money or personal information, do some research. Learn more about the company or person you're dealing with.
- Always use safe ways to pay such as credit card. If a seller wants urgent payment be suspicious.
- Be extra cautious if they ask you to pay with electronic transfers, gift cards, or cryptocurrency.
- Check online for reviews written by customers who are not affiliated with the company.
- If it sounds too good to be true it probably is.
 Be suspicious of products sold at heavily reduced prices.
- Always make sure to confirm payment details with the company directly before you pay an invoice that was sent to you by email.

Take action if you have been scammed:

- If you've lost money to a scam, contact your bank or financial institution right away to prevent further fraudulent transactions on your accounts.
- If you think a scammer has your personal information or identification contact IDCARE.
 You can call them on 1800 595 160 or visit their website www.idcare.org.
- Report the scam to WA ScamNet. Call us on 1300 30 40 54 or visit www.scamnet.wa.gov.au
- Report your scam to the Cybercrime Police.
 Visit the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC)
 www.cyber.gov.au/report.
 Or call the Australian Cyber Security Hotline on 1300 292 371.
- If someone else has been able to control your computer via remote access, or if you think someone has hacked your computer, you should have a skilled computer expert check it.

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Garden Gossip

By CAROLINE FOLEY Images by Various

The Augusta Garden Club held a very successful Spring Fete on the 4th of October.

We would like to thank the Augusta community and visitors to town for attending our Spring Fete and participating in our raffles.

The winner of the trailer load of wood was Wendy Tunbridge and of the basket was Caroline Hart. We really appreciate everyone's enthusiasm and support of our special day. We never could have done it without you!

As a result of this successful day we will be donating the money we raised to a number of worthy groups within our community to, in turn, support them. Thanks again everyone.















Notice of Annual General Meeting

Augusta Margaret River Community Financial Services Ltd A.B.N. 64110946168

To be held at 6:00 PM on Thursday 13 November

2025 at Augusta Community Resource Centre

Ordinary Business

1. Receipt of Annual Report

To receive the company's Financial Report, the Director's Report and the Auditor's Report for the year ended Monday 30 June 2025.

2. <u>Election of Directors</u> - Appointed by the **Board since the last AGM, offer themselves for election.**

Wendy Stimpson - Non Executive Director Catriona Le Blanc -Treasurer

2a. Re-election of Directors

Cindy Fisher retires by rotation in accordance with the constitution of the company and, being eligible, offers herself for re-election.

Julie Kirby retires by rotation in accordance with the constitution of the company and, being eligible, offers herself for election.

Jodie Lane retires by rotation in accordance with the constitution of the company and, being eligible, offers herself for election.

Attending the meeting

All shareholders may attend the Annual General Meeting.

Joint holders: In the case of joint shareholders, all holders may attend the Meeting. If only one holder attends (including by proxy), that shareholder may vote at the Meeting as if that holder were solely entitled to the shares. If more than one joint holder is present (including by proxy), the joint holder whose name appears first in the register may vote.

Proxy: If you are unable to attend the Meeting, you are entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote. See the attached Proxy Form for information on appointing a proxy.

Corporate shareholder: A corporate shareholder may appoint one or more persons to act as its representative under section 250D of the Corporations Act, but only one representative may exercise the corporate shareholder's powers at any one time. The company requires written evidence of a representative's appointment to be given to the company before the meeting. Voting rights

Each shareholder is entitled to one vote.

For the purposes of voting at the Meeting, shares will be taken to be held by the persons who are registered as members as at 6:30 PM on Monday 11 November 2025.

By order of the Board
Miriam Bailey

Company Secretary

10-09-2025

WHAT'S HAPPENING

NOVEMBER 2

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9	Record Club 2oceansFM 5:00pm (see page 37)	Remembrance Day Service RSL Memorial Park 10:30am (See page 8) Environmental Weeds: A Community Action Workshop 2.30pm-4.30pm Lower Blackwood LCDC Office	Gentle Gym Class 9am-11am at the CRC	Day Rea AM AC
Breath & Balance Yoga www.yogaforinnercalm.com 3-4.30pm Augusta CRC	17	18	NBN Connectivity Literacy Info Session Local Morning Tea 10am-12pm Augusta CRC 9758 0002 to register	20
Taalinup Augusta Conversations Peter Lane: Evolution of WA's far SW 2pm in the Augusta Hotel function room. See page 37	24	25	26 Hardy Inlet Estuary Forum Augusta Hotel 4.30pm-6.30pm Register lowerblackwood.com.au (see page 41)	27
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AROUND AUGUSTA

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Thu	Fri	Sat 1
ACDA Meeting (see page 37)	7	8
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Lower Blackwood LCDC DIY Soil Sampling Training / 9am-12pm MR High School gister lowerblackwood.com.au R Community Financial GM 6:00pm at the CRC (see page 23)	Movie Screening 12pm-3pm at the CRC	Augusta Mini Markets Centennial Hall 8:00am Geo Bay Swim (see page 31) Blue Dot Army Fundraiser (see page 48)
Augusta CRC AGM 5pm at the CRC (see page 30)	21	22
7	Blue Light Disco Augusta Primary School	29

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CAPE HAMELIN
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The 19th October marked the start of the AYC sailing season. It was cold and at 10am it was

pouring down, the genset was playing up but there was a gathering happening - at first ten to fifteen, then twenty plus and getting out to forty of us. The genset was sorted, the flags up and the ceremony was convened inside.

Since the last committee meeting, some three weeks ago, there has been much action happening down the club with a couple of Busy Bee's on weekends which had the surrounding bush and lawns preened. The beach was all tidied up after the winter we just had, and as you would expect with the gang of yachties who volunteer their services, a job well done.



This years big expense was the painting of the flagpole which was completed in house. A job that was made less daunting by using Mat and his team at Safe Site Scaffolding. They were in and out in week and made, as their name suggests, a very safe site. Thank you Mat and team.

There has been a few willing sightseers who have climbed to the top and taken in the

views, which were pretty flash.

The opening ceremony was conducted at 1130hours and was attended by heaps of well meaning participants. We had the usual no shows due to travel and Brenton who just took off for a 815km paddle down the Murray River over east. It wasn't because of the weather.

There were words spoken by Mal our Commodore, Jay our Patron, and Trevor representing the rowing cohorts. Jay sounded the hooter and I raised the AYC flag to its station and it was let's get into it. The BBQ was fired up, a pile of snaggers and onions on top, salads of all sorts layed out, the Howard Park bubbles were popped - what more could you ask for? Yeeha.



The rescue boat and Zoom were launched, the Windrush 14's bobbed around waiting for the start of the inaugural 1st heat for the Southern Zone Championship which is over three weeks and takes in the AYC, Busselton YC and the Dunsborough Bay YC opening days.

The wind was not a factor, the tide was and that's what had the fleet moving at least. Frisky was first over the line at the start, the rain had stopped and the kids were having a ball capsizing and righting their Hobie cat themselves. Paddling around all the other boats, looked fun but very cold. The whole lot of them stood around the fire shivering when they were finished, they had to burn up all the sausages they ate for lunch. So good to see.

The race carried on regardless and in the end it was Catatonic first, Nudge second and third was Cliff Hanger. Yellow Taxi and Frisky, our local boats, fourth and fifth.



Presentations were made up at the clubhouse, in the sunlight, lots of banter being hung all in the name of sailing. It was a fabulous day, which is really standard down at the Augusta Yacht Club. Hats off to the committee, the sailors, the start crew, the rescue crew and the members and friends of the AYC.



Nearly 40 years ago Di Ellis put her hand up as 'Hash Cash' for the fledging Augusta branch of the Hash House Harriers, and only retired earlier this year. That's some commitment! Di joined the group after their run for a meal at Augusta Hotel and we thanked her with a pretty posy of spring flowers.



MEET NIXIE: AUGUSTA'S LEAFY SEA DRAGON



Rare, fascinating & unique to the southern coast of Australia.

The leafy sea dragon is one of three species of sea dragon found only in Australian waters and nowhere else in the world. In WA, most sightings of leafy sea dragons are in Ngari Capes Marine Park (from Busselton to Augusta).

Our slow moving water sprite represents, for us, slowing down and enjoying an unhurried childhood in a fast paced world. Secondary to that it represents our committee's journey that with patience & determination you can accomplish your goals & dreams.

Biggest thank you to Andrew Frazer Designs for seeing our vision and creating this stunning mural.

We hope everyone enjoys her, at home in this enchanting leafy bush setting.

REED Inc. update coming soon about opening information...

Biomimicry

By JAY HARMAN

Slitherers

In June 1969, my skipper and I anchored the patrol vessel Dampier about three hundred metres offshore from the South Muiron Island, one of a pair of elongated, uninhabited islands off the northwest coast of Australia. Quite remote, isolated, and in those days rarely visited by anybody, the area is tropical, though semidesert, and the waters abound with fish. Less than 300mm of rain tend to fall in just a few days midyear. The Indian Ocean around the Muiron Islands is often very clear, revealing extensive patches of coral and limestone reefs.

I launched the patrol boat's dinghy, fitted the outboard engine, motored to about one hundred metres offshore, and anchored beside a fringe reef of coral. I jumped over the side wearing a wet suit, but the water was so warm that I soon unzipped the front of my jacket to cool down. I was swimming along in about five metres of water and was probably fifty metres or so from the dinghy, when I noticed a coral ledge standing about half a metre above the rocky bottom. White feelers of spiny lobsters were sticking out from crevices in the rocks. I dived down and could see, right at the back of the ledge, some very large lobsters in the five kilo range. I dragged myself into the cave until I was half a body length under the rock, thrust my hand spear into one of the largest lobsters and started to back out. (Spearing lobster was allowed then, though it is now banned).

As I pulled back, my snorkel caught on the roof of the cave. I tipped my head to the side to unhook myself and pushed out farther, pulling the lobster with me. As I came free, I noticed a yellow sea snake, about one and a half metres long with black diamond patterns on its scales, coming straight for my face.

Normally, sea snakes, though highly venomous, are not particularly combative—more curious than anything else. Although they're abundant in this region, I'd never had cause to be concerned by them, however I did pay close attention to make sure I didn't upset any. It's been reported that during the mating season in June and July, sea snakes can become aggressive. This one seemed to be living up to that reputation.

There was very little I could do. Although I was wearing a wet suit, which wouldn't have been penetrated by a sea snake's short fangs, he was coming straight at my exposed

was no more than 300mm away, I grabbed him behind the head with my right hand, shoving him from my face.

face and neck. At the last second, when he

He was round and thick with a paddle-like flattened tail. The snake was a powerful animal and started writhing and twisting, wrapping himself around my arm and body. I held on tight; the snake held on tight. I dropped the lobster and spear and started for the surface. The struggling snake impeded my motion, so by the time I burst through the surface I was gasping for air. This animal was not at all happy with me and, if I wasn't super-careful, could kill me in minutes with one bite. I rolled over onto my back and finned my way to the dingy, all the while grasping the snake tightly to make sure that his fangs didn't get near my face or bare chest and hands.

I got to the dinghy and hung onto the boat with one hand while gripping the snake with the other. I rested for a minute, then started whacking his head against the side of the aluminum hull – and I kept whacking. Its muscles tightened even more and I had difficulty getting him to flex enough so that I could hit him hard enough against the boat. At the same time, I was cautious about the possibility of a broken fang penetrating my hand. After a few minutes, there wasn't much head shape left, even though the snake was still writhing. I discovered that a snake's muscles can continue moving long after it's officially dead, and I didn't trust the fact that he could no longer harm me. Eventually I decided to lift the snake into the dingy and let it go from my cramping fingers. Now there was a writhing snake in the boat and I was in the ocean beside the boat, pumped with adrenalin. I trod water for about fifteen minutes as I cooled down and let the adrenalin surge subside. It took this long for the snake to stop moving, though it still twitched from time to time.

When I got back to the patrol boat, I skinned and scaled my catch and brewed up a pot of very, very, strong black tea. Tea has a high level of tannin in it and the old-timers in my youth had advised me that if ever needed to tan leather, I could use tea

I later learned that this animal was a beaked sea snake—the deadliest of more than fifty different species. One bite can deliver eight to ten times the venom necessary to kill a human. The snakeskin became a valued belt in my wardrobe for many years, though I had no clothes that it went with. What would a man wear with a yellow and black diamond belt anyway?

Just to keep us on our toes, nature evolved snakes from lizards about one hundred million years ago. There are 2,900 known living species of snakes, ranging in size from the 100mm thread snake to the largest captive snake in the world, which died in 2010 at the Columbus Ohio Zoo. Named "Fluffy," he was a reticulated python, eight metres long and 132 kilos.

I didn't realize while I was wrestling with the snake that he was demonstrating a unique feature that is now being studied for application to chemical and gas filters. Sea snakes breathe air like we do, yet they can hold their breath for up to two hours, dive down more than 120 metres, and swim for long distances under water. Studies on one sea snake showed that it takes a deep breath and descends to about 30 metres below the surface; swimming down against the buoyancy of its expanded lungful of air. As the water pressure increases with greater depth, the lung's volume decreases, together with buoyancy, so the snake can swim steadily at that depth. To return to the surface smoothly, rather than being pulled up too

Biomicry continued...

quickly by the air still held in its lung, the sea snake loses gas, mainly carbon dioxide and nitrogen, through its skin, whose permeability acts like a kind of gill. It can gradually ascend, maintaining neutral buoyancy as it returns to the surface. Reverse engineering the architecture of the sea snake's permeable skin could allow the construction of membranes that permit specific gas molecules to pass through while excluding others. This might be applied to separating carbon dioxide or noxious gases from air, for example.

The U.S. Department of Defense is interested in snakes as well, and has funded research on the ability of certain tree snakes to fly. It's not that the tree snake flies as much as glides, since it has neither wings nor stretchable membranes like a flying squirrel. Instead, the normally round serpent is able to flatten his body to create a long, highly maneuverable ribbon-like, wing. This strategy could potentially be applied to all manner of devices seeking improved lift. The military is not letting on exactly how they might use flying--snake strategies in their operations, but it may be revealed in future surveillance or battlefield applications.

Consider the pit viper. The name sounds mean and they certainly can be dangerous. The pit in question actually doesn't describe an environment the snake lives in, but the snake's pitted face. These pits on each side of the head are loaded with thousands of sensors—thermoreceptors that detect heat, a lot like the high-tech gadgets revealing the heat signals of hidden humans.

In the snake's case, what is even more astounding is that it can see three-dimensionally. A viper can detect the distance and accurately strike a mouse prey in 0.035 of a second now, that's quick. Scientists have researched the mechanism by which pit vipers and other infrared-radiation-sensitive animals function. The heat-sensitive pockets on the viper's face contain sandwich-like layers of nerves, capillaries, and even mitochondria that become agitated in the presence of infrared radiation. These work together to signal to the brain the exact dimension and location of the heat source. By better understanding how each of these factors contributes to the animal's sensitivity and precision, the biomimetic application is clear: increased accuracy in three-dimensional infrared cameras. The results would be improved imaging and rangefinding for search and rescue, defense, and police departments, just to name a few.



By PAULA HIGGINSON



The Community Garden is flourishing after the winter rain, and that includes the weeds!

We picked the last of the broccoli and cabbage, and still have plenty of beetroot, spinach and other veggie stragglers of the season to harvest.

With many of our volunteers away, we haven't managed to have our stall out the front, but I'm sure with the warmer weather, it will be out on Monday mornings again.

We had a wonderful time at the Augusta Spring Fete in October with our stall, and raised some money for the group to put back into the garden.

Let's hope for some sunshine to open up those flower buds.







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 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.

Members are invited to enjoy light refreshments at the conclusion of the AGM.

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

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all who joined us for the Accidental Counsellor Workshop, proudly facilitated by Mind Ed. Your support helps us continue bringing valuable events and learning opportunities to Augusta.

This event was funded by the Western Australian Association for Mental Health with the support of Lotterywest, as part of Mental Health Week 2025.











By JO HAYES Images by Jo Hayes

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

for "Technique Tuesdays" and "Threshold Thursdays" at 630am, rain, hail or shine. Most weekends you can find us lapping other stunning local spots including Hamelin Bay, Cosy Corner, Foul Bay and the Blackwood.



It's about fun, fitness and friendships...and its free! We are all ages and stages and different swimming ability and experience. Swim as much or as little as you want and join us for a coffee after at one of our local cafes.

We love newbies. Don't be shy. Just turn up. See you down there.

What's new?

Oct - Nov25

There are 10+ Flounders and a support crew of paddlers who are nearing the end of fifteen weeks of open water training in preparation for the Geo Bay swim on 15th November 2025. This will require a 4-5km swim for each person to complete the relay from Quindalup to Busselton Jetty.





This has kept the Flounders fit and focused through the frosty months. Lots of loops at Flinders Bay and Gnarabup to get the kilometers in.

Of course there's plenty of Flounders who jump in and join us for only part of the training sessions so don't be intimidated. Anyone is welcome to join us at our usual times **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays at 6:30am** at Flinders Bay. We save the longer ones for weekends somewhere fun.

If that sounds a bit harrowing then try a more casual swim with our friends "the 8 o'clockers" (830am 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. Next goal = Busselton Jetty Swim Feb 26th. Stay tuned.....





By MORVEN HANSEN Image by various

Bev's recent workshops have generated a lot of paintings,

especially her Mixed Media workshop. This has made us look at scrap paper, hessian, and net curtains in a whole new way. Expect to see the results of our labours in the January exhibition. Members are also beavering away on their theme paintings, which have been a bit challenging as the theme itself is foreign territory for many of us. It is however stretching us to use a lot of imagination and that is always a good thing. It is so easy to get stuck in the familiar and predictable, so it has seen a lot of scratching of heads and experimentation. Bring it on, I say!

The annual inter-club 'Critique Day will be on the 28th October and hosted this year by the Cowaramup Art Group. This is a great get-together and social occasion as well as an opportunity to bring along our paintings that we feel may be lacking in some oomph. There are very experienced artists in our region who can give constructive suggestions as to how these works can go from ok to great. The critiques are never negative, there is always positive feedback. We break for a super shared lunch and a time to chat, before getting back down to business.

The November General Meeting will take place on the 12th November and this is the deadline for exhibition lists. Members are reminded that 'no lists, no inclusion in the 2026 exhibition.

We have received some donations of art supplies lately, plus a new cupboard to house them. The club thanks everyone who donated paints etc. especially as many are becoming quite expensive these days.

This month's Artist in a Nutshell is one that some may never heard of but would know her more famous father. This is Nora Heysen, daughter of the superb landscape artist and lover of old growth trees, Hans Heysen.



Nora Heysen Mme Elink Schuurman oil on canvas 87 x 68 cm Winner: Archibald Prize 1938

Nora Heysen was born on 11th January 1911 in Hahndorf in the Adelaide Hills of South Australia to Hans and Selma Heysen. studied art from 1926 to 1930 at the School of Fine Arts in Adelaide and sold paintings to the Art Galleries of South Australia and New South Wales. She continued studying part time at the school and also worked in her own studio at The Cedars in Hahndorf.



Nora Heysen Exotic Flowers in a Crystal Vase, 1939

Nora held her first solo exhibition in Sydney in 1933 and the following year she travelled with her family to London, where she stayed until 1937, studying and painting. She returned to Australia and then moved to Sydney The following

year she entered two portraits in the Archibald Prize, winning with her portrait of Madame Elink Schuurman, becoming the first woman artist to win this prodigious award. She was criticised by artist Max Meldrum, who believed women's roles should be more domestic than artistic!

In 1943 Nora became the first woman to be appointed as an Australian War Artist, being granted the honorary rank of Captain. She was commissioned to depict the women's war effort which she did so thoroughly, completing over 170 works of art.

In 1946 whilst in New Guinea she met Dr Robert Black, who she married in 1953. She was discharged from service in 1948.

She continued to paint, exhibit and travel with her husband following their marriage, which ended in 1972. In 1939 the Australian Woman's Weekly ran with a headline 'Girl Painter who won the Archibald' and listed 3 of Nora's favourite recipes along with her strategies for managing domestic duties and leaving time for painting.

Nora continued to paint up until her death in 2003 aged 92. In 1993 she was awarded the Australia Council's Award for achievement in the Arts and in 1998 she was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for her service to art. During Nora's long career she also won the Melrose Prize for Portraiture in 1913 and in 2001 was included in the Victorian Honour Role of Women.

She was obviously renowned for her mastery of portraits - but was equally talented in Still Life, painting flowers, eggs and quinces 'with the precision of an old master'.

Nora's art is in private collections, many Australian Galleries and The Australian War Memorial.

The Art Club is open Tuesday evenings, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am to 2pm and visitors are welcome. Rear of Centennial Hall.

By Scott Godley



The middle of spring has seen the continuation of cold, rainy days with many of them occurring on tennis and croquet afternoons.



Social Tennis at Augusta

There has also been a good number of members travelling away from Augusta internationally, interstate or to warmer climates within Western Australia.

As a result, numbers have been lower than average. It is expected that many of these members will return

to Augusta by November in time for drying and warming weather and the courts will soon again echo to the sound of balls being cracked by mallets and tennis racquets alike.

The Augusta and Districts Tennis and Croquet Club always welcomes new members. If you have a croquet mallet or tennis racquet gathering dust, clean it up and wander on down to one of the playing afternoons and have a go. Mallets and racquets can also be supplied

Social Croquet is on Mondays and Saturdays 12.30 pm onwards and Social Tennis is played on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2.00pm.



Social Croquet at Augusta



COMMUNITY NOTICES

AGM Notices



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AUGUSTA WA 6290 See main notice page 30



Notice of Annual General Meeting of Augusta FM Radio 97.1 2oceansFM

This notice is to advise of the Annual General Meeting of the local community radio station 97.1 2oceansFM.

Date: Monday 24th November 2025

Time: 5pm

Venue: Blue Room, Augusta CRC,

66 Allnut Terrace, Augusta

RSVP: manager@2oceansfm.com. au by 21st November 2025 to assist us with meeting arrangements.

All welcome.

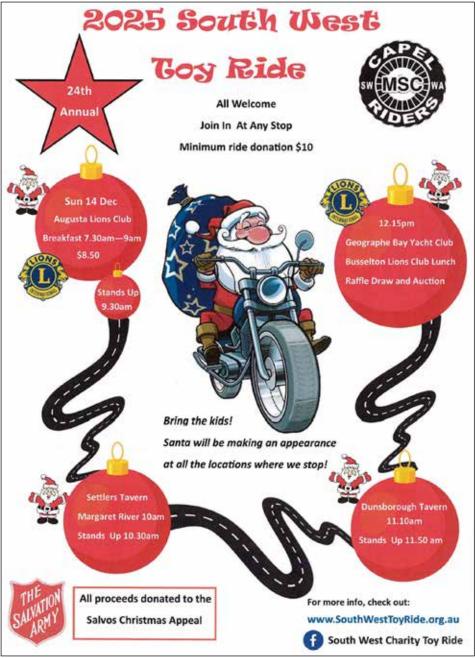
Thanks. Adam Mathews, Secretary 2 Oceans FM



THE AUGUSTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Augusta business community warmly invite you to attend the 2025 Annual General Meeting to be held at the Augusta Hotel at 5.30pm on Thursday the 20th of November 2025.

Please confirm your attendance to The President Pam Winter on 0439 959 638.



AUGUSTA'S HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAM

presents

Make Natural Cleaning Products and

Save Yourself a Fortune

Sunday, November 2th 12.00 - 2.00pmAUGUSTA CWA HALL ALLNUTT TCE,

Healthy lunch provided

Please RSVP by 27th November.

Jill: 0407 634 695 and book your seat







By JUNE LE GALLEZ

The Augusta Garden

Club held their Spring Fete on Saturday 4th October. There were over twenty market stalls numerous other categories to enter and prizes to be won. The Spinners and Weavers little room was open and glowing with the rich colours of the many beautiful garments and items for sale.

Also, members of the public could take this opportunity to watch art of spinning, knitting and crocheting in action, and view the equipment, crafts and projects, quirky animals and items adorning the room made and collected lovingly by members past and present. We take this opportunity to thank our members who donated items toward this successful day.

Memorial for Mary Palmer

Members of the Art Club kindly invited members of the Spinners and Weavers to meet with them and members of Mary's family who had come from York, for afternoon tea at the Centennial Hall. It was a happy afternoon with lots of cakes, savouries and shared memories of times spent with Mary.

Egypt

This month I thought we should go on an adventure to Egypt to learn more about flax.

Textiles of Egypt are historically rich with ancient production centred on linen from flax for its suitability and is renowned for its exceptional quality. Flax was cultivated in ancient Egypt around 9,000 years ago and is documented in the Bible. The country's fertile soil and favourable climate make it an ideal place for cultivating flax that is used to produce high quality linen, textiles and seeds. Egyptian flax is used to produce a range of products including:

Premium Hackled Flax

Which is long, fine and durable fibres and used for high quality textiles.

Scutched Flax

Versatile fibres used for various applications, including textiles and insulation.

During the Coptic Period (spanning from the 3rd to the 9th Century) Egypt's culture underwent significant religious shifts, from ancient Egyptian periods to Coptic Christianity and saw a fusion of Western (linen/wool) and Eastern (cotton/silk) traditions where key features included intricate weaving, especially tapestry and the use of colourful wools and silk. Techniques like embroidery were used a lot. Cloaks, shawls and burial garments were made. The Egyptians loved colour as is seen in many of the Pharoh's tombs. The fibres of flax are highly prized for their strength, softness and durability, and this was proved when tombs have been discovered, with many of the material artifacts within them found intact.

Flax is typically grown in the Nile Delta region where I have been lucky enough to have visited and observed this taking place on one of my travels in that part of the world, after enduring 4 hours across the desert in a mini bus on a very bumpy road on my way to visit the Valley of the Kings, but that's another story!

The Flax crop is traditionally planted in the winter, and the growth period lasts around 100-120 days.

Harvesting

There are two main methods of harvesting flax; pulling and cutting.

Pulling involves manually pulling the flax plant from the ground, whilst cutting involves using specialized machinery to cut the stems near the base.

Retting

Retting involves soaking the stalks in water to soften the pectins that hold the fibres together.

Processing

After retting the flax is dried to extract the fibres. The fibres are then scutched (beaten) and hackled (combed) to align them in the same direction, producing high quality flax fibres. Flax seeds are used for their nutritional and medicinal benefits. Egypt remains a significant producer and exporter of fibres and seeds.

Facts for the Month

Flax and linen are closely related; flax is a plant-based fibre that is used to produce linen. Linen is a textile made from the fibre of the flax plant.

Flax refers to the plant itself, its seed and the raw fibre extracted from the plant. Linen refers specifically to the textile material made from flax fibres.

So, before you slip into your Egyptian linen sheets tonight think of the humble flax and all the work that goes into making the materials for your comfort.

Sweet Dreams

A la Prochaine

Please feel free to come and join us Tuesday 10:30am – 4:00pm Thursday 7:00pm – 10:00pm

By LEANNE BAMFORD



PROJECT CARE HAMPERS

This CWA initiative was started by CWA Member Leanne Bamford, who recognised the need during Covid. While Covid is in the past, the need for Care Hampers remains.

Thank you to the members of the Augusta Community for purchasing a couple of extra non-perishable items and placing them in the basket near the check out at Village Grocer Augusta.

It may seem a small contribution, but with your support and that of other generous community members it all adds up. We also thank the Lions of Leeuwin for their continued support, which allows us to include non-perishable goods.

AUGUSTA GARDEN CLUB SPRING FETE

Our branch joined with other groups in having a stall at this year's Spring Fete. The Hall was transformed by the magnificent variety of plants, flowers and seedlings, which proves that Augusta with no winter frost and the amazing climate allows us to grow these varieties.

It was great to see so many people attend, and pleasing to hear the positive comments from out-of-town visitors.

To all that stopped for a chat, purchased preserves and raffle tickets, a big thank you.

The winner of the raffle was Amber Pasco, second prize went to Dot Prendergast. Congratulations ladies. Prizes were delivered by one of our long time members, Pam Marsh.

GUEST SPEAKER

The joy of being in CWA is the friendship that extends globally.

At our recent Meeting, Norma Kneebone, from County Devon in the south of England, a member of the Women's Institute, (or the WI as it is now called, the equivalent of CWA) spoke.

One of Norma's highlights was her invitation along with other members throughout the United Kingdom, to Buckingham Palace for the 100 years of WI in 2015. She also spoke about her branch's involvement in the community during WWII.

It was interesting to hear how similar our branches are run and the activities we engage in. The overall conclusion was that we are all active in our communities and have the same goals; friendship and support.

Alice Willis thanked Norma for the informative talk and presented her with a gift that included the tried and tested CWA Cookbook.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Members are busy working in the background on a program of information sessions and demonstrations that will interest the Community. Further details will be provided next month. Watch this space!

SENIOR SHOPPERS MORNING TEA

We continue to take our turn every three months on Thursday mornings by providing morning tea for this group. Apart from the morning tea it is a great opportunity for everyone to socialise, which includes light hearted conversation including a few laughs. Everyone leaves in good spirits and head off shopping with their driver.

If you would like to be part of the group, contact Silver Chain in Augusta.

HALL HIRE

If you are wanting a smaller intimate get-together or a regular booking our hall is available.

Plenty of tables and chairs and a well-stocked kitchen is ready for use. With Christmas approaching the hall is in greater demand.

Check the date is see if it is free, booking can be made via email. cwainaugusta@gmail.com

LOOKING FOR A GIFT?

The CWA Cookbook has become family favourites over the years.

A great gift that will stand the test of time.

CWA Aprons are also available.

If you would like to view or purchase please email cwainaugusta@gmail.com

A THOUGHT FOR SPRING AND SUMMER

The welcome wet weather has enabled the germination of many great flowers and plants, encouraging good growth in trees in gardens and in the bush.

If you haven't enjoyed the wonderful wildflower display at Flat Rock Reserve you are missing a great opportunity to enjoy nature at its finest.

How fortunate are we to live in such a beautiful and diverse eco-system that is a pleasure to explore.

Now that winter is behind us for another year, we encourage you to get out in the sweet fresh air and soak up the sights and smell of nature.

Until next time, be happy, healthy, smile more and enjoy life in our great town of Augusta.





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

TAALINUP AUGUSTA CONVERSATIONS:

Peter Lane: Evolution of WA's far SW

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.

He will talk us through the geological evolution of WA's far SW and how it is related to our special climate and biodiversity. This talk will be followed by a short field trip to some special geological places in Augusta!

Tickets \$10 / \$5 concession via Humanitix or on the door: https://events.humanitix.com/geology-evolution-southwestwa

Rakiura – A Kiwi Adventure

Local legend Ian Edgar had us in stitches recounting his experiences at Rakiura (Stewart Island) in New Zealand. Backed up by Dr Lynnath Beckley who has verified some of his 'facts'. Everyone learnt something!

IKEBANA!

Ursula and Teresa from Perth Sogetsu Ikebana School generously travelled to Taalinup Augusta to give an Ikebana demonstration and run a workshop. We were all amazed by their fabulous creations, and equally amazed at the beautiful arrangements our community made too! We hope they will return and collaborate with local ceramicists... this could be the start of something!



RECORD CLUB AT THE RADIO STATION!: GUY CLARK

Come along to hear and talk about Guy Clark's 'Dublin Blues' album at the **2OceansFM Radio Station**, on **Monday November 10 at 5.30pm**. BYO beverage.

BEACH CLEANUP Our annual Beach Cleanup with Tangaroa Blue had all hands on deck to clean up our beachs all the way from Flinders to Skippy Rock – a thousand thanks to those



who braved the horrid weather to retrieve a wonderous trove of rubbish.

Please note that Australian Marine Debris Initiative has an app (search for 'AMDI' in your app store) where you can record any of your beach rubbish pickups and their categories. This data helps organisations push for reduction of beach rubbish at their sources.

Note that Quarry Bay is a special zone already being focussed on. Special shoutout to Sol and Edie for organising everyone and recording all the data, and Jenny for sharing her vast knowledge and her rocky road!

BUSHFIRE PLANNING:

Did you know that our whole area, including Augusta township, is in a high bushfire risk zone? If you missed out on our Bushfire Preparedness workshop, you can still pick up a Bushfire Preparedness Toolkit from the CRC on creating your bushfire plan. You can also download the 'My Bushfire Plan' app, which will guide you through the process. You can register your interest in attending a future Bushfire Preparation workshop by emailing us at augusta_acda@yahoo.com. Please find the information insert here in The Pelican Post which you can stick on your fridge or somewhere for easy reference. Special thanks to Linda from the Community Preparedness team in Manjimup and Adam from AMR Shire for guiding us through the workshop!!

JUNIOR WINDSURFING

The South West Junior Windsurfing School operates out of Augusta, and windsurfing season has 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 that 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 FOGEYS!:

[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 fogeys – 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 November 6, 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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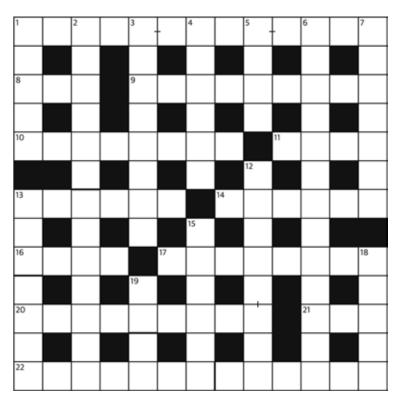
Sudoku Rules for Complete Beginners

- 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



TRIVIA

- 1. Who has hosted Australian Survivor since 2016 but will not be returning for the 2026 season?
- 2. Was Norman Rockwell an American sculptor, painter or photographer?
- 3. To accurately quote the playwright William Congreve, "Music hath charms to soothe a savage [what]"?
- 4. What is stored in a Coolgardie safe?
- 5. Eldrick and Earvin are the first names of which two famous sportsmen?
- Australia issued its first polymer banknote in January 1988. What was the denomination? (Bonus point for naming which country first developed polymer banknotes.)
- 7. According to Greek mythology, who unwittingly killed his father and married his mother?
- 8. Which is bigger: a fleet or a flotilla?
- 9. What is the name of the pigment that determines the skin, hair and eye colour of people and animals?
- 10. Name any three of the biscuits in an Arnott's Family Favourites assortment

Answers on page 45

source:TheSaturdaypaper



Across

- 1. Familiar name for crane fly suggesting a tall father (5-4-4)
- **8.** Cardholder's validation digits attach (3)
- **9.** TV or radio voice artist (9)
- **10.** Bead hand (anag) (8)
- **11.** Dull pain yearn (4)
- **13.** Period of learning (6)
- **14.** Dilapidated old car (6)
- **16.** Computer virus's kin invertebrate (4)
- **17.** Cut deeply (8)
- **20.** Lack of skill and competence (9)
- 21. Female deer (3)
- **24.** Komodo dragon, e.g. keep track of it?

Down

- 1. Distance downwards (5)
- 2. Tooth specialist (6,7)
- 3. Record published annually (8)
- 4. Possessing (6)
- **5.** Cause of pain in big toe? (4)
- **6.** Fact-filled book, often part of a set (13)
- **7.** Use of magic (7)
- **12.** Skim over water towed by boat (5-3)
- **13.** Business providing legal advice (3,4)
- **15.** Profession hurtle (6)
- **18.** Correct a text or manuscript (5)
- **19.** Engaged in activity (2,2)

Solution see page 45

AUGUSTA HISTORICAL Hello everyone. Our meetings By KATHY TRITTON

have recommenced after the Winter break with the first being our AGM held on the 18th September. The previous committee has been re-elected. Thank you to all who attended and thank you to our committee for putting their hands up

again. As with any volunteer organisation we rely on our members to keep us going.

Spring is being its usual self with a bit of everything regarding the weather. Some warm days and then back to the cold and wet! Town has been busy with the end of September and into October being the school holidays. Then October was Pink Up Augusta – decorations around town and various events for the fund raising. We also had the Cape-to-Cape bike race with lots of cyclists zooming around.

The Society was also asked to address a small group of Over 55 Walkers, who were in the area for several days, on Augusta - Past, Present and Future. It is wonderful to be able to share our story with others and hopefully they will share it further afield.

Our October meeting was held at Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse café with thanks to Paul Sofilas for this wonderful opportunity. Paul shared several stories about some of the artifacts in the Lighthouse Museum and the people who have lived there, before inviting us to have a wander. We then enjoyed some very delicious cakes to celebrate Kerry Gillard's birthday.

On Sunday 16th November at 2pm Paul will be talking with Bill Bunbury at the Museum as part of the Heritage Festival 2025. Look for posters around town and in the Pelican Post. Please be aware - there is no charge, but Bookings Are Essential as there is limited space.

Our next meeting is Thursday 20th November at 7pm. Visitors are welcome. Hope to see you there.



BICYCLE USERS GROUP AUGUSTA



Ride to Jewel

The next ride by the group will be on Sunday, November 9th.

At a casual pace from the Augusta Community Resource Centre to Jewel Cave, via Calkarri Rise and Caves Road - approx. distance of 18kms.

All bikes welcome (includes e bikes).

Meet at the Resource Centre at 8.30am for a ride start at 8.45am.

A rest stop will be scheduled at Jewel Cave Cafe.

Contact - Paul Sofilas 0419 940 066 oceans2meet@hotmail.com Please inform Paul if planning to participate.



Backyard Buddies

Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

November 2025

Lady... bug, bird, beetle?



Transverse ladybird beetle larva (left), adult (centre) and 28-spotted ladybird adult (courtesy of MyPestGuide® Reporter)

A name rooted in folklore

Ladybugs or ladybirds, as we often call them, are some of the most easily recognised and beloved insects around. With their tiny size, bright colours, and distinctive spotted patterns, they're hard to miss. But have you ever wondered about their name? They're not birds, nor are they true bugs. In fact, they are small beetles belonging to the Coccinellidae family. Interestingly, the "lady" in their name has a historical origin rather than a gendered one.

The term ladybird dates back to medieval Europe, when farmers prayed to the Virgin Mary - often referred to as "our Lady" - for protection from cropdamaging pests. According to folklore, shortly after these prayers, small red beetles appeared and began feeding on the harmful insects, saving the harvest. As a result, these helpful beetles became known as "our Lady's birds". Their red colouring was said to represent Mary's cloak, and their black spots symbolised her seven sorrows. Whether fact or folklore, the name has endured for centuries.

Beetle biology

Australia is home to at least 350 species of ladybird beetles and all species undergo complete metamorphosis: egg \rightarrow larva \rightarrow pupa \rightarrow adult. The

larval stage looks more crocodilian than beetle-like and is far less recognisable than its adult form. This is particularly important, as it's when they consume the most prey, or, in pest species, the most plant material.

In Western Australia, the most encountered species is the native transverse ladybird (*Coccinella transversalis*). They range in colour from pale yellow to orange to deep red with the black markings. These are highly effective predators of aphids, scale insects, and other soft-bodied pests, making them valuable allies in gardens and on farms. Another common species is the 28-spotted ladybird (*Epilachna vigintioctopunctata*), native to southeastern Asia, but naturalised in Australia, this is a plant-eating species considered a pest, especially on crops like potatoes and tomatoes. Both adults and larvae feed on leaves, causing significant damage.

Spotting them

Ladybirds are most active during the warmer months of spring and summer, so it's a great time to spot these colourful beetles and their cool looking larvae. You might spot a pest or a predator - it's worth checking whether it's there to save your plants or devour them!



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Lower Blackwood Catchment

Land Conservation District Committee

Community Update November 2025



Join us at the Hardy Inlet Estuary Forum – November 26 at the Augusta Hotel

Water quality, catchment activities and project updates will headline this year's Hardy Inlet Estuary Forum. But this year, as well as hearing from our project leaders and scientists, community members will play a starring role.

Hosted at the Augusta Hotel, we'll kick off with our headlining experts from Healthy Estuaries WA and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) and an update from Lower Blackwood LCDC's acting Executive Officer, Rebecca Archer on the practical, on-ground projects that the teams are working on to improve the health of our unique Hardy Inlet.

This year's forum will spotlight some of our own local landholders who have participated in the Healthy Estuaries WA fertiliser management program. Lower Blackwood LCDC's Sustainable Agriculture Officer Dean Campbell will lead the lively discussion on their experiences with the soil testing program and other projects aimed to increase farm productivity, reduce runoff and support improved waterway and estuary health.

Stay tuned for speaker and panel announcements on our Facebook page (OR at LINK).

There's plenty to look forward to at this free event but RSVP is essential – book your spot



Date: 26 November Time: 4.30–6.30pm Venue: Augusta Hotel

Cost: Free

Light refreshments provided

Image: Rebecca Archer presents the findings from Lower Blackwood projects at the 2024 forum

The Hardy Inlet Estuary Forum is part of Healthy Estuaries WA – a State Government program that aims to improve the health of our South-West estuaries



Feral Pests in Focus

The Scott Coastal Plain (SCP) is one of our region's most remarkable landscapes — a place where rich biodiversity, deep cultural connections, and productive farmland all meet. But this precious environment continues to come under threat from feral pigs and cats. To protect it, the Lower Blackwood LCDC is leading on-ground projects focused on safeguarding the SCP's unique natural values.

Our **Feral Pig Focus** project — now in its second threeyear phase — works with the Lower Blackwood Vertebrate Pest Management Group (LBVPMG) to continue vital control work across the region. Together with landholders, plantation companies, DBCA, DPIRD, Traditional Owners and local government, the team is tackling feral pig populations head-on to protect the health of the landscape.

Guided by the national vision to "actively suppress or eradicate Australian feral pig populations to reduce their impacts on environmental, agricultural, cultural and social assets," the results so far are impressive. During the first season of the extended program in 2025, **417 pigs were removed** through a coordinated approach combining trapping, detection dogs and ground shooting. Regular monitoring shows these efforts are paying off — populations remain stable, and the pigs' spread into Scott National Park has been stopped in its tracks.

Read more here:

www.lowerblackwood.com.au/projects/feral-pig-focus-next-steps/



This project is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program.









HEARD ON THE GREEN

By Kay Challis

Opening day was a fun filled event with a good rollup of members eager to show their skills and prove that they haven't forgotten

what to do or how to do it.



Club Patron Ginger Milentis (*left*), opened the season by rolling the first bowl and showed his usual prowess by placing it very close to the jack.

The day concluded with a delicious afternoon tea enjoyed by all.

Retravision Day was the next event on the calendar.

This event is generously sponsored by Retravision in Margaret River and is supported by Leeuwin League Clubs; Dunsborough, Cowaramup, Margaret River and Augusta. This year twenty teams competed at Margaret River with Augusta players earning bragging rights as the overall winners. Winning team consisted of Ken Proctor, Allan Evans, Mem Evans and Gary Bibby. Well done to all.



Wednesday Mixed Mufti competition sponsored this week by Augusta First National Real Estate enticed a good rollup and saw some stiff competition with the final winners being Gary Dial, Ron Shore and Ginger Milentis. Previous Wednesday competition sponsored by Georgiana Motel was won by Gary Dial and Ken Proctor.

A huge thankyou to these very generous sponsors for their ongoing commitment over the next six weeks.

The Club once again sponsored and hosted the annual Pink Up Cancer 'Roll a Bowl' on Friday 17th October. Twenty teams participated with great enthusiasm, shared delicious pulled pork rolls along with a few drinks, contributed to the many raffles and overall raised around \$2,000 for a very good cause. It's always a successful event when participants enjoy a great time and raise substantial funds at the same time. Well done to the organising committee.

The first day of the Mixed Pairs Championship was unfortunately washed out on Sunday. One wonders when Winter will finally give way to spring sunshine.

Pennant competition also began this Saturday with Augusta winning the first division over Dunsborough and losing the second division to Dunsborough.

Remember our regular competitions;

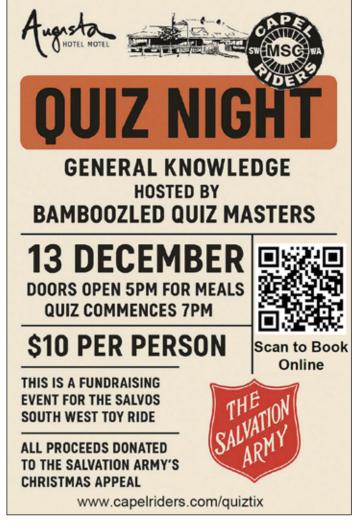
- WEDNESDAY Mixed Mufti Competition Register 12-30pm Play 1-00 pm
- FRIDAY Mixed Mufti Scroungers Register 2-30pm

LADIES COMPETITION.

• THURSDAY Register 9-00am Play 9-30am

Lawn bowls isn't just a sport; it's a community, a tradition, and probably the only place you can see a 90 year old outplay a 25 year old and then shout them a drink when the last bowl is rolled.







Augusta Wildlife <mark>Care</mark> W.H. Inc Rescue, Rehabilitation **©** Release of Hustralian Wildlife

By JUDY WENBAN

Nestling or fledgling



Your first impulse may be to help the young bird, but in the great majority of cases the young bird doesn't need help. In fact, intervening often makes the situation worse. Here's how to determine whether to take action.

The first thing to do is to figure out if the baby bird is a nestling or a fledgling.

Most of the baby birds people find are fledglings. These are young birds that have just left the nest, and can't fly yet, but are still under the care of their parents, and do not need our help. Fledglings are feathered and capable of hopping or flitting, with toes that can tightly grip your finger or a twig. These youngsters are generally adorable and fluffy, with a tiny stub of a tail.

When fledglings leave their nest, they rarely return, so even if you see the nest, it's not a good idea to put the bird back in—it will hop right back out. Usually there is no reason to intervene at all beyond putting the bird on a nearby perch out of harm's way and keeping pets indoors. The parents may be attending to four or five young scattered in different directions, but they will return to care for the one you have found. You can watch from a distance to make sure the parents are returning to care for the fledgling.

If the baby bird is sparsely feathered and not capable of hopping, walking, flitting, or gripping tightly to your finger, it's a nestling. If so, the nest is almost certainly nearby. If you can find the nest (it may be well hidden), put the bird back as quickly as possible. Don't worry—parent birds do not recognise their young by smell. They will not abandon a baby if it has been touched by humans. If the nest has been destroyed you can make a new one, place the chick back inside and watch to see if the parents come back.

If you have found both parents dead, the young bird is injured, you can't find the nest, or are absolutely certain

the bird was orphaned, then your best course of action is to contact a wildlife rehabilitator.

Bottom line: remember that the vast majority of "abandoned" baby birds are perfectly healthy fledglings whose parents are nearby and watching out for them.

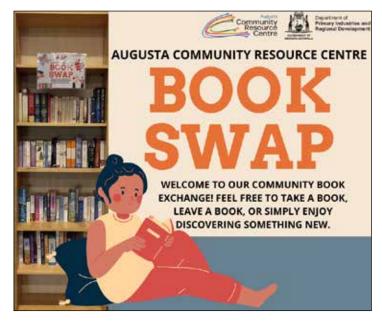
Augusta Wildlife Care Needs you!

Augusta Wildlife Care (AWC) is a small group of local community members who have an interest in caring for injured animals, birds and reptiles. In order to continue to undertake what we do new members are required as carers and for the committee. As a registered charity, AWC fund raises to support all organisational activities.

We are seeking people with time to spare and who are interested in caring for injured wildlife with view to releasing them once recovered.

Most of the critters that come into care, are possums and birds. Education, training and any equipment required will be provided, with continuous support and mentoring from our dedicated team. At times you may be required to undertake a "retrieval" in order to bring the animal into care. Larger animals (kangaroos) are cared for by team members in Margaret River. If you are interested or wish to know more call Kerry for a chat on 0437 200 605...





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AUGUSTA COMMUNITY GROUPS CALENDAR

GROUP	DATE	TIME	EVENT/CONTACT	VENUE	
Anglican Church	Sunday & Wednesday	Please check noticeboard at the church	Church Service	St Elizabeth's Church, Allnutt Tce	
Augusta Art Club and Studio Gallery	Tuesday Wednesday & Friday	6:30pm - 8:30pm 10:00am- 2:00pm	Art activities 9758 0363	Centennial Hall - Art Room	
Augusta Badminton Club	Social games every Tuesday	6.30pm-8.30pm	All ages welcome. Equipment provided if needed Wendy Mathews 0439 980 932	Augusta Recreation Centre, Allnut Tce	
Augusta Bowling Club	Wednesday Thursday	12.30pm 9.00am	Men's Mufti Ladies Bowls	Allnut Tce	
Augusta Bridge Club	Monday	12:15pm for 12:30pm	Weekly Game Trevor 0428 308 330	Historical Soc room	
Augusta Chambers of Commerce	Every 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 Trevor Kent 0473 089 803	Augusta Yacht Club	
Augusta CWA	1st Wed every month	1:30pm	Monthly Meeting	CWA Hall, Allnut Tce	
Augusta Croquet Club	Monday & Saturday	12:30pm-4:00pm	Golf Croquet Doreen 0428 581 557	Augusta Sporting Complex, Allnut Tce	
Augusta Dru Yoga Group	Wednesday & Saturday	Wed 5:00pm Sat 8:00am	Dru Yoga	Augusta CRC, Allnut Tce	
Augusta Garden Club	3rd Monday every month	1:30pm-3:30pm		See Pelican Post - Garden Gossip	
Augusta Golf Club	Tuesday & Friday Wednesday Saturday Sunday	12:00pm 9:30am 11:30pm 11:30pm	Men's Scroungers Ladies 18 Holes Men's 18 Holes Mixed 18 Holes	Hillview Road	
Augusta Historical Society	3rd Thursday every month	7:00pm	Monthly Meeting	Society Rooms, Blackwood Ave	
Augusta Historical Museum	Daily	1:oopm-4:oopm	Closed Christmas Day/ Boxing Day	Museum Blackwood Ave	
Augusta Men's Shed	Mon, Wed and Fri Sat Thursday	9:00am-1:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm	Member Shed activities Community Morning (ladies and men)	Men's Shed, Hillview Rd	
Augusta Playgroup	Every Fri during School Term	9:00am-11:00am	Playgroup for 0-5 yr olds, all welcome	Augusta PS Kindy, sign in @ office	
Augusta River and Coast Care	Thursday	8:30am-10:30am	Gudrun Thiele 0413 381 852	ТВА	
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	

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	Dide study	Allnut Tce
Coops Cottage Craft	ops Cottage Craft Thursday		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/N		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 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	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		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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