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Merry Christmas

Augusta Christmas Carols

Friday 19th December 4pm - 7pm

Colour Patch Foreshore

4pm: Welcome
4.15: "Singrays", Augusta Ukeleles and Deb "spoons" plus Children asked to come on the stage
Kate Finkelstein - Community Carol Singing
5.15: SANTA Arrives
5.45: Riverbugs Band

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Leeuwin Lines BLUE DOT ARMY COMES MARCHING IN

Friends and supporters of the Blue Dot Army came together for a wonderful luncheon and afternoon of entertainment at the Augusta Hotel on Saturday 15th November.



Crowd listening to guest speaker

It was the first ever **regional WA Fundraising event** and the lead organiser Crystal Howrie, in the following extract from a letter of appreciation after the event, stated:

“Thank you so much for joining us yesterday at our first ever regional WA **Fundraising for Change** event. We are truly grateful for the way we were welcomed into the local community.

The day was nothing short of inspiring. The room was filled with compassion, generosity, and a genuine willingness to learn more about Blue Dot Army and how we can change the cancer experience for others. Your presence, your questions and your heartfelt engagement reminded us why this work matters so deeply.

We feel honoured to have shared this milestone with you. Thank you for giving your time, your openness, and your support as we continue striving to make a meaningful difference for people facing cancer.

An event like this can only be successful due to the generosity of so many. I would like to acknowledge the friendship and kindness to all who made this day possible.”

Crystal then went on to thank the many helpers, sponsors and donors, with the **Leeuwin Lions receiving a special mention for its generous donation of \$5,000.**

MEDI-ALERTS

The Lions Club of Leeuwin, not because of self-interest but because of a perceived need in our community for care and safety within the home and surrounds, have purchased a fresh batch of medi-alerts for distribution to those who have stability and mobility issues.



Medi-Alert

The modern medi-alerts do not look much different to a digital watch and can be worn on the wrist, on a belt clip, or as a pendant around the neck.

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Lions see a need to provide care and safety to our community and are pleased to offer this valuable device free of charge to those to whom they will be of real benefit.

For further information contact Lion David Turner 0407 772 603

REMEMBRANCE DAY

An excellent crowd turned out at the town War Memorial on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month this year to take part in the Remembrance Day ceremony to celebrate the end of WWI. The grounds of the memorial were wonderfully presented and highlighted by the stunning display of over 5000 poppies made by local women from Augusta and Molloy Island known as the ‘Poppy girls’.



Karridale-Augusta RSL President John Wilson led the memorial service and paid respects and gratitude to all those who had given their lives, and to those who have served in all wars in defence of our country and our democratic way of life.

Secretary Greg Burrows gave an interesting address on the Lighthouse Brigade and Graeme Edwards gave a stirring rendition of the ‘Ode’. Phillip Thorp arranged the orderly laying of the wreaths which included those by the **Karridale-Augusta RSL** represented by Bob Styles and Grahame Dobson. **Augusta Margaret River Shire** was represented by President Julia Jean- Rice who officiated at the ceremony and later laid a wreath accompanied by Sally Towie who placed a wreath at the **Nurses Memorial**.

Fittingly, the local women known as the ‘Poppy girls’ laid wreaths. **Augusta Primary School** was well represented, by students who laid wreaths, as did **Leeuwin Lions** represented by Secretary David Turner and Treasurer Melanie Vassallo.



Some of the poppy girls after the memorial service

Jim and Kay Challis laid wreaths on behalf of the **N Class Destroyers Association** with whom Lions and the community have a long standing association by providing support and assistance for the annual NIZAM memorial service at Cape Leeuwin. Well known local veteran Peter Toy assisted by daughter Jill laid a wreath on behalf of the **UN Peace Keeping Force**.

Leeuwin Lines continued...

In closing, **Karridale-Augusta RSL** President John Wilson thanked all for their attendance and those who helped with the service, making special mention of the 'Poppy girls' and Lion Margaret Martin, who makes most of the wreaths each year.



Poppy display surrounding the memorial paths

SHED RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY

Lions Phill Robinson and Ross Newbury have put their handyman skills to good effect by adding an insulated roof to the two storage containers holding goods for hire and electrical items for salvage. This will ensure that they are watertight in winter and pleasantly cool in summer.



Lion Phill Robinson looking at handywork & checking renovations to a container and rear section of shed

Renovations to convert the former area for storing the Cool room, BBQ's, tables and chairs, and sundry goods for hire etc, into a staff room and an unloading area for donated items are well underway. A new rear wall with an electronically operated rolla-door will make the handling of goods much easier as well as providing a good space for Lions and volunteers to have tea/coffee and refreshments at work breaks and meetings.

IT'S NOT SADIE, IT'S SYLVIA



Lion Sylvia totalling purchases in the second hand goods shed

And what a great job she has done in cleaning and tidying the bric-a-brac section of the second hand goods shed, where a whole mountain of small goods moves in and out each week. As the busy summer season draws closer, Lion Sylvia Newbury would welcome one or two extra volunteers to help with sales.

This is also the case in the TV, radio and electronics section as our guru in charge, Lion Mick Dench, is nowadays often away caring for an aging parent. Anyone with technical ability, who could assist in this area would be gleefully accepted and would immediately become a member of one of the most cared for work forces in town. Often sponge cake for morning tea.

THANKS JUDY

Lions and volunteers at the Shed complex in Hillview Rd gathered recently to farewell Judy Mitchell who has left town to join several other ex Augusta people in a modern retirement village close to family in Perth.

Lions Partner Judy with Lion Ken Mitchell (sadly now deceased) gave many years of dedicated service to the Club and together took charge of running the furniture shed for 5 years, only relinquishing the role due to Ken's failing health. Judy left town with the Club's best wishes and in the knowledge that she will be welcomed whenever she may return for a visit.



Lions gathered to farewell Judy



(Above) Shed Manager Mike Walker presents Judy with card and cake

(Right) Judy with "sorry you are leaving" card

WIGGLERS AT WORK

Despite seeming a lot of work for little return, the ring pulls on cans are actually made of

high grade aluminium which, when recycled, produces a good financial outcome. Leeuwin Lions are fortunate to have several members and regular volunteers who carry out this work in the 'Containers for Change' Shed when it is open each Thursday and Saturday morning between 8am – 12noon.



Lion Lynne-Maree Yorke and Lion Brian Thompson with volunteers wiggling tops off cans

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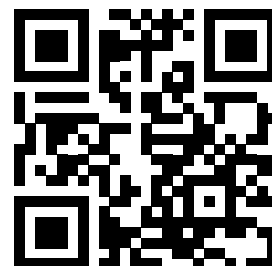


Wind farm feasibility study

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.

The Augusta Margaret River Shire are inviting you to comment on the proposed wind farm in Scott River. To review the documentation and make a submission, scan the QR code or visit: yoursay.amrshire.wa.gov.au

The comment period will be open from 21 November to 19 December.



Information display

During the comment period there will be an information display on the proposed wind farm in Scott River in the Augusta Shire office.

The Shire office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am – 12pm and 1pm – 4pm.

Synergy drop-in office

The Synergy office in Augusta will be open for two more days this year.

Drop in between 10am and 4pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday 2 December
- Wednesday 3 December



Where: 56 Blackwood Ave
Augusta, in the Nautilus
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For more information

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Shire news

December 2025

Welcome to December from Shire President Julia Jean-Rice

Kaya Augusta,

I'm excited to share that the newest section of the Leeuwin Biddi Trail will be completed early this month - a 3.1km stretch from Dead Finish to the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse and a major step toward connecting Augusta's town centre to the wider trail network. We're celebrating with a community thank you event on Saturday 6 December at the Augusta Boat Harbour. I hope you can make it!

The following weekend, on Saturday 13 December, you're invited to SAMM Fest. This is an afternoon of skate, art, music and mental health at the Margaret River Youth Precinct, with a free shuttle running from Augusta.

Our Shire-wide consultation about the Turner Street Jetty is now complete and the results will be presented to Council early next year. We've also opened consultation on Synergy's proposed wind farm at Scott River.

The project will be assessed by the State's Development Assessment Panel (DAP). While the Shire is not the final decision-maker, we're collecting community feedback to help inform our recommendation as part of this process.

Documents are available on our YourSay page, and information is also on display at the Augusta Shire Office during normal hours. Consultation closes Friday 19 December 2025, and we encourage everyone to take the time to review the proposal and share their feedback.

At last month's Council meeting, we also reviewed our strategy for addressing the complex issue of illegal camping. Over the past year we've worked with community members from local hot spots, including Augusta, to develop a three-year roadmap. This season we'll increase fines, adjust ranger patrols, improve signage and continue working closely with DBCA. We've also agreed to establish a new Community Working Group to help us spot issues early, and track what works so we can continue improving our approach.

And finally, on behalf of the Shire of Augusta Margaret River and all Councillors, we wish you all the very best for the festive season. I hope you're able to enjoy time on boodja and create new memories with your loved ones. It's an honour to serve this incredible community, and we look forward to working with you in 2026.



Warm regards,
Cr Julia Jean-Rice, Shire President



SAMM Fest 2025 - Youth, art, music and mental health

The Shire's Community Development team is excited to announce SAMM Fest 2025, a youth-led celebration of creativity and connection.

Held at the Margaret River Youth Precinct on Saturday 13 December, the event features live music, dance, skating, art workshops, food vans and mental health resources.

It's free, inclusive and open to all young people across the Shire. An event shuttle will run to and from Augusta. Email tsowden@amrshire.wa.gov.au by 8 December to reserve your spot.

Let's celebrate youth voices, talents and wellbeing together. Scan the QR code for more info.

Consultation open for proposed wind farm at Scott River

We are now collecting community feedback on 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 proposal is for up to 20 wind turbines up to a maximum height of 250m with a projected output of 100MW.

We encourage everyone in the community to take the time to review the documents available on our YourSay page and share their feedback. Scan the QR code or search 'Your Say Augusta Margaret River' to find the page.

Information about the proposal will also be on display in the Augusta Shire Office during normal office hours for the duration of the community feedback period.

Our Augusta team will also be able to provide hard copies of the survey.

The consultation will close on Friday 19 December 2025.



Celebrate the Leeuwin Biddi trail

The Leeuwin Biddi trail is almost complete! This 3.1 km dual-use path connects Dead Finish to Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, offering a safe and scenic route for walkers and cyclists of all ages and abilities.

We invite the community to join us for a relaxed community celebration at 10am on Saturday 6 December 2025 at the Augusta Boat Harbour.

Bring your walking shoes, bikes or prams and explore Augusta's spectacular coastline. If you're riding, make sure your bike is ready to go!

- Coffee available at Rare Foods (allow time for your favourite brew before the celebration begins)
- Decorate your bike and add some flair before the ride
- Photos will be taken during the event, please advise the photographer if you do not wish for your photos to be shared with media
- Please note: carpark works are underway at Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse



What's on in December

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 fitness@amrshire.wa.gov.au or call 08 9708 5672

Table tennis

Tuesday 10:30am - 12:00pm and Thursday 10:30am - 12:00pm. Other session times by booking/appointment. Contact John for more information on 0417 744 224.

Hydro pool

Tuesday and Thursday sessions available at 8:10am, 8:50am, 10:45am, and 11:30am. Wednesday sessions available at 1:00pm and 1:40pm.

Badminton

Tuesday 6:00pm - 8:30pm. Call Sandra on 0450 234 510.

Strength for life

A gym based program for people over 50. Tuesday and Thursday 9:30am to 10:30am.

Pickleball

Monday 10:30am - 12:00pm and 7:00pm - 8:30pm. \$5 per session, per person. Call Scott on 0477 837 369.

Augusta gym staff

Our friendly staff are in the gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am to 1pm. Press the intercom to access the gym.



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

Augusta Library invites you to Toddler Tales!

Join us for stories, rhymes, songs and craft. Free sessions aimed at children aged 18 to 36 months and their caregivers.

This special toddler tales session is held at Augusta Library on the second Thursday of the month at 10:30am during school term.

To book visit www.amrlibraries-toddler-tales-augusta.eventbrite.com.au or call Rachael on 08 9780 5602

Next date: 11 December

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

- Kiss Of The Spider Woman (CTC) - Tue, Dec 2 @ 7:00PM
- The Goonies - 40th Anniversary Screening (PG) - Fri, Dec 12 @ 7:00PM
- Wicked: For Good - Sat, Dec 13 @ 7:00PM

Young @ HEART

- FREE live music each Monday from 10am
- Check artsmargaretriver.com for full program
- Last concert for 2025 will be on Dec 22

Community Events

- Find Your Story (Youth workshops) - Every Wednesday of Term 4

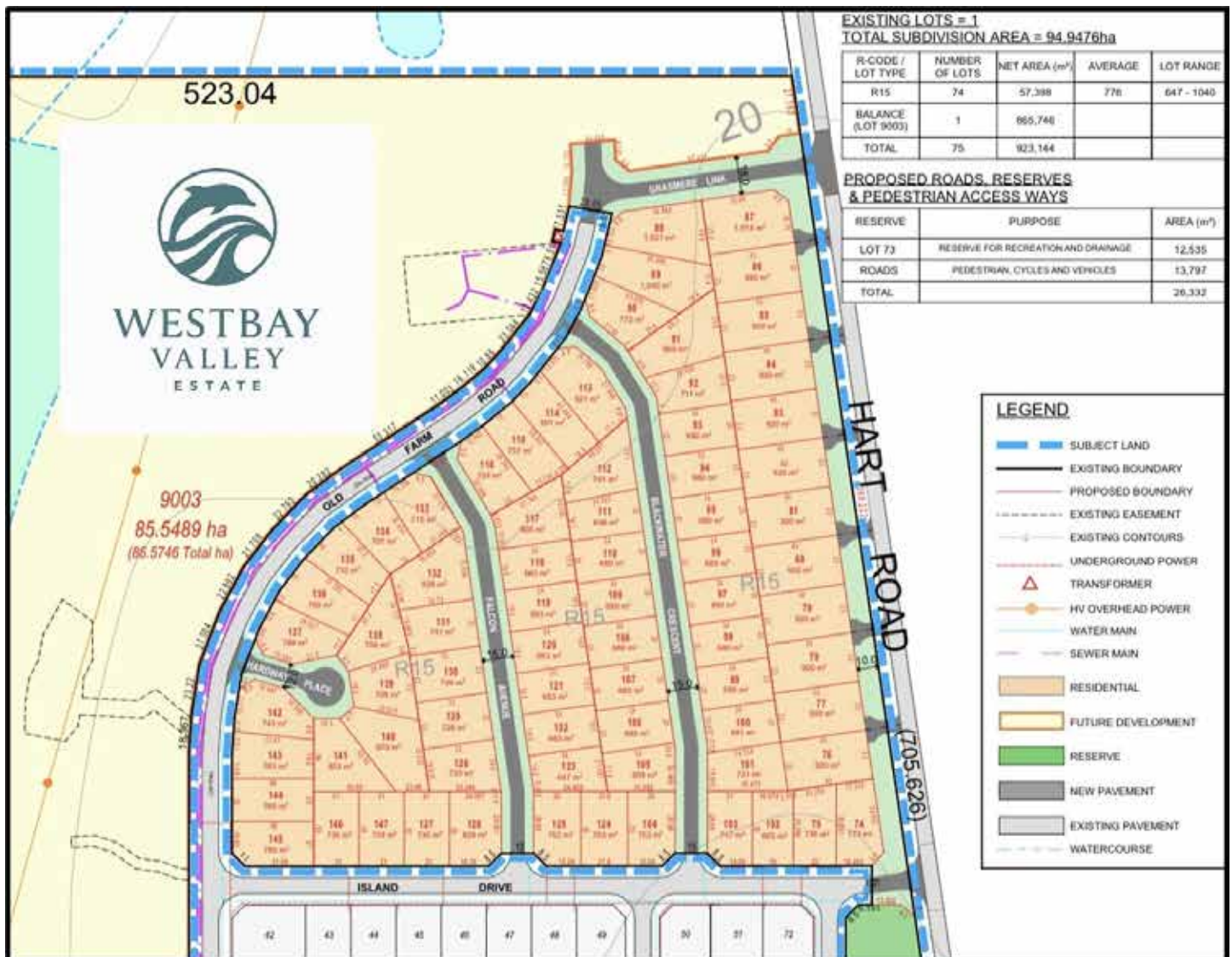
Visual Arts

- Elders in our Community Exhibition - Nov 26 - Dec 17. Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm (see website for special events as part of this exhibit)

Literature

- An Afternoon with Judy Nunn Celebrating the launch of Pilbara - Sat, Dec 6 @ 2.30PM





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Update on the Augusta Early Childhood Education and Out of School Hours Care Services

The Augusta & Districts Community Child Care Inc Committee and Regional Early Education and Development Inc (REED) have been working closely together to establish the new early childhood education and care service in Augusta, which will be located in a purpose-built facility in the town, generously supported by the State Government.

REED and the Committee acknowledge that the process to complete the leasing and licensing of both services has taken longer than anticipated, and would like to assure the Augusta community that they are working tirelessly behind the scenes to negotiate an outcome that will allow the services to open in early 2026.

REED CEO Kylie Helgesen said, "In the meantime, thanks to the Committee's efforts, the new building is looking fantastic. We look forward to welcoming children and families into the new service as soon as the licencing requirements allow. Opening days, hours and fee information will be announced over the coming months."

REED has engaged with local staff, and thanks them for their patience throughout this process. REED would also like to express its appreciation to those community members who took the time to contribute to our survey, which will enable us to provide a service tailored to the needs of the local families. The survey remains open, with families wishing to submit an EOI for either service encouraged to access the survey via: REED PARENT SURVEY (Augusta) – Fill out form.

We thank the Augusta community for their patience while the transfers are finalised, and we encourage community members to contact us with any queries or concerns on 08 6832 3825 or project.management@reedwa.org.au.



Augusta Land and Coast Care Group Augusta Community Nursery

These groups surprised everyone at the Augusta Spring Show in October by a display of spectacular flowering weeds at the entrance of the hall. Buckets full of each weed could have been mistaken for a regular flower stall.

However, warning signs detailed on posters highlighted the problems of these weeds spreading - not only throughout the South West National Parks and bushland but also roadsides, town verges, the beach front and as well as Augusta's residents' gardens. Nearly all of the weeds are garden escapees which smother native vegetation. Seeds are spread by birds, possums and the wind and by dumping garden refuse in bushland.



Group leaders Gudrun Thiele and Barbara Altman in front of weed display

Augusta Coast Care is a voluntary group working towards rehabilitation of the riverside between Ellis Street Jetty and Colour Patch, the coastal fringe along Flinders Bay towards the Lighthouse, around the Turner and Flinders Bay Caravan Parks, Pioneer Settlement, Anzac Memorial and the Wadandi and adjoining bushland tracks. Removal of herbaceous and woody weeds is a weekly task preparing areas for replanting of native species in the late autumn and early winter months. All plants are generated in the Augusta Community Nursery. Both groups work closely with the AMR Shire, the Capes Foundation, ACDA and the Lower Blackwood Landcare group with the aim of restoring biodiversity in the South West. Volunteers are welcome to join.

Augusta township residents can be a big help by checking their gardens for the following weeds, removing them and replacing them with non-invasive or local native plants. Information is available from the Augusta Community Nursery every Monday morning at the Lions compound, Hillview Rd.

Please check for:

ARUM LILIES - POLYGALA - WATSONIA -
SWEET PITTOSPORUM - AFRICAN CORNFLAG -
DOLICHOS PEA - BLUE PERIWINKLE -
VICTORIAN TEA TREE - SYDNEY GOLDEN
WATTLE - FLINDERS RANGE WATTLE -
BLUE BROOM - AGAPANTHUS



GREATER AUGUSTA VOLUNTEERS THANKYOU BBQ & ACDA's 30TH ANNIVERSARY Sunday, December 7 from 3pm

At Lions Park, Colourpatch
(Centennial Hall if weather is dodgy)
ALL WELCOME



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
Oct 20 th	Sue Air & Nancy Gibson	Lyn Leonard & Herbie Whittall
Oct 27 th	Mary Whittall & Trevor Steel	Herbie Whittall & Nancy Gibson Sue Air & Judith Wilton
Nov 3 rd	Des Thompson & Amanda Thompson	Di Ellis & Edie Williams
Nov 10 th	Lyn Leonard & Merione Wilson	Sue Air & Nancy Gibson
Nov 17 th	Mal Johnson & Beth Johnson	Di Ellis & Edie Williams Mary Whittall & Trevor Steel

AGE NO BARRIER FOR CAPE TO CAPE WALKERS

Recently a group of eight people, all over the age of sixty, completed the entire Cape to Cape walk. The four couples are all long-time friends from Mandurah.

Terry and Vicki Senior, built a holiday home in Augusta about five years ago and now split their time between Mandurah and Augusta. They love to chat with the locals and frequent the Ragged Robin café most mornings for their coffee.

The Cape to Cape itself took them six days in total; 25km per day. The most challenging part was 17km through soft sand on the beach, and their favourite part was the coastal views and Boranup forest.

Surprisingly, no snakes were encountered. However amongst the very notable occasions were one fractured wrist requiring a trip to the nursing post, a 40th wedding anniversary and a 75th birthday during the hike.

Terry and Vicki's son, Kurt, said "they did incredibly well completing the Cape to Cape walk and we're all incredibly proud of them".

Congratulations to the group on completing the entire Cape to Cape Walk, demonstrating that with plenty of willpower, correct preparation and the right attitude, anything is possible.



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Karridale Primary School News



TENNIS TEAM SHINES



Above: Karridale Primary students competed with great spirit at the Play Red Ball tennis competition in Margaret River.

Students from our school who participated in the interschool Play Red Ball tennis competition against Rapids Landing Primary School (RLPS) thoroughly enjoyed the experience held at the Margaret River Tennis Club.

"Our students did so well and represented our school beautifully," said Mrs Moss, our Phys Ed teacher.

Our school sent one team to compete against the four teams entered by RLPS and we were pleased to finish as runners-up in the competition.

Blakely, one of our students, commented that it was a great day because there was "a lot of teamwork." Will added that "it was so fun going out there and getting to hit the ball."

We are fortunate to have tennis courts at our school, giving students regular opportunities to build their skills in lessons with Mrs Moss and during recess and lunch breaks.

We thank Healthway and Tennis West for making this fun day possible for our enthusiastic tennis players.

SPOT ON HAMELIN BAY

Our Year 4-6 students enjoyed a productive final visit for the year to our school's Adopt-A-Spot location at Hamelin Bay, carrying out site maintenance, brush laying, beachcombing, and bird watching with Kathi Galeani from Nature Conservation Margaret River Region and ranger Alex.

We were also lucky to have our friend Christine Wilder from BirdLife WA join us on this visit. With Christine's guidance, the children used binoculars to spot an osprey nest on Hamelin Island, as well as bridled terns and green rock parrots, which were well camouflaged in the grass.

This visit concludes another successful year for our young conservationists caring for our patch at Hamelin Bay. The children have developed a special connection with this area and continue to grow their skills as custodians of the environment.

We sincerely thank Nature Conservation Margaret River Region, Kathi, Alex, and Christine for their support in Adopt-A-Spot this year.

Right: Our Year 4-6 students bird watching, beachcombing and maintaining their special patch at Hamelin Bay with Kathi Galeani, Ranger Alex and Christine Wilder.



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Surfing Lessons

Our school surfing program is now well underway, with students enjoying three weeks of fitness, fun and fantastic waves. Surfing has been a wonderful way for students to build confidence in the water, develop their strength and balance, and enjoy the beautiful coastline we are so lucky to have on our doorstep. A huge thank you to Karen Haslau for organising the program and to all staff who have helped make these sessions possible. Your support and enthusiasm ensure our students have safe, positive and memorable experiences.

We would also like to give a special shout-out to Jarrad and the team at Margaret River Surf School for their expert instruction and encouragement. Their passion for surf safety and skill development has had a real impact on our students. We look forward to seeing more smiles, sunshine and surfing success as the program continues!



Pink Up Augusta

On Tuesday, 21st of October, our school community came together for Pink Up Augusta Day, supporting breast cancer awareness. Students, staff, and families wore pink and joined in fun activities, including a themed dress-up, educational sessions, and fundraising \$145 for the cause.

A special thank you to Bronwyn for her dedication in making this event such a success in our community.



Kindy/Pre-primary Augusta Community Garden Visit

"On Monday the 27th of October the Kindergarten and Pre-primary students visited the Augusta Community Garden. Paula Higginson showed us around the garden, and we got to decorate pebbles to leave in the garden and see next time we visit. We drank the rainwater from the tank and saw all the vegetables growing and the amazing artwork around the garden done by volunteers in the community. We had a great time and can't wait for our next visit!" – Brooke Pengelly, ECE Teacher



Showing the way...





As technology becomes an even bigger part of our children's lives, it's more important than ever for parents and carers to take an active role in teaching safe online behaviour.

With children spending more time online than ever, Augusta police are reminding parents and carers to take an active role in guiding their children's digital safety.

Whether it's social media, gaming, messaging apps or online learning, the online world can present risks that children may not fully understand.



Sergeant Simon Harrison

Officer in Charge of Augusta Police Station Sergeant Simon Harrison said "Our children are using phones, tablets, gaming consoles and social media at increasingly early ages, often without fully understanding the risks that come with the digital world".

"Open and regular conversations at home can make a significant difference in keeping our kids safe online".

Parents are encouraged to discuss topics such as protecting personal information, recognising online scams, avoiding unsafe chats or gaming interactions, and understanding the long-term consequences of sharing photos or messages.

Children should also know what to do if something online makes them feel uncomfortable, unsafe or pressured.

Sergeant Harrison said "Remind your kids that that they can always speak to you, a trusted adult or police and that mistakes or accidents online should be reported, not hidden".

Simple steps can dramatically increase safety:

1. Keep devices in shared areas when possible.
2. Use parental controls and privacy settings.
3. Encourage kids to think before they click or share.
4. Know which apps, games and sites your children are using.
5. Reinforce respectful behaviour online.

Cyber safety is a shared community responsibility. By working together we can help ensure our children grow up confident, informed and protected in their online lives.

For more information visit the eSafety Commissioner's website www.esafety.gov.au or speak with your local police for guidance.

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Spiritual Reflection

By *BILL WOODAGE*

The Truth and Christmas

Do you enjoy reading or watching fiction stories? Fiction usually tells a story somewhat based on truth, and involves a whole host of human emotions to make a point. Fiction is not real, but often the message portrayed is based on a message of truth. In our world today truth seems to have been compromised. As we see news of world leaders meeting for trade and peace, often the casualty appears to be truth. The American president is a prime example of alleging false media reports when it suits his purpose; with strong legal representation to face perceived offenders.

You may be amazed to know that the word, Christmas, does not appear once in the Bible. Yet the Bible proclaims a Christmas message to all people who want to know the true story.

What does Christmas mean to you? It may be a spiritual experience or just having time off work or presents or good

food and intimate fellowship with loved ones. Or it may be a time of great loneliness and dissatisfaction with your life.

The Christmas message is that we can be transformed, with our permission. Jesus, God's only Son, came to give eternal life to all who believe in Him.

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

One political leader once said to Jesus, What is truth? Jesus is truth. He is the only way to Father God.

So, the best Christmas present to yourself, and consequently to others, is to willingly accept Jesus into your life to be transformed, now and forever, as a new child of God. All our mistakes, deficiencies and sins can be abolished in the eyes of Father God when we turn from our self to the Father through Jesus for divine healing.

Let's make this a great Christmas and be transformed by God's Holy Ghost power. And this coming new year, we can become new people in the Lord of eternity.

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If you plan to stay and defend your property during a bushfire, you must have your own independent water supply and pumping capability. You cannot rely on mains water.

Details and resources about how to prepare for bushfire season can be found at mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au. For warnings and advice visit emergency.wa.gov.au.

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Garden Gossip

By CAROLINE FOLEY

Images by Various

In October the Garden Club visited Glenbrae Gardens. This is a magnificent garden in Rosa Glen but unfortunately only two members of the club were able to go, which was very disappointing for the owner of the garden.

The garden is huge and has an amazing variety of plants just coming into their prime - including masses of roses, columbines, geraniums etc. Those who couldn't come missed a very special garden.



Glenbrae Gardens



Glenbrae Aeonium



Glenbrae Rose



Glenbrae Columbine

The November outing was to the Leuca Creek Lily Farm in Metricup. Luckily we had a better turn out for that one. The weather was warm as we wandered around the owners' vegetable gardens which are very productive. Both their vegetable garden and their orchard are fully netted to keep out the pests.

Later, we followed Kathy to see the lilies that they grow. Various varieties were on show including French, American and British lilies. Unfortunately, it was too early to see the lilies that can survive in a vase for seven days which they grow for the Margaret River markets. These lilies need warmer water and summer has come late this year. We enjoyed afternoon tea on their verandah overlooking a dam full of lilies.

All members of the Garden Club are invited to the Christmas lunch which will be held on Monday 15th December at Hamelin Bay Wines at 12pm.



Leuca Creek



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Leuca Creek Lilies

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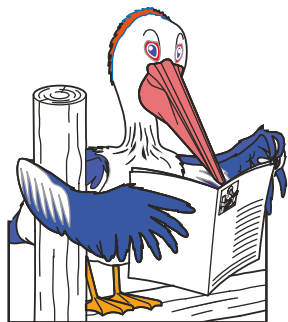
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND DECEMBER



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7 Bicycle Users Group Ride on Leeuwin Biddi Pathway 8:30am Augusta CRC See page 42 Volunteers Thank You BBQ Lions Park 3:00pm See page 16	8 Record Club @2oceansFM Elvis Costello's My Aim is True See page 37	9 Art Club Exhibition Centennial Hall See page 23	10 Art Club Exhibition Centennial Hall See page 23	11
14	15 Garden Club Christmas Lunch Hamelin Bay Wines 12:00 noon See page 22 Hash House Harriers 2000 Runs Celebration 4:30pm See page 34	16	17	18
21 Combined Churches Nine Lessons and Carol Service 6:00pm St Elizabeth's See page 34	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25
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OUND AUGUSTA 2025



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TOOLS FOR FINDING THE RIGHT TRADIE

Whether you're planning some home improvements or just need a quick repair, finding the right tradesperson can make all the difference. Most tradies are hardworking, honest professionals who do great work. But every so often, Consumer Protection hears from people who've been left disappointed, out of pocket, or worse by the few who don't play by the rules.

But how to do you choose the right tradie for your job? Take the time to do a bit of homework as it will save you headaches later on. Get multiple written quotes to compare price and value, and it's best these are given in-person. There has been a rise in scammers impersonating real tradespeople on online 'find-a-trade' platforms, asking for photos of jobs and sending fake invoices to trick people into paying.

Nothing beats the power of word-of-mouth. Recommendations from neighbours, friends and family can go a long way toward finding someone reliable and trustworthy.

Don't be shy about asking for references or to see previous work. A good businessperson should never have a problem with this. If they do, that's a red flag.

When you're looking to hire an electrician, gas fitter, builder, painter or plumber it's important to check they're licensed on [wa.gov.au](https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/building-and-energy/building-and-energy-licence-and-registration-search) (<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/building-and-energy/building-and-energy-licence-and-registration-search>)

One of the most common complaints Consumer Protection receives is about tradies who demand large deposits upfront and then fail to start or complete the job. Paying too much before any work begins puts you at risk, especially if the tradesperson goes broke or disappears.

While there's nothing wrong with a tradie asking for deposit, it's best to only pay around 10 per cent. For larger jobs try to negotiate progress payments as stages of the work are completed. Doing these things will reduce your risk and give you greater bargaining power if something goes wrong.

It's worth noting, if your job involves home building works valued at more than \$7,500, the law says you can only be asked to pay a deposit of 6.5 per cent or less before work begins.

Paying by credit card is another smart move, as it may allow you to get your money back through a chargeback if goods or services aren't delivered.

From time-to-time things legitimately do go wrong. If a tradie needs to cancel a job after taking a deposit without providing any goods or services, they are required to return that deposit in full. On the other hand, if they need to increase the quote after they've accepted a deposit you are allowed to back out of the agreement and also get your full deposit back.

Similarly, if part of the job is unsolicited (for example, a tradie is already at your house fixing a tap and then offers to replace your hot water system) the law gives you a 10-business-day cooling-off period. During this time, they can't start work or ask for payment, and you can change your mind without any penalty.

Sometimes delays are genuinely out of a business's control, such as bad weather, postal holdups or supply chain issues. In these cases, it's best to give the business the opportunity to offer a solution, like a refund or a replacement. The same applies if the job wasn't completed to the expected standard.

Remember most tradies do the right thing, but the Australian Consumer Law protects consumers from the ones who don't.

If you can't resolve issues with the tradie first, you can lodge a complaint with Consumer Protection via www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au, email consumer@lgirs.wa.gov.au, or call 1300 30 40 54.

*Senior Regional Officer for the South West,
Annetta Bellingeri*



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE PELICAN POST AND THE AUGUSTA CRC

The Pelican Post And Augusta Community Resource Centre would like to wish all our readers, contributors, advertisers and valued CRC members a very happy

and safe Christmas and New Year.

The CRC will be closed for the christmas period from 12:00 noon on the 17th December and reopening on Monday 5th January.

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Why Lithium-ion Batteries Can Be Dangerous

Lithium-ion batteries are in a lot of our rechargeable devices – phones, laptops, e-scooters, power tools, and even vacuum cleaners. But when they're damaged, overheated, or charged incorrectly, they can become a serious fire hazard.

- They can catch fire or explode – even when not being charged. More than 30% of Li-ion battery fires happen when the battery is not being charged.
- The smoke is toxic, filling a room quickly with harmful chemicals that are dangerous for our lungs.
- Fires spread fast – up to 10 times faster than regular house fires.
- Explosions can throw hot metal and flames several metres, igniting nearby items.
- Improper disposal (like tossing batteries in household bins) can cause fires in rubbish trucks or landfills.
- Most homes have 20–30 devices with lithium-ion batteries, increasing the risk if safe habits aren't followed.

Common Causes of Lithium-ion Battery Fires

Many incidents are linked to simple, preventable mistakes. Here's what often goes wrong:

- Using cheap or fake chargers that don't meet safety standards.
 - Charging immediately after heavy use, when the battery is still hot.
 - Keeping the Battery on charge after its full (overcharging).
- Physical damage, dropping, crushing, or puncturing the battery.
- Leaving the battery in heat or sunlight, especially in cars, near windows, or under bedding. This traps heat and can make the battery hot.
 - Charging in unsupervised areas, like garages or overnight while asleep.
 - Using the battery until it's completely empty (0%), which can damage it.

These issues can damage the battery's internal separator, leading to short circuits and a dangerous reaction called thermal runaway – where the battery overheats uncontrollably and may catch fire or explode!

High-Risk Devices

- E-scooters and e-bikes are increasingly involved in fires.
- Power tools stored in sheds or garages can ignite if damaged or charged improperly.
- Battery fires in WA are rising – DFES recorded 94 incidents this year, with 55 structure fires and 19 caused by e-chargeables.

Safety Tips to Prevent Fires

- Let batteries cool down before charging.
- Charge on hard, flat surfaces – never on beds, couches, or carpets.
- Avoid charging in direct sunlight or when no one is home.
- Use only manufacturer-approved chargers.
- Check batteries for damage or swelling – don't use if they look unsafe.
- Install smoke alarms in charging areas and thermal alarms in garages.

Take action this month!

- Review where and how you charge devices at home.
- Talk with your family about battery safety - especially with kids and teens.
- Check your smoke alarms and make sure everyone knows what to do in case of a fire.
- Make sure you have a Home fire Escape plan.
- Find your nearest battery recycling location and safely dispose of any old or damaged batteries.

Let's work together to keep our homes and community safe from battery fires. For more information, visit the lithium-ion batteries page on the DFES website.

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Biomimicry

By JAY HARMAN

Stone the Crows

This exclamation of surprise appears to have originated in Australia in the early part of the 20th century. It probably had little to do with any crows being stoned in Australia,. However from the earliest times in the rest of the world, children and rural labourers were paid to throw rocks at crows to drive them away from crops.

The practice continued widely until the 20th century even though scarecrows were largely substituted in the middle ages after the black plague decimated rural populations in Europe. Even today, people in India and some Arab countries are still paid to chuck rocks at crows.

Those jet black, loudly cawing crows we see around Augusta are actually Australian Ravens, members of the Corvid family along with their very close crow relatives. Interestingly, northern hemisphere magpies are Corvids, but ours are a unique species altogether that tragically are currently spiraling into severe population decline from an unknown ailment – but that’s another story.

Corvids get a pretty bad rap. While some cultures revere them they’re broadly hated by humans. Through the ages they’ve often been associated in folklore with witchcraft, death, and the dark arts. A group of crows is referred to as a “murder” of crows and a raven collective is labelled an “unkindness” or “conspiracy” of ravens. As omnivores they’ll eat pretty much anything, from seeds to carrion, but do snatch the eggs and young of other birds when they can. We humans tend to have a negative reaction to predation of the young.

They’re just as at home in a wide range of environments across Australia, whether alpine, temperate, or tropical forests, and even dry deserts. Remarkable flyers, they’re uniquely able to cartwheel in the air and fly upside down. Their “top gun” abilities can inspire the design of superior, biomimetic wing and flight control structures.

Crows and ravens generally mate for life. They also come together in groups that suggest Corvids “mourn” their dead. Having large brains and being highly adaptable, Corvids are quick learners, enabling them to adapt to rapidly changing environments. By studying these adaptation abilities and problem-solving skills, biomimics are better able to evolve AI, robotics, and logistics management.



Crows and ravens are exceptionally intelligent and are among the smartest of animals. They have advanced cognitive skills equivalent to a 7-year-old child. There are crows in Japan that take walnuts to busy intersections, drop them on

the road and wait for passing cars to drive over and crack them. They then wait for the traffic to stop at red lights and the pedestrian lights to turn green, and walk out safely on the crosswalk to pick up the kernels.

Crows in New Caledonia are reported to plan for future tool use. They fashion barbed tools from sticks or wire and store them for later use in digging insects out of holes and cracks.

I had heard that placing old-fashioned mothballs in the ceiling would deter possums and rats. I wrote in a previous article that I had tried the trick, and discovered that it wasn’t a possum I was dealing with but a very large lizard in my ceiling. He had methodically picked up all of the mothballs and thrown them out from under the eaves and the next morning I found them scattered over my lawn.

I was further surprised to see that ravens had gathered, picking up the mothballs in their beaks and rubbing down their feathers. I did a little research into this curious behaviour and discovered that Corvids will often catch ants in their beaks and rub them on their feathers as a way to get rid of lice. Known as “anting,” it’s believed that the formic acid produced by ants is a natural anti-parasitic, insecticide, and fungicide. Corvids have been observed to even sit on ant nests and let ants crawl all over their skin and feathers. I guessed that these clever birds on my lawn had decided that mothballs were a good, non-biting substitute for ants.

Corvids have been known to drop stones into a tube of water in order to raise the water level to get at food floating on top that they couldn’t previously reach. They even appear to understand the concept of zero, and that zero comes before one. They can also differentiate between geometric shapes. There are great film clips online showing crows solving puzzles and fitting triangular, square, round or gear shaped pegs into the appropriate shaped holes in toys and even inserting cups of different sizes into each other in the correct order.

As many farmers can attest, Corvids in an orchard have an acute ability to sense danger. A farmer with empty hands can walk up to them many times in a day and be completely ignored but the birds will immediately take off if he steps out of his house with a gun.

Corvids also have excellent memories and can hold grudges for years. They know when an individual has treated them badly and are able to instruct the rest of their flock to recognise offenders’ faces. This association can be handed down for generations. However, they also remember kindness and can happily cohabit and play with humans and present them with “gifts” of coloured glass, shiny bottle tops and other treasures.

All of these strategies, together with their abilities in navigation and facial recognition, are being modelled for orientation and pattern algorithms in robotics. So, the next time you’re bothered by a loudly cawing Corvid, remember how extraordinarily intelligent and talented they are, and how they’re teaching us new ways of creating a better world.



Augusta Historical Society and Museum

By KATHY TRITTON

Hello and welcome to Spring/Summer. As usual, nature likes to keep us guessing when it comes to the weather. Our first settlers would have had quite a lot to deal with as well as the seasons being opposite to what they had been used to. It must have been difficult dealing with a hot or humid Christmas season instead of the cold they were accustomed to. That would have been on top of trying to work out growing seasons, etc. It would have taken some time to adjust to the different pattern of things and yet having to cope and deal with normal day to day life such as cooking, cleaning, organising food supplies, caring for animals and trying to clear ground to grow additional foods. Even when you are on a new adventure you still must eat, dress, sleep and deal with what comes next. How do you think you would have handled it!



On Sunday 16th November, as part of the SW Heritage Festival we hosted Paul Sofilas and Bill Bunbury in Conversation. Great to see a full house for this event. Paul and Bill entertained us with stories and history about the lighthouse and surrounds from construction and the reason it was erected to the people who worked there and many of the events that happened in and around it. Paul is a font of information, there was not enough time to share all his knowledge.

Thank you to Emma-Clare Bussell, Paul, Bill, Kerry Gillard and all who attended for making this a wonderful experience.

At our November meeting our guest speaker was Wendy Mathews, Centre Manager for the CRC. Wendy filled us in on the ongoing plans for the Whalesong Festival (June Long Weekend 2026). So much organised in such a short time. It is sounding like lots of fun and something for everyone and we are happy to be a small part of it. Looking forward to hearing more about it.

Our December meeting will be our Christmas Party – Thursday 18th December at the Meeting Rooms as usual. Bring a plate of food to share and a few dollars for the raffle and join us for some fun.

Our January meeting will be Thursday 15th January 2026. Guest Speaker will be Gil Goodwin on Prevelly and Stanley Lawrence Carroll (Escape from Crete – June 1941).

Looking forward to seeing you there. Have a Safe and Happy Festive Season.

Playlists might have replaced mixtapes...



...but it's still the same sun.

Stay SunSmart.



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By **SCOTT GODLEY**

The festive season approaches despite the slowly diminishing wintery weather, and the tennis and croquet club has snapped into life.

The AGM was held last month with a few new faces on the club committee. Mike and Katrina Smart have stepped away from major committee roles after years of incredible support for the Club. Their contributions were recognised with life memberships a few years ago, and they are still expected to be valuable contributing members for years to come. The Club would like to acknowledge their work as Treasurer (Mike) and Captain (Katrina) over recent years.



Mike and Katrina in action on the tennis court

The new online booking system for hiring the hardcourts is up and running and is now the only way to book the courts. Search on play.tennis.com.au and then follow the links to choose a day and time as well as pay for your hire. You will be emailed a code to use to access the court at your selected time. Augusta Xtreme Adventure Sports will no longer be involved in the hire process but still have tennis racquets available for hire and tennis balls to purchase.

The Club hosted Alex and Joel from Tennis West in early November. An enthusiastic group of members turned out to learn about and try some tennis-related activities specifically Pop Tennis and Cardio Tennis. These were presented as possible future additions to Club offerings to boost membership, and participation in community tennis and fitness activities. Pop Tennis is a version of tennis with a smaller court, smaller racquets and a softer, slower ball, has an underarm serve and is much easier to learn than standard tennis. Cardio Tennis is a fun way to enhance your tennis skills and build up your fitness at the same time.



Rick, Mark and Neville trial Pop Tennis



Joel and Alex explain an exercise in Cardio Tennis

A games afternoon was held in late November with a keen group of participants from both tennis and croquet. Two teams (Winners and Grinners) played croquet, darts and a word game with Grinners taking a hard-fought win. It was followed by a BBQ. Thanks to Carmel for organising and Mark for installing the dart board.



Mark making a racket without a racquet and installing the new dartboard

With summer just around the corner (possibly sometime in March), now is good time to think of giving croquet or tennis a go.

Membership fees are now due, but if you are not a member and wish to come down and have a try on social days you are most welcome.

Croquet social days are on Monday and Saturdays from 12.30pm onwards and Tennis social days are Wednesday and Saturday from 2.00pm onwards. For more information, please email "secretaryadtc@gmail.com". The Club is hoping to have another Open Day during the summer. Keep an eye out on the town noticeboards.

The Augusta and Districts Tennis and Croquet Club wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.



Participants at the game's afternoon on the croquet courts



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?

November 25

On Saturday 15th November fifteen Augusta Flounders (ten swimmers and five paddlers) dove into the crystal clear, flat water (thank you weather Gods!) along the Quindalup to Busselton coastline and swam or paddled their arms off over 4 and 5km distances in a 20+km relay called the GeoBay Swim.



We got lucky second year in a row with gentle southerly winds, clear warm water (19 degrees) and a stunning pristine day. Every swimmer clocked a personal best time! Pay off from their fifteen weeks of training in our, much rougher, Flinders Bay over the winter months.


An extraordinary commitment and effort by everyone. What an event, what a day. We loved every minute of it. And to think we all started not so long ago just sharing a few laps around the pole. If that’s not enough incentive to join this group of super positive, resilient, self motivated, inspiring legends, I don’t know what is.



Of course there’s plenty of Flounders who jump in and join us for only part of our 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**” (8:30am in winter) who meet at the northern end facilities at Flinders Bay every morning of the week. Either way you’re guaranteed an invigorating immersion with some new friends in a very special place.

Next target is the Busselton Jetty Swim February 26 Stay tuned.....



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Closing for Christmas

Augusta CRC will be closed
for Christmas Holidays
Thursday the 18th of December
reopening
Monday the 5th of January

By **MORVEN HANSEN**
Image by various

A small group of members benefited from a trip to Cowaramup for the Annual Critique Day. As I wrote last month, this is as much a social get-together and sharing of ideas as well as the serious business of critiquing art works. Everyone enjoyed the day, especially catching up with old friends in the South West art scene.

The General meeting was held on the 12th November with a good turn out and all the exhibition lists have been submitted. I have no idea at this point in time how many art works will be hung but hopefully there will be something for everyone to enjoy. The dates are Friday 9th January to Sunday 11th January 2026 and Raffle Tickets will be sold outside the Village Grocer on the 8th and 9th January. Before that we have Christmas coming up and our club party will be held in the clubroom on 12th December. Next year's AGM will be held on 11th February 2026.

Thank you to the people who commented and enjoyed reading about Nora Heysen in last month's Pelican Post. I was asked the (rhetorical) question, "Why haven't we heard of Nora before?" and I could add, "Why isn't Nora on a postage stamp or a banknote!" It's true that women who have achieved great things seem to slip into history more than men. Hans Heysen is better known than his amazingly talented and accomplished daughter.



Gustav Klimt, Bildnis Elisabeth Lederer (Portrait of Elisabeth Lederer) (Image credit: Sotheby's)

I planned to focus on women artists for a few months in my 'Artist in a Nutshell'. However watching the news this morning - where I heard of a painting changing hands at an auction for a record sum - I changed my mind, so this month I will tell you a bit about Gustav Klimt, whose painting of Elisabeth Lederer sold recently at auction in Austria for US\$236.4 million.

Klimt was born near Vienna in Austria in 1862 to immigrant parents Ernst and Anna, who lived in poverty as work was scarce for immigrants. In 1876 Klimt enrolled at the Vienna School of Arts and Crafts where he studied until 1883, training as an architectural painter. With his brother Ernst and their friend Franz Matsch he formed a 'company of artists' where Gustav painted interior murals and ceilings in large public buildings. He received the Golden Order of Merit from Emperor Franz Josef for his contributions to art and became an honorary member of the Universities of Munich and Vienna.

In 1890 Klimt met Emilie Flöge who became his companion for life. Klimt fathered an impressive 14 children.

In 1897 Klimt co-founded the 'Vienna Secession' with the periodical 'Sacred Spring'. The group's goals were to provide exhibitions for unconventional young artists, to bring the best foreign artists to Vienna and to publish its own magazine to showcase members' work.

In 1894 Klimt was commissioned to create three paintings to decorate the ceiling of the great hall at the University of Vienna. His three paintings, Philosophy, Medicine and Jurisprudence were criticized for being radical and pornographic and were not hung. Later they were destroyed by SS forces retreating from Austria in 1945.

Klimt often faced criticism for being too radical but his Golden Phase, where his paintings utilized Gold Leaf, were hugely successful. Gold was used on 'Pallas Athene', Judith and The Kiss. Klimt was also inspired by Byzantine Imagery, Art Nouveau and Mythology.

He usually painted women (often in erotic poses) and cats, which he loved, but also produced many works of nature, parks, trees and flowers.

In 1911 Klimt's painting 'Life and Death' won first prize in the 'World Exhibitions in Rome'



The Kiss

Klimt's 'The Kiss' (left) is arguably the most famous of his works and is reproduced widely, is popular, iconic, instantly recognizable, encompassing the many influences that he brought to his work as he matured and embraced his own style. He stubbornly refused to compromise and was comfortable and confident in his work. He never bowed to 19th Century conservatism.

Klimt died in 1918 following a stroke. He left numerous paintings unfinished. In the 21st Century Klimt's paintings started to bring in some of the highest recorded prices for works of art. The record being the \$236 million paid for 'Elisabeth Lederer'. Many artists of that period achieved success and popularity only following their death, fortunately Klimt did achieve huge success during his life and was recognized for his modern, innovative and somewhat radical style.

The Art Club welcomes visitors during opening hours, Tuesday evenings, Wednesday and Friday daytime.



Garden Cat



By ROD CLEMENT

16th November - wind southeaster at 10 to 12kns, sunny as, a perfect day to go sailing.



The first race for the cats was a club championship heat. Cliff Hanger was on a mission, Buzz Box and Catatonic together and Billy M, Xena, Frisky plus the two Hobies all

together after one lap. It had stabilised after two laps, but then the leader bolted in an all class performance - leaving the challengers in two packs to the finish. First and fastest Cliff Hanger, second Buzz Box and third was Catatonic.

The next race was in a wee bit stronger breeze, the start was tight with all yachts within twenty metres from the line when the hooter sounded. Once again Cliff Hanger out in front and pointing above everyone, but this time Buzz Box managed to stay with him for the first two and a half laps. Back in the field it was Catatonic being attacked by Billy M, who was sailing out of his skin. Might need to drug test some of these guys next week. Yellow Taxi, Frisky and Xena all trying to close the gap. Hugo, a 16ft Hobie, was flying downwind but then getting pantsed back on the breeze.

The last leg had Cliff Hanger with a good margin to the line, Buzz Box closer than the first race and the rest of the fleet pretty well hunting a flag. It looked like Yellow Taxi had the edge on Catatonic but as he dropped off the gust with fifty metres to go Catatonic got him. Real good tight racing. Billy M next, then Hugo, Frisky and Xena. Consistency points went to Yellow Taxi first, Cliff Hanger second and fastest and Billy M in third. The skipper on Cliff Hanger reckoned that was the perfect breeze for him on his Windrush 14 and it showed. It was so good to hear these cat sailors frothing over the wind and the smooth waters they had just sailed in.



The Southern Zone Championship has been fought and ended up a draw with all three winners placing in all the races. Catatonic, Cliff Hanger and Nudge, although in different order, I hope that makes sense, it sort of does for me. So congratulations to the winners and it looks like it will be a yearly thing.

A couple of weeks previous we had the first monohull Club Championship heat, held in 10kns breeze from the west and had three yachts competing. Fig Jam hit the front by the first tack and was never bested to the finish.

Happy Hour was competitive and looked good out on the water and Anitra with new owners skippering and crew settling in on what makes their boat go faster. They came in third.

The second race was a shorty, one lap, Anitra stole the start and was off like a shot only to be passed halfway up the windward leg by Fig Jam and Happy Hour, who were locked together in a good tussle in fresher winds than the first race.

Anitra came back downwind and was hoping for a miracle to the finish which didn't happen. The results were the same but the times were much closer and putting the handicaps into the fray it was Anitra first, Happy Hour second and Fig Jam third and fastest. A huge improvement by the crew on Anitra - that didn't take long.



The cats were down to six this week including our new yacht, Bruno, who have just started sailing competitively and I reckon they learnt a few things. In the first race Catatonic blitzed them all and took all the chocolates, first and fastest, Billy M second and Hugo third. Race two was a much closer contest with Hugo first, second Billy M and Catatonic third and fastest on handicap.

Thanks to all the start crew, the rescue crew and the handicapper - it wouldn't be sailing without you guys.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Annual General Meeting

The Augusta Abalones Football Club is holding their AGM for the 2026 season on December the 3rd, 6pm, in the Miners Room at the Augusta Hotel.

All positions will be declared vacant and anyone is welcome to come along.

Augusta Hash House Harriers



Augusta Hash House Harriers is celebrating 2000 Runs on Monday 15th December.

Every Monday, rain, hail or shine, the Hare sets a Run - or, in the case of Augusta Hashers, a brisk 4.5km walk.

Ex-Hashers especially are invited to come and join us at the Augusta Hotel for a drink at the bar - or even for a meal too. New walkers welcome too, no charge, just turn up.

The walk begins at 4.30pm from outside the Hotel Bottle Shop, and we'll then be in the bar around 5.30pm.

Lumen Christi Catholic Church



40th
Anniversary

Celebration

Sunday 25th January 2026
8:00 AM

Please join us, in the presence of our Bishop George, for a special celebration and morning tea to be served following Mass.

Lumen Christi Catholic Church
103 Blackwood Avenue
Augusta

The Combined Churches of
Augusta invite you to
join us to celebrate the
Christmas story

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

St Elizabeth's Anglican
Church
Allnut Terrace Augusta
6 pm
Sunday 21 December 2025

All Welcome – light
refreshments to follow

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

St Elizabeth's
Anglican Church
Allnut Terrace
Augusta

9.30 am Thursday
25 December 2025

All Welcome



By JUNE LE GALLEZ

Melbourne Cup Day arrived again, and Spinners and Weavers

had a busy day. All the excitement of the race on the radio with some nice little windfalls for a lucky few, a yummy luncheon buffet - everybody had bought a plate of food - followed by our General Meeting and discussions on the venue for this year's Christmas lunch followed by afternoon tea, we were so busy we hardly got any craft done!

We send very best wishes to three of our dear members Gibb, Lorraine and Megan who at the time of writing this article are unwell and are away from home. Our love and prayers are with you.



I feel this month we should go on an adventure to the Pacific Islands.

The Pacific Islands are home to a diverse range of traditional fibres, each with its own unique characteristic, history and cultural significance. Let's dive into some of the most notable fabrics from the region.

TAPA (Barkcloth)

Tapa cloth is a traditional fabric made from the bark of the paper mulberry tree. The bark is stripped, soaked and beaten to create a soft fibrous material. Tapa cloth is often decorated with intricate designs and patterns and is used for ceremonial and cultural purposes in islands like Fiji, Samoa and Papua New Guinea.

LATO

Lato is made from the leaves of the pandanus plant. The leaves are woven together to create durable, versatile mats used for seating, sleeping and ceremonial purposes. You will find Lato mostly in Fiji, Samoa and Tonga.

KALO

Kalo is from the taro plant. The leaves are woven together to create a sturdy fabric used for clothing and bags to name a few. Kalo is commonly used in Papua New Guinea and several other Pacific Islands.

SULU

Sulu is a type of printed cotton fabric popular in the Islands, especially in Fiji. It is often worn as a wrap around skirt or used as a decorative material for clothing and accessories.

Pacific Island Fabric Today

While traditional fabrics are still valued and used, many Pacific Islands incorporate modern materials and designs into their textile traditions.

Visitors will find a mix of traditional and contemporary fabrics used in clothing accessories and home décor.

Some notable modern fabrics used in the Pacific Islands involve:

- Cotton prints with traditional Pacific Island designs
- Polyester and other synthetic fibres
- Imported fabrics with Pacific Island inspired patterns.

The cultural significance of these fabrics varies across the Islands, but they often represent:

- Tradition and Heritage
- Community and Identity
- Spiritual and Ceremonial practices
- Connection to the land and ancestors.

The amazing Pacific Islands were a favourite of mine to visit with their diverse designs and colours. It could also be due to the fact that Honolulu was where I met the very gorgeous Tom Selleck, but that's another story!

Face for the month

Wool mulch is gourmet dining for worms. Once it softens, they will pull it into the soil and make more garden beds. It helps retain moisture, suppress weeds, and thanks to its insulating properties, keeps the soil cooler in summer, and warmer in winter. Adding wool to your compost gives it a natural nitrogen boost. The natural lanolin in wool can deter slugs and snails - an ecofriendly alternative to chemical pest control.

A la Prochaine

We welcome a new member Marie

There is so much craft in our world, come and join us, share yours, and learn a new one at Augusta Spinners and Weavers.

Tuesday 10:30am – 4:00pm

Thursday 7:00pm – 10:00pm





*We wish everyone a very
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.
Safe and happy travels
over the Festive Season*



PROJECT CARE HAMPERS

This worthwhile project continues to provide much needed assistance to those in need of additional groceries. It's success is due to those who acknowledge that there are times when we all need a little help. To all who purchase a few extra items and place in the CWA Hamper basket at the check-out at the Village Grocer, Thank You.

Leeuwin Lions also engage in this program which allows for more goods to be purchased for the hampers. We are grateful for their continued support.

CAR BOOT SALE – 9TH JANUARY 2026

To be held on the 2nd Friday in January, starting at 10.00am closing 12 noon. An opportunity to buy, sell or swap your items to a new home and declutter at the same time. Sellers Fee \$5.00.

CRAFT MORNINGS

These sessions will commence in February 2026 on the 2nd 3rd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 9.30am to 1.00pm. February dates are 11th, 18th and the 25th. Come along and join like-minded Ladies to crochet, knit and create. All Welcome.

SENIOR SHOPPERS MORNING TEA

December dates are Thursday 4th December and 11th December.

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

RECIPES

ALICE'S SLICE

- 1 Packet Milk Arrowroot Biscuits, crushed
- 2 Packets Silvered Almonds, toasted
- 125g Butter, melted
- $\frac{3}{4}$ Tbsp Golden Syrup
- $\frac{2}{3}$ can Condensed Milk

TOPPING

- 400g Nuttella
- 100g Cofa

MIX/STIR Wet ingredients in a saucepan stir, until combined, warm only and runny, don't overheat

ADD Dry ingredients and mix

Put in a lined lamington tray and place in fridge to set.

TOPPING

MELT together and stir until combined

POUR over base and return to the fridge

When set score the chocolate mix with a small fork, cut into pieces and enjoy.

SHIRLEY'S QUICHE

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup Self Raising Flour
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups Milk
- 3 Eggs – BEATEN
- 1 Tbsp Butter – MELTED
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup Cheese – GRATED
- Salt and Pepper

FILLING

Chicken – COOKED, DICED (or any cooked meat)

Any Mixed Vegetables (ie corn, carrot, peas) - COOKED

Sliced tomato

(a great way to use up any left-over cooked vegetables) **PRE HEAT OVEN 180C**

MIX/BEAT Egg, milk

ADD flour, filling, Butter, salt and pepper

POUR into greased dish, or line with baking paper

ADD grated cheese to top and sliced tomato

BAKE 40-45 minutes at 180C or until golden brown

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



VOLUNTEERS BBQ & ACDA'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY:

Come down for a special sizzle on Sunday, December 7 from 3pm at the Lions Park, Colourpatch (Centennial Hall if weather is dodgy). ACDA is quietly celebrating thirty years of volunteer work in Greater Augusta, and we'd love to raise a glass with all the amazing volunteers who make this place tick, so please join us.

TAALINUP AUGUSTA CONVERSATIONS:

Peter Lane: Evolution of WA's far SW

Local rockstar geologist Peter Lane (*right*) walked us through our local geology – literally! He talked with us about the geological evolution of WA's far SW and how it is related to our special climate and biodiversity, then walked us through some very special geological places in Augusta.



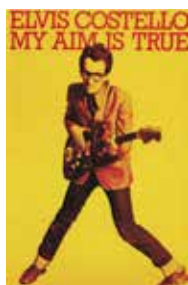
If you missed out, you can read all about it in his latest book, *"A Short History of Earth's Changing Climate"*. He has also authored the very excellent books *"Our Planet and the Evolution of Western Australia's Far South West"* and *"Geology of Western Australia's National Parks"*. All his books are available via <https://petelane.rocks/> and at various local retail establishments.

Peter is one of the authors of the important Augusta environment tome, *Kings Park of Augusta* – contact us at augusta_acda@yahoo.com if you would like to secure a copy.



RECORD CLUB AT THE RADIO STATION: ELVIS COSTELLO

Come along to hear and talk about Elvis Costello's debut album 'My Aim Is True' at the 2OceansFM



Radio Station, on Monday December 8 at 5.30pm. BYO beverage.

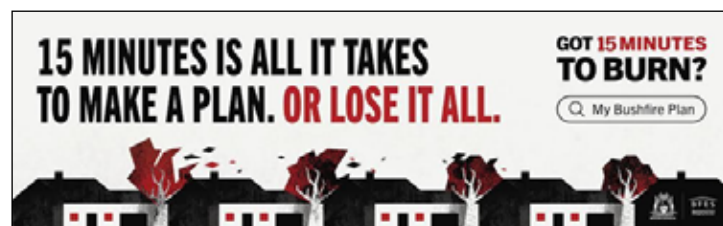
BUSHFIRE PLANNING:

We'd like to thank the amazing volunteer crew from Disaster Relief Australia for their hard work helping prepare 17 local properties last month for the fire season ahead. A thousand thanks thanks to Sharyn for making it happen.

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. 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



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

COFFEE WITH FOGEYS!:

[foh-gee] In 1811, an Old Fogy 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 December 4, 5.30pm** at the Lesser Hall (next to the Rec centre)... drop us a line or come along and get involved.




QUIZ NIGHT

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Sudoku Rules for Complete Beginners

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

Solution see page 45

Source: sudoku.com.au

CROSSWORD

Source: theguardian.com

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TRIVIA

1. Deliver Me from Nowhere is the subtitle of a biopic about which singer-songwriter?
2. Is a cockchafer: (a) a beetle; (b) a snake; or (c) a frog?
3. With regards to a government agency, what does the abbreviation ATO stand for?
4. Pecorino is an Italian hard cheese produced from the milk of which animal?
5. Who is Australia's ambassador to the United States? (Bonus point for naming his predecessor.)
6. What is a baker's dozen squared?
7. Only one cast member from the Lord of the Rings trilogy has been nominated for an acting Academy Award for their role in LOTR. Name them?
8. The Australian men's cricket team is currently playing a T20 series against which nation?
9. The French *vis-à-vis* literally translates to what in English?
10. From which country did Christopher Columbus sail on his voyages to the Americas?

Answers on page 45

source: TheSaturdaypaper



Across

- 1 Deceit punnet (anag) – exceptional (13)
- 8 Tawdry items (3)
- 9 Arouses curiosity (9)
- 10 Troublesome (8)
- 11 Brings something extra (4)
- 13 Soften stance (6)
- 14 One's proverbially straight (6)
- 16 Dead, down or date? (4)
- 17 Made spending plans (8)
- 20 Male pupil (9)
- 21 Grecian, garden or tea? (3)
- 22 One crosses the picket line (13)
- 15 Confusing sound (6)
- 18 One gives to charity (5)
- 19 Have a job – (to) succeed (4)

Down

- 1 Extremely (prefix) (5)
- 2 Shiny shoe material (6,7)
- 3 Instructive, inspirational (8)
- 4 Surviving (6)
- 5 Bad (but sometimes necessary) (4)
- 6 Utrecht drunks (anag) – staggered (13)
- 7 No longer in service (7)
- 12 Carved waterspout on a church (8)
- 13 Lies (7)

Solution see page 45

THE AUGUSTA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

101 Blackwood Avenue, AUGUSTA WA 6290



The first Augusta Museum, which stood on part of the land now occupied by the Lumen Christi (R.C.) Church, was officially opened by the late Mr William (Bill) Ellis in 1968. As the collection of historical items grew, the building became inadequate.

The new building, which proudly stands in the middle of town at, 101 Blackwood Avenue, was the culmination of a district effort. The building was a joint project financed by the Augusta Historical Society and the Augusta Margaret River Shire Council with the support of the local tourist bureau and the Lions Club of Leeuwin. A member of the Historical Society sold two blocks of Augusta land and gave proceeds to form a nucleus of a building fund, and the Augusta community held many big and small fund-raising events. The building was erected at a cost of \$80,000 all raised locally, without Government grants, which was a huge achievement.



Volunteers carried out ground improvements and all the restoration, labelling and research associated with setting up the museum display. The new Museum was opened by Sir Paul Hasluck on Saturday December 29th, 1979.

Augusta Historical Museum is affiliated with the WA Museum and was recognized as a municipal museum in September 1979. A municipal museum is a museum that is owned and operated by a local government, such as a city or town. These museums focus on the history and heritage of that specific municipality, collecting, preserving, and exhibiting local artifacts and records for the community.

Augusta Museum volunteers are simply the best. Their welcoming attitude, eagerness to help and positive response to queries, questions and comments is above and beyond. We thank them all for their valuable contributions and suggestions which include greeting visitors, assisting with collections, and supporting various programs.

We invite you to come in and browse, read some of the stories and wonder how you would have managed in the circumstances. History is people – surviving, thriving and overcoming adversity. We have displays commemorating many of these events or simply remembering how things were done in days gone by. Come and share them with us.

We are open daily 1.00 to 4.00pm (except Christmas and Boxing Days)

ADMISSION Adults \$7.50 Seniors \$5.50 Children (under 16) FREE



Sowing the Seeds of Change - Expressions of Interest Open: RAPP 2026



The first steps into regenerative farming don't have to be daunting. Our **Regenerative Agriculture in Practice Program (RAPP) 2026** is a supportive space for local farmers and landholders to learn, test, and grow together - guided by experts and backed by real-world trials. It's farming from the ground up, with knowledge shared, mistakes welcomed, and progress celebrated.

Through workshops, coaching and peer learning, producers will gain hands-on experience in soil and pasture management, take part in a guided whole farm planning course, receive one on one consultations on soil health and grazing management, and learn about creating on-farm biodiversity and DIY farm fertility. All these sessions are supported by experts from around Australia and fellow farmers on the same journey.

The Program is open to **ten grazing enterprises within the Shire of Augusta Margaret River** and applications close Friday 5th December. For more information, head to our website, click on the Projects tab then Regenerative Agriculture in Practice 2026. If you have any questions at all contact our Project Manager Declan McGill on 0499 037 126 or declan.mcgill@lowerblackwood.com.au.

This Lower Blackwood LCDC program is supported through the Shire of Augusta Margaret River Environmental Management Fund.

Homegrown Nutrition – Getting the Best From Your your Vege Patch

Thinking of spending some time in the garden over the summer holidays? If so, here's a great webinar with educator and farmer Dan Kittredge from the Bionutrient Food Association packed with practical, proven ways to unlock the full potential of your veggie garden. Build vibrant, living soil, boost flavour, colour and shelf life (naturally) and use simple tools and test to truly understand your soil. Just go to our website, join 'Talkin' After Hours' and check out the Knowledge Bank to find both the webinar and Dan's presentation. Enjoy!



This Lower Blackwood LCDC event forms part of a collaborative project with RegenWA called 'Make Your Hectare Count'. The project is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program.



December & January Events Coming Up with the LCDC

What? Lower Blackwood LCDC Annual General Meeting + Sundowner, Tuesday 2 December
4.30pm to 6.30pm

How? More details on our website:
<https://lowerblackwood.com.au/our-events/>

Contact E: info@lowerblackwood.com.au
T: (08) 9758 4021



December 2025

The WA Christmas tree, stealing the show (and water!)



A *Nuytsia floribunda* flowering in Perth bushland, a close view of the characteristic golden yellow blooms.

Christmas is just around the corner, and that means the glorious Western Australian Christmas tree, or moodjar in Noongar (*Nuytsia floribunda*), are in bloom! Not only are they our state's most iconic summer-flowering tree, but they're one of the botanical world's most fascinating survivalists!

A tree like no other

The WA Christmas tree is found exclusively in the south-west corner of Western Australia, from Geraldton to Esperance. Growing up to 10 meters tall, it's a member of the mistletoe family (Loranthaceae) and holds the remarkable distinction of being the world's largest hemiparasitic plant. From late November through January, these trees put on a stunning display, with masses of vibrant orange-yellow flowers that can be spotted from a distance across the landscape.

However, the real show happens underground. The Christmas tree's roots can send out specialised structures called haustoria that seek

out and tap into the roots of neighbouring plants, stealing their water and nutrients. They are indiscriminate in their parasitism, grasses, shrubs, even other trees become unwilling hosts. There are stories of road crews encountering Christmas trees trying to parasitise underground cables, with their root attachments causing significant damage!

Despite this vampiric lifestyle, the Christmas tree produces its own leaves and photosynthesises like any normal tree. Meaning it is a hemiparasite (only partially parasitic). These parasitic adaptations allow it to access water during WA's notoriously dry summers, and extract nutrients, in an environment of nutrient-poor, sandy soils that dominate the region.

So these holidays, why not jump in the car, or go for a bushwalk and see if you can spot some of these incredible plants found nowhere else in the world.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas from the Backyard Buddies team!



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HEARD ON THE GREEN

By Kay Challis

Spring season has seen so much action on the greens one could almost mistake it for the Spring racing round.

Following on from a successful "Roll a Bowl" Cancer fundraiser in October and with the weather finally warming up bowlers have come out to play, and the Wednesday mixed mufti competition is attracting good numbers.

Ladies Fours Championship set the scene for a busy November. Sponsored by Augusta First National Real Estate this year's champions are Mem Evans, Gwen Rafferty, Helen Teasdale and Kay Challis. Well done to all.



A Mens Open Triples Carnival followed shortly after, with twenty teams from around the State gathered for a two day competition. After playing some stiff competition the team from Donnybrook consisting of Greg Mason (ex-Augusta player), Murray Walker and Luke Jones took home the prize money.

A huge thank you to the Augusta Hotel for continuing their generous sponsorship of this event.



One week later the Ladies Zone Pairs Championship was also held at Augusta.

Another two day event, this draws players from the four Leagues that make up the South West Zone. Namely Murray League, South West League, Blackwood League and Leeuwin League.

Overall winners this year were South West League with Murray League runner up.

Meanwhile regular club competitions continued with the following results:

Wednesday Mixed Mufti

October 8th	Gary Dial & Ken Proctor
October 22nd	Ken Proctor & Allan Gordin
October 28th	Owen Rafferty & Terry Dryden

Ladies Thursday Comp

October 9th	Helen Reid & Trish Campbell
October 16th	Helen Reid & Jane Kelly
October 23rd	Helen Reid & Helen Teasdale

November weekly competitions were generously sponsored by Augusta First National Real Estate, Georgiana Molloy Motel and Ragged Robin Café.

The Club wishes to acknowledge once again the continued support of local businesses which is imperative to the success of successful competitions.

Weekly Pennant competition is proving a continuing challenge with current results showing Augusta leading the Saturday 1st Division comp and 2nd division still working hard to ascend the ladder. Tuesday pennants ladder shows Augusta in second position. Keep climbing players.

Remember our regular weekly competitions

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

LADIES COMPETITION

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

Lawn bowling is a bridge between generations and a reminder of the values that hold us together. Whether you're here to compete, to learn or just share a laugh, you're a part of something special. See you on the green.



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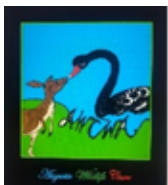
The next ride will be on Sunday December 7th.

The route will be from town, along the river to the Lighthouse. With the last few kms along the brand new 'Leeuwin Biddi' pathway.

The ride will commence at the Augusta CRC at 8.30 am. A relaxed pace of riding. 18kms return distance. Coffee break at the Leeuwin Bean cafe at the Lighthouse.

Suitable for most bikes (one small section of gravel road) and e-bikes are welcome.

Contact: Paul Sofilas 0419 940 066 oceans2meet@hotmail.com



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By JUDY WENBAN PHOTOS AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC DIVISION

Bird of the month

Southern Rockhopper penguins are among the smaller species of penguin and the smallest of the crested penguins. They only weigh 2 kg to 3.8 kg.

After reaching full growth, they are about 50 centimetres in height. Males and females cannot be distinguished visually, so a DNA test is conducted by taking a feather from the bird to determine its gender. Like many penguins, rockhopper penguins have a white belly and the rest of their body is black. Some distinguishing characteristics of these penguins include their red eyes, orange beak, pink webbed feet, and the thin yellow crest that extends behind their red eyes. They also have black spiked feathers above their crest.

Rockhopper penguins usually make their habitat in rocky shorelines. They make nests and burrows in tall grasses called tussocks. Due to the harsh rocky environment, they cannot slide on their bellies like most penguins, so they hop to get from one place to another, hence their name.

Southern rockhopper penguins have a circumpolar distribution. They are found on islands in the region of 46 to 54°S. The islands they occupy include Heard Island (4100km Southwest of Perth), the McDonald Islands and Macquarie Island.

The start of the breeding season depends upon where southern rockhopper penguins live. It can vary by as much as 6 weeks. Females usually lay 2 eggs within 4 to 5 days of each other in November. Like other crested penguins, the first egg is smaller than the second one.

For a few days, both partners remain at the nest. Then the males depart and go to sea, returning 2 to 4 weeks later. The eggs are incubated for 32 to 34 days. Both eggs may survive and hatch. The second-laid egg and the subsequent chick is usually the larger of the two, typically hatching first or at the same time as the chick from the first-laid egg. The first-laid egg is sometimes kicked out of the nest by the adults prior to hatching time.

Once the chicks hatch, the male guards them for about 3 weeks while the female feeds the chicks. Chicks are usually ready to leave the colony in mid-February.



Rockhopper penguins consume more krill than they do fish. Their diet changes during migration and as the seasons change. Rockhopper penguins can be at sea for several days while hunting. They can dive up to 100 m for many minutes at a time while searching for prey.

Rockhopper penguins moult once a year, when they replace all their feathers at once while on land. After the breeding season, adult penguins forage intensely for three weeks to build up fat reserves because they cannot hunt once they lose their waterproof feathers. A moult can take 20-25 days during which they can lose a significant amount of body mass. If food is plentiful, they moult early. If food is difficult to find, the penguins delay their moult. Generally, the last birds finish their moult in mid-May.

Augusta Wildlife Care would like to thank everyone who has generously donated and provided support to our organisation throughout the year. We are very appreciative and would not be able to do what we do without your support.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2026.



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TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Bruce Springsteen.
2. Beetle.
3. Australian Taxation Office.
4. A sheep.
5. Kevin Rudd. (Bonus: Arthur Sinodinos.)
6. 169.
7. Ian McKellen (nominated for Best Actor in a Supporting Role for The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring).
8. India.
9. Face to face.
10. Spain.

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

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GROUP	DATE	TIME	EVENT/CONTACT	VENUE
Augusta Tennis Club	Wed & Sat	2:00 pm	Louise 0439 000 810	Civic Park
Augusta Ukulele Group	Tuesday	6:30pm	Weekly Meeting Sue Air 9758 0098	CWA Hall
Augusta Uniting Church	3rd Wednesday of each month	2:00pm	Monthly Gatherings	Leeuwin frail age lodge - Sunroom
Augusta Yacht Club	Most Sundays as per programme	12:00pm onwards	January – April Call 0419 953 369 for program	Augusta Yacht Club
Berean Baptist Church	Sunday Wednesday	10:00am-11:00am 11:00am - 12:00pm 2:00pm - 3:00pm 9:00am - 10:00am	Bible Study Morning Service Afternoon Service Bible Study	Centennial Hall CWA Hall - MargretR.
Civic Park Golf Club	Wednesday Sunday	May - Nov 9:00am Dec - April 8:00am		Allnut Tce
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Friends of Cape Leeuwin	Every First Tuesday of the month	8.45am - 11:30am	Gudrun Thiele 0413 381 852	Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse Precinct
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Leeuwin Lions Club	2nd & 4th Monday/Month	7:30pm	Fortnightly Dinner	Augusta Hotel
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