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(L-R) SC Joe Dallison and Sgt Jon Adams from Dunsborough Police, Santa Claus and Sgt Simon Harrison, Augusta Police

RIDING FOR A CLAUS: POLICE HELP KEEP THE SALVATION ARMY TOY RIDE ON TRACK

Officers from Augusta, Margaret River, Dunsborough and Busselton proudly supported the annual Salvation Army Toy Ride held on the 14th December, helping ensure the event ran safely and smoothly across the South West.

The ride departed from Augusta before stopping at Margaret River and Dunsborough before finishing at the Busselton Yacht Club.

OIC Augusta Police Station, Sergeant Simon Harrison said "It was fantastic to see such a strong turnout, with more than 200 motorcycles taking part and raising thousands of dollars for local children in need this Christmas. Events like this highlight the generosity of our community and the positive impact we can have when we all work together".

"We were also proud to see retired members of the Blue Knights involved, including Neil Royle, Gary Timms, Stan Ashman and Rob Duffey. The Blue Knights, made up of current and former police officers, continue to give back to the community long after their service, and their support of this event was greatly appreciated. On behalf of local police, I'd like to thank all riders, organisers and volunteers for making the day such a success."

WA Police were pleased to assist with traffic management and public safety throughout the event, ensuring both riders and the wider community could enjoy the day safely.

Anyone wishing to learn more about the Blue Knights is encouraged to contact Gary Timms on 0418 949 928 or email gary.timms6@bigpond.com or Rob Duffey rwduffey@gmail.com

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Leeuwin Lines

TIMOR – LESTE TRIP

At a well attended Partners night to welcome in the New Year, the Lions Club of Leeuwin were delighted to host four members of the 'Alternative Leavers' team to give a presentation on the outcome of their trip to Timor – Leste.

Leeuwin Lions were pleased to join with Cowaramup Lions, Margaret River Lions, and Margaret River Rotary Club to again fund the year 12 graduating students from the Shire on this character-building 'Alternative Leavers' experience.

In the company of three mentors and a medical officer the students had a most enlightening, rewarding, and enjoyable trip - which was well summarised below in the report below by one of the mentors, Syke Dallimore, who had previously visited as a student sponsored by the Lions Club of Leeuwin.

Her report reads,

"The 2025 Alternative Leavers team, consisting of eleven students, spent two weeks in Timor-Leste, with one week on Atauro Island in the remote community of Adara, and one week in Bacau on the mainland. The trip combined hands-on community service with cultural immersion, focusing on education, health, and environmental support.

Key Activities



Leaver's team mixing concrete
(right) painting the medical centre

conditions. This school will allow local children to complete Grades 1-3 within their own community for the first time, removing the need for dangerous and exhausting journeys of up to three hours to access education.

The team's work was practical, physically demanding, and highly collaborative. In Adara we contributed to the foundations of a new primary school by mixing cement and moving large quantities of stone by hand, working long hours in hot and dusty



Across the trip, we also:

- Painted four buildings at a medical clinic to improve healthcare facilities.
- Mixed and laid concrete slabs to support clinic infrastructure.
- Assisted with remote mobile medical clinics.
- Visited orphanages and schools to play sport, engage with children, and donate school supplies and sporting equipment.
- Took part in beach clean-ups to support the local environment.

Benefits and Impact



Skye Dallimore and a young Timorese boy - all smiles after receiving his bag of educational equipment



Leaver's team busily packing

For the community the benefits are tangible and long-term. The school project directly improves access to education, while clinic upgrades and mobile health services contribute to safer and more effective healthcare. Donations of supplies and equipment support learning, play, and wellbeing.

For the team the impact was equally significant.

The experience challenged assumptions about happiness, privilege, and success. Team members developed resilience through hard physical work, built empathy through close interaction with local communities, and gained a deeper understanding of global inequality and responsibility. Many returned more grounded, appreciative, and motivated to contribute positively to their own communities.

From the team's perspective this trip was far more than travel. It was a shared experience of service, learning and perspective-building. The projects we worked on created meaningful change for Timorese communities, while also shaping the values and outlook of the young people involved. The benefits for both the community and the team will continue long after the trip has ended".

Leeuwin Lions have been involved in this most worthwhile project for many years and as with the other service clubs in

Leeuwin Lines continued...

the Shire contributed \$10,000 towards the cost of the project. Due to the suspension of voyages on the Sail Training Ship *LEEUWIN* owing to the need for repairs, the club was able to allocate a further \$4,000 for two scholarships, and a load of firewood to assist the fundraising efforts of the students themselves. The students are to be commended for raising almost \$10,000 and for their volunteer help in the Lions sheds and activities throughout the Shire.

The club also acknowledges the generous contribution of many businesses, the work by Lions Peter Keppel for the supply and delivery of firewood, and Jane Denton for the many colourful fabric bags she made and delivered.

SALVO'S TOY RUN

One of the biggest groups of riders yet, on an impressive array of 220 bikes, roared into the Lions Shed parking area at 7.30 am on Sunday 14 December 2025 for a Big Brekkie prior to the start of the 2025 Salvo's Toy Run.

Lions had their A team of chefs ready, headed up by President Bill Perry and ably supported by Lions Murray Cameron and Barry Staines. They turned out bacon and egg burgers by the dozen in a well-oiled production line, whilst Lions under the direction of David Turner and Judith Wilton ensured there was ample tea, coffee and fruit juice to wash it all down.



BBQ production line – from front Lion Barry Staines, Tony Greipl, Murray Cameron, Bill Perry, Jane Denton, Lynne-Maree Yorke and Sylvia Newbury

A gathering of bikes shortly before leaving on toy ride to Busselton



It was a great roll up of Lions and partners to help set up, feed and satisfy the big crowd, and pack it all away after a hectic couple of hours.

The club thanks members Matt Russell, Ross and Sylvia

Newberry, Jane Denton, Lynne-Maree York, Phill Robinson, Mike Walker, Mick Dench, Melanie Vassallo, Daniel and Angeline Kempton, Tony Greipl, Karl Ambrose, Brian Thompson and Lions partners Deb Perry and Janine Cameron who all contributed to the success of the morning.

Organiser Roger Harrison from the Capel Riders forwarded a 'Certificate of Appreciation' and thanked Leeuwin Lions immensely for their on-going support for such a worthwhile cause.

Funds raised from the Big Brekkie amounted to \$1600 to which the Lions Club added a further \$1400 lifting the donation to \$3000.

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Section of the happy crowd at the Christmas party

The Christmas Party was well timed this year following on **almost immediately after the Salvo's Toy Ride** and rewarding many of the thirsty and hungry Lions and volunteers in the process.

Close to **seventy** members, volunteers and guests enjoyed a traditional Christmas Dinner at the Augusta Hotel, along with ample refreshments and much chatter until well into the afternoon.

In welcoming all and wishing everyone a joyous festive season, President Bill Perry said Lions were pleased to organise the party for members and volunteers in recognition of the exceptional service they have provided to the club and community throughout the year.

BETTER THAN A LAMINGTON STALL

Organisations looking to **fundraise** are encouraged to put their name down with the '**Containers for Change Shed**' in the Lions Complex in Hillview Rd Augusta. Two members of an organisation working in the Shed for 4 hrs sorting containers on a Thursday and Saturday morning (8 – 12) for two weeks will earn **\$1000** for their Club or organisation. If the involvement continued for a further two weeks it would be a total of **\$2000**. Not too bad for 32 hrs of light work in a friendly environment with often cream biscuits for morning tea....and it does not have to be the same two people all the time. Share the hours amongst the members as you wish.

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February

Karridale-Augusta RSL and broader Augusta community remember the Nizam incident of 1945

On the 11th of February 1945 during the Second World War. The Royal Australian Navy Destroyer HMAS Nizam was hit by a sudden freak wave, sending ten of her sailors overboard to their deaths, off the coast of Cape Leeuwin

We will remember them

Lest we forget



The N Class Destroyers Association of WA will be hosting their Annual HMAS Nizam Memorial Service at Cape Leeuwin on Sunday 8th February at 10 am to commemorate the tragic loss of ten young sailors who were swept overboard from HMAS Nizam on 11th February 1945.

At 2215 hrs, HMAS Nizam, was 11 miles south of Leeuwin Lighthouse, enroute to Fremantle, when it was struck by a freak wave. The ship rolled 75 degrees and tragically the ten Australian sailors perished. These ten young Australian men who answered their country's call to action in a time of need were only 18-23 years old. Five were experienced sailors, the other five were on their first posting.

'LEST WE FORGET' LS Colin Ryder, OS; Garnett Hill, OS; John Wallace-Barnett, OS; Keith Mills, OS; Leslie Holloway, AB; Victor Keys, AB; Alfred Kerr, AB; Allen Milich, AB; Vincent Richardson, AB and Stoker John Poulton.

Lieutenant Commander Bill Cook wrote, "at 10.15pm a heavy squall hit the ship. The wind rose suddenly and almost simultaneously a freak wave struck the ship on the starboard side. The helmsman lost his balance and was unable to turn the wheel against the force of the wave. She broached, keeling over 75 degrees and burying the whole of her port side in the water." "I scrambled up and sat on the starboard (vertical) side of the bridge structure ... we were doing 21 knots (40 kmh) at the time and you can imagine the force and destructive power of the water as it swept down the ship. "It is difficult to describe those few moments .. a dark night, the

screaming wind, cries of men clinging on for their lives ..."

Due to the enforced delay in getting underway and restoring power to the signalling projectors, time was unavoidably lost in attempting to rescue the men washed overboard. For over an hour in darkness Nizam circled the area as a near hopeless search continued. It was an impossible task with near gale force winds and with such a big sea running. The spray whipped up by the high winds kept visibility to only 20 metres and the hopeless task of locating the missing sailors was abandoned with a great deal of frustration in appalling conditions.

Searching RAAF aircraft combed the area the next day but no trace of the missing sailors was ever found. In a matter of seconds, the 1670 ton destroyer had been reduced from an effective fighting ship to one in urgent need of repair. HMAS Nizam limped into Fremantle on 12th February and, once repaired, sailed on to join the British Pacific Fleet for the assault on Okinawa in the final strike against Japan in the Pacific and lead the fleet into Tokyo Bay.

After the war ended N Class Destroyers associations were formed in NSW in 1948, with Captain Bill Cook as Patron until his demise in 2003, then Victoria in 1953, Tasmania and South Australia in 1966, and Queensland and Western Australia in 1989. Today, Western Australia is the only branch still operating.

Over the years the members of our association have passed to higher service and there are now only two surviving members left in Australia - Ron Whitmore WA ex HMAS Nepal, and George Raphael OAM ex HMAS Norman, VIC, both 99 years old. Unfortunately, due to their age and health they have been unable to attend the service in recent years. Our dear member and widow of the late Fred Haley, Aurelia Haley will be our only widow attending,

Family members now form the WA association together with affiliate and honorary members from all over Australia. Associate Membership is open to any direct descendants of N Class Sailors and Affiliate Membership to anyone who has a keen interest in our association.

On the afternoon of Saturday 7th February, the Royal Australian Navy Band will provide a free concert on the lawn area at the Augusta Hotel from 2 – 4 pm. They will also be supporting us at the HMAS Nizam Service, together with Captain Ken Burleigh from HMAS Stirling and Command Warrant Officer Danny Burgess, with a magnificent catafalque party at the Memorial service on Sunday morning.

Chaplain Barrie Yesberg PCHA RAN (Retd) will conduct this year's service and we sincerely thank Barrie for his ongoing support.

A special thank you to Margaret Martin and members of the Leeuwin Lions, who continue to assist us in preparing for the service each year. Sincere thanks to our Patron, Jim Challis, and staff at the Augusta Hotel who have welcomed our members and guests over the past 33 years.

We welcome everyone to the free Navy Band concert on Saturday afternoon and most importantly to the Memorial service on Sunday morning commemorating the 81st Anniversary of the HMAS NIZAM Tragedy. **"LEST WE FORGET"**

ANNUAL AUGUSTA NURSES MEMORIAL SERVICE

**Saturday 7 February 10am
RSL Memorial Park, York Street Augusta**

Every year Augusta welcomes visitors and community members to share some time together at the Annual Augusta Nurses Memorial Service and reflect on the brave Australian army nursing sisters who died because of enemy action in World War II.

This year's service will be held at 10am on Saturday 7 February, led by the Karridale-Augusta RSL with support from the Augusta-Margaret River Anglican Church and Augusta Primary School. Retired Director of Nursing Francine Temby will give the address.

The Nurses Memorial was suggested in 1977 by the late Pauline Wilson from Karridale who had trained with some of the nurses that died. She designed the Memorial with the help of the Karridale-Augusta RSL and it was installed six months later.

More than 300 people attended the first service on April 21st 1978 including the sole survivor of the Banka Island Massacre, Mrs Vivian Statham (nee Bullwinkel), who unveiled the granite plinth memorial. At the service Vivian expressed gratitude that the Karridale-Augusta RSL had erected what was, at the time, the only West Australian memorial dedicated to the Australian Army Nursing personnel who lost their lives as a result of enemy action during WWII.

The RSL later had a plaque engraved with the names of the 53 nurses who died, which was unveiled on the 39th anniversary of the Banka Island massacre in 1981 with Vivian also present.

There will be a morning tea at the Anglican Church on Allnut Terrace following the service. All are welcome..



Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS) nurses of the 2/4th Casualty Clearing Station (CCS), Malaya, 1941

Left to right: Sister E. Mavis Hannah; Sister E. ("Millie") Dorsch; Sister Elaine Balfour-Ogilvy; unknown; unknown; Sister Dora S. Gardam; unknown; Sister Peggy Farmaner; Sister Bessie Wilmott. With the exception of Sister Hannah, all of the nursing staff of 2/4th CCS lost their lives while prisoners-of-war of the Japanese



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Left to Right: Steve Trice - Secretary, Brendan Jordon - Treasurer, Elizabeth Stroud - Chairperson, Shelley Fazioli - Vice Chairperson, Rik Lok - Committee Member, Geoff McKinlay - Treasurer, Debby Thompson - Committee Member.



BICYCLE USERS GROUP AUGUSTA

Ride to Jewel

The next ride by the group will be on Sunday, February 15th.

At a casual pace from the Augusta Community Resource Centre to Jewel Cave, via Calkarri Rise and Caves Road - approx. distance of 18kms. All bikes welcome (includes e bikes). Meet at the Resource Centre at 8.30am for a ride start at 8.45am. A rest stop will be scheduled at Jewel Cave Cafe.

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Shire news

February 2026

Welcome to February from Shire President Julia Jean-Rice

Kaya Augusta,

As we move into February, I hope everyone in our community has had the chance to enjoy the summer season and the many simple pleasures that make living in our town so special.

The start of the year is always a busy and productive time, and Council continues to focus on strengthening community connections, supporting local creativity and welcoming initiatives that help improve access to services in Augusta.

Community spaces like our libraries play an important role in bringing people together, and Council is proud to support programs and events that enrich local life and celebrate local talent.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to pop into the Augusta Library to view the latest art exhibition by Mo L'Artiste (Morgane Chebah).

Her works are designed to tell a story, and you may even see a little of yourself reflected in the characters she creates.

The Services Australia Mobile Service Centre is also on the move this month and will visit Augusta. This visiting service makes it easier for residents to access Medicare and Centrelink support without the need to travel long distances.

It's a valuable opportunity to speak directly with trained staff, ask questions, and receive personalised support in a friendly, local setting, and I strongly encourage residents to take advantage of the visit.

Warm regards,
Cr Julia Jean-Rice, Shire President



13 new local projects funded with Community Development & Events Grants

We are excited to announce the recipients of Round 2 of the Community Development & Events Grants for 2025–26.

This round adds 13 new projects to the 19 already funded, bringing the total to 32 community initiatives that have been supported this year with nearly \$180,000 in funding.

From cultural celebrations and creative workshops to sporting events and community gatherings, these projects help make our region a more connected and vibrant place to live.

View the full list of Round 2 Grant Recipients at:
www.amrshire.wa.gov.au/community-development-and-events-grants-recipients

Applications for the next round will open mid-March 2026 for projects delivered between July 2026 and June 2027.

Seasonal rabbit control program

We have begun our seasonal rabbit control program, targeting selected Shire-managed reserves across the region.

Rabbits are a declared pest in Western Australia and can cause serious damage to gardens, crops, native bushland and infrastructure. To help reduce their impact, the Shire undertakes control twice a year, when conditions are most suitable.

How the Shire controls rabbits

Control is carried out by licensed pest control technicians using bait stations containing carrots and oats. These stations are used to distribute Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV), or calicivirus, a targeted biological control that only affects rabbits and hares. RHDV is safe for people, pets (other than rabbits) and native wildlife.

Areas included in this round of baiting:

- Cowaramup – National Heritage Trust, Parkwater and Curtis Street
- Margaret River
- Witchcliffe – Ecovillage, Redgate Reserve and surrounding farms
- Molloy Island
- Karridale – All areas
- Gracetown and Augusta – Flinders Bay

For more info about how to protect domestic rabbits, what you can do at home and ways local groups can help coordinate rabbit control, please visit: www.amrshire.wa.gov.au/rabbit-control-program



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What's on in February

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre

Servicing regional Australia - Augusta and Margaret River

If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, Australian Government mobile service centres are coming to you and your community.

Visit the Mobile Service Centre in Augusta or Margaret River to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disabilities, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Help is offered to veterans and their families to connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account, which is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

Augusta - Wednesday 4 February 2026

9am to 4pm, near the Community Resource Centre, Allnut Terrance.

Margaret River - Monday 2 February & Tuesday 3 February 2026

9am to 4pm, near Gloucester Park, on Wallcliffe Road.



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

Margaret River Library - temporary closure

The Margaret River Library will be closed from 23 February to Monday 16 March while essential works are carried out. We will reopen Tuesday 17 March.

Borrow as many items as you need beforehand, and please keep your returns at home during the closure. Digital library services are available 24/7 at amrlibraries.com

The Augusta Library remains open with full services, Tuesday to Thursday.

Augusta Library opening hours

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

Wednesdays: 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm

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

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



Margaret River HEART

Nala Bardip Mia / Our Story House

Cinema & film festivals

- My Brother's Band (M) - Sat, Feb 7 @ 7pm
- My Brother's Band (M) - Mon, Feb 9 @ 12.30pm (Matinee)
- I'm Still Here (M) - Tue, Feb 10 @ 7pm
- Flow (G) - Sat, Feb 21 @ 6.30pm
- The Late Shift (CTC) - Tue, Feb 24 @ 7pm

Community events

- Voice & Drama Workshops - 3 week series from Feb 10 (ages 7-11 or 12+)
- Sunday Sundowner Session - Cowaramup - Sun, Feb 8 @ 5pm
- Sunday Sundowner Session - Cowaramup - Sun, Feb 15 @ 5pm
- Sunday Sundowner Session - Cowaramup - Sun, Feb 22 @ 5pm

Theatre, music, comedy & dance

- The 60 Four - Thu, Feb 5 @ 7.30pm
- Sunday Sundowner Session - Cowaramup - Sun, Feb 8 @ 5pm
- Voice & Drama Workshops - 3 week series from Feb 10 (ages 7-11 or 12+)
- Ben Lee - Thu, Feb 12 @ 7pm
- The Black Sorrows - Fri, Feb 13 @ 7.30pm
- Sunday Sundowner Session - Cowaramup - Sun, Feb 15 @ 5pm
- Sunday Sundowner Session - Cowaramup - Sun, Feb 22 @ 5pm

Literature

- In conversation with Kathy Lette - Sat, Feb 21 @ 6.30pm

Visual arts

- Future Islands Exhibition - runs Feb 13 to Mar 13. Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
- Future Islands Launch - Fri, Feb 20 @ 6pm
- My Life in Miniature Exhibition - runs Feb 19 to Mar 16. Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm

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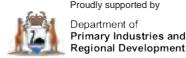
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- » Annual Blessing of the Fleet, Market stalls and food vans
- » DFES Emergency Services displays
- » Free screening of Ocean with David Attenborough - an award winning documentary showing the wonder and vitality of the ocean, its fragility and most importantly our ability to protect it.
- » Heaps of family fun and activities for all to enjoy including sand sculpture display, whale sculptures, kite shows & various workshops
- » Great line up of local music and entertainment across the weekend!

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Wind farm feasibility study

Wind farm approvals

A Development Approval application has been submitted to the Shire of Augusta Margaret River and Regional Development Assessment Panel. A public comment period was held by the Shire and is now closed.

Following Synergy's referral to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), the EPA has determined to not assess the proposed wind farm in Scott River. This outcome was decided by the EPA because the proposed environmental effects of the proposal are not so significant or unmitigated as to warrant formal assessment under Part IV of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). Please visit their website for further details on their decision. epa.wa.gov.au/proposals/wind-farm-scott-river

Synergy has also referred the proposed wind farm to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW). Please visit their website for further details. epbcpublicportal.environment.gov.au/all-referrals/

To receive updates on the outcomes of the DCCEEW referral and Development Approval application, please register by scanning the QR code.



For more information

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A NEW YEAR IN AUGUSTA – REFLECTING ON COMMUNITY STRENGTH

As we welcome 2026, I want to extend my thanks to everyone in Augusta for the way you've contributed to our region's strength and resilience over the past year.

Augusta may be small in size, but its voice in our region is mighty. Whether it's concerns about marine safety, protecting our coastline, ensuring reliable health and emergency services, or preserving our way of life, you've made your priorities known — and I've taken them into Parliament.

Through our "12 Days of Community Advocacy" in December, we highlighted many of the issues raised by people in Augusta and across Warren–Blackwood. From aged care to regional health funding, infrastructure, and volunteer support, each point reflected a real conversation with people in our towns.

Summer is a particularly busy time here, with visitors enjoying the stunning coast, river, and national parks. While it's wonderful to see tourism thrive, it also brings added pressure to local volunteers and emergency services.

I hope everyone in Augusta has had the chance to enjoy some well-earned rest and time with family over the holiday period. A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers across the Augusta community who keep things running behind the scenes — your efforts are valued and appreciated.

Please take extra care on the roads, in the water, and on our tracks this holiday season. A bit of patience and a lot of respect go a long way.

Although my electorate office is located in Denmark, I'll be back in Augusta in early 2026 for mobile electorate visits. In the meantime, you can always reach me via phone, email, or my website.

Thank you again, Augusta, for your community leadership and your continued commitment to making our region a better place for all. Wishing you a safe and happy start to 2026.

*Bevan Eatts MLA
Member for Warren Blackwood*



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

Nov 24 th	Herbie Whittall & Nancy Gibson
Dec 1 st	Di Ellis & Edie Williams
Dec 8 th	Herbie Whittall & Nancy Gibson

Second Place

Di Ellis & Edie Williams
Sue Air & Judith Wilton
Lyn Leonard & Merione Wilson Di Ellis & Edie Williams



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DISCOVER

AUGUSTA PLAYGROUP

WHO WE ARE

Playgroups are a wonderful way for children to learn and build life skills through play, while parents connect and make friends with local families. We're inclusive everyone is welcome!

WE MEET

When : Fridays (during school term)
9:00 am - 10:30 am

Where : Augusta Primary School
32 Allnut Terrace, Augusta

****please sign in at the office****

CONTACT

Augustaplaygroup@outlook.com

WHAT WE DO

We follow a general guide but it is a very relaxed and flexible session guided by the feelings of the families.

- 9:00 am Sign attendance sheet and set up.
- 9:00 am Free play (indoor & outdoor) and activities available
- 10:00 am Pack away time.
- 10:15 am Music/Rhyme/Story time
- 10:30 am Goodbye time.

We are 100% Family run so everyone pitches in

WHAT TO BRING

Please bring hats, water bottles and your own morning tea. We have coffee and tea available for carers.

FEES

A \$35 per year (or just \$15 with a Health Care Card).

Your first two sessions are on us! 🎉 Membership just needs to be sorted before your third visit.

One membership covers your whole family for the year all kids, all Playgroup WA playgroups and keeps everyone insured and ready for fun!



Enquire
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GROUP AGREEMENT

Respect - we are a safe place for all, Please respect each other and the space we get to use

Safety - Each parent is responsible for their own child's behaviour and safety.

Sick Children - If your child is unwell or recovering please do not attend playgroup.

Signing in - Please sign in each week on the attendance sheet.



PCYC Disco

A big thank you to our local police officers, Simon and Rhys, for their support, organisation and efforts at the PCYC Disco. We also extend our sincere thanks to our amazing P&C for providing delicious food from the canteen, and to the parents who generously volunteered their time on the night. Thanks to Mr Kehoe for managing the door and games, and to the PCYC for their generous support in providing all the raffle prizes. With over 106 children through the door — a new record — the evening was a wonderful success and a great example of our strong community spirit.



End of Year Concert

On 12 December, Augusta Primary School staff and families packed the Community Hall for our End of Year Concert, a much-loved and highly anticipated event on our school calendar. Hailed as our best concert yet, the students were amazing, delivering confident and entertaining performances that showcased their hard work and talent.

Sincere thanks to our teachers and education assistants for their outstanding work, including the many hours of preparation behind the scenes. Thank you also to our parents and families for attending and supporting the students. The School Band, led by Mr Basile, performed superbly, and the guitar ensemble, under the direction of Mr Disley, played a fantastic set, adding to a truly memorable evening.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our generous sponsors: Augusta Xtreme Outdoor Sports, Margaret River SHS P&C, Augusta Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club Leeuwin, Bendigo Bank, Bevan Eatts MLA, Augusta IGA, Jackie Jarvis MLC, Dr Steve Thomas MLC, the Augusta CWA, Julia Jean-Rice and the Augusta Shire, and Judy and Jasmine Meagher. Your support helps enrich opportunities for our students and strengthens our school community. Thank you all!



Showing the way...



RECORD NEARLY BROKEN AT LIONS CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE



On Saturday 3rd January, Lions Containers for Change nearly broke their record for the number of containers that came through the centre in a four hour time period. Over 26,000 containers were counted by regular volunteers and the rostered - on volunteers for the month from 2oceansFM.

This is a mammoth effort by volunteers who counted every one of the containers dropped off and well exceeds the usual number on a Thursday or Saturday at the Containers for Change facility on Hillview Road, Augusta. Usually we aim to reach a minimum of 5,000 containers but we obviously were stunned when we realised the tally well and truly quadrupled our regular totals.

Thanks to everyone who was there on the day (see the happy volunteers in the photo) and to the many locals and visitors who chose to bring down their containers for recycling instead of them going to landfill. It is much appreciated as the funds raised from Containers for Change go back to support local projects and people in and around Augusta, including 2oceansFM. Keep the containers coming in 2026 and keep listening to your local community radio 2oceansFM.

If you wish to volunteer for Lions Containers for Change, just rock up on a Thursday or Saturday morning from 8am-12 noon.

If you wish to find out more about volunteering at 2oceansFM send an email through to manager@2oceansfm.com.au.

Wendy Mathews Volunteer at 2oceansFM.



Augusta Wild Fish Tours

Blackwood River

Bookings:
augustawildfishtours.com.au
Contact Rob: 0488562022



With the current school holidays, OIC Augusta Police, Sergeant Simon Harrison is reminding residents and visitors to keep community safety in the forefront of their minds, especially when it comes to our roads.

Sergeant Harrison says "As children begin spending more time outdoors during the holidays, they will be far more visible around town, on bikes, scooters, skateboards, and e-bikes. I urge all road users to stay alert, slow down, and be prepared for kids who may act unpredictably".

Please remind your kids to:-

1. **Always wear a properly fitted helmet.**
2. **Stick to footpaths rather than the road.**
3. **Ride at safe speeds and be aware of pedestrians.**

Sergeant Harrison also said "E-bikes and e-scooters are becoming increasingly popular, but they also come with responsibilities".

Riders and parents are encouraged to familiarise themselves with Western Australia's updated e-rideable laws, including age restrictions, speed limits, and rules around where these devices can legally be used.

The introduction of Safer Roads WA's pilot program, which includes reduced speed limits in selected areas around Augusta, is designed to improve safety for everyone,

particularly children. These lower speeds give drivers more time to react and help prevent serious injuries.

Augusta Police thank the community for their ongoing cooperation and encourage everyone to do their part to ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday season for locals and visitors alike.



IC Rhys Haigh, OIC Sgt Simon Harrison and SC Darren Norman

A BRIEF HISTORY OF BUILDING THE AUGUSTA CENTENNIAL HALL

In the late 1980's the Augusta Margaret River Shire decided to rebuild the Augusta Hall. Meetings were held to determine community needs. There were two plans for the new Hall. A basic one of just a hall, which the AMR Shire would cover costs, or a more expensive one including the atrium and three meeting rooms. The community decided to go for the latter option but had to find the money to cover the additional costs.

The additional rooms were allocated to The Art Club, The Spinners & Weavers Club with the third kept vacant and available for various shire & judicial events.

The Augusta Hall Advisory and Fund-Raising Committee was formed. Long monthly meetings followed at the Augusta Hotel chaired by Bill Ipsen and later by Barry Godley, with Allie Neil and Edie Williams active participants. Mostly they were about fund raising.

Fund raising included donation tins in businesses around town, chook raffles with Cam Gilmour on a Friday night, a dinner at the Cumberland restaurant with Spanish dancers and a Spanish meal, sale of a series of paintings of the old Hall by Ernst Willgenburg, and the Great Demolition Ball in 70's style. Many fund raisers were undertaken by community members who continued until the required funds - \$60,000 were raised.

Demolition of old Hall was undertaken by many community volunteers with Leeuwin Lions in charge as they had the necessary public liability insurance. \$15,000.00 was raised from the sale of old hall flooring and fixtures. Refreshments and lunch were provided across the road at the CWA rooms, with lots of soup, sandwiches, savouries, cakes and gallons of tea.

Chadwicks were the builders.

November 30th 1991 the building was officially opened. Initially the Shire appointed Mr Brian Peters as the Augusta Civic Park Manager for three months. The Shire then agreed that a Committee of Management would be preferable to a paid employee/contractor. The initial committee comprised of seven individuals with two local ward councillors. Contractors were appointed by the AMR Shire to undertake cleaning, gardening and routine maintenance.

May 4th 1992 was the first meeting of the Management Committee. The committee were to be autonomous in the day-to-day administration of the Hall within the guidelines and expenditure controls of the Shire. The committee has operated since, using funds from hall and room hire, along with annual grants from the Shire.

Allie Neal and Edie Williams were original members of the committee. Allie Neal has been an active member of the committee whilst also representing the interests of the Spinners & Weavers Club. Edie Williams was appointed treasurer of the committee, a position she holds to this day. Edie has expressed her intention to resign from the committee in the very near future. Margaret Brealey joined the committee

as Secretary in 1997, a position she held till her resignation in December 2025.

I am unsure when Shire councillors no longer participated in the committee (at least fifteen years to my knowledge) nor when the the committee appointed a handyman/gardener, replacing contractors appointed by the Shire.

The Committee has managed all operational matters in cooperation with the Building & Assets Department of the Shire and the Augusta CRC which is responsible for all bookings and hall hire.

In 2023 at the request of the the committee the Shire assumed responsibility for the gardens surrounding the Hall and in 2024 the gardens to the north and south of the hall were renovated.



The current Augusta Centennial Hall committee

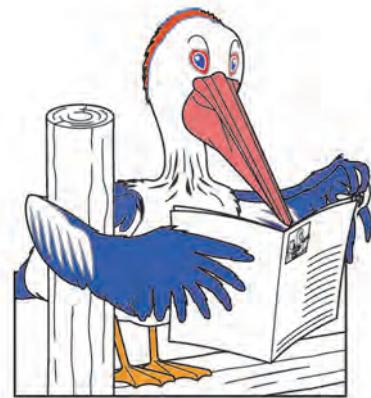
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Put your health first this holiday season: Find Cancer Early

Cancer Council WA is urging people over 40 years of age in the South West region to be aware of any new symptoms and get them checked this holiday season, as evidence shows that delays in treatment can result in poorer survival.

The holiday season gets pretty hectic, with a lot of focus on other people, so it's easy to forget about ourselves. Taking a little time to talk with your doctor about any symptoms can help you stay healthy for the moments that matter most.

The key message is to know your body and what is normal for you. If you notice a change that is not normal for you, you should see your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker, especially if you have coughed up blood or noticed blood in your poo or pee.

People should see a health professional if they have had any of these symptoms for more than four weeks:

- Problems peeing
- Runny poo or diarrhoea
- Unexplained weight loss
- Becoming short of breath
- A persistent cough
- A new or changing spot on the skin

An unusual pain, lump or swelling anywhere in the body. If you have any of these symptoms, it doesn't mean you've got cancer, often, it turns out to be something less serious. It's important to get them checked straight away just in case, as treatment works best when cancer is found at an early stage.



Spiritual Reflection

By BILL WOODAGE

Happy New Year 2026

New Year for many is about starting over or indeed taking some strong initiatives in one's life. Often it can be focussed on personal growth for those dissatisfied with their current life. Some try to reset their lives into a better type of model for their future selves. For example, they try to do better in some area of their life by following an improved diet or exercise regime or abstaining from alcohol or smoking. These are common threads that promote one's personal transformation.

In different cultures it is about renewing the mind by focussing on a higher authority. This does involve replacing the old patterns with a new God-centred thinking. For a select few folk it involves true spiritual revival which revitalises these individuals.

Cancer information and support

To find out more about common cancer symptoms, visit www.findcancerearly.com.au, or if you're feeling overwhelmed and you need someone to talk to, call the Cancer Council Information and Support Line on 13 11 20.

Cancer Council WA urges participation in life-saving National Bowel Cancer Screening Program

Don't put it off—Your free bowel cancer screening test could save your life. Cancer Council WA is urging more West Australians to take part in the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program, with only four in 10 eligible Australians currently completing the free test.

Bowel cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in Australia—claiming more lives each year than breast, prostate or skin cancer. Yet, it's also one of the most treatable if detected early, with over 90 per cent of cases successfully treated when caught in the initial stages.

The screening kit is free, quick, and easy to use in the privacy of your own home. But too often, it's tucked away and forgotten, delaying action that could make all the difference – let's change that!

For more information about the program, or to order a free replacement kit, visit Cancer Council WA or call **1800 627 701**.

If you or your organisation would like to collaborate with Cancer Council WA to boost participation and support your community, reach out via RCPCSouthwest@cancerwa.asn.au

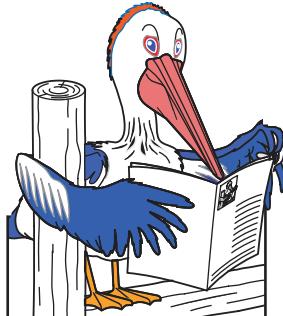
The number 26 spiritually represents a Hebrew name, it is the numerical value of His name, the name YHWH or, as it is known in English, YAHWEH. It is the name of God or the great I AM. Now there is another meaning of Yahweh, this derives from the pictographic meaning of the Hebrew letters. Simply put, it means – Behold the hand, behold the nails.

For myself, this represents God's Son, Jesus. Again, I am reminded of John 3:16, *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

Isaiah 53:5, *But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.*

The Son of God had nails in His hands and feet at the crucifixion when He laid down His life so that all may enter eternity with God and His family.

So, in 2026, as a new beginning, choose to be born into the family of God for all eternity.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

February 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	
1	2	3	4	Australian Govt. Mobile Service Centre 9am - 4pm Near the Augusta CRC See page 13
8	9	10	11	Civic Park Golf Club - Par 3 AGM 10:30am Council Chambers See page 34
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4 Australian Govt. Mobile Service Centre
9am - 4pm
Near the Augusta CRC
See page 13

8 Nizam Memorial
10am
Leeuwin Lighthouse
See page 8

Yoga for Inner Calm
3:00 - 4:30pm
Augusta CRC
See page 35

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11 Augusta Wildlife Care WA
AGM
4:00pm
Meeting Room at the
Augusta Museum
See page 34

15 Bicycle Users Group
Ride to Jewel
Augusta CRC 8:30am
See page 9

16 Augusta & Districts Garden Club AGM
1:30pm
Augusta CRC
See page 34

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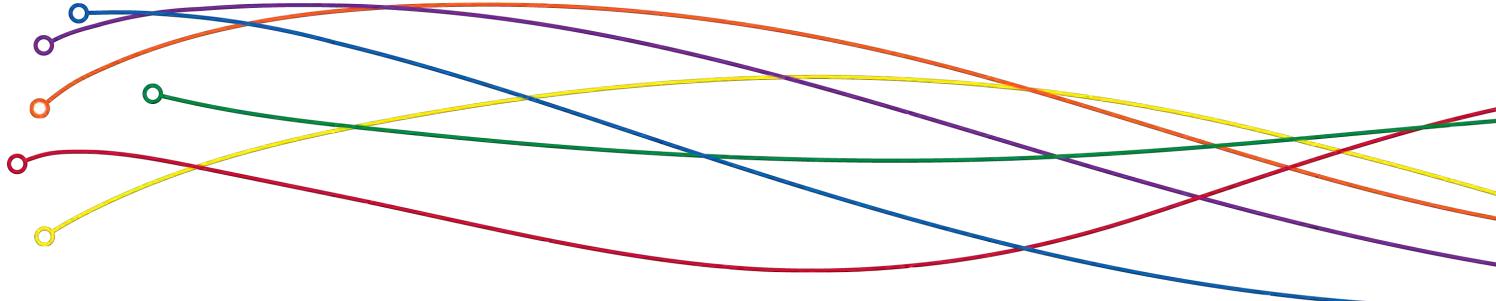
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AROUND AUGUSTA



THU	FRI	SAT
	6	7 Nurses Memorial Service 10am RSL Memorial Park York St. See page 9 Royal Australian Navy Band free concert 2-4pm Augusta Hotel lawn area See page 8
2 Soil Health Workshop All Day MR High School See page 41	13	14
9	20	21
6 Augusta Chamber of Commerce AGM At the Augusta Bendigo Community Bank 5:30 pm See page 31	27	28

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By PAULA HIGGINSON

It's a beautiful time of the year for all gardens. With the warmer weather upon us and the winter rain soaked into the ground, comes an explosion of colour, produce, weeds and flies!

We had a good harvest of snow peas, leafy greens and beetroot (which we will have another crop ready soon). The tomatoes are flourishing, as are the cucumbers, zucchini, eggplants. The beans are reaching for the heavens, and many more veggies are on their way.

The front garden is looking spectacular, with the native plants coming into their second year and looking healthy. And the roses never let us down with their showy blooms.



We recently had security cameras put into place around the grounds, very kindly donated by an amazing Augustian lady, and a huge thank you to Mark for dragging his ladder around into precarious places to install them.

We have some amazing volunteers who work very hard in the garden to make it what it is now. Thank you. Remember, we meet on Monday mornings from 8.30 - 12:00, open to all.

The produce stall will be out the front, otherwise come around the back to the garden.



Augusta Land and Coast Care Group Augusta Community Nursery

Deere Conservation Reserve is a small but important reserve located on the corner of Albany Terrace and Knight Place. It forms part of what was once an extensive wetland system that historically ran north-south along Albany Terrace, providing vital habitat for local wildlife.

Today the reserve supports a rich diversity of native flora and fauna, including quendas, phascogales, frogs, birds and the endangered western ringtail possum. However, it also contains several invasive and introduced plant species such as polygala, pittosporum, genista species, typha, black flag, sparaxis, kikuyu and various annual grasses.

In 2025 local Augusta residents, with support from the Augusta Margaret River Shire, began working to restore the reserve by removing non-native plants and replacing them with endemic native species grown by the Augusta Community Nursery. This important work will continue in 2026, with further weed removal and additional planting planned.

Community involvement is key to the ongoing care of this reserve. If you would like to help look after Deere Conservation Reserve or other local coastal and river reserves, please contact Gudrun from Augusta Land and Coastcare Group on 0413 381 852.



ARUM LILY BLITZ ANOTHER RECORD BREAKER

Nature Conservation Margaret River Region's Arum Lily Blitz has wrapped up for 2025 and it's been another record-breaking year, with major new inroads made against the region's worst invasive weed.

The Blitz team set out to identify and reach new high-priority landholders in key areas across the Margaret River region, particularly those adjacent to the national park, remnant bushland and neighbouring properties where significant investment has been made. They pulled out all the stops - from cold calling, letter mail outs, to door knocking. As a result twenty new landholders were supported through the cost-share control program — many of whom had never controlled arum lily before — helping to close crucial gaps in the landscape and expand the impact of the program.

The Blitz also delivered a record-breaking year for herbicide distribution, with 760 bottles of highly targeted arum lily herbicide handed out through participating outlets. M&B Dunsborough Rural Supplies once again led the charge as the biggest distributor, reflecting the City of Busselton's growing commitment to arum lily control across its patch.

Caves Road received renewed focus too, with Nature Conservation's Blitz officers Obelia Walker and Ben Howell mapping priority sections from Redgate to Yallingup and coordinating strategic control by Main Roads WA.

The Blitz expanded its community insights this year by teaming up with the Behaviour Change Collaborative to run a major community survey on arum lily. More than 500 people responded and the findings will guide a refreshed behaviour change strategy aimed at embedding arum lily control as an accepted social norm across the region.

Collaboration remained at the heart of the program, with targeted work in Boranup Forest undertaken alongside the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, the Shire of Augusta Margaret River and private landholders. The effort built on data from a 2024 mapping project to ensure on-ground control was directed where it would make the greatest impact.

Youth education also played a role. Through Nature Conservation's Our Patch program, Year 3 students at Rapids Landing Primary School learned about arum lily, mapped infestations in the Wooditjup National Park trail network using the citizen science Fieldbook app, and took the message home to their families.

"We have the data to show what is possible when landholders, volunteers and public land managers pull together," said Blitz coordinator Obelia Walker. "We owe it to our environment and to the community members who have dedicated 6000 hours to arum lily control since 2019. Now we need to target those areas that are holding us back. We'll be throwing everything at this over the next two years".

Landholders and contractors came together at Fair Harvest Permaculture this week to celebrate another successful Blitz.

Since launching in 2019, the Arum Lily Blitz has now achieved:

- 2600 people registered with the Blitz across over 30,000 hectares, with hundreds of new landholders joining each year.
- Almost 2000 people collected free herbicide, with eight businesses from Busselton to Augusta helping with distribution.
- 760 reports submitted by landholders accounting for almost 6000 hours of arum lily control.
- At \$50 per hour, that represents almost \$300,000 of landholder effort. However, since we only receive 10% of landholder spray records back each year – we know that's only a fraction of the work that occurs.
- 150 landholders supported on a cost-share basis in high-priority areas, involving 6200 hours of contractor work.

Nature Conservation CEO Aaron Jaggar said collaboration continued to be central to the Blitz's momentum. "Partnerships with the Friends of the Cape-to-Cape Track, Capes Foundation, Yallingup LCDC, Lower Blackwood Landcare, neighbouring shires and DBCA ensure arum lily remains front-and-centre as a regional priority," he said. "It's a collective effort that's now being used as a model for weed control programs in four surrounding shires."

Looking ahead to 2026, the Blitz will aim to ramp up its impact and:

- campaign for greater State Government support to target gaps and high-priority properties where control isn't yet happening
- embed arum lily control as a social norm by implementing the revised behaviour change strategy
- boost engagement with wineries and growers, including organic operators; and
- run community blitzes and busy-bee style events to increase on-ground participation

For more information see www.natureconservation.org.au.



The Arum Lily Blitz end-of-year landholder get-together

Biomimicry

By JAY HARMAN

Augusta – a beacon of biodiversity and biomimicry

I wish all of us and our environment the best of what we can be in 2026.

The world currently seems more chaotic than we're used to. There are mounting challenges to our societies, economies and environmental health. Many people are feeling unsettled by rising costs, climate impacts, technological change, and the decay of social cohesion. The future is looking more and more unpredictable.

Our growing and insatiable demand for energy sits quietly behind much of this, affecting everything from food and housing to transport and digital infrastructure. The good news is that since time began, nature has been problem-solving, surviving and thriving against all challenges. Through biomimicry, we can benefit from her design genius to solve human problems.

As just one example; while Nature never wastes anything, we needlessly throw away more than half of all the energy humanity produces every year, since our machines and systems waste large amounts of energy as heat or friction. Internal combustion engines in our vehicles waste up to 3/4 of the expensive fuel that we pay for. When this kind of waste is repeated on a global scale it leads to higher costs and higher emissions than are truly necessary. Global inflation and the rising cost of living are directly related to this wasted energy – wherever it originates – from fossil fuels, nuclear fission or renewables. And because energy is embedded in almost everything we buy, when energy is used inefficiently, everyone pays for it somewhere in the chain. Climate change adds another layer of cost, through damage to infrastructure, disruption to communities, ever-increasing insurance premiums and the need for expensive adaptation.

What if nature could show us how to halve our waste and therefore reduce our total need for energy -without sacrificing performance or our ways of life (no austerity required)? Sound too good to be true? How could such a reduction in energy actually be achieved?

Nature's systems use far less energy than any human equivalent. There are small birds that fly 3,000km clear across the Caribbean Sea on just three grams of fuel. Our human hearts use less power than a nightlight to pump blood through thousands of kms of the human cardiovascular system. Our local Karri tree, at 84 metres the second tallest flowering tree in the world, effortlessly draws three tons of water all the way up to its leaves every day. No human technology has ever matched these efficiencies.

If nature-inspired strategies can help us do the same work with much less energy, it would correct the negative effects of inflation and ease pressure on households, businesses, and government. It would also reduce the need for new, capital-intensive energy projects and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

I believe Augusta has the potential to be a place where people come to learn from nature and apply those lessons to real human and environmental challenges, including how its

landscapes, coasts, and unique species can guide better ways of living and using energy.

Biomimicry has produced many promising examples, but it hasn't yet moved to the mainstream. Part of the reason is that the marketplace rewards selling more energy and equipment, not using less. The global \$4.26 trillion energy industry is a huge creator of wealth for some, and those powers resist change. Old, established technologies and risk-averse decision-making also make it difficult for new approaches to find a foothold, even when the science is solid. This means a lot of solutions remain on the shelf. Nature-based ideas that could improve efficiency, reduce waste, guide better infrastructure, are known and available but not yet widely applied. A place that chooses to showcase these possibilities could play a valuable role.

Augusta offers something special. Our southwest is home to a remarkable 8,000 plant species, with about half of them found nowhere else on earth. That alone makes it a living library and treasury of nature's strategies for energy efficiency, structure, movement, water handling and resource use. With our hundreds of native invertebrate species and many thousands of vertebrates, each plant, animal, and ecosystem carries ideas that can be translated into new materials, devices, and solutions.

In Augusta specifically, even simple encounters – like observing marine life washed up along the shore – have already sparked insights for more efficient technologies. This combination of diversity, accessible environments, and a community that cares about its surroundings is a powerful foundation.

If Augusta chose to develop as a biomimicry hub, it could:

- Provide fascinating educational opportunities for our younger generation,
- Be host to field research that links local species and ecosystems to practical design ideas, especially around energy use and resilience,
- Offer courses, workshops, and public programs that invite students, professionals, and residents to see nature as a teacher, not just the backdrop,
- Build partnerships with universities, innovators, and policymakers to test nature inspired solutions in areas like transport, building design, and regional planning, and
- Develop improved environmental management and sustainability plans for the region.

While strengthening our reputation and local economy, we could play a meaningful role in exploring how nature's quiet successes can help us face the pressures of the coming decades with more creativity, efficiency, and hope.

If you're interested in learning more about how our natural environment can help with our energy challenges, you might be interested in visiting www.AskNature.com or reading my book, *Capturing the Force of Nature*. I will make it available free of charge for the next month to Pelican Post readers. Please send an email to capturingtheforce@gmail.com.

Together, I believe we can make a real difference.



**Augusta Historical Society
and Museum**
BY KATHY TRITTON

Hello everyone and welcome to 2026.

I hope all went well for your Christmas celebrations and start of the New Year.



Our Christmas Party was held on Thursday 18th December. It was nice to just relax, have a drink and just chat. We had a good turnout, lovely food to share, some interesting items on the mystery table and a bit of fun and games with the raffle prizes. Thank you to the decorating team (Xavier is very patient and handy having a taller person around!) Thank you to all who attended. I hope you had a good time.



Congratulations to the raffle winners – Helen, Peg, Margo, Graham, Jan and Kathy.

Our January meeting was held on Thursday 15th with again a good turnout. Thank you to our guest speaker Gil Goodwin. A very interesting talk about Stanley Lawrence Carroll and his escape from Crete in 1941 which led onto the story of Prevelly and how it came into being. Thank you to Gennine King (our Secretary) for helping with the visuals. (Technology is great if you can get it to do what you want.)

Our February meeting guest speaker is again Guy de la Bedoyere. He is a well known author and previously appeared regularly on Time Team with Tony Robinson. He has been generous with his time over several years and his talks are varied, eye opening and well attended. Remember to call into the museum and put your name down on the list if you wish to attend as we are limited in numbers. Guests are always welcome.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday February 19th, 7pm.

Historical Society Meeting Room (next to the museum).



By JARROD BRINDLEY

Hello Augusta and surrounds,

We hope you enjoyed a relaxing Christmas and New Year break. As we roll into 2026, we're excited to share a few updates from your local station, 2oceansFM

First up, we'd like to warmly welcome our newly nominated Committee of Management following the AGM:

Pam Winter, Adam Mathews, Rik Lok, Owen Jones, Christine Brown, Wendy Mathews, Beth Cummings and Erin Kingston. We're thrilled to have such a passionate and committed group helping guide the station into the year ahead.

We're also delighted to share that we've received a grant from the Shire of Augusta Margaret River. A huge thank you to the Shire for its support, which has helped us refresh our merchandise with brand-new hats and polo shirts. You'll start spotting these around town and at local events very soon.

You may have also seen on social media that we've launched a brand-new show on 2oceansfm. Hosted by Chris, *The Fridge Report* is your new nostalgia hit, serving up those forgotten favourites from the 70s and 80s. Tune in from 5-7pm and take a musical stroll down memory lane

Until next month, Augusta. To stay up to date with everything happening at the station, follow us on Facebook or visit our website.



By SCOTT GODLEY
Photos by Louise Moss and Scott Godley

There has been plenty of action on the tennis and croquet courts during the holiday season with good numbers of members and visitors alike turning out to swing racquets and mallets on club days.



Cliff, Julian and Murray in action
house and the courts get a good spruce up for the summer season.

The period started off with a bang with a well-attended Christmas party in early December. This was followed up with a good turn out of members for a Club busy bee that saw both the club

house and the courts get a good spruce up for the summer season.



Duncan and Bob (with furry helper) cleaning courts at busy bee

The new online public booking system has been operating for the last two months and is now the only way for public and members alike to book the two hard courts that are normally for hire. A new sign advising of this has now been erected at the hire courts.

In recognition of the valued and continued support of the Club from the Augusta Hotel a new sign has also been also erected on the courts.

Thanks to Carmel for organising both signs, which were made up by Jackson from Redgate Signage.



Mark and Katrina with the new court hire sign



Tennis members are also very excited to see the arrival of a 2nd hand ball machine that was purchased by the Club just after Christmas. Funding assistance was obtained from a small grant from the Shire. It is hoped that the ball machine will be used by members to improve their tennis skills – especially some of the newer players coming into the Club.



Steve, Bruce, Julian and Louise admire the new ball machine

New members are welcome at the Croquet and Tennis Club.

Social croquet is played from 12.30pm on Mondays and Saturdays and Social Tennis is played from 2.00pm on Wednesdays and Saturday. Just come along or contact the Club at secretaryadtc@gmail.com.





PROJECT CARE HAMPERS

Due to additional community support in December we have been able to provide many more food hampers to those in need of a helping hand over the Christmas period. To all who purchased additional items and placed in the CWA Hamper basket at the check-out at the Village Grocer a huge Thank You.

Leeuwin Lions also contribute to this worthwhile project and we thank them for their continued support. The spirit of giving at Christmas was evident in the support this project received.

CRAFT MORNINGS – 11th, 18th and 25th February 2026

Will be held 9.30am to 1:00pm on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. The times have been set to accommodate ladies with school aged children.

All crafts are encouraged; already we have Ladies who are going to crochet, knit and sew. If you are going to bring your sewing machine, please remember to include an extension cord.

If you would like to learn a new craft, or just come along, do your own project and share a cup of tea/coffee or a chat, you are most welcome.

Recipes

DINNER IN 12 MINUTES

CHICKEN, VEGETABLES AND RICE (OR COUSCOUS)

500gms	Stir fry chicken
1kg	Greek Yoghurt
Large sprinkle	Moroccan Spice (mild spice)
Packet	Steam Fresh frozen vegetables
2 Packets	Microwave pre-cooked rice (or 1 packet of Couscous)
1	Spring onion thinly sliced

MIX Chicken, yoghurt and large amount of Moroccan spice together in sealable container (spice is very mild).

REGRIGERATE Chicken mix overnight.

BOIL WATER If using couscous, add to couscous, cover as per instructions on packet.

HEAT Wok or large fry pan

ADD Chicken/yoghurt mix, stir fry. If yoghurt becomes “watery” drain from pan

MICROWAVE If using, microwave rice, remove when cooked.

Microwave steam fresh Vegetables.

PLATE Stack rice or Couscous, vegetables, chicken Cut spring onions on top.

Enjoy dinner for two, 12 minutes after preparing the evening meal.

SHERYL'S SCONES

150gms Cream

150gms Water

2 cups SR Flour - sifted

Pinch Salt

MIX/STIR Combined ingredients

PLACE onto a floured surface

FLATTEN until 38cm (1 ½") thick

CUT in a straight down motion. Do not twist

PRE-HEAT OVEN 200°C

BAKING TRAY place on tray, let stand for 10 minutes before baking.

BAKE 12-15 minutes on hottest shelf in oven

Enjoy with jam and cream.



AUGUSTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOTICE OF AN INFORMATION EVENING

The Augusta Chamber of Commerce have great pleasure in inviting you to an attend an evening event to be held at the:

Augusta Bendigo Community Bank

Thursday the 26th of February 2026 at 5.30pm.

Mr Tony Greipl, Branch Manager, will give an overview of “The workings of a Community Bank” within the community, and the benefits it can bring to the wider community of our region.

Light refreshments will be provided, and we look forward to you coming along to meet Tony and other members of the Augusta business community.

Please RSVP to secretary@agustachamberofcommerce.com.au by C.O.B Monday 23rd February 2026, to assist with catering arrangements.

*By MORVEN HANSEN
 Image by various*

The 58th Augusta Art Club Exhibition is now over and, as usual, we welcomed a large number of visitors over the three days.

There were over two hundred new artworks in Gallery 1, and thirty items of china. There was also lots of variety in Gallery 2 and *Pay and Take*.

Every year we invite visitors to vote for their favourite artwork and china and this year the most popular painting was 'The Jetty' by Owen Fletcher with Genene Berry's screenprint of Flinders Bay coming in second.



Jan Gozzi's china is always popular and this year her large serving plate decorated with Pelicans was voted Number 1.

The exhibition could not take place without a lot of manpower helping with setting up and taking down. As well as members working very hard, there were family members and friends



assisting. I will not list them all as I usually leave someone out and get reminded - but forgive me for mentioning Sandi Schroder, Bev's daughter, for her excellent work in the placement of paintings in Gallery 1. Sandi is an artist herself and has held many exhibitions and her ability to decide where paintings should be hung and grouped was perfect.

Huge thanks go to the sons and husbands and friends who worked very hard before and after, we couldn't do it without you. Thanks also to the hundreds of visitors who support our exhibition every year. This year there were fewer children than usual which was disappointing as we love to see which paintings the kids vote for.

The raffle was held outside the Village Grocer during the exhibition, and was drawn on Sunday 11th January.

The results were:-

- 1st Prize, Painting by Sandy Williams won by ticket Red A 02,
- 2nd Prize, China Plate by Jan Gozzi, won by ticket Blue B57
- 3rd Prize, Selection of members cards won by ticket Green D94.

All of the prizes have been claimed.

Members now have a bit of time to relax although there will still be art being created.

The Theme for 2027's exhibition will be voted on at the A.G.M. which takes place on Wednesday 11th February at 10.00am sharp. This year's theme, which was 'Abstract Landscapes', was well represented (somewhat surprisingly, as it caused a bit of consternation during 2025).

There will be no 'Artist in a Nutshell' this month, but over March and April expect to learn about two more Australian Women artists very active over the 20th Century.

Visitors and prospective members are very welcome to pop in on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday and Friday daytime. Enquiries Trisha Hearne 0419 964 214.

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By ROD CLEMENT

The fourth of January was the first racing in the new year at the AYC. After a week of

horror southeasters it turned out perfect for the diminished field of cat sailors and two monohulls. Held in just 10kns of southwesterly breeze, not a cloud in the sky and sunny as. I followed the race in the rescue boat and was privy to some really close sailing from go to whoa.



Buzz Box took the lead from the start and just didn't look like getting passed. Sirius Lee and Double Shot were at it all the way and the rest of the fleet were in their own race.

After one lap there was nothing in it, second lap much of the same - still Double Shot by a nose. The breeze had picked up a tad and with one lap to go Sirius Lee was getting closer to him, if that's possible. The tacking dual to the first mark was classic match racing with Double Shot by a bee's dick.



Then, into the start of the reaches, Double Shot got under Sirius Lee right on the mark and looked the goods - but then the never say die came out on Sirius Lee. By the last mark it was hers for the taking. Coming to the finish it was neck to neck when Warrigal, a mono also heading for the line, different race though, came to play. I'm pretty sure they

had no idea of the battle that had just taken place for three laps and was splitting them to the line. Sirius Lee by five seconds. Bragging rights on the way home to Leanne, probably tea as well.



The next weekend had a Mono Consistency race with three boats out on the water. In 10 to 15knots southeasterly, and a beautiful Augusta day. Big Red won the start from Fig Jam and Warrigal, until a crewmember lost his hat and pleaded with the skipper to go back and retrieve it. Losing by a couple of minutes, but enough for Fig Jam to get past.

By the first mark they led by a couple a hundred metres and Warrigal bringing up the tail. The breeze came in at the start of the second lap now hitting 20knots and the lead extended to Fig Jam although they were having problems jibing on the reaches. That's how it finished but the handicap results went to Big Red first, Warrigal second and Fig Jam third and fastest.

The 18th of January was bright, sunny and not much breeze, Windy calling it 8kns from the South but out the front of the club it was not quite three. The monos vied for Club Championship points and the cats Consistency points.

It was a workout for the crews on Fig Jam, Big Red and Anitra, keeping the boats heeled on the breeze whilst the skippers sat back and drove and barked out orders. Not really - well a bit.

All three boats were within two hundred meters of each other to the mark. Big Red and Anitra closed up the gap on the downwind leg but the reaches and the trip into West Bay suited Fig Jam better and they scooted away to a race winning lead with one lap to go.

The west side of the river, although a bit fluky, was serving up some excellent lifts down to Lion Island. Big Red closed the gap on Fig Jam but didn't make the mark and a late tack cost them big time while Fig Jam cleared out again. In the end it was Fig Jam fastest but third, Anitra second and Big Red first. That's two weeks in a row for Big Red, the handicapper will sort that out to be sure.



The second races were shortened and whilst it was fun the finish by the cats was hooting. The start for the monos was confusing. Back to the cats, Billy B was in the lead all race and was looking for his first ever First and Fastest, but the rest of the field were hunting him down and with fifty meters to go there were six cats heading to the line, Buzz Box first and Sirius Lee second spoilt the party with poor old Billy B third.

Thanks to the start crew and the rescue boat crew, the only thing that got rescued was my hat, again! Cheers for that you guys.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Augusta & Districts Garden Club Inc. AGM

Monday 16th, February 2026, 1.30pm. At the CRC meeting room, Alnutt Tce, Augusta.

Followed by a General Meeting. All positions are declared vacant

Civic Park Golf Club – Par 3

Invites all members, potential members and interested Community members to the

AGM

Wednesday 4th February 2026
10:30am at the Council Chambers
Augusta.

Augusta BMX 2025 - 2026 Season 2026

Racing starts

5:30pm

Friday 13th February

All ages welcome

Friday 27th February

Membership \$30

Entry \$5 per
rider per meet

Friday 13th March

Friday 20th March

Friday 27th March



For more information find us on Facebook Augusta BMX

All riders must have 1 guardian present



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



CAPERS HAVE A GO : MUDSKIPPERS RUNNING

The Mudskippers meet to run at your own pace, at 6.30am Fridays, meeting at Flinders Bay and other sessions.

Contact us at caperschallenge@gmail.com for further information!

MAIN STREET DEVELOPMENT:

Over the summer break a Development Assessment Panel ([state] DAP) application was advertised by the shire. It is for Multiple Dwellings and Mixed Use Development (Office, Consulting Rooms, Restaurant & Shop) at 74-76 (Lots 13 and 14) Blackwood Avenue, Augusta.

The lots are intended to be developed with a two (2) storey residential apartment building (Multiple Dwellings) at the rear, and a three (3) storey Mixed Use commercial building fronting Blackwood Avenue.

Whilst the official consultation period has ended, the shire's submission will go to the DAP in early March. Contact the planning team at the Shire if you would like more information - amrshire@amrshire.wa.gov.au.

COMEDY NIGHT: Saturday 28 Feb at Centennial Hall

ACDA is proud to support small events in Augusta – come along and show your support! Dean Courtney headlines this over-18's show - tickets available via <https://form.jotform.com/253627965662874>

PAINT BY NUMBERS

We are preparing for our next projects – the telephone exchange buildings near the Augusta supermarket back entrance, and opposite the Kudardup road intersection with Bussell highway – contact us if you have ideas. Paintbynumbers6290@yahoo.com

TAALINUP AUGUSTA CONVERSATIONS: SEAWEED FOR YOUR DIARY:

Australia's expert on Seaweed – Dr John Huisman.

Put Sunday March 22nd in your calendar! Tickets are available on the door or via Humanitix, here: <https://events.humanitix.com/seaweed-flora-of-western-australia>

Dr John Huisman is the Curator of the Western Australian Herbarium (Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions) and also undertakes taxonomic research into the Western Australian marine plants. Other than a two year sojourn to the Hawaiian Islands, he has pursued a goal of a State-wide marine

Flora since moving to Western Australia in 1985. John has written ten books and over 240 articles and chapters describing various seaweed related topics, including the recent pictorial guide, 'Marine Plants of Australia', which depicts over 600 species, mostly photographed in situ.

Mostly hidden beneath the waves, our marine plants include an impressive range of colours, shapes and textures. In addition to their important ecological role, marine plants have incredible potential for human use, either as food directly



or in a range of industrial and agricultural processes, including as a stock feed supplement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. John's presentation will concentrate on the seaweed flora of Western Australia, including historical and recent studies, and will attempt to raise appreciation of the value and beauty of this often-ignored group of plants.

PETER LANE FOLLOW-UP WALK



In November, local rockstar geologist Peter Lane talked us through the geological evolution of our very special corner of WA and how it's connected to our unique climate and biodiversity.

Since the weather was awful, Peter is kindly heading back to walk us through some very special geological places in Augusta – we'll be in touch with all who registered their contact details. Please email if you'd like to be on the waitlist – conversationsaugusta@gmail.com

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And if you can't make it, you can read all about it in his latest book, '*A Short History of Earth's Changing Climate*'. You can pick up copies of this and his other excellent works, '*Our Planet and the Evolution of Western Australia's Far South West*' and '*Geology of Western Australia's National Parks*' via www.petelane.rocks and at various local retail establishments.

Peter is also one of the authors of the significant local 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!

Come along to hear and talk about Melbourne band Magic Dirt's album 'What are Rock Stars Doing Today' at the 2OceansFM Radio Station, on Thursday February 12 at 5.30pm. BYO beverage.

JUNIOR WINDSURFING

The South West Junior Windsurfing School operates out of Augusta, and windsurfing season has kicked off! If your kid is over 6 years and 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 fogey' was a nickname for a wounded soldier; derived from the French word 'fougueux', meaning fierce or fiery.

There's a casual meetup group for blokes over 65 catching up weekly at the Colourpatch on Wednesdays from 10am. Come down for conversation and a coffee with the foyeys. You never know who you'll meet and what you might find out!

ED CONNECT – VOLUNTEER AS A MENTOR!

Did you know that Augusta and Karridale Primary Schools are looking for mentors? With only a small amount of time – about an hour a week for a minimum of 2 terms - you could help round out the life experience of a local kid. Have you ever thought about all the adults who contributed to your childhood? That inspired you? Challenged you? Opened you up to new experiences, music, sports, vocations, philosophies? Have a think about it... then call Jane Beatty at Ed Connect on 0472 755 582, email her at SouthWestAm@edconnect.org.au, or check out edconnectaustralia.org.au to find out more.



BMX special announcement:

BMXtra a big shout out to **Adam Birch of Down South Mini Earthmovers** for generously volunteering his time, expertise and machines to carry out track repairs and **Greg Tenardi of Tenardi Earthmoving** for kindly donating the cracker dust to re-lay the track.

The BMX Group can't thank you legends enough for helping to repair the track after it was extensively damaged by people using electric motorbikes.

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



Self-Care Sundays

Gentle yoga sessions to help you relax and unwind.

Altenate Sundays 3-4.30 pm, starting 8 Feb, Augusta CRC, Allnut Tce



For details of this, and other classes: www.yogaforinnercalm.com/offering
or phone Mary 0435 093 277
Email: yogaforinnercalm@proton.me



Introducing the new Staying in Place Coordinator at Augusta Community Resource Centre - Bonnie Mist

Hello Readers,

I am more than excited to be given the opportunity of working with the senior residents of Augusta and surrounding areas enabling them to stay within their community and receive the support they need.

I have worked in the aged care sector for many years, always with the aim to enhance the lives of those people seeking or receiving support. I understand the importance of being able to remain living within your home and community, and the Staying in Place program provides an option to fulfil this goal.

Augusta Community Resource Centre has entered a partnership with Homemade and Mable. This collaboration improves the ability for you to receive the support you need by local support staff on a day and a time that suits you best. You can be in control of the services you have in your home and the person who delivers them.

If you have been assessed as being eligible for the Support at Home program (previously a Home Care Package) or are needing support and don't know where to start, please contact me on:

Phone: 08 9758 0002 or 0467 748 393

Email on SIPcoordinator@AugustaCRC.net.au

My normal work days are Tuesday and Wednesday 8.30am to 4.30pm.

I look forward to talking with you in the near future.

Regards,

Bonnie.



Staying in Place Coordinator Bonnie Mist

New faces at the Augusta CRC

Centre Manager Wendy Mathews

I joined the Augusta CRC in October 2025 after two years on the CRC Management Committee as a Committee Member, Deputy Chair and more recently Acting Chair.

My background is in business with many years spent in the resources industry (aluminum, gold and more recently oil & gas) and not-for-profits/charities in senior stakeholder/community relations roles and fundraising roles.

I moved to Augusta two years ago with my husband Adam. We have a son Nicholas and daughter Caroline and one grandchild Lleyton who is 18 months old.

Adam and I have enjoyed joining many community groups and making new friends. I love the outdoors and going on long walks and doing jigsaw puzzles.

I look forward to meeting you if you drop into the CRC where I and the wonderful dedicated staff will assist you with the many services we offer.

STAYING IN PLACE VISIT TO PINGELLY

Last month, Centre Manager, Wendy Mathews and Staying in Place Coordinator, Bonnie Mist had an opportunity to visit the Pingelly Community Resource Centre and Staying in Place (SIP) office to learn more about the SIP program since we have recently implemented the program in Augusta.

The Pingelly staff were wonderful and we were provided great training and further understanding of how they have managed the SIP program over the past two years, helping us learn the highlights and issues that we may experience as we continue our journey to support the seniors in our community.

Pingelly was the first CRC to create and develop the program and it has been so successful, that two of the Pingelly team are now helping the Australian Government implement this program across Australia.

In Western Australia over 50 CRCs have implemented the SIP program to support their local community.

We encourage anyone in the Augusta region who is eligible for a Support at Home package, wants to understand more about getting a package or is thinking of transferring their package to our approved provider Homemade, please contact Bonnie at the CRC on Tuesdays and Wednesdays on:

Phone:
0467 748 393
email:
sipcoordinator@augustacrc.net.au.

We will also assist in helping you find the services you need that could be supported under your Support at Home package - such as gardening, cleaning, personal care etc. Just get in touch for a confidential conversation so we can understand your needs further.





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WE ARE HIRING!

PROJECT AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

An excellent opportunity exists for a motivated, experienced Project and Administration Officer to join a small friendly team at the Augusta CRC. The CRC is a community managed not-for-profit and registered charity organisation located in Augusta.

Position Details:

- Hours of Work: Permanent part-time - Up to 30 hours per week with flexible workdays to be discussed with the right candidate.

Key Responsibilities:

- Providing administrative support to the CRC including tasks such as preparation of reports for governmental requirements and sponsors.
- Providing support and guidance to the Traineeship position.
- Planning and managing of a range of community-based projects and events.
- Seeking and applying for grants to carry out projects and events.

Key Competencies Required:

- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Exceptional communication and relationship-building abilities.
- Proficiency in MS Office and high-level computer skills.
- Experience marketing, project planning, events management and administration.
- Capable of working effectively in a small team.
- A WA Driver's Licence and reliable vehicle are highly desirable.

To apply for this position:
Please send a confidential cover letter and CV to manager@augustacrc.net.au. Applications close 23 February 2026.

✉ manager@augustacrc.net.au
📞 08 9758 0002
📍 66 Allnutt Tce, Augusta WA 6290

SUDOKU

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Sudoku Rules for Complete Beginners

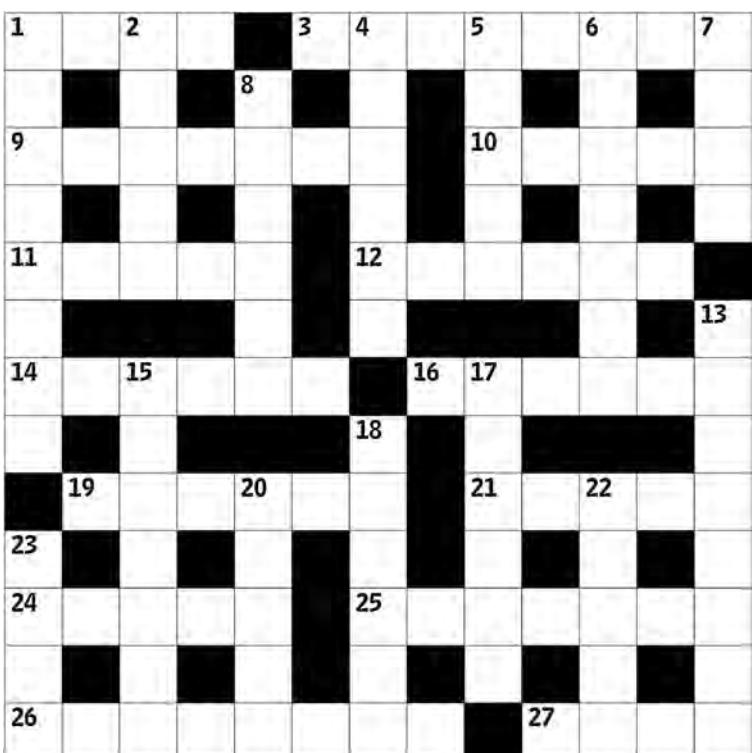
- Use numbers 1-9.
- Sudoku is played on a grid of 9x9 spaces.
- Don't repeat any numbers.
- Don't guess.
- Sudoku is a game of logic and reasoning, so you shouldn't have to guess.
- Use process of elimination

Solution see page 45

Source: sudoku.com.au

CROSSWORD

Source: theguardian.com



TRIVIA

1. Regarding psychology, what does the abbreviation CBT stand for?
2. What is both the name of a rural town in Queensland's Western Downs and a rodent native to South America's Andes?
3. Which social media website was purchased by News Corp in 2005 for US\$580 million: (a) Facebook; (b) Reddit; or (c) Myspace?
4. What meat is used in oysters Kilpatrick?
5. After hydrogen, what is the second most abundant element in the universe?
6. Is an axolotl an amphibian, a fish or a reptile?
7. Hazmat is a portmanteau of which two words?
8. George Foreman and Muhammad Ali's "Rumble in the Jungle" heavyweight championship boxing match took place in Zaire. By what name is the country now known? (Bonus points for naming its capital and the year the fight took place.)
9. Russell Crowe stars as Hermann [who] in the film Nuremberg?
10. Which Australian cricketer just scored the second fastest century in men's Ashes history?

Answers on page 45

source: TheSaturdaypaper



Across

1. In maths, the third power of a quantity (4)
3. Existing everywhere (8)
- 9/10. Listening sympathetically or attentively (7,2,3)
11. Edit; make alterations to a draft (5)
12. Plant fibre used in weaving (6)
14. Sun shade (6)
16. Roofed porch or gallery with open sides along the front or side of a building (6)
19. Arctic region of permafrost (6)
21. Bring up (5)
- 24/25. Clarify, help to explain (5,5,2)
26. Brightest star in Ursa Minor; northern axis of the earth points toward it (8)
27. Rain heavily (4)

Down

1. Block end; no through road (3,2,3)
2. Occasion for excessive eating or drinking (5)
4. Heavenly dwelling of the Norse gods (6)
5. Gimli, for one (5)
6. Gathering (7)
7. Hair piece; flick up (4)
8. Unter den -----, iconic boulevard in Berlin (6)
13. John -----, 16th century English composer: one who frequented an inn of old (8)
15. A runlet? (anag) (7)
17. Fidgety, nervous (2,4)
18. Showy bloom (6)
20. North or South, two features of chalk upland in England (5)
22. Go one better than (5)
23. At the summit of (4)

Solution see page 45



By JUNE LE GALLEZ

New Year has begun. We welcome 2026. Augusta Spinners and Weavers wish the wonderful community of Augusta a very happy and prosperous one.



lunch prepared by our son, Adam, with Richard (hubby) acting as Kitchen Porter! A good time was had by all, with laughter memories and a Secret Santa.

Another busy and productive year at Augusta Spinners and Weavers has ended, and as we say goodbye to 2025 we look back and remember the wonderful outings, projects, old and new friendships, visitors, dearly departed and CAKES!

Our AGM will be held in February, where all positions on the committee will become vacant. We hope that you will come forward to take up one of these posts, remember, we are all together in this group, and you won't be alone. All members of the group are there to help. May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Augusta Spinners and Weavers to thank our committee who were elected last year at the 2025 AGM for all the time they put in and the amazing work they do to keep our group together. We appreciate you and we thank you.

We look forward to projects, outings, visitors, new members, friendship and CAKES! but please **NO** dearly departed.

For this month's little adventure. I thought we would take a trip to Scotland. This one's for you Nancy.

Scotland's Rich Textile Heritage

Tartan

Probably the most iconic Scottish fabric is a traditional pattern of crintzes (horizontal and vertical stripes in specific colors and sequences often associated with clans or regions. Tartan can be woven in various weights and fibers like wool or cotton.

Harris Tweed

Harris Tweed is a legendary fabric originating from the Outer Hebrides. It's a robust, hand woven woolen cloth often used for jackets, coats and accessories. Genuine Harris Tweed is made from pure virgin wool, dyed and woven locally.

Paisley Pattern

A teardrop shaped motif originating from Persia. Paisley patterns are iconic in Scottish textiles.

Ancient Roots

Textile production in Scotland dates back to the Iron Age with evidence of wool and linen production. The earliest

known Scottish fabric is the Falkirk Tartan, a woolen cloth fragment from the third century A.D.

Tartan Evolution

Tartan originated as a practical way to identify clan affiliations and regions. The earliest known tartan pattern dates back to the 16th century. The 18th century Jacobite Rising led to the tartan becoming a symbol of Scottish identity.

Industrial Revolution

Scotland's textile industry boomed during the Industrial Revolution, with wool and linen mills springing up across the country. Paisley became famous for its patterned shawls and textiles.

Iconic Breeds Of Sheep

The Scottish Blackface

Hardy, adaptable and known for their distinctive black faces, these sheep produce robust wool perfect for tweeds and outerwear.

Shetland Sheep

Small, agile and famous for their super soft wool. Shetlands produce some of the finest wool in the world.

Cheviot

Another breed, cheviots are prized for their strong, versatile wool.

Traditional techniques for spinning cord and weaving include hand spinning, loom weaving and waulking, a process to thicken and felt woolen cloth often done communally with singing and rhythm.

Natural Dyes

Scotland's lush landscape provided a bounty of natural dyes. Lichen, a composite organism, a partnership between fungi and algae. They come in all shapes, colors and textures and thrive on old trees. On the Highlands and the Moors lichen carpets the ground and rocks and is used to create rich browns and yellows. Heather for vibrant purples and mauves, Indigofera plants for blue, seaweed for green and the iconic Cochineal insect has been used for centuries to create reds and oranges.

The Kilt

The kilt is tartan or solid pleated and worn with a sporran, which is a pouch often made of leather or fur worn at the front.

Sgian Dubh

A small, tucked away knife traditionally worn in the sock.

Kilt Pin

Secures the kilts front apron.

Hose and Ghillie Brogues

Socks and traditional shoes with linter laced leather straps.

The Scottish people know how to have a good cèilidh, a traditional Scottish gathering.

Fact

Scotchguard treated fabrics were developed in Scotland. This fabric treatment is now used worldwide for stain resistance.

A la Prochaine

We meet in our club room at the Centennial Hall every Tuesday, 10:30am to 4pm and Thursday, 7pm to 10pm



February 2026

European wasp surveillance in full swing



European wasps have been observed foraging for water at a public swimming pool and scavenging on a meat and vegetable stew.

The annual hunt to detect and eradicate European wasps (*Vespa germanica*) from WA is in full swing!

The European wasp is a declared pest and must be reported. The early detection of this species is critical to preventing its permanent establishment and spread. This 2025/26 season is heating up and there are nests being located and destroyed across the Perth Metro, Albany (Mira Mar/Spencer Park), and Napier. Active monitoring continues in Bunbury and Geraldton due to prior outbreaks.

These are huge areas to monitor, so please keep your eyes peeled and report anything suspect.

What to look for

There are similar looking black and yellow wasps in WA, so look for these key characteristics:

- **Scavenging** on human food and drinks, fruit like grapes, apples and stone fruit, pet food, and roadkill/dead rats etc.
- **Nest underground** - nests are HUGE, grow larger than a basketball in a single season, and have a small (golf ball sized) entrance hole.
- Completely **black antenna**.
- **Legs up** in flight (rear legs don't dangle).

Common detections

There are many everyday activities that take place where people have detected and reported European wasps. These include:

- **Scooping the pool** – finding drowned wasps.
- **Cleaning fish** – seeing scavenging wasps flying around fish cleaning stations.
- **Barbecuing / picnicking / eating at outdoor café/restaurants** – seeing wasps land on food and drinks.
- **Feeding pets** – wasps often land on pet bowls or dog bones, often disrupting pets feeding.
- **Drinking from a water fountain** – seeing wasps foraging for water.

Learn more or report

For more information about the eradication program and how to differentiate European wasps from other wasp species, see [European wasps: declared pests in Western Australia | Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development](#) or contact our Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS).

Reports of suspected European wasps can be made to PaDIS or the MyPestGuide® team. Please include as much information as possible (location, activity observed) and any photos where you can.



Report your observations

MyPestGuide® Reporter via app or online mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au
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Soil Health – What is it & how do we get there?



REGEN WA   natural resource management program 

A full day workshop with Kevin Elmy

Thursday 12 February 2026

Tickets: \$50

Location: Margaret River Senior High School

Whether you're a small landholder or an established livestock farmer, this workshop's for you. For our land to thrive we need to boost our soils, and in this one-day workshop you'll have the chance to really get your hands dirty. What does 'soil health' actually mean?

Presented by **Kevin Elmy**, a third-generation Canadian farmer, agronomist, cover cropping specialist and author. After buying highly degraded "dirt" in 1999, Kevin spent over two decades rebuilding soil function using cover crops, diverse rotations and well-managed livestock. He is now a Regenerative Agriculture coach in Canada and around the world. He's a long-term visitor to the south-west and has recognised many surprising similarities between our soils and the soils in Canada.

This full-day workshop will give you practical insights into what healthy soil really is, how to assess this on your own property, and practical, tested strategies to building healthy soils.

We'll also cover:

- What is healthy soil? What should we look for? How do we identify causes vs symptoms of soil health? And what are clear, achievable pathways towards improved soil health?
- How to measure soil health: we'll be out in the field getting our hands dirty!
- The biological and physical processes that drive fertile, functional soils
- Fertiliser management for soil health
- What are the problems you need to tackle? Kevin will coach participants through practical ways to approach improving your own soil health and addressing the challenges on your farm
- How to incorporate and manage livestock to turbocharge building healthy soil
- Cover cropping strategies, designing cover crop blends and how "functional plant diversity" can boost soil health

Tickets are \$50. For more information and to book go to www.lowerblackwood.com.au/events

This event forms part of a collaborative project with RegenWA called 'Make Your Hectare Count'. The project is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program ([State Natural Resource Management Program](#)). It is also supported by the Shire of Augusta Margaret River's Regenerative Agriculture Fund with additional funding from the Perth NRM and RegenWA's Accelerating Regenerative Agriculture Adoption Project.



Want to know more about sustainable agriculture and be part of our Lower Blackwood community?

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HEARD ON THE GREEN

By Kay Challis

Variable summer weather has once again provided the usual challenges for local bowlers.

Some quite cool days, some very hot days (did you ever believe that Augusta would reach 40 degrees?) but the one consistent in our weather pattern is the ever reliable and annoying strong S/E wind. Always proving to be most challenging.

December saw the Men play off for the Ray White Men's Fours Championship with outright winners being Ken Proctor,



Wendy and Roger

Roger Wilson, Kelly Donaldson and Rob Crain. Runners up were Andrew Drayton, Allan Gordin, Kevin Savage and Owen Eastcott.

Mixed Pairs
Champions this year are Roger and Wendy Wilson, a formidable team, with second place going to Allan Gordin and Helen Reid.

Ladies Championship Triples, sponsored by William Barret & Son, was claimed by Helen Reid, Nikki Rodda and Noeline Williams closely followed by Gwen Rafferty, Kay Challis and Lyn Milentis.



Ladies Triples

Well done to all new champions.

The clubhouse came alive on December 21st with the annual Xmas party. This event is hosted by the Payne family, in memory of their parents Dot and Stan Payne who were

stalwarts of the Club.

A very social game of bowls was enjoyed along with afternoon tea and a few cold beverages to celebrate Xmas tidings. Photo shows two Santa's Allan Gordin and Owen Rafferty changing hats to become capable barmen. Well done guys!



Two Santas

Georgiana Molloy Motel sponsored a 6 week mixed Mufti Wednesday competition with the final tally showing Ken Proctor 39 points, Gary Dial 32 points and Gary Bibby 31 points sharing the prizemoney.

A similar 6 week competition sponsored by Augusta Real Estate First National is currently under way. These Wednesday competitions are proving to be very popular and are being well supported.

Meanwhile Ladies Thursday comps proceed, with Deckchair Café sponsored day being won by Helen Teasedale and Helen Reid. Touch of Scarlet day winner was Wendy Wilson.

Our thanks once again go to our generous sponsors for this month; your continued support is very much appreciated. Pennant competition is being fiercely contested with the current ladder position showing Augusta on top of the Tuesday Pennant Comp and a close second in the Saturday Pennant Comp. Keep up the pressure teams as the finals are looming.

Remember our regular weekly competitions;

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

LADIES COMPETITION;

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

A VIP celebration was held at the clubhouse last Saturday when the Mead family and many friends gathered together to celebrate the 100th birthday of Ron Mead. Ron and his lovely wife Betty have been much loved members of our club over many years.

Both are recognised as not only strong bowlers representing the Club at many events over the South West, but also as loyal reliable volunteer workers. Well done to the Mead family for your continued support.

This is what Country Lawn Bowling Clubs stand for; it's more than just a place to bowl – it's where memories are made, friendships are forged and the spirit of Australia shines bright.

See you on the green



By JUDY WENBAN

Augusta Wildlife Care W.A. Inc Rescue, Rehabilitation & Release of Australian Wildlife

AVIAN INFLUENZA IN WILDLIFE IN AUSTRALIA

Avian influenza (AI), also known as avian flu or bird flu, is an infectious disease caused by the Influenza A Virus which primarily affects birds but can sometimes affect mammals including humans. Wild aquatic birds are the primary host of AI which is continually present in many bird populations, infecting the respiratory and gastrointestinal tract without affecting the health of the host.

The virus can then be carried by the bird over large distances, especially during annual migration. Infected birds can shed AI in their saliva, nasal secretions, and faeces. Susceptible birds become infected when they have contact with the virus as it is shed by infected birds.

There is concern about two sub-types of AI which are circulating in wild bird populations worldwide, H5N1 and H7N9. H5N1 bird flu has resulted in severe and widespread outbreaks in poultry, wild birds and mammals (domestic and wild) globally spreading rapidly through Asia, Africa, Europe, North and South America and into the Antarctic mainland and islands.

Only Oceania (which includes Australia and New Zealand) remains unaffected. In October 2025, H5N1 bird flu was detected in elephant seals on Heard Island, a sub-Antarctic external Australian territory over 4000 km southwest of the Australian mainland.

H5N1 bird flu has caused mass mortality events in many species of wild birds including:

- 2020, Germany: 3000 red knots
- 2021-22, Israel: 8000 Eurasian cranes
- 2022, Peru: over 100,000 wild birds
- 2022, Chile: over 4,000 sea lions
- 2023, Argentina: 97% mortality of southern elephant seal pups.

Domesticated birds (chickens, turkeys, ducks, etc.) may become infected with AI through direct contact with infected waterbirds or other infected poultry, or through contact with contaminated faeces or surfaces. When an infection is detected in poultry, it is normal to cull infected animals and those nearby in an effort to rapidly contain, control and eradicate the disease. This is done together with movement restrictions, improved hygiene, biosecurity, and enhanced surveillance. An estimated half a billion farmed birds worldwide have been slaughtered in efforts to contain the H5N1 virus. Although some people have been infected with H5N1 bird flu overseas, it hasn't spread from person to person.

Wildlife Health Australia administers Australia's general wildlife health surveillance system, in partnership with government and non-government agencies. Wildlife health data is collected into a national database, the electronic Wildlife Health Information System (eWHIS). Information is reported by a variety of sources including government agencies, zoo based wildlife hospitals, sentinel veterinary clinics, universities, and wildlife rehabilitators.

Australia is the only continent free of H5N1 bird flu, but migratory wild birds might bring it here and so constant vigilance is required. If you find an injured aquatic bird, avoid contact with the bird and call the local wildlife care organisation.

Annual General Meeting

Augusta Wildlife Care (AWC) Annual General Meeting is being held on:

11th March, 4:00pm

in the meeting room at the Augusta Museum.

All AWC members and interested people are welcome. Please join us.



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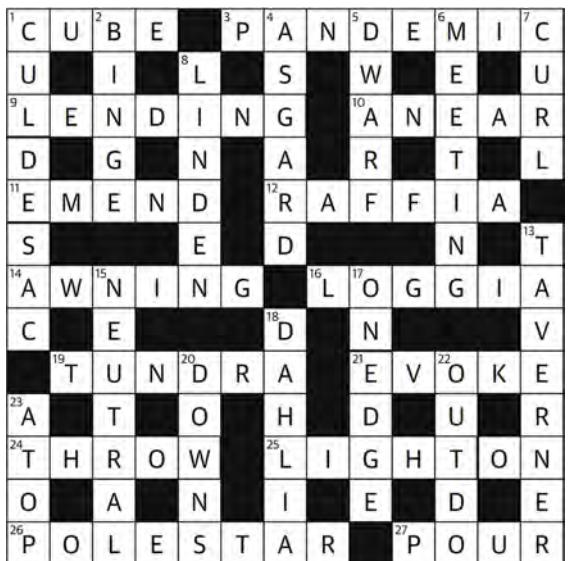


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TRIVIA ANSWERS

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2. Chinchilla.
3. (c) Myspace.
4. Bacon.
5. Helium.
6. Amphibian.
7. Hazardous material.
8. Democratic Republic of the Congo. (Bonus points: Kinshasa, 1974.)
9. Göring.
10. Travis Head.

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 Festival Inc.	As advertised on FB	6:30pm		Augusta Primary School
Augusta Spinners & Weavers	Tuesday Thursday	10:30am 7:00pm	Textile Crafts	Centennial Hall
Augusta Singrays	Wednesday / Weekly	5.30pm-7pm	Singing Deb Perry 042 8131 148	Augusta Hotel Function Room

AUGUSTA COMMUNITY GROUPS CALENDAR

GROUP	DATE	TIME	EVENT/CONTACT	VENUE
Augusta Tennis Club	Wed & Sat	2:00 pm	Louise 0439 000 810	Civic Park
Augusta Ukulele Group	Tuesday	6:30pm	Weekly Meeting Sue Air 9758 0098	CWA Hall
Augusta Uniting Church	3rd Wednesday of each month	2:00pm	Monthly Gatherings	Leeuwin frail age lodge - Sunroom
Augusta Yacht Club	Most Sundays as per programme	12:00pm onwards	January – April Call 0419 953 369 for program	Augusta Yacht Club
Berean Baptist Church	Sunday	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
	Wednesday			CWA Hall - MargretR.
Civic Park Golf Club	Wednesday Sunday	May - Nov 9:00am Dec - April 8:00am		Allnut Tce
Coops Cottage Craft	Thursday	12.00pm - 4:00pm	Wool, Fabric & other crafts	Dr John Williams Room, Leeuwin Units
Friends of Cape Leeuwin	Every First Tuesday of the month	8.45am - 11:30am	Gudrun Thiele 0413 381 852	Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse Precinct
Hash House Harriers	Monday	4:30pm in Winter 5:00pm in Summer	Walking	See the Newsagency window
Karridale Augusta R.S.L Sub Branch	1st Wednesday/ Month	1:00pm	Monthly Meeting John Wilson 0427 586 493	Augusta Bowls Club, Allnut Tce
Kudardup Bush Fire Brigade	1st & 3rd Thursday each month	5:30pm	Training	Kudardup Fire Shed, Kudardup Rd
Leeuwin Lions Club	2nd & 4th Monday/Month	7:30pm	Fortnightly Dinner	Augusta Hotel
Over 65 Bloke's Coffee Catchup	Every Wednesday	from 10:00am	augusta_acda@yahoo.com	Colourpatch
Paint by Numbers Public Art Group	Project-specific	Please contact for details	Contact paintbynumbers6290@yahoo.com	Project - specific
Pickleball	Monday	10:30am - 12:00pm 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Scott 0477 837 368	Augusta Rec Centre
St John Ambulance	1st & 3rd Mon Month Friday	7:00pm 8:30am	Training Equipment Checks	Augusta SJA sub centre, Donovan St
Table Tennis	Tuesday & Thursday	10:30am - 12pm	John 0417 744 224	Augusta Rec Centre
Tai Chi Qigong	Monday	10am - 11.00 am	Exercise	CWA Hall.
Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service	1st Tuesday/Month Every other Tuesday	6:00pm – 8:30pm 5:30pm – 7:00pm	Checks & Monthly meeting Checks & Training Drill	Augusta Fire Station, Allnut Tce
Volunteer Sea Search & Rescue	2nd Thursday/Month	5:30pm	Monthly Meeting Ph. 0408 907 966	Old Rangers Res, Leeuwin Rd

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Bistro Restaurant—Everyday 11.30am-2.30pm & 5pm-8pm

Jimmy's Pizza Bar—Thursday to Monday 11.30am-2.30pm & 5pm-8pm

Jimmy's Pizza CLOSED Tuesday & Wednesday



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Now serving Golden North Ice Cream & Dairy-Free Sorbet in a variety of flavours. Treat yourself to a delicious scoop of creamy indulgence or refreshing fruit sorbet — perfect for sunny days and pizza nights!



\$10 Pints Happy Hour
Monday-Friday 4.30-5.30pm



The Royal Australian Navy Band

Will be performing live on the lawns of the hotel on Saturday 7th February 2026
From 2.00pm—4.00pm

Following the RAN Band, Lightin' Jack will be performing live at the hotel from 5.00pm—7.00pm, Saturday 7th February 2026



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