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INTRODUCING MAAMANG NINDA: WHALE TAIL

The Augusta Men's Shed and ACDA's Paint by Numbers Public Art team proudly present Maamang Ninda (Whale Tail). Taalinup Augusta's beautiful life-size sculpture was successfully installed on February 19, 2026, by Augusta Margaret River Shire in the Leeuwin Lions Memorial Park, Colourpatch. It's sure to ignite awe and a deep connection to our most acrobatic baleen whales, the humpbacks, as well as to our special part of the world, and the artist in all of us. Beautifully emulating the shape and grace of a humpback whale, the tail spans an impressive 3.6 metres from tip to tip.

The original design for Maamang Ninda was conceived by members of the Paint By Numbers team and artists Wendy Strucelj and Frank Blocksidge. Their shared purpose was to bring incredible public art to Augusta and to honour the local community's deep connection with our rich marine environment. When Frank moved away from Augusta local emerging metal artist Amiel Lambert meticulously brought this vision to life in galvanised steel, with the project presenting a test to his skill and an opportunity to give something back to his community.

Working in collaboration with engineer Mark O'Grady and tireless members of the Augusta Men's Shed, they formed and welded over 136 metres of steel bars for the tail's intricate supporting internal skeleton. Adding 98 individually cut panels of perforated steel sheets to form the outer skin, it weighs in at approximately 750 kilograms.

Galvanising was extremely generously contributed by Hartway Galvanisers in Naval Base, who called on their mates when their bath wasn't big enough for the body!

This project has been delivered on the tiniest of shoestring budgets, with all the work carried out by incredible volunteers. It's fair to say lessons have been learnt.

There will never be enough thanks for all those who contributed their time, skills, tools, materials, patience, postcard-selling space, encouragement and sticky buns. Maamang Ninda is a collaborative gift to Augusta, which we hope will stand proudly for many years, gathering the stories of those who play near it, and reminding us all that it takes a village...



After completing the installation, Andy Brown, Gary Browne, Matthew Repacholi, Amiel Lambert, Andy Edwards take a well earned break. (more pictures page 14)



FOOTY SEASON KICKS OFF!



After the Augusta Abalones made it into the first round of the 2025 finals before being pipped at the post by the Vasse Kakkas, the team is hard at work getting ready for the 2026 season. See page 22.

Augusta Karridale Junior Football Club (Augusta Magpies) shone in a stellar 2025 Season and are ready to make 2026 even better. Registrations for 2026 are open and the Magpies will be holding their Junior Football Muster Day on the **25th March**. See pages 28 and 29 for details.

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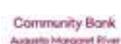
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- » Great line up of local music and entertainment across the weekend!

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Leeuwin Lines

N CLASS DESTROYERS ASSOCIATION THANKS AUGUSTA



The annual 'N' Class Destroyers weekend was once again a huge success, culminating with the NIZAM MEMORIAL SERVICE at Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse precinct on Sunday morning at 10am 8th February 2026 attended by a crowd of close to 200 people.

Local Patron Jim Challis in the closing address thanked the Augusta community for

embracing the veteran organisation and providing the support and assistance it has for over thirty years to enable such a solemn and touching ceremony to be held in memory of the ten young sailors lost in turbulent seas only six months before the end of WWII, and only eleven miles from where the lighthouse stands and from where this service has been held today.

In particular he thanked,

- The Lions Club for their great contribution in providing the chairs and equipment and transporting it all between the venues on Saturday and Sunday, - our thanks this year to Lions Murray Cameron, Barry Staines, Matt Russell and Mike Walker, - and to Lion Margaret Martin for her exceptional efforts in making all the wreaths and supplying the potted flowers lining the pathway at the NIZAM MEMORIAL SERVICE, and for their attendance.
- Lions Club of Leeuwin President Bill Perry.
- David Thomas representing RSLWA and members from the Karridale / Augusta, Margaret River and Kwinana RSL branches.
- Augusta Margaret River Shire represented by Cr Pam Winter and President Julia Jean- Rice.
- Principal of the Augusta Primary School Mr Ken Kehoe and Head Girls, Edie Pengelly and Willow Campbell, who spoke wonderfully as part of the ceremony.

Finally, Jim repeated the earlier acknowledgement to Captain Ken Burleigh, HMAS Stirling, the Catafalque party, and the amazing Naval Band for their participation in making it such a dignified and moving ceremony.

Jim finished by thanking all who had helped in any way, and for their attendance at the service.

A further highlight of the weekend for N Class visitors was the opportunity to attend the Nurses Memorial Service held



Captain Burleigh from HMAS Stirling

on Saturday morning, 7th February, at the town War Memorial.

Lead by Lt Commander John Wilson (Ret'd) and with former Director of Regional Nursing Fran Temby providing the keynote address, an excellent turn out paid homage to the Nurses lost in times of war.

The N Class Association is pleased that the Nurses Memorial Service is held on the Saturday before the Nizam Memorial Service

on Sunday as it allows both remembrance services to be attended on the same weekend each year. Also quite special is the marvellous morning tea provided by the Anglican Church after the Nurses Memorial Service.

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

The Lions Hearing Foundation of Western Australia is a charitable organisation dedicated to promoting hearing health through community screening, education, and the provision of hearing aids to those in need. Established in 1977, it works in close collaboration with the Ear Science Institute Australia and its network of Lions Hearing Clinics.



The Lions Hearing Bus will be in Augusta on 23rd March 2026 and will set up alongside the Library at the Sports and Recreation Centre from 8.30am – 5.00pm.



It is a new bus with a modern fit out and the latest technology. A FREE professional testing service is provided, along with a recommendation to see an Audiologist if the report indicates considerable hearing loss or problems. As the Hearing Bus will only be in town for one day those wishing to have their hearing tested are advised to book early.

Contact:

Louise Goodwin 0439 000 810 or Jim Challis 0418 932 916

LIONS ASSISTANCE DOGS

An amazing program takes place at the National Training Centre in the Adelaide Hills each year training assistance dogs to manage and care for a range of medical conditions.



From the early times of only having guide dogs for the blind, today the National Centre trains assistance dogs for Type 1

Leeuwin Lines continued...

diabetes, psychiatric conditions, and hearing loss.

Leeuwin Lions were pleased to sponsor a dog last year and named him Gus. Sadly, Gus, although an adorable dog, was more playful than attentive and flunked his final tests.

However, the National Training Centre found Gus a loving home and replaced him with a new dog named Winnie (not windy which is likely a more appropriate name representing Augusta). High hopes are held for Winnie and the great work she can do when fully trained. Leeuwin Lions receive monthly reports on progress and information about the fortunate person who eventually receives her. If interested further, feel free to contact:

Alix Katala

Development Director

alix@lionsassistancedogs.com.au

or call 08 8388 7836.



THE MAGNETIC APPEAL OF LIONISM

Lion Murray Cameron is a short-priced favourite to gain nomination as our next 'Membership Chairperson' after persuading a well known local resident to attend a recent Dinner meeting as a prospective member. Nothing unusual, except it was his guest's wedding anniversary!

Not sure if there was any ramifications, but the last contact the club had from Murray was from Byron Bay.

WHEELCHAIRS FOR THE DISABLED



Wheelchairs For Kids Australia (WFKA) was established in 1996 and since then over 64,000 all-terrain and fully adjustable children's Wheelchairs have been distributed to over 80 countries worldwide, FREE of charge.

FIREWOOD SETS FUNDRAISING ABLAZE

Leeuwin Lions Firewood Chairperson Peter Keppel reported to a recent meeting that the outstanding amount of \$2,800 was raised in aid of "Wheelchairs for Kids" from the raffle of a load of firewood (plus a few other prizes) outside the local "Village Grocer" on Saturday 7th February 2026.

Lion Peter not only chops the wood, but he also loads the wood, delivers it to the raffle venue, and finally to the winner providing it is within a 20 km or thereabouts radius of Augusta.

Murray Carter, organiser of the raffle, who is to be commended himself for the time and effort he volunteers for this most worthwhile cause, thanked Leeuwin Lions and Peter Keppel in particular for the continued donation and support each year.

An advertisement for Bevan Eatts, Member for Warren - Blackwood. It features a portrait of Bevan Eatts in a blue suit. Below the portrait, the text reads "BEVAN EATTS MLA" and "MEMBER FOR WARREN - BLACKWOOD". At the bottom, there are contact details: phone number 08 9848 3171, email bevan.eatts@mp.wa.gov.au, website www.bevaneatts.com.au, and social media handles for LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram (@BevanEattsMLA).



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NURSES MEMORIAL SERVICE 2026



The Karridale-Augusta RSL would like to extend its sincere thanks to everyone who attended and supported the Nurses Memorial Service held in Augusta on 7 February 2026.

The memorial was a meaningful opportunity for our community to come together to honour and remember the nurses who died while serving with dedication, compassion, and courage. Their contribution to the wellbeing of our country, often in difficult and demanding circumstances, deserves our ongoing respect and recognition.

We thank all members of the public who attended the service. Your presence and quiet reflection demonstrated the deep appreciation held for the nursing profession and reinforced the strong sense of community that exists across Augusta and the wider district.

The Karridale-Augusta RSL also wishes to acknowledge and thank those who assisted with the planning and delivery of the memorial, including RSL members, volunteers, the Augusta Lions Club and community representatives.

Your efforts ensured the service was conducted with dignity, respect, and professionalism.

On behalf of the Karridale-Augusta RSL, thank you to everyone who contributed to making the Nurses Memorial a respectful and memorable occasion.

The Karridale-Augusta RSL would also like to extend an open invitation to veterans and war widows in the Augusta and Karridale area who are not currently members to consider joining our Sub-Branch. Our RSL is a place of support, remembrance, and mateship, and we welcome those with a service connection or family link to become involved.

If you are a veteran or widow and would like to learn more about membership or upcoming activities, please contact the Karridale-Augusta RSL or attend one of our meetings, which are held the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm at the Augusta Bowling Club.



Spiritual Reflection

By *BILL WOODAGE*

The Kingdom

Where is heaven?

There are five major religions who claim to know that you get there through personal hard work and good deeds. Scientists have looked at this question, trying to locate heaven's place. Papers, essays and books have been written on the subject. A former Harvard professor thinks he knows the location. Everyone seems to agree about the expanding universe since its inception (creation). The Hubble Telescope confirms this knowledge, watching the skies since 1990.

There is an area from earth known as the Cosmic Horizon, about 439 billion trillion kilometres from earth. Through all the knowledge, it is believed nothing physical can pass this point except light. The time to reach this point is also

impossible for humans. Many also believe the Cosmic Horizon is of timeless origins. Or to put it another way, entities of light live in this region.

So, we can not enter this kingdom by our own devices of transport. But all is not lost, we can enter the Kingdom of God on earth. It is written plainly in God's Word. To enter God's kingdom requires repentance (turning away from our old ways) and being born anew. This involves a fundamental change of heart. Jesus, the Son of God, spoke about entering heaven on earth, John 3:3: Jesus answered and said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.'

You can freely accept this gift just as you are. His promise to you is to give you eternal life, this is a qualification to enter His presence. The promise of God to you is found in 1 John 5:11-12, And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life ...

Pray yourself into the Kingdom of Heaven.



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WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS RAFFLE UPDATE

The results of the raffle that was conducted on behalf of Wheelchairs for Kids on Saturday 7th February 2026 at the front of The Village Grocer are as follows:

- 1st Prize Bill Hatton (Basket of groceries).
- 2nd Prize Rob Penfold (Trailer of Wood).
- 3rd Prize R. Adams (Assorted Gifts).
- 4th Prize Alan (Meat voucher courtesy of Augusta Meats).

The proceeds of the raffle provided enough money to build ten wheelchairs for children with a disability.

All credit to everyone who contributed to the raffle because you have changed the world for these children, giving them freedom and mobility to attend school and gain an education.

Special thanks to Paula Price, manager of The Village Grocer for use of the space outside the shop, and for drawing the winning tickets.

The Village Grocer, through the generosity of the Augusta customers contributing to the donation boxes, has now built 88 wheelchairs. This amount is the highest number of wheelchairs by any business in Western Australia: A fantastic result!

Special thanks to Peter Kepple from the Leeuwin Lions Club for providing the trailer load of wood and to Augusta Meats for providing the meat voucher, much appreciated.

Thank you to all the other businesses in Augusta and Karridale for hosting our donation boxes.

Thank you on behalf of Wheelchairs for Kids.

Murray Carter:



March

March 1st. We at the Karridale-Augusta RSL celebrate the 125th birthday of The Royal Australian Navy and The Royal Australian Army.

In 1901, One of the first acts of Australia's newly federated Government was to create the Department of Defence. It came into being on the 1st of March 1901 when states and their territories transferred their naval and military forces to the Federal Government.

Since their inception, the Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Army have established proud records of service to the nation



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Shire news

March 2026

Welcome to March from Shire President Julia Jean-Rice

Kaya Augusta,

Augusta-Margaret River is often perceived to be affluent, so homelessness isn't something many people associate with our shire.

Yet homelessness affects more people than you think, and it doesn't always mean sleeping rough – it can include people who don't have a permanent home, are living in unsafe or overcrowded housing, don't have secure tenancy rights, or are in temporary or unstable arrangements.

That's why we're supporting Connections Week (3–6 March 2026). Led by Just Home Margaret River, this community-wide initiative aims paint an accurate picture of homelessness and housing stress across the shire, to help guide local action, strengthen advocacy to State and Federal Governments, and work toward safe housing and support services for everyone.

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing homelessness, we encourage you to be counted in the confidential, nationally recognised survey at the Connections Week Hub at the Margaret River Community centre. Head to our website for more information.

At the time of writing, Council has also received a detailed report about the Turner Street Jetty.

The report recommends moving ahead with replacing the jetty by going out to tender to find a suitable contractor and adjusting the 2025–26 budget so the project can get underway as soon as possible.

This recommendation reflects the preference of the Turner Street Jetty Reference Group for a like-for-like replacement of the Augusta community's much-loved jetty.

We also undertook one of the Shire's largest community consultation processes to ensure the view of the broader community was considered. Council will vote on the matter at our meeting on 25 February, so please visit our website for an update on the outcome.

Finally, our CEO Andrea Selvey will be working from the Augusta office on Tuesday 24 March 2026. If there's anything you'd like to discuss, or if you'd simply like to say hello, please feel free to drop in.

Julia Jean-Rice | Shire President



Have Your Say

LOCAL LAW REVIEW

The Local Government Act 1995 mandates that all local governments must review their local laws within a 15-year period after their commencement to determine if they should remain unchanged, be repealed, or be amended.

We are inviting community members to submit feedback to help us to review our Local Laws. Please visit www.yoursay.amrshire.wa.gov.au

Victoria Parade - road upgrade

We will be undertaking upgrade works along Victoria Parade in Augusta to address ongoing groundwater, drainage and pavement issues in the area.

Works are scheduled to commence in late February and are expected to be completed before Easter, subject to weather conditions. The project includes sub-soil drainage installation, kerb and pavement renewal, drainage pit upgrades and asphalt replacement.

Detours and road closures will be in place throughout the works. Local property access will be maintained.

For further information, please contact the Shire on 08 9780 5255.



Augusta Recreation Centre

Nala Waabi Mia / Our Play House

Half price and FREE Gym Memberships

Gym memberships and entry fees are half price if you're over 75 or FREE if you are over 80 years young. Includes entry for the gym. Call (08) 9780 5657 or email recreation@amrshire.wa.gov.au

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Tuesday and Thursday sessions available at 8.10am, 8.50am, 10.45am, and 11.30am. Wednesday sessions available at 1.00pm and 1.40pm.

Strength For Life

A gym based program for people over 50. Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am to 10.30am.

Badminton

Tuesday 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Call Sandra on 0450 234 510.

Exercise physiologist

Available for consultations at Augusta Gym. Mondays & Wednesdays 8am - 4pm. Enquiries to bschmitt@amrshire.wa.gov.au or call (08) 9780 5672

Table Tennis

Tuesday 10.30am - 12.00pm and Thursday 10.30am - 12.00pm. Other session times by booking/appointment. Contact John for more info: 0417 744 224.

Augusta Gym Staff

Our friendly staff are on site (gym and hydro pool) Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 1pm. Press the intercom to access the gym.

Rec Connect is back!

Rec Connect returns with more Friday night fun and games! This popular program offers high school students (years 7–12) a regular, safe and welcoming space to hang out, connect with friends and enjoy a variety of activities – or just relax and unwind.

Hosted by the Margaret River Recreation Centre, Rec Connect features Friday night sessions, running from 7pm to 8.30pm. Remaining sessions for Term 1 include: 6 March, 13 March, 20 March, and 27 March.

This is a FREE ticketed event. All ticketholders must sign in at the front counter upon entry.



Apply for one of our home compost and worm farm rebates

Did you know we are offering rebates to help households get started with home composting and worm farming? It's an easy way to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

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- Compost Tumbler – rebate up to \$80
- Bokashi Buckets – rebate up to \$50
- Compost Bin – rebate up to \$40
- In-ground Worm Farm – rebate up to \$40
- Tiered Worm Farm – rebate up to \$80
- Pet Waste Composter – rebate up to \$50

To learn more or apply, visit: www.amrshire.wa.gov.au/compost-rebate



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

Local artist brings colour and storytelling to Augusta Library

Visitors can currently enjoy beautiful artwork by local artist Mo L'Artiste (Morgane Chebahi), whose distinctive style brings stories, emotion and texture to life.

The exhibition includes framed original artworks as well as framed prints of some of her most loved images. Whether you're an art enthusiast or simply curious, it's well worth a visit.

Margaret River Library - temporary closure

The Margaret River Library is currently closed while the roof is replaced. We will reopen on Tuesday 17 March.

The Augusta Library is open as usual with full services, including printing. You can also access our digital library anytime.

<https://www.amrshire.wa.gov.au/recreation-leisure/libraries/library-eresources>

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

Literature

- SAVE THE DATE 15-17 May - Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival

Cinema & film festivals

- Tue, Mar 10 @ 7pm - MOORT – Calling Dingo Back To Country
- Sun, Mar 15 @ 6pm - The Release (FREE)
- Fri, Mar 20 @ 7pm - Hamnet
- Sat, Mar 21 @ 7pm - Ocean Film Festival

Community events

- Celebrating Community and Creativity - Sun, Mar 15 @ 4.30pm
- Sunday Sundowner Session - Margaret River HEART - Sun, Mar 15 @ 5.30pm

Young@HEART Concerts in the Foyer

FREE live music each Monday from 10 AM (except Mon, Mar 2nd for public holiday)

Check artsmargaretriver.com for full program

Theatre, music, comedy & dance

- Fri Mar 6 @ 7pm - Cinderella in Space (Margaret River Theatre Group)
- Sat Mar 7 @ 7pm - Cinderella in Space
- Sun Mar 8 @ 1pm - Cinderella in Space (MRTG - Matinee)
- Fri Mar 13 @ 7pm - Cinderella in Space (MRTG)
- Sat Mar 14 @ 1pm - Cinderella in Space (MRTG - Matinee)
- Wed, Mar 18 (10am & 1pm) - Puppet Playtime (ages 3-5)
- Thu, Mar 19 (10am & 1pm) - Puppet Playtime (ages 3-5)
- Tue, Mar 24 @ 7pm - GLORIA – A Triple Bill
- Wed, Mar 25 @ 7.30pm - Anh Do – The Happiest Refugee (SOLD OUT!)
- Sat, Mar 28 @ 7.30pm - Duck Pond



Visual arts

- Feb 13-Mar 13. Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm - Future Islands (Exhibition)
- Feb 19-Apr 10. Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm - My Life in Miniature (Exhibition)
- Mar 18-Apr 27, Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm - Women & Art: Myths, Legends and Goddesses (Exhibition)
- Mar 19, 6-8pm - Women & Art: Myths, Legends and Goddesses (Launch)
- Mon, Mar 3 - Abstract / Pop / Minimal: The New York Art Scene in the 1950s and 60s (ArtsNational Lecture Series)
- Mon, Mar 23 - Imperial Purple to Marie Antoinette's Fleas: The Colourful History of Textiles (ArtsNational Lecture Series)
- Mon, Mar 23 - Japonisme (ArtsNational Lecture Series)



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Yoga for
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Wind farm feasibility study

Wind farm approvals

A Development Approval application was 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. The application is now under assessment. Further information will be shared as this assessment progresses.

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 anticipated 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). A public comment period was held by the Department and is now closed. A referral decision is anticipated close to the date of this publication. For details, please visit Synergy's website by scanning the QR code below.

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Illegal Use of Vehicles on Gazetted Roads

As the Officer in Charge of Augusta Police Station, it has been brought to my attention that there have been instances of unregistered quad bikes and motor vehicles being ridden or driven in an unsafe and unlawful manner on gazetted roads in Augusta and East Augusta.

Gazetted roads are public roads and are subject to the same road traffic laws as any other roadway. The use of any vehicle on these roads must comply with all registration, licensing, helmet, seatbelt, speed, and roadworthiness requirements.

This behaviour poses a serious risk to other road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, families, and visitors to our community.

For the safety of all members of the community, Augusta Police will be taking a zero-tolerance approach to offences including:-

- Unlawful use of unregistered vehicles on gazetted roads
- Unlicensed or unregistered driving or riding
- Dangerous or reckless behaviour

Unregistered vehicles includes:-

- Off-road Motorcycles
- All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs, three-wheelers and four-wheelers)
- Utility Task Vehicles (UTVs, side-by-side, Can-Ams, Polaris etc.)
- Golf Buggies

Offenders can expect enforcement action, including infringement notices, vehicle seizures, and court action where appropriate.

I encourage all residents to ensure they are familiar with and comply with road traffic laws. Community safety is a shared responsibility, and compliance will help prevent serious injury or tragedy.

If you have concerns or wish to report dangerous behaviour, please contact Augusta Police Station on **131444** or report the matter through Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**.

*Simon Harrison,
Sergeant 10375,
OIC Augusta Police Station.*



An example of a utility task vehicle

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Hello!



Karridale Primary School News



Above: Wooden whales await bright ideas.

A BIG START TO SCHOOL YEAR

A wonderful way to **make a splash** at the start of the year is with a whale-sized project for our students to dive into.

The first week of term saw the big delivery of **51 wooden whales**, made by the talented people at the **Augusta Men's Shed** for the 2026 **Augusta Whalesong Festival**. Our lucky students are set to decorate each whale with their own bright ideas, turning them into colourful masterpieces. We thank the festival organisers for offering our students this opportunity.

Once complete, the whales will be displayed at the festival, that runs from **Friday 29 May to Monday 1 June**. This project is a wonderful way for our students to show their creativity and be a part of this popular community celebration!

We started our school year with 59 students, with 17 new students and eight new families joining Karridale Primary.

There's a lot to pack into this short nine week term that ends on Thursday 3 April just prior to Easter—including our Fun Run fundraiser, Faction Sports, Interscholar Sports, NAPLAN, Teddy Bears Picnic, parent meetings and decorating 51 wonderful wooden whales...to list a few! To keep up with our school events, subscribe to our newsletter *Karridale Catch-up* email karridale.ps@education.wa.edu.au

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER WITH US?

As a volunteer you can make a difference to the lives of students at our school who need extra help and guidance either as a mentor or in learning support.

The **EdConnect** program connects positive and trusted role models with students who need help the most. Only one hour per week (during school terms) is the commitment and free training is provided.

EdConnect aims to equip young people with the life skills they need by building positive and supportive relationships with each student.

EdConnect is more than just an opportunity to make a difference, volunteering gives you an opportunity to make new friends, have fun and learn new skills.

We'd love to have you volunteer at our school as either a mentor or in learning support. Mentors work face-to-face with the same student. Whereas Learning Support volunteers help students within the classroom and provide much needed support to teachers.

Love to know more about **EdConnect**? Then please contact our school chaplain Sharon Doyle on 9718 5150 or visit www.edconnect.australia.org.au

Join us at
**KARRI kids
PLAYGROUP
2026**
Thursdays
9.30am - 11am
Held in school terms only

bring

- a hat, water bottle
- fruit or food to share

enjoy

- meeting local families
- a cuppa (gold coin \$)

cost

- 1st 2 sessions free!
- then join \$35 annual membership (\$15 with Health Care Card)

where?

Karridale Primary School - 12612 Bussell Hwy, Karridale
(2km south Karridale Crossroads)
p: 9781 5150 e: karridale.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Karridale Primary School ~ an independent public school

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Hello everyone. Well, the year progresses and here we are into March already.

We had an almost full house for our February meeting held on Thursday 19th. Guy de la Bedoyere (British author and historian) was again visiting and came to regale us with part of the story of Samuel Pepys (a 16th-century diarist).

Guy has had a long interest in Samuel and on a previous visit to Augusta came across a book in the Lions Bookshop. This led him to deciding to write another book about Samuel, which he wrote most of during his visits to us. It has been noted in the book that was published last year (2025) – “The Confessions of Samuel Pepys”.



It is simple things like this that add to information for historians, whether it is a 16th century diarist, a notation in a book or an old letter found under a floorboard. The larger events are regularly recorded but the day-to-day things are often overlooked and lost to time.

These things give us a window into the past, not the whole story but a glimpse of how things were. Sometimes it is interesting to find out how much some things have changed and others have not (just the language of how they are described).

Something to ponder – maybe we should think about keeping a diary or some sort of record ourselves. Until our next meeting!

Next Meeting is Thursday 19th March, 7pm
 All Welcome. Hope to see you there.



Safe Tradies & Diy – Reduce The Risk

Fire risks from welding, grinding & outdoor hot works

- Sparks from welding, grinding, or cutting can ignite dry grass, leaf litter, or nearby materials within seconds.
- Avoid undertaking hot works on days with High Fire Danger Ratings or above.
- Always clear the area of flammable materials before starting work.
- Keep firefighting equipment close by. A hose, extinguisher or water source can stop a small spark becoming a fire.
- Stay at least 30 minutes after finishing to check for hidden smouldering spots.
- If the weather becomes hot, windy, or dry, postpone your work. Conditions can change rapidly.

Dfes Permits & Safety Guidelines

- Some hot works require a permit depending on the location, time of year and local fire conditions.
- Check DFES and local government guidelines before starting any hot work outdoors.
- Ensure everyone on site understands the conditions of the permit, including supervision, spark control, and suppression equipment.
- On a Total Fire Ban Day, it is illegal to light an open-air

fire or conduct any activity that could start a fire.

For a full list of prohibited activities, visit the DFES website.

Safe Use Of Power Tools & Lithium-Ion Batteries.

Lithium ion batteries are increasingly linked to house and shed fires.

- Always use the charger supplied with the device.
- Charge batteries on hard, non flammable surfaces, away from sleeping areas.
- Replace damaged, swollen, or overheating batteries immediately.
- Don't leave tools or batteries in hot vehicles or direct sunlight.
- Store batteries away from flammable liquids and materials.

Let's Take Action This Month!

- Stay aware: Check Fire Danger Ratings daily through Emergency WA.
- Use tools safely: Choose cooler times of day for outdoor work and avoid high risk weather.
- Refresh your plan: Does your household know what to do if a fire starts while you're working outside?
- Check in with your community: Support tradies, hobbyists, and neighbours by sharing safe work messages.
- Seek support: Your local CPA or the Community Preparedness Directorate can assist with resources or engagement ideas.

Every safe decision you make while working outdoors helps protect your home, your neighbours, and your community.



PROJECT CARE HAMPERS

With the support of the caring community of Augusta this project continues to make an impact on those who are in need of a little help. Your input in purchasing a couple of additional non-perishable items and placing them in the CWA basket at the check-out has a positive impact on those in need.

Feedback is that those who were previously recipients of the baskets are now over their difficult times and are now paying it forward by purchasing additional items for others in need. A brilliant example of how positive the Augusta community is in caring for one other.

Leeuwin Lions also support this worthwhile cause and we thank the community and Lions for their continued support. With our combined assistance, we are improving the opportunity for food security to those in need. A huge thank you to all.

CRAFT MORNINGS 9.30am – 1pm Wednesday 11th, 18th and 25th March 2026

Craft mornings have had a great start in February. A visit from Home School Students and Mums kept Jane Denton busy on her sewing machine with Alice Willis assisting, cutting out the templates and the students tracing the templates and filling their hearts. The production line was in full swing for the whole session, thanks to Jane and Alice. If you would like to share your craft, or work on your own project, or just want a chat and tea/coffee, you are most welcome.



Evie, Rosie, Clover, Jane Denton, Livvy, Aggie and Jack



Visitors from Busselton, Mary Forde, Alice Willis (taking a break from the sewing project and crocheting blankets) and Carol Negro also from Busselton shared their crocheting skills with Kristy Edgar.

CWA - LOCAL LEGENDS

Augusta nominated two Ladies for this award.

Jan Linto was recognised for her meaningful contribution for over 50 years. Jan has lost count of how many crochet blankets she has made and through CWA have been donated to hospices, nursing homes and foster children in care.

It is particularly rewarding to hear that the children are pleased and surprised to receive the blankets - that are all unique and theirs to keep forever.

Jan's late husband, Des, was also a great supporter of CWA with his handy man skills made many repairs to the building.

Pamela Marsh was also recognised for her meaningful contribution of over 63 years. Pamela has done all the tasks a Branch of CWA has to offer, and repeated them many times over the years as well.

All branches have experienced challenging fundraising opportunities and times where membership fluctuates greatly. Pamela was involved in meeting those challenges and guided us through each time.

Pamela's husband, Les, is also been a great supporter of CWA, including banning members from the kitchen to clean up after the annual Christmas lunch. He has a few health issues of late and Pamela may miss a few CWA functions until Les has recovered.

We wish Les a speedy recovery.



President Alice Willis (centre) presenting the awards to Pamela Marsh (left) and Jan Linto (right)

CHICKEN LASAGNA

Prep time: 10 mins
Cooking time: 30 mins
Servings: 5 - 6
Ingredients:

1 tbsps olive oil
750g chicken mince
2 cups baby spinach leaves
6 - 8 instant lasagne sheets
1 can campbell's condensed cream of chicken soup



PRE-HEAT OVEN 180dC

HEAT oil in a large fry pan, **ADD** chicken mince,
COOK for 5 mins, **ADD** chicken soup and ½ cup water,
BRING TO BOIL, STIR THROUGH spinach until starting to soften, **REMOVE FROM HEAT**

2.5ltr oven proof dish

PLACE 1 cup of sauce over base of dish, **TOP** with 3 - 4 lasagne sheets (depends on how wide your pasta is)
TOP with more sauce, another layer of pasta and remaining sauce.

COVER with foil

BAKE 15 minutes, **REMOVE** foil and cook for a further 15 minutes.

SERVE with salad or steamed vegetables

1 EGG FRITTER

1 egg
1 zucchini – not too large
1 can cream corn
3 tbsps flour
1 tbsps baking powder
Spray cooking oil or small amount of butter



LGE BOWL

ADD egg and beat. **ADD** cream corn.

GRATE zucchini. **ADD** to egg and cream corn.

SIFT TWICE flour and baking powder in separate bowl.

GENTLY FOLD flour into egg mix.

COOK spray oil, heat fry pan, at ¼ cup of mixture (or whatever size you want fritter) into pan.

Great with your favourite chutney or sauce



SILVERCHAIN

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Shopping Bus

Come and join a small group of like-minded locals. The Silverchain Bus picks you up from your home. Enjoy shopping and morning tea in Margs before being driven back to your home again.

Who: anyone over 65 who wants a fun outing with a delicious morning tea included?

Where: from Augusta weekly, to Margaret River and return.

When: Thursdays from 9 am.

Men's Coffee Catch up

Come and join a small, friendly and interesting group of similar aged local men for a social catch up. Transport is available.

Who: men over 65?

Where: Colour Patch Cafe

When: Every Wednesday 10 till 11am.

Carer Support Group

Do you care for a loved one at home or have a relative in residential care?

We meet for an informal catch up every week to support each other, have a coffee, chat and a short break from our caring roles.

Who: Carers in our community.

Where: please Phone Silverchain for the venue.

When: every Friday at 1:00 pm

For more information on any of these groups please phone Silverchain on 1300 650 803 and ask to speak to Jennifer Rolston in Augusta.

PUSHING LIMITS SCORING BIG

LIVELIGHTER



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.

| | First Place | Second Place |
|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Feb 2 nd | Beth Johnson & Mal Johnson | Mary Whittall & Nancy Gibson |
| Feb 9 th | Di Ellis & Edie Williams | Lyn Leonard & Merione Wilson |
| Feb 16 th | Beth Johnson & Mal Johnson | Sue Air & Nancy Gibson |



The Augusta Abalones are hard at work getting ready for their 2026 season, which kicks off on the 28th of March, so we thought it time to do our yearly Pelican Post update!

In the 2025 season the Abalones made it into the first round of finals before being pipped at the post by the Vasse Kakkas. It was a year of ups and downs for the boys with great wins mixed with close losses.

Cody Bavoillot and Will Roscoe celebrated their respective 50th games with our club, a huge achievement! At our Brownlow Night we celebrated the whole team but also those that took out the awards;

Our Best and Fairest in 2025 went to Macca Webb with Michael Rafferty coming a close Runner Up B&F. Most Improved went to Mitch Woods while his brother Jamie Woods was awarded Best Clubman alongside Will Roscoe. Sam Boley took home the Coaches Award and Cody Bavoillot was crowned toughest player with the Tough as Nails award. Ollie Abbey comfortably won the Leading Goal Scorer award for 2025 while Stephen Schreck was awarded Most Consistent.
Congratulations to all!

It was our absolute pleasure and honour to also introduce Brad Adams and Rob Gozzi into the Life Members of Augusta Abalones Club at our 2025 Brownlow Night.

Looking forward to the 2026 season now, our committee is as follows; the role of President has once again been taken on by Paul Canny, with Shane Payne as his Vice-President. Shane has also made a comeback as Coach as we strive to make it all the way to the 2026 grand final and bring home a flag. Kathy Boley has stepped in as Treasurer in 2026 while the roles of Secretary and Team Manager are being undertaken by Ruby Flintoff. Rounding out the committee is Owen Jones who undertakes fund raising. Ollie Abbey was elected by the team as our Captain with Archer McDonald being voted into Vice-Captain position. These gents played the same role(s) last year and we know they are both more than capable to lead this team alongside Shane.

Training is held every Tuesday and Thursday at the Augusta Oval, starting at 5pm and running for approximately an hour and a half. Whether you want the fitness, the team mentality, the competition or the social aspect the Augusta Abalones is the team to join! Any and every one is welcome and encouraged to come down and join in on trainings! We'd love to see some new faces alongside our returning players.

For all updates and a copy of our official fixtures follow our Facebook 'Augusta Abalones Football Club' and/or our Instagram 'augusta_abalones_fc'



By JO HAYES
Images by Jo Hayes

For anyone who loves to, wants to, or hopes to, ocean swim please come and join us in our pristine local pool, Flinders Bay. We meet twice a week for “Technique Tuesdays” and “Threshold Thursdays” at 6:30am, rain, hail or shine. Most weekends you can find us lapping other stunning local spots including Hamelin Bay, Cosy Corner, Foul Bay and the Blackwood.

It’s about fun, fitness and friendships...and its free! We are all ages and stages and different swimming abilities and experience. Swim as much or as little as you want and join us for a coffee after at one of our local cafes. We love newbies. Don’t be shy. Just turn up. See you down there.

What’s new?

Jan 26

The Flounders have been very busy swimming through the summer months. Despite these persistent easterlies, we’ve shared some glorious mornings at Flinders and slipped over to Hamelin when it got too much.



January was highlighted by our annual Australia Day Blackwood River swim and BBQ at Warner Glen. Boats, swimmers, 4WDs and, this year, joined on the jet skis by our friends from AMR Sea Rescue.



Feb26

February is reserved for our favorite Busselton Jetty race. We had 15+ Flounders get through the ballot and in for the 3.6km solo swim. It was a record turnout. We swam with 3000+ swimmers on Feb 8th, and the conditions were beautiful. Flounders did themselves proud once again, getting some serious attention over their famous bathers.

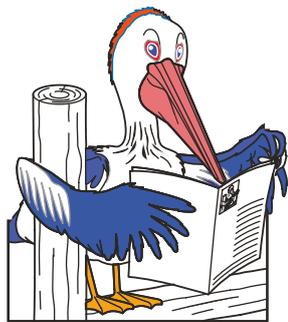


Just a reminder - there’s plenty of Flounders who jump in and join us for only part of our training sessions so don’t be intimidated. Anyone is welcome to join us at our usual times Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30am at Flinders Bay. We save the longer ones for weekends somewhere fun.

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

Next target = Rottnest with 2 Flounder Fleets in the ‘Port to Pub’. Stay tuned.....





WHAT'S HAPPENING

March 2026

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THUR |
|---|---|--|---|-----------|
| <p>1</p>  <p>125th Birthday of the Royal Australian Army and Navy (See page 9)</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Labour Day Public Holiday</p> <p>Mark's Birthday!</p>  | <p>3</p> <p>○</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5</p> |
| <p>8</p> <p>Yoga for Inner Calm 3:00 - 4:30pm Augusta CRC See page 14</p> | <p>9</p>  <p>Record Club 5:30pm at 2oceansFM See page 35</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> <p>◐</p> | <p>12</p> |
| <p>15</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>  | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> |
| <p>22</p> <p>Taalunup Augusta Conversations 4pm at Augusta Hotel See page 35</p> <hr/> <p>Yoga for Inner Calm 3:00 - 4:30pm Augusta CRC See page 14</p> | <p>23</p> <p>Lions Hearing Bus alongside the Library at the Sports and Recreation Centre from 8.30am – 5.00pm. See page 4</p>  | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p>  <p>Junior Football Muster Day Augusta Town Oval See page 29</p> | <p>26</p> |
| <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>31</p> | | |

AROUND AUGUSTA



TIDE CHART
AUGUSTA
LAT: 34° 21'S
LONG: 115° 10'E

| THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|---|---|
| | 6  World Day of Prayer 2026 10:00am St Elizabeth's Anglican Church See page 34 | 7 |
| 2 | 13  Auugusta BMX See page 34 | 14 |
| 9  Lower Blackwood Catchment Native Riparian Seed Collecting Workshop 9:00am - 1:00pm Red Cross Shop Witchcliffe (See page 40) | 20  Auugusta BMX See page 34 | 21 |
| 5  | 27  Auugusta BMX See page 34 | 28  Augusta Abalones Football Season kicks off (see page 22) |
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MARCH

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By *PAULA HIGGINSON*

The Community Garden had a slow start to the Summer season with produce, but didn't fail in the end - with an abundance of tomatoes, zucchini, beans, cucumber and herbs. Now

waiting on the pumpkins to harvest.

We would like to thank Mark for installing the cameras and Ricky for the electrical work.

Thank you to Aussie for installing the lattice, which supports the passionfruit vine that we planted, and Aussie's handy work with the brick paving.



We recently top dressed the grassed areas, with thanks to Birchy for the delivery and his help with Mark and Aussie to spread the soil out.

It has been a busy month, with more work on the driveway at the back of the garden. Thank you to Brad Tenardi and Birchy for donating the gravel and spreading it out.

We are organising a Market stall and sausage sizzle for much-needed funds for the group. We are looking at **Saturday 11th April 2026** at the Community Garden.

Keep you posted.

Lastly, a thank-you to the Augusta Garden Club for their money donation to the Community Garden.



Garden Gossip

By *PAULA HIGGINSON*

The Garden Club has had a break for a few months, but we recently met up for our AGM. With a few new members joining and

an aging, declining group, we made the unanimous decision to recess for twelve months.

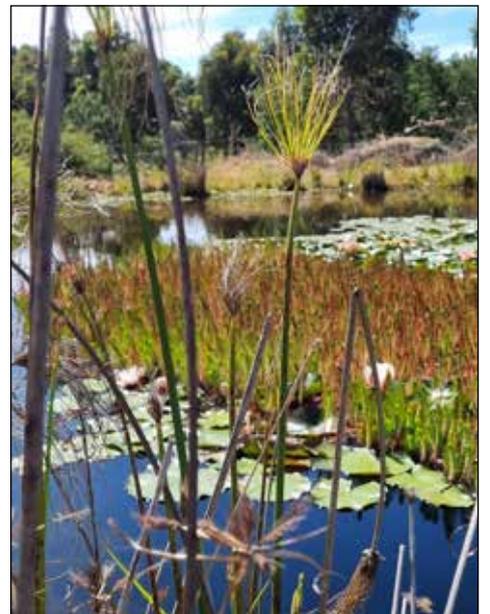
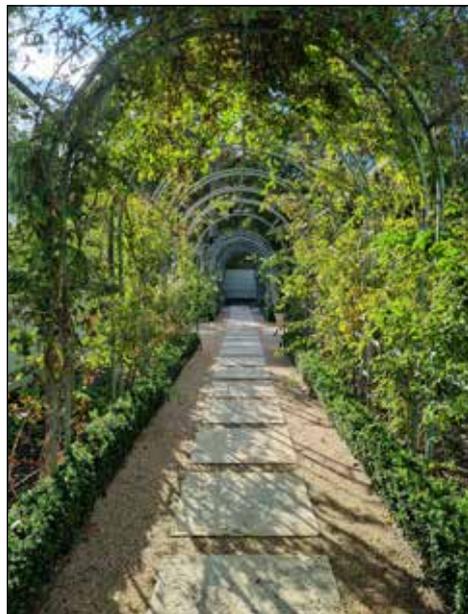
We finalised the list of donations money raised from the 2025 Spring Fete and distributed funds to – six local volunteer fire Brigades, two Primary Schools, Augusta Wildlife Care, RFDS and The Augusta Community Garden.

This also means that there will be no Spring Fete for 2026.

I have been the secretary for four years and have enjoyed my time, but it has been a struggle to keep up the momentum for the Club.

I would like to thank all the members, past and present, for your support and hope there will be new energy injected into the club for it to continue in the future.

Cheers
Paula xx



Biomimicry

By JAY HARMAN

Way Out Inspiration

Is there life in space? One thing we do know, thanks to the European Space Agency, is that there are earthly life-forms that easily survive and even thrive in the extremes of space. Apart from some species of lichens and bacteria that have taken rides on space shuttles, there is at least one animal that has laid eggs 160 miles above the earth's surface. Tardigrades (also known as waterbears, moss piglets, or their affectionate nickname, tardies) can withstand temperatures as low as minus 273° Celsius (nearly absolute zero) and as high as 151° Celsius (one and a half times egg-cooking temperature) without a shiver or a sweat. They can live in a vacuum, liquid helium, or 90 percent alcohol and are impervious to radiation one thousand times anything that would kill us. Tardies are teetotalers, not needing water for a decade at a time. They can dry out to just 1 percent of their normal water content before their next drink—and then probably binge. Wherever you travel on this earth—from Mount Everest to Antarctica or four thousand metres deep in the ocean—you can find water bears. All you need is a microscope. There are more than one thousand species growing to a hulking one tenth of one millimeter long (the width of a hair) and in many colours from red to green. They seem to enjoy romance, with very complicated courtship and mating rituals.



Tardigrade - aka waterbears, moss piglets

Who knows how many secrets we can uncover from these eight-legged little guys about new materials, surviving in space, and even the essence of life itself - but their ability to survive many years without water has made tardigrades a mentor for biomimetic vaccine-preservative research.

The invention of vaccines is one of the great achievements of human ingenuity. Through their use, smallpox has been eradicated from the world, polio is getting there, and literally billions of people have been spared other debilitating or fatal diseases. One major challenge to their wider use in the poorest, most populous, and greatest suffering regions of the world is the absence of refrigeration needed to preserve live vaccines. Half of all vaccines sent to these areas don't get to patients. Anhydrobiosis is the Greek-derived word for "life without water." Some organisms, like tardigrades, survive by replacing their water molecules with specialized, stable trehaloses sugars. This allows them to stay dormant but viable for greatly extended periods. Imagine how much suffering in remote communities could be averted if vaccines didn't need refrigeration.

Another organism that we call a bug—a bacterium—is not to be sneezed at when it comes to biomimicry. These microscopic titans create proteins called enzymes that can digest just about anything, including radioactive material. There are germs that eat petrol and diesel fuel, or neutralize some of the most powerful plastic explosives. Other bacteria quickly evolve to safely eat foods made with genetically modified organisms (GMO) that were originally designed to kill them. A new species of bacteria that eats iron was recently found on the Titanic, two and a half miles under the ocean's surface. Within the chemistry of these bacteria lie secrets that researchers can study, synthesize, and ultimately put to use in everything from rust prevention on oil rigs, pipelines and ships, to the cleanup of toxic waste.

Traditional mining strategies for capturing metal ores are often damaging to the landscape and the fragile ecosystems living there. The extensive use of arsenic in the extraction of gold is just one example. Research teams have observed the ways that microbes selectively collect, manage, and transport metals such as iron, copper, and zinc, because each has a particular nutrient value to the microbe. By mimicking their strategies, a metal reclamation system was developed that can extract forty-two targeted metals including gold, mercury, cadmium, and copper, as well as radioactive and toxic metals. The system can be used to reclaim metal from mining tailings and industrial sludge and to detoxify and remediate water and sewage.

When it comes to treating sewage, the evocatively named poo-gloo looks like a black, six-foot diameter, plastic igloo. Seven smaller domes lined with biofilms of bacteria, which like digesting wastewater, are nested in each device. A one horsepower system can replace a forty- to sixty-horsepower conventional system while exceeding its performance. The greatest differentiator between their devices and competitor products is cost. Adding bio-domes to an aquaculture farm or industrial factory is orders of magnitude less expensive than installing a full water treatment system. In existing municipal sewerage systems, poo-gloos can circulate wastewater to improve the effectiveness of treatment.

Whether insects, which make up 54 percent of all life-forms, tardigrades, or bacteria, bugs of all shapes and sizes have survived for millions of years. Their hardy structures, complex chemistry, and ways of moving offer a wealth of opportunity to industries from transportation to medicine to metallurgy.

When I bumped into Dr. Daniel Bedo, a boyhood friend whom I hadn't seen for many years, I learned that he had become one of the world's foremost authorities on the chromosomes of blackflies. He had spent his career studying them. I asked him how there could possibly be enough happening in a bunch of microscopic chromosomes to keep him fascinated. His response: "When you enter the world of a single chromosome, it's like you walked through the door to an entirely new and unique universe. The lessons nature has to teach us are infinite."

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Augusta Karridale Junior Football Club (Augusta Magpies) Shine in a Stellar 2025 Season.

The 2025 season was one to remember for the Magpies, with teams across all age groups showing incredible growth, sportsmanship and team spirit. From thrilling wins to courageous comebacks, last year saw our young athletes develop both on and off the field – and the results speak for themselves.



Message from the Club President

Coach Crain

With such promising talent coming through the ranks and a supportive community backing them, the future looks incredibly bright for the Augusta Karridale JFC. As the 2026 season is approaching, the club would like to thank all 2025 players, coaches, families, and volunteers for making it such a memorable year. Here's to great things in 2026!



JUNIOR FOOTBALL MUSTER DAY



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By **SCOTT GODLEY**
Photos by *Red Hatters and Scott Godley*

Things have started to quieten down a bit over February after a very busy January, although croquet and tennis are still getting a few visiting players dropping by for that odd hit. The weather has been mostly good, although the wind has been present in force on a few club days, having a particular impact on tennis.

However, the players are a resilient lot and, with wetter weather around the corner, tend to make the most of the fine weather even if the wind is blowing.

A large splash of colour was added to the croquet courts on the 13th February when the Club played host to the local chapter of the Red Hatters. It had been some years since the Hatters had taken to the courts, so it was great to see them back again. At least a dozen Red Hatters graced the field and had a fantastic time. The Club looks forward to hosting them next year.



(above and below) More new Players trying out croquet



The Red Hatters adding some colour to the croquet courts

On Friday afternoon on the 20th the Club held a Twilight Tennis and Croquet Open Day.

It was a great turnout, especially for the croquet where about 10 new players turned up for a try. There was a mixture of visiting croquet players, regular tennis players and the remainder were interested locals who were new to the sport. Existing croquet players were thrilled with the turnout.

A couple of new tennis players also came down for a hit. After the sets, most of the players enjoyed a social drink with nibblies. A Club spokesperson said it was a very enjoyable and relaxing afternoon, and the late afternoon light and cooler weather provided a perfect setting for the activities. It is hoped that the Club will look at doing more of these twilight croquet and tennis activities for next summer season during the longer daylight hours.



Players relaxing after Twilight Tennis and Croquet



Twilight Tennis with some new players



New Players trying out croquet





By ROD CLEMENT
PHOTOS BY NEIL HARDING

The eighth of February was going off its head, the monohulls had called it quits with the wind in its twenties from the Southeast at 1100hrs. The cats had a Club Championship race and most of them were eager as and were all lined up for race one. Xena blew out a rudder before it began and there was KAOS all over the show as the starting hooter hooted in 25kns of breeze.



The rescue boat was in high demand with capsizes all over the course and the casualties soon pulled out and packed up. It turned out a survival of the fittest with Cliff Hanger first over the line, Buzz Box second and Catatonic third. With gusts hitting 30kns the second race was called off. This had everyone having a beer and revisiting their exploits at presentations.

The second race was started five minutes after the end of race one. Fig Jam and Happy Hour were pushing themselves up in a duel and left Anitra to sail underneath them and off to a good first leg. Fig Jam got past but this time Anitra stayed with her and Happy Hour trying to make a pass that just never happened. The last lap had the RL24 looking the goods and almost catching Fig Jam on the finish but taking out Happy Hour for a very impressive second.

By far the best race by those guys this season.



The fifteenth of February was a great day to go sailing, 8kns with gusts of 15 from the west, sunny bright and it was to be the Westbay Cup for the monohulls. Five boats on the start line all itching to go. The race to the first mark had Fig Jam out in front, Big Red second but not for long, smacking into the pit post and then getting caught up, bought that to an end. Happy Hour and Anitra passed safely by the carnage and settled into a good struggle with Andy in the 420 bringing up the rear.

Neil in the rescue boat successfully navigated Big Red off the post but there was a fair bit to access with bits and pieces hanging in the breeze. At least the mast was still standing.

The race ended with Fig Jam first and fastest, Happy Hour second and Anitra third by a whisker. Big Red, already back on the trailer

As is the standard Westbay Cup break for lunch, the barby was lit, but then a few beers came out and just sitting out on the deck enjoying the day. A bottle of bubbles popped, a few more beers and another bottle of bubbles and that was it. It made the handicapper's job easy and with a bit of calculating the presentations were had, after handicaps it was a tie, Fig Jam and Happy Hour were the winners for the Westbay Cup for 2026.

It was a great day and a very relaxed bunch of sailors, start crew and the rescue boat crew had to sit back and watch the sun slowly move to the west. Not bad at all.



By *MORVEN HANSEN*
Image by various

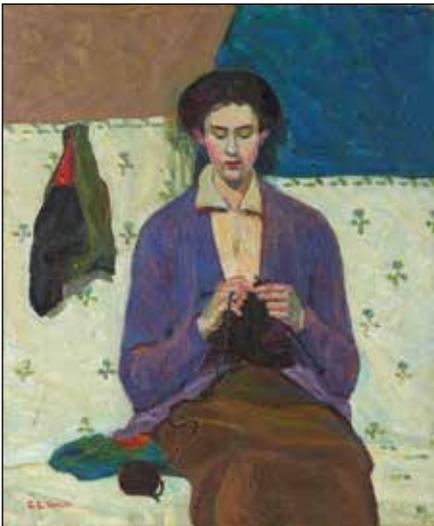
The Art Club's A.G.M was held on February 11th with the existing committee returned for 2026 with one exception. We thank Sandy

Williams for her past involvement, she now has granny duty to fill a lot of her time. The analysis of the January Exhibition was that it was very successful with lots of sales and good feedback. I take this opportunity to respond to an anonymous comment, which questioned the pre sales of paintings. The club assures everyone that there are no sales prior to the end of the official opening speech.

We have voted on the theme for next year's exhibition and I think it's a good choice.

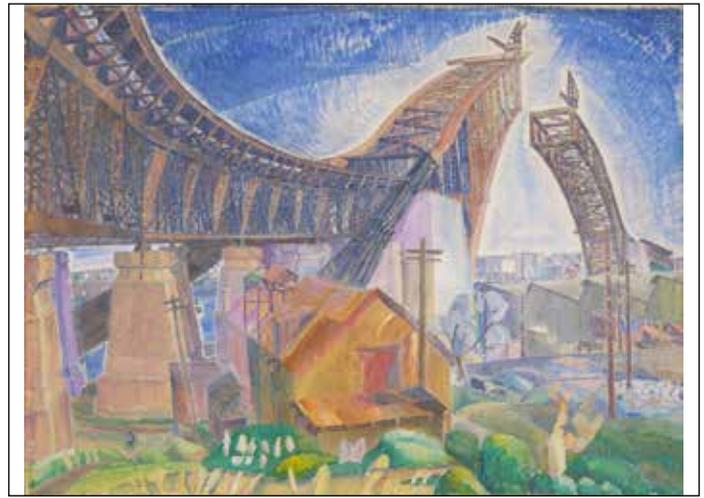
The Tuesday evening group continues to be a fun and creative time with some planned activities such as still life and life drawing on the go. If you work during the day or evenings suit you please drop by to 'check us out' - any time between 6.30 and 8.30 pm. Enquiries? Trisha Hearne will assist 0419 964 214.

This month, the Artist in a Nutshell is another wonderful Australian woman who painted prolifically during the 20th Century, but you may not be familiar with. This is Grace Cossington Smith who was born in Neutral Bay, Sydney on the 22nd April 1892 to Grace and Ernest Smith, a solicitor who was appointed Crown Solicitor of New South Wales. Grace (junior) had three sisters and one brother, Grace referred to her family as the 'Smithkins'. As a budding young artist, Grace painted many calendars featuring the 'Smithkins'. The name Cossington came from Grace senior's ancestral home in England.



Grace took art classes as a child and young adult, but it appears her siblings did not share her talent. Grace learned from Anthony Dallilo Rubbio from 1910, drawing what she 'saw' - the everyday and unremarkable. This included a painting which coincided with the start of WW1 of her sister knitting socks (for the war effort). In 1915 *The Sock Knitter* (above) became the first Post-Impressionist artwork to be exhibited in Australia. During this time she also sketched caricatures of German soldiers.

Grace sketched and painted around Sydney, including her series of the construction of the Harbour Bridge. She enjoyed painting the unfinished bridge but did not paint it once it was completed. Her art also showed the development and expansion of the city in the Northern suburbs.



The Bridge In-Curve (1930) tempera on cardboard
Measurements 83.6 x 111.8 cm

During this period her art was influenced by her interest in Modern Art, defined by colour theory, brush strokes and abstracted composition. Grace was influenced by Cezanne and the Cubist movement. She also veered into Art Deco with interiors of cafes and department stores. There were few subjects that Grace did not paint.

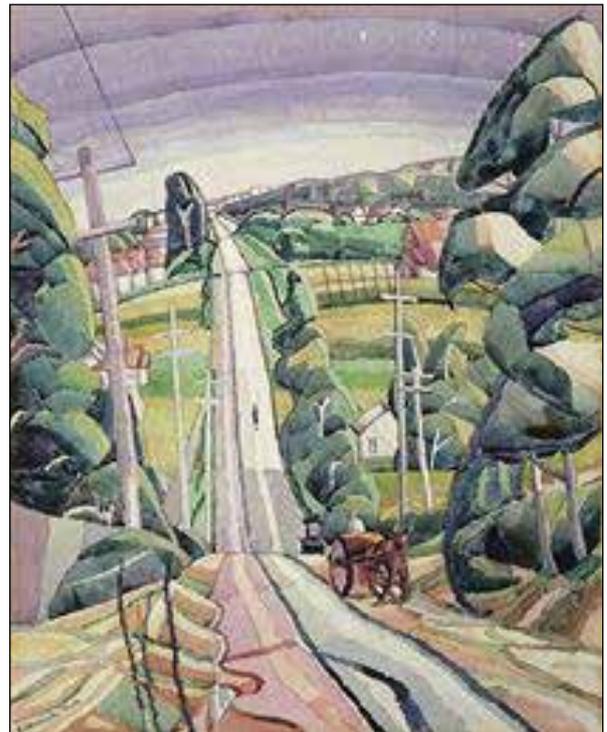
Grace's later landscapes were her own interpretation of the bush using olive green and sienna with bold brush strokes.

From 1914 to 1938 Grace painted in a small studio hut in the family garden. Following her parent's deaths, she built a large well-lit studio adjacent to her bedroom.

In 1973 Grace was awarded the OBE for services to art in Australia and 10 years later the Order of Australia, shortly before her death in a nursing home in 1984 aged 94. She left 70 years' worth of art depicting Australian life and land. Grace never married.

An Art Gallery dedicated to Grace was opened in 2013 at Abbotsleigh School on Pacific Hwy, Wahroonga.

Ref. *Grace Cossington Smith published by the National Gallery of Australia, 2005*



The Eastern Road, Turramurra c.1926.
Watercolour over pencil on paperboard. Measurements 40.0 x 32.4 cm



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Article AND IMAGES BY JUDY WENBAN

Magpie Paralysis Syndrome

A mystery paralysis syndrome is affecting magpies in south Western Australia at an alarming rate. It is estimated thousands of birds have fallen victim to magpie paralysis syndrome, with cases rising drastically this past spring and summer.

In many neighbourhoods the jubilant warbling of magpies has disappeared completely as entire populations have fallen victim to the mystery syndrome.

The sharp increase in deaths and cases extends from Augusta to as far north as Jurien Bay and has been met with a groundswell of sadness and concern. Magpie Paralysis Syndrome does not occur in other parts of Australia.

The mystery syndrome, which tends to be seasonal occurring mostly in warmer, drier months, was first detected in 2017 but there has been a fivefold increase of cases this year. At the WA Wildlife hospital in Bibra Lake more than 900 magpies have been admitted since August last year, most suffering from the syndrome.

Researchers at Murdoch University, in collaboration with wildlife centres and organisations including Wildlife Health Australia, are investigating the cause of the syndrome. Despite exhaustive testing and some of the best minds in the country working on it, there's still no identified cause.

The syndrome starts from the feet with magpies experiencing lameness or lack of grip before complete paralysis of the legs. At that stage they may still be able to get around using their wings as a crutch, but as the syndrome progresses they can't even move their wings properly so they can't fly and can't get off the ground.

Grounded magpies then become vulnerable to predators and those that aren't attacked will eventually be unable to eat or drink and will die of dehydration, starvation or exposure as the paralysis worsens.

Recovering birds

With time, the magpies coming into care have a 50 - 60 % chance of survival, despite there being no known antibiotic or antiviral treatment for the birds.

They are provided with a padded cushion as a place for them to rest and little splints are applied to stretch their feet out because they can atrophy and curl up.

Birds are given fluids and food. It is something that their bodies can fight given time with a recovery period anywhere from ten days to two weeks, at which point the birds are moved to a pre-release enclosure.

Magpies are known to be extremely territorial, and it is essential they are released to the same spot from where

they were collected so they can rejoin their family groups. There is pressure for the magpies to be rehabilitated as quickly as possible as if they're kept in care for too long their tribe rejects them.

While the impact on magpie populations has been catastrophic, the good news is that if caught early enough, birds have a reasonably good prognosis. Magpies can recover from the paralysis syndrome if admitted to a wildlife carer in time.

If you approach a bird that doesn't immediately stand to attention or go to fly away, or at least hop away, and you know it's looking at you, then it's in trouble. It needs you to call somebody to help it.

If you find or sight an ill Magpie in the Augusta Region please call Augusta Wildlife Care.

The image below is of a magpie currently in care with Augusta Wildlife. This bird's legs are completely paralysed requiring the bird to be fed, repositioned regularly and given "physio" to stretch and move its legs and feet.

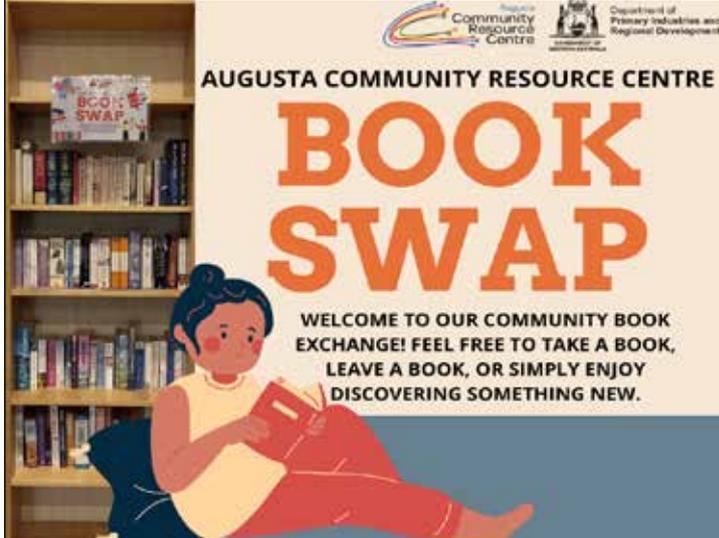



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WA Day Long Weekend,
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Calling all market stallholders and food/drink van operators.

Indoor and outdoor locations are available this year at the new Augusta Volunteer Marine Rescue Building, located at the Augusta Boat Harbour.

Register now to avoid disappointment, go to:
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Part time cleaner/caretaker wanted for the Centennial Hall Augusta Flexible 10-12 hours per week, may include occasional weekends

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Friday 13th March
Friday 20th March
Friday 27th March



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All riders must have 1 guardian present

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OPPORTUNITY AWAITS! POSITION AT AUGUSTA CRC

The Augusta Community Resource Centre is currently seeking applications for a Receptionist and Events Officer under a traineeship program, commencing in March 2026.

Position Details:

- Hours of Work: Typically between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday to Friday, with some flexibility.
- Contract Duration: 12 months with growth opportunity for the right applicant

Key Responsibilities:

- Applicant must enrol and complete a Certificate III in Business (Customer Engagement) during the 12 month Traineeship
- Assisting with room bookings and functions
- Assist and participate in events

Key Competencies Required:

- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Exceptional communication and relationship-building abilities
- Proficiency in MS Office and basic computer skills
- Ability to work to instructions and engage with a mentor
- Initiative to work autonomously when required
- Capable of working effectively in a small team
- A WA Driver's Licence and reliable vehicle are highly desirable.

If you would like a copy of the Position Description, please email manager@augustacrc.net.au

Closing date: 13th March 2026

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Got ideas? Want to get involved?
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PAINT BY NUMBERS

The incredible sail mural Jo Hayes from PICS Studio produced with our community for the Leeuwin 400 Community event in 2022, has left the wall of the old Bankwest, destined for a touch-up and a new home. The sail donated by UK Sails has proven to be incredibly durable, and perfect for our waterside town. Our enduring thanks go to the Owner of the Ephemeral Wall, to Jo and everyone who contributed to its concept, production, transport, installation and removal, and we look forward to seeing what comes next!



Meanwhile, 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 or want to get involved! Paintbynumbers6290@yahoo.com

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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, and comments have been sent to the developer for their response, the shire’s submission will go to the DAP when

a request for further information has been responded to. Contact the planning team at the Shire if you would like more information - amrshire@amrshire.wa.gov.au.

TAALINUP AUGUSTA CONVERSATIONS: SEAWEED

Beneath the Tides: The Science and Splendour of WA’s Seaweeds. Dr John Huisman, Curator of the Western Australian Herbarium



Sunday March 22nd 4pm at Augusta Hotel Tickets will \$10 / \$5 Concession on the door or available via Humanitix here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/seaweed-flora-of-western-australia>

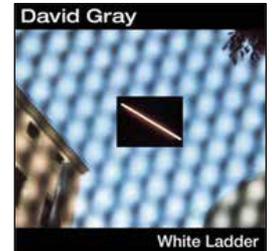
Dr John Huisman is the Curator of the Western Australian Herbarium (Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions) and also undertakes taxonomic research into the Western Australian marine plants. Other than a two year sojourn to the Hawaiian Islands, he has pursued a goal of a State-wide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



RECORD CLUB AT THE RADIO STATION!

Come along to hear and talk about David Gray’s album ‘White Ladder’ at the 2OceansFM Radio Station, on Monday March 9th at 5.30pm. Its Free and its BYO beverage. Enter via CRC.



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

CRC receives \$50,000 to support new Traineeship role in Augusta

On 11 February, the Minister for Regional Development announced that the Augusta Community Resource Centre (CRC) was one of 35 CRCs who were successful in their application for a one year Traineeship. The program is a competitive grants scheme available to WA Community Resource Centre (CRC) Network members and select regional Local Government Authorities (LGA) to assist with the cost of employing a trainee.

The one-off payment supports vocational training to develop trainee skills and knowledge to help meet the needs of local businesses and industry in the regions.

CRC Chair Fred Monahan said “I am ecstatic to learn of our success and to give a local person the opportunity to join the local CRC team and learn new skills”.

The position of Receptionist/Events Officer is advertised in this month’s Pelican Post and we look forward to receiving applications to take up the role. Closing date for applications is the 13th March.

The Trainee is required to sign up to the Certificate III in Business (Customer Engagement) course at TAFE as part of the Trainee funding requirements and they will be given support by the CRC to do some of the course work during business hours.

Our current Trainee Erin Longman (*pictured below*) is due to finish her Traineeship at the end of March and will be able to support our new trainee in learning about the role and give insights into what she has achieved over the past year while being employed as our Front Counter Receptionist.



Whalesong Festival 2026

Whalesong is gearing up to be an exciting weekend for the WA Day long weekend. We have some special ticketed events such as the *Whale Frolic Cocktail Party at the Boat Harbour*, and the *Guided Walk and Sundowner at the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse*. There is also a free viewing of *David Attenborough’s Ocean* movie so get in early and book your place at these special events by going to our website – www.whalesongfestival.com.au or by scanning the QR code.



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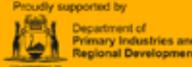
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DON'T MISS THE BOAT ON NEW SEAFOOD LABELLING RULES

Australian seafood lovers are used to seeing country of origin labels when shopping, with this requirement applying to most food for retail sale for almost a decade. From 1 July 2026, restaurants, cafes, pubs, food trucks, takeaways and other hospitality businesses that serve seafood will be required to help their customers make informed choices about the dishes they order.

Changes to the Australian Consumer Law mean these businesses will need to tell diners if the seafood they are serving is Australian, imported or a mix of both.

This change means that when someone looks at a menu, a menu board or online, they should be able to see clearly where the seafood in a dish is sourced from.

There are a few ways to do this, and businesses can choose the method that works best for them. One option is to use a simple 'AIM' label alongside seafood dishes. 'A' means the seafood is Australian, 'I' means it's imported, and 'M' means it's a mix of both. If you use this method on your menus, you also need a little note explaining what each letter means.

Another option is to write out the words instead of letters. For example, a dish could say 'Grilled barramundi (Australian)' or 'Prawns (imported) with salad' on the menu. This way, there's no need for a legend explaining the letters, and the meaning is right there in the words.

If a business only serves Australian seafood, or only imported seafood, it can choose to put a single statement somewhere obvious like on the menu or a sign in the venue saying, "We only serve Australian seafood" or "All seafood is imported." This option can make things simpler for businesses that don't mix sources.

The rules apply to seafood that's ready to eat as soon as it's served. That means if someone can eat it right away, whether they're dining in, picking it up to take home, or having it delivered, the origin should be shown in a way they can see before they order. This applies to dishes like fish and chips, seafood pasta, oysters, 'surf and turf' and prawn salads, just to name a few.

There are some situations where you don't need to show seafood country of origin. If a dish isn't marketed as containing 'seafood', for example a supreme pizza which may have a few anchovies, then it doesn't need to be labelled. Also, dishes that contain ingredients like fish sauce, canned tuna, fish stock or shelf-stable ingredients don't require labelling. These country of origin labelling rules don't apply to canteens, schools, prisons, hospitals or fundraising events.

These changes are all about helping customers make informed choices about the food they eat and so they know what they're paying for. Starting early with planning and adjusting menus will make the transition smoother when the rules take full effect at the beginning of July 2026.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au/seafood-country-of-origin-labelling> or for specific help on these changes email the team directly seafoodcool@lgirs.wa.gov.au

THE MATERIAL FACT OF THE MATTER WHEN IT COMES TO BUYING A HOME

Buying a home is a big decision often tied to a lot of emotion. You might fall in love with the spacious kitchen, picture summer barbecues with friends in the lush backyard, or imagine raising kids in the friendly, quiet neighbourhood. But beyond what you can see at the home open, there may be things about the property that aren't so obvious and could influence your decision to buy.

These are known as material facts.

In Western Australia, real estate agents must make every effort to find out and pass on information that could influence a buyer's decision. This is part of the industry's Code of Conduct and your friend, the Australian Consumer Law, also makes it illegal to mislead or deceive, including by leaving important information out.

So what exactly is a material fact? There's no fixed definition, but generally it's anything that would matter to a reasonable person deciding whether to buy or how much to offer for a property.

Material facts can include things like unapproved structures, non-visible structural damage, asbestos, past use of the property that could affect health (such as a drug lab), access issues, or significant changes planned nearby - think major road projects, high-rise developments or airport expansions. In some cases, psychological stigma attached to the property could be considered material if it would likely affect a reasonable buyer's decision. This could be a serious crime, such as a murder, occurring in the house.

While WA does not require sellers to fill out a form called a 'Seller Disclosure Statement', that doesn't mean buyers are on their own. Sellers are still expected to disclose material facts to their agent, and agents must pass that information on. Importantly, if you ask a direct question, the agent must answer honestly and tell you about any relevant facts they're aware of or make every effort to find out.

This is why asking the right questions matters. Before making an offer, you should raise any concerns you have and specifically ask for a Seller Disclosure Statement. You can also make your own enquiries, such as checking building approvals, reviewing available reports from Landgate, or seeking professional inspections.

If a failure to disclose material facts leads to financial loss or other damage, you may be able to take civil action or ask to terminate the contract. Consumer Protection can also investigate complaints where an agent may have breached their legal obligations to disclose material facts.

The bottom line for WA home buyers is simple: don't assume "no news is good news". Ask questions early, get information in writing, and even though real estate agents are acting in the best interest of the seller, they still have a legal obligation to you when it comes to material facts.

SUDOKU

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Sudoku Rules for Complete Beginners

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

Solution see page 45

Source:sudoku.com.au

TRIVIA

1. The upcoming Winter Olympics are commonly known by what title that namechecks two locations and the date?
2. Which iconic French singer was nicknamed "The Little Sparrow"? (Bonus points for naming which whale is referred to as the "canary of the sea", and which Australian was once dubbed "the Singing Budgie".)
3. Chequers is the country home of the prime minister of which country?
4. Aureolin is a bright shade of what primary colour?
5. Which city is widely considered to have overtaken Tokyo as the world's most populous city?
6. Are hyenas more closely related to dogs or cats?
7. Is bourbon primarily made from oats, wheat or corn?
8. According to Greek mythology, anyone who looked upon Medusa turned to what?
9. Rob Hirst, who died recently aged 70, was a founding member and drummer of which Australian band?
10. The 1930s airship Hindenburg was filled with which highly flammable gas?

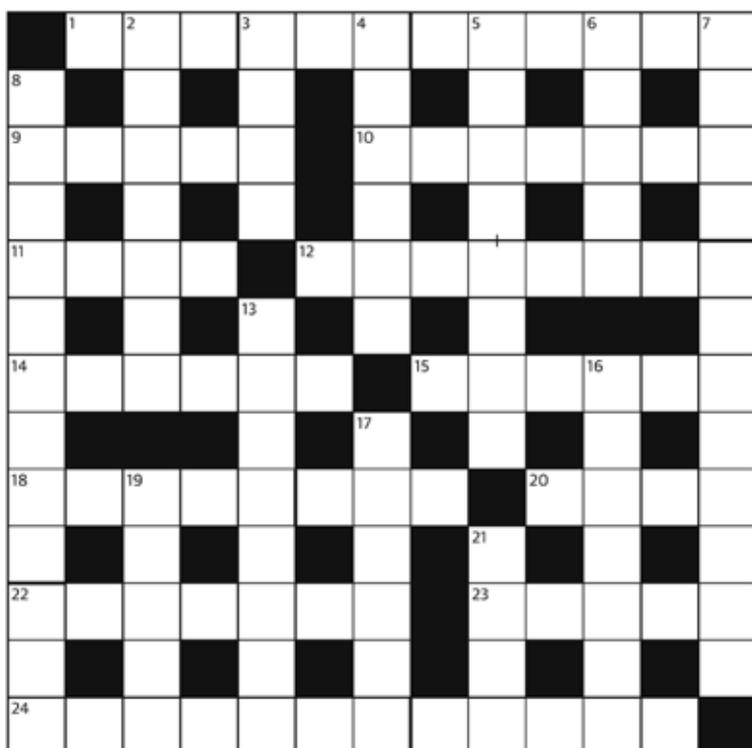


Answers on page 45

source:TheSaturdaypaper

CROSSWORD

Source:theguardian.com



Across

- 1 Kowtow (3,3,6)
- 9 Fashionable again (5)
- 10 Bond booze (7)
- 11 ___ apparent (4)
- 12 Gives another coat to (8)
- 14 It stretches from the Atlantic to the Red Sea (6)
- 15 Plane that can fly without an engine (6)
- 18 Classical jurisprudence (5,3)
- 20 One-dimensional (4)
- 22 Hone – ideal (7)
- 23 Nasal quality of speech (5)
- 24 Hotel-room amenity facilitating smartness (7,5)

Down

- 2 Largest living bird (7)
- 3 Maritime salutation (4)
- 4 Dickensian shipping firm owner, or his titular Son (6)
- 5 Panaceas (4-4)
- 6 Relating to our feathered friends (5)
- 7 Plan to get out (4,8)
- 8 Source of a musical's music (9,3)
- 13 Fairy-tale rescuer, often (8)
- 16 Currency in Canberra (7)
- 17 Liquid destined to become a pancake (6)
- 19 Italian-named protagonist of Nintendo games (5)
- 21 Our sun, e.g. (4)

Solution see page 45



By *JUNE LE GALLEZ*

Spinners and Weavers held their AGM on 3rd February and we are pleased to say we have a complete committee again this year. Our thanks go to Marian (president) Wendy (secretary) Annabel (treasurer) Trish (library and refreshments) and yours truly (publicity) with Michelle doing the technical bits I haven't mastered yet!

By the time this article is published we will have had our first "Spin Out" at Jenny's home on 24th February. We are all looking forward to the events of this year.

So now put your woolies on for this months adventure to Iceland. Icelandic wool is a legend in the wool world.

What makes it special

The unique breed of sheep are hardy and adapted to Iceland's tough climate with snow wind and scarce grazing. The Icelandic Lop sheep have a double coat - a soft under coat (Bel) and a water resistant outer coat (Tog) making it warm and light. This wool structure makes it super insulating even when wet and very sustainable.

Icelandic sheep are free range and the wool is often processed locally. The sheep roam wild grazing on grasses, moss and herbs.



Lopapeysa is the name of the traditional Icelandic sweater often colourful and patterned. Shearing is done carefully by hand to keep both coats intact. The wool is used to make outdoor gear perfect for hats, scarves and mittens needed to withstand the elements. The wool is great for spinning, knitting, felting and weaving. Icelandic wool has been used for centuries it's as tough as the Vikings who used it .

Pel-Lok are soft felted Icelandic slippers. Lopapeysa designs are where the colour work is bold, geometric patterns which are classic stripes, circles and intricate motifs, Lopapeysa often features a round yoke with striking designs.

Preparing the wool

Sorting separate Bel and Tog fibres often by hand. Washing is done gently often with lanolin friendly soap. Carding aligns the fibres and some Icelandic wool is left unspun for a rustic look. Spinning can be done traditionally (in the round) or by a more modern method.



Uses of Pel vs Tog

- Pel - for soft next to skin garments
- Tog - Durable outdoor wear, ropes or rugs

Rettir (Gathering) In Iceland, autumn is the time to round up and sort the sheep, which is done by the community. To dye the wool local plants, lichens and mosses are used.

Facts

Icelandic sheep have been vital for wool, meat and milk for centuries . Skyr is an Icelandic staple - thick creamy yoghurt with a unique twist, high in protein made from sheep or cows milk with a bit of rennet, probiotic and good for the gut health like other fermented foods.



Merino wool garments are popular in Iceland because they are super soft, breathable, moisture wicking and warm. Merino sheep originally came from Spain but are farmed in lots of places. Australia is a big player in Merino production also New Zealand, South Africa and Chile.



The Faroe Islands are 430km (267 miles) south of Iceland. The small sturdy Faroe sheep are hardened by the rugged Islands with a mix of old Norse and modern breeds.

Lots of locals on the islands breed sheep for wool and meat. These sheep have thick and shaggy fleeces, some with a lovely mix of colours. Sheep population 70,000 vs 53,000 people. The sheep weigh 30 - 40kg. The traditional islanders food consists of dried sheep's head (grilled or boiled) and dried mutton.

Have a happy month
A la Prochaine.

We meet at our club room at the Centennial Hall every **Tuesday 10:30 - 4:00pm and Thursday 7:00pm to 10:00pm**

We are a patient and friendly bunch, bring your craft, old or new or let us teach you a new craft.

Any age welcome where you can stay for some or all of our sessions . If you would like more information please feel free to message me at June.legallez@icloud.com





Lower Blackwood Catchment

Land Conservation District Committee

Community Update March 2026



Native Seed Collection Know-How for Riparian Zone Restoration



What? Half day workshop with Lower Blackwood LCDC, Cape Life and Undalup Rangers
When? Thursday 19 March 2026, 9am-1pm (morning tea included)
How? Tickets: FREE (bookings essential)
Where? Start at the Red Cross Shop Witchcliffe then to Cape Life HQ Margaret River (own transport required)

Healthy riparian zones don't happen by accident, they're built from the ground up, starting with the right seed.

Collecting and using locally adapted native seed is one of the most effective ways to restore degraded creek lines, stabilise banks, improve water quality and rebuild habitat. The species we choose – and where that seed comes from – directly influence survival rates, resilience to climate pressures, and long-term restoration success.

Native Seed Know-How for Riparian Zone Restoration will explore why seed provenance matters, how to collect responsibly, and how good seed practices strengthen on-ground restoration outcomes. By sourcing seed from healthy, local plant communities, we maintain genetic diversity, improve establishment success and build resilience into our revegetation projects for the long term.

This workshop will be guided by the experts at Cape Life and Undalup Rangers, with support from our Lower Blackwood LCDC specialist Declan McGill. It will be a unique insight into our local landscape; how to

observe carefully, collect respectfully and handle and use native seeds with confidence.

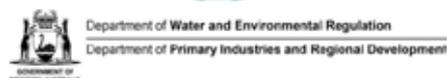
Be prepared for a morning out in the bush! Gloves, long sleeves and boots must be worn as we'll be out in the bush to learn the hands-on skills for native seed gathering. Bring a water bottle too as we'll be out for most of the morning.

We'll also cover:

- Why we focus on endemic/provenance seed collection
- The legalities and licensing requirements for native seed collection
- Seed collection: the how, when and why
- Optimum timing for different species
- Methods for seed collection – what gear you will need for efficiency and efficacy
- Processing seed – species/context specifics and approaches to cleaning/extracting seed
- Planting out seed – treatments required and ideal techniques
- Site preparation before planting out seeds or seedlings

For more information and to book go to www.lowerblackwood.com.au/events

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



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Shoo fly, don't bite me



March fly held in hand. Most likely from the genus *Scaptia*, or possibly *Copidapha*. (MyPestGuide® Reporter, 284687)

There are over 6,400 formally described species of fly in Australia, but the number of species in total is estimated at around 30,000. Their roles in the ecosystem are diverse and overarchingly beneficial. It's in domestic or farm settings where some really become a nuisance. Thankfully (and proportionally), there are only a few, commonly encountered flies that bite us! Within these species, it's near exclusively the females who bite, using the blood they obtain as a source of protein for developing eggs.

Meet the culprits

March flies (family: Tabanidae), also called horse flies, comprise 200+ species. They are large (6-25mm) flies with prominent eyes. Found throughout Australia, they live around freshwater creeks, intertidal estuaries and mangroves. Breeding in damp soil, rotting vegetation, sand and rot holes in trees. They are most active on calm, sunny days throughout the warmer months. **Stable flies** (*Stomoxys calcitrans*, family: Muscidae) are slightly smaller than a house fly (generally 5-7mm). Found throughout Perth's Swan Coastal Plain, they breed in moist organic material such as manure, compost, grass clippings, and vegetable waste.

They are a serious pest of livestock and most active late spring through autumn. **Biting midges** (family: Ceratopogonidae), often called "sandflies," are tiny insects (1-3mm). Of the 200+ species in this family, most belong to the genus *Culicoides*. They are present in many coastal and inland areas of WA, commonly near sandy estuarine and foreshore areas, and mangrove swamps in tropical and sub-tropical parts of the State. They are most active at dawn and dusk.

Shoo fly!

Managing biting flies is incredibly difficult. The easiest way to protect yourself is to wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing. Include head nets where fly numbers are high. Inspect your property for breeding sources and manage organic material, compost and manure to reduce fly breeding sources.

The WA Department of Health has good information on March flies, sand flies, as well as mosquitoes - how to protect yourself, including the use of repellents, and managing bites. Alternatively, contact your local government's Environmental Health officer for the latest advice. For information on stable fly, look at our website dpird.wa.gov.au/stablefly for management advice.



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HEARD ON THE GREEN

By Kay Challis

The Augusta Bowling Club continues to make waves in the local community, offering a friendly and inclusive space for

bowlers of all ages and skill levels.

They certainly created waves this week, bringing an influx of bowlers to the town hosting a two-day Men's Open Fours competition. Many brought their partners with them, who enjoyed roaming the district shopping and sampling local produce.

The big winners this year were a composite team from four clubs. Owen Rafferty (Augusta) Peter Girault and Mark Ridge (Margaret River) and Gary Bell from Dunsborough. It was really a case of who could best control the gale force S/E winds sent to test their skills. Despite windy conditions, everyone agreed the event was a great success, and the club thanks major sponsors Optima Lime and Hamelin Grove Development.



Meanwhile club championships, Leeuwin League pennants and regular weekly competitions have continued to be played with the following results.

LADIES; Championship Pairs - Sponsored by Busselton Toyota. This year's winners were Wendy Wilson and Jaquie Graves with Kay Challis and Jane Kelly coming in second place on a countback.

MENS; Championship Pairs - Sponsored by William Barrett & Son The honours this year go to Owen Rafferty and Alan Gordin closely followed by Andrew Drayton and Aussie Fraser.

February weekly competitions have been generously sponsored by Augusta First National Real Estate, Whirlwind Olives and Augusta Hardware. Our thanks to these sponsors for their continuing support.

Fierce competition continues in the effort to claim the pennant flag for 2026.



Tuesday Pennants;

Augusta holds the number one position on the pennant flag ladder, thereby earning the team the opportunity to host the final match at their home venue next week.

Saturday Pennants;

Augusta currently maintains a firm grip on first place in the First Division, with the season's last game set for this Saturday. Good luck team. Second division are still trying hard to climb that ladder!

The Corporate Bowls season kicks off 25th February till 15th April. There'll be plenty of teams competing and heaps of prizes up for grabs so don't miss out on the action. Grab your mates, make up a team and roll up for a great night out. Dinner at the club and no washing up is an added bonus for the family cook.

Contact Allan Evans to register your team.

Remember our regular weekly competitions:

WEDNESDAY - Mixed Mufti; Register 12:30 - Play 1:00pm

FRIDAY - Mixed Mufti Scroungers; Register 2:30

LADIES COMPETITION;

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

See you on the green!

2oceansFM Program Schedule



| Day | Time | Show | Presenter |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Monday | 8:30 - 9:00 AM | Shire Chat | Owen Jones |
| | 10:00 - 11:00 AM | Monday Sports Show | Owen, Jarrod, Christine |
| | 5:30 - 6:30 PM (Monthly) | Record Club | Rotation |
| | 8:00 - 10:00 PM | Raised On Rock | Mark O'Neill |
| Tuesday | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Alphabeth | Beth Cummings |
| | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | Chris's Compilations | Chris Cummings |
| | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | Artist Of The Week | Jarrod Brindley |
| | 8:00 - 9:00 PM | On Air With Brian Peel | Brian Peel |
| Wednesday | 9:30 - 10:00 AM | Kiddies Corner | Christine Brown |
| | 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM | All That Jazz | Christine Brown |
| | 3:00 - 5:00 PM | The Mix Bag | Neil Haring |
| | 5:00 - 7:00 PM | Fridge Report | Chris Cusack |
| Thursday | 9:00 - 9:30 AM | David Cleary Audiobook Series | David Cleary |
| | 2:00 - 3:00 PM | Afternoon Shift | Jarrod Brindley |
| | 3:30 - 4:30 PM | Rik Lok Show | Rik Lok |
| | 5:00 - 6:00 PM | A Breath Of Fresh Air | Sandy Kaye |
| | 8:00 - 9:00 PM | Atomic | Melainie Smith |
| Friday | 8:30 - 9:00 AM (Fortnightly) | Shire Talk | Owen Jones |
| | 12:00 - 1:00 PM | In Your Neighbourhood | Pam Winter |
| | 1:00 - 2:00 PM | Afternoon Shift | Jarrod Brindley |
| | 2:00 - 4:00 PM | History Rock N Roll | Adam Mathews |
| | 4:00 - 6:00 PM | Private J Live | Jarrod Brindley |
| | 9:00 - 10:00 PM | Sugar Radio | Robin Schultz |
| Saturday | 8:00 - 9:00 AM | Word For The Day | Amber Pasco |
| | 9:00 AM | Lost In Science | CRN |
| | 9:30 AM | Unscripted Science | CRN |
| | 10:05 - 10:15 AM | Women On The Move | Donny Walford |
| | 10:15 - 10:30 AM | Just Breath | Adrian Testa |
| | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | The Country Wardrobe | Nardia Drayton |
| | 12:00 - 1:00 PM | Strong, Single and Human | Claire Martin |
| | 2:00 - 3:00 PM | Cinema Australia | Matthew Eels |
| | 5:00 - 6:00 PM | Australian Music is Bloody Great | CRN |
| | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | Lizard Lounge | Ben Thomas |
| Sunday | 8:00 - 8:35 AM | Religious Program | Bill & Vicki |
| | 8:35 - 9:00 AM | Lost In Science | CRN |
| | 9:00 - 10:00 AM | All The Dirt | Steve Wood |
| | 12:00 - 1:00 PM | The Red Carpet | Ann Paterson |
| | 2:00 - 2:35 PM | Religious Program | Bill & Vicki |
| | 4:00 - 5:00 PM | Top Of The Pops | Kim Robinson |
| | 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Nothing But the Blues | Ben Menalgo |



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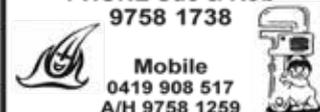
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- ### TRIVIA ANSWERS
- Milano Cortina 2026
 - Édith Piaf. (Bonus points: Beluga; Kylie Minogue.)
 - The United Kingdom.
 - Yellow.
 - Jakarta.
 - Cats.
 - Corn.
 - Stone.
 - Midnight Oil.
 - Hydrogen.

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, Allnut Tce |
| Augusta Art Club and Studio Gallery | Tuesday Wednesday & Friday | 6:30pm - 8:30pm 10:00am- 2:00pm | Art activities 9758 0363 | Centennial Hall - Art Room |
| Augusta Badminton Club | Social games every Tuesday | 6.30pm-8.30pm | All ages welcome. Equipment provided if needed Wendy Mathews 0439 980 932 | Augusta Recreation Centre, Allnut Tce |
| Augusta Bowling Club | Wednesday Thursday | 12.30pm 9.00am | Men's Mufti Ladies Bowls | Allnut Tce |
| Augusta Bridge Club | Monday | 12:15pm for 12:30pm | Weekly Game Trevor 0428 308 330 | Historical Soc room |
| Augusta Chambers of Commerce | Every 4th Thursday of the Month | 5:30pm | secretary@augustawachamber.com.au | Various locations around town |
| Augusta Community Development Assoc | Meet first Thursday of each month | 5:30pm | Community building, augusta_acda@yahoo.com | Augusta Library Lesser Hall |
| Augusta Community Garden | Open Daily, Mebers meet Mondays | 9.30am | Community visits Gardening/Stall | 68 Blackwood Ave (opposite Butcher) |
| Augusta Community Nursery | Mondays | 8:30am-10:30am | Nursery Work | Front of Lions Shed, Hillview Rd |
| Augusta Community Rowing Association | Rowing days vary | 6.30am 8.30am | Wish to come rowing in our Skiffs? call Trevor Kent 0473 089 803 | Augusta Yacht Club |
| Augusta CWA | 1st Wed every month | 1:30pm | Monthly Meeting | CWA Hall, Allnut Tce |
| Augusta Croquet Club | Monday & Saturday | 12:30pm-4:00pm | Golf Croquet Doreen 0428 581 557 | Augusta Sporting Complex, Allnut Tce |
| Augusta Dru Yoga Group | Wednesday & Saturday | Wed 5:00pm Sat 8:00am | Dru Yoga | Augusta CRC, Allnut Tce |
| Augusta Garden Club | 3rd Monday every month | 1:30pm-3:30pm | | See Pelican Post - Garden Gossip |
| Augusta Golf Club | Tuesday & Friday Wednesday Saturday Sunday | 12:00pm 9:30am 11:30pm 11:30pm | Men's Scroungers Ladies 18 Holes Men's 18 Holes Mixed 18 Holes | Hillview Road |
| Augusta Historical Society | 3rd Thursday every month | 7:00pm | Monthly Meeting | Society Rooms, Blackwood Ave |
| Augusta Historical Museum | Daily | 1:00pm-4:00pm | Closed Christmas Day/ Boxing Day | Museum Blackwood Ave |
| Augusta Men's Shed | Mon, Wed and Fri Sat Thursday | 9:00am-1:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm | Member Shed activities Community Morning (ladies and men) | Men's Shed, Hillview Rd |
| Augusta Playgroup | Every Fri during School Term | 9:00am-11:00am | Playgroup for 0-5 yr olds, all welcome | Augusta PS Kindy, sign in @ office |
| Augusta River and Coast Care | Thursday | 8:30am-10:30am | Gudrun Thiele 0413 381 852 | TBA |
| Augusta River FestivalInc. | As advertised on FB | 6:30pm | | Augusta Primary School |
| Augusta Spinners & Weavers | Tuesday Thursday | 10:30am 7:00pm | Textile Crafts | Centennial Hall |
| Augusta Singrays | Wednesday / Weekly | 5.30pm-7pm | Singing Deb Perry 042 8131 148 | Augusta Hotel Function Room |

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 | 4:30pm | Weekly Meeting Sue Air 9758 0098 | CWA Hall |
| Augusta Uniting Church | 3rd Wednesday of each month | 2:00pm | Monthly Gatherings | Leeuwin frail age lodge - Sunroom |
| Augusta Yacht Club | Most Sundays as per programme | 12:00pm onwards | January – April Call 0419 953 369 for program | Augusta Yacht Club |
| Berean Baptist Church | Sunday Wednesday | 10:00am-11:00am 11:00am - 12:00pm 2:00pm - 3:00pm 9:00am - 10:00am | Bible Study Morning Service Afternoon Service Bible Study | Centennial Hall CWA Hall - MargretR. |
| Civic Park Golf Club | Wednesday Sunday | May - Nov 9:00am Dec - April 8:00am | | Allnut Tce |
| Coops Cottage Craft | Thursday | 12.00pm - 4:00pm | Wool, Fabric & other crafts | Dr John Williams Room, Leeuwin Units |
| Friends of Cape Leeuwin | Every First Tuesday of the month | 8.45am - 11:30am | Gudrun Thiele 0413 381 852 | Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse Precinct |
| Hash House Harriers | Monday | 4:30pm in Winter 5:00pm in Summer | Walking | See the Newsagency window |
| Karridale Augusta R.S.L Sub Branch | 1st Wednesday/ Month | 1:00pm | Monthly Meeting John Wilson 0427 586 493 | Augusta 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 |
| If your community group would like to be included in the calendar, call the Augusta CRC on 9758 0002 or email editor@pelicanpost.com.au with the details. | | | | |

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