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AUGUSTA WHALESONG FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 29TH MAY TO MONDAY 1ST JUNE 2026

COME AND ENJOY THE WONDERFUL ACTIVITIES PLANNED TO CELEBRATE THE ANNUAL WHALE MIGRATION AS THEY VISIT FLINDERS BAY, AUGUSTA, THIS WINTER!

- » Opening ceremony at Lions Park at new Whale Tail sculpture.
- » Whalesong Frolic Cocktail Party to celebrate the whale migration.
- » Guided walk and Leeuwin Sundowner taking in the beautiful coastline from the Boat Harbour to the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse.
- » Annual Blessing of the Fleet, Market stalls and food vans.
- » DFES Emergency Services displays.
- » Free screening of Ocean with David Attenborough - an award winning documentary showing the wonder and vitality of the ocean, its fragility and most importantly our ability to protect it.
- » Heaps of family fun and activities for all to enjoy including sand sculpture display, whale sculptures, kite shows & various workshops.
- » Great line up of local music and entertainment across the weekend!

Visit whalesongfestival.com.au for full program and tickets!



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WHALESONG FESTIVAL 2026

FRIDAY, 29 MAY 2026

11.00AM OPENING CEREMONY
5.00PM WHALESONG FROLIC
COCKTAIL PARTY

*** FREE ENTRY TO HISTORICAL**
MUSEUM FOR ALL GUESTS
ATTENDING THE TICKETED EVENTS

MONDAY, 1 JUNE 2026

9.30 AM YOGA TO WHALE
SOUNDS
11.00AM COMMUNITY PHOTO
AT TURNER STREET JETTY TO
CLOSE OUT THE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, 30 MAY 2026

TOWN FESTIVITIES:
10.00 AM – 4.00PM SAND SCULPTURE
WORKSHOP FOR KIDS
11.00AM STREET PARADE
12.00 NOON ONWARDS - KITE
DISPLAY AND WORKSHOPS
12.00 NOON 7.00PM – LIVE MUSIC AT
AUGUSTA HOTEL
10.00-2.00PM – MERMAID JACINTA
DOING FACE PAINTING NEAR LIONS
TOY SHOP AND THEN VILLAGE
GROCCER
PICs GALLERY – VIEW ART ON DISPLAY
8:00AM – 2.00PM – VIEW THE ART
CLUB STUDIOS

SUNDAY, 31 MAY 2026

AUGUSTA BOAT HARBOUR
FESTIVITIES FROM 9.00AM - 2:00PM:
9.00AM BLESSING OF THE FLEET AND
WELCOME TO SUNDAY'S FESTIVITIES
MARKET STALLS
EV CAR DISPLAY
DFES DISPLAY
KITE DISPLAY
MERMAID JACINTA DOING FACE
PAINTING
SKIFFS – HAVE A GO
2OCEANSFM LIVE BROADCAST
LIVE MUSIC
WHALE WATCHING TOURS
3.00PM – GUIDED WALK ON LEEUWIN
BIDDI TRAIL AND SUNDOWNER AT THE
CAPE LEEUWIN LIGHTHOUSE*

CENTENNIAL HALL
1.00PM - OCEAN WITH DAVID
ATTENBOROUGH – FREE EVENT BUT
NEED TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE
DUE TO THIS BEING A POPULAR
EVENT*

ALL WEEKEND

SEE THE SAND SCULPTURE BEING BUILT AT THE VILLAGE GROCCER
 WINE TASTING AT SUBSEA WINES
 PIONEER CEMETERY
 GEORGIANA PARK
 RAILWAY TRAIL INFORMATION BOARD
 WHALE PLAQUE AT FLINDERS BAY
 VISIT JEWEL CAVE JUST OUTSIDE AUGUSTA
 WILD LOT DISTILLERY
 PASSPORT ACTIVATION – KIDS TO COLLECT STAMPS AT LOCATIONS AND COLLECT A FREE ITEM
 WHALE PLAQUE AT FLINDERS BAY
 AUGUSTA HISTORICAL MUSEUM – OPEN 1PM-4PM FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
 COMMUNITY MURAL AT ELLIS STREET
 FIRESTONE PARK – TAKE THE KIDS TO PLAY ON THE NEW WHALETAIL PLAYGROUND
 VIEW THE WHALE MURAL ON THE WATER TANK NEAR THE BOWLING CLUB, BUSSELL HWY
 GO SHOPPING LOCAL IN THE TOWN CENTRE OF AUGUSTA (SATURDAY AND SOME SHOPS SUNDAY)
 WHALE TAIL BUILT BY THE AUGUSTA MEN'S SHED LOCATED AT LIONS PARK
 VIEW WHALE STRANDING INFORMATION AT THE AUGUSTA HOTEL (RECEPTION AREA)
 TAKE A STROLL OR RIDE ON ONE OF THE MANY TRAILS AROUND AUGUSTA

WE LOOK FORWARD TO
WELCOMING YOU TO SOME
OR ALL OF THE EVENTS
AND ACTIVITIES BEING
ORGANISED OVER THE
WEEKEND. CAN'T WAIT TO
SEE YOU ALL TO HAVE A
WHALE OF A TIME!



Leeuwin Lines

PROPOSED AUGUSTA MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACK

The Lions Club of Leeuwin has been involved in supporting another Augusta community project and

initiative with other community groups, which is now gaining some traction.

The Lions Club has been part of a local Augusta Community Trails group formed over 4 years ago to investigate a potential mountain bike trail for the town for all ages and capabilities to enjoy.

The Trails group participated in submitting a grant application through the Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries, with The Augusta Community Resource Centre being the applicant and administrators of the grant and the Lions Club of Leeuwin playing an auspicious role by way of receipting of grant funds and project acquittals. The Lions also supported the Trails Group with \$3000 to undertake the work and costs involved in the various stages.

The group believes a mountain bike trail would be a great asset to all in the community and complement the southern extension of the planned Wadandi track works.

The services of Common Ground were included in the design concept and location research for the project with various stakeholders, including the local community, Shire of Augusta Margaret River, Augusta CRC and the Par 3 golf course committee.

We are pleased to advise that this project has now moved into a more concrete phase with the parties involved now having a concept design plan ready to take to stakeholders and community groups.

We would like to acknowledge the work done to date by the Augusta Trails Group, the supporting administrative role of the Augusta CRC and the Augusta Par 3 Golf Course Committee with their potential site involvement. Without

these groups and the crucial role played by the Lions Club of Leeuwin the next steps would not be possible. The project is still some way off with Shire and Community group involvement and further consultations.

However, the first steps are the hardest and we are pleased to be involved as what we believe will be a facility for all ages who live and visit our region.



LEEWIN LIONS HELPS LOCAL YOUTH REACH NEW HEIGHTS

The Leeuwin Lions Club continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of young people in the community through its ongoing commitment to youth development and support.

The impact of this work was recently highlighted in a heartfelt thank-you letter received by the club from the family of a local teenager, Nate Birch, who was supported by the Lions to attend the Dandenong Basketball Tournament.



Thanks to the club's generous sponsorship, Nate was able to take part in the tournament — an opportunity that proved to be both rewarding and memorable. In the letter Nate's family shared how the experience helped him develop his basketball skills, gain valuable game experience, and form new friendships with other young players.

"It truly was an awesome opportunity for him," the

letter said, noting that the tournament is a memory Nate will treasure for years to come. Beyond the sporting side, the experience also boosted Nate's confidence and provided a positive environment where he could challenge himself, learn teamwork, and grow both on and off the court.

The family expressed their sincere appreciation for the encouragement shown by Leeuwin Lions members, saying the support meant a great deal not only to Nate, but to the whole family.

Leeuwin Lions Club members take pride in supporting local youth by helping remove barriers to participation in sport, education and personal development. By investing in opportunities like tournaments, camps and skill-building programs the club aims to give young people the chance to reach their full potential.

Nate has also expressed his desire to personally thank the club and share his experience with members when he is able, demonstrating the strong connection formed between the Lions and the young people they support.



Nate in action on the court

The Leeuwin Lions Club believes moments like this reaffirm why community service is at the heart of everything we do.

Supporting youth today means building a stronger, more connected community for tomorrow.

Leeuwin Lines continued...

UPDATE ON WINNIE

Breed: Labradoodle

Source: Breeding Program

Sponsor: Lions Club of Leeuwin Inc

Date of Birth: 24/11/2025

Current Weight: 3.75 kg

Foster Carers: Sandra & Ken

Puppy Instructor: Mackahla

Winnie has had another exciting month full of new adventures as she continues settling into life with Sandra and Ken. It has been lovely to see how quickly she is gaining confidence and taking in the world around her.

One of Winnie's biggest highlights this month was a short getaway to the coast. She travelled with Sandra and Ken to Goolwa, where she stayed in their caravan at the caravan park. This provided her with a wonderful opportunity to experience a completely new environment. While away, Winnie also enjoyed a trip on the horse drawn tram in Victor Harbor.

These outings meant Winnie encountered lots of new people, including children, as well as other dogs, and she handled these experiences very well. After busy outings she was quite happy to settle down and sleep while the family relaxed, which is always a great skill for young puppies to develop.

Sandra and Ken have noticed that Winnie appears to be a confident little dog at this stage. She is curious about new sounds and environments but does not seem overly worried by them. She often pauses to observe before continuing on. This calm curiosity is a lovely quality and will serve her well as she continues to experience new situations.

At home Winnie has been continuing to practise some of her early training foundations. She is doing well at sitting politely before her meals and is learning to wait while her food is placed down. To help slow her enthusiastic eating Sandra and Ken have been using a puzzle mat, which Winnie has taken to very well. Like many young puppies she is very food motivated, which is a great asset for training.

Winnie also benefited from spending her first weeks in the household with Tilly. This helped her learn the household routine and gain confidence when meeting new people and going out on walks. Tilly has now commenced formal training at the training centre in Verdun, and Winnie has adapted well to the change. She is settling nicely into the household and finding her own rhythm now that she is the only puppy at home.

Overall, Winnie continues to show herself to be a confident, social, and curious young puppy who is happily embracing new experiences. It has been wonderful to see how well she is adjusting, and we look forward to watching her continue to grow and learn in the months ahead.



*"Winnie" assistance dog in training
Sponsored by Leeuwin Lions*



ALWAYS BUSY, ALWAYS GIVING BACK

The Lions Second Hand Goods Shed and Containers Deposit Scheme (CDS) Shed are a hive of activity every Thursday and Saturday, with plenty happening on each open day. From sorting donated goods to processing containers, there is always work to be done — and it is work that directly supports the local community.

Both sheds rely heavily on the dedication and generosity of Lions members and volunteers, whose time and effort keep everything running smoothly. Without this valuable support, the sheds simply could not operate at the level they do. Every pair of hands helps ensure donations are processed efficiently and funds raised through the CDS are put to good use.

The constant flow of visitors, donations and containers is a clear sign of how important these services are. The sheds stand as a great example of teamwork, community spirit and what can be achieved when people come together with a shared purpose.

Below - Smiles, teamwork, and community spirit—our dedicated members and volunteers making a difference at the 2nd Hand Goods Shed and CDS Shed.



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ANZAC Day 2026

Augusta RSL Memorial Park

ANZAC Day in Augusta was a particularly special occasion this year. The Dawn Service was attended by an estimated crowd of 500 locals and town visitors in a unique setting while the main service saw around 200 people in attendance. Notable attendees were George Hooks at 102 years of age and Peter Toy, 99.

This year for the first time a contingent of Royal Australian Navy Submariners representing HMAS Waller led local and visiting veterans and local volunteer organisations in a march. The march was led by a decorated Waler horse (Clayton-Maaree) representing the 130,000 Waler horses who departed Australia during WWI. Clayton-Maaree paraded alongside the purple poppies representing animals who died during the war.

Emily Hathaway, a Year 6 Karridale Primary School student, delivered an address about two WWI soldiers from the Brennan families while Lt Col Joanne Wilson presented the timeline of a WWI soldier, George Bell. Local veteran Joe MacArthur's research discovered three soldiers whose names are missing from the RSL memorial; Shields HA, Smith AJ and Watson WH. Gil Goodwin spoke about their history and their names will soon be added to the memorial.

A sea of hand knitted poppies, detailed with a variety of donated buttons, once again decorated the park and continue to add a special touch to services held in Augusta.

Claire Burrow and her team of volunteers have worked tirelessly over the years to build up to a display of poppies. A unique spectacle to add some vibrant colour to a sombre day.





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CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE



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Lions Refund Depot
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Opening Times:

Thursday 8-12 midday
Saturday 8-12 midday

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

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

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- Seller, Augusta



Shire news

May 2026

Welcome from Shire President Julia Jean-Rice

Kaya Augusta,

If you're aware of a community or environmental group doing great things in the Shire, let them know that applications for our Community Development & Events Grants and Environmental Management Fund Grants are open until Wednesday 13 May.

We are offering up to \$330,000 in financial support for local initiatives that empower the community and protect the region's unique natural environment. The two funding streams aim to respond to local needs and enhance what makes our region a great place to live.

We'd especially love to hear from groups who are keen to help us activate our towns over the Christmas period. So, if you have a great idea to help bring the festive spirit to Augusta, please let us know about it! There is more information on the grants, including how to apply, included on this page.

As I mentioned last month, Council considered a new Local Planning Policy for Large-Scale Renewable Energy Facilities at our March meeting. Community input was given serious consideration and based on that feedback; some amendments were made to the policy.

We are confident we now have a policy that will provide a clear framework for Shire staff when they assess proposals and for advising the State's Development Assessment Panel on our local needs and priorities.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the consultation.

At our April Council meeting, we will be considering several changes to our planning policies and discussing some feedback on WALGA's draft Climate Change Advocacy Position.

I'll update you on that next month, but if you are interested, our Council minutes are always published on the Shire website the week following the meeting.

Finally, our magnificent region is set to become more connected than ever with the Wadandi Track extension underway.

Construction will start on the first of the two southern sections – Sebbes Road to Maze Road – next financial year. The second southern section – Maze Road to Flinders Bay – is scheduled for 2027/28.

Once complete, the track will run from Busselton Jetty to Flinders Bay, making it one of the longest rail trails in Australia.

Enjoy the last of the beautiful Djeran weather everyone.

Warm regards,
Julia Jean-Rice | Shire President



Augusta Whalesong Festival

The Augusta Community Resource Centre is delighted to present the Augusta Whalesong Festival, celebrating Augusta's annual whale migration and showcasing the region's rich biodiversity and natural attractions.

Held over the over the WA Day long weekend, (29 May to 1 June 2026) the festival includes a series of free and ticketed experiences for all ages. Enjoy live music, street parades, sand sculptures, kite displays, boat harbour festivities, guided walks, yoga, film screenings and more

Augusta Whalesong Festival is not only a celebration of Augusta's wildlife and natural beauty. It's a celebration of the Augusta community spirit, don't miss it!

Scan QR code to see the full festival schedule.



Stay scam smart: Free community session

Join us for a free Scams Awareness presentation delivered by Consumer Protection WA, supported by the Shire of Augusta Margaret River and the Augusta Community Resource Centre.

Date: Wednesday 20 May | 10am - 11:45am
Venue: Augusta Community Resource Centre, 66 Allnut Terrace Augusta

This presentation will cover how to identify a scam, how to protect yourself and what to do if you've been scammed, with time for questions. Tea, coffee and morning tea provided.

Please RSVP to Olivia via oknowles@amrshire.wa.gov.au or (08) 9780 5667.

Community Development and Events Grants and Easy Grants

The Community Development and Events Grants program supports local projects and events that address community needs and create positive outcomes for the Augusta Margaret River community. The program aims to foster resilience, connection, and wellbeing through initiatives that make a meaningful difference.

The program offers two categories of support:

- Category 1 - Community Development and Events Grants: Funding between \$3,000 and \$10,000 (GST exclusive) per grant, with an annual allocation of approximately \$150,000 (GST exclusive).
- Category 2 - Easy Grants: Funding up to \$3,000 (GST exclusive) per grant, with an annual allocation of approximately \$30,000 (GST exclusive).

Community groups, organisations, and individuals are encouraged to find out more and download grant guidelines and application forms at www.amrshire.wa.gov.au/shire-and-council/grants-and-financial-assistance/grants-program

Find out more



All funded projects must be delivered between 1 July 2026 and 30 June 2027. Applications close at 5pm, 13 May 2026.





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

Exercise physiologist

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

Hydro pool

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

Badminton

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

Strength For Life

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

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.

Black sea hares on Augusta's beaches

A reminder to dog owners that the black sea hare – a large sea mollusc endemic to our local area – contains toxins that can be harmful to dogs.

If dead animals that wash up on beaches are eaten by dogs, they can get sick and even die. Several dogs have presented to local vets over the last couple of months after ingesting sea hares, and one of these dogs has sadly died.

We've put some temporary signage in place and are planning to install some permanent signs in Augusta to help inform residents and visitors of the risks.

Dog owners, please be vigilant on beaches and report any suspected sightings of sea hares to our Rangers via phone (08) 9780 5695 or on our website.



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

Will you find a Golden Feather at your local library?

There are thousands of feather shaped bookmarks hidden in the children's and YA section of public libraries across WA. Look for an emerald, silver or golden feather to claim a fantastic prize. Come to the Augusta Library to join the hunt before 8 May!

Augusta Library invites you to Toddler Tales

Join us for stories, rhymes, songs and craft. Free sessions for children aged 18 to 36 months and their caregivers. Thursday 14 May, 10.30am - 11.30am. Bookings are essential as spaces are limited. Book online via www.amrshire.wa.gov.au/toddler-tales-augusta or call 9780 5602 to reserve your place.

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

- Fri 15 May-Sun 17 May: Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival
- Fri 29 May: In Conversation with Mick Herron
- Get your tickets: www.mrrwfestival.com

Community events

- Tuesdays from 12 May: Voice & Drama workshop series (8 weeks) with Bec Schofield (Ages 7-11 and 12+) Registrations required
- Mon 25 May: Artzability: Living Stories – Voices of Resilience Book Launch
- Tue 26 May: Yoga Meditation Workshop

Young@HEART Concerts in the Foyer

FREE live music each Monday from 10am (except May 18 for MRRWFestival). Check artsmargaretriver.com for full program

Theatre, music, comedy & dance

- Sat 2 May: Women in Big Band
- Sat 30 May: KiN

Cinema & film festivals

- Thu 7 May, 7pm: BANFF Mountain Film Festival
- Sat 9 May, 6.30pm: Hoppers
- Tue 12 May, 7pm: Sentimental Value
- Wed 13 May, 4.30pm: H is for Hawk
- Sat 23 May, 7pm: Addition
- Tue 26 May, 7pm: The Golden Spurtle

Visual arts

- 30 Apr-25 May: Visual Stories Art Exhibition & Competition - Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm (Launch Event 6-8pm 30 Apr)
- Mon 11 May: NOW AND THEN: My Journey, My Culture, My Art with Sandra Hill
- 28 May-26 June: The Memory of Trees: An Exhibition by Heloise Roberts & Moira Fearby - Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
- 29 May-25 June: Head On Potrait Awards Exhibition-Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm



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Spiritual Reflection

By BILL WOODAGE

Sought Out

The term 'sought out' in different dictionaries means to deliberately search for or track down or make a special effort to find a specific person, object or information. It implies a proactive searching, eg finding a friend in a crowd or seeking advice.

The Bible also uses the term, sought out, in respect to searching or seeking with purpose. So let's look at 'sought out' from Father God's perspective.

Did you know that the Bible portrays God as the one who seeks out His people?

The scripture is Ezekial 34:11 *For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.*

The imagery here of Father God is almost like a shepherd seeking to find his individual lost sheep. We have a loving creator Father looking for His lost children. A concern here is that the sheep, the children, are totally unaware of their lostness and that Father God is calling them back to their true heavenly home. Father God is being proactive and is on a mission. The central theme is of love, care and blessing to those who are lost, but are being sought out.

Luke 19:10 says *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

The mission of seeking the lost is the basis of the gospel message. Again, this demonstrates the heavenly Father's desire for total reconciliation and for His people to be set free from sin and lostness. The Lord seeks all people, calling them out as His creation and this can be at any stage in their life.

Are you aware of His calling you in your life? Can you recollect certain times when Father God has sought out yourself?

He wants a dynamic personal relationship with you. He wants you to be blessed in your comings and goings. Invite Him into your life in Jesus' name.

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Wind farm feasibility study

Development Application update

Synergy's Development Approval application has been under assessment by the Shire of Augusta Margaret River and Regional Development Assessment Panel.

At the time of this publication, Synergy anticipates that the Development Application would have been considered by the Regional Development Assessment Panel.

For the latest updates regarding the outcome and next steps for the proposed wind farm visit engage.synergyrenewables.net.au/scottriver

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Faction Carnival & Interschool Carnivals

Our Primary School Faction Carnival was a fantastic 2 days full of energy, teamwork, and school spirit! It was great to see every student getting involved, giving things a go, and cheering each other on. There were lots of proud moments, plenty of ribbons handed out, and heaps of excitement throughout the day.

Well, done to **Blackwood** (1208 points) for taking out the win this year in a great effort against Leeuwin (1095 points)

A big thank you to all the parents and friends who helped on the day—we really appreciate your support. And a special shoutout to Ingrid for doing such a fabulous job organising everything and making the day run so smoothly.

Over the last week, our students proudly represented Augusta Primary School at the Interschool Carnivals, enjoying a fantastic period of competition against Karridale PS, Margaret River Independent School and St Thomas More PS. We sincerely thank our parents for their help and support across the carnival days, and congratulate all students for their effort, resilience and willingness to step up and represent our school so proudly.

A special thank you goes to Mrs Moss for her organisation, and to Tashi, Mrs Latch, Mr Kehoe, and Sharon for their assistance at the athletics meet. Congratulations also to the students who were awarded Runner-Up and Champion trophies for their outstanding performances. Finally, a very special thank you to our Spirit of Sport award winners, **Layla and Tobi**. Your assistance throughout the day was outstanding, and you were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Augusta PS Champions and Runners Up

Indiana Willcox, Lana Hadley, Maggie Mist, Piper Griffiths, Alexa Bright, Jack Beard and Tilly Beck

Harmony Day

We had a fantastic time celebrating Harmony Day on Tuesday 24th March. We participated in a variety of engaging Harmony Day rotations throughout the day, learning about inclusion, respect and diversity. A highlight was joining the Pre-Primary students for some fun parachute games, where we worked together, shared lots of laughs and showed great teamwork. It was a wonderful day celebrating what makes our school so special.



Hello!



Karridale Primary School News



THE BOOMERS WIN 7 IN A ROW



L-R: Katherine Hardegon, Acting Principal, stands by as The Boomers faction captains, Emily and Drake deliver their winners speech.

For the seventh year in a row, blue faction, The Boomers claimed victory at our annual sports day—once again leaving The Emus just short of glory by three points.

1st Place The Boomers (blue) on 206 points

2nd Place The Emus (black) on 203 points

Our championship results were:

Year 5/6 Girl Champion Blakely, **Runner Up** - Emily

Year 5/6 Boy Champion Olly and Drake, **Runner Up** - Knox

Year 3/4 Girl Champion Aubrey, **Runner Up** - Indi

Year 3/4 Boy Champion Vincent, **Runner Up** - Patrick

Year 1/2 Girl Champion Scarlett, **Runner Up** - Rosie

Year 1/2 Boy Champion Angus, **Runners Up** - Taylor

This year featured new events—the vortex throw, turbo javelin and grand relay—as well as the return of the popular (and highly competitive!) parent race.

To our spectators, families and our volunteers, the P&C and staff—especially Ingrid Moss our Phys Ed Teacher and Robyn Dennis—thank you for helping make our sports day such a success.

Our school also participated in the two-day **Leeuwin Interscholar Sports** this term along with Augusta Primary School, St Thomas More Catholic School and Margaret River Independent School. Congratulations to our winners:

Year 5 Girl Champion Blakely (*shared with STMCPSS*)

Year 4 Girl Runner Up Aubrey

Year 3 Boy Champion Vincent

Year 2 Boy Champion Angus

Year 2 Girl Runner Up Scarlett



Above Ingrid Moss, Phys Ed Teacher, with some of our champion medal winners at the Faction Sports.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

What a lovely little gathering it was at our Kindy and Pre-primary Teddy Bears Picnic!

We were delighted to see such a wonderful assortment of teddy bears, and other stuffed animals, and smiling families coming together for this annual event.

A fun social opportunity for everyone to mingle, connect and enjoy the morning getting to know each other.

Families contributed delicious food and the children enjoyed fun activities, bubble blowing and a touch of rain that couldn't dampen the spirits.



Above: All kinds of creatures joined our Teddy Bears Picnic in K and PP.

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All the Rivers Run - St Ayles Skiffs

21st–28th March 2026

The St Ayles skiffs community is ever-growing right across Australia, with 13 skiffs having been built and rowed by communities in Western Australia.

An idea was floated many months ago by the Albany Maritime Foundation for there to be an event planned which would start in Albany as part of the Albany 2026 Bicentenary.

The WA St Ayles skiff communities would be invited to be part of a journey that ran across the southwest corner of WA,



taking the time to row on rivers and estuaries from Albany to Augusta. These rows are called St Ayles skiff “raids”, and are carried out right across Australia at different times.

The Albany Maritime Foundation has built two skiffs, Breaksea and Eclipse, in preparation for this epic journey along the southern coast. Planning, organising and implementing was carried out by the Albany Maritime Foundation under the leadership of John Gaunt and a very capable group of foundation members.

Day 1 Friday

Stage 1 began in Albany with a welcome dinner at the AMF shed with travellers from Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, Augusta Community Rowing Association, Denmark Rowers, Nannup Men’s Shed, Albany Maritime Foundation, South of Perth Yacht Club, and East Fremantle Skiff Association who had all travelled with skiffs to join All the Rivers Run raids. A chance, as well, to see the Albany lights and to enjoy a wonderful paella meal.

Day 2 Saturday

With nine skiffs with eager rowers ready for adventure, and good weather it was time to take to the water.

A rowing cruise around Princess Royal Harbour commenced with leg one: a row across to the Princess Royal Sailing Club for morning tea.

Leg two was a bit tougher rowing into the breeze but all skiffs persevered. We all fell into routine rowing pattern, and our final landing was at Vancouver Beach where a wonderful lunch waited for us by pristine blue waters.

Leg three was a pleasurable row back to the marina and the boat shed, past the Cheynes II whale chaser, Quaranup and an enormous (from our position) cruise ship that was in port. That evening was a supper club event at the AMF boat shed where John Longley, Steve Ward and Scott McAllister gave interesting and informative talks on the 1983 America’s Cup, building Australia II, and information on the workings of the

campaign and all that was associated.

Day 3 Sunday

A pleasurable Sunday spent with a raid commencing at the water ski area of the Kalgan River where rowers explored the river up to Honeymoon Island and then back down the river to the Albany Rowing Club. Rowers enjoyed seeing varied birdlife, especially the ospreys.

More food with a sumptuous morning tea and a sausage sizzle with amazing salads was followed by a mini regatta. It is amazing how competitive a group of friendly rowers can be when they hear a starting airhorn. It was good fun, with crews being made up by whoever was willing.

Day 4 Monday

Morning pack up, collection of the skiffs and it was off to the Nullaki boat ramp on the southern side of Wilson Inlet, where it was planned that the row would take us over to the Denmark River mouth where we would have lunch. One skiff, Augusta’s Colourpatch, was already in the water when a decision was made to forgo the row across the Inlet due to the strengthening winds. The intrepid crew of the Colourpatch in the water opted to tackle the row and were sent off with lots of advice on headings and a very rough idea of where the Denmark River mouth was.

They arrived safely if a little wind-blown, joined the rest of the rowers, and all enjoyed a sumptuous lunch at the Reminisce Café. To fulfil the aim of raiding as many rivers as possible, all skiffs were launched and exploration of the Denmark River commenced. A bottle of red wine was collected by each skiff during the row.

Once again, everyone packed up and got on the road to Walpole for the next day’s raid.

Day 5 Tuesday

A day spent on the water. Skiffs left from the Walpole Yacht Club for a row across Nornalup Inlet to the mouth of the Frankland River. This was a 7km row and once on the Frankland, was sheltered and the water flat. Time was taken to enjoy the surrounds as we headed up to the Nornalup where we formed organised lines of three skiffs abreast to pass under the Nornalup bridge at the same time. Lunch was at the Nornalup Community Hall. Following lunch was a very scenic row up the river to Monastery Landing and back again. There were a few obstacles in the water to manoeuvre around, and the tall trees were spectacular. About a 17km row total for the day so a relaxing evening was the go.

Day 6 Wednesday

Early Wednesday morning before the wind increased, some early Augusta rowers ventured out in Zoom to have a breakfast row as the sun came up. There was a slight change of plan and instead of rowing to Snake Island, the row ventured around the corner into the waters near the Walpole Rest Point Caravan Park. Perfect conditions with some great reflections. It was a working row back to the Walpole Yacht Club as the wind had started to come up.

It was a joy to watch three Ospreys circling above while loading Zoom back onto the trailer.

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By **PETER KEPPEL**

The Men's Shed continues to be a place where men and women come and enjoy what they achieve and cherish the atmosphere that looks after them, the community of Augusta and its surrounding settlements.

The workshop facilities for woodwork, metalwork, spray painting, and mechanical projects are continually being enhanced, with recent improvements including an upgraded wood lathe.

New members and local people are always welcome. We continue to carry out numerous projects and tasks for the local community, various activities and people. This includes building the Whale Tail monument, garden beds for the main street and recently, the refurbishment and sale of the TEA20 Ferguson 25HP tractor. The buyer of the tractor located in Quindalup is very satisfied with it.

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We packed up for the next stage which included a special detour to Big Brook Dam after lunch at the Pemberton Hotel. By arrangement, the Parks and Wildlife ranger opened the gate to allow the skiffs to raid the dam. It was an organised operation with so many skiffs and not a lot of room. Well worth the effort of relaxing rows up and around the dam, and the surrounding scenery was very soothing and beautiful. An evening at Pemberton and surrounds followed, with access to great food and wines.

Day 7 Thursday

We kept being told that this was a very big day, about 9km one way of rowing on the Donnelly River: described as the jewel in the crown of the Southern Rivers. It is magnificent but it seemed to get a lot longer the further we went. With a bit of wind behind us on the way down to the mouth we knew what to expect on the way back.



It is a jewel. Varied changes in vegetation, one bemused swimming tiger snake who watched us as we glided past, and lots of birds. At the mouth, it was a spectacle with white sand and crashing waves. Two gallant skiffs rowed all the way to the mouth about 2km from where we were having lunch, with the rest pulling up by the settlement as 9km had turned into 12km. A short trip of 2km to the mouth of the river on the Donnelly River cruise boat Gigetta, which had been with us all the way, was an enjoyable relaxation time.

The SHED continues to be open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 9.00am.

It is a pleasure to thank the Augusta Bakery for their sponsorship by providing our morning tea.



Members enjoying a chat over morning tea

The meal of prawns, prawn rolls and delicious sweets with a sparkly beverage was perfect on such a big day.

The row back was quite tough into the wind and our honourable leader and organiser, John Gaunt, admitted to fudging the distances a bit to keep our spirits up. It was fabulous and we were all on a bit of a high from the whole exercise. A total of 22km with 26km for those who rowed to the river mouth and back.

Day 8 Friday

A rest day as we made our way to our final row on the Blackwood River, Augusta.



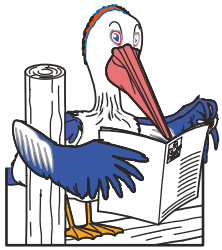
Day 9 Saturday

With a cyclone moving down the WA coast influencing the weather, the plan for the last day of raiding changed from a long row from the Alexandar Bridge to Molloy Island to a calmer, quieter row in misty rain up and back the Scott River and then with the tide high, a row around Molloy Island. A final BBQ lunch, lots of laughter, shared experiences and friendships cemented ended what had been truly an epic journey.

Congratulations and well done to the Albany Maritime Foundation under the leadership of John Gaunt, with his amazing crew of rowers and helpers with the dream of completing All the Rivers Run of the South West, and to each and every club for support stepping up for each leg of the journey to do their bit. Not bad for a crowd of passionate people of a very wide range of ages. Rowing skiffs is for everyone.

Day 9 Sunday

As if that wasn't enough, quite a few diehards met for a breakfast at the Colourpatch restaurant in Augusta.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

May

MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR
3 Self-Care Sunday (see page 14)	4 International Firefighters' Day 	5	6 Public Speaking Workshop at the CWA (See page 24)	7
10 Mother's Day 	11 International Nurses Day 	12	13	14
17 Self-Care Sunday (see page 14) Bicycle Users Group Ride (See page 30)	18 Smarter Grazing for Better Land Workshop (See page 37)	19	20 Stay Scam Smart Workshop (See page 12)	21
24	25	26	27	28
31 Whalesong Festival  Self-Care Sunday (see page 14)	1 Whalesong Festival  Western Australia Day Public Holiday			

AROUND AUGUSTA

2026



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THU	FRI	SAT
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	8 Molloy Island's Biggest Morning Tea (See page 27)	9
4 Augusta Volunteer Marine Rescue Meeting Toddler Tales at Augusta Library (See page 13)	15	16 Conversations Taalinup-Eucalypts (See page 31)
1 Historical Society Meeting (See page 33)	22	23
8	29 Whalesong Festival Commences (see pages 1 & 3) 	30 Whalesong Festival 

TIDE CHART

AUGUSTA

LAT: 34° 21'S

LONG: 115° 10'E

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4 1015 1.26 2122 0.55 MO		19 1125 1.36 2233 0.30 TU	
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PROJECT CARE HAMPERS

The success of this project is due to the support of our local community who remember those in need and purchase additional non-perishable items at the checkout at the Village Grocer and place them in the CWA Project Care Basket.

While shoppers may think this is a small gesture of kindness, those who receive the items are appreciative and each donation adds up to fill a bag of groceries when they are needed most.

We thank Leeuwin Lions who also support this worthwhile project and you, the Community, who make it all possible.

EASTER RAFFLE

On the 27th March CWA goods and Easter items were sold at the Village Grocer, including two raffles. Thank you to all who purchased items. The Easter lucky dips were popular. It was pleasing to hear that the children enjoyed their “goodies”.

The winner of the food hamper raffle was Heather (pictured), and the Easter basket, Lorraine Monahan.



CRAFT MORNINGS 9.30am – 1pm on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday each Month.

Kristy Edgar and Jane Denton are creating interesting items on the Children’s craft mornings; this month - beaded garden stakes.

2 nd Wednesday Of the Month	3 rd Wednesday Of the Month	4 th Wednesday Of the Month
Parents’ & Children’s Craft	Adults Craft	Adults Craft
13 th May	20 th May	27 th May
10 th June	17 th June	24 th June
8 th July	15 th July	22 nd July
12 th August	19 th August	26 th August
10 th September	17 th September	24 th September

The opportunity to knit, crochet, sew (bring your own sewing machine), create, share or work on your own project, engage in conversation over a cup of tea/coffee and enjoy morning tea, you are most welcome to attend.

MOTHER’S DAY – 10TH MAY 2026

There are so many different Mothers apart from those who give birth. Chosen Mothers, Foster Mothers and “my other Mum/ Bonus Mother” all have loved unconditionally, cared, worried and guided and shaped young children into responsible adults. Our role is to give them the skills to be young adults who can go forward with confidence in the world.

All mothers know that this is a lifetime role. At times it is rewarding and other times it is challenging. Our children at the end of the day, even with the best parenting/guidance, choose their own path and we as mothers have to accept that they are the masters of their own destiny.

Regardless, our babies are soon toddlers, off to school and before you know it have left school, finding their careers and place in the world. We worry about them, no matter their age, while at times restraining ourselves so as not to smother them, so that they can have their own learning experiences and further develop themselves as their own person.

It has been said that being a Mother/Parent is the hardest role in the world. For the first baby; no qualifications, no experience and never a straight road with lots of twists and turns along the way. All levels of emotions are included; pride, joy, laughter, then there are sleepless nights, exhaustion, frustration and the worry.

Remember, we all go through it and the hugs melt all the negatives away, especially when the hugs or “Love you Mum” comes when you least expect it.

Happy Mothers Day

Pamper Basket for Mum will be raffled for Mothers’ Day. Augusta CWA Ladies will be selling tickets and deliver the basket in time for the big day.

PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOP – 6th MAY 2026

Will be held in the Augusta CWA Hall, 41 Allnutt Terrace between 10.00am and 11am. If you have no experience at public speaking or wish to further develop your skills this is the workshop for you. Calm the panic, banish the butterflies and join us.

Morning Tea will be provided. Please RSVP (M: 0433 562 384) for catering purposes and bring a notebook and pen.

SLOW COOKER – SAUSAGES AND BUTTER BEAN CASSEROLE

Prepare in the morning for an evening meal

Ingredients

6 sausages	2 large cut tomatoes
1 onion diced	3 cloves garlic diced
1 bottle passata	1 can butter beans - drained
1 can corn – drained	1 beef stock cube
Potatoes for mashing	salt and pepper

Into slow cooker all above ingredients except potatoes

Mix well

Cook on low all day

40 minutes before serving peel, cook and mash potatoes

Serve with mashed potato and enjoy

HEALTHY BLUEBERRY POPSICLES

200g fresh blueberries	200g low-fat vanilla yoghurt
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Mix together blueberries(or fruit of choice) and yoghurt

Divide between 4 cups

Secure lids on moulds or insert popsicles sticks and freeze 4-6hrs or overnight until solid. Ready to enjoy

Biomimicry

By JAY HARMAN

THE DOLPHIN NETWORK

Many of us are familiar with our much-loved resident population of bottlenose dolphins in the Hardy Inlet and Blackwood River. Dolphins, and their smaller cousins, the porpoises, are universally revered marine mammals that share their ancestry with hippopotamus. Ranging from the one-metre-long Maui dolphin, to the nine-metre orca, the forty species of dolphin and six species of porpoise appear as positive symbols in the mythology of all cultures that are familiar with them. Ever wonder about the difference between dolphins and porpoises? Porpoises have flatter teeth and stubbier noses; this led to their name, which came from Medieval Latin porcopiscis meaning “pig fish.”

Interestingly, dolphins and porpoises have not been generally seen as a food source; however they are eaten in a few places, such as Japan, where as many as twenty thousand are hunted each year. Hundreds of thousands more perish through by-catch of huge commercial fishing operations. Known for their extraordinary intelligence, playful nature, and willingness to interact with humans they’re even attributed by some folklore with almost magical powers. Their swimming speed, antics, and endearing, chirping echolocation calls are enjoyed by swimmers, surfers, and divers worldwide. In fact, a dolphin’s whistles, pulses, and clicks, made by air sacs just below its blowhole are among the loudest noises made by marine animals.

Scientists have been analyzing these underwater messages, not for meaning but for hints on how to make our wireless signals more effective. The multiburst quality of dolphin sounds increases the chances that a signal will get past obstacles in the surrounding water. The scientists are using ultrashort laser pulses, or wavelets, that mimic dolphin chirps, to make optical wireless signals that can better penetrate fog, clouds, and other adverse weather conditions. This strategy could expand the capability of optical bandwidth to carry even greater amounts of information. Such technology could optimize communication between aircraft and military vehicles, hospital wards, school campus buildings, emergency response teams, and citywide networks.

Using a different aspect of dolphin sounds, a German company manufactures underwater acoustic modems developed after eight years of study on the physics of dolphin communication. Their “sweep--spread carrier technology delivers acoustic signals even in adverse underwater conditions,” because it transmits with specific frequencies, based on dolphin calls, that persist over very long distances. The devices, which can be applied for tasks ranging from guiding ships to monitoring areas for earthquakes have been installed in numerous countries.

If you’ve ever seen dolphins swimming effortlessly around the bow of a boat or surfing waves it is clear to see how graceful, fast, and efficient they are. Some species of dolphin are able to

maintain speeds of thirty-five kilometres an hour, hold their breaths for twenty minutes, and dive to depths of one kilometre.

Dolphins, like whales, need great maneuverability to hunt effectively. Unlike whales, however, dolphins have noses that can point at variable angles, giving them additional



control over how their bodies interact with the surrounding water. Although the inspiration for the shape of the super-fast Concorde aircraft was not well documented when it was designed in the 1970s, engineers see a direct analogy between its innovative drooping nose profile and the way dolphins’ noses improve their flight underwater and takeoff into playful leaps out of the water.

When an Olympic medalist like Ariarne Titmus is at her peak swimming performance, she converts only about four percent of the thrust and energy of her arms and legs into forward motion. The vast majority of the energy exerted (90%+) is lost to moving water backward, creating turbulence, and overcoming drag. A dolphin manages to convert 80 percent of its energy to thrust and forward movement. The dolphin’s powerful tail inspired inventor Ted Ciamillo to create the Lunocet, a metre-wide monofin. Wearing his biomimetic fin, Ciamillo doubles Titmus’ top speed. Not only does his fin whet the appetites of competitive free divers, its benefits are not lost on amphibious units of the military.

Historically, humans have seen the natural world as an inexhaustible resource. Whether whales or sharks, seals or otters, we essentially mined sea animals for their parts. Although we now use plastics instead of baleen and synthetic lubricants to replace whale oil in the transmissions of cars and tractors, we continue to decimate whales and other marine life through harmful practices. The animals and plants remaining on earth are critically important to humanity’s future. They offer a truly inexhaustible resource to solve pressing global challenges and increase our individual and collective wealth and well-being.

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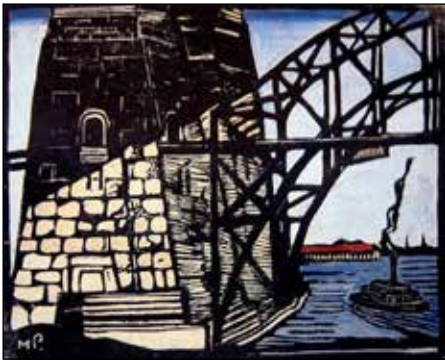
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By **MORVEN HANSEN**
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was a lovely exhibition and I hope that some of you bought a jar of Julie's delicious fig and ginger jam.

The Club has welcomed a few new members recently. I urge arty people living in Augusta and the surrounding area to come along and see what we get up to. It's a very sociable club. We are fortunate to have members willing to present workshops and demonstrations. New members are always welcome regardless of skill level.

This month the Artist in a Nutshell is Margaret Preston, a hugely prolific artist and printmaker and one of the leading Modernists of the 20th century.

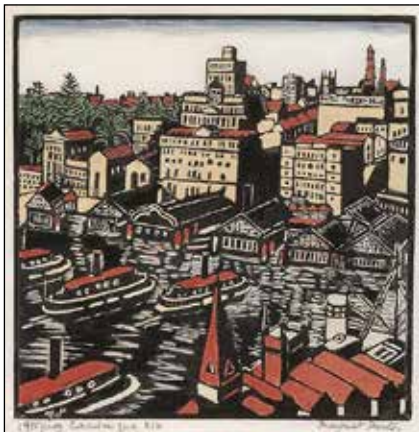


"Bridge Pylon from Ferry Boat" (c.1932)

classes with William Lister, after which she studied at the National Gallery of Victoria's Art School under Frederick Mc Cubbin. She showed a strong preference for still life and won a scholarship giving her a year's free tuition.

The following year she transferred to Adelaide's School of Design, studying under H.P. Gill and Hans Heysen. At the same time she also taught art to private students, who described her as an inspiring teacher and an excellent painter.

Margaret's mother died in 1903 after which she travelled to Europe with one of her former students. They studied and painted in Munich for a short time but did not enjoy their time in Germany, so transferred to Paris. Paris was where Margaret developed her strong Modernist style and was influenced by the Post Impressionists such as Cezanne, Gauguin and Matisse and Japanese art and design.



"Circular Quay" (c.1925)

Those of us who visited Wendy, Julie and Yude's Art exhibition over the Easter long weekend would, I am sure, have enjoyed seeing the diverse styles of art they displayed. It

Margaret was born nee Mc Pherson in Port Adelaide in 1875. She had one sister with the magnificent name of Ethelwynne. The family moved to Sydney in 1885 where Margaret showed an early interest in art, initially china painting. She attended

Margaret and Bessie Davidson returned to Australia in 1907 and leased a studio, putting on a joint exhibition from which one of her paintings 'Onions' was bought by the National Gallery of South Australia. She returned to France in 1912 but when WW1 broke out she moved to the UK, where she studied pottery and basket weaving as therapy for shell shocked and wounded soldiers. (Personal note, this marked the beginnings of Occupational Therapy- activity as therapy. It reminds me of a time as a student on practice at a large Psychiatric Hospital in England, where the nurses called us 'Basket Weavers').

Margaret returned to Australia wholly adopting modernist principles. In 1919 she met and married Bill Preston, a recently discharged member of the Australian Imperial Force. The couple were devoted to each other through their marriage and, as a successful businessman, Bill gave Margaret the financial security to pursue her work and travel. The couple settled in Mosman, Sydney which has long attracted artists such as Tom Roberts, Arthur Streeton and Ken Done. Margaret advocated her own ideas at this time, of the need for Australia to develop a national identity in art rather than endlessly imitating European models. (I guess you could say that Ken Done certainly did this).

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"Sydney Heads" (c.1925)



"Kookaburras" (c.1923)



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 (6:45am from April), 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?
 April 2026**

This month the Flounders welcomed their annual visitors from swimwildescape and took them for some swim adventures in our local surrounds. The jetski team from AMR joined in at Hamelin Bay to ensure the visitors were well supported.

A few of our crew raced in the annual Gracetown Swim, which is a fabulous 1km loop in the beautiful bay at Gracies.

An extra fun(ny) day was had on Easter Sunday for those who could tear away from their own bunny duties. The Flounders enjoyed a stormy swim, again supported by our jetski pals from AMR, followed by some hilarious egg races, an egg hunt at the Marina, and a fancy finish with superb coffees and brunch at Subsea Estate.



Never a dull day with this lot...



**MOLLOY ISLAND'S
 BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

General Public and **Red Hatters** Welcome

DATE - FRIDAY 8th MAY 2026

Taking the 9.30 Ferry onwards

Time - 10.00am to 1.30pm

Where - Molloy Island

At the Shed alongside the Ferry

Ferry cost \$5.00 return trip per car

Morning Tea - Plate of goodies with tea or coffee \$5.00 per person

Raffle - Tickets \$5.00 each and drawn on the Day

All proceeds to Cancer Council

Local art and craft stalls

Barista Coffee available for purchase





By June Le Gallez
 Images by Michelle
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 June Le Gallez



Easter Saturday was a delight at Spinners and Weavers open day and may we take this opportunity to thank the people who came to support us and purchase our fine array of hand made items. Our little Spinners and Weavers room at the Centennial Hall was ablaze with colour and so many beautiful and unusual products on display and for sale. Thank you ladies for all your work and effort to make this a very

memorable day. Also well done to the raffle winners - we hope you enjoyed your prizes.

Our group had a very pleasant Spin Out day at Deepdene Café last month. Thank you to all who participated.



This month I would like to tell you about The Guernsey - a sweater traditional to my island home. The Guernsey is the classic Seaman's knitted woolen that originated on the island of Guernsey in the Channel Islands. Guernsey knitting industry dates back to the late 1400s when a royal grant let the island import wool from



England and export knitted goods to Normandy and Spain. Designed for fishermen who needed something warm durable and weather resistant, the tightly knitted worsted wool and tight stitches gave excellent resistance to rain, spray and wind.

Traditionally knitted by fishermen's wives with patterns passed from mother to daughter, each family often had its own unique stitch pattern that was said to help identify the bodies of lost sailors at sea.

True Guernseys are knitted in the round so there are no seams to chafe or weaken, this makes them strong and more insulating.

The Guernsey is so iconic it was included in the BBC's A History of the World Series and is considered almost a national costume due to its use across the British Isles for over 150 years.

Also famous were Guernsey stockings. They had the smoothness of silk and could be drawn through a ring but with the warmth of wool. Famous fans of these included Queen Elizabeth I. In 1587 Mary Queen of Scots was executed wearing a pair of white worsted Guernsey stockings. In the 1680s Guernsey had a population of 14,000 and 6,000 of them were employed as knitters. At this time, as a result of this, a law was introduced whereby it was illegal for men to knit during daylight hours as they had to go back into food production as the islanders had plenty of money but were running out of food.

In 1804 Lord Nelson said "The Guernsey was the best and most valuable seaman's clothes that ever were introduced into the service The Guernsey is a fundamental part of island life today - walk through the cobbled streets of St Peter Port, in the cooler months and you will see many locals wearing them. Although Navy blue is the traditional colour, nowadays Guernseys can be purchased in many colours. The lanolin (oils) of the unwashed wool would give it a natural water resistance. Worsted wool is always used, where the wool fibres are carded before being spun.

The Australian Guernsey is a jumper/ shirt worn by Australian rules footballers. So if someone in Australia talks about a Guernsey they are almost certainly talking about footy, not knitwear from my island home!

Facts of the month

To get a guernsey in Aussie slang means to be selected for something or gain recognition.

The Guernsey was used on the island long before the name Guernsey appeared in 1851 in the Oxford dictionary.

The first sheep actually introduced to the island was in the 1970s and the sheep lived on seaweed.



We meet at the Spinners and Weavers room Centennial Hall.
Tuesday 10-30am - 4-00pm
Thursday 7-00pm. - 10-00pm

Come and join us for lots of laughter and a warm welcome *A la Prochaine.*



Birds and Storms - Behaviours and Adaptations

Sense the Storm

Birds have keen senses and are aware of the tiniest environmental changes that indicate a coming storm. Birds can sense shifts in temperature, wind speed, wind direction, humidity, and barometric pressure. When air pressure drops, they fly closer to the ground, where the air density is less heavy. When the environmental changes indicate a storm, the birds are able to take early action to stay safe.

High-Intensity Feeding: Birds frequently exhibit intense foraging behaviour just before a storm hits to fuel their metabolism.

Many birds will feed frantically in the hours before a storm hits, fuelling up to survive its duration. They may use that nutritious fuel to leave the area, or to stay warm when the temperature drops. Birds need enough energy until the storm passes and they can return to their normal feeding pattern.

Torpor: Some Australian birds can enter a state of deep torpor (lowering their body temperature) to survive long periods of cold and rain when food is unavailable.

Seek Shelter: When bad weather begins, birds will quickly seek shelter to stay away from the worst of its effects. Birds will instinctively hunker down during poor weather, tucking their bills into their feathers, crouching low, and otherwise minimizing their exposure to dangerous conditions. This can help them keep from getting waterlogged or feeling too much blowing wind. It can keep them warm and relatively dry, even in poor weather.

Because many birds are so tiny, even tucking against the leeward side of the trunk of a tree can be good shelter from the worst wind or driving rain. Birds will seek out hidden tree hollows or nestle under branches, hide in dense shrubs or grass or find other shelter to keep out of bad weather.

Some bird species will leave the area if poor weather approaches, and because birds don't need to follow roads or other predetermined paths, they can quickly get far from the worst weather. Even just a few miles of distance can make a tremendous difference in how severe a storm may be, and birds can easily get out of the way of the very worst storms.

Hang On: Birds buffeted by strong winds may seem like they're clutching a branch or wire for dear life, but holding on is easy for birds. Their natural resting position is to have their talons closed and locked, and their feet will only release if the bird uses its muscles. This gives birds a powerful grip to hold on to a perch, even in the strongest winds.

According to Birdlife Australia, passerines or "perching birds" like magpies, currawongs and fairy-wrens are the

sturdiest order of birds as their feet are designed to have to three toes forward and three toes back to grip onto branches. They also have a tendon in their legs which locks down tight to help them hold on.

Despite these survival strategies and adaptations, however, storms can still be deadly to birds, and many wild birds die during severe weather. Storms that impact nesting areas are especially devastating, as birds may not be able to re-nest during the same season. This can lead to dramatically diminished breeding success.

Helping Birds During Storms

While birds can take care of themselves, it doesn't hurt to give them a helping hand once the storm passes. Check under trees for injured or displaced birds after the weather clears. Look for injured birds getting them to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator as soon as possible. Maintain thick bushes or trees in your garden, to offer protection.

Impact of Winter Storms

While native species are often adapted to harsh weather, severe storms, strong winds and extreme rain can cause injury, hypothermia and high mortality among young or exhausted birds.

- **Energy Depletion & Hypothermia:** Winter storms reduce feeding opportunities, forcing birds to burn essential calories for warmth, which can lead to exhaustion, hypothermia, and death, especially in smaller species.
- **Fledgling Risks:** Young birds, like magpies, may be forced from nests before they are ready, leaving them vulnerable to cold and hunger
- **Seabird "Wrecks":** Severe coastal winter storms can cause seabirds to be blown far inland or washed up on beaches, often in emaciated conditions.

Such was the case for a Little Penguin who was recently cared for by Augusta Wildlife Care (AWC). The bird was found on the beach near the Colourpatch Café following a severe storm. The bird was exhausted, malnourished and with an injury to its flipper.

Penguins by law, have to be reported to authorities and are only able to be cared for by qualified carers. Kerry Bell AWC's licenced rehabilitator and chairperson, cared for the bird over a several week period following veterinary treatment. This involved feeding every four hours during the day of up to 25 small fish. Collecting sea water regularly to ensure the bathing pool was always fresh and ensuring the bird was swimming to strengthen the injured flipper. Once recovered, the bird was collected by the Department of Biodiversity and Attractions and taken out to the Saint Alouarn Islands and released.



If you find any injured bird or animal during this winter period, please contact Augusta Wildlife Care. Success stories such as the Little Penguin is why we do what we do.

For help with injured or orphaned native wildlife phone carer Kerry Bell on 0437 200 605

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Bereavement Notices

Eric Gill,

Formerly of Leeds, England. Beloved husband of the late Kathleen Ellis of Augusta.

Passed away peacefully on the 31st March 2026 at Augusta Hospital in the presence of family and close friends.

Sadly missed and fondly remembered. Rest in Peace.

All donations to the Lions Club of Leeuwin or the non profit organisation 'Mouth and Foot Painting Artists'.

Contact Paul Conway
orders@mfpa.com.au or
(02) 9698 3933



Vale Eric Gill

Eric sadly passed away at the age of 98 years on the 31st of March 2026.

Eric was a "Life member" who gave great service to the Club and was still playing golf until the age of 96 years old!

He was the inaugural handicapper and held the position for 30 years; and was also responsible for making all the signage around the course.

Although he was unable to play for the past few years his friendship and dry wit will be missed.

In recognition of Eric's wonderful service, a plaque will be placed on one of the new benches.

Committee and Members of the Civic Park Golf Club Augusta.

Community Notices



BICYCLE USERS GROUP AUGUSTA

Augusta Wander....

Sunday, May 17th. Start at Augusta CRC carpark. Meet at 8.15am for a start at 8.30am.

Ride Route - Along Allnut Terrace path, Bussell Highway then down past Yacht Club to Flat Rock.

Follow the track and along Victoria Parade, Blackwood Avenue and around to Allnut Terrace then onto the path to the airport road, rail trail to Flinders Bay, path to Boat Harbour and continuing along to Dead Finish.

Back to town via pathway to start point (Augusta CRC).

The ride is suitable for most bikes (E-Bikes welcome). Distance is approximately 16 kms. Mostly bitumen with some gravel sections.

A coffee break venue will be decided on the day.

Contact P Sofilas – phone: 0419 940 066

Please notify Paul if joining the ride.

The Augusta Table Tennis Group

Meetings are held three times a week at the Augusta Recreation Centre.

Tuesdays, 10:30am - 12pm

Thursdays, 10:20am - 12pm and

Saturdays, 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Four tables are available and frequently up to fourteen players participate. Contact John 0417 744 224 for further information.



The Pedrick family from Augusta, Darwin, and Sweden. Enjoying a happy day at table tennis

Got ideas? Want to get involved? Join our next meeting on May 28, 5.30 pm at the Lesser Hall (by the rec centre)
Or contact us at augusta_acda@yahoo.com

CONVERSATIONS TAALINUP AUGUSTA: STEPHEN HOPPER

We are supporting Arts Margaret River this month as they host rockstar botanist **Stephen Hopper** as part of the Readers and Writers festival - **Eucalypts: Giants, Culture & Fire**. DON'T MISS THIS – Stephen has named more plants in the south west than anyone! He co-authored the Kings Park of Augusta book and will be there to talk about his new book, EUCALYPTS. **Saturday, May 16th, 11 am at Centennial Hall** Tickets \$25 on the door or via Humanitix: tickets.mrrwfestival.com/Events/24-SAT-Eucalypts-Giants-Culture-Fire

WHALESONG: OCEAN FILM - FREE EVENT!

We are supporting the CRC as part of the Whalesong Festival with a free screening of David Attenborough's *Ocean* film. **Sunday, 31st May, 1 pm at Centennial Hall**
Bookings essential via whalesongfestival.com.au

COFFEE WITH FOGEYS

Fogey [foh-gee]: Nickname for a wounded soldier; derived from the French 'fougueux', meaning fierce or fiery. There's a casual meetup group for blokes over 65 catching up weekly **at The Colour Patch on Wednesdays from 10 am**. Come down for conversation and a coffee. You never know who you'll meet and what you might find out!

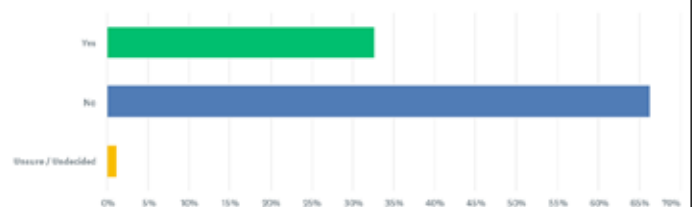
AUGUSTA IS DESPERATELY SHORT OF VOLUNTEERS

There are many ways you can contribute, without suffering 'death by committee'. What kind of team member are you? Drop us a line - we might be able to point you in the right direction! Email: augusta_acda@yahoo.com

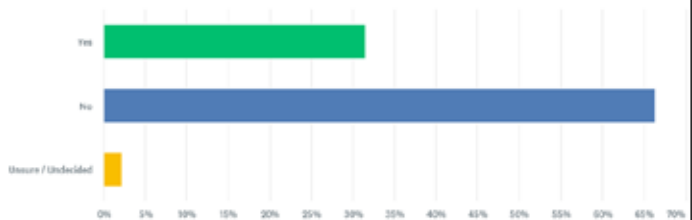
TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT – 74-76 BLACKWOOD AVE

Our Community Sounding Board survey received 92 submissions in just 6 days, with 66.3% opposing three storeys in our town. This clearly reflects concerns raised by 58 submitters during the shire's community consultation over the holiday break.

Q1 With reference to the proposed plans, do you think the allowed height for this development should be increased, to allow 3 storeys?



Q2 Do you think buildings with height and bulk like the proposed development are appropriate in the Augusta town centre?



We took these results to the Development Assessment Panel. But despite this, utilising 'deemed provisions', the DAP approved a 35% increase on the 8-metre allowable building height, setting a concerning precedent not just for Taalinup Augusta, but for the rest of AMR Shire.



Some different ways to contribute to a team



STAFF CHANGES AT THE CRC

Hi there, My name's Lauryn, and I'm excited to be stepping into the Trainee Receptionist and Events Officer role here at the Augusta Community Resource Centre. I've already had the pleasure of meeting some wonderful, cheerful Augusta locals in my first few days and am settling in nicely alongside the fabulous team here at the Resource Centre. I hope I'll get to say hello and have a chat with many more of you in the weeks and months ahead.

My work background has been wonderfully diverse, with much of it centred around the equine industry. I've been fortunate enough to study with Thoroughbred Breeders Australia and have had amazing opportunities working on horse studs alongside some of the industry's finest. I also spent a short time in America continuing that work with horses.

Alongside this, I've also worked in community pharmacy and as an Education Assistant in some of the beautiful schools here in the Southwest, which has strengthened my passion for helping people and supporting the wider community.

A little about me: I love the outdoors and am almost always up for an adventure. I also enjoy learning new skills, and you'll most likely find me in my garden, out on a hike, walking my beautiful little dog, Goose, or enjoying a coffee at one of our lovely local cafés.

I'm incredibly excited to step into this role and be able to assist our community to the very best of my abilities. I'm also very grateful for the patience and kindness already shown to me as I learn the ropes here at the CRC.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all, and while I know I have some big shoes to fill, I'll strive to do the role proud.

Warm regards,
Lauryn.

Hi Community!

Earlier this year, I completed my Cert IV in Community Services as a trainee and receptionist and have been fortunate enough to stay on at the CRC as the new Admin and Projects Officer.

I'm very grateful for this opportunity and to be able to continue working in beautiful Augusta while developing new skills in the event planning space. I'm especially looking forward to gaining hands-on experience with the upcoming Whalesong Festival and am excited to see what the next year will bring!

I'd also like to extend a big thank you to anyone who has walked into the CRC over the past year and shown me patience, encouragement, and kindness - it has been truly appreciated. See you around!

Erin.





By **KATHY TRITTON**

Hello all and welcome to May. Happy 196th Birthday to Augusta.

We will be celebrating Augusta's birthday on Friday 1st May (but our actual birthday is 2nd May) with our Annual Anniversary dinner at

the Augusta Hotel.

We decided not to have a guest speaker this year due to the uncertainty of the fuel situation and the fact that I was a bit late at getting the invites out. Very sorry if you normally hear from us and did not this year.

We certainly seem to be living in interesting times. It would be great to be able to peek through the curtain of time to see what our descendants think of all this. Various world and local conflicts – COVID – fuel crisis – technological advancement and goodness knows what else.

Regardless, we manage to live our life and tell our stories. To me that is the important thing, record those stories before they are lost. But remember they do not finish, they are simply passed on to the next generation to continue.

If possible, keep a hard copy, technology is changing so fast and there are already older formats that are difficult

to access. In times past they did not have the technology we have so it took longer for news to spread but it also meant that we have more written records as people kept diaries, wrote letters and there were more newspapers and magazines (these make for interesting reading as things were not always accurate in their rush to get the story out).

Records of events are also a good source of information as they tend to be more widely circulated like the Whalesong Festival coming up at the end of May (June long weekend) (Friday 29th May onwards).

The Augusta Historical Museum will be open from 10am – 4pm during the weekend of the Festival (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). Come in and have a browse. Standard times are 1pm – 4pm.

If you have stories you would like to share, we would love to hear from you. You can come to our next meeting:

**Thursday 21st May at 7pm
in the Historical Society Hall**

(next to the Museum) Guests or new members are always welcome. Or email us at augustahistsoc@gmail.com or leave your details at the museum when they are open and we will contact you. Hope to see you there.

After this meeting we will go into recess for three months and recommence with our AGM in September.



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Staying in Place – Support Workers Needed (Augusta)

Augusta Community Resource Centre is seeking **local Support Workers** to assist seniors living at home through the **Staying in Place program**.

As demand continues to grow, we are looking for caring, community minded people to register as independent Support Workers through **Mable**. If you are **18 years or over**, you can apply for an **ABN** and become a Support Worker after completing an **NDIS Police Clearance**.

Support Roles Available

Daily Living, Social & Community Support

- Indoor: dishwashing, bed linen changes, vacuuming, mopping
- Outdoor: lawn mowing, leaf clearing, light pruning or handyman tasks
- Social: transport to appointments, shopping, and social outings

Personal Care, Nursing & Allied Health

- Personal Care: showering, hoist and transfer assistance, medication support (for those qualified)
- Nursing: assessments, wound care, medication and catheter care
- Allied Health: occupational therapy and physiotherapy

Why join us?

- NDIS Police Clearance reimbursed (first 10 workers, approx. \$150)
- Flexible hours – choose when you work
- No formal qualifications needed (unless providing medical care)
- No age limit – retirees welcome
- Get paid to support seniors in your own community

Contact Augusta CRC

9758 0002

manager@augustacrc.net.au

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

Correction: Last months Trivia Q.10 Answer should have been The 2026 champions of the Australian Open are:
Men's singles: Carlos Alcaraz. Women's singles: Elena Rybakina. The 2025 winners were incorrectly given.

CROSSWORD

Source:theguardian.com

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TRIVIA

1. According to religious teachings, Buddha (Siddhartha Gautama) was born in which present-day country?
2. Which former Australian opposition leader shares his surname with a member of the pheasant family? (Bonus point for naming which former Australian treasurer shares his surname with a large waterfowl.)
3. Which Joni Mitchell song begins: "Rows and flows of angel hair / And ice-cream castles in the air"?
4. Which French physicist used a simple pendulum to give the first clear demonstration of the Earth's rotation?
5. Which is closer to London: Dublin, Edinburgh, Paris or Belfast?
6. True or false: a chickpea is a legume.
7. A mutant rodent named Splinter is a central character in which animated franchise?
8. Which former New Zealand prime minister has recently relocated to Sydney?
9. The film I Swear is based on the true story of a Scot diagnosed with which condition?
10. At which track is the world's richest horserace for two-year-olds, the \$5 million Golden Slipper Stakes, held?



Answers on page 45

source:TheSaturdaypaper

Across

- 1 STI which may lead to Aids (3)
- 3 Captain Haddock's first name in the Tintin books (9)
- 8 Sony __, portable cassette
- 9 Parasitic insect (5)
- 10 Movie star and co-owner of Wrexham FC (4,8)
- 12 Stands used by artists (6)
- 14 __ Weeks, song and album by Van Morrison (6)
- 15 Queen deposed in favour of Mary I and later beheaded (4,4,4)
- 19 German city, birthplace of Karl Marx (5)
- 20 Technique of painting with thick oils (7)
- 21 The man who rocked around the clock? (4,5)
- 22 Eisenhower's nickname (3)

Down

- 1 Welsh village and castle where Gladstone lived in his later years (8)
- 2 Russian river reaching the Caspian Sea near

- Astrakhan (5)
 - 3 Landmark building separating Trafalgar Square from the Mall (9,4)
 - 4 __ Island, home to its eponymous Cyclone rollercoaster (5)
 - 5 Island in the Thames Estuary (4,2,7)
 - 6 Matthew 19:6: "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put __" (7)
 - 7 __ Barrymore, star of Charlie's Angels (4)
 - 11 A Scottish two-handed sword – or a manga series (8)
 - 13 Breed of gun dog (7)
 - 16 Character from The Tempest – or a poem by Sylvia Plath (5)
 - 17 Valentino __, former motorcycle racing world champion (5)
 - 18 Wikipedia's term for a short article in need of expansion (4)
- Solution see page 45*



By ROD CLEMENT
PHOTOS BY NEIL HARDING

The last weekend in March was a beauty; sort of sunny, the wind was southwest and just hitting 10kns. There were nine cats on the water chasing Championship points and three monohulls out there too.

Cliff Hanger was off to a flyer, Buzz Box, Catatonic and Double Shot hot on his wake. The breeze had the cats one minute flying along and then, in a blink, off the plane they go. It made for good viewing and in the end the four of them



were separated by less than forty seconds.

The monohulls had Fig Jam an easy winner over Warrigal and Big Red Dwarf in a consistency race.

Then it was Easter, no sailing at the AYC, there is always a regatta on somewhere and looking at the price of fuel it might be a quiety.

The 12th of April was another nice Augusta autumn day, low twenties, sunny and overcast with a 8kn easterly to start with. Anitra and Big Red Dwarf were at it in both races, Big Red took out the first one and was looking the goods until the downwind leg in the second race where Anitra made her move and kept on pulling away. She held her lead but coming up to the last mark in Westbay she lost the breeze, Big Red had a chance but shoulda or coulda tacked on the mark. Never mind, Anitra first and fastest by four seconds.



The cats were as usual, competitive as, Fastest Buzz Box, Richard on his Hobie first on handicap, Tom Cat second and Catatonic third.

19th of April, was a sponsorship day with Sailing Australia bearing the costs. There was Facebook posts, texts and calls to get the word around and it turned into a really good day. The fire was lit, the flags raised, boats launched all before 10am. Quite a few people came out with many trying sailing for the first time, others just remembering and loving it. The breeze went from 5-10kns before lunch to a hectic 10-15kns after lunch. Everyone had a go on the sails and in the end on the helm.

There was a huge pile of sausages from Micks, good snaggers, and in the end there was only one left. One thing we have all missed was Lorraine's sponge cakes - you can bet that everyone was glad to see the Queen of Sponge and

Fred come walking round the corner. There wasn't any of that left.

After lunch the crew on Big Red Dwarf and Anitra went for a race and the girls were like pro's by the finish. Then there was beers, bubbles



and cold snaggers sitting around the fire. It was a great day had by all, thank you Sailing Australia for your sponsorship. Hopefully we will get a couple of new members out of it to.



By JARROD BRINDLEY

2oceansFM Launches New Membership Structure to Strengthen Community Radio

2oceansFM is inviting locals to get behind community radio with the launch of its new, affordable membership structure designed to keep the station thriving and growing.

Community members can now sign up for an annual individual membership for \$25, a family membership for \$50, or a concession and student rate of just \$10. The initiative aims to make it easier than ever for residents of Augusta and the surrounding region to support their local station while becoming part of something bigger.

Signing up is simple, with memberships available online, as well as through sign-up forms that will be distributed around town at local businesses, events, and station stalls in the coming months.

Beyond supporting the station financially, membership also opens the door to hands-on involvement. 2oceansFM is currently encouraging people to get involved behind the scenes, particularly those with skills in social media, website management, and marketing, as the station looks to expand its digital presence.

There are also opportunities for on-air volunteers, whether you're an experienced broadcaster or just keen to give it a go. For those with busy schedules, the station offers flexible options including pre-recording shows, making it easier to contribute without the pressure of going live.

For more information or to sign up, keep an eye out for membership forms around town or visit the station online.



Polly needs a permit!

May 2026



Parrots and cockatoos make captivating pets, but their ownership comes with serious responsibilities. Left to right: Sulphur-crested cockatoos, Alexandrine parakeet and Indian Ringneck parakeets.

Colourful, cheeky and engaging, it's easy to see why bird lovers are drawn to keeping parrots and cockatoos as pets. Many Western Australians are unaware, that a number of these birds are declared pests under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* (BAM Act), meaning their uncontrolled presence in the wild can cause significant agricultural, economic, and environmental damage. For this reason, keeping exotic birds as pets is strictly regulated in WA. Owners must obtain the appropriate permits and meet mandatory enclosure requirements.

Obtaining a permit

From December 2025, the administration of restricted keeping permits for regulated birds transferred from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD). All permit applications are now handled by DPIRD's Invasive Species and Environment Biosecurity Permit and Compliance Team. Current permits are valid until their stated expiry date. When it is time to renew, or for new applications, the process has been updated:

- Permit duration has increased to 5 years.
- Application fee is \$76.67 (cost recovery basis).

- Inspections may be required for new or renewal applications at \$72.68 (cost recovery basis).

Be aware! Regulated birds imported or travelling with you into WA also need an import permit to enter. Visit the DPIRD website (dpiird.wa.gov.au) for more information, or Google: 'DPIRD Invasive species permits'. To contact the Permits team directly: RKApplications@dpiird.wa.gov.au or 08 9368 3393.

A serious matter

Despite mandatory double-door entry systems and secure enclosure requirements, escapes do happen. Deliberate releases, although illegal, occur too. Even a small number of escaped birds can mark the beginning of a much larger problem. Parrots and cockatoos are intelligent, adaptable, and capable of establishing feral populations surprisingly quickly, as the unfortunate history of the rainbow lorikeet in Perth has demonstrated.

If you see an escaped pet bird or birds that look out of place, record the location, time, and a description of the bird (or take a photo if possible) and report it to the MyPestGuide team OR, PaDIS. See footer for details.



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Lower Blackwood Catchment Land Conservation District Committee Community Update May 2026



Spreading Smarter – getting the most from your fertiliser



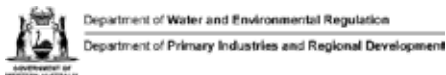
This isn't the time to be wasting fertiliser, so the timing for the recent Accu-Spread demo day couldn't have been better.

The aim of the day was simple: **make sure fertiliser spreaders are doing the job farmers think they are.** It might sound straightforward, but fertiliser spread patterns can drift over time as equipment wears, parts rust, or settings change. When that happens, fertiliser may not be reaching the full width expected (or it may be spreading unevenly) meaning nutrients (and money) are literally being thrown in the wrong places.

The Accu-Spread program, delivered by the Australian Fertiliser Services Association and Healthy Estuaries WA – a State Government program that aims to improve the health of our South West estuaries - helps farmers test their spreaders in real conditions and adjust them so fertiliser is distributed evenly across the paddock. And the results can be dramatic.

On the day, **one spreader's uneven and limited 7m spread range was recalibrated to reach more than 25 metres** through a combination of adjustments - tuning the vanes, installing a new distributor, and carefully recalibrating the machine.

Thank you to everyone who made the day such a big success!



Smarter Grazing for Better Land – how livestock can help grow the feed they rely on



What? A full day workshop with holistic grazing expert Dr Judi Earl

When? Monday 18 May 9.00am-4.00pm

How much? \$55 (incl GST) per participant

Where? The Barn, 294 Bridgelands Road, Rosa Glen

Holistic Grazing expert Dr Judi Earl will share practical insights into different grazing approaches and how they influence pasture growth, composition and production, helping you make the most of the stock you already have on your farm.

1-1 Personalised Grazing Consults

Judi is also offering personalised, on-farm grazing consults from 19-23 May. Consults are for 2.5 hours and either morning or afternoon.

Consult + Workshop: \$110.00 (note: to secure a consult you must attend the workshop).

www.lowerblackwood.com.au/events/smarter-grazing-for-better-land



This event forms part of the Lower Blackwood LCDC's Regenerative Agriculture in Practice Program (RAPP) 2026 funded the Shire of Augusta Margaret River's Environmental Management Fund. It also forms part of a collaborative project with RegenWA called 'Make Your Hectare Count', which is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program. Additional support has been provided through RegenWA's Accelerating Regenerative Agriculture Adoption Project, and the WA Landcare Network, which is funded by State NRM, Lotterywest and the National Landcare Network.



By *SCOTT GODLEY*
AND *CARMEL NORRIS*

A busy month at the Augusta Tennis and Croquet Club. On Saturday the 28th March the Club held the Ipsen Shield tennis competition, an annual event that replicates the AFL derby between the West Coast Eagles and the Fremantle Dockers.



With solid rain forecast for the Saturday a decision was made to switch to Pickleball undercover at the recreation centre. This proved to be a popular option with players being able to successfully transfer their racquet skills to the new game and still have a competitive competition. In the end the Dockers prevailed and secured the 2026 Ipsen Shield in a closely fought but fun afternoon of pickleball.



Another major highlight of the day was the holding of a surprise mock wedding for one of the Club's favourite members. Louise Moss (affectionately known as Trapeze Louise) is due to be married to her long-time partner Matt in England later in the year (aka Fat Matt!)

As a surprise to Louise, members donned appropriate wedding clothing, immediately after the Ipsen Shield presentation and gathered together at the clubhouse. A surprised Louise was whisked away to be fitted with a stunning wedding dress and then emerged with her bevy of bridesmaids in waiting.



Matt resplendently dressed as the groom. "Monsignor" Murray

Jorgensen lent some serious gravitas and presided over a mock wedding ceremony that surely set the bar very high for the real celebration in England later in the year.



A very successful day was appropriately capped off with a curry night straight after the ceremony



The Club recently held a working bee to help in preparation for some upcoming paving work to be done near the club house. Pavers that were kindly donated by the Shire were moved to the working area, a tree stump was removed, and the site generally prepared for the work to be completed in the near future.

Thanks also to Courtney and Carole, who had left just before the photo was taken.

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	Mixed 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 of 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	Sunday Reflection	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	Sunday Reflection	Bill & Vicki
	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Top Of The Pops	Kim Robinson
	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Nothing But the Blues	Ben Menalگو



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- Nepal.
 - Andrew Peacock.
(Bonus point: Wayne Swan.)
 - "Both Sides Now".
 - Léon Foucault.
 - Paris.
 - True.
 - Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.
 - Jacinda Ardern.
 - Tourette syndrome.
 - Rosehill Gardens Racecourse.

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 Wednesday	6.30pm-8.30pm	All ages welcome. Equipment provided if needed. Contact Sandra Lambe Ph 0450 234 510	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 Sue Air 0419 953369	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 fourth Thursday of each month	5:30pm	Community building, augusta_acda@yahoo.com	Augusta Library Lesser Hall
Augusta Community Garden	Open Daily, Mebers meet Mondays	9.30am	Community visits Gardening/Stall	68 Blackwood Ave (opposite Butcher)
Augusta Community Nursery	Mondays	8:30am-10:30am	Nursery Work	Front of Lions Shed, Hillview Rd
Augusta Community Rowing Association	Rowing days vary	6.30am 8.30am	Wish to come rowing in our Skiffs? call Trevor Kent 0473 089 803	Augusta Yacht Club
Augusta CWA	1st Wed every month	1:30pm	Monthly Meeting	CWA Hall, Allnut Tce
Augusta Croquet Club	Monday & Saturday	12:30pm-4:00pm	Golf Croquet Doreen 0428 581 557	Augusta Sporting Complex, Allnut Tce
Augusta Dru Yoga Group	Wednesday & Saturday	Wed 5:00pm Sat 8:00am	Dru Yoga	Augusta CRC, Allnut Tce
Augusta Garden Club	3rd Monday every month	1:30pm-3:30pm		See Pelican Post - Garden Gossip
Augusta Golf Club	Tuesday & Friday Wednesday Saturday Sunday	12:00pm 9:30am 11:30pm 11:30pm	Men's Scroungers Ladies 18 Holes Men's 18 Holes Mixed 18 Holes	Hillview Road
Augusta Historical Society	3rd Thursday every month	7:00pm	Monthly Meeting	Society Rooms, Blackwood Ave
Augusta Historical Museum	Daily	1:00pm-4:00pm	Closed Christmas Day/ Boxing Day	Museum Blackwood Ave
Augusta Men's Shed	Mon, Wed and Fri Sat Thursday	9:00am-1:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm	Member Shed activities Community Morning (ladies and men)	Men's Shed, Hillview Rd
Augusta Playgroup	Every Fri during School Term	9:00am-11:00am	Playgroup for 0-5 yr olds, all welcome	Augusta PS Kindy, sign in @ office
Augusta River and Coast Care	Thursday	8:30am-10:30am	Gudrun Thiele 0413 381 852	TBA
Augusta River Festival Inc.	As advertised on FB	6:30pm		Augusta Primary School
Augusta Spinners & Weavers	Tuesday Thursday	10:30am 7:00pm	Textile Crafts	Centennial Hall
Augusta Singrays	Wednesday / Weekly	5.30pm-7pm	Singing Deb Perry 042 8131 148	Augusta Hotel Function Room

AUGUSTA COMMUNITY GROUPS CALENDAR

GROUP	DATE	TIME	EVENT/CONTACT	VENUE
Augusta Tennis Club	Wed & Sat	2:00 pm	Louise 0439 000 810	Civic Park
Augusta Ukulele Group	Tuesday	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 Volunteer Marine Rescue	2nd Thursday/Month	5:30pm	Monthly Meeting Ph. 0408 907 966	Old Rangers Res, Leeuwin Rd
Augusta Yacht Club	Most Sundays as per programme	12:00pm onwards	January – April Call 0419 953 369 for program	Augusta Yacht Club
Berean Baptist Church	Sunday	10:00am-11:00am 11:00am - 12:00pm 2:00pm - 3:00pm	Bible Study Morning Service Afternoon Service	Centennial Hall
	Wednesday	9:00am - 10:00am	Bible Study	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	Start at 4:30pm	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	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 Saturday	10:30am - 12pm 10:20am - 12pm 5:00pm - 6:30pm	John 0417 744 224	Augusta Rec Centre
Tai Chi Qigong	Monday	10am - 11.00 am	Exercise	Augusta Yacht Club
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

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