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Hardy Inlet Community Science Forum

Tuesday 24 November
Augusta Hotel
4:30 to 6:30 pm

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Leeuwin Lines

Lions Members Enjoy Glamorous Evening at Scott River Ball

Several members of the local Lions Club enjoyed a memorable evening at the highly anticipated triennial Scott River Ball, held on 3 October 2026 at the picturesque Milyeannup Plains, Scott River.



L-R Jenine Cameron, family members, Murray Cameron, Tony Greipl, Melanie Vassallo, & Anne & Murray Jorgenson

Representing the Club were **Lions President Tony Greipl, Lions Treasurer Melanie Vassallo, Lions Murray Cameron and Murray Jorgensen** and their respective Lions partners **Jenine** and **Ann**. Making a weekend of the occasion, the group camped overnight and thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality and unique atmosphere of the event.

Guests were treated to a sumptuous menu featuring an array of delectable canapés, delicious mains and indulgent desserts, providing a dining experience that was second to none. The evening's live entertainment was outstanding and kept the glammed-up crowd dancing well into the early hours of the morning.



Late night revellers Anne & Murray Jorgenson providing support for Murray Cameron.

The Scott River Ball is not only a wonderful social occasion but also an important fundraising event. Proceeds raised through the evening's auctions, raffles and other fundraising activities support the vital work of the **Royal Flying Doctor Service**.

The Leeuwin Lions Club has been

involved with the running of the **Scott River Ball** since its inception over 30 years ago and was pleased to again contribute to the event with the supply of furniture, tables and chairs and a portable coolroom.

Lions also donated a load of firewood for auction, which proved very popular with bidders and raised an impressive **\$750** towards the amazing fundraising total of over **\$80 thousand dollars**.

The evening was a fantastic celebration of community spirit, bringing together people from across the region for an unforgettable night of fine food, entertainment and friendship, while supporting a worthy cause.

As for what else happened during the evening, our Lions' were remarkably tight-lipped. It would seem that, much like Las Vegas, **what happens at the Scott River Ball, stays at the Scott River Ball!**

Breed Labradoodle
Source Breeding Program
Sponsor Lions Club of
Leeuwin Inc
Date of Birth 24/11/2025
Current Weight 8.15kg
Foster Carers Sandra & Ken
Puppy Instructor Courtney



Winnie has had a very exciting month, including a proper caravan holiday! She joined her foster carers for five nights in Robe, followed by another three nights around Mount Barker and Adelaide, and proved herself to be a fantastic little travelling companion. Winnie settled beautifully into caravan life and was very well behaved throughout the trip. She happily toileted on command before bed and slept well, although there were a couple of nights when she decided an extra trip outside was necessary. As it turns out, a wombat was visiting the caravan overnight and with Winnie's exceptional hearing there was no chance it was sneaking past unnoticed! She certainly wasn't short of exercise while away.

Winnie befriended two Border Collies at the park and joined them for a couple of 5km walks. After the initial excitement she settled beautifully and walked well alongside her new friends.

Her foster carers have noticed a real change in Winnie's maturity recently. She is listening better, following cues more consistently and showing lovely settling skills. Her everyday training is also progressing beautifully. She now automatically sits at curbs before crossing roads, and



Leeuwin Lines continued...

her toileting has improved significantly, with no accidents inside. She will even seek out her foster carers and paw or bark to let them know she needs to go outside.

Winnie has also discovered that retrieving a ball is great fun, happily chasing it, bringing it back and dropping it at her foster carer's feet. There are still a few things to practise. Calm greetings remain a work in progress, as Winnie would happily greet every person and dog she meets!

One particularly clever moment this month involved two missing socks. When asked, "Where are my socks?", Winnie returned with one — then went back and found the second! Not quite an assistance task yet, but certainly an impressive demonstration of her problem-solving skills.

Overall, Winnie's foster carers are thrilled with her progress as she is showing more and more of the clever young dog she is becoming.

More details in coming months as she graduates into full time training.

SNIPPETS FROM THE LIONS DISTRICT CONVENTION

A good attendance of 205 people, comprising Lions and partners, Leo's, interstate visitors, presenters and guests took part in a well-run Lions District 201WA Convention at Fremantle Sailing Club from Friday evening 16 October until Midday Sunday 18 October 2026.

Presentations were wide and varied with several being of particular interest to the Lions Club of Leeuwin, which was represented by President Tony Greipl, Treasurer Melanie Vassallo, Lion Jane Denton and Lion Jim Challis & Lions partner Kay Challis.

Conversations of note were held with,

1) Police, Fire & Emergency Services representatives about the forthcoming **International Games** to be held in Perth in March 2027. The Games cover sixty-six events around several locations in Perth over a two week period with an expected two thousand athletes from around the globe taking part. Numbers are like those of the Olympics.

The games were held last year in the USA and the event next year will be only the second time it has been held in Australia.

Games representatives are seeking the support of Lions in WA to act as volunteers to help in many different roles (to suit respective abilities) and swell the number to around 2,500 people. Volunteers do not have to be Lions and will be well cared for with free transport, uniforms, meals and tickets to the opening ceremony at Optus Stadium.

Accommodation is on offer for those travelling from country areas in their own caravan but, ideally, it would be with family or friends living in the city.

The experience is being likened to those who volunteered for the Sydney Olympics and reported an amazing time meeting and greeting athletes, families and support staff

from most nations around the world.

Those interested contact Lions secretary Bill Perry leeuwinlionssec@gmail.com

2) State Chairman for Lions Assistance Dogs PDG Alan Hawkins

Past District Governor Alan Hawkins was pleased to confirm the good progress being made by **Winnie** the Assistance Dog being sponsored by the Lions Club of Leeuwin. High hopes are held for this loveable young puppy to develop into a very intelligent and capable assistance dog in around 12 months following full time training likely to commence early next year.

Alan reported that the first stage of a new training facility is currently being built in South Australia at a projected cost of \$15M which will allow a major increase in the Assistance dogs that can be trained and provided to grateful recipients most in need. He stated that despite disruptions due to the building program the facility was still able to train and provide 34 dogs for the year.

3) State LCIF Chairman Simon Heales & Treasurer ALF Amanda Cornell

Both Lions Simon and Amanda gave informative presentations on the support and grants available from both the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and the Australian Lions Foundation (ALF) and in conversations afterwards offered to visit Leeuwin Lions Club in the near future to discuss in more detail a couple of projects the Club has currently in mind.

VALE PETER CARLSEN

Lions are saddened to learn of the passing of Peter Carlsen a great volunteer at the Lions Shed for many years until declining health forced him to retire.

Peter was the husband of Irene, herself an amazing contributor to the Leeuwin Lions Club and current organiser of the popular Lions Toy Shop. Peter will be well remembered for the many loads of wood he delivered and the goods he picked up in the ute from around the town.

An avid punter, his cheery welcome and laconic quips about local affairs, the football, and particularly the races, always made him easy conversation in early times at the shed or later in casual meetings down town.

Peter passed away peacefully at home on his 78th birthday. Lions extend sincere condolences to Irene and his family.



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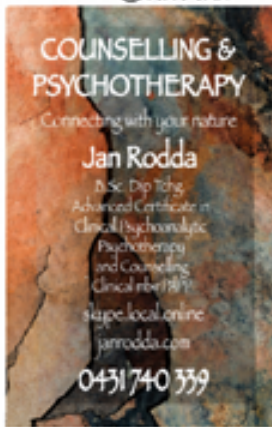


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Shire news

November 2026

Welcome from Shire President Julia Jean-Rice

Kaya Augusta,

Thanks to everyone who came along to last month's Council meeting in Augusta. It was a great opportunity for Council to connect with engaged residents and for community members to see how local decisions are made.

With summer around the corner, it's time to start get your property bushfire ready. Every property in our Shire should have an Asset Protection Zone (APZ) around their home. By keeping your gardens tidy, raking up leaves, removing overhanging branches, cleaning gutters and mowing long grass, you help to reduce the risk of fire spreading and protect your home from ember attack. And if you own a larger property, you may also need to install and maintain firebreaks between 1 December 2026 and 12 May 2027.

We're currently reviewing our Firebreak Notice for future years. The Firebreak Notice outlines the legal obligations of property owners to prepare for bushfire season, including firebreaks, driveway access and vegetation near buildings. The proposed changes will be reviewed by a panel of local residents. We'll keep you updated.

There's also plenty happening over the coming weeks, with events for young and old alike.

To coincide with WA Seniors Week, we've joined forces with the Augusta Community Resource Centre to host Living Well, Ageing Well on Thursday 12 November. This free event features a conversation about healthy ageing followed by morning tea and is the latest in our monthly community conversation series.

Later in the month, SAMM Fest returns! This annual youth-led event celebrates skateboarding, art, music and mental health, with live music, stalls, activities, food and a skateboard competition. There'll also be a free shuttle bus from Augusta. Email mbrown@amrshire.wa.gov.au by Monday 16 November to reserve your seat.

Finally, our CEO Andrea Selvey will be working from the Augusta office on Tuesday 17 November. If there's anything you'd like to discuss with her, please contact Hannah Waters at hwaters@amrshire.wa.gov.au to make an appointment or drop in.

Warm regards,

Julia Jean-Rice | Shire President



SAMM Fest 2026 - 21 November

YOUTH, ART, MUSIC AND MENTAL HEALTH!

The Shire's Community Development team is excited to announce SAMM Fest 2026, a youth-led celebration of creativity and connection.

Held at the Margaret River Youth Precinct on Saturday 21 November, the event features live music, dance, markets, art workshops, food vans and mental health resources from 3pm-6pm. Then, skaters will take over the bowl in competition from 6pm-7.30pm. It's free, inclusive and open to all young people across the Shire.

An event shuttle will run to and from Augusta.

Email mbrown@amrshire.wa.gov.au by 16 November to secure your seat. Let's celebrate youth voices, talents and wellbeing together.

Scan for more info



Get Bushfire Ready!

GIVE YOURSELF A HEAD START THIS SEASON

Check your property's firebreak requirements and keep these key dates handy:

- Before 1 November: submit firebreak variation applications.
- By 30 November: complete firebreaks and required fire prevention work.
- From 1 December: Ranger inspections begin.

Keep firebreaks maintained up to and including 12 May 2027 and Asset Protection Zones maintained all year round.

Locked gates, dangerous animals or biosecurity concerns?

Call Ranger Services on 08 9780 5695 to arrange an inspection by appointment.

Find out what's required for your property and how to apply for a variation or contact a fire compliance contractor: amrshire.wa.gov.au/firebreak-notice-and-requirements

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Augusta Recreation Centre Nala Waabi Mia / Our Play House

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or
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10.45am, and 11.30am.
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Badminton

Wednesday 6.30pm -
8.30pm. Call Sandra on
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Strength For Life

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

Table Tennis

Tuesday 10.30am -
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10.30am -12.00pm. Other
session times by
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Contact John for more info:
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Augusta Gym Staff

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

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

Toddler Tales at Augusta Library

Thurs, Nov 12, 10.30am - 11.30am

Free sessions for children aged 18 to 36 months and their caregivers.

Bookings are essential as spaces are limited.

Call 9780 5602 or book online via amrshire.wa.gov.au/toddler-tales-augusta

Augusta Library opening hours

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm

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



Centennial Hall grounds set for a refresh

Landscape improvements at Centennial Hall are planned to start in late November. The work will tie in with the recently completed gardens.

For full details and updates, visit amrshire.wa.gov.au/workswatch

Margaret River HEART Nala Bardip Mia / Our Story House

Community events

- Mon, Nov 2, 11.15am - Story Capture in Augusta - Royal Flying Doctor Service
- From Nov 9 - Term 4 Drama Lessons with Emily Green

Cinema & film festivals

- Mon, Nov 9, 12.30pm - The Piano Tuner (E) - Free Seniors Week Screening + morning tea. Registrations required.
- Tue, Nov 10, 7pm - The Piano Tuner (E)

Theatre, dance & comedy

- Sat, Nov 14, 7.30pm - [Fire Within](#)

Literature

- Mon, Nov 23, 6.30pm - The German Ward Book Launch with Pip Williams (BUSSELTON)
- Tue, Nov 24, 6.30pm - The German Ward Book Launch with Pip Williams (MARGARET RIVER)

Visual arts & exhibitions

For viewing from Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm

- Mon, Nov 2, 2pm -The Music of the Caribbean - ArtsNational Lecture Series
- 5-19 November - Creating Identity Exhibition Presented by MRSHS Students
- Nov 25-Dec 16 - Margaret River Camera Club Exhibition - Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm

AUGUSTA Young@HEART Concerts

Held on the first Monday of the month, excluding Public Holidays, at the Augusta Centennial Hall. In partnership with Augusta Community Development Association

- Mon, Nov 2 @ 10am - Ray Jones

Margaret River Young@HEART Concerts

Every Mon from 10am (excl Public Holidays)

Check artsmargaretriver.com for full program



AUGUSTA CRC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 2026 Annual General Meeting of the Augusta Community Resource Centre Inc (ABN 85 517 849 347) will be held as follows:

When: Monday, 16 November 2026

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Blue Room, Augusta Community Resource Centre
66 Allnutt Terrace, AUGUSTA WA 6290

Calling for Nominees for the Committee of Management for the Augusta Community Resource Centre Inc (CRC).

The Committee of Management of the CRC advise that eight positions, which include the Office Bearers positions, will be declared vacant at the 16 November Annual General Meeting (AGM) and invite nominations from financial members interested in joining the Committee of Management. A financial or ordinary member who wishes to be a Committee Member must be nominated by one other member as a candidate for election.

It's a great chance to:

- Learn what the CRC is all about;
- Share your ideas to continue to grow the success of the CRC;
- Connect with a friendly, community-minded crew.

Nomination forms can be collected from the Augusta Community Resource Centre:

- In person - visit us at 66 Allnutt Terrace, Augusta
- By email - contact Reception at reception@augustacrc.net.au
- By phone - call 9758 0002 to have a nomination form sent to you.

If you would also like to receive a copy of our Constitution and review *Clause 12 Appointment of Committee Members*, please contact: manager@augustacrc.net.au.

Nominations close at 3.00pm on Monday, 9 November 2026.

Light refreshments will follow the AGM and we welcome all members to join us.

11 November 2026

Create a Sales Effective Business Website (Free Workshop)

Event Details

Date: Wednesday, 11 November 2026
Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm
Location: Augusta CRC, 66 Allnutt Terrace, Augusta and ONLINE
Presenter: Jerry Hoekman, SBDC Regional Business Advisor

Who can participate?

Small Business owners who are not at the stage yet where they can hire an agency, and Small Business owners who would like to know more about websites, to be able to negotiate better with their web agency and make sure they deliver an effective website.

Main Topics covered in this workshop

- Learning the basic skills to build a site independently.
- Learning basic design rules to create a professional looking website.
- Knowing how to add specific functionalities to the website.
- How to measure if your website is successful.
- Q&A session to answer personal questions.

Held in
Augusta
and
ONLINE

Why join this hands-on workshop?

This workshop will teach you how to build a website, including the critical aspects to make it successful. Many small businesses are at a stage where they do not have the budget to buy an expensive website. Building your first website yourself can be a great alternative, if done correctly. Learn how to build a new website or optimise your existing website to become a more effective marketing and sales tool.

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This SBDC Regional workshop is funded by the State Government through the Small Business Development Corporation.

WOMEN OF AUGUSTA – HAVE YOUR SAY!

What workshops, information sessions or topics would you like to see offered for women in Augusta and surrounds?

Are there any speakers or organisations you'd like us to invite?

Share your ideas to help shape future events supporting women's health, wellbeing, safety and empowerment.

Email:
admin@augustacrc.net.au
Phone: 9758 0002

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – WHIZSTICKS HOCKEY CLINIC

The Augusta CRC is exploring a Whizsticks Hockey Clinic for children during the January 2027 school holidays!

Whizsticks is a fun, adapted version of hockey designed for all ages and abilities.

Have your say! What day of the week and time of day would best suit your family? Your feedback will help us plan a clinic that works for as many local families as possible.

To express your interest, contact the Augusta CRC on 9758 0002 or email reception@augustacrc.net.au



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Today, the river continues to define our community. It's where families fish on weekends, where kayaks glide across still waters, and where breathtaking sunsets remind us of the beauty that makes Augusta so special.

It is easy to take something so familiar for granted. Yet the river has remained a constant while Augusta itself has changed around it, from an isolated settlement to a working town, holiday destination and a permanent home. For those who have lived here for generations, and those who have only recently arrived, the river connects us all.

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Firebreak Notice 2026–2027

Bush Fires Act 1954

The following Notice is hereby given to all owners and/or occupiers of land within the Shire of Augusta Margaret River.

PURSUANT to the powers contained in Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, you are hereby required and therefore ordered by the local government to carry out fire prevention work in accordance with the requirements of this Notice, on or before **30 November 2026**, and maintain the requirements up to and including **12 May 2027**, except for APZs which must be maintained all year round.

Inspections, appointments, education and compliance

Owners and occupiers who would like an early inspection by appointment, for reasons including biosecurity, locked gates, and dangerous animals, or for an explanation on the requirements of this Notice, should contact Rangers as soon as possible and by no later than **1 November 2026**. Where inspections by appointment are not requested, Rangers are appointed as Bush Fire Control Officers with the power to enter land under the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and will be inspecting properties for compliance without further notice from **1 December 2026**.

People who do not comply with this Notice or a Variation to this Notice may be issued with an infringement notice (\$250) or prosecuted with a penalty up to \$5,000. The Shire of Augusta Margaret River may carry out the required work on the land at the cost of the owner/occupier.

Requirements of landowners and occupiers:

1. All landowners/occupiers must comply with the requirements in **Part A** of this Notice.
2. Owners/occupiers of Residential lots 4000m² and under must comply with the requirements of **Part A** and **Part B**.
3. Owners/occupiers of Residential and Rural/Residential lots 4001m² and over must comply with the requirements of **Part A** and **Part C**.
4. Owners/occupiers of Rural lots (excluding Plantations, Vineyards, Orchards, and Groves) must comply with the requirements of **Part A** and **Part D**.
5. Owners/occupiers of Plantations, Vineyards, Orchards, and Groves must comply with the requirements of **Part A** and **Part E** or **F**, depending upon the land use.

Definitions of terms referred to in Parts A, B, C, D, E and F of this Notice

Asset Protection Zone (APZ) – means an area of low fuel load within 20 metres from the external walls of any habitable building.

Habitable Building – means any building people reside in and any other building within 6m of that building but excludes a water tank.

Flammable Material – means accumulated fuel such as dry grass, leaf litter, twigs, branches, trash, dead trees, firewood, stored fuels that can be easily ignited or are likely to catch fire and burn. It includes any other thing deemed by an authorised officer to be likely to catch fire but excludes living trees, growing bushes, and plants in gardens and/or lawns under cultivation.

Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) – means a plan prepared specifically for a property in satisfaction of a development approval or subdivision condition.

Driveway/Access Way – means the access route from a road reserve to a habitable building.

Firebreak – means an area of land that has been cleared of all trees, bushes, grasses, and any other object or thing which may be flammable, leaving a bare surface to a width specified under the requirements in Parts A, B, C or D with a 4 metre high vertical clearance.

Trafficable – means a firm, stable surface capable of allowing a 4WD fire appliance to enter, exit and turn any corner (10 metre radius) without reversing.

Variation – means an individual property-specific Firebreak Notice served by the Shire on an owner under s33(2) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.

Clearing permits and exemptions

Property owners that clear vegetation in compliance with this Notice will be exempt from the requirement to seek approvals or permits. Owners should attempt to minimise environmental impacts as much as possible and should contact the Shire if they believe that clearing beyond the requirements in this Notice is necessary to reduce fire risks or if they are aware of any protected flora or fauna. **Owners who clear beyond the requirements in this Notice without approval may be subject to prosecution.**

Variations to the requirements of this Notice

Where compliance with the Notice is not practical due to environmental considerations or site-specific constraints such as topography, water course or steep gradients, owners may apply to the Shire of Augusta Margaret River for a **Variation to the Notice**. Variations must provide an alternative means of meeting the objectives of the Notice, including bushfire risk mitigation and property access, considering site-specific constraints and advantages and not all properties will be able to accommodate Variations. Applications must be completed on the approved form, available upon request or downloaded via the Shire's website. Applications for a Variation must be submitted **before 1 November 2026 or after 1 May 2027**.

Part A – Requirements applying to all properties in the district of Augusta Margaret River:

1. **Asset Protection Zone (APZ)** – the fuel loading (flammable material) in the APZ is to be reduced and maintained to less than 2 tonnes per hectare. Trees must not be closer than 2 metres to a building, and trees must not overhang a building within 4 metres of the external roof. **APZ requirements apply to all properties (excluding vacant lots), regardless of size, and must be maintained all year round.**
Note: Numerous online resources assist in identifying excessive fuel loading and ideal APZ standards. Rangers can also visit outside of inspection periods to provide property-specific advice.
2. **Bushfire Management Plan (BMP)** – properties subject to an approved BMP must comply with the requirements of their BMP in addition to the requirements of this Notice.
Note: At the discretion of the Shire, Variations may be issued that exempt some owners from compliance with requirements in this Notice where they are meeting alternate methods and requirements for compliance in an approved Bushfire Management Plan.
3. **Driveway/Access Way** – any property with a habitable building must have a driveway/access way that is a minimum of 4 metres wide up to a maximum of 6 metres wide with a minimum 4 metre vertical clearance and a turnaround area to allow emergency vehicles to access buildings on a property and exit. There must be no encroachment into the driveway by any vegetation (living or dead) or any other object, this includes gates, which if installed, must open the entire trafficable width of the driveway.
4. **Firebreak** – 2 metre wide firebreaks are required around all piles of garden refuse and/or wood stacks, fuel and fodder.
5. **Gutters and Rooftops** – all gutters and roofs must be free of excessive twigs, leaves, and plant material.

Part B – Additional requirements applying to Vacant lots 4000^m² and under:

1. **Vacant cleared land** – grasses maintained by means of slashing/mowing/grazing to less than 10 cm in height. Slashed/mowed grasses are to be removed from the lot.

Part C – Additional requirements applying to Residential/Rural Residential lots 4001^m² and over:

1. **Firebreak** – 3 metre wide trafficable firebreaks must be maintained within 10 metres of all boundaries.
2. **Vacant cleared land** – grasses maintained by means of slashing/mowing/grazing to less than 10 cm in height.

Part D – Additional requirements applying to Rural lots (excluding Plantations, Vineyards, Orchards, and Groves):

1. **Firebreak** – 3 metre wide trafficable firebreak must be maintained within 100 metres of a boundary that abuts a road reserve. Where land is actively grazed or maintained to less than 10 cm, the firebreak within 100 metres of a boundary that abuts a road reserve may be reduced to 2 metres.
2. **Grasses to be maintained** – slashed/mowed/grazed to less than 10cm in height.

Part E – Additional requirements applying to Plantations:

1. **Firebreak** – 10 metre wide mineral earth firebreak around each cell or block. 3 metres must be trafficable.
2. **Grasses to be maintained** – slashed/mowed/grazed to less than 10cm in height.

Part F – Additional requirements applying to Vineyards, Orchards, and Groves:

1. **Firebreak** – 5 metre wide mineral earth firebreak around each cell or block. 3 metres must be trafficable.
2. **Grasses to be maintained** – slashed/mowed/grazed to less than 10cm in height.



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Spiritual Reflection

By BILL WOODAGE

Heavenly Adoption

Seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus, a prophecy was foretold that Jesus would be born of a virgin; a human mother and God father. There were so many signs given about the timing, that three learned rich men from a foreign country came to shower the God-baby with costly gifts. It was prophesied that this baby would become the Saviour for all mankind throughout all eternity. Before He was born, His life and death were documented in over three hundred separate accounts. Also that He would personally pay the ransom for human sin, that it would be a supreme sacrifice of His life to make this a reality. So that all who desire this deliverance from the Son of God could be co-joined into God's family.

Jesus told three stories. The shepherd who left the ninety-nine sheep to find one lost sheep. The poor woman who swept the dirt floor trying to find the lost coin. And a father waiting for his wayward son, who had spent all his inheritance on wild living, to come home. In every one the value of what was lost led to a detailed search. Jesus performed and showed the Father's love through actions and deeds to save the lost. Jesus met the needs of the people where they were at, literally.

Jesus proclaimed the Father and I are one, no one comes to the Father except through me. He is the only man in history to have first come from heaven. He came so that we can live in heavenly places for evermore. This is conditional upon putting God first in your daily living. The Bible asks us to repent and turn our lives over to Him. Father God wants us to be perfect and Jesus is willing to take our sins upon Himself.

It is your eternal right to become a child of God.

TANGAROA BEACH CLEAN-UP MAKES A DIFFERENCE

A huge thank you to everyone who joined the Tangaroa Beach Clean-up in Augusta, helping to keep our beautiful beaches clean while meeting new people and making new friendships. We had twenty-three people joining in the fun.

Although it looked like we had collected very little debris, our beaches are now 13.5kg lighter! The largest item was a large piece of rope tangled with old wood, while plastic remained the most common type of rubbish.

There was some encouraging news, with just three plastic bottles and two glass bottles collected, suggesting the Containers for Change program is making a difference.

Volunteers also collected 74 plastic caps and rings, 528 pieces of hard plastic, 14 burnt items and 632 pieces less than 5mm.

Every piece removed helps protect our precious coastal environment, shorebirds and marine life.

Thank you to everyone who gave their time and energy and to everyone who collects debris from our beaches during the year. We hope you can join us again next year.



The Tangaroa Beach Clean-up Crew

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A conversation about healthy ageing



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with morning tea and a conversation about healthy ageing.

Join Dr Shannon King, Consultant Geriatrician from WA Country Health Service, as she shares practical information on staying healthy, planning for the future and remaining connected. Topics include exercise, nutrition, de-prescribing, advance care planning, engaging with My Aged Care and building social connections.

Thursday 12 November 2026 | 9.30 am to 11.15am | Augusta CRC
RSVP essential - communitydevelopment@amrshire.wa.gov.au
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Hello!



Karridale Primary School News



SCULPTURES IN PRIDE OF PLACE

We are very pleased to welcome the repositioning of our kangaroo and emu sculptures at the front of the school. The kangaroo and emu represent our two school factions the Black Emus and the Blue Boomers. They look amazing and once the native bushtucker garden becomes established, they will look right at home.

Thanks again to Dave Gripton our school gardener for installing the sculptures and to Andrew Mottershead for securing them in place.

Right: Our school mascot statues looking at home at the front of the school.



YEAR 4/5/6 CAMP

The Year 4/5/6 classes will be heading to Hamelin Bay Holiday Park for 3 days in November. Our students and staff would sincerely like to thank the Leeuwin Lions for a generous gift of \$1,000 and the P&C for a gift of \$2,000 and the Hamelin Bay Holiday Park for a gift of one-night free accommodation for the camp. These donations are greatly appreciated and enable us to provide a rich local experience for our students. Our students will be visiting caves, Augusta Lighthouse, Augusta Museum, Minigolf, ropes courses and team building activities.

Right: The Year 4/5/6 students will present the Lions with a Thank you card for their very generous donation.



COMMUNITY APPRECIATION

Our community continue to support our little bush school with the generosity of time and workmanship which enables us to provide a safe and welcoming environment for our students. We are grateful to:

- Ben Daly from Karridale Concrete for donating concrete and labour for the new Kindy/Pre-Primary bike track. The children now have a full track to ride their bikes and scooters.
- Lions Club for donating a Containers for Change bin now located at the School for the community to drop donations of bottles and cans, and
- The Augusta Mens' Shed for refurbishing a second picnic bench for the garden

Thank you, thank you, thank you.



Above: Students loving the new bike track and enjoying the upgrade to the picnic bench. And we are ready for your container donations.

Containers for Change - 10c bottle recycling

Our P&C is registered for Containers for Change. Please help raise money for our school!

When you drop off your containers tell them our ID
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Year 6 Camp – Jarrahfall, Dwellingup

Last term the Year 6 class embarked on the long-awaited and highly anticipated annual camp at Jarrahfall Camp in Dwellingup. Throughout the week, students took part in a huge variety of fun activities led by qualified and engaging instructors, including Disc Golf, Archery Tag (voted the most popular activity), kayaking on the Murray River, mountain biking through forest trails, rock wall climbing and abseiling (the biggest challenge!), feeding the goats, learning about the forest ecosystem and a cubby hut building challenge, just to name a few.

At times we were drenched from the rain, cold and pushed out of our comfort zones. Meals were eaten together in the dining hall, with plenty of teamwork needed to set up and wash the dishes. Evenings were spent playing Spotlight, watching a movie and heading out on a Night Stalk through the forest, and the final night was spent around the campfire singing, sharing stories and eating burnt marshmallows.

All students practised collaboration, exercised patience (despite being cold and tired), took on new challenges cheerfully and managed themselves and their belongings well. Camp is a week of independence, self-reliance and personal growth, and our students demonstrated the Augusta Primary School values of honesty, respect, resilience and responsibility over and over again, whilst having lots of fun. A huge thank you to Mr Kehoe and Karen Haslau for giving up their time to take our students on camp. Their care, encouragement and enthusiasm throughout the week made it a truly memorable experience, and they were rightly proud of every student.



A Big Thank You

We sincerely thank the Lions Club of Leeuwin for their generous donation towards the school camp, and Carlin Team Southwest for their sponsorship. Their support significantly reduced the financial burden on families and ensured every student had the opportunity to participate.



Bushfire Drill

On Thursday 22nd October, our students will participate in a bushfire drill and a series of bushfire education rotations. This is a valuable opportunity for students to practise our emergency procedures and learn how to stay safe this bushfire season. We encourage all families to talk with their children about your own household bushfire plan.

A big thank you to DFES, WA Police, our local volunteer firefighters, our teachers and community members for working together to keep our school and children prepared and safe.

Thank You to Our Community

Augusta Primary School is lucky to be part of such a caring and generous community. Whether it is volunteering in classrooms, helping at events or simply cheering our students on, your support makes a real difference. Thank you to our parents, families, local businesses and community groups for making Augusta such a special place to learn and grow.

Kimberley Clark
Acting Principal

2oceansFM Program Schedule



MONDAY	8:30 – 9:00 AM	Shire Chat	Owen Jones	Shire Interview
	10:00 – 11:00 AM	Monday Sports Show	Owen, Jarrod, Christine	Local Sports
	5:00 – 6:30 PM	Unearthed oz	Christine	Indie Australia
	8:00 – 10:00 PM	Raised On Rock	Mark O'Neill	Hard Rock
TUESDAY	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Alphabeth	Beth Cummings	Letters in Alphabet
	1:00 – 3:00 PM	Chris's Compilations	Chris Cummings	Rock Music
	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Artist Of The Week	Jarrold Brindley	Spotlight 1 artist
	8:00 – 9:00 PM	On Air With Brian Peel	Brian Peel	Chart show
	9:00 – 9:30 PM	Kate Goddard New Podcast	Kat Goddard	Mystery
	11:00 – 12:00 PM	Dynamic Cuts	DJ Nova Jane	World
WEDNESDAY	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Solutions	Beau Brett	Talk Show
	3:00 – 5:00 PM	Mixed Bag	Brian Waugh (Until Neil Return)	Mixed Music
	5:00 – 7:00 PM	Fridge Report	Chris Gaskell	Synth Pop
THURSDAY	9:00 – 9:15 AM	David Cleary Audiobook Series	David Cleary	Podcast
	9:15 – 9:30 AM	Prevelly to Previlli (Limited Series)	Gil Goodwin	Podcast series
	9:30 – 10:00 AM	Kat Goddard New Podcast	Kat Goddard	Paranormal
	2:00 – 3:00 PM	Afternoon Shift	Jarrold Brindley	Country
	3:30 – 4:30 PM	What's in a Lyric	Rik Lok	Music based Lyrics
	5:00 – 6:00 PM	A Breath Of Fresh Air	Sandy Kaye	Music And Guest
FRIDAY	8:00 – 10:00 AM	Morning Brew	Gil Goodwin	Magazine show
	10:00 – 10:30 AM (Fortnightly)	Shire Talk	Owen Jones	Shire Chat
	12:00 – 1:00 PM	Afternoon Shift	Jarrold Brindley	Country
	1:00 – 2:00 PM	Musicals	Adam Mathews	Stage Plays
	2:00 – 4:00 PM	History of Rock N Roll	Adam Mathews	Classic Rock n roll
	4:00 – 6:00 PM	Private J Live	Jarrold Brindley	Top 40
	7:30 – 9:30 PM	The Night Shift	Christine	2010 - onwards
	11:00 – 12:00 PM	Sugar Radio	Robin Schultz	Dance
SATURDAY	8:00 – 9:00 AM	Word For The Day	Amber Pasco	Religious
	9:00 AM	Lost In Science	CRN	Science
	9:30 AM	Unscripted Science	CRN	Science
	10:05 – 10:15 AM	Women On The Move	Donny Walford	Women in business
	10:15 – 10:30 AM	Just Breath	Adrian Testa	Breathing Technique
	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	The Country Wardrobe	Nardia Drayton	Indi Country
	12:00 – 1:00 PM	Strong, Single and Human	Claire Martin	Guidance
	2:00 – 3:00 PM	Cinema Australia	Matthew Eels	Film
	5:00 – 6:00 PM	Australian Music is Bloody Great	CRN Australia	Artist
	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Lizard Lounge	Ben Thomas	EDM / ALT
SUNDAY	8:00 – 8:35 AM	Sunday Reflection	Bill & Vicki	Religion
	8:35 – 9:00 AM	Lost In Science	CRN	Science
	9:00 – 10:00 AM	All The Dirt	Steve Wood	Plants
	2:00 – 2:35 PM	Sunday Reflection	Bill & Vicki	Religion
	4:00 – 5:00 PM	Top Of The Pops	Kim Robinson	Top 40
	6:00 – 8:00 PM	Nothing But the Blues	Ben Menaglio	Blues Music



Community Announcements Daily at 3pm – 3:05pm

Presented by: Erin Kingston, Pam Winter, Wendy Mathews and Melanie Richards.



By JARROD BRINDLEY

Spring Is in the Air at 2oceansFM as Your Community Station

Continues to Grow. New technology, fresh faces, exciting programmes and more opportunities for volunteers are bringing a new wave of energy to Augusta's community radio station.

Spring is in the air, and there is plenty happening at 2oceansFM, Augusta's very own community radio station, as the team continues to improve the listening experience and create new ways to connect with the local community.

First and foremost, a huge thank you goes to volunteer Ben Menaglio, whose work on upgrading the station's technology is helping put 2oceansFM in a stronger position for the future. These improvements include upgrades to the station's streaming technology, helping deliver a better listening experience for audiences tuning in online, as well as improved microphones in the live studios to enhance sound quality for listeners.

And this is only the beginning, with further upgrades planned as the station continues to invest in its equipment, programming and future direction. Listeners can keep up with the latest developments by following 2oceansFM on social media and visiting the station's website.

A fresh voice for our online community

Behind every great community station is a team of people bringing ideas to life, and that includes the work happening beyond the microphone.

2oceansFM is excited to welcome Carol, who will be helping strengthen the station's social media presence and bring a fresh approach to how it connects with the community online.

From showcasing local stories and promoting upcoming events to celebrating the people who make the station special, there is plenty of potential to build a stronger online community and help more people discover what 2oceansFM has to offer.

Carol's involvement is another great example of how volunteering at a radio station can extend well beyond presenting a programme.

There is more to radio than being behind the microphone

Ever thought about joining community radio but assumed you had to be a radio presenter? Think again. While the familiar voices on air are an important part of 2oceansFM, a community station relies on a wide range of people and skills to keep things running.

Whether your interests lie in community engagement, organising events, interviewing local personalities or developing new programmes, there are opportunities to contribute.

You do not need years of broadcasting experience or a professional radio voice. What matters most is enthusiasm, a willingness to learn and a passion for being part of the local community.

For those who have ever wanted to try something different, meet new people or turn a personal interest into something the whole community can enjoy, volunteering at 2oceansFM could be the perfect place to start.

A new programme is finding solutions

There is also plenty happening on air, with new programmes bringing fresh perspectives and ideas to the station's schedule. One of the latest additions is Solutions, a new talk-based interview programme presented by Beau Brett, airing Wednesdays from 11am to 2pm.

The programme aims to explore issues affecting people at local, state, national and international levels, with a focus on the people, ideas and potential solutions behind the headlines. Rather than simply talking about what is going wrong, Solutions aims to explore how ordinary people approach challenges, share their experiences and contribute ideas that could make a difference.

It is another example of community radio's ability to give people a voice, encourage discussion and explore subjects that matter to listeners.

From informative talkback to music programmes spanning different genres, 2oceansFM is continuing to develop a schedule that reflects the interests, personalities and passions of its community.

What would you like to hear on your radio?

Here is where the community comes in.

Have you ever wished there was a radio programme dedicated to your favourite subject? Perhaps you love classical music and would enjoy a Sunday programme exploring Bach and other great composers. Maybe you have a passion for fishing, surfing, local sport or the issues affecting everyday Australians.

Or perhaps you have an idea for a lively, hard-hitting breakfast show that gets people talking as they start their day. 2oceansFM wants to hear about it.

The station is always open to fresh programme ideas and people who are keen to bring them to life. You do not have to be an experienced broadcaster to get started. With support and guidance, volunteers can develop their skills, find their voice and create something uniquely their own.

Community radio is at its best when it reflects the people who live in the community it serves. That means making room for different perspectives, unexpected ideas, specialist interests and voices that might not otherwise be heard.

As 2oceansFM continues to grow, the goal is not simply to put more programmes on the air. It is to build a stronger, more connected community around the station. So, whether you are interested in presenting a show, helping organise an event or bringing an entirely new idea to the table, there could be a place for you.

Your community. Your voices. Your radio.

To find out more about volunteering, suggest a programme idea or keep up with the latest station news, visit www.2oceansfm.com.au or follow 2oceansFM on social media.

You might be surprised by what you can bring to the airwaves.

SINGRAYS RAISE THE AYC ROOF!

By Lynnath Beckley Photos by Christine Bairstow

The Skiffs, Sails and Singrays concert on 17th October was a happy affair celebrating International Singing Day and was enjoyed by over 40 enthusiastic rowers, sailors, singers and families at Augusta Yacht Club.

Organised by Clare Robinns from the Augusta Community Rowing Association and her band of helpers, the dozen singers were led by the effervescent Kate Finkelstein on keyboard accompanied by Dennis Jokovich on guitar and the



The Singrays performing at AYC

indefatigable Deb Perry with an assortment of drums kept us all in time!

A pre-concert, twilight BBQ accompanied by a cornucopia of salads could easily have lulled the audience into post-feast nap. However, the opening salvo of “Heave away boys” from the Mingulay Boat Song definitely put all on notice that they were in for a delightful dozen of the Singrays’ favourites with harmonising aplenty.

The Sunny Sailor Boy solo by Kate with the Singrays crooning the chorus was a real treat. Big smiles broke out amongst the onlookers with the rendition of the rowers’ amusing version of When Johnny Comes Marching Home. This led to an interlude of delicious desserts, which provided a sugar hit for the second half of the concert dominated by rollicking shanties!

With the audience armed with cheat sheets with the words of the choruses, we cast off with The Wellerman “Bringing us Sugar and Tea and Rum” and Roll the Old Chariot Along enthusiastically conducted by Janean Robinson.



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COMMUNITY PUMPKIN CHALLENGE

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REGISTER FOR THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Join our mailing list to stay updated on news, workshops and the launch of the Karridale Community Garden & Food Learning Program.

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(left to right) Deb Perry, Kate Finkelstein and Dennis Jokovich accompanying the Singrays at AYC

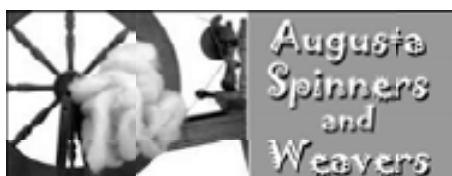
Audience participation was great, everyone was having fun and joyfully singing along. A rowdy rendition of Sloop John B was followed by chanting of the Augusta rowers’ song to the tune of What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor?

The concert concluded with another favourite of the Singrays, namely, Swim Away, which highlights the wonderful marine environment in our part of the planet.

Hearty singing in fresh sea air is definitely good for you!

Next public outings of the Singrays will be at the Christmas Market on 6th December and at the Christmas Carols near Colour Patch on 20th December. Hopefully, Santa will arrive by kind favour of a crew of south-easter bucking, energetic Augusta rowers.

Augusta community members interested in singing please contact Deb Perry (0428 131 148) or rowing (Trevor Kent 0473 089 803) or sailing (Sue Air 0419 953 369). New members are always welcome!



By MICHELLE
READSHAW

Browsing through the bookshelf in our club room I have discovered many interesting and very informative old articles and magazines relating to knitting, weaving and spinning. As a person learning to spin, this article caught my attention. There is a common assumption that all the wool from the sheep can be used for spinning, so it was of great interest to learn about the different sections, the parts that are usable and the process of preparation.

SKIRTING, SORTING, AND STORING A FLEECE

Methods by Mrs Valerie Hopkins. Kulin



Fleece being thrown onto the sorting table.

PART 1 SKIRTING AND STORING

- Spread out:** place the fleece on a wool table. Gently shake it flat with the weathered tips facing upwards.
- Identify:** the neck end is matted and may contain twigs and burrs, the rear end has dags and manure stains. The sides have four protruding leg areas.
- Skirt:** remove heavily matted or stained wool from the neck, legs, tail and side edges. Belly wool is shorn off separately.
- Fold and roll:** if not using immediately, fold lengthwise into three. Roll lightly but firmly from the rear end, finishing with the neck end outside the shorn side uppermost.
- Label:** write the sheep's name and number, breed or exact crossbreed and date on paper, tuck it under the neck end of the roll.
- Store:** keep on a wire bedstead or frame if possible, with old sheets underneath and over the fleece. Allow airflow while keeping dust off.

PART 2 SORTING FOR SPINNING

- Prepare:** choose a large clean floor area. Have a cardboard carton, plenty of paper and a marker ready.
- Unroll and open:** the neck end is the start of the roll and the rear end is at its centre. Fold out the sides and shake gently to loosen clinging patches.
- Examine and assess:** keep weathered tips upmost. Shoulders have the best wool- dense, long and clean. Sides are nearly as good but less dense. Back wool is often tippy, sparse and weathered. Tail and haunch wool is coarse and

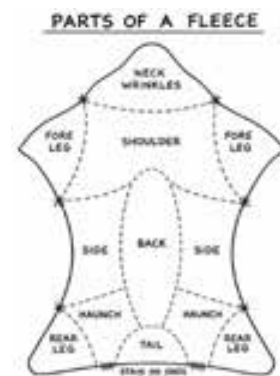
may be kempy (contain coarse, hairy fibres).

- Sort into labelled sections:** first separate tail, haunches and tops of legs, place in carton and label. Next add back wool, then sides and finally shoulders.

- Label and store:** mark the carton with sheep's name or number, breed and date. Store in an airy place till needed.

Remember: different parts of a fleece spin, wash and knit differently. Keeping sections separate and labelled helps achieve best results.

**Extracts from Department of Agriculture, South Australia. Fact. Sheet No 61/78.*



We meet in our club room at the Centennial Hall every Tuesday 10:30am - 4:00pm and Thursday 7:00pm - 10:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for a knit and natter.



AUGUSTA BRIDGE CLUB

Come and join us -
Phone Sue Air 0419 953369
email sueair2022@gmail.com

	First Place	Second Place
Sept 21 st	Lyn Leonard & Merione Wilson	Edie Williams & Nancy Gibson
Oct 5 th	Nancy Gibson & Helen Bayliss	Mal Johnson & Beth Johnson
Oct 12 th	Lyn Leonard & Merione Wilson	Edie Williams & Nancy Gibson
Oct 19 th	Edie Williams & Nancy Gibson	Lyn Leonard & Merione Wilson

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Dog Days

Man's best friend is living up to his name in biomimicry. Domesticated at least fifteen thousand years ago in East Asia, dogs have already hugely helped humans' survival chances with their contributions to defense, hunting (finding and flushing out prey), and cleaning up campsites from disease-attracting flies on food scraps and bones. Added to these more basic duties, it's been shown that dog owners show fewer cardiovascular, behavioral, and psychological indicators of anxiety than non-owners. Since the eighteenth century dogs have been used to calm and socialize patients with mental disorders. ADHD and autistic kids do better in the company of dogs, and dogs have been found to have measurable calming effects on prisoners. Recent research is even pointing to reduction in dementia progression.

Modern biomimicry was launched by a scientist, George de Mestral, who was struck by the burrs that stuck so stubbornly to his dog's fur. In 1941, he used a modern tool of the time, a microscope, to discover the 'hook and loop' structure of the burrs that resulted in the invention of Velcro.

So what other technologies are being inspired by our four-legged friends? Dog musculoskeletal systems use passive elasticity, tendons, and skeletal dynamics rather than continuous active motor drive, like vehicles do. Research labs in the Netherlands and Switzerland have built passive, natural gait quadruped robots that run smoothly with minimal passive dynamics up to 6 km per hour. This reduces energy consumption and mechanical complexity for rough-terrain search and rescue missions.

While humans have five million scent receptors in our noses, dogs have twenty-five to fifty times more than that and can detect odors at concentrations one hundred million times lower than we can. Bloodhounds have two hundred and fifty million receptors and can pick up signals from drops of blood that are ten years old. Now scientists have discovered that some dogs, with training, can detect human skin cancer through the smell of lesions, and breast, lung, bladder, or bowel cancer by the smell of a patient's breath, urine, or stool samples. Researchers believe this is because cancer cells give off specific gases that dogs' acutely sensitive noses can differentiate. Early successes with canine cancer detectors hold great promise for noninvasive screening tests. Dogs have also shown the ability to give early warning of wound infection by dangerous streptococcus bacteria.



the ANYmal quadrupedal robot

These highly desirable abilities in real-life dogs have inspired a number of biomimetic research programs to develop electronic noses. We're all now used to the swab tests conducted at airports looking for explosive residue. The Pentagon spent \$19 billion over six years on the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization—tasked with finding the best bomb detector. It turned out to be a dog. Israeli authorities have now implemented a screening technology at border crossings, DiagNose's RASCargO, which works in conjunction with dogs, analyzing air samples from vehicles.

Another discovery is that when a canine sniffs, it rapidly inhales and exhales. During exhalation, air jets downward and out to the side. Flow-modeling reveals this actually pulls air from in front of the dog to closer to its nose, allowing it to sniff scents from farther away. This discovery led to an add-on ventilation attachment for chemical/explosive detectors that multiplied the sensitivity of the mechanical sniffer by 16 times.

For centuries people have believed that dogs can give early warning of impending earthquakes. The U.S. Geological Survey confirms that dogs can feel a primary shock wave that arrives 60 to 90 seconds before the larger tremors that are felt by humans. Dogs have also proven themselves capable of reliably predicting the onset of epileptic fits in their owners. If this ability can be replicated in a patient-worn device, it would give great security and freedoms to sufferers.

The potential benefits and profits from mimicking animal sensory systems are obvious, though I find it ironic that dogs, with their smelling acuity millions of times more effective than ours, invariably sniff each other's butts in the closest proximity possible.



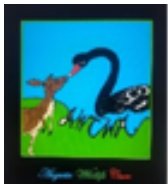
Augusta Chamber of Commerce and Industry

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will
be held on:

**Thursday 3rd December
at the Augusta Hotel**

All Welcome



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

By Judy Wenban.

Augusta Wildlife Care has a new contact number

Augusta Wildlife Care (AWC) has a new centralised number allowing calls from the public to now be monitored by various members of the group. Please make note of our new number and call us anytime you encounter sick or injured wildlife.

0494 744 520

The same dedicated team lead by Kerry Bell will respond to all calls. Posters advertising the new number have been placed in shops and noticeboards around Augusta, Molloy Island, Karridale and Hamelin Bay.

Joey Gate

Each year in early summer, a number of joey kangaroos become stranded on the Augusta oval. The joey's have not returned to mum's pouch prior to her hopping over the fence after a night of feeding on the grass. Consequently, when Augusta dog owners come to the oval to walk their pooches in the morning, these scared joeys run up and down along the fence unable to get out as they are too small to hop the fence.



In consultation with AWC, the Augusta Margaret River Shire have come to the rescue by installing a large gate on the far side of the oval specifically to enable the release of the joeys.

AWC has the key to this gate and the information poster with contact details and the new number have been affixed to the oval's pedestrian access ways. Thankyou AMR Shire for installing these gates, very much appreciated.

A number of birds have unfortunately had to be euthanised this month due to being hit by cars including a white-tailed black cockatoo. With breeding season in full swing birds are very active at the moment. Please drive carefully.

A young Tawny Frogmouth Owl thought to have been hit by a car was one of the birds injured this month. It was

found sitting on a post in daylight, seemingly dazed as it was easily caught and its bill was off centre.

Following a trip to the Margaret River Vet for x-rays the small bird has remained in care to be fed and rehabilitated. When it is able to fend for itself it will be released.



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

For help with injured or orphaned Native Wildlife in Augusta and the surrounding region please phone

Augusta Wildlife Care

0494 744 520

If unavailable

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AWC Chairperson Kerry Bell

RECOGNITION FOR AUGUSTA TEACHER BROOKE PENGELLY

Congratulations to Augusta Primary School Kindy and Pre Primary teacher Brooke Pengelly (*below*) for her recent nomination for The Curtin University Mentor of the Year award for 2026. A well deserved recognition.





AUGUSTA CWA – COMMUNITY CONNECTION AND CARE
Looking to connect, create, or lend a helping hand in our Community?
The Augusta CWA warmly welcomes locals and visitors to be part of our
supportive and caring network.



PROJECT CARE

Thank You again for supporting this worthwhile project.

Our next grocery day is 6th November, the 1st Friday of the month.

Groceries, including fresh fruit and vegetables from home gardeners and eggs continue to be available. With more donations being received we are all able to have healthy options, support food security for our community and reduce food wastage.

Groceries purchased when on special from supermarkets out of town are also being dropped off, providing further options. We continue to thank Leeuwin Lions, who are a massive support to Augusta CWA community projects. Without their and other local support we could not provide this service.

How fortunate are we to live in such a kind and caring community where we all look after one another.



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



Kids Craft with Kristy is gaining popularity-with 20 participants at the last session. The kids were excited to be making crystal holders and photo frames and also enjoyed healthy snacks to feed and focus on their creativity.

We thank Leeuwin Lions (Sylvia and Amanda) for their kind donation of craft supplies, which ensures that there are plenty of pieces in the craft boxes that can be used to make many different items, limited only by everyone's imagination.

Adults Craft Sewing is now taking over as the most popular craft, with knitting coming in second. Everyone is busy creating items to sell at the Christmas Stall.



MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON
TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2026

An invitation is extended to all Ladies who would like to join us at the Augusta Hotel for Lunch. Nibbles will be provided with attendee's providing their own meal and drinks. Prize for best dressed.

Glam up, get out your fancy clothes including your favourite hat and, if you are lucky - pick the winner of the race!

CHRISTMAS MARKET DAY – 6TH DECEMBER 2026

An interesting array of goods will be available at the Augusta CWA stall at the town Christmas party. Purchase a home made item for a unique Christmas gift.

RECIPE

A perfect scone is hard to beat and this CWA classic recipe is tried and true.

PREP TIME: 20mins **Cooking time:** 16 mins, **Skill level:** Medium **Serves:** 16

INGREDIENTS: 650gms (4 1/3 cups) SR flour, plus extra for dusting, 3/4 teasp fine salt, 35gms (1/4 cup) icing sugar, 80gs (1/3 cup) unsalted butter, cold, diced or grated, 450ml milk, cold.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat the oven to 230°C fan forced. Line a large baking tray with baking paper.
2. Sift the flour, salt and icing sugar into a large bowl. Add the butter and rub into the flour using your fingertips until well incorporated, no lumps remain and the mixture resembles breadcrumbs.
3. Make a well in the centre and add the milk. Use a butter knife to cut into the flour mixture until the mixture comes together in a dough
4. Turn the dough out onto a clean, lightly floured bench. Bring the dough together with floured hands and pat out smoothly to 2.5cm thick. Ensure the top is flat by gently smoothing over with a rolling pin. Uneven scones will cause an uneven rise.
5. Using a well-floured 5.5cm round cookie cutter, cut out 16 scones, ensuring you make straight up-and-down movements, as twisting the cutter will cause your scones to rise on an angle.
6. Brush off any excess flour from the top and base of each scone. Transfer scones to the prepared tray, allowing a 5 – 10mm gap between each one. First place four scones in the centre of the tray, then the remaining scones around the outside of these.
7. Bake on the middle shelf for 14 – 16 minutes, rotating the tray halfway through the cooking rise, or until risen and evenly golden.
8. Serve Once they are out of the oven, split each scone in half and slather with generous spoonful's of jam and cream – or cream and then jam. We won't judge! Enjoy!



By MORVEN HANSEN

The Spring Fete on the weekend of 10th October was a great success. The Art Club opened on the Saturday with paintings and small items such as cards for sale. Members were painting and demonstrating art techniques including Sandy who was showing the small visitors how to Gel Print (more on Gel Printing coming up!) We were also visited by the cutest puppy who possibly grew tired of all the cuddles he was getting!



Gel Print Session with Sandy

As I mentioned, Sandy is down for a visit and celebrated by holding a gel print session on the Tuesday evening which was very popular with a good sized group of both members and visitors. It has become so very successful as an activity on Tuesday evenings that on Wednesdays there are usually tables covered with prints drying.

With the end of the year looming, our thought are getting focused on the 2027 exhibition which runs from Friday 8th January to Sunday 10th January 2027. Our lists of exhibits should be completed by now ready to be collected by the Exhibition Coordinator at the November meeting (on Wednesday 11th) For your information the schedule of the exhibition is : - Opening Night on the Friday 8th 6.30pm to 8.30 pm, Saturday 9th 10.00am to 5.00pm and Sunday 10th 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Paintings can only be sold following the Opening Speech where the Club Stewards wearing red tops will be available to assist you. In Gallery 1 the artworks can be purchased and reserved to be collected on Sunday Afternoon. Works from the other galleries can be taken at time of purchase. The Art Club raffle tickets will be sold outside the Village Grocer on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th January and during the exhibition to be drawn at closing time on the Sunday. Members are reminded that the Exhibition lists must be submitted on Wednesday 11th November at the General Meeting. They can be handed in earlier, should you be lucky enough to be that well organized!

Should you require Information about the club and its activities please call Trisha Hearne on 0419 964 214. Visitors are always welcome. The club is situated at the rear of the Centennial Hall. We meet Tuesday evenings 6.30 to 8.30 pm and Wednesdays and Fridays 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

OLD JETTY MAKES ITS FINAL SPLASH

Work began this month on the old Turner Street Jetty with large and decayed sections being removed to make way for the replacement.

Closed in March 2025 due to severe structural deterioration, the Shire of Augusta Margaret River is carrying out a like-for-like timber replacement backed by community consultation.

Team Leader from SMC Marine, Caleb Simpson (*below*) oversaw the removal and we can all look forward to the new jetty being ready for the warmer months ahead.



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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 37

Source: sudoku.com.au

TRIVIA

1. The "bodies in barrels" murders of the 1990s are also commonly known by a name featuring which small South Australian town?
2. Which 1876 novel begins with an elderly woman Polly calling and searching for her mischievous young nephew? (Bonus point for naming the author.)
3. Two streets on a traditional (London) Monopoly board begin with the letter 'B'. Name either.
4. In architecture is a gable part of the structure of a window roof or floor?
5. Which figure in Greek mythology fell to his death after flying too close to the sun with wax wings?
6. A Beautiful Noise is a musical about the life of which American singer-songwriter?
7. What is the capital and largest city of the Spanish autonomous community of Andalusia?
8. Mars is referred to as the [what coloured] planet?
9. Which current AFL clubs are yet to win a VFL/AFL premiership?
10. Which branch of mathematics deals with the relationship between the sides and angles of triangles?

Answers on page 37 - source: The Saturday paper

Across

- 6** Poet who thought that for seduction candy was dandy but liquor quicker? (4)
- 8** Poet who counted the ways she loved you? (8)
- 9** ___ Currie, author and former health minister in the Thatcher government (6)
- 10** Confectionery made from egg white, nuts and honey (6)
- 11** Poet who knew why the caged bird sings? (7)
- 13** Nickname for the Brazilian president (4)
- 15** Daphne ___, character in Frasier (4)
- 16** Poet who sang the body electric? (7)
- 19** A bell-shaped cover for indoor plants (6)
- 20** The second book of the Old Testament (6)
- 22** Poet who wished no sad songs be sung after she had died? (8)

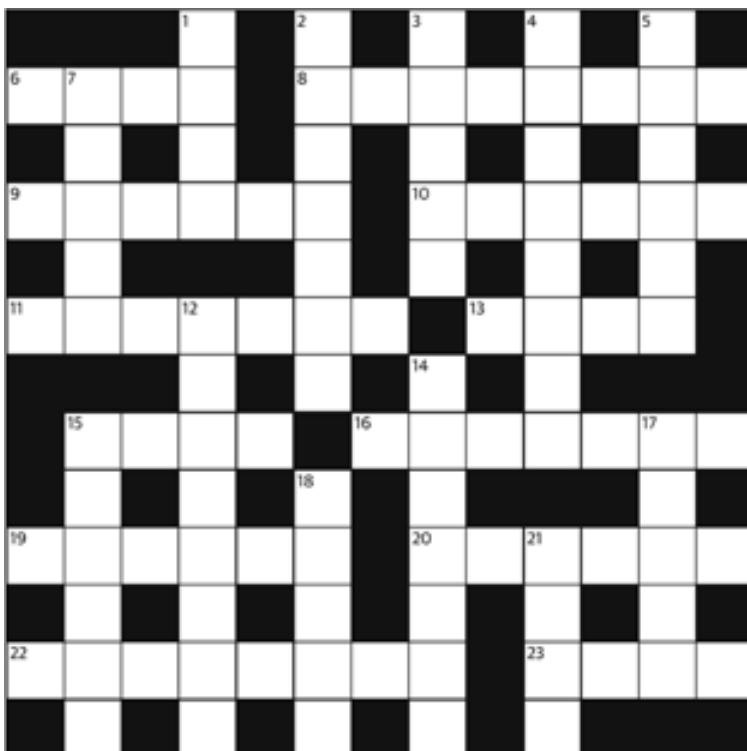
- 23** The Slavic version of John (4)

Down

- 1** A citizen of what was formerly Siam? (4)
- 2** King David's third - and they say favourite - son? (7)
- 3** Poet who saw petals on a wet, black bough? (5)
- 4** When William Faulkner saw light? (2,6)
- 5** The Turkish capital (6)
- B** Poet who wanted the clocks stopped? (5)
- 12** The ___, 1973 horror film about a girl possessed by a demon (8)
- 14** The immortal bird of Arizona? (7)
- 15** Poet whose mind made a heaven of hell? (6)
- 17** Country, part of the Netherlands, in the Caribbean (5)
- 18** Poet who spread his dreams under your feet? (5)
- 21** US river and state (4)

CROSSWORD

Source: theguardian.com





By ROD CLEMENT
PHOTOS BY ROD CLEMENT

Sunday 18th
October was
crossed out for a
couple of months,

Augusta Yacht Club opening day. Woke to heavy rain and windy as, not looking that good. Spent the first hour of the day slaving over making triangle sandwich's, silverside and pickles and roast beef, cheese and chutney. There must be a tool that makes it easy and neat to turn sandwiches into little sandwiches. If not, there's a mission for someone. Down the club the table was brimming with plates full of everyone's favourites, well done as usual.



The club has been through the ringer, a busy bee, lots of spot fires all over the show, lawns mowed and the weeds bombarded, deck oiled and all in all the place is looking as it should for opening day. So thank you to all those people involved.

A call was made early to the out of towners, the first Club Championship Race for the Catamarans has been cancelled, come down for lunch or we will see you next week. At that stage it was pretty gloomy but in true Augusta spirit the sun cracked a smile around 1100hrs and the breeze dropped.

Our first lady Commodore, Sue Air, donned the bell and it was time to get the crowd of around thirty guests seated.

Sue welcomed everyone and introduced herself as the new AYC Commodore for the 26/27 season. Sue also introduced one of our life members, Murray MacArthur, to everyone. Muzz has been in the club from its inception so we were so glad to have him with us.

Sue handed it over to our Patron, Jay Harman, who introduced himself, told a joke and then declared the 2026 AYC Sailing



Season open. Ex Commodore Pete raised the club flag and signified a happy new sailing season.

Ex Commodore, Brenton Air, said a few words on how the club managed to get our hands on the magnificent flag pole that adorns the clubhouse. It is a great tale of being in the right place at the right time and luck that no one was hurt bringing it down and erecting it where it now stands. I haven't got enough space to elaborate further. He did really well.

Then it was lunch, then champers, or perhaps the other way round, and the food was devoured over a few serves. There was talk of getting the boats out for a sail past, but another couple of bottles of bubbles put that suggestion dead in the water. Changing from tradition we adapted to the situation, our Commodore accepted the salutes of the AYC throng as they strolled past. Not a bad decision, not one person got their feet wet, but back to the old ways next year.

That was it for the celebrations and everyone got stuck into the sweets. Lorraine, the sponge queen, had not let us down with two sponges and there were many other treats to choose from as well. Well done everyone.

Well, sailing starts properly next week - happy new sailing season.



Lower Blackwood Catchment

Land Conservation District Committee

Dates to Remember

Friday 13 November - Revegetation Planning and Site Preparation.

9.30am - 3.30pm Cowaramup District Hall + farm walk
<https://lowerblackwood.com.au/events/revegetation-planning-site-prep/>

Tuesday 24 November - Hardy Inlet Community Science Forum

4.30pm - 6.30pm Augusta Hotel
<https://lowerblackwood.com.au/events/hardy-inlet-2026/>

Blackberry Management Workshop

9.30am - 11.30am Rosa Glen Retreat
<https://lowerblackwood.com.au/events/blackberry-management/>



By: **SCOTT GODLEY**

Photos: **CARMEL NORRIS**

It has been a reasonably quiet winter at the Club with several players injured and also many members away over the winter months.

However, there was good turnout at the Spring Open Day on the 17th Oct with a good number of players coming along for a hit, some of them coming down for the first time. This was despite the rainy weather, which fortunately stopped during the afternoons play. Club stalwart, Murray Jorgensen, said it was pleasing to see the good numbers and great to see all 4 tennis courts in operation.

To welcome the good weather and the longer days over the coming summer the Club has initiated monthly Twilight Sessions for both croquet and tennis. The first Twilight Session starts on **Friday 6th November from 4-5.30pm**. There are subsequent sessions on Friday 8th Jan, 5th Feb, and 5th March in 2027.



A reminder for all Augusta and Districts locals, that Pablo Gomez Pujalte (*left*) has moved to the Augusta area and is offering tennis coaching to both adults and children. He is an experienced, qualified tennis coach and formerly coached in Margaret River.



TWILIGHT TENNIS and CROQUET



at the
Augusta and Districts Tennis and Croquet Club
Allnut Terrace, Augusta

FRIDAY 6th November 2026 4 – 5.30PM
Play followed by BYO BBQ at the club house



Please RSVP to secretaryadtc@gmail.com
with game option by 4 November.

ALL WELCOME

He is a very welcome addition to the Augusta Tennis and Croquet Club and offers age-appropriate coaching to children from 5 years through to high school age on weekday afternoons at the Augusta Tennis Courts. He also holds sessions for adults and is available for private coaching.

Pablo can be contacted directly by mobile on 0478 773 520 or by email at vamostenniswa@gmail.com



By **PETER KEPPEL**

The Men's Shed continues to be a busy and enjoyable place for its members and visitors to attend on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each morning from 9.00am to noon. The Ladies Day on Thursdays has

a great atmosphere with the ladies doing their projects and socialising.

The Shed Shop, which continues to have a good supply of household products, is open each morning the Shed is open.

The Shed continues to produce high quality wood and metalwork products that are available for sale across the community.



Many of the seatbenches, tables and plant boxes in Augusta townsite have been built and supplied by the Shed.

Other achievements at the Shed include the restoration of the small Massey Ferguson tractor (*below left*) and several other mechanical projects.

You are always welcome.





Got ideas? Want to get involved? Join our meeting on Thursday, 26 November, 5:30 pm at the Lesser Hall (by the rec centre). Or contact us at augusta_acda@yahoo.com

CONVERSATIONS TAALINUP AUGUSTA

BELINDA DAVIS - THE ORCHID WHISPERER

We hope you saved the date! The Orchid Whisperer, Dr Belinda Davis, is returning to Augusta to share an update on her latest orchid wonderments. Come down to the Augusta Hotel on Sunday, November 8, at 4 pm, and discover just how special our corner of the world is.

Tickets are \$10 / \$5 concession. Get yours at the door or via: events.humanitix.com/the-orchid-whisperer-update

BICENTENNIAL BRAINSTORM

2030 is fast approaching, and ACDA is working on a plan to make it great for Augusta. If you're interested in being part of the Augusta2030 team, or have an idea you'd love to share, please join us for a brainstorm. We'll be talking:

- History & Heritage
- Arts & Culture
- Celebrations & Events
- People & Community
- First Nations & Reconciliation
- Schools & Young People
- Places & Environment
- Books, Digital & Media
- Local Business & Economy
- Sport & Recreation
- Lasting Legacy
- Organisational way forward

Your ideas matter, so come along and share them with us at the **Lesser Hall on Sunday, 8 November at 1 pm**, or contact us at augusta_acda@yahoo.com

AUGUSTA SPRING FETE

Thanks so much to everyone who took part in this year's Spring Fete! We had a great turnout, supported by the Augusta CWA, Augusta Men's Shed, Spinners and Weavers, 2Oceans FM, Augusta Art Club, and the pet parade hostess with the mostest, Cassy from A Touch of Scarlett hairdressers. Thank you all so much!



GREATER AUGUSTA VOLUNTEERS' THANK YOU BBQ

Sunday, 29 November from 3:00 pm

At Lions Park, by The Colour Patch

(Centennial Hall if weather is dodgy)



ALL VOLLIES WELCOME

ACDA wishes to thank and acknowledge volunteers from all local groups and organisations in our community.



Door prizes to be won
Including Lorraine Monahan's
award-winning sponge!!!

CHATTY CAFE TABLES

We are reaching out to cafes in the local area to join the Chatty Cafes initiative and help connect our community by hosting a 'Chatty Table' at their venue. Identified with sunflowers and/or signage, 'Chatty Tables' can be set up at specified day/s and time/s where customers can sit if they are happy to talk to other customers and "Have a Chat". It's a great way to show you care about your customers' well-being by helping them socially connect. Give it a go! Check out chattycafeaustralia.org.au to find out more.

JUNIOR WINDSURFING

The South West Junior Windsurfing School operates out of Augusta, and the season has officially kicked off! If your kid is over 6 years old and wants to get involved, contact Ethan on 0416525900 or swjws.president@gmail.com

COFFEE WITH FOGEYS

[foh-gee] In 1811, an 'old fogey' was a nickname for a wounded soldier; derived from the French word 'fougueux', meaning fierce or fiery. There's a casual meetup group for blokes over 65 catching up weekly at the Colourpatch on Wednesdays from 10 am. Come down for conversation and a coffee. You never know who you'll meet and what you might find out.



The Season for Giving (Responsibly) November 2026



Examples of inappropriate items to post or carry interstate: bee products including honey and beeswax candles, homemade dried fruit and plant materials, and fresh produce.

The holidays are a time for giving, travelling and spending time with loved ones. Unfortunately, this season also sees a spike in biosecurity breaches. The good news – we can still show our friends and family we care, without compromising our enviable biosecurity status.

Western Australia is subject to some of the strictest biosecurity measures in the world; our geographic isolation means we have been able to avoid many of Australia and the world's worst pests, weeds and diseases. However, this natural advantage is very much tested during the festive season. Every year, well-meaning travellers and gift-givers accidentally break the rules. Fresh fruit, vegetables, seeds, live plants, and bee products are frequent culprits. Quarantine WA officers intercepted more than 54 tonnes of quarantine risk material from travellers entering the state in the 2025-26 period.

Over the past year, inspectors seized more than three tonnes of honey alone. While a jar of artisanal honey might seem like the perfect gift, it poses a significant threat to WA's disease-free bee populations. Even more surprisingly, officers found some curious hauls in airport luggage, including a whopping 50 kilograms of fresh chillies and 18.5 kilograms of mud crabs! It isn't just airline passengers who need to be mindful. As festive care packages peak, our postal services become a vital biosecurity frontline. Last year, nearly 1.3 million

interstate parcels were screened at postal facilities across Perth. When you mail plant materials or untreated wooden items, you might be packing more than just holiday cheer.

Worth celebrating, Quarantine WA successfully intercepted 120 imports contaminated with significant insect pests, including mealybugs, leaf miners, aphids, and caterpillars. Additionally, a total of 91 prohibited plant and animal species were stopped at our border and contained before they could impact our environment. The result of these pests slipping through could have been devastating, potentially severely damaging native ecosystems, hurting our primary industries, and costing the state millions in lost export markets.

Fortunately, the overwhelming majority of us are doing the right thing. Most biosecurity breaches aren't malicious; they're accidental. Sharing is caring but before you pack your bags or send that Christmas parcel, take a moment to check the State's [import requirements](#). When travelling, declare your items; or if you've mistakenly brought something you shouldn't have, drop it in the quarantine bins at the terminal. If you're sending a gift, swap the fresh fruit, plants, seeds, or honey for safe alternatives like commercially packaged chocolates or a good book. Don't forget to remind your loved ones. *Wishing you all a safe, happy, and biosecurity-conscious lead up to the holidays.*



Report your observations

MyPestGuide® Reporter via app or online mypestguide@dpird.wa.gov.au

Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS) 08 9368 308 | padis@dpird.wa.gov.au

Lower Blackwood Catchment

Land Conservation District Committee

Community Update November 2026



Hardy Inlet Community Science Forum
Tuesday 24 November | The Augusta Hotel
4.30pm – 6.30pm
Register: www.lowerblackwood.com.au/events

The community is invited to hear directly from the scientists monitoring the inlet at the free **Hardy Inlet Community Science Forum** at the **Augusta Hotel on Tuesday 24 November**. They'll explain what they're seeing, what the results mean and why keeping track of the inlet's health matters.

The forum will also bring the science together with the practical experience of living, working and farming in the Lower Blackwood catchment.

Lower Blackwood LCDRC Regenerative Agriculture Officer **Dean Campbell** will host a conversation with the landholders about what they are seeing on their land, the challenges they are facing and the projects they are involved with to help boost waterway health on their properties.

*The forum is hosted by **Lower Blackwood LCDRC** and the **Department of Water and Environmental Regulation** as part of **Healthy Estuaries WA**, a State Government initiative to improve the health of South West estuaries.*

Refreshments will be provided so please register in advance.



Revegetation Planning & Site Preparation
Friday 13 November
9.30am – 3.30pm
Register: www.lowerblackwood.com.au/events

A successful revegetation project begins well before the first seedling goes into the ground. For landholders planning a creekline planting, shelterbelt or larger restoration project, careful planning and preparation now can save considerable time, money and disappointment later.

Lower Blackwood LCDRC's Revegetation Planning & Site Preparation workshop will bring that preparation into focus on **Friday 13 November 2026, from 9.30am to 3.30pm**, with practical advice from Ben Miro of Cape Life Environmental Services.

The day begins at Cowaramup District Hall, followed by an afternoon visit to a nearby Cowaramup farm where a revegetation project is being planned.

COMING SOON!

Blackberry Management Workshop
Friday 27 November
9.30am – 11.30am
Rosa Glen Retreat

Lower Blackwood LCDRC Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 8 December
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6. Neil Diamond.
7. Seville.
8. Red.
9. Fremantle, Gold Coast and Greater Western Sydney.
10. Trigonometry.

AUGUSTA COMMUNITY GROUPS CALENDAR

GROUP	DATE	TIME	EVENT/CONTACT	VENUE
Anglican Church	Sunday & Wednesday	Please check noticeboard at the church	Church Service	St Elizabeth's Church, Allnutt Tce
Augusta Art Club and Studio Gallery	Tuesday Wednesday & Friday	6:30pm - 8:30pm 10:00am- 2:00pm	Art activities 9758 0363	Centennial Hall - Art Room
Augusta Badminton Club	Social games every 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	12.30pm	Mixed Social 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, members 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	Lorraine 0417 957 686 Gail 0476 594 673	Augusta Sporting Complex, Allnut Tce
Augusta Dru Yoga Group	Wednesday & Saturday	Wed 5:00pm Sat 8:00am	Dru Yoga	Augusta CRC, Allnut Tce
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

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GROUP	DATE	TIME	EVENT/CONTACT	VENUE
Augusta Tennis Club	Wed & Sat	2:00 pm	Louise 0439 000 810	Civic Park
Augusta Ukulele Group	Tuesday	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 Wednesday	10:00am-11:00am 11:00am - 12:00pm 2:00pm - 3:00pm 9:00am - 10:00am	Bible Study Morning Service Afternoon Service Bible Study	Centennial Hall CWA Hall - MargretR.
Civic Park Golf Club	Wednesday Sunday	May - Nov 9:00am Dec - April 8:00am		Allnut Tce
Coops Cottage Craft	Thursday	12.00pm - 4:00pm	Wool, Fabric & other crafts	Dr John Williams Room, Leeuwin Units
Friends of Cape Leeuwin	Every First Tuesday of the month	8.45am - 11:30am	Gudrun Thiele 0413 381 852	Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse Precinct
Hash House Harriers	Monday	Start at 4:30pm	Walking	See the Newsagency window
Karridale Augusta R.S.L Sub Branch	1st Wednesday/ Month	1:30pm	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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