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W.A. Bush Fire Museum and Heritage Group

Stage one of a new exhibition complex has now been established in Yornup to house the vehicles and equipment belonging to W.A. Bush Fire Museum and Heritage Group.

On the grounds surrounding the museum there has been planted a display of a fire suppressing-garden. The plants and trees around the museum are mostly fire-resistant varieties with the ground cover mulch surrounding the building made up of roughly crushed building waste comprising brick, cement and stone.

Volunteer Bush Fire Fighting Brigades were born out of a culture of a community standing together to fight the fires that can suddenly roar into an inferno, threatening lives and livelihoods of those living within the community.



Purchasing and maintaining firefighting equipment along with firefighting training was all initially done on a fundraising basis within each community.

Fires, which can commence through lighting strikes, harvesting fires or just through a careless act can have devastating consequences, particularly if the fire conditions are catastrophic on that day.

Fires can cause extensive damage to homes, businesses, vehicles, and public infrastructure leaving long-term economic and environmental impacts on property, and cause injuries, fatalities and emotional trauma.

The Museum is also an educational facility giving an insight in to how bush fire control has developed and improved over the years, displaying how the equipment has also improved all from lessons hard won providing insights in how to fight fires safely.

The WA Bush Fire Museum and Heritage Group has six members: Chris Sousa is the Chair person, with members Judy Bland, Ed Bland, Ray Harding, Chris Doherty and Lyndon Pearce.

"The group has signed a lease for twenty-one years on the land alongside the Yornup Hall and has built a large shed which will be the group's new museum building." Chris Sousa explains.

"The shed was built from the proceeds of a grant the group received from the Native Forest Transition Grants Program and is the first step in providing a suitable display area for the group's sixteen vehicles, historical objects, memorabilia and artefacts... Continued on page 15

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A Crazy Chick and her Rooster

Estelle Rowcliffe Carlson and Bruce Carlson are planning to take part in the Spring Shitbox Rally in August driving their yellow Camry, which they have dubbed 'Chickamry'.

They need to raise \$5,000 for cancer research and support services for the Cancer Council charity to take part in the event. They are well on the way to achieving this amount and are planning their final fundraising event by hosting a 'Shitbox Rally Quiz Night Fundraiser' in the Bridgetown Town Hall on the Saturday 25 July.

If you want to participate in the Quiz Night you can contact Estelle on 0407 377 791.

Estelle explains the reasons she is taking part in the event. "Raising money for the entry fee is the task, the reward is the road trip and the adventure it brings.

"This will be Bruce's second rally and it will be my third experience. Our previous rallies have more than lived up to expectations, and have been an excellent and worthwhile as well as a memorable experience, Bruce and I are looking forward to this year's rally.

"Our major sponsors this year are Fishers Tyres, CWG Automotive, Vibe Service Station, BKS Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, Bridgetown Windmills, and WA Advanced Training Academy (WAATA).

"A special thanks also goes to all those businesses around town that have contributed with prizes for the quiz night.

We would also like to thank the Bridgetown community for supporting us by buying raffle tickets, collecting cans and batteries.

"We are going to set out in the same car we drove back in from last year's rally, the Camry has proven itself."

This year's route is Adelaide to Darwin via the Oodnadatta Track up through the centre of Australia.

They will set off from Adelaide on August 15th travelling up to Parachilna then onto William Creek, Mount Dare, Alice Springs, Daly Waters, Timber Creek and then in seven days later onto the finish in Darwin on the 21st August.

Last year after the holding of the 39th Rally, the total monies raised by the Cancer Council through this event is now over \$58 million dollars. All the money raised goes to cancer research and support services through the Cancer Council.

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Bridgeflix Cinema

Bridgeflix is a new community group which has been formed with the idea of bringing the cinema experience to town with the showing of films in venues around Bridgetown.

The group's first showing was a family friendly matinee of the feature film 'Paddington 2' on Sunday 21 June.

A delighted Kaye McLennan explains how the afternoon unfolded. "The film was shown at its best on the wide screen in the recently renovated Bridgetown Town Hall with over ninety people attending.

"All theatre-goers were welcomed with marmalade sandwiches and given a door prize ticket, the prize being a Paddington Bear teddy wearing his red wellingtons.

"It was pleasing to see the young ones attending bringing an assortment of beanbags, fold out couches, pillows, blankets and teddies all adding to the family-friendly experience.

"The lucky young winner of the Paddington Bear teddy door prize was someone who was new to town.

"This screening was a wonderful example of community coming together enabled by the Bridgetown Hub, the Shire of Bridgetown and the eighteen volunteers who worked behind the scenes.



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"These volunteers included, for example, the apprentice projectionist, the makers of marmalade sandwiches, popcorn, mini choc bombs, those who set up the hall and the web developers.

"Everyone was pleased with the success of our first showing." More screenings are in the planning process, especially with the school holidays coming up. To find out more you can go to: www.bridgeflix.au www.facebook.com/bridgeflix

Blackwood Valley Mental Health Professional's Network

All health professionals are invited to attend an upcoming meeting on Thursday, 9 July 2026, from 6pm until 8pm at Henri's Wellbeing Centre, 16 Hester Street in Bridgetown. A light meal will be provided.

This upcoming meeting will be a relaxed, informal opportunity to connect with fellow members, meet new members and discuss current developments in our field. Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning, we're excited to welcome you.

Guest Speaker will be Dr Sarah Youngson. Sarah is a GP with a special interest in child and youth health. She works at Bridgetown Medical and provides outreach services to Manjimup High

School and Blackwood Youth Action. She is passionate about the wellbeing of our community, with prevention, early intervention and community support being key aspects of her work.

She was the founding Chair of Blackwood Youth Action and the Bridgetown Greenbushes Suicide Prevention Network. She is committed to the power of community in making change and supporting those in need.

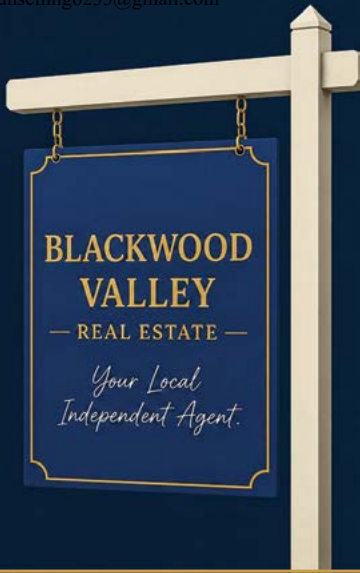
She was awarded 'community Health Professional of the Year' in 2026, honouring her for the quality, talent, commitment and extraordinary work in providing excellent care to country communities.

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Trish, Rachel and Tammy

'Habitat and Home'

Trish Durham is holding an art exhibition, Habitat and Home, which displays her creative art collection of unique one-off jewellery pieces and mixed media paintings, along with some smaller sculpture works.

The exhibition opened on the 27th June and runs from 11am to 4pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout July until August 9, as part of the 'Fridgetown' Festival 2026. The exhibition is being held in the Black Cockatoo Distillery which is located along Eedle Terrace on Fox Road in Bridgetown. The distillery is well sign posted.

Trish explains the concepts behind her exhibition, "Looking at what these two words can encompass, firstly: Home is a sanctuary, a safe space. A place to land.

"Then there is Habitat, whilst it is home to some, it also viewed as an expendable resource by others.

"I love to create uniquely beautiful artworks that bring joy, even comfort but at some level also engage and raise awareness.

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"An inherent part of my arts practice is using reclaimed, repurposed and recycled materials.

"I love Nature and all she brings to our lives, I believe we should do the best we can by mother nature."

Part proceeds from the sale of Trish's unique pieces in the exhibition will go towards building Black Cockatoo nesting boxes, her endeavor aligns with the ethos embraced by Rachel and Peter, the owners of the Black Cockatoo Distillery, and their pledge to commit 10% of profits from the distillery to Karaakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre.

Trish concludes with, "I am inspired and excited to share this exhibition. On one level, it is a simple celebration of this beautiful region we are privileged to call home."



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Local Voices Survey Provides an Opportunity for Community Feedback

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Voconiq Local Voices survey conducted in May across communities surrounding our Greenbushes Lithium Operation.

The survey, delivered by third-party organisation Voconiq, captured the perspectives of people living and working in the Shires of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Boyup Brook, Manjimup, Donnybrook Balingup, Nannup, Capel and the City of Bunbury in relation to our operations. This initial survey establishes a baseline, with ongoing opportunities for feedback to be captured through six-monthly pulse surveys over the next three years.

The feedback will help us better understand what matters most to our communities and guide Talison's future decisions and activities. A summary of survey results is expected to be made publicly available in July.

Interactive Truck Safety Session for Greenbushes Students

Road safety was the focus when Talison, in partnership with Qube, visited Greenbushes Primary School students for an engaging and hands-on learning session in May.

The star of the show was a 98-tonne Volvo truck - the same type used daily to transport lithium mineral concentrate from our Greenbushes Lithium Operation to Bunbury Port. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 had the opportunity to get up close to the truck and climb into the cab, experiencing firsthand the driver's perspective.

The interactive session was designed to help students better understand how to stay safe around large vehicles, particularly in a regional community where trucks, like those supporting our operations, are a regular presence on local roads.

The session reflects our commitment to being a better neighbour - recognising our role in local truck movements through the community and partnering with Qube to promote road safety awareness to help keep our community safe.



Talison Superintendent Product Plan and Shipping Rebecca Dix and Qube Senior Fleet Controller Patrick Phillips, pictured with student Aria Element.

Talison-Funded Upgrade to Deliver Safer Stanifer Street Nears Completion

Work to improve Stanifer Street, the main road through Greenbushes to Talison's operations, is well underway and expected to be completed in June.

The project involves full reconstruction of Stanifer Street between George Street and Diorite Street, including a short adjoining section of Maranup Ford Road. Funded by Talison in partnership with the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes and delivered by contractor Hiway, the upgrade will deliver a stronger, smoother road surface, improved pedestrian infrastructure and stormwater drainage, supporting safer travel through Greenbushes and improved amenity for nearby residents.



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Repair Cafe

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We're proud to announce that Talison Lithium has come on board as the Awards' Principal Partner, throwing its support behind the businesses that make our region special.

Key dates: Nominations open Wednesday July 1st. Voting closes Thursday 3 September. The winners will be announced at a gala awards night on Saturday 17 October.

How you can get involved: Everyone has a part to play. If there's a local business that's earned your loyalty, nominate them once nominations open, then rally your friends and family to vote. Business owners are warmly encouraged to put themselves forward and to spread the word among customers.

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Guests will follow an illuminated walking trail around Lake Linga Longa, where the forest comes alive.

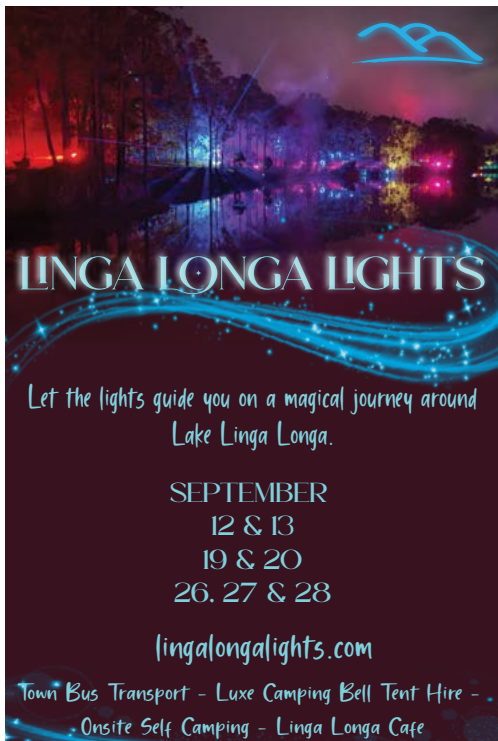
2026 Event Dates; 12, 13, 19, 27 & 28 September To make the experience even more accessible, bus transport will be available from Bridgetown, along with accommodation options including Luxe Camping bell tent hire. The Linga Longa Cafe will also be open throughout the event weekends.

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A promotional image for Linga Longa Lights 2026. It features a night scene of a forest with trees illuminated by colorful lights (red, blue, purple, yellow). A large, stylized blue wave graphic with the text 'LINGA LONGA LIGHTS' is overlaid. Below the wave, the text 'Let the lights guide you on a magical journey around Lake Linga Longa.' is written. Further down, the dates 'SEPTEMBER 12 & 13 19 & 20 26, 27 & 28' are listed, followed by the website 'lingalongalights.com'. At the bottom, it says 'Town Bus Transport - Luxe Camping Bell Tent Hire - Onsite Self Camping - Linga Longa Cafe'.A portrait of Alison Rutten, a woman with blonde hair, smiling, wearing a black dress. The Ray White logo is in the top left corner. The website 'raywhitestockerpreston.com.au' is at the bottom.

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Another vibrant and well-supported Repair Cafe was held on Sat 20th June. It is so rewarding to see the selection of items that you are bringing in for mending and the satisfaction of happy customers with having had them repaired.

If you're wondering whether your broken item, being it a tool, electrical appliance, ...*Continue on page 11*



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There is no safe level of alcohol consumption when it comes to cancer risk. Any level of drinking increases your risk, and the more you drink, the greater the risk.

Reducing your alcohol intake reduces your risk. For cancer prevention, the safest option is not to drink alcohol.

To sign up to Dry July and support Cancer Council visit <https://www.dryjuly.com/cancercouncil>

Transition Bridgetown

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And, don't forget there is also Technology assistance as well as a Justice of Peace available to sign your official paperwork.

The dedicated volunteers, repairers and those helping with making the morning run smoothly with lots of good vibes and cuppas, will be waiting for you again on Sat August 15th 10am-12noon at the Shire Lesser Hall. Save the Date.

Enquiries to repaircafe6255@gmail.com or phone Rob 0452 398 595

Thanks to all our fabulous volunteers who helped with our sustainable firewood raffle and to Jenny and Mick Dewing for the donation of wood from their purpose grown woodlot and delivery. We raised just over \$500. The winner was Brett from Donnybrook. If you'd like more information about growing your own sustainable firewood trees, contact the Bridgetown Community Landcare Nursery.

Enjoy all the fabulous Fridgetown Fest events and we'll see you soon.



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Show Talk

Hi Everyone; This is a very busy time for those involved in putting together the final information required for the completion of the Show Schedule.

"A Festival of Memories" – History Bridgetown Show - is this year's Show Theme.

Following the incoming changes to the classes and confirmation of the Sponsors, this information is collated, entered and prepared ready by the publisher for printing. As usual, when complete, an online version will be available for those keen to peruse and start creating their entries.

Schedule and Sponsorships: Section Stewards have been contacted for section changes. Sponsorship invitations have been sent out. If you would like to be included in the sponsorship, please make contact either via the website or email.

Memberships: These have been sent out. If you would like to become a new member please make contact via the below addresses.

Budget Camping Showgrounds Bookings: Here's the latest update on Budget Camping for Blues @ Bridgetown Weekend. Camping is now open to everyone. For all those questions from friends and family, we have added information on our Bridgetown Show Facebook and Instagram pages, as well as the website. Unpowered camping will still be available at the gate.

Marquees: Following the storm experienced at the 2025 Show, we have at last been able to replace our wrecked Marquees. Watch our media posts coming soon. They look great!

Coming Events: The annual 2day celebration of the Blackwood D&D Winterfest game event will be held at the grounds on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th July. Further details can be found online or via their Facebook page Blackwood D&D Winterfest.

We wish the Blackwood D&D Winterfest Committee another successful event this year.

Next Meeting: will be Wednesday 8th July 7.00pm, in the Presidents Room at the Showgrounds. If you would like to know more about the Committee or the Agricultural Society's role in the Community, contact mob. 0437 602 836 (Calls only – no Texts) or email: admin@bridgetownshow.com.au website address is www.bridgetownshow.com.au

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- ✓ Complete soil sampling and whole farm nutrient mapping program valued over \$4000.

Timeline

- DIY soil sampling field days in October/ November
- DIY soil sampling November to January
- Whole Farm Nutrient Mapping Workshops and delivery of reports February/March
- Accu-spread workshops March/April

Eligibility

- Must be within the >550 mm annual rainfall zone, outside of current Healthy Estuaries WA priority catchments
- Only pasture/hay paddocks included (no paddocks in crop, or under perennial or annual horticulture)
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Scan for expressions of
interest in the whole farm
nutrient mapping program

This activity is part of Soils – New Horizons, a bilateral partnership between the Australian Government and the Western Australian Government (DPIRD), and acknowledges a funding contribution from Healthy Estuaries WA, a State Government program.

Finke Desert Race

Continued from back page... "A tree change is how our new life is dubbed, but I also like old places and things, so it was easy to feel settled.

"Buying a house and finding work we have cemented our lives here."

When asked if they will compete again the answer was an emphatic "Yes, but not for a few years."

The winning vehicle team completed the 460-kilometre race to Aputula (Finke Town) and back in 3 hours, 23 minutes and 6 seconds.

The fastest bike, David Walsh's motorbike crossed the finish line in a time of 3 hours, 49 minutes and 27.9 seconds.

While there were many stories of the tribulations faced by the competitors over the weekend, the race was sadly marred by the tragic death of a competitor on day one.

W.A. Bush Fire Museum and Heritage Group

Continued from the Cover... "All the sixteen fire fighting vehicles in the museum have had a significant influence on the development of fire fighting in this state, with improvement in safety for the fire fighters, vehicle development and the clothing worn which all go to help tell the story and development of fighting bush fires."

A major turning point in vehicle and crew safety came after 2012 following the death of firefighter Wendy Bearfoot who perished in a vehicle burn over during the devastating Black Cat Creek bushfire in that year.

In 2013 a national standardisation for crew safety, with drop down curtains and sprinkler systems was initiated on all trucks.

DPAW district fire co-ordinator Vince Hilder said, "The safety equipment in the fire trucks, as well as staff training around what to do in a burn-over have improved significantly since Mrs Bearfoot's death."

Chris continues, "Also, on display is 'Koala Bill', a fire fighting mascot used during the 1980s and '90s. Koala Bill toured schools informing and educating children in regards to fire prevention.

"Parks and Wildlife are donating to the museum a lookout tower cabin which was atop a fire lookout near Nannup, another wonderful piece of firefighting history which will be on display.

"This new building is the beginning of the plans we have for the museum site. There is a need for us to provide toilets, a parking area, and lean-to buildings along the museum to house the equipment which needs protection from the weather.

"With stage two we are looking to build a further 1,000m2 of shed space to house the trucks and equipment, along with the documents we receive deliveries of each month."

Chris Sousa has always had an absolute passion for the collection of firefighting memorabilia, he concludes with, "It is anticipated the museum will be an important showcase in displaying the history of fighting bush fires in Western Australia."

Bridgetown Golf Club Inc

Wood Raffle

The winner of the wood raffle held on 19 June was Simon Harrington. The Golf Club extends thanks and appreciation to the community for supporting this raffle. Glen Norris



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Shayn and Nartasha McNicholl with Survivor Spike

Finke Desert Race

Local residents Nartasha and Shayn McNicholl took part in this year's Finke Desert Race, a three-day event taking place from June 5 to June 8, a race which spans 446 kilometres from Alice Springs to Aputula (Finke Town) and back.

This year's Finke marked the 50th-anniversary of the event. The numbers taking part this year saw more than 150 cars and 670 motorbikes competing, making it the biggest in the competition's history.

2026 is the fifth time the pair have competed in this event. Whilst living and working in Alice Springs they competed in 1986, 87, 89. Then returning in 2017 to compete again, but coming away with an injury, and returning nine years later to compete this year.

Shayn was riding his Yamaha WR 450, with Tarsh being the support, the backup and the pit crew, as one can only imagine it's a joint effort to compete in this gruelling event, with the Finke Desert Race being a shared passion.

Shayn came 247th in the event, 3 hours and 17 minutes on the first leg, 3 hours 13 minutes on the return, having a combined time of 6 hours 30 minutes. Crashing a couple of times, but only causing minor damage to the bike, but one time, bending the handle bars and breaking the clutch lever

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which made it hard to get the bike going, once moving the gear changes were easy, finding a replacement clutch lever of sorts for the return leg was harder.

Says Shayn, "The 'Finke' certainly challenges riders and drivers with extreme desert terrain, including deep sand, wash aways, steep inclines, corrugations and loads of dust. Which all makes for a worthwhile and memorable experience.

"To get there, Bridgetown to Alice Springs it's a three-day journey over, then three days back, so it takes a lot of planning. We managed to shred a couple of tyres on the car, and I mean shredded, torn to ribbons, on the way.

"The race starts with a prologue to set times, the fastest competitors going first, with the race commencing on the Sunday and returning on the Monday.

"An interesting fact about the race's name is that when the train travelled from Adelaide to Alice Springs it would stop over at Aputula to get water from the Finke River, so Aputula also become known as Finke Town," Shayn explains.

Around two years ago whilst travelling around Australia Tarsh and Shayn stopped over in Bridgetown for about a week at the caravan park. They were so taken by the place they bought a house in town and have now made Bridgetown home. Shayn is a fly in fly out worker with Tarsh being a support worker in town.

Tarsh continues with, "From when first staying in Bridgetown, we both felt so welcomed being here, it's like we both belonged... *Continued on page 15*

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