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Club members on the final day of summer golf



Work underway on the new Bridgetown Golf Clubhouse

Bridgetown Golf Club

The construction of the new Bridgetown Golf Club House is now underway.

The construction will be undertaken by local builder BRC Building Solutions with club member Patrick Quinlivan, as a volunteer, being the Project Coordinator.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be 2.1 million including design fees, construction costs, contingencies and fit-out of the new building.

The monies have come from a few different sources: thanks to a lot of community support, the Greenbushes Golf Club raised \$16,800 from the community and another \$11,000 was raised from a 'Go Fund Me Page' on line, and the Bridgetown Rotary Club donated \$5,000 along with generous donations from other golf clubs.

Talison Lithium contributed \$714,000 and the State Government Department of Local Government, Sport and Culture contributed a further \$700,000 and the remaining \$686,000 coming from the Club insurance payout monies.

It's now in the background of our shared memories, but on Saturday February 5th, 2022 a fire which started near Hester Cascades Road, fuelled by strong winds and burning uncontrollably raced up Hester Hill, the fire was so fierce it led to the call for an evacuation of the townships of Hester and Bridgetown as it threatened all in its path.

Only one occupied house was lost that day thanks to the efforts of all those fighting the fire...*Continued on page 15*



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Alice and Hugo Wedding Scene

The Vicar of Dibley

Bridgetown Repertory's next production is the stage play of the 'The Vicar of Dibley'.

Molly Flemming will be directing the play, her first role as director.

The stage show is a compilation of the Vicar of Dibley TV series, showing many and differing funny situations and scenes from the series that made the show so popular.

The cast is made up of nine adults who are all playing unique and memorable character roles which we have all come to know so well, and seven children who are playing the roles of Sunday school children.

The role of Hugo is played by Jack Mingay, and he is the ideal choice to play Hugo with his animated facial expressions and his marionette puppet-like body movements, he mimics his character to a tee.

The naïve, bubbly, vibrant and sometimes silly but always dipsy role of Alice Tinker, the church verger, is played by Elli Golding. A role that can be best explained with the use of adjectives.

This is Elli's first role at the Bridgetown Theatre, and her first part in a play since leaving school. "Alice's character in the show is a lot of fun to play, it is a challenge being Alice, she has such a wonderfully unique and fun personality which I portray, a personality that is so unlike my own, it's a role I've delved into and a role I'm really enjoying playing," Elli explained.

Alice is the vicar's best, and most loyal, friend. Having lived a very sheltered existence, Alice often drives the vicar to distraction with her useless advice, ...*Continued on page 15*

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The Repair Cafe

The Shire and Transition Bridgetown are excited to announce their second Repair Café will be held on Saturday 17 May, from 9am to 12pm at the Bridgetown Lesser Hall.

What is a Repair Café you might ask? A Repair Café is a community event where people bring their broken items for skilled volunteers to fix free of charge, helping to extend their lifespan and reduce waste. Part of the broader initiative is to build connections and support learning new skills - owners of the items are invited to have a cup of tea or coffee and sit with their volunteer repairer. Items will not be accepted if dropped off.

The types of items that can be fixed are solely dependent on the skills of those who volunteer. If you've got some repair skills, we would love to hear from you! Donations of repair materials such as sewing items, thread, buttons, wool, scrap fabrics and iron on patches are welcome to help keep this initiative going!

Our first event in March saw a range of skilled volunteers repairing items from torn pants to a wobbly rake handle and some broken necklaces. Wool was spun using a wooden spinning wheel and we also had a crafts table, with some keen scrapbookers working on their individual projects together.

Now is the time to look around your property for small portable items that need fixing, keeping in mind that the timeframe for repairs is around 30 minutes so that our volunteers can share their skills with others and not get bogged down in a long repair. Each item brought in will first be assessed and if we don't have the skills this time, we can put the call out for next time!

Keep an eye out on posters in both townships, the Shire website and social media for guidance on what sort of items you can bring based on the skills of our volunteers in the next week!

This event is proudly supported by the State Government and administered by the Waste Authority. Let's make landfill the last resort! Right 'Volunteer repairer Michael Coghill repairing a broken vase'



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Jane Wittenoom and Rudi Stryk

Your Old Phone Could Save a Life

The Bridgetown Community Resource Centre (CRC) has now become a collection point for your old phones, which may be used by a program called DV Safe Phone.

Since 2020, DV Safe Phone has collected, repaired and distributed free mobile phones to domestic violence (DV) victims through a nationwide network of more than 400 agency partners - DV agencies include police stations, hospitals and safe houses right across Australia.

The CRC's Manager, Jane Wittenoom together with Rudi Stryk have taken on this collection initiative and have established a collection point at Bridgetown CRC, along with support from Transition Bridgetown for funding the cost of the initial setup.

For those fleeing domestic violence a smart phone is an everyday essential item in this modern age.

"We use the smart phone for banking, Government services, for emailing and for contacting our loves ones.

"The phone they have previously used can be used for coercive control, with abusive calls, through tracking location apps, banking apps as well as allowing the perpetrators to know who and where their victim is seeking help.

"The DV Safe Phone allows domestic violence victims to be empowered to live safe, connected lives through sustainable technology solutions," Rudi Stryk explained.

When upgrading, your old phone can have a renewed purpose if it is 4G capable, it can be used.

There is one important change which needs to be made to your phone before you remove the sim card, and that is to go to settings and restore your phone to the factory default setting, thus wiping out all your personal information on the phone giving the team at DV safe phone a clear way ahead.

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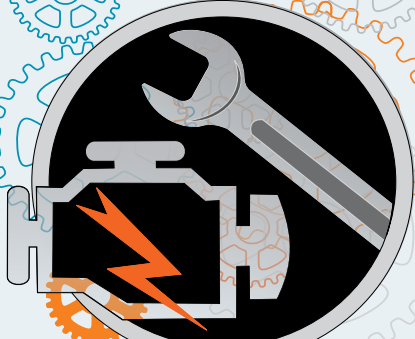
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Hi Everyone, With an electrical issue at the showgrounds, the April AGM was rescheduled for the Thursday, 10th April at the Bridgetown Tennis Club with an excellent roll up. Office Bearers are, Roger Gutteridge President, Adrian Elder Snr Vice President and Hayley Thorpe Jnr Vice President, with Corinne Rule Secretary and Nicole Ward Treasurer.

The Easter Tennis Camping was very successful and we thank all those who made use of the facilities and for their support in keeping the grounds clean and tidy. Note, the Showgrounds is a great venue and is available for hire. We have a fully functional Industrial Kitchen suitable to plan any sized event. Pricing and booking information can be found online www.bridgetownshow.com.au or ask at the Bridgetown Newsagents.

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The entertainment committee is working hard behind the scenes, excitedly preparing for another amazing show in November. This year's theme is WILD WONDERS – Exploring Native Flora & Fauna. If you want to be involved with this theme we would love to hear from you now.

Our next Meeting will be on Wednesday 14th May 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: secretarybridgetownagsoc@gmail.com or website address is www.bridgetownshow.com.au like us on Facebook 'Bridgetown Agricultural Show' or follow us on Instagram.



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Talison's Capacity Expansion Projects: EPA WA Public Comment Period Opens

Earlier this year, Talison shared its proposal to increase the capacity of the Salt Water Gully Dam and expand waste rock landforms. This proposal has now been referred to the WA Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) as part of Stage One of the standard assessment process.

The public comment period is open from Monday, 28 April 2025, to Sunday, 4 May 2025. During this time, the EPA is gathering feedback on whether to assess the proposal and, if so, to what extent. If they decide to proceed, this will move to Stage Two. This won't be your only chance to share your thoughts. You'll have multiple opportunities to provide input throughout the approval process, so we encourage you to stay informed and involved.

Talison supports the EPA's review and will provide all necessary assistance. Should the EPA decide to assess our expansion proposal, we will prepare an Environmental Review in Stage Three, which will be available for public review.

If you or anyone you know would like to provide feedback on the assessment of Talison's expansion proposal, please visit the EPA Consultation Hub at consultation.epa.wa.gov.au.

For more details on the assessment process, visit the EPA WA step-by-step guide at epa.wa.gov.au/step-step-through-proposal-assessment-process.

You can find more information on the Talison website, including summaries of past community information sessions, updated project details, and future engagement plans, visit talisonlithium.com/capacity-expansion-projects.

Annual Dust and Noise Update

Talison recently presented its annual update on mine-generated dust, noise, and blasting at a community meeting hosted by Grow Greenbushes. The event was well attended and gave residents the chance to ask questions and speak directly with our team, including subject matter experts and leadership.

The presentation, including data on dust levels, composition, and what we're doing to manage these impacts is available on our website. We know we have more work to do, but we are grateful to everyone who joined us and provided feedback. It reinforces how important it is that we stay connected to community and transparent in all that we do.

What We're Doing About Dust

We know that dust impacts people's daily lives. As a largely residential workforce, many of our employees live locally and experience those impacts firsthand. It's an issue that matters to all of us. Our teams are working hard to improve how we manage dust and reduce it more effectively. Some of things we are currently doing include:

- **Faster Response to Dust Alerts:** We've expanded the number of leaders involved in our Trigger Action Response Plan. This means quicker communication and faster action when dust alerts are triggered. We're also installing more fixed cameras and using drones to monitor dust in real-time, helping us respond before dust becomes a problem.
- **Improving Dust Controls:** Thanks to community feedback, we're taking action both on and off-site. We've heard concerns about trucks leaving the site and generating dust through town. In response, we've worked with our transport partner Qube to undertake an additional thorough clean of the

Qube fleet and subcontractor fleet and will continue to audit compliance with our truck hygiene standards. Other dust controls/actions we're working on include:

- *Trialling innovative dust suppression additives on haul roads;*
- *Conducting a review into our dust management plan and practices, including reviewing how and where dust is generated; and*
- *Better cross industry collaboration. We'll be consulting similar mine sites across Australia to learn what's working elsewhere and how we can improve.*
- **More Transparency:** Shortly after Rob Telford stepped into the CEO role in 2024, he met with the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes and Grow Greenbushes and called out the need for Talison to improve its response to environmental and community impacts. He gave a commitment then to make positive changes and improve how we share information with the community. Since then, we've been working to make key information easier to access and more useful. We've put together a dust fact sheet that explains what dust is, how it's managed on site, and how we meet environmental regulations. To view the fact sheet please visit talisonlithium.com. We're also developing a live dust dashboard that will be available on our website soon, so you can check current dust data directly. In the meantime, if you have any feedback on the dust fact sheet please send it through to the Talison Community Team by emailing gbccontact@talisonlithium.com. We will continue to update the fact sheet from time to time to reflect new data, feedback received or provide updates on our dust controls and actions.

Increasing Efforts to Reduce Noise and Traffic Impacts

While dust has been top of mind, we also know that noise (particularly for residents south of the mine, toward Bridgetown) and traffic from our operations have become a growing concern. In the past month we have made good progress in our efforts to address these impacts.

Reducing Haul Truck Noise

We're working with our mining contractor, on a project that will see the installation of noise attenuation equipment on our haul trucks. A trial we conducted in 2024 showed promising results, and we're now looking to implement this across the fleet. We understand that night-time noise in particular can impact sleep and quality of life. While this equipment is designed to make a difference to noise levels, we know it won't eliminate noise entirely. That's why we are continuing to look for new ways to reduce sound emissions and work closely with affected community members.

Truck Traffic and Speed Concerns

We've also heard concerns about increased truck traffic through Greenbushes, and reports of speeding by Talison contractor trucks in Greenbushes, Kirup, and Donnybrook. Here's what we did about it during April 2025:

- **Speed Audits in Greenbushes:** In collaboration with Qube, we have conducted speed audits in the town of Greenbushes to ensure trucks associated with Talison's operations are complying with local speed limits. These audits will be extended to other towns along our transport route moving forward.
- **Improved Subcontractor Monitoring:** Qube is currently trialling portable units that offer real-time monitoring of vehicle speed and driver behaviour. Two units were deployed in April. Depending on the trial's outcome, Qube plans to roll out this technology across their entire subcontractor fleet.

We know that words alone aren't enough, trust is earned through consistent action. While we won't get everything right, we're committed to listening, learning, and doing better. We'll keep working to reduce our impact and build stronger relationships with the Greenbushes community and neighbouring towns.

If you'd like more information about any of our current or planned initiatives, or if you have feedback you'd like to share, please get in touch with the Talison Community Team at gbccontact@talisonlithium.com.

2024 Sustainability Report Coming Soon

Our 2024 Sustainability Report will be released in May 2025. It provides an overview of our environmental, social, and governance performance over the past year, and outlines the progress we've made, as well as the areas we're working to improve. Keep an eye on our website for the digital version.

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The best solution and the most cost-effective method is to keep the birds right away from the trees by building a fully enclosed netted structure around your orchard and vegetable garden.

Carlinea and Josh own and run Crackpots Rural, a family business which they have owned for the last three years, it is a company which has operated now for over twenty years.

"We have come up with a method and a kit which we call the EZBuild Orchard Structure," Carlinea explains.

"The kits are ideally suited to those who are capable and practical in building structures around their property.

"The kits are available in standard sizes which can give property owners a good guide in size-to-cost ratio.

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Thank You Bridgetown

A heartfelt thanks to everyone in Bridgetown who donated to our tinshake, attended the Quiz Nite and supported us in providing the morning tea for Anzac Day as well as those participating in the footy tipping competition. A Special thanks goes out to the following businesses who supported us in kind – Bridgetown Hotel, Shedley's Wines, IGA, Mitre 10, Hillview Gardens, Bridgetown Newspapers and Wattleseed Cafe.

Our March Appeal events have enabled us to provide \$3,500 to assist the Australian Red Cross in its many supportive activities throughout the country.

We are a shrinking organisation – as are many other organisations everywhere – and thoroughly appreciate the number of volunteers who help out at the above events, notably on Anzac Day.



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Repair, Reuse, Recycle has long been one of Transition Bridgetown's guiding principles, so the Repair Café which kicked off on March 8 has been an excellent opportunity to roll up our sleeves and put it into practice!

The Repair Café is supported by the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes and a grant from the Waste Authority and aims to breathe new life into people's belongings, rather than simply add them to a growing pile of landfill. Community members are encouraged to bring along items needed for repair where volunteers will repair them wherever possible.

Keep an eye out for future Repair Cafes on May 17, July 12 (in Greenbushes), September 13 and November 15 at the Lesser Hall in Bridgetown.

Not everything can be repaired, of course, but there's plenty of scope for recycling thanks to Bridgetown's recycling hubs at the Bridgetown Hub, Library, St Brigid's School and the Greenbushes CRC.

Whether it's plastic bread tags, hair aerosol containers, CDs, household batteries, or many other things, why throw them away when you can recycle them right here in Bridgetown or Greenbushes?

Mining in Dalgarp Forest: Sunday May 4 saw the campaign to protect Dalgarp Forest from mining hold a public forum at the Uniting Church Hall.

The event was hosted by the Blackwood Environment Society, Bridgetown-Greenbushes Friends of the Forest and Transition Bridgetown, and discussed the community's fight to protect the forest over 30 years.

The three groups, together with Donnelly Village and three community members, are objecting to exploration applications for Greater Dalgarp and 28,000 hectares of adjacent forest.

They're attempting to build a strong case before the Mining Warden's Court to halt exploration to protect the forest's conservation values, the impact on tourism and water supplies, and other values.

Open Space: Transition Bridgetown's Open Space events are proving popular, so don't miss the next one scheduled for Sunday 22nd of June from 4-6pm, where we'll be celebrating World Localisation Day with a film, food and discussion to enjoy and enlighten.

What else does Transition Bridgetown have on its agenda for the year? Plenty! We'll be looking at regenerating land, housing, mental health, renewable energy, and more.

Farewell Jim: Finally we give a huge vote of thanks for Jim Ife's outstanding contribution and guidance to the group. Jim has returned to Perth and his work for Transition Bridgetown will be sorely missed.

We're always on the lookout for new members. If you'd like to join us you'll find forms from transitionbridgetown19@gmail.com, or you can contact us on our Facebook page.



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Exploring Dalgarpur

Continued from back page... They joined in visits to the forest and became key members of exploration and recording of the forest, particularly the Nunn Block and the Jarrah Park to date.

They started building up a photo survey of partly accessible walk trails using Solocator, a cellphone app which records location, direction and elevation of each picture. This information allows us to record the location of significant trees, the most significant so far being a Yarri (Blackbutt) with a circumference of 9 metres, as well as confirming the locations of roads and tracks to update mapping.

They have since been joined in Bushwalks through overgrown tracks by Jenny Dewing, Eric and Gillian Wheatley, Kaye Grubb and other keen walkers.

A very valuable outcome is a set of georeferenced photos of each of the Jarrah Park trails, as these will take some time to recover after prescribed burning.

Drone Views

Jon has added drone capabilities to his skills. The view from above the 9 metre circumference Yarri shows the potential for recording the forest as it is.

Forest Wildlife Cameras

Several people are now placing trail cameras in the Dalgarpur Forests. Kaye Grubb, with support from Nancy Jones, was first off the mark with her pictures of a family of emus enjoying the pool in the Jarrah Park. Jon and Alison have been joined by others including Eric Wheatley, and Jenny Dewing. This information will be vital for our defence before the Mining Warden.

Recording and sharing your own observations

Kylie Tizard (BES Vice Chair) believes we should use a free phone app iNaturalist to demonstrate how important ecosystems are to the local community.

The app is used to record vision or sound in the field. It suggests an identification and then records date, time and location.

Uploaded observation is visible to the iNaturalist community who can confirm or correct identifications. This information is shared with other databases such as Atlas of Living Australia. The goal is to engage people in nature and science in the hope this will accelerate understanding of biodiversity and lead to better conservation outcomes.

Opportunities for Involvement

Local residents or people interested in the forests are most welcome to join Members of BGFF and BES in forest surveys or forest activities generally. Email members @bgff.org.au and we will contact you.

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Volunteering, Locally

There are numerous ways in which volunteers can help other people; some examples being to join your local Bushfire Brigade, St John's Ambulance, school P&C or P&F, church or sporting clubs, CWA, Lion's Club to name just a few. Many of these organisations only exist because of the effort of volunteers.

Volunteering After Major Disasters.

In 2009 horrific bushfires in Victoria resulted in widespread loss of life and property. Fences were destroyed on the farm of Kevin and Rhonda Butler; some friends visited from Melbourne and helped to renew the fences. This experience led to the formation of BlazeAid which has since had more than 200 disaster work camps throughout Australia. Initially the aim was to help farmers recover after a major bushfire but now this has expanded to include farm recovery after major floods and cyclones.

A huge problem after such disasters is that most professional fencers will be in great demand; the farmer cannot have livestock until the new fences are built. Generally a BlazeAid fencing team will consist of 4-6 persons, male and female, one being an experienced fencer who will lead the team. This is a good opportunity to learn to become a fencing contractor.

I spent a week after the Yarloop fire in 2016, at that time I was 78 and having had a recent hip replacement. My only difficulty was attaching the bottom wire but there were always others willing to do that. In the evening, one of the community groups provided dinner in the sportsgrounds hall. After dinner, each team leader told of the achievements of the day.

We had just completed a new boundary fence; the farmer said; "now I can begin farming again". Many of the volunteers had travelled from other states in motor homes or caravans to help in Yarloop as there was no accommodation at the time... *Continued on page 14*

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Bookings open in late May through TryBooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/DAXJY> - Costs are Adult \$15.00, Children (school age) \$7.50.

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Your Old Phone Could Save a Life

Continued from page 4... If your phone cannot be used as a phone, the phone parts can also be used to make other collected damaged phones like new, the screen, battery and lenses can all be used, the bits that cannot be used are then sent on to a Mobile Muster collection point.

The phones are transported to Queensland by an arrangement of commercial partners, given a new life and then redistributed through DV agencies, Rudi is proceeding to establish an agency in Bridgetown.

Rudi concludes with, "When you drop off your old phone in the collection box at the Bridgetown CRC, through this community support you are transforming lives, promoting sustainability, and helping to ensure that every call for help from a DV victim who has a renewed phone is heard."

ANZAC Day

110th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli, Lest we forget

Australia sets aside one day of the year to commemorate those who have served or are serving in the defence of Australia; it's a time to remember and contemplate the horrors of war, lest we become so complacent that we forget the tragedies and the heart ache that accompanies war.

We are currently witnessing on our screens the effect on ordinary people, like ourselves, the hopelessness and the trauma that can suddenly descend on families in a war situation. With the many conflicts happening in the world today, none of us would like to put in that situation and we thank good fortune to be living in a wonderful country like Australia.

We remember those who gave their lives that we may live as we do, "But for the grace of God, go I," we could be saying as we watch the despair unfolding on our screens.

Our hearts go out to all those who are caught up in conflicts happening today as their world falls apart around them in a war zone; it reminds us of the importance of being prepared, and that having good allies and a strong defence force is as important today as it ever has been.

Volunteering, Locally

Continued from page 12... The Combined Churches of Boyup Brook had a second-hand book sale during the 2016 Country Music Festival, this raised more than \$2,000 which was donated to BlazeAid for purchase of tools.

In 2022, BlazeAid were active after the Hester-Bridgetown fire. Boyup Brook Lion's donated some of their Containers for Change funds towards purchasing more tools.

The camp coordinator meets with farmers in need of new fences, while having a chat over a cuppa, the coordinator would be filling a form of requirements and for permission to enter the property to carry out the work. The farmer only had to sign that application and no further paperwork was required as BlazeAid is independent of any government control.

It is very likely that BlazeAid will be seeking volunteers after the April floods of inland Queensland. Farmers must first obtain fencing materials, volunteers may remove damaged fencing and then prepare to rebuild fences. This is an opportunity for retired farmers and 'grey nomads' to have a working holiday in Western Queensland and bring hope to communities affected by the floods.

BlazeAid has a newsletter; "The BlazeAid Post". Email; admin@blazeaid.com.au for more information.

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Details

Oseca's My Health Partnerships program invite community members to an education workshop to learn more about perimenopause and menopause, and how it impacts the bodies and lives of those experiencing this important stage of life. We are delighted to have Dr Purity Carr, of Dr Purity Menopause Clinic based in Harvey, to facilitate the event. Q&A from 11.30am.

RSVP by 19th May for catering purposes. Morning tea provided



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The Vicar of Dibley

*Continued from page 2...*empty-headed comments and general misunderstanding of the world outside the village and she rarely gets Geraldine's end jokes

Alice and Hugo are often shown to be fond of each other and eventually marry after the Vicar plays Cupid. Alice's wedding dress is a 'must see'.

Adrian Elder is welcomed back to the stage after more than thirty years of absence. He is to play the role of Reverend Pottie, this has come about after a passing conversation with Molly where Adrian was not careful enough for what he wished for, when he mentioned "if there was a role for the Reverend Pottie, the man in the play who dies, I'm it."

The role of Jim Trott is being played by Bevan Mills, after an absence of more than twenty-five years from the theatre, this role was decided for him by his wife Pip. "It's a perfect fit, because you are always saying no, no, no, no to everything."

The stage play of The Vicar of Dibley is heart-warming and very funny, and has characters that are unique and daring. All the players chosen for the Bridgetown production are all a good fit with the characters as seen in the TV series.

Spoil yourself and come to the theatre and enjoy the show that will take you on an hilarious and familiar romp through a well written comedy which has a lot of drama unfolding.

The Vicar of Dibley will be presented through May. The performance dates are Thursday May 1st, Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd with a matinee on Sunday 4th. Then the following week, Thursday May 8th, Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and a matinee on Sunday 11th.

Molly concludes with "The stage play has clever dialogue, it showcases many unique, diverse and strange range of characters that all go to make up a very funny show that should not be missed."

Bridgetown Golf Club

Continued from cover...There was of course a lot of other damage to out-buildings and sheds caused by the fire throughout the district, one of the first buildings lost was when the fire hit the top of Hester Hill and engulfed the Bridgetown Golf Club facilities.

The Club House and the Caretaker's Cottage attached to the club house, and two sheds and the housed equipment were all consumed in the blaze.

Since that fateful day, over three years ago now, the Bridgetown Golf Club has been able to continue with regular golfing days albeit using make-shift facilities.

Talison Lithium have lent the golf club two demountables, one is a toilet block and the other is an office facility.

A new buggy shed was constructed and is now temporarily used as a club house, other sheds to house lawn mowers, buggies and grounds equipment have also been built.

President Bruce Pendelbury explained, "Even though the golf club has been able to conduct its normal playing season it has been with a restricted capacity."

"The club house with its catering and bar facilities allowed us to conduct our Carnivals, 'Vets' golfing days and other functions such as weddings, birthday parties and wakes, which are good fund-raising events for the club throughout the year,

"The club house was a 'treasured headquarters', it was there from the beginning, 1915. It held the honour boards, photographs and memorabilia through its 107 years of local golfing history, which was all lost in the fire, so it will be wonderful to have the new club house so we can start gathering a new history.

"The only materials we recovered from the smouldering remains were paving bricks which are now in use as a floor in the mower shed.

"All the members of the golf club are very excited that now at long last the reconstruction has commenced," Bruce concluded.



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Exploring Dalgarpup

The Greater Dalgarpup Forest includes four areas of forest. Some of these have not been visited regularly for 15 years or more.

During this time most members of the Bridgetown Greenbushes Friends of the Forest Inc (BGFF) and Blackwood Environment Society Inc (BES) had little idea what was in the forest areas, although many would have visited the Jarrah Park and its walking trails. Tracks through the forest were either logging tracks (mainly overgrown and with fallen trees across) and fire breaks along boundaries – e.g. Purslane Road between the Jarrah Park and the Nunn Block.

Nunn Block is largely old growth. There had been plans for major logging of the whole block but under pressure from The Conservation Council and the EPA this was deferred. The owner, Bunnings, did however clear 18 ha of land along the creek bed and planted pine trees.

In 2006 a long campaign by BGFF and BES was successful, and the Government purchased the Nunn Block from the National Trust to include in the National Park. The pines had been harvested and CALM now arranged for the replanting along the creek with jarrah forest species by a Green Corps Team and community members.

As a result of this work a track was left on either side of the creek. However now the track on the north of the creek is only passable by foot, with great difficulty.

On the south of the creek the track is still passable for about half its length through Nunn Block. This is an extension of Nunn Road, which runs from just west of the Jarrah Park exit to Brockman Highway. Because of concerns about Jarrah Dieback this road was closed and became partly overgrown until a few years ago.

Plans for prescribed burning of the whole of the former Dalgarpup Block meant that firebreaks and access roads around the Jarrah Park were opened to traffic by bulldozer. This has made possible a resumption of visits and exploration by BGFF and BES members.

Occasional picnics, meetings with DBCA to discuss the proposed burning and the normal visits to the trails of the Jarrah Park continued.

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Walking and Driving: Jon Steer and Alison Wright came to the BGFF Sundowner in November together with a number of long-term members of BGFF and BES...*Continued on Page 11.*



Bird's eye view of a giant Yarra (Blackbutt) captured by Jon Steer

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