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Show Talk, Aye Me Hearties.

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resilience of the Committee and the Community has ensured the continuation of Bridgetown's oldest Family Community Event.

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Join the fun with Batman; Fantasy Party Ponies; Critters Up Close; Laserscape; Fairy Garden; Bouncy Castles and Jamie the Clown.

New Highlights will include Albany Shantymen; Pirate clad Sambanistas; beautiful Mermaids from 'Mermaid Cove'; Salty Sketches creating one of the oceans mighty giants, the whale; Apex Canines; Kite Kinetics; Interactive Train; Sand Castles here we come for a day at the beach and a Treasure Hunt for the Keys to Bridgetown's Treasure Chest.

The Oval will be a focal point for the BIG RIGS - MacMahon Dump Truck Simulator, iNSTRUCTA, RAC Rescue Helicopter Experience and Cleanaway, along with our local Essential Services Volunteers.

Be entertained with local and visiting musicians; Take advantage of our reduced-price Sideshow Rides; Don't forget our popular Passport from the Trailer Stop.

Mr Craig Dawson, General Manager - Operations, Talison Lithium Pty Ltd will open our 135th Show. Pay a visit to Talison's large Show marquee with informative displays, interactive experiments and the very popular, 'kids' sandpit' with the big mining toys... *Continued on page 11*



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Wash Against Waste Trailer assisting with Low Waste Events

It's time for the Wash Against Waste Trailer to be out and about in our community!!

Transition Bridgetown acquired the Wash Against Waste Trailer in Oct 2022. It is fully equipped with a marquee, folding trestle tables, ceramic coffee mugs, melamine/hard plastic plates and bowls, stainless steel cutlery, urn, wash bowls, trays, tea towels, aprons and signage. In fact, pretty much everything you could possibly need to cater for 150 people or more, at any event that provides food and hot drinks!

The WAW trailer originally came from the Margaret River Regional Environment Centre who received a Keep Australia Beautiful grant in 2016 to have it designed and built. They owned and utilised it over a four year period, deploying it at local markets and events as a driving force for reducing plastic waste as well as working to educate the community and visitors to the area about the damage disposable plastic does to the environment and oceans.

Whilst the Wash Against Waste Movement first came into being as a way to reduce/eliminate single use plastics at events, this has now progressed to reducing all general waste from eco food and drink containers, many of which have a plastic or waxed lining and are not compostable in normal household composting bins. They contaminate our recycling bins due to food remains and grease, hence becoming general waste.

There is a 5 tub washing system for utilising the items in the WAW trailer...*Continued on page 12*



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GP down south, in collaboration with Carers WA, Anglicare and Advocacy WA, are continuing our "Outreach Hub", which will be visiting Bridgetown on the first Monday of each month. Our next visit will be on Monday 4th November at the Community Resource Centre, 150 Hampton Street, Bridgetown, between 9.30am and 3.00pm.

The services we will be offering include:

GP down south:

My Health Partnerships

The My Health Partnerships program offers care coordination for anyone over the age of 16 who resides within the Warren Blackwood region and either has or is at risk of a chronic health condition. We can work together with you and other service providers to ensure you are getting the support that best suits your needs.

Carers WA

Carers WA provides support and advocacy for carers across Western Australia including the Warren Blackwood region. A carer is someone who provides unpaid care and support to family and friends who are living with disability, mental health challenges or long-term health conditions, including a chronic condition or terminal illness, an alcohol or other drug dependency or who is frail and aged.

Anglicare WA

Anglicare will be providing financial counselling and information for anyone who is stressed or worried about their finances. It is an inclusive service for people in a



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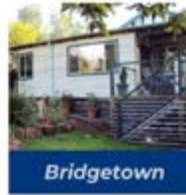
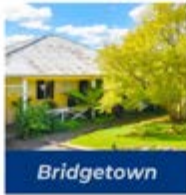
Advocacy WA provides advocacy services for people living with disability in southwest WA. People living with a disability have the same rights and need the same opportunities as everyone else. Advocacy WA supports and advocates on NDIS access and appeals, disability support pension, discrimination, tenancy, guardianship and other areas.

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An early World Map which is part of the Collecting Antique Cartography – a personal reflection, presented by Simon Walker

Bridgetown Historical Society

Recent happenings at BHS included a visit from the Albany Probuss Club on Tuesday 15 October. Their well-organised Annual Caravan Safari was centred in Bridgetown this year and they were interested to learn some of the town's history. The group of 26 were shown around the Police Station Museum and then moved across the road to the CWA rooms for morning tea (scones/jam/cream and Anzacs baked by BHS) and a talk by Richard Allen.

Bridgetown's history and morning tea proved to be a great combination, and members of the Probuss Club were most appreciative of the BHS effort. We might do this again!

If your organization/club/group would like to have this experience be in touch with BHS -0487 592 704.

As mentioned in the last Mail Bag there will be a talk on Thursday 14 November at 10.00 am in the BHS Office, 5 Civic Lane. Simon will display some of his collection of antique maps and will talk on:

Collecting Antique Cartography – a personal reflection, presented by Simon Walker JP.

This is open to the public not just members of BHS and we would welcome you to attend. For any queries phone 0487 592 704.

There will be other presentations from Simon during this and next year so watch out for the notifications.

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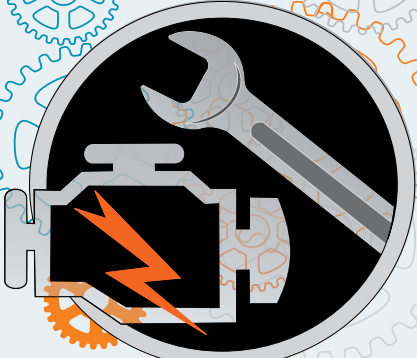
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Major Funding Boost for the Learner Driver Program

Thousands of additional disadvantaged community members will now be able to obtain a driver's licence thanks to a major funding injection towards the State Government's landmark Driving Access and Equity Program (DAEP).

The State Government has announced a further \$15.5 million in additional grants for the program, taking overall investment since it was launched in 2022 to \$26 million.

In response to high demand for the grants, the total funding amount was boosted by the inclusion of an additional \$4.2 million from the Road Trauma Trust Account.

The additional funding will be provided to twenty-eight organisations across the State, including in the Great Southern and South West for the first time.

The project funded in Warren-Blackwood is through the Blackwood Youth Action Inc. The \$250,000 of funding for this project is driving a positive change in Warren Blackwood district in the towns of Bridgetown, Manjimup, Boyup Brook, Pemberton, Northcliffe, Greenbushes and Nannup.

The funding from the DAEP grants helps community organisations with the cost of things such as new vehicles and employing driving instructors.

Warren-Blackwood MLA Jane Kelsbie explains, "The funding boost million boost to the Driving Access and Equity Program is fantastic news for Warren-Blackwood."

"This funding will make a real difference in the lives of those who face barriers in getting a driver's licence."

Obtaining a driver's licence is a key way of enhancing life outcomes for disadvantaged community members by improving access to things like employment, training and education. ...Continued on page 13



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2024 Talison Mine Open Day

On 05 October, 2024, Talison Lithium Pty Ltd (**Talison**) proudly welcomed the community to the Greenbushes Lithium Operation (**Site, Mine**) for Talison's annual Mine Open Day. This was the best Mine Open Day I have ever been involved with in my entire career. I look forward to next year with a real sense of excitement. Each year Talison's Mine Open Day allows the friends and family of our workforce to see not only the work Talison does but also the people and communities that support us. Those who attended had the opportunity to see first-hand how Talison's efforts at Greenbushes are helping deliver a better future.

The day featured impressive displays from our contractors (listed below), and I would like to thank each for their input:

- Macmahon;
- Action Drill & Blast;
- South West Earthworks;
- Freo Cranes;
- Hagstrom Drilling;
- Geographe Civil;
- Personnel Solutions;
- Qube;
- Charles Hull Contracting; and
- ISH24.

The Talison team went above and beyond in creating informative departmental displays, and it was great to see the Greenbushes community come together to support the event, by providing food, music, LEGO activities, and resources from local organisations, ensuring there was something for everyone to enjoy.

A highlight of the day for me was getting to announce Talison's partnership with Qube to trial a Bulk Electric Haulage Vehicle (**BEHV**) along the haulage route from Greenbushes to the Port of Bunbury. The trial reflects Talison's commitment to developing sustainable solutions within its transport supply chain. As the world's largest producer of lithium mineral concentrate, Talison has a key role to play in the global transition to cleaner energy. This trial aligns perfectly with one of Talison's core values of creating a better future and is another positive step forward in Talison's sustainability journey. The trial will feature a fully electric prime mover with a double trailing set, which, once in operation, will be the largest on-road electric truck combination in the world. The trial will determine the BEHV's viability on Talison's haulage route by evaluating:

- truck range under load;
- cycle times and battery recharging process;
- economic feasibility; and
- community impact/benefits.

In the lead-up to the announcement, Talison and Qube hosted a sustainability-themed competition for students aged 12 and under from the Bunbury and Warren Blackwood regions. Students were asked to draw "What does a greener future look like to me?". The winning designs will be used as the trailer wrap for the truck. Congratulations to Willa (pictured), Mike, and Blayne for placing first, second, and third.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making this year's Open Day a success.

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Talison Welcomes New Chief Executive Officer, Rob Telford

I am pleased to welcome Rob Telford as Talison’s new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). With over 30 years of experience in the resources sector and significant expertise in operational excellence and strategic leadership, Rob is well-equipped to lead Talison through its next phase of growth.

I’d also like to express my appreciation for the contribution of former CEO, Lorry Mignacca, who left the company in July after 33 years of dedicated service, including 11 years as CEO. During Lorry’s leadership, Talison expanded its operations rapidly to meet the increasing global demand for our product, driven by the transition to cleaner energy.

As the lithium industry continues to evolve, the Mine will play an increasingly important role in the global supply chain. Talison’s operations must not only grow but also remain agile in adapting to new challenges. With Rob at the helm, Talison is well-positioned to meet these challenges and seize emerging opportunities.

Rob is known for his humble and people-focused leadership, a style that aligns with Talison’s core values. In the coming months, he will spend considerable time at Site, engaging with the workforce, local communities, and key stakeholders to gather a comprehensive understanding of our operations, helping to shape Talison’s future.

Please join me in warmly welcoming Rob to Talison!

November Talison Community Support Program Funding Recipients

- Bridgetown Hub
- Balingup Small Farm Field Day
- Boyanup Bowling Club
- Lamp Inc
- Greenbushes RSL
- Boyup Brook Bowling Club
- Greenbushes Primary School
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Aerial Adventures a Success for Our Youth

We are thrilled to share the incredible experience we had recently, taking a fantastic group of young people to the Pemberton Aerial Adventures in the lead up to Mental Health Week. This unforgettable experience was made possible by the overwhelming generosity of our local community through your donations at the BYA OpShop. Together, you helped us raise a remarkable \$1,300 and for that, we extend our deepest gratitude!

Your support made a lasting impact on the lives of these young people. It provided them with the chance to challenge themselves in nature, embrace new experiences, and most importantly, have a blast. The joy and excitement they felt was evident throughout the day, and we have received such positive feedback from everyone who participated. These young people had a wonderful time, and it's all thanks to you!

We also acknowledge and thank our dedicated volunteer, Oscar, who works tirelessly at the OpShop each week and updates the fundraising barometer with such dedication. You are an absolute star Oscar and we love seeing you at the OpShop! A huge thank you to Blake, our enthusiastic and willing young photographer, who succeeded in capturing some truly memorable moments!

Our appreciation is extended to the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes for the use of Miss Rosie, the Community Bus.

The adventure wasn't just about fun. Spending time in nature and engaging in adventure therapy has profound benefits for the mental health of young people. Activities like this help to boost self-esteem, improve problem-solving skills, and create new friendships, all while building resilience and confidence. The feedback we received from the young participants confirmed just how impactful the experience was—they left feeling empowered, connected, and full of positive energy.



This event was a true testament to what we can achieve when our community comes together. From all of us at BYA, and especially from the young people who had the time of their lives, thank you for your kindness, your contributions, and your unwavering support. All proceeds of sales at the OpShop, along with your generous donations, go towards developing programs to support marginalised youth in our community.

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With your continued support, we look forward to more opportunities to create memorable and meaningful experiences for our young people. Kath Wisken



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Backyard Buddies

Compost buddies:

a boost with springtails

Springtails are usually 1 to 3 mm and inhabit dark, moist environments so you might not have noticed them before. You're more likely to see them after heavy rains, but why not check your compost?

Ecological decomposers

Springtails are wondrous little creatures which can help speed up decomposition processes in our compost bins. There are many species across the world providing this great service. Springtails eat fungi, decaying plant and animal material and other waste products. This breaks those materials into smaller pieces that soil microbes like some bacteria and nematodes can convert into nutritious forms that plants can use, i.e. fertiliser! Because of this beneficial activity, they can also be used in terrariums and pet animal enclosures to consume undesirable mould and animal wastes.

Springtails are also a source of food themselves for beetles, flies and other insects. You may even spot



geckos, hanging around the rim of your compost bin looking for a feed.

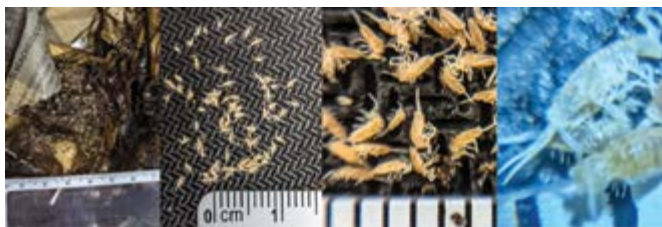
Springing superpower

Like insects, springtails have three pairs of legs, a head, thorax and abdomen, but no wings. Despite their similarities they are not insects and belong to a different taxonomic group called Collembola. As their name suggests, most springtails... spring! Those that do, have a little tail like appendage called a furca on the underside of their abdomen. It's normally held in

place under high tension. If danger is detected, the furca can spring open to catapult the springtail up, up and away! It's been suggested this would be comparable to a human jumping higher than a six storey building. Amazing!

Compost buddy

Seeing springtails in compost is an indicator of a healthy compost ecosystem...*Continued on page 15*



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Transition Bridgetown



This beautiful time of the year is always very busy in our town! As well as our gardens bursting with springtime colour, marathon visitors, music galore and the Agricultural show, many community groups had their AGM, as did we.

We are grateful to have an active committee, renewed and new members as we begin winding up our year and planning for 2025.

Our Chairperson, Jim Ife, delivered a profound Chairperson's Report at the AGM and we quote some section of it here.

"The work of Transition Bridgetown, and indeed the entire Transition Towns movement, has arguably never been more important. We are faced with not just climate crisis but climate catastrophe, as political leaders of both mainstream parties, in Australia and elsewhere, ignore the serious consequences of climate change, and continue to do too little too late. The threat to biodiversity has become critical, with potential eco-system collapses and mass extinction, that will affect agriculture and food security. The poisoning of the environment with plastics and other pollutants is also a major threat for our future. The over-fishing of the oceans and the depletion of topsoil threaten starvation for millions. The global economy, and hence the Australian economy, is frighteningly unstable as it depends on continuing growth while we approach the ecological limits to growth on a finite planet.

In the face of such challenges, it is easy to feel pessimistic and powerless, but the global Transition Towns movement was established in the belief that if there is to be a way forward to a peaceful and sustainable society for all, the impetus will only come from local community action, at the level of the town rather than the nation, and Transition Towns groups are achieving amazing things.

In the words of Margaret Mead [Anthropologist] "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." To join us, please email transitionbridgetown19@gmail.com

Transition Bridgetown is one such group of thoughtful, committed citizens, trying to do our bit towards making the world a better place, through local community action. We can't do it all ourselves, but we hope that by bringing people and community groups together, to share ideas and commitments, we can help the wonderful Bridgetown community to transition to a future of greater sustainability, localisation, and social justice. There are many in Bridgetown who share our ideals, and we are committed to working together." [Jim Ife October '24]

On a practical recycling level, we are no longer collecting mobile phones at the Library Recycling Hub. Please take your phones to Mitre 10 along with your household batteries where there is a special collection box purposely designed to accommodate these items. ...Continued on page 13

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Show Talk, Aye Me Hearties

Continued from cover...Remember this is your show and your support by entering in the competitions, creates a hive of activity and a great atmosphere. There is a class for everyone. We appreciate the tremendous support from our sponsors, who contribute to the prize money, trophies and entertainment; our Stewards who keep the wheels turning in their sections ensuring everything runs smoothly and the support of all those who work behind the scenes throughout the year and at the show, to put together a great day for everyone. Pick up a schedule or check out the full details on the website. As our President Roger says "Go For It!" and "We'll see you at the Show".

Our next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th

November 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: info@bridgetownshow.com.au website address is www.bridgetownshow.com.au like us on Facebook 'Bridgetown Agricultural Show' or follow us on Instagram.

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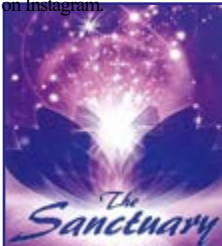
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Wash Against Waste Trailer assisting with Low Waste Events

Continued from page 2... The plates/bowls/mugs are scraped clean into a container for composting, then given a cold rinse to clean off food remnants, followed by a hot soapy wash, then a second rinse and finally a very hot sanitising rinse of 70+ degrees.

The water is rotated so that only the soapy hot wash and sanitising rinse water need to be replaced intermittently. The urn heats the water. A connection to electricity and water source is required.

Transition Bridgetown Inc has the relevant insurances for the Wash Against Waste Trailer to be utilised by community groups in the Bridgetown/Greenbushes shire and neighbouring towns and shires.

In order to cover the annual registration cost of approx \$100, annual insurance premiums of \$1200 [includes volunteer insurance] and on-going maintenance, there is a hire charge and bond associated with the use of the WAW trailer.

The agreed contract stipulates that the wash trailer must be picked up and returned by the agreed date unless otherwise arranged. It must be returned in a neat, orderly condition. A refundable bond of \$50 for a community event or \$100 for a private function is charged. Any breakages or incidents must be reported. A minimum donation of \$50+ per application to hire the wash trailer is required unless otherwise arranged. If volunteers are required to work on the WAW trailer at the event, then a further donation of an agreed amount will be included.

We are delighted to have the support of our Shire President Cr Jenny Mountford, whose comment we quote, "I commend Transition Bridgetown for this wonderful initiative not only for their own use, but now for the broader community. It would be wonderful to see the Wash Trailer used at all of our Bridgetown and Greenbushes events. This would not only help our local environment, but also spread a terrific message to those who visit us."

Come and check out the Wash against Waste Trailer at the Bridgetown Agricultural Show on Sat Nov 23rd. We'll be on display down on the oval.

If you have an event in mind where you feel that the Wash Trailer could be utilised, please contact us at transitionbridgetown19@gmail.com or connect with us on our Facebook page! Ingrid Barker

Show Schedule missing section

The 2024 Bridgetown Show Schedule was printed missing a page, page 44, Section G Pets.

This is a new Section with 10 Classes for persons 16 years and under.

There is a printed sheet available at the Bridgetown Newsagents or the section can be viewed online on the Show website bridgetownshow.com.au. Please read the details carefully.

All Exhibitors will need the General Entry Form to enter their entries which close at 5pm on the Monday before the show.

Pet Rabbits, Guinea Pig, Cavy and Chickens located in the Poultry Pavilion.

Pet Lambs, Sheep, Goats or Kids located in the Sheep Pavilion.

Prizes have been sponsored by Roadshow Trading, Gainsford Family and Mr Soft & Scoop. All exhibitors will receive a free Ice Cream Voucher and Lolly Bag.



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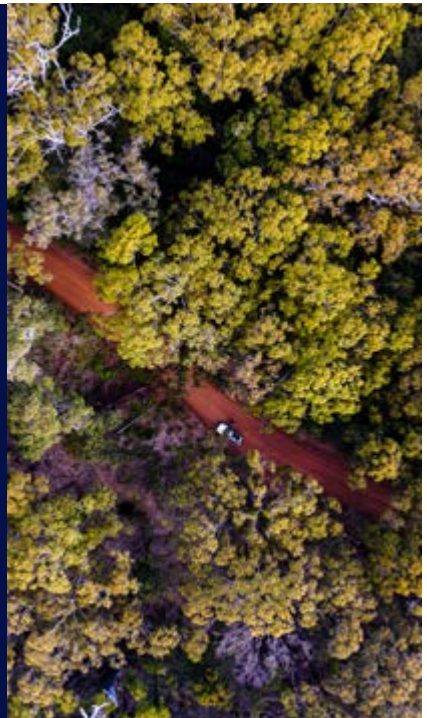
Applications are open for the Closure of Impacted Business grants program.

The non-competitive grant program aims to support businesses reliant on native timber to exit the industry.

Funding of up to \$50,000 is available for eligible businesses to support with expenses associated with closing their business.

Visit our website to find out more: www.wa.gov.au/NFT

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Major Funding Boost for the Learner Driver Program

Continued from page 5...Since establishment, the program has provided more than 3,500 participants with around 16,000 hours of driving supervision and instruction, while more than 1,100 people have now obtained their driver's licence.

Access to a safe vehicle, as well as professional driving instruction and supervision is not possible for everyone in the community, with DAEP supporting community organisations to deliver these critical services.

Since establishment, the program has provided more than 3,500 participants with around 16,000 hours of driving supervision and instruction, while more than 1,100 people have now obtained their driver's licence. Teiga Murray

Transition Bridgetown

Continued from page 10...And, by popular demand, we have uploaded this very informative presentation on Waste given by Candice Myers [Education Officer at Cleanaway] at our Open Space last August, onto YouTube! You can find it with this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nvw7qz5OLI> also on our Facebook page and the Community Noticeboard.

Let's plan a low/no waste Christmas for our families and community this year!

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What's Inside Dalgarpup?

For most of the past 15 years my knowledge about Dalgarpup has been limited to file notes about the ten year fight by Bridgetown Greenbushes Friends of the Forest and Blackwood Environment Society to save it from intensive logging procedures planned to start in about 2000.

Dalgarpup had not been included with National Parks to be reserved under the Regional Forest Agreement process. An outcry by those left out followed. Ecoscape Consultants were appointed by the Government to review 100 cases where local forests had not been included. The result was that only one of these was accepted – Dalgarpup – and that was largely due to the level of support from the Bridgetown community.

With the end of native forest logging there was no need to concentrate on the areas south east of Bridgetown, So I started to find out what I could about Dalgarpup.

I eventually found you could drive up Guy Road right through the Park but most other logging tracks appeared to be overgrown or blocked by fallen trees. To me the interior of Dalgarpup seemed to be like Africa, “dark and mysterious.”

Preparation for prescribed burning of Dalgarpup included bulldozing of a trafficable firebreak from Wetherly Road between the Jarrah Park and the Nunn Block, along the line of the old Purslane Road. Nunn Road (leading from Brockman Highway to the north east of the Nunn Block) was cleared of thickets that had completely blocked it off. This meant that we now had vehicle access to the full width of the Jarrah Park and Nunn Block – until two large trees were blown down across each end of Purslane Road.

Aerial photos suggested that there may have been an old track in from the Brockman Highway to Purslane Road. Three of us set out yesterday expecting to find a largely overgrown road. Overgrown it



Balingup Friends of the Forest President William Marshall and Richard Wittenoom at the fallen tree near the Blackbutt Trail.

certainly was, but at the level of the forest canopy. The track turned out to be an old CALM road with steep banks across it instead of culverts. Fortunately my exhaust system is still there.

As we moved past the blue gum plot into Nunn Block the forest was magnificent, especially as we ran down into the Maranup Brook, which is the centre of the Jarrah Park Blackbutt Trail. Soon after, we approached the fallen tree from the east. It's a wonder it stayed standing at all, as its roots had almost completely rotted away.

WHERE TO NEXT?

BGFF is proposing to work towards a concept plan to prepare the way for Parks and Wildlife and their Joint Management Partners the Karri Karrack Corporation (representing the Pibulmen and Wadandi Communities) to undertake development of an outstanding forest National Park with Government funding.

Proposals for how BGFF members and interested members of the community can work towards this will be explored at the BGFF Sundowner to be held at 5 pm on Saturday week November 16.

Mining Exploration Claim - Latest

Four people from Bridgetown and one from the Donnelly Village Management attended a “mention” hearing at the Mining Warden’s Court yesterday, to start the process of defending 32,000 Ha of forest against a mining exploration claim.

A date for the first of possible hearings was to be set. Richard will report progress at the BGFF Sundowner on Saturday week 16 November.

Richard Wittenoom

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7.00 – 7.30

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Backyard Buddies

Continued from page 8...If you notice that springtail numbers are decreasing, check there's adequate moisture and that your bin lid fits well. They cannot survive in dry environments for extended periods. Springtails will find their own way into compost from surrounding areas. Noticed new and damaging pests?

Unfamiliar and damaging pests and plant diseases can be reported to our department for biosecurity screening. Send in photos with your location and details on what's happening, and we'll take a look. Pest and Disease Information Services; phone 9368 3080 or email padis@dpird.wa.gov.au



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Bridgetown's Got Talent is on this month. We know our town has got a lot of talent, but when you come along to the talent show, you will still be wowed. That was the way of it last year and we know that this year will be the same.

We have musical entries and dramatic entries, and anything goes at 'BGT', so enter your act now. There are still spots on the bill, and still time to get your entry forms in.

Entry forms are available at Bridgetown Newsagency and online at bridgetownrepertory.com. They are due by 8th November.

This year's show sees some minor changes... contestants will progress to the finals by popular vote. However, the final will be judged by an experienced adjudicator.

1st prize \$500 2nd prize \$200 3rd prize \$100 Prizes are great, but Bridgetown's Got Talent is about more than winning, it's a chance to perform, a chance to develop and a chance to entertain.

So, get your entries in and make sure that you come along to watch and enjoy and encourage our local talent. Prepare to be pleasantly amazed by your neighbour, your



2023 winner, Jadon Dale on stage along with the other finalists

workmate, your shopkeeper and that face from the street.

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