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Greenbushes Fun Run 2022

Greenbushes is gearing up for the annual Greenbushes Fun Run and Mountain Bike (MTB) Event on Sunday May 15.

The event is open to juniors, seniors and veterans and features a 10 km run, 5 km run/walk, 15 km mountain bike ride or 5 km mountain bike ride.



It is the 7th year the event has been held with funds raised this year going to Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA).

Since its inception in 2014 the event has raised almost \$50,000 for BCNA as well as \$12,000 for the South- West Autism Network, \$4,195 for Sock it to Sarcoma and \$11,513 for the Telethon Kids Institute.

Following the cancellation of the event in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the organisers are hoping this year, the 7th to be hosted at Greenbushes, will be bigger and better than ever.

Registrations are now open and can be made via the BlueChip Timing website or through the link:

<https://secure.onreg.com/onreg2/front/step1.php?id=5594>

The Greenbushes Fun Run and Mountain Bike Event is coordinated by Grow Greenbushes Incorporated with assistance from Talison Lithium, SG Mining and the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes.

Many local businesses have supported the event by giving donations for prizes.

The picturesque course begins and ends at the Greenbushes Sports Complex and traverses bushland around the sports ground and north-western areas of town.

The event starts early morning and presentations are held late morning at the Greenbushes Sports Complex with prizes for various categories donated by local businesses.

It also features a mini field of pink ladies to commemorate people who lost their lives to breast cancer.

In 2019 close to 300 people registered for the event across the various categories.

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Sandra Hill, Elder and Custodian

The three most important structures in Sandra's life are family, culture and country.

As an Elder and custodian of the Wadandi / Pibulmun country, in the South West of Western Australia, Sandra encourages cultural awareness, she has worked extensively with different shires and corporations in the south west; the Shire of Capel, the City of Busselton, The Shire of Augusta/Margaret River, the City of Bunbury, as well as, the Water Corporation, Synergy and the South West Police to name a few.

Sandra is a Board member of the Undalup Association a not-for-profit organisation that focuses on sharing culture and caring for country.

Sandra has also worked with the Bridgetown Historical Society, helping with the rejuvenation of the Bridgetown Police Station Museum. Sandra and the museum staff have made a space in which visitors can learn something of the history of the indigenous people together with the colonial history, these histories are now recorded side by side.

The traditional owners of the section of (Bibbulmun country), the South West of Western Australia which includes Geegeelup (Bridgetown), are the Pibulmun and Wadandi people, they have been the custodians of this area for over 65,000 years.

Bibbulmun is a word which has a meaning 'land of plenty' because the river feeds all of the country in the South West. Looking at a map of the southwest corner of Western Australia, it has the outline shape of a women's breast.

Cultural Inclusion is also an important issue for Sandra, to that end dual names for certain areas are a welcomed change.

The Blackwood River that runs through Bridgetown is known as the 'Goorbilyup', which means the lower intestine or stomach of Bibbulmun Country, as it feeds all of the country in the South west.



Sandra Hill, Elder and Custodian

Sandra Hill is a Bibbulmun artist, she was born in South Perth in 1951. Her mother's family are the Ballardong, Wilmen and Njunga people and her father's are the Wadandi, Pibulmun and Minang people of Western Australia.

Sandra was also a part of the 'stolen generation'. She was taken from her mother's care in 1958 along with her two sisters and her brother. The family was living in Point Samson in the Pilbara region of northern Western Australia at the time of this forced removal.

"He came with a piece of paper in hand, and asked if they would like to go for a drive in his big car." Sandra says.

Sandra and her three siblings clambered in, the image of their mother collapsing as they drove away was incongruous with their excitement.

"They took us to hospital, they chloroformed us and I have no idea to this day what they did that for.

"Then they took us to the Roeboorne Police Station and the four of us kids slept in a locked cell. A few days later they flew us to Perth and we were taken to Sister Kate's orphanage for half-caste kids."

She describes Sister Kate's as "a disgusting place".

"The cottage mothers were cruel; they beat us and they tortured us emotionally," she says.

This organisation helped place mixed race children into foster care, as was the practice of the day under the assimilation policy. Sandra and one of her sisters were fostered to a non-Aboriginal family with whom she remained until she was married in 1968.

Welfare workers told Sandra her mother had left her kids under a pile of tin in the bush. She hadn't. They said her father was dead. He wasn't. Continued page 15



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Kathy and Charlie at the Red Ball

Social Dance Group

Are you new to town and like to dance? The social dance group may be just what you are looking for.

The group meets on a Monday night at the Uniting Church Hall in Roe Street, Bridgetown, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm for dance practice. The cost is \$2.50 per person and includes tea or coffee.

"The 'Social Dancing Group' is holding dances at the Yornup Hall on the 3rd Saturday of every 2nd month, six dances a year, with the next dance being on the 18th June.

The dance group also holds two 'Dinner Dances', this is when a sit-down dinner is part of the evening, with the next dinner dance being held on the 20th May.

A formal Ball is also held in Manjimup where the evening attracts dancing couples from Bunbury, Busselton, Pemberton as well as the local area to participate. Last year's ball attracted around one hundred and seventeen people.



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Tony Magenta is the President of the social dance group enthusiastically talks about the year ahead, "We welcome all to our group, couples as well as singles and all those who love to dance.

"Some dance experience is preferable, but if you haven't danced for a while our practice nights on the Monday evenings will freshen up your skills.

"On Monday evening we have an instructor explaining and demonstrating the dance steps which you can follow.

"When I first joined the social dance group I hadn't danced for years, thankfully I was coupled with some very patient dance partners, well like they say 'and the rest is history'.

"Once I mastered the 'lock step', the 'chasse step' and the basic 'element steps' you can just about dance any dance that's around.

"Dancing of course is very good for your physical health and well as your mental health.

"The dances are held in a friendly atmosphere with a good mix of people from different backgrounds, allowing for good social interactions.

"The monies we raise from our formal ball night goes to the Royal Flying Doctors fund, Wheatbelt Men's Health, Beyond Blue mental health support. *Continued page 15*

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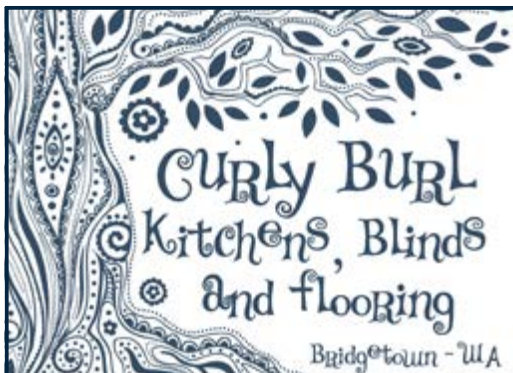
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Why History Matters

There are many strands to history and each one is woven with the others to create a tapestry that can be shared with the community and country.

There are family histories, local history, public history and country history. Our cultural heritage is based on many stories and Bridgetown Historical Society, as the custodian of our local history and many oral histories, is working to preserve and maintain these stories so they can be shared to the community and indeed the many visitors to Bridgetown.

This thread in the tapestry can be called by another name - Heritage Tourism and is seen as an important factor in the economy of the community. Our community is indeed fortunate that the Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire recognises this and is supportive in the endeavours of BHS. The Shire's Strategic plan for 2021-2031 includes an outcome "Local history, heritage and character is valued and preserved."

The Historical Society displays and shares this local history of both Indigenous and European in the Police Station Museum. We welcome local school groups and from Perth, tourism groups and other historical societies to the Museum. We present talks to local community groups. We conduct "ghost walks" - a walk in the past. We research requests for family history. We collect and accession local objects to add to our collection.

Our local heritage can be seen in the many early buildings, homes and commercial, that are still in use. Bridgetown was recognised by the National Trust as Heritage Town Status in 2000. "Bridgetown has retained places of significance from each phase of 138 years of European Development" (Reference from Trust News 2001).

The significance of Heritage tourism is stated by Judith Dunn (Councillor of the Royal Australian Historical Society) "A site which develops the potential for cultural heritage tourism gives the opportunity for the tourist to gain a greater understanding of the place and its people. It does not just bring benefits to itself but to future preservation because gaining an understanding of preservation of one site leads to the understanding of preserving other such sites."

With the commitment of the Shire to the restoration of the 1898 Railway Station this exemplifies such preservation.

Returning to the imagery of tapestry a physical example was created in 1986 for the Bridgetown-Greenbushes Bi-Centennial. Stitched by the Art and Craft Group it presented the history of the town from gazettal to the then present day. This magnificent work is mounted in the Shire building on the wall of the passage down to the reception office.

The Historical Society welcomes new members or friends who believe history matters and would like to be part of this journey. M: 0487 592 704 T: 08 9761 4236
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Numbat Habitat in Kingston Fauna Habitat Zone to be burnt

In the Kingston Fauna Habitat Zone, between SW Highway and the Warrup block, only one parcel of about 800 ha remains unburnt after a program of prescribed burning carried out by Parks and Wildlife over the past 2 years. The areas already burnt contained significant numbers of the State's remaining population of its fauna emblem, the Numbat, and other native animals such as the Ring Tailed Possum.

A prescribed burn of this remaining area, identified as DON 107 in the Mersea Forest, is to take place before winter as soon as conditions are suitable.

About 20 years ago a unique area known as the Kingston Fauna Habitat Zone was set aside from logging as a permanent refuge for wildlife. Since the Bridgetown Greenbushes Friends of the Forest campaign defending the Warrup Block in 2010 to 2012, the Fauna Habitat Zone has been a very special place for our forest lovers. A number of picnics and rallies have been held on Norfolk Road and Whim Landing Road in beautiful mature Jarrah forest.

The KFHZ is a huge area running east from South Western Highway between Seaton Ross Road and Whim Landing Road, across the top of Warrup. It then swings up to the North to the Greater Kingston National Park, a total of 42 sq km.

Parks and Wildlife have already burnt about two thirds of the Zone between Warrup and the Highway. The place where the famous Numbat pictures were taken by Panda Broad in 2012 was burnt last year, *pictured right*.

DON 107 is the last remaining area of the Western Fauna Habitat Zone that has not yet been burnt, and where the native fauna has not already been wiped out. Local farmers report widespread occurrences of Numbats in this area.

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The ignition method used, with incendiary devices dropped from helicopters in a pattern over the whole area, means that small native fauna cannot escape the fire.

BGFF had focused on protecting the Kingston Fauna Habitat Zone from logging for the past 10 years under that name

and did not realise that prescribed burning in the Mersea forest actually included the western half of the Zone.

Fortunately a small group of volunteers became aware of the situation and have been searching for evidence of areas within DON 107 where special precautions will be essential if the burn goes ahead. As a result Parks and Wildlife have agreed with the group that a substantial area of two riparian zones will be treated as "No Deliberate Aerial Ignition" Zones.



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These donations are administered by the Community Team through the Talison Sponsorship and Donations Programme and include in-kind assistance or a cash donation.

For further information contact the Community Team at Talison on GBContact@talisonlithium.com



Memories of Events Past

Talison is proud to support the Greenbushes Fun Run and MTB 2022 on Sunday May 15 and has been working with the community since the inaugural event in 2014 to ensure the sustainability of the fun, family friendly event.

Since its inception the event has raised \$75,472 for charity with the bulk of the donations going to Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA) providing vital support for breast cancer sufferers and their families.

This year all funds raised will be directed to BCNA.

More than 1,500 people have cycled, jogged, run, or walked the picturesque forest based course over the seven years the event has been held including competitors from Bunbury, Manjimup, Collie and Perth.

Talison provides in-kind support to coordinate and run the event in partnership with community volunteers through Grow Greenbushes Incorporated. Talison contractors are also on board with sponsorship of the BlueChip Timing Service by SG Mining and in-kind assistance including logistics from other site- based contractors.

Talison General Manager- Operations, Craig Dawson, said the event was something the whole community could be involved in.

"It's a very important event on the Greenbushes calendar because it brings everyone together, whether it be the Greenbushes Shed volunteers making pink lady displays, local orchardists providing free pink lady apples or volunteers heading out on the streets to seek prizes and donations from local businesses," said Mr Dawson.

"The day also gives people the opportunity to get out and enjoy a run, ride or walk be it for fun or for those who are very competitive, it's an opportunity to try to break the course records for various categories," he said.

After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Grow Greenbushes is hoping for a big turnout for the event in 2022.

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10km Run	Female Veteran Simone Solomon ..	01:05:14.24
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10km Run	Adult Female Leonie Papisergio	01:06:02.49
10km Run	Male U17 Ronan Phillips Johns	00:45:39.61
5km Run	Female U17 Tylah Van Diemen	00:26:12.45
5km Run	Male U17 Tom Goldsmith	00:24:59.83
5km Run	Adult Male Ambrose Foley	00:23:10.74
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5km Run	Male Veteran David Solomon	00:22:46.88
5km Run	Female Veteran Simone Solomon ..	00:27:23.73
15km MTB	Male U17 Tom Goldsmith	00:42:08.24
15km MTB	Female U17 Ella Nock	01:06:16.00
15km MTB	Male Adult Andrew Chadwick	00:36:52.51
15km MTB	Female Adult Renee Wallace	00:39:03.00
15km MTB	Male Veteran Phil Milburn	00:39:00.93
15km MTB	Female Veteran Pauline Larsen	00:48:52.32
5km MTB	Male U17 Ethan Willey	00:16:48.74
5km MTB	Male Open Richard Avery	00:16:52.04



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5km Fun Run/Walk	9:40 am

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Show Talk

Hello Everyone.

At the AGM last month, the Committee were delighted to re-elect Roger Gutteridge as President, Adrian Elder Snr Vice President and Hayley Thorpe Jnr Vice President. Welcome to Leigh Carroll who will replace Wendy Maddams as Treasurer.

In his report, Roger mentioned the challenging year we had experienced in 2021, but with many positives. Although Covid 19 put a dent in our activities in 2020, we survived the worst of it and were able to put on a full Show last year – although there were a few hiccups, the general view from everyone was that it was a fantastic event. Roger thanked the committee and all involved who put in such a great effort and the maintenance crew for keeping the grounds in such good condition. He recognised the accommodation and camping that has helped the grounds stay viable along with grant support from Lotterywest and the B/G Shire and Sponsors for Show activities. We are also indeed grateful to those volunteers with the fire and emergency services and Blazeaid following the bush fires earlier this year. It was a pleasure to have the Army return this year and they are already planning their return next year. Jo Moore, who was returned as Secretary, was thanked for her efficient management in the smooth transition with the Bridgetown Family and Community Centre to handle our Secretarial and Financial resources.

2022 Show: The Committee unanimously agreed that we will start our planning for the 2022 Show. Stewards, Sponsors and Members will soon be contacted for their continued support. Anyone in the Community wishing to come on board for our 133rd Show on Saturday November 26th, 2022, contact Jo by email info@bridgetownshow.com.au or give her a call. We are always open to and



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welcome any suggestions or ideas towards our Schedule or Show Activities/Events.

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Our next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th May 7.30pm in the Presidents Room at the Showgrounds. If you wish to contact the Ag Society, Jo Moore can be contacted on 0437 602 836 or email info@bridgetownshow.com.au or follow us on Facebook 'Bridgetown Agricultural Show'.

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With a passion for service, Corinne has an extensive track record working for community groups in Western Australia including this area. She has further demonstrated her commitment to this region, having recently bought her own home in Bridgetown. With firsthand insights, Corinne is now ready to help you with your home buying and selling needs. As a proud member of the Harcourts Bridgetown Franchise she brings the values of honesty, integrity, and outstanding client service into everything she does.

When Corinne isn't making home ownership dreams come true for her clients, she enjoys spending time ringing bells, walking her dog Cara, and creating funky crafty artwork. Corinne lives in Bridgetown with her partner Adam.

Make an appointment to meet Corinne over a free coffee, to discuss your real estate needs.

Secondly: All the team is so proud of Steve Hunter and Kate bond, together with the Agency being highly awarded at the Harcourts Annual Awards night in Perth. Steve Hunter for his Golden Sales award for the quarter and Kate for her Silver award for the quarter. Call in or contact Steve or Kate to avail yourself of their highly acclaimed sales experience.

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Corinne

Yornup Hall Dances are to Recommence

With most Covid-19 restrictions finally being relaxed, our life in the country is regaining some normality, and so the Yornup Hall Dances will once again be held on the first Saturday of every month from now on, the first one being held on the 7th of May, from 8pm till midnight.

The Yornup Hall committee welcomes to the dance, family groups with children, couples and singles, everyone is welcomed to attend.

There is a \$12.50 entry for each adult which includes supper and entry into the door prize raffle.

Supper is provided, but please feel free to bring something to share.

Lyn Whitney, Yornup Hall Committee member, explains, "The dances are a wonderful fun night out for the whole family, with children under the age of sixteen having free entry.

"The dances are the old fashion dances and include New Vogue style of dance.

"There is a mix of live music provided by Giulio Perella, an award-winning singer and musician, along with a range of recorded music.

"The evening has a very welcoming feel, with dance partners being continually swapped through the night, so that you will be assured to enjoy yourself.

"The local 'Social Dancing Group' is also holding dances at the Yornup Hall. These are to be held on the 3rd Saturday of every 2nd month with the next dance being on the 18th June.

"The Yornup Hall Committee uses the funds raised to support local charities. Those charities which benefit are the Red Cross, CWA, Royal Flying Doctors, Geegeelup Village Auxiliary and the Hospital Auxiliary.

"Tony Pratico gets behind the Yornup dance by making a contribution in support of the night."

The dances went into remission for four months in 2020 and for another four months earlier this year because of the Covid-19 restrictions, it is good to welcome back some of the 'way of life' we enjoyed before the pandemic.

West Australian Country Music Awards

The Country Music Club of Boyup Brook WA Inc. is very excited to announce that the 2022 West Australian Country Music Awards presented by LiveLighter will now proceed and will be showcased live on Saturday 11 June, 2022 to thousands of country music enthusiasts.

"We are thrilled to be able to present the West Australian Country Music Awards online for the first time in the history of the event. The Club is especially proud to pay tribute to recognise the extraordinary achievements of West Australian country music artists, in the trying times," said Jason Forsyth, Club President.

A total of 10 categories offers the finalists the chance to earn a place at the pinnacle of country music in WA and will be announced on the night. Healthway and Lotterywest Chief Executive Officer Ralph Addis said that Healthway is proud to partner with the Country Music Club of Boyup Brook through LiveLighter to present the virtual 2022 West Australian Country Music Awards.

Club Music Director, Sharon Winter said, "We are excited the awards will be presented and we are able to carry on our proud tradition of celebrating the very best on the WA country music scene. We invite fans to show their appreciation for their favourite awards finalist, by voting for them in our popular category of 'People's Choice' award."

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The recruitment drive across Bridgetown, Manjimup and Nannup has seen representatives from some of WA's brightest resource companies encouraging locals to consider a career in mining.

With opportunities for both drive-in, drive-out and fly-in, fly-out workforces, residents can continue living in their regional communities.

The South West Resources Jobs Showcase has been a chance for prospective mining workers to learn how their existing skills could be transferred into the resources sector while enjoying valuable face-to-face time with employers.

Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA's (CME) latest economic analysis reveals the sector tipped \$1.36 billion into the South West region during the 2020-21 financial year.

Employing more than 5400 resource workers from the South West, most of those earnings were spent locally with \$840 million in wages filtering back into the region.

Hosted by the Resources Industry Training Council (RITC) and supported by the CME the jobs blitz has featured representatives from companies such as Talison Lithium, Rio Tinto, Byrnescut and Fenner Dunlop.

RITC manager Amanda Hamilton said "Everyone at the jobs showcase had a particular emphasis on making job applications as simple as possible.

"The jobs showcased was a chance for the community to discover how a job in mining can fit in with a rural lifestyle," she said.

For further information, or for job opportunities you can email Amanda Hamilton on a.hamilton@cmewa.com where she will direct you to the right contact with your enquiry.



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Invitation to join Management Committee

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Transition Bridgetown

How the months are flying by! Winter is officially starting in just 4 weeks and some welcome early rains happening.

As you may already know, Transition Bridgetown is a community group focused on inspiring and supporting our community to build a more sustainable future. After the interest generated at our Sustainable Homes Forum in March, we are keeping with the theme and our Open Space for the month of May sees us hosting a Forum on Alternative Housing Models for the potential of establishing additional housing options for our town.

Speakers include Sue Daley on Tiny Homes in WA, Wendy Trow on Cluster Developments, Eugenie Stockman on Cooperative Housing and Cath Meagan from the Dept of Planning, Lands and Heritage. We have invited our local shire planners to come along too. The focus will be on what is possible with Alternative Housing Models and what has already been achieved in the southwest of WA.

The date for the Forum is Sunday 29th May 4:00-6:00pm at the Bridgetown Town Hall.

\$5 donation on entry to cover fuel costs of the speakers
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This Forum is the result of an Open Space event conducted in July 2021 where participants were invited to brainstorm their vision for Bridgetown in 2030. This vision formed Transition Bridgetown's priorities for the following 12 months. One of those priorities was to address the need for more 'fit-for-purpose' housing opportunities.

Of the housing issues identified, affordability was a major concern and it was agreed that the concept of a one-size-fits-all house was no longer appropriate for regional WA where 'weekender housing' does not contribute to agriculture or local business and tourists experience limited availability of short term accommodation. There is also a shortage of rental accommodation within our Shire. This is not expected to improve in the near future.

We'd love to have representation from those involved with the home building industry, landowners who might consider utilising some of their property to accommodate Cluster Housing or Hamlets to earn part of their income and of course, anyone who is interested in how we can provide housing for our people into the future. Hope to see you there.

A reminder that July 1st will see the first items of the new plastic ban regulations enforced. Businesses cannot supply any plastic shopping bags, disposable plastic utensils or foodware and expanded polystyrene foodware.

For more information on this and to help businesses and the public prepare for the change, please check out this website <https://plasticsbanwa.com.au/> We'll have more about Plastics and Recycling in the June mailbag but check out the Transition Bridgetown website and Facebook page for other local information.



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ANZAC Day

Greenbushes Primary School commemorated ANZAC Day on the 7th April. On this morning a lovely service was conducted that included a song from the student choir, an address from Trevor Bottomley, Greenbushes Sub-Branch Returned Services League member, an acknowledgement of indigenous servicemen who served, and the laying of wreaths and floral tributes.

The service was attended by the students from Pre-Primary to Year 6, along with teachers, education assistants, SES members, invited guests, RSL representatives, parents, families and other members of the school community.

Year six students, Jasmine and Chelsea conducted the ceremony, reading the script which the school had prepared and then reciting the Ode of Remembrance.

Melissa Reimers the schools Acting Principal was pleased to say, "It was great to see the respect and engagement shown by the students for such an important occasion.

"All the students got to lay a sprig of rosemary on the Cenotaph, then stand back and bow their heads respectfully. "All those who attended fully appreciated the sacrifices that have been made by our service men and women throughout the years, and that their service allows us to live a life with the freedoms we all enjoy today."

ANZAC Day 2022 was well attended all around Australia, with Dawn Services, Driveway Services, marches and other ceremonies. It seems everyone happy with the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions which permitted fuller participation this year.

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The Bridgetown Agricultural Show early years. The Years of Progress continues into 1891

The Success of the Society was becoming evident with a common belief Southern Districts Annual Show takes second place only to the Royal Agricultural Society of the whole colony.

1891

On 10th January a general meeting of the members of the Bridgetown Mechanics' Institute was held when tenders for clearing, levelling and fencing the Institute ground were received. Mr. E. Ward's tender for the work was accepted. At present the Institute was surrounded by a very dreary-looking piece of waste ground, which after being enclosed and planted with ornamental shrubs and trees would cease to be an eyesore in the township and a great improvement.

The West Australian 16th February reported "on the 27th of January a large concourse of people of all ages assembled in our Mechanics' Institute to witness the presentation to Miss Mitchell the late schoolmistress" of Bridgetown of a silver mounted cruet stand and other useful articles, by her pupils." Miss Amy Blechynden presented Miss Mitchell with an exceedingly pretty testimonial in the name of her selected children who had been in her charge and fully appreciated her kind and exceptional Tuition.

She was then presented with a purse of sovereigns on behalf of friends and family of her students. The Rev. J. Brand then "united Miss Mitchell and Mr. Thompson Logue and they were given showers of rice, in the 'orthodox' fashion."

In April 1891, at the Society's Special General Meeting, proposed alterations to the rules were discussed. The Secretary was instructed to request the Commissioner of Crown Lands to grant the fee simple of the Bridgetown Town Lots now used as a Show Ground so that it may be held in trust for the members and be a security in the event of the Society wishing to borrow money for improvements.

At a special meeting in September the Committee were informed the Commissioner of Crown Lands had granted this request to the Society to be vested in Trustees, these were the Hon. Sir J.G. Lee Steere, J. Allnutt and Thomas Giblett.

The President W. K. Adam tendered his resignation to take up an appointment as a Resident Magistrate in the Goldfields;"Edward John Lee Steere (son of Sir James) was elected to the Chair in his place. The Secretary M.H. Jephson, having a few months previously been appointed a Justice of the Peace, also resigned and J.R. Walter resumed this position.

The 7th Annual Show was held on Thursday 12th November under the Presidency of 'Edward John Lee Steere was opened by Sir, James Lee Steere and as usual an unmistakable success.

The weather was fine with over 100 persons paying admission to the ground. The excellent arrangements made by the Secretary Mr. J. R. Walter contributed to the comfort and convenience of those present.

The West Australian bred horse Black Shales by Bay Shales won the first prize in both the Champion and West Australian bred classes.

One of the leading Cattle features was Andrew Muir's Hereford prize bull 'General Gordon' recently imported together with 5 cows.

There was a good attendance to the public luncheon held after the Show with the usual description of speeches, and to the credit of those who delivered them, not too long.

The Perth visitors "expressed appreciation of the Societys exhibition, and wished every success to an institution, which in their opinion takes second place only to the Royal Agricultural Society of the whole colony.



Bridgetown in 1890 Steere Street on the right, a gravel road

"The Annual General Meeting held on the Friday afternoon, was largely attended with the majority of the leading settlers of the district being present. Officers for the ensuing year were elected, and as a mark of the confidence reposed in the management of the previous committee, all who held office, except those leaving the district, were re-elected. The Annual Show Ball held at the Farmers Home, which continued until the early hours in the morning, wound up the Society's proceedings.

A New Role 1892

At the half yearly meeting held at the Mechanics Institute on Thursday 28 July 1892 the Secretary presented the paperwork approving the Crown Grants of Bridgetown Reserves 274 and 274a, namely the Show Ground, which was then handed to the Trustees, the Grants themselves were to follow in due course. The extra Grant that had been applied for to improve and enlarge the existing Show yards was not granted.

It was recorded with grief that since their last meeting Mr G.W. Layman had passed away. His involvement with the Society had always been as a useful and energetic member and councillor and he would be sadly missed.

A suitable field would be selected for a ploughing match to be held on the first Friday in September. Mr M.H. Jephson J.P. made a return visit to Bridgetown before leaving for the Kimberley where he had been appointed as Mining Register and Resident Magistrate. The Society presented him with a travelling bag or portmanteau (purchased from Sydney) completely fitted with all requisites in recognition for his valuable services as Secretary to the Agricultural Society.

Following the half yearly meeting, a special meeting of the Nelson Political Party was held, with Mr J. Allnutt J.P. in the Chair including members of the Society, H. Brockman (President of Preston Progress Association) and H. Layman (Vasse Political Association).

The major item on the agenda was to discuss a matter of the most vital importance to the welfare of the town and district; the need for extending the railway from Munnup towards the Blackwood. A letter was read from the Hon. Sir James Lee Steere with reference to the appointment of a doctor for the Blackwood, and concluded by saying that he believed "that if the inhabitants of the Blackwood consistently agitated for a railway to their district that the Government would be sure to accede to their just and reasonable request."

From the meeting it was proposed that the "Nelson Association in conjunction with the Preston Association unanimously request the Government to take steps to appropriate the necessary funds for a preliminary survey with a view to extending the railway from Munnup to the Blackwood via the Preston Valley. " *To be continued.*

How might future farming put the minerals back in food? (part 2)

Adrian Williams

Last time we looked at the importance of soil microbes and how we can protect them. In this article I will explain some of the basics about how we can stimulate the soil microbes.



Molasses solutions stimulate soil bacteria, compost tea stimulates the soil fungi, lucerne hay tea stimulates the soil protozoa. Such teas involve steeping compost or lucerne hay in water with air being bubbled through the brew. This can be done in the back yard for home gardens or on an industrial scale for broadacre farming. Stimulating soil microbes has brought rewards, and some organisations are recording higher yields than from conventional (chemical) farming. For instance, you might check out the website of the organisation called 'The Soil Food Web' in the USA. Also, on YouTube you can find a talk called 'The Roots of Your Profits' given at the Oxford Real Farming Conference by Dr. Eileen Ingham, Founder of the 'Soil Food Web Inc.'. She explains clearly which crops and land uses require mainly bacteria, which require mainly fungi, and which require a balance of both bacteria and fungi.

There are now a wide range of natural products that have been developed to help build microbe-rich, productive soils. The chemical-free farming system has acquired a name – 'Regenerative Agriculture'. With the costs of chemical inputs to farming rising steadily, adopters of Regenerative Agriculture are reporting improvements to their business bottom line as they wean themselves off expensive chemicals. A word of caution: the change from conventional to Regenerative Agriculture cannot be made overnight. It must be a gradual change over about five years.

Those consumers who have thought that 'organic', or chemical-free ('spray-free') produce was important got it right. So, where can you find such produce at a reasonable price? Many regenerative farms have roadside stalls or farm shops. Farmers' markets may specialise in 'spray-free' produce or have some stalls that sell 'spray-free' produce only. Selling produce directly from grower to customer (rather than supplying via the Perth wholesale market) can benefit both the grower and customer with both a lower price to the customer and a higher return for the grower. I believe we will see a rise in the number of outlets for 'spray-free' produce, particularly in farming areas like ours. However, they will need consumer support to make them viable.

Finally, in her book 'Who's minding the farm – in this climate emergency?' Patrice Newell (2019) wrote: 'Agriculture, in my view, *Continued page 15*



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‘Rattle ya Dags’

Me and my mate had just bought a mob of mortgage lifters, our sheep, into the yards. Me mate said, “Its smoko, we’ll leave them in the yard to settle down and we’ll deal with them after lunch.”

After lunch we got on with the work, first off, they had to be wormed. That’s where ya squirt the drench down their throats, it’s a metered dose given with a special gun.

The next job was to draft the sheep, separating the lambs, wethers and ewes. It was decided, “Lambs straight ahead, wethers to the right, ewes to the left.”

With the lambs being separated from their mothers, you would think they were hard done by with all the bleating and crying and carry on.

The dogs were just sitting in the ute, feeling left out, eagerly listening for the call for them to come to work, “But ya don’t need the dogs when ya drafting.”

Then we put the woolly jumpers in the shed for dagging their blunt end of those rattlely dags, that’s where the saying ‘rattle ya dags’ comes from, meaning to hurry up. If you have heard a sheep with dry dags hanging on its bum and knocking together when they run, you will know why.

Me mate was penning them up when he said, “This one has got cancer on its back. Put it in to the short race.” A short race is an alley way with a gate at the end which is used for holding crook sheep, this gate didn’t have a latch.

“Just stand and hold the gate shut, I’ll get the sheep out of there when I’ve penned this lot.”

So, there I was holding the gate shut with this sheep getting upset about being on its own, it started stamping its front legs, then it made a charge for a great escape, crashing the gate, slamming it open and head butting me right in the belly, lifting me off my feet and carrying me a good three metres, then slamming me back against the corrugated iron wall.

My mate said, “I don’t think this one likes you.”

This sheep was penning happy about its daring escapade, little did it know, it would not see the end of the day.

Jack Barrie 2020

Your Presence Is the Present

Christine Ashbil

Last week I got in trouble with my dear old Dad when I asked him out for a coffee.

Initially he acquiesced, then as we were debating our different Café choices, I committed the supposedly cardinal sin by requesting “Let’s just have some one-on-one time, a dad and me date.”

My request for quality time with no lovely step mother in tow was met with a swift “No.”

I then followed this by committing cardinal sin number two; I texted my step mother asking if it would be okay with her if I got Dad to myself for a coffee? No reply.

Daddy dearest then curtly sent me a text stating “We would not be meeting.”

I was then cut off from any answer, I tried to telephone to clarify, only to find I was getting the silent treatment.

This silent treatment is something that some of my more aloof family members are legendary at.

“Is this it?” I thought. Am I to be cut off from the family Christmas card list for the impertinence of wanting half an hour of alone time with my dad?

What was Dad afraid of, moments of silence, the thought that a secret may be revealed, some impeding bad news or simply spending time with another human that wasn’t his wife?

Geez, the man has known me for 45 years. We’d hung out before, yes it was a while ago, the last time we had coffee together I was heavily pregnant, and yes, I caused a fuss when I’d just happened to go into labour.

But now, 17 years have passed and my little sproutling is now nearly an adult, was Dad afraid I’d break into labour again? Come on Dad, there’s no chance of that.

My Dad is a stoic and stubborn individual; how long would this ‘outage’ go on for? I began questioning my resolve, is my dream to rekindle past memories of shared Father-Daughter time such a selfish act?

My small bundle of precious Dad and me memories consists of: The time we spent together weeding the garden, the one time he bought me a custard tart, getting up early and joining him before he needed to go to work, sharing a breakfast of soft-boiled eggs, and those times we jogged the neighbourhood competitively, racing for first place.

Since his second marriage, my father and his partner are seemingly a ‘tightly wound package deal’. I have happily met with them together regularly. But is it so unfair that I ask for some one-on-one time?

The truth is, I am used to rejection from my well-meaning Dad. He comes from the English parentage line of ‘say no to your kids at all times, treat them mean keep them keen’ variety.

I must have my dad’s stubborn and determined fortitude, as all of my younger siblings have long given up on him. They are not waiting around or seeking connection. They have learned that wanting true connection from our father is a futile ambition.

As we walk toward Mothers’ Day (my mother is long gone) I beseech all parents, especially those in blended families, to make some time for one-on-one time with your loved ones. Forget presents, try sharing experiences, your presence is the present.

And what of my dad? Well, we have since talked, and I’ve listened. He mistook my request of one-on-one time as a rejection of his partner, which it wasn’t, she’s ace.

He has requested curtly that “never ask for one-on-one time ever again.”

Oh well! Are there any wannabe Dads out there? I would love to adopt you, cappuccinos included.

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Sandra Hill, Elder and Custodian

Continued from page 2 But after a while, she began to believe the stories.

Sandra grew up in a white foster family, thinking her mother had abandoned them, she was deeply resentful of her.

She didn't learn the truth until she was in her 30s. In the early 1980s Sandra Hill tried to find both her parents. She went to the Welfare Department and she sought out her mother's Welfare documents. Twenty-seven years later the children had a chance encounter which led to the siblings finding and reuniting with their real mother and father.

Sandra's latest project is a story telling installation which she has been working on for around the last seven months, it is a cultural display at the 'Packing Shed' in Balingup, just behind the café. It is a space where she has been able to document her family's story and the story of others who suffered a similar fate and the story of the Bibbulmun people of the South West who were displaced from their traditional land and campsites and forced to live in unsuitable camps on the outskirts of town.

It is a display which tells a story that as Australians we should all be well aware of, and by knowing the story we can gain an understanding of why some of the First Nations peoples in the south west are still so troubled. It is a display which should be visited and viewed with compassion.

Social Dance Group

Continued from page 3 Crawford House which provides accommodation for cancer patients' families in Perth and the Perth Children Hospital.

"Some of the other jobs I have mastered: I am also the DJ, playing the music and I'm also MC on the dance night, but I don't let these jobs interfere with my dancing, after all it's the dancing I look forward to the most."

Ball room dancing is starting to attract a much younger cohort with the groups in Bunbury and Busselton starting to see the younger ones turning up, it is hoped, that a similar change will happen in Bridgetown as well.

How might future farming put the minerals back in food? (part 2) *continued from page 4*

should be aligned with the health sector, not merely to resource management.' I have shown that our health is affected by what we eat or fail to eat. In future, having food for all that is rich in essential minerals will rely on two things, (1) the wider adoption of Regenerative Agriculture and (2) the realisation by all levels of government that health budgets will continue to burgeon out of control until everyone has sufficient income to eat well.

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South West Communities Gather to Support Golf Club

The Bridgetown and wider WA communities have rallied strongly behind Greenbushes Golf Club auction fundraiser in support of rebuilding Bridgetown Golf Club clubhouse and undertaking course renovations needed as a result of the recent bushfire.

Businesses in town and across the South West have provided items for the auction with some items requiring reserve prices. Major items include Family Swimming passes from the Shire, a 3.6m Mobile Stock Ramp from Donnybrook Farm Services, a hand sewn quilt, electric golf cars and buggies.

Also available will be a range of South West golf club full and country memberships and playing packages, a variety of vouchers, clothing, beauty, fuel, etc, accommodation packages in Perth and throughout the South West, golf equipment, clothing, sticks, bags, etc, and supporter gear from WA's major sporting teams Eagles, Dockers, WACA, West Coast Fever, Glory and the Wildcats, small and large round bales of hay and a 2 hours service of icecream, ideal for a child's birthday party or a binge at home - all you can eat, from Tony Pratico.

There is a wide range of goods that should accommodate purchasers' preferences with winning bids likely to start at around \$10 into the thousands of dollars for major items.

The auction will be held in the Bridgetown Town Hall, situated on the corner Steere and Hampton Streets in Bridgetown on Saturday evening May 7. A small entry fee of \$5.00 person will include a raffle ticket with a major door prize of a \$500 hamper from Bridgetown 777 Pharmacy.

Nibbles will be provided at each table and a bar service with packaged alcoholic, including a range of wines and non-alcoholic drinks will be in operation – NO BYO. Empty wine glasses will be available for purchase. A light supper will also be provided with coffee, tea and hot chocolate available.

Prospective buyers can inspect the range of goods from 12.00 noon on auction day with first item being called at 7.30pm that night. All intending buyers will need to obtain a catalogue with identifying purchase number prior to making their first bid.

To assist participants making purchases EFTPOS facilities will be available on the night.



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