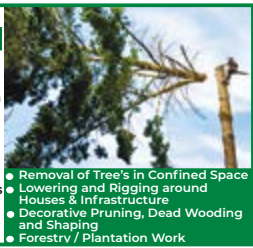


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Southern Forests and Valleys Heritage Festival 2025

Discover the nature, culture, and heritage that has shaped our region through engaging historic tours, family friendly activities, workshops, heritage walks and demonstrations during the Southern Forests and Valleys Heritage Festival 2025. A Community Celebration being held from Saturday 19th April to Sunday 4th May 2025.

All events are free in Bridgetown-Greenbushes. Get ready to step back in time. Across two weeks, communities throughout the region will bring history to life with an exciting lineup of free events, exhibitions, and experiences.

A major highlight of the festival will be the Bridgetown Town Hall Official Opening Community Day celebrating the reopening of this historic venue with activities for all ages.

The Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend the official opening of the renovated Bridgetown Town Hall on Saturday 3rd May. Community Open Day is from 10am to 2pm, free entry.

Later that evening, dress to impress for the Bridgetown Grand Ball from 7pm to late, a spectacular night of music and dancing in a beautifully restored setting, free entry.

To assist with planning, please send your Expressions of Interest to attend the Grand Ball to events@bridgetown.wa.gov.au or call the Visitor Centre on 9761 1740 by April 11th, 2025.

Grand Ball is open to 18 years and older Shire Residents only. Tickets may be balloted depending on numbers.

For those who love guided tours and historic sites, explore the fascinating past of one of the region's most beautiful homesteads on the Maranup Ford Historic Garden Tour...*Continued on page 15*



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Balingup Small Farm Field Day

In Association with the Balingup Progress Assoc. Inc
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This year the theme is 'Back to Basics' and we are expecting between 5,000 and 7,000 visitors.

Guest speakers will talk on topics to the Field Day themes this includes: Indigenous Noongar Seasons (Zac Webb), Fire wise Gardens (Chris Ferriera), organic growing, composting (COBWA), bee keeping, machinery displays, shearing and sheep dog demonstrations.

This year we will have an expanded kids Zone with craft activities and scarecrow competition. Free face painting, Lions train rides, climbing wall, sandpit with toys and the Old MacDonalds Petting Zoo all free on the day. Local bands performing on the main stage and buskers around the grounds.

Also, there are many food stalls and winery displays with tastings. Visitors can experience the iconic town of Balingup with its café culture and unique local crafts. Check out the Scarecrows on the main street, the Village Green and the Birdwood Avenue of honour for local servicemen.

The BSFFD differs from most other agricultural shows or fairs in that it concentrates on the activities of small farms. There are sections on grass roots farming techniques, livestock suitable for small holdings, poultry, small scale farm machinery and equipment, horticulture, farming information, Landcare, Biosecurity, gourmet foods from local producers, local crafts and market stalls featuring predominantly local products.

The field day is self-sufficient and rarely asks for grants. In the last 31 years we have donated \$500,000 to community groups. The committee of BSFFD is run by unpaid volunteers.

We use local suppliers where possible and give back to our community. Entry is \$20 per adult, Free entry children under 12 years old, \$10 per youth 13 - 17 Carer with Companion Card Free, Pensioners/Seniors with card \$15

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Vicar of Dibley

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

This show promises to deliver an interesting and amusing night's entertainment.

Bridgetown Repertory Theatre stalwart Molly Flemming, who has a lot of experience acting in numerous plays with very differing roles throughout the years will be directing the play, this being Molly's first role as director.

"The show has been cast, and the rehearsals have started. Costumes are being sorted, the set is being built, it's all very new and exciting being at the helm of the production.

"The cast is made up of nine adults, all playing those very unique and memorable character roles we have all come to know so well from the television series which has run now for so many years, we also have eight children playing the roles of Sunday school children", Molly Flemming explains.



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"The show is a compilation of the Vicar of Dibley series, having many and differing funny situations and scenes that have made the show so popular around the world.

"We begin at the start from when female vicar, Geraldine, arrives at Dibley, setting the cats amongst the pigeons, right through to the unexpected wedding.

"It is an hilarious and a 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 goes onto to say "The stage play has clever dialogue, it showcases many unique, diverse and a strange range of characters that all go to make up a very funny show that should not be missed."

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Kim and Marie Perrier Celebrate Four Years of Their Sculpture Garden at the Blackwood Art Trail

Kim and Marie Perrier mark the fourth year of their evolving sculpture garden at this year's Blackwood Art Trail with the launch of four significant new sculptures. Among them is 'Aqueous' a life-sized cast aluminium sculpture embodying the magical energy of water, which won the 2024 Rockingham Sculpture Exhibition 'People's Choice Award'. Also featured is 'Ascension', a striking 2.5-metre winged female figure rising from a fluid realm.

Kim's work is held in both State and National Gallery collections across Australia and has received numerous awards.

This year's exhibition also showcases the remarkable bronze sculptures of Margaret Beechey Rothery. Now 95 years old, Margaret began sculpting at 91 and continues to produce world-class work. Her latest pieces include George, a fully harnessed Shire horse pulling a Rune Stone; a Spanish Blood, spirited black bull with attitude; and a dynamic bronze steer in motion. Margaret, a true Bridgetown legend, was featured on ABC News on Christmas Day 2024.

The Perrier Sculpture Garden now boasts forty works by this award-winning artist, set within an ever-expanding granite, garden, landscape passionately designed and nurtured by Marie Perrier.

To celebrate, a Sculpture, Wine & Song Night will be held on April 12th at 6 PM.

Enjoy live music from a local jam band featuring Kim, along with a guided tour where he will share insights about selected sculptures. A \$10 entry fee includes a glass of wine or champagne and finger food.

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“Ladies Day at the Cup”

The Bridgetown Trotting Club will be hosting the Bridgetown Cup on Sunday April 6th, 2025. Harness Racing and Thoroughbred Racing Cups are celebrated social events in country towns across the nation.

Bridgetown Trotting Club Cup meeting is no different and following the success of last years “Ladies Day at the Cup” the club is again making this meeting the highlight of the Autumn Carnival.

Ladies will receive free entry to the meeting and once on course will have opportunities to win “Lucky Horseshoe” prizes aimed specifically with ladies in mind. Best dressed and best raceday headwear will be acknowledged and rewarded and all ladies will go into a sweep draw for the cup race.

The Club is working to build this event into a special day on the calendar for members of Lower South West communities.

During the first meeting held recently, two horses with connections to the Lower South West took out events. Bridgetown Trotting Club President Grumpy Waters trained winner Sounds Like Fun and Pemberton owned Cold Hard Cash took the fifth event.

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Our Responsibility operating in your community

We recognise the privilege we have of operating in WA's South West and the responsibility that comes with it. While our current and planned mining activities create opportunities, such as increased employment, community investment, and local procurement, they also have negative impacts, particularly from clearing, dust, noise, and light. We are committed to where possible implementing measures that avoid, minimise, rehabilitate, and offset these impacts.

Community Feedback Process

We value your input, and while we haven't always, and won't always get it right, we will continue to learn and improve. We look forward to working together to ensure more open, transparent, and meaningful communication, particularly in relation to impacts such as dust, noise, and light.

We do recognise that as our operations grow, these impacts are becoming more noticeable. In response, we have expanded and will continue to strengthen our capacity to receive and address community feedback.

All community feedback received by our dedicated community team based on-site in Greenbushes is recorded and logged, helping us shape improvements and, where possible, adjust operations to mitigate impacts. That's why it's so important that you reach out if our operations are causing you concern. We need to hear from you so we can investigate and take appropriate action. The Community Team is available onsite Monday to Friday and can be contacted by emailing gbcontact@talisonlithium.com, or by phoning 9782 5700.

Community Engagement Sessions on Capacity Expansion Projects

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend one of the 10 community engagement sessions held recently in Bridgetown, Greenbushes, and Balingup on the proposal to expand the mine to the east and south to deliver new and expanded waste rock landforms, expanded water storage capacity, and supporting infrastructure. We appreciate it.

Being a residential mine with a workforce of more than 1,700, we aim to do the right thing by the communities we are part of. These are the towns our workforce calls home and they've been with us through the ups and downs. During the sessions, it was made abundantly clear that we have more work to do to be a better neighbour. Areas for improvement include more transparent communications, managing our impacts more effectively, and responding to your enquiries more promptly, with a greater focus on addressing and resolving your questions and concerns. We heard your strong feedback regarding dust emissions from our operations and will soon share actual compositional information of our dust and a fact sheet that will help you to interpret this information. Additionally, we will create a dedicated section on our website with more accessible dust information and up to date data. As we go, we will seek your feedback on whether this information is helpful, or if there is anything else we can provide.

All the feedback received from this and future consultation on project impacts and potential mitigation strategies will be collated and where appropriate, responded to. This information will be available on our website and discussed at future engagement sessions and included in the environmental assessment documentation. To keep up to date on the project, ask questions or submit feedback please reach out to us via projects@talisonlithium.com, phone 1300 904 650, or visit talisonlithium.com/projects.

2024 Economic Contributions

During the community engagement sessions, it also became apparent that we need to better share the ways Talison contributes to the local economy, state and federal governments, and its grassroots community investment. In 2024, Talison contributed over \$853.4 million to local, state, and federal governments in Australia through taxes and royalties, and invested more than \$7 million in community projects across the South West region. Going forward, we will highlight the projects supported by Talison and how they are making a difference in the community.

Talison's Social Investment Programs

Through our social investment programs, we aim to make a positive impact on the social and economic outcomes of the surrounding communities. Our Community Support Program (**CSP**) funds projects that focus on health and wellbeing, education, arts and culture, community participation, and environmental sustainability. Through cash and in-kind donations, we support groups and organisations across the Shires of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Donnybrook Balingup, Nannup, Boyup Brook, and Manjimup.

For larger, long-term projects, our Community Investment Program (**CIP**) provides funding to incorporated community organisations and local governments that align with regional needs. The four pillars of Talison's CIP are Quality Education, Sustainable Environments and Biodiversity Improvement, Health and Wellbeing, and Vibrant and Sustaining communities.

If you have a project idea that could benefit from either the Talison CSP or CIP, or if you'd like more information, please contact the Talison Community Team at gbcontact@talisonlithium.com.

Water Management

Summer might be over, but it is still warm and water security remains front and centre of so many of our minds. For those who aren't aware, the water we use for our mining and ore processing comes from rainwater collected in onsite dams. With declining rainfall, our dams collect less water. Potable water for drinking and ablutions for our people, both onsite and at our accommodation facilities, is supplied by the Water Corporation from the Warren Blackwood Water Scheme.

As we expand, we will use more water. We are implementing measures to recycle more water and use less. We also plan to increase the capacity of our dams to better retain rainfall that falls on the mine site. Please note that some of these dam capacity expansion projects are already approved and underway. However, others, such as the expansion of the Southampton and Austin Dams, as well as the consolidation of five existing dams on Lyons Creek into a single larger Salt Water Gully Dam on Talison owned land, are still subject to assessment and approval from State and Federal regulators.

We implement a water management plan to manage potential impacts on surface and groundwater, which includes strict environmental quality standards and a "no discharge" policy. Our focus is on avoiding impacts on water downstream of the mine site and maintaining water quality, such as by recycling process water through our award-winning water treatment plant.

Annual Dust Presentation

Each year, Talison provides an annual update to the Greenbushes community on dust levels and composition, discussing our ongoing efforts to better manage and communicate on this impact. We will also be sharing our annual blast report, which details our blasting activities and provides an opportunity for the community to ask us questions about any of the impacts we have in this space.

This free event is organised by Grow Greenbushes, a community group working hard to enhance livability and ensure Greenbushes remains a good place to live. You do not need to be a member to attend; everyone is welcome at the meeting.

If you can't make it, don't worry, we'll post a comprehensive summary of the presentation on our website afterwards, so you can stay informed about our initiatives and progress. Don't forget any questions or concerns you have please contact the Talison Community Team at gbcontact@talisonlithium.com.

Event Details:

- Date: Thu, 03 Apr, 2025
- Time: 05:30 pm to 07:30 pm
- Location: Greenbushes Community Resource Centre, 46 Blackwood Road, Greenbushes

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2025 Tour of the Blackwood

Now in its ninth year the cycling event 'Tour of the Blackwood' this year attracted 468 cycling enthusiasts to take part in the tour, making it a very successful event.

The tour caters for all levels of differing riding skills an ability offering four sections to ride in.

The Full Tour took advanced riders along a 134 km trek and had 207 competitors, The Half 'n' Best is a 65 km ride and attracted 134 competitors, the Not so Cosy ride was a 35km ride and attracted 30 competitors.

This year a new ride along gravel tracks was introduced, the Numbat Experience, it successfully attracted 97 competitors.

The riders are taken along a series of routes which has them travelling through some of the most picturesque hills and valleys this region has to offer as it follows the Blackwood River to the south, east and west of Bridgetown.

Colin Booth was this year's tour director and explains how the event unfolded: "The members of the Rotary Club of Bridgetown, along with all those volunteers that are needed, the Marshalls and drink providers, the emergency medical teams and 'Moto Scouts' escorts and those who offer direction and refreshment or assistance in the event of breakdown or medical issue all contribute to make this event successful.

"There was a major incident this year when a back wheel on a competitor's bike came loose, bucking the rider off his bike. Our planned responses worked well with the following ambulance offering medical assistance quickly.

"The feed back from those who took part in the event was overwhelmingly positive, which is something the Rotary Club of Bridgetown is very proud of and sets a measure for next year's tour.



The Tour's Paloton riding through Bridgetown

"The monies we raised this year from registrations and donations was over \$70,000.

The money raised is to be spent on Mental Health projects. The major beneficiaries are the Blackwood Youth Association along with the Bridgetown-Greenbushes Suicide Prevention Network, with other mental health initiatives we conduct throughout the year in conjunction with the local high schools, such as the successful showing of the film 'Just a Farmer'.

"The major sponsors of the Tour of the Blackwood are Wesfarmers and Talison Lithium."

Colin concludes, "Our thanks go out to the hundreds of volunteers and to the local police and those who contributed to making the Tour of Blackwood a wonderful as well as a successful day."



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Are you having problems managing your bills?

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Do you support someone to attend appointments?

Do you have to supervise anyone's daily tasks such as self-care or medication?

Are you a person with a disability seeking support to resolve an issue, advocate for your needs, or access the NDIS or DSP?

Are you over 65? Would you like more information about aged care support and how to make informed decisions to lead the life you want to.

Do you have a question about a neurological condition or symptoms such as changes with your balance, sensations in your hands or feet or trouble remembering?

If any of these questions apply to you or a loved one, please come in and see us at the Bridgetown Community Resource Centre, on the 7th of April 2025, between 9:30am and 3:30pm.

The services available will be both in-person and via telehealth: Oseca: My Health Partnerships, Carers WA, Anglicare WA, Advocacy WA, Neurological Council of WA and Advocate.

If none of these services are right for you, we will work with you to point you in the right direction to get the support you need.

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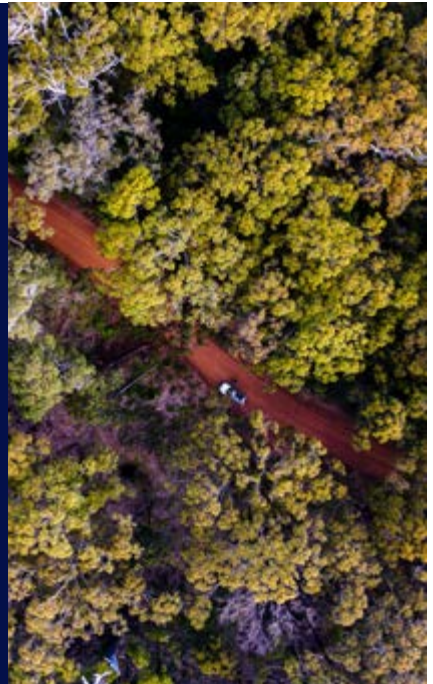
Blessing of the Roads is a state-wide community road safety campaign run in the lead up to and during the Easter long weekend.


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- Remember those who have died or been seriously injured in a road crash to drive actions to change the results into the future.

- Recognise the dedication and efforts of those, both full-time and volunteers, who work towards preventing road trauma in Western Australia, in the meantime.

An invitation is extended to the community to attend the Bridgetown-Greenbushes ceremony which will be held in the Bridgetown Town Hall on Thursday, 10 April commencing at 9:30am. For further details please email Glen Norris – glenorris29@gmail.com





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Transition Bridgetown

March was a particularly busy month for us at Transition Bridgetown, we were delighted with the response to the inaugural Repair Cafe - a joint project with the Bridgetown/Greenbushes Shire. Both volunteers and patrons alike enjoyed the day and offered ongoing support for future events. The next Repair Cafe will be held on Sat 17th May in the Shire Lesser Hall. Further information can be found on the Shire website and Transition Bridgetown Facebook page. Come along and check it out!

Elsewhere in this Mailbag is an article about the recent Regen Fest that Transition Bridgetown was intricately involved with at an organisational level. Congratulations to the Regen Fest Planning Group. This was the 3rd annual Regen Fest event and by all accounts, it was sensational! The overall feedback has been very positive.

The Ashbil Community Garden was looking healthy and lush, stall holders were happily tucked into the greenery, presentations were well-attended and the vibe was joyful!

As one attendee said afterwards, "It was a pleasure to be involved in such an uplifting community event. You could feel and see the positive aura everywhere".

Thanks to everyone who helped to make it happen. Let's do it all again in March '26!

You will no doubt have heard about the fight to save the Greater Dalgarpur Forest from mining. You may ask what makes this particular Forest so special?

This is why. The greater Dalgarpur (about 4000 hectares), lies a short drive to the west of Bridgetown. This unique high conservation forest is a mix of iconic species; the most northerly occurrence of Karri, magnificent stands of old Blackbutts and some of the finest remaining Jarrah- Marri forest in the south west.

The forest is traversed by the world renowned Bibbulman walking track, and has a suite of rare and endangered plants and animals, including all three species of cockatoos, ring-tailed possum and a notable population of mainland quokka. It includes the popular picnic and walking areas of the Bridgetown Jarrah Park and Karri Gully.

Our community of Bridgetown - Greenbushes has a long and strong attachment to this Dalgarpur forest. We have worked since the 1980's to have the forest recognised for its high conservation value and to protect it from logging.

We'd love you to join us (Transition Bridgetown), Bridgetown - Greenbushes Friends of the Forest and Blackwood Environment Society to learn about this very special forest at an Open Space to be held at the Uniting Church Hall on Sunday 27th April 4pm-6pm. Hear the history of community efforts to protect and conserve the Greater Dalgarpur, see videos of the area and fauna under threat, ask your questions to find out how you can help us save this forest from mining. *Continued on page 12*



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Quiz Night Fundraiser

Sue Waters and Margaret Armstrong will be taking part in the Camp Quality WesCarpade event which is to held this year in September. They will be driving a vehicle named 'Café da Wheels', a 1994 Pajaro.

The 'Café da Wheels' is fitted out with an Espresso Coffee Machine in the back, which is very good for fundraising when attending the Bunbury Speedway and Bunnings family days.

This will be Sue Waters 14th year as driver and Margaret Armstrongs 3rd year as the navigator.

Now in its 15th year, WesCarpade is one of WA's most established outback motoring events and is affectionately known as WA's wackiest and happiest motoring adventure.

"This year we are travelling on backroads from the wheatbelt town of Narrogin to Kalgoorlie. "We travel in a convey with lots of support, our whacky theme cards make for a delightful surprise for the children when we stop off at the outback schools.

"There are fun stops along the way, and we keep ourselves entertained throughout the eight-day journey playing silly games in the evenings before going to sleep in our swags", Sue explained.

"The quiz night along with a Mother's Day Hamper raffle and the Wood raffle which will be drawn on the night, go a long way to contributing to our \$5,000 fundraising effort we need to achieve to enter the event."

The quiz night will take place at the Bridgetown Bowling Club on May 9, doors open at 6.30, heads down at 7pm. A \$10 entry for each person, tables of six. The bar will be open, so no BYO, a light supper will be provided.

Since its inception, this event has raised more than \$3.5 million for kids impacted by cancer. Last year the event raised over \$250,000.

Camp Quality brings positivity, fun and laughter back into the lives of kids facing cancer: being there for children and their families from the heartbreaking news of a cancer diagnosis through every step of the experience.

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Regen Fest throws a spotlight on sustainability

This year's event at the Ashbil Community Garden on Saturday 22nd of March brought together twenty five stalls covering everything from electric vehicles to permaculture, and combined them with a lot of practical informative talks on sustainability.

Charles Otway from Terra Firma Design spoke on natural fertilisers and their contribution to soil fertility.

He pointed out that, "he wasn't just talking crap," and that nitrogen fixing plants play an important role as well," he said.

David Chick and Keita Burrell's talk on 'Get to know your bioregion' combined an understanding of the importance of the natural environment with a regional capacity for food production. What's missing from local produce, and what alternatives exist, were just some of the questions that they raised.

But they'd also like to record local people with food to spare from their own back yards.

It's a vision of a comprehensive index of local food resources put together by volunteers, and it was just one of the talks full of nitty-gritty details in the quest for regional sustainability.

Other speakers covered everything from chickens, to honey bees, waste reduction and drought resilience.

Bridgetown and Greenbushes people came out in big numbers for the event that was put together by Transition Bridgetown, the Ashbil and Greenbushes Community Gardens, Postcode Permaculture 6255, and the Bridgetown Hub. The planning committee was ably led by Mike and Jo Kaye.

"I think a lot of people in this community do have a commitment to sustainability," said Jim Ife, president of Transition Bridgetown.

"There's a lot of people who aren't quite sure of how to go about achieving that as much as they'd like to.



"But I think that in Bridgetown there are lots of people who want to do proper recycling and environmentally friendly things, and who don't want to be part of poisoning the earth," he said.

It was good to see the increasing interest each year in the Regen Fest, he added.

Fashion parades of recycled clothes added colour, as well as glamour and spectacle, with Bridgetown's very own super models strutting their stuff every hour.

The quest for sustainability on our finite planet is the challenge of the century, and it's obviously a challenge that an increasing number of Bridgetown people are rising to. More power to them. Mark.

Transition Bridgetown

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Show Talk

Hi Everyone, Further improvements to the grounds and buildings are continuing. The Wool Pavilion now has whirly birds, the Junior Farmers Hall air conditioning and whirly birds, air conditioning or fans are being considered for other ground venues. These improvements will all continue to benefit those who hire the grounds and buildings.

After our AGM in April, we will be sending out membership invites. If you have not been a member before or new to town and would like to become one, you are more than welcome to leave your name and contact details at the Newsagents to receive a form or access the updated 2025 details on the website. The same applies to sponsors.

Please note that we have new email addresses for our Secretary and Treasurer which will be noted on the relevant forms and on our website page.

We are always looking for new committee members or extra support in maintaining the grounds and will welcome anyone interested in attending our next Meeting which will be the AGM, followed by the General Meeting on Wednesday 9th April 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: bridgetownnagsoc@gmail.com website address is www.bridgetownshow.com.au like us on Facebook 'Bridgetown Agricultural Show' or follow us on Instagram.



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Celebration of Friendship

The Bridgetown Church of Christ which is situated in Hester Street in Bridgetown, was officially opened on 4th October 1959 and is the result of the collaboration of many families who had physically, as well as spiritually, completed the building of the 'Light on the Hill' as the building is dubbed.

On Saturday 15th March 2025, the church family celebrated the many friendships made over the intervening years with a lunch in the hall attended by over eighty people.

"We were keen to show the previous generations that we have continued their legacy of support to the community in Bridgetown," Mary Taylor explains.

"Our congregation now supports a thriving multi-generational and multi-cultural population, several home groups, Sunday School and youth programs.

"The Bridgetown Church of Christ has been blessed with a solid foundation, and by the support shown by those who gathered together from 1958 and those who continue to worship.

"The lunch was a fabulous event, a time of reconnection as people came from far and wide to reminisce about the past and encourage our future aspirations.

"The mix of people who attended was varied, with ages from four generations, and included those who have moved away and returned for the day and those in the current congregation.

"On display were photos taken over the years at Sunday School classes, of marriages and other church gatherings, and of the building

of the church, all evoking wonderful memories."

Before the Church was built meetings were held in various houses and locations throughout the town.

The church was built by the church's parishioners, a mix of farmers, timber workers and the trades persons in the congregation. The finished building is a church which encompasses all Christian faiths.

Mary concludes with, "The day started as an idea, 'to have a friendship day', to reconnect with as many of the past parishioners as we could and it culminated in a celebration of friendship."



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Southern Forests and Valleys Heritage Festival 2025

Continued from cover... and Morning Tea, April 19, 20, 26 and 27. Take a spine-tingling journey through time with the Greenbushes Ghost Walk with an Anzac Theme, Sunday 27th April, or visit the Bridgetown Police Station Museum Open Days, April 21-26, and the Greenbushes Discovery Centre Open Days. April 23-27, to learn about the region's law enforcement and mining heritage.

If storytelling is your passion, don't miss the Memoir Writing Workshop with Sarah Evans, Wednesday 30th April, where you can capture personal and family histories, or take part in Heritage Rhyme Time, Wednesday 23rd April, a fun and engaging session for little ones.

For those with a love of textiles and craft, join the Threads of Our Ancestors, Saturday 19th April, workshop, where local artist Cassi Jo Davis will guide you through traditional and contemporary textile techniques.

Art and culture lovers will enjoy the stunning Sandra Hill Exhibition, April 21 – May 4, which reflects on Noongar culture and identity, while history buffs can discover the journey of European migration with Anna Salen: Immigrants to Australia, Thursday 1st May.

The Jigsaw Gallery Open Day, Saturday 26th April, is another must-see, showcasing intricate historical puzzles and stories.

Film screenings will offer powerful insights into our land and history, including A Million Acres a Year, Saturday 26th April, exploring the impact of land clearing, and Breathing Life into Boodja, featuring a Q&A with GondwanaLink (Sunday 27th April), highlighting efforts to restore and protect Country.

The festival closes with a celebration of motoring history at the Classic Car Show and Parade, Sunday 4th May, where vintage cars will take to the streets in a stunning display of automotive heritage.

With so much to explore, this festival is a wonderful opportunity to connect with our past, celebrate local stories, and enjoy an incredible lineup of free events.

For full event details and to book your spot, visit the Southern Forests and Valleys website, or contact the Bridgetown-Greenbushes Visitor Centre on 9761 1740.

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Downunder Country 2025

The 12th Downunder Country Music Weekend at the Bridgetown Showgrounds provided fantastic country music, singing, dancing and bush poetry.

Thursday night 13th March a Slim Dusty night was held for the early arrivals. A big thanks to the Bridgetown Agricultural Society, all our volunteers and helpers, and to all the local businesses who donated raffle prizes.

The main show started Friday lunch time and continued right through to the Sunday afternoon finale.

The Downunder backing band was brilliant the whole weekend, with Ben Phillips, fiddle, Greg Smith, piano, Sue Moloney, accordion, drummers, Brydon Wilford and Kevin Lansdell, bass players, Dehlia Brown, Pat Fraser and Tyson Lansdell, guitarists, Kevin Brown, Lindsay Waddington and Avin.

The dancers enjoyed the line dance and old time dance sessions held in Centenary Hall.

The Bush Poets Breakfast Sunday morning was well presented and enjoyed by all.



Performers at the show, Pat Fraser, Brydon Wilford and Grant Luhrs

Our interstate artists were great. Graeme Hugo, Grant Luhrs, Lindsay (Waddo) Waddington and Kevin & Dehlia Brown.

All local artists performed extremely well, and the walk-ups were of high quality.

Looking forward to next years Downunder Country to be held on 20 – 22 March 2026 at the Bridgetown Showgrounds.

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