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Up Close and Musical 2025

'Up Close and Musical' is a project initiated by the Rotary Club of Bridgetown and was developed to showcase the performance talents of our local music teachers and some of their talented students. The first concert (then called Up Close and Classical) was held in 2006 and attracted an almost full house as has each of the subsequent concerts.



Harper Glancy and Frida Icopetta.

In 2012 we invited some visiting artists from Perth to join our concert for the purpose of inspiring and mentoring some of our budding young musicians. We have since had solo performers from The WA Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) each year. We have invited operatic sopranos, classical pianists, trumpet players and guitarists who have been absolutely inspiring for other performers and audiences.

With this year's concert there is to be a focus on youth with the showcasing of two very talented young performers, ten-year-old Harper Glancy and seventeen-year-old Frida Icopetta.

Harper has been dancing since she was 4 years old. Prior to moving to Bridgetown last year, she trained at Vogue Performers across a variety of dance disciplines including ballet, tap, jazz and acro.

Since moving to Bridgetown, Harper is now focused on her passion for classical dance, and now trains in ballet, contemporary and lyrical, at En Pointe in Manjimup led by the fantastic teacher Tianna Reeve.

Harper has competed in many competitions over the past few years, collecting a cabinet full of first place trophies. Last year at a competition in Bunbury she won both the Classical and Theatrical junior championships, she also came 2nd in Bridgetown's Got Talent showcase.

This year will be Harper's first Up Close and Musical concert. She will be performing as a solo artist dancing in the lyrical and contemporary styles...*Continued on page 12*



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Protect our bushland from illegal and damaging firewood collection practises

Blackwood Environment Society is alarmed at the damage occurring in local bushland from illegal and careless firewood gathering. People are cutting down trees and creating new tracks through bushland to access fallen logs. Jenny Dewing, chair of Blackwood Environment Society says "people are trashing our bushland by not following the rules for firewood gathering. Firewood gatherers are permitted to cut fallen logs from the forest floor, but they are not permitted to cut down trees." "Bushwalkers are reporting illegal tree felling and new tracks through previously undisturbed bushland."

Firewood gathering can be a wonderful family activity, but gatherers must make sure that they understand where they can collect and how they can gather firewood.

The Shire of Bridgetown - Greenbushes reserves are not available for firewood collection. Some of these have gates and signs "Wood for Wildlife." The Shire manages these reserves for bushland conservation and passive recreation such as walking and bird watching.

Specific DBCA reserves are available for forest floor collecting, but not National Parks, Nature Reserves or Forest Conservation Areas. Here is what you must do.

Contact DBCA to check which areas you can access for firewood. You can google DBCA firewood collecting maps and then choose your district. For Bridgetown residents it is Blackwood or Donnelly district depending on where you live. Or call into DBCA in Manjimup to pick up a copy of the map...*Continued on page 15*

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“Fun Raising” Events

Thanks are extended to all who attended the ‘Fun Raising Quiz Night’, on Friday 22 August, the many volunteers who made this evening possible, the CWA and Hospital Auxiliary for an amazing supper, Gillian for making up the eye-catching hampers, Anita the compere for working quietly behind the scenes, Chris for being the Quiz Master extraordinaire and those who donated the prizes; Blackwood Fresh, Mitre 10, Stables IGA, Shedley Wines and Tweed Ridge Estate wines.

Also included in the prizes were Community Cash Vouchers. These were donated by Talison Lithium in support of the ‘Continuing On’ project coordinated by the Bridgetown CRC perpetuating our Bridgetown-Greenbushes proud history of volunteering and having fun.

Monies raised from the door entry fee will be used to purchase more Community Cash Vouchers to use as prizes at future ‘Fun Raising’ get togethers. One of these was a board game evening held at The Cidery on Friday 29 August.

These ‘Fun Raising’ events are run under the Activate Community Action Plan Theme 1: Building a more engaged and connected community. The get togethers also provide opportunities for new residents to meet, greet and make friends with others in our community. Kaye McLennan

Winners Are Gridders

Despite the challenges of the made by a cyclone our tipsters have successfully completed the 2025 AFL home and away season!

First place this year went to Lyn Pendlebury who finished four points clear of the pack! Peter Davies defeated Di Whitfield in a countback. Congratulations to you all and many thanks for taking part.

Finally, just a reminder that new members are always welcome and we look forward to meeting you and working together in the future. Please contact Patricia Martin on 9761 1946 if you would like more information.

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Outstanding Performance

Sergeant Chris Clelland, newly appointed Officer in Charge of the Bridgetown police station explains how a day unfolded which resulted in an outstanding performance.

“On Tuesday 5th August a 23-year-old Bridgetown woman entered the Blackwood River and was being swept down river in the fast-flowing water.

“Tom Bolas, who works as a groundsman at Ford House, heard a yell and spotted the woman being sweep away and ran to the house staff to get them to dial triple zero, and then raced back to the river.

“Running along the river he was keeping an eye on the women being swept along, when she managed to catch and hold on to a fallen tree for support. Tom entered the water and swam to her aid, holding on to her and giving reassurance.

“Meanwhile Senior Constable Mike Smith arrives on the scene, removes all his police kit and stows it in his car, locking the vehicle and then depositing the keys with a lovely lady for safe keeping and asking her to ‘please look after my police car’. He then runs along the river bank until he finds Tom and the woman stranded clinging on to a log, he also enters the water and swims to their assistance.

“Tom by this time is a spent force, but both Tom and Mike get the woman to the river’s edge, with Tom then going to intercept and guide the emergency services’ ambulance to the scene.

“Not being able to lift the young woman out of the water, Mike was having to stay with her in the water, then, with the emergency services help the young woman was brought safely ashore. The incident ending well with no casualties.”

On Thursday 12th August, whilst in the area, Commissioner of Police Col Blanch, his staff officer Superintendent Tony Vuleta, along with Superintendent in



Tom Bolas, Senior Constable Mike Smith and Commissioner of Police Col Blanch

Charge of South West Policing Paul Van Noort attended a ceremony to issue certificates to 77-year-old Tom Bolas and Senior Constable Mike Smith.

This is some of what Commissioner Col Blanch said when presenting the Certificates:

“To Tom, this is a Certificate of Outstanding Performance from me. We will be recommending you for other ongoing awards, the certificate is because this has happened literally only five days ago.

“It is timely for me being here for other reasons, but I take the opportunity to say thank you in recognition in your actions.

“And for Mike this is a Certificate of Meritorious Conduct, likewise, you did your sworn duty, you did your duty that day mate, and I know you have done your duty many, many times as you are a very well accomplished police officer, but this just shows how lucky we are to have cops like you in the job.”

Senior Constable Mike then expressed his thoughts, “I’d like to say thanks for this presentation, it does mean a lot.

You are right with what you just said, what I did is perceived as part and parcel of my job, so I don’t expect gratitude and thanks, but it is nice when it comes along.

“I’d also like to say well done to Tom.”

Tom had this to say, “I did what I did because I was so worried for the girl, and I am just so grateful everything turned out so well for her in the end.

“I want to thank Mike for jumping in and helping me and the girl, I was so exhausted towards the end.”

Commissioner Col Blanch concluded with, “I hope all those present today are proud of what you have just heard, because I am. As the Police Commissioner, I am fortunate to see and hear of acts of bravery and heroism every day, but it is a rare event to have a member of the public step forward and to do exactly what they are not required to do, that is to save another person’s life.

“This is the epitome of what we are in Australia, and that is, people who look after each other and have the right mind set to help others. I think there is, in Tom’s and Mike’s actions a lesson for all of us to look up to.”

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Our next visit will be on Monday the 1st of September 2025 from 9.30am - 3.30pm.

You can find us at the Bridgetown Community Resource Centre – 150 Hampton Street

If any of these questions apply to you or a loved one, please come in and see us at our next visit.

Are you having problems managing your bills? Would you like some help with budgeting?

Do you support someone attending 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?

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Candidate for Bridgetown–Greenbushes Shire Council

I have nominated for Council in the upcoming local government election because I believe our community deserves strong, transparent, and experienced representation.

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If elected, I will work alongside fellow councillors and the community to:

- Support responsible planning as our region grows
- Progress Local Planning Scheme No. 6 and strengthen town planning policy
- Secure state, federal, and community funding, including through royalties, to invest back into local projects and services
- Champion tourism development, linking our history, music, and arts to strengthen the local economy
- Ensure fair access to services for families, seniors, and businesses
- Protect our environment and lifestyle, while responsibly embracing opportunities for the future
- Make sure the voice of residents is always heard in decision-making

Ballot papers will be sent to residents from 9 September 2025

Voting closes Saturday 18 October 2025

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We've since stepped-up communication about how dust is monitored and managed, in line with Department of Water and Environmental Regulation requirements.

Now, we've launched a live dust dashboard at talissonlithium.com/monitoring, showing hourly data from two monitoring stations and rolling 24-hour averages. It also flags alerts that trigger operational changes to help reduce dust.

This is a big step in making our data more transparent, something we promised and are proud to deliver. If you have any questions or concerns about how we manage dust at Greenbushes please contact our Community Team, gbcontact@talissonlithium.com.

Talisson's Open Day

Saturday 20 September 2025, Greenbushes Sportsground, 8:30AM – 5PM

We're opening our doors (and our mine!) for our annual Mine Open Day – and we'd love for you to come along.

We know there are plenty of questions out there about what we do, how we do it, and who's behind it all. This is your chance to see it for yourself. Come meet the people who work at Talison, explore our operations, and learn how we're contributing to the region and the global energy transition.

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Science Week Showcase

Each year, our teams start getting a little too excited as National Science Week approaches, working in secret to outdo each other with the activities we'll bring to the Greenbushes Primary School Science Fair.

This annual event celebrates the joys of science with students from across the region, and it's extra special for us. Many of our workforce first discovered their passion for science at these schools, and at Talison Lithium, science underpins everything we do.

This year we shared some engaging, and delightfully eccentric, experiments that showcase the science behind our work and hopefully spark curiosity in the next generation of thinkers, explorers, and problem-solvers. Highlights included:

- Explosive Elephant Toothpaste
- Magical witches' cauldrons with liquid nitrogen
- Stunning rocks and minerals display
- Hands-on pH indicator experiments
- Interactive relay stations on weeds and native vegetation
- Robot soccer matches

A big thank you to Greenbushes Primary School for hosting, and to Balingup Primary School, Kirup Primary School, and Bridgetown Primary School for joining the fun!



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Former Australian Cricketer shifts focus from pitch to paddock

Former Australian Cricketer Brad Hogg is stepping in to help shine a light on the whole-of-community impacts of drought, which research shows go well beyond just the farm gate.

Brad will be the keynote speaker at a special event being held in Bridgetown on September 15 – a South West Natural Resource Management (NRM) initiative to celebrate conclusion of a year-long project designed to build community resilience to drought in the region.

The Community Resilience Network, delivered by South West NRM and supported by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), through funding from the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund, sought to improve capability, coordination and collaboration between local organisations and groups for a greater collective impact when dealing with the social impacts of drought.

Across a 12-month period during 2024, with support from five community resource centres, South West NRM



Brad Hogg in woolshed at family farm at Williams

delivered six online workshops with nine expert presenters culminating in one vibrant community brainstorm.

Project Manager and South West NRM Sustainable Agriculture Manager Peter Clifton said the result of such broad collaborative input was production of a 36-page 'toolkit' called the 'Community Drought Resilience Framework' now available in print and online.

The Framework is designed to help communities understand the broader impacts of drought and prepare to proactively manage those risks for reduced impact.

It also includes a handy Community Services Directory providing a comprehensive list of available resources in times of need.

Mr Clifton thanked all those who contributed to development of the resource including the participating Community Resource Centres at Boyup Brook, Bridgetown, Brunswick Junction, Donnybrook and Manjimup.

He said Brad was the perfect person to help launch the drought toolkit because he had grown up on a 3rd generation wheat and sheep farm and understood the grit, resilience and community spirit that defines life in the bush.



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Since retirement from international cricket, Brad has been using his public platform to champion mental health and wellbeing in farming communities, drawing on both his sporting successes and his own struggle with mental health.

Brad said he knows the pressures rural Australians face and is passionate about breaking down stigma, building connection, and reminding communities that asking for help is a sign of strength.

“Tough times can feel really isolating so I’m grateful for this opportunity to share some stories and connect with community members in the South West,” he said.

“I’m keen to help showcase this project which is all about bringing people together so they know now, they will not be alone when a crisis like drought hits in the future,” he said.

Brad will be appearing at Bridgetown Bowling Club on September 15 between 4.00pm and 6.30pm. Entry is free but places are limited and registration via the South West NRM website is essential. Kristy Hitchens.

The Forests Really Need Your Support Now

The campaign by Blackwood Environment Society, Bridgetown Greenbushes Friends of the Forest and 4 other Objectors to oppose 32,000 hectares of Mining Exploration claims is becoming serious as costs of the top line Legal team we have briefed hit home.

The budget for legal costs up to but not including formal hearings is likely to exceed \$25,000 – well beyond our present resources.

At the public meeting held by BGFF in September when we became aware of the two exploration claims, there was strong agreement that we should oppose both the 22,000-hectare claim including the Dalgarpur reserves and Donnelly Village and the other exploration claim of 10,000 hectares south and west of the larger claim, although much of both areas is outside the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.

As things have developed it has been agreed that BES, led by Jenny Dewing, is better resourced to lead the legal process, with BGFF assisting with fund raising, as well as partnering in the “Save Dalgarpur” working group that is managing the campaign. Blackwood Environment Society has now received its tax-free status, and donations to their GIVENOW web site are tax deductible.

BGFF has its own GIVENOW site and members can pay subscriptions or donations on this. We have decided that BGFF commitments will have priority up to the amount of a membership subscription and above this the amount paid to BGFF will be treated as a donation to the forest campaign. Richard Wittenoom.

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Keith Bradby, CEO of Gondwana Link, introduced the documentary which showcased a trail of five contemporary dance performances under the stars stretching across Australia's south western region from Margaret River through to Kalgoorlie.

Professional and amateur dancers from across the region combined to produce a contemporary interpretation of Aboriginal Dreaming stories in five memorable performances.

Inspired by the world's oldest living culture, the dances celebrated the region's extraordinary biodiversity and the ongoing restoration efforts along Gondwana Link's 1,000-kilometre ecological pathway.

Closer to home Alison Wright from the Bridgetown Greenbushes Friends of the Forest spoke on the threat to the Dalgarpur forest block from a number of mining exploration tenements across the area.

Nature reserves, the water catchment, and cockatoo habitat are just some of the things threatened by mining, and the Blackwood Environment Society and Bridgetown-Greenbushes Friends of the Forest groups are working hard with research and writing submissions to oppose the tenements.

Shire President Tracy Lansdell provided an update on council's actions since the May 2025 meeting, where council agreed to raise community concerns about the tenements with government ministers. The President and CEO have so far met with Mr. Bevan Eatts, Don Punch MLA, and met Mining Minister David Michael on the 25th of August.

In other news Transition Bridgetown's Wash Against Waste Trailer will be put to good use at the Grounded Regenerative Agriculture Festival, with volunteers washing plates and cutlery to make it a low-waste event.

The festival takes place on Friday the 19th and Saturday the 20th of September at Galloway Springs.

Transition Bridgetown would be nothing without its members of course, and the AGM on Sunday the 28th of September at 2-4pm at the Uniting Church Hall is a chance to renew your membership or perhaps join this energetic group and add your unique contribution to our important work.

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September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, so it is a good reminder to blokes in the South West community to familiarise themselves with the common symptoms of prostate cancer.

In 2019, there were 2,372 new cases of prostate cancer and 258 men died from it, which means that thousands of Western Australian men are successfully treated for prostate cancer. In the South West region, 161 men were diagnosed with prostate cancer, and 22 men died from it.

Common symptoms of prostate cancer include:

Blood in your wee or semen,
or the following for more than four weeks:

- Waking a lot at night to wee,
- A sudden or urgent need to wee,
- Problems starting or stopping weeing,
- Needing to wee more often,
- A slow or weak flow when weeing,
- Dribbling at the end of weeing or
- Losing weight without trying.

You can give yourself the best chance to find prostate cancer early, by going to see a doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker straight away if you have symptoms. It may not be prostate cancer, but it is important to get symptoms checked out. An early diagnosis results

in better health outcomes, meaning the sooner we can get back to doing the things we love with the people we cherish.

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Up Close and Musical 2025

Continued from cover..Lyrical dance focus is more on storytelling through fluid movement, while contemporary dance explores themes and concepts in a more abstract manner.

Harper has also received a High Distinction in her Royal Academy of Dance ballet exam.

Her love for dance has her currently training 3 days a week in Manjimup.

Harper, who has been dancing now for six years hopes to continue to develop her skills and become the best dancer she can be.

Frida Iacopetta is seventeen-years-old, her musical background also started when she was young, "I started violin when I was 8 years old with my music teacher Sally Boud.

"I was captivated by the resonance and beauty of the instrument.

"The soundtrack for the movie 'How to Train Your Dragon' fascinated me and was an inspiration for me wanting to play it on the violin.

"I have always tried to maintain my interest in music, wherever I went, including when we moved to Adelaide for two years.

"Living in Bridgetown and going to school in Manjimup, my parents would drive me to Bunbury after school every Monday so I could have lessons which enabled me to play in the South West Philharmonic."

Frida now attends Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School where she is studying a Musical ATAR. She has started to learn to play the Alto saxophone, which has opened up the new and wonderful world of jazz music.

Frida's first appearance at the Up Close and Musical concert was five years ago when she played the violin and performed along with Sally Boud.

Over the more recent concerts Frida has performed as part of a chamber ensemble with her friends, so this year, will be her first solo performance.

Frida continues, "I will be performing on violin, with a piano backing track, to the wonderful tune 'Talking to the Moon', which is a Bruno Mars song.

"I don't have any plans set in stone for the future, but one thing I do know for certain is that I want music to be a consistent factor of my life. Playing music with other people is an incredible experience."

Some of the local musicians to be featured this year include Claire and Tim Robinson, two brilliant young vocalists from Donnybrook, Cassandra McCredden singing some Taylor Swift songs with a classical twist, Jaden Dale on piano, Bridgetown High School choir, Jeff Sheahan and special guest artist Bella Bourgault singing some stage musical classics, and several other local artists.

Over the years the Rotary Club has donated profits from the concert to worthy local causes including St John's, Henri Nouwen House, Geegeelup Village, Youth Focus, Fire Brigade Support groups and Youth Mental Health programs. This year funds raised will be going towards supporting young artists with scholarships for advanced tutoring

The concert will be held on Saturday 13th September at the Bridgetown Theatre. 6.30pm for pre-show drinks and nibbles for 7.00pm start and a generous supper at interval. Tickets will be available from Trybooking accessed via the QR code on the poster or the link on The Bridgetown Rotary website (bridgetownrotary.org). Staff at the CRC have kindly offered to assist anyone struggling with the process. Tickets will be strictly limited so get in early to ensure your seat. The MC will again be the inimitable Alan Wilson.



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Show Talk

Hi Everyone

Countdown With less than three months until show day our hard working committee are now sorting out the finer details. Secretary Corinne is compiling volunteer positions. Please reach out if you would like to volunteer at a busy bee, setting up before or helping on Showday.

Welcome We are very excited to welcome our new Treasurer Stef Karafilis. Stef comes with extensive experience in finance and community volunteering and will be a great asset to our Society family.

2025 Memberships are due 30th September, if you haven't received a renewal form or would like to become a member, head to our website where membership forms are available to download.

2025 Creative Comp is a butterfly. Entries available with 5 different age groups. Due to our friends at Ooh La Lollipop moving premises (with a bit less storage space) this year's cutouts will be available at Bridgetown Newsagency instead. Ooh La Lollipop have been wonderful supporters of this competition for as long as we can remember and we are thankful for their support! Collect your cutout from September 22nd for \$5 each. Take it home to decorate in any medium, then return it to the Newsagency between October 20th-27th. All entries are judged and on display in Centenary Hall on show day.

Don't forget our Schedule is now available online. Our Show Booklet will be available soon.

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 10th September 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: secretary@bridgetownagnsociety.org. com website address is www.bridgetownshow.com.au like us on Facebook 'Bridgetown Agricultural Show' or follow us on Instagram.

Operation Christmas Child

It's that time of the year for people to put together their shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child. A time when we can have the fun of putting together a shoebox filled with gifts for children in countries where children have really very little in their lives.

Remembering or imagining the childhood joy of your children as they open their presents on Christmas morning; now, imagine that joy magnified tenfold as a child who has never received a present, who might have suffered the effects of either a war, a natural disaster, poverty, illness or maybe neglect receives a shoebox overflowing with gifts. Bringing joy and hope is what the Samaritan's Purse project is all about.

The boxes can be filled with a variety of items from 6 categories. 1. Something to love; a soft toy or doll, 2. Something to play with; a Yo Yo, marbles, tennis ball, skipping rope, etc. 3. Something to wear; T-Shirt, beanie, thongs, etc. 4. Toiletries; soap, face washer, brush, comb, toothbrush etc. 5. Stationery supplies; pencils, coloured pencils, sharpener, eraser, exercise books, etc. 6. carry bag to keep their treasures in. Also include \$12.50 per box to cover the costs of getting the gift into the hands of the child, or pay online and follow your box with a bar code to its destination.

The Samaritan's Purse project is a non-denominational evangelical Christian Organisation providing physical and spiritual aid to hurting people around the world.

Brochures can be obtained from The Quality Shop, as well as Shoe boxes to be filled. The boxes can then be returned to The Quality Shop in October. Think about it now and start filling your box, some child will love you for it.



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Finding Out About Hamish

Whilst at my family's gathering during the Christmas break, my sister Erica and her husband Stephen, who had recently come back from a site seeing trip through England, Scotland and Wales, meant the main topic of conversation was of course their trip along with the viewing of the photos taken.

Steve is an avid photographer, he's always enticed to photograph all that he finds interesting, so as you may imagine, when he is travelling his back pack is loaded up with the essentials. These are two laptops and two cameras, one of which is small and handy, and one of which is the good camera, but a rather heavy camera, but it can take still pictures and can film. All this gear has to have spare batteries for each device, as well as the different chargers and cables, leaving little room for anything else.

One of the photos I was shown that piqued my interest, was of a highland cattle bull named Hamish.

"We'd come across Hamish quite by accident. The signage in Scotland is very poor, I'm sure they expect everyone to know where they are going, the paddock he was in was just off the main road heading to Fort William," Steve explained.

"Our encounter with Hamish was a serendipitous one; we were to stay at Callander for a night, we didn't see the hotel and drove past Callander, the roads being so narrow, the Woollen Mill, around five kilometers along the road, was the only place where we could do a U-turn enabling us to go back. So, finding Hamish whilst parked on the lay-by was a discovery.

"Once we had stopped, he came towards us, I suppose he was expecting to be fed, he let us get as close as we wanted all the while seeming happy for us to be there.

"We photographed Hamish in early October, thinking our encounter was something special, only later we discovered Hamish was quite famous.

"Then, a few weeks after taking the photo we heard Hamish had suddenly died."

Below are notes taken from an article which was published in the 'Daily Record', a Scottish Newspaper, which was issued on 21st November, 2024.

'Hamish the Highland Bull, the oldest of his kind in Scotland and the second oldest in the world, died peacefully



on Tuesday 19th November 2024 at the age of almost twenty-three. A good age for highland cattle is around fourteen years.

Hamish, whose full name is 'Hamish McKay Denovan', had resided at the Woollen Mill for almost 20 years, on a property about five miles north of Callander at Kilmahog, in Scotland.

The gentle giant first came into the spotlight in 1996 when he joined Stirling Smith to help promote a centenary art exhibition of the work of Cambuskenneth animal artist Joseph Denovan Adam (1841-1896).

The BSE, better known as Mad Cow Disease, crisis hit the farming industry when the exhibition opened and Hamish faced the prospect of slaughter, along with every other cow aged three years and over.

However, a 'Save Hamish' campaign succeeded, and a home was found for him at the Wollen Mill, a favourite stopping off point for visitors to the Trossachs. There, he became a popular draw in more ways than one.

As well as posing with thousands of visitors for photographs, he was also the muse for many artists, with one even dubbing him the 'Kate Moss of the Highland cow world, who always looks good even on a bad hair day'.

Hamish's work as a model for photographs taken by visitors will now be carried on by the Trossachs Woollen Mills' other Highland cattle, Honey and Hamish Dubh, a black Highland Bull. Honey and Hamish Dubh have



spent the past couple of years learning how to pose for pictures from the great master Hamish, they have also picked up a lot of his traits and attitude.'

Steve managed to take hundreds of photographs during their trip, taking Erica to unexpected places, only to spend time having to wait for the right light, or one time having to wait for hours for the Jacobite Train, the Hogwarts train used in the Harry Potter films, to appear billowing smoke, hissing steam and chugging through and in to the picturesque Scottish backdrop of hills and gullies along the curved viaduct with its many supporting arches.

The sore knees Steve got from lugging all the heavy gear around is quickly forgotten when telling the stories behind the photographs.

Protect our bushland from illegal and damaging firewood collection practises

Continued from page 2... Stick to existing tracks and wheel barrow your wood to your car if your fallen trees lie away from the roadside.

Never cut down a standing tree, even if you think it is dead. Contrary to the widely held belief that dead trees are only good for firewood, the wood, both standing and fallen, provides a home for many native animals and plays an essential role in keeping our beautiful bushland areas healthy. Many of our native animals, including birds, are threatened by the removal of dead standing trees as they rely on hollows in trees for shelter and breeding. Hollows are produced by environmental processes that occur over long periods and trees with hollows suitable for wildlife are more than 150 years old.

If you purchase firewood from a commercial provider check that they have a licence and ask them where they source their firewood.

By purchasing firewood from unknown sources there is a huge risk you are buying illegally sourced wood, so ask to see your suppliers licence.

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Consider purchasing timber from plantation sources. This wood is sustainable and grown on farmland. There are excellent firewood timber species available in Bridgetown.

Consider growing your own firewood. Fallen timber from the forest floor is also vital habitat for mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates and is extremely important for mosses, lichen, fungi, liverworts, and micro-organisms (such as bacteria, small fungi, algae) which play a key role in returning nutrients to the soil.

Blackwood Environment Society has information on growing your own firewood. Call into the landcare office next to the Jigsaw Gallery to obtain the details or email chair@blackwoodenvironmentsociety.org.au to receive an electronic copy. The Bridgetown community nursery can grow seedlings for your firewood woodlot. Email nursery@blackwoodenvironmentsociety.org.au to discuss the nursery growing firewood species for your woodlot.

Jenny Dewing, Chair Blackwood Environment Society (Inc)



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Preserving the Peace and Dignity of Our Cemetery

Many in our community hold a deep connection to the Bridgetown Cemetery; a place where loved ones are remembered, honoured, and visited in quiet reflection. Over the years, it has been a space of peace and significance for countless families.

It's with genuine care and consideration that we advise the community of upcoming changes to vehicle access at the Bridgetown Cemetery from August 2025. This decision has not been made lightly, but it has become necessary to preserve the dignity, safety, and condition of this special site.

In recent years, there has unfortunately been a growing number of incidents involving damage and misuse of the cemetery grounds. These include: Vehicles damaging headstones and garden beds while attempting U-turns: Removal of sand from gravesites: New reticulation systems and rose gardens being driven over: Recreational vehicles camping in the cemetery over weekends: Dogs and horses fouling the grounds and monuments: Visitors driving over sacred denominational sections to reach plots.

While we know that most people visit with great respect, the actions of a few have led to increasing damage, not only to physical infrastructure, but to the sense of care and reverence the cemetery deserves.

To help protect the cemetery for current and future generations, the Shire will close the main vehicle gates from August. A pedestrian access gate will remain open at all times for those visiting on foot.

Access for Those Who Need It

We understand this change may affect some elderly or mobility-impaired members of our community. If you need vehicle access, we are more than happy to help. Simply contact the Shire office the day before your visit, and we will arrange for the gates to be opened for you.

We will continue to support occasional weekend access where needed, especially for families attending to a gravesite. Please call us to discuss these arrangements if required.

Respecting a Shared Space

The Cemeteries Local Law, which has been in place for over 25 years, does not allow unauthorised vehicle access. Whilst we have not previously needed to enforce it, the current level of misuse means we must take steps to preserve this important place.

We appreciate that for many in our community, the cemetery is more than just a place - it holds memories, love, and loss. We're grateful for your understanding and support as we work to restore and maintain its peace and sanctity.

If you have questions or wish to discuss access, please contact the Shire on 9761 0800 or BTN@bridgetown.wa.gov.au

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