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### **BLUES AT BRIDGETOWN 2023**

There's a mix of music and magic in the air as the 31st edition of Blues at Bridgetown, the festival that gives you three days of blues, roots, soul and rockin' folk bliss draws ever closer, the festival begins on Friday 10th and runs till Sunday 12th November.









We're chuffed to bring you the final artist announcement; '19-Twenty' has for a long time been whipping up a frenzy on the festival scene and at this point are beloved members of the Blues at Bridgetown family. They are electric, with an infectious riff and groove-based blue-billy-grass-rockin'roots band, constantly on the road or in the sky, performing anywhere and everywhere gaining new music fans and friends from their live shows.

'Blue Shaddy' are also bona fide Blues at Bridgetown icons. With a passionate and unwavering commitment to their music, Blue Shaddy has gained fans far and wide on their festival circuits. Jim McClelland, guitarist, singer and main songwriter, blends elements of blues, country, and rock in his writing creating a whirlpool of foot-stomping infectious energy.

'Mitch Santiago' is a is a self-taught 17-year-old multiinstrumentalist from Perth. Mitch has released a series of songs amassing over 4 million streams including that of his new single, 'Talk to Me', written by Mitch and Oscar, now heading back for Blues at Bridgetown. We can't wait.

Frank Sultana is a modern-day Australian bluesman. Dripping with a pre-WW2 mojo, dark, dirty guitar tones and a voice that has the grit and soul of the characters and places he writes and sings about. Frank has been writing, recording and performing his original blues songs in Australia since his 2011 debut, 'Blues from the Lost Motel', and now has four EPs and eight albums under his belt.

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# Facelift at Bridgetown Freemasons Lodge

Over the past few months, the lawn area at the front of the Masonic Lodge building in Hampton Street has been transformed with a covering of paving.

The small grassed area which has been maintained for many years by volunteer Freemasons and most recently, for the last 30 years or so, by local resident Doug Lynn.

The ongoing increase in costs that affects us all has prompted the local Freemasons to rethink the purpose of this area, for current and future use.

The second-hand book sale the Freemasons hold every few months is well supported by Bridgetown residents and visitors. This enables the Lodge to continue to provide charitable support in various ways to the local community.

The members of the Bridgetown Lodge, led by Steve Norris, hatched a plan to pave the area. In the first instance to reduce maintenance costs and secondly, to offer the locals an alternative place to rest in our busy main street. By doing this, the Freemasons are giving back to all members of our community a pleasant place of rest.

Steve explains the significance of the paving design, "The area is paved to include a representation of what the inside of our Lodge room looks like. Four pillars are fixed in position with brief explanation of their significance to Freemasons. The black and white tiled design with its fringed edge is a typical pattern.

"The bench seating will be added for public use once it has been completed.

"The local Freemasons sincerely hope that residents and visitors will feel free to pause and rest for a while and enjoy the space. ... Continued page 15

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# What comes to mind when you hear the word disability?

A wheelchair, a guide dog, perhaps a cane or a hearing aid? You may have even had a little glimpse of what it may feel like. Those times you've injured yourself and need physical aids and others' help to navigate your day-to-day.

Generally, we adapt to the short-term knowing that things are going to get easier as we recover. Those "hards" we all have in life. Short term. Seasonal.

But what happens when things can't be "fixed" or "healed". What happens when the short-term becomes permanent? Chronic exposure to the "hards". The landscape of life gets a little bit more challenging to navigate.

Those aisles in the supermarkets are permanently just that little bit narrow, the food on the top shelf just a bit out of reach. The labels are too tiny to read. That access friendly car spot out front of the store already taken and the walk to get necessities too far to be possible. Hearing or having a conversation with others in a busy coffee shop is seemingly impossible. The capacity to tell your story to another "system" is not there on the day perhaps you need it most.

As time goes on, the journey has the potential to make a person's world get smaller and smaller. Isolating. Excluding. And we have only covered some of the physical. When we

can see a person's challenges in front of our faces.

What about the disabilities we can't see? Like auto-immune diseases. Where one day a person seems fit and healthy, and the next, they are unable to get out of bed. We might see them parking in a disabled bay and make the comment "Why do you need this bay? You don't look disabled" Not realising that the outing will most likely see them in bed for the rest of the week recovering.

The list could go on. But we will stop there. What we really want to tell you about is how the Community Disability Advocacy Network, CDAN for short, has been nurtured to the point of action.



Advocacy Australia has been running monthly meetings at the library since November 2022. listening to other people's stories, learning about their challenges and how many of these can be met with consideration to universal design and accessibility principles. About what real change could look like and how sometimes this can be as simple as listening, really listening, to somebody's story.

We now need to hear input from the rest of the community. On 15 September CDAN members Amy Marley, Beth Pengelly, Tania Harrison, Jane and Olin McIntosh and Jana Mayhew met with members of the public at the Kiosk asking people about their experience of living with disability in Bridgetown.

We are also hosting the Bridgetown Access and

Inclusion Planning Workshop on Tues 10 October at 5pm – 7pm at Bridgetown Library. Please join us and have your say! Bookings essential and a light supper is provided.

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# Bridgetown Historical Society

Early in September the Bridgetown Historical Society hosted the Royal Western Australian Historical Society 58th State History Conference of Affiliated Societies.

Delegates journeyed to Bridgetown from Perth and surrounding suburbs, from regional towns, Dongara, York, Albany, Denmark and many others.

The delegates, 120 in number were delighted with our library for the conference venue which provided a comfortable, light, airy, spacious setting. Many thanks to the library staff for accommodating the disruption to their usual activities and to the library users who were not able to access their library during Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

Thanks also to the Shire staff who delivered the extra chairs needed, rolled all the library bookshelves to one side and set out the chairs to provide the needed conference setting and then put it all back again to its normal arrangement.

The conference was opened on Saturday by Hon David Templeman and Jane Kelsbie MLA with a Welcome to Country by Elder Sandra Hill.

The conference presenters spoke on varied and interesting topics addressing the theme Moving Forward Looking Back - Elder Sandra Hill on "First Nations, their history and inclusiveness in museums ", Peter Hall on "On Orcharding in Bridgetown", Philippa Rogers on "WA railway history to Bridgetown", Pat Scallan OAM on "Mining in Greenbushes, from tin to lithium ", Tim Clynch on "The evolution of Bridgetown-growing a rural town", Dr Sally Paulin "The Donnelly Mill Project-recycling a mill town "

The Sunday session was started by Karen Hill, Mgr. VC with a paper "Heritage festivals for rural towns " and continued by Jordanna Rebbeck " Research on Kaniyang grinding stones"

Beverley Rebbeck on "Saving Indigenous Language", Bevan Carter and Richard Allen on "Joseph Smith-Convict, builder and civic leader ", Mary Elgar on "Oral history-Voices sparking memories."

The Greenbushes Talison Lithium tour on Saturday afternoon was most popular, with other people opting for a flora/fauna walk with Dr Erica Shedley or a genealogy workshop with Bevan and Jennie Carter.

A Bridgetown History walk with Richard Allen was another option.

On Sunday afternoon many people enjoyed a lunch and talk by Emily Smith on cider making at The Cidery or the ever popular Bridgetown History walk with Richard Allen.

With a welcome gathering plus wine and nibbles on Friday night where the delegates were welcomed to Bridgetown by Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes CEO Tim Clynch and Shire President Jenny Mountford and the conference dinner on Saturday night, both held in the Junior Farmers Hall at the Bridgetown Showgrounds our visitors were offered a taste of life in "A mere country village."

Overall, the conference was an immense success with many positive comments from the delegates.

Next year it's the turn of Irwin Historical Society. Lee Wittenoom BHS



### **Tennis Season**

The Bridgetown Lawn Tennis Club is gearing up for the upcoming Tennis season with event planning well underway. We had a great start on 23rd September with a junior coaching session thanks to visiting Perth coach Dwayne Augustin. Plans are still evolving for junior coaching next season though currently sessions will be happening on Saturday mornings from 9am.

Coming up next is our AGM on Saturday 14th October at 1pm and we would like to see as many members as possible at this event and to contribute their ideas into the future direction of our Club.

The official opening of the Club season will be on Saturday, 4 November at 2 pm. Visitors and new members are cordially invited to come along and have a hit and we plan to have a barbecue and live music after tennis for everyone.



This past winter was exceptional for the Club as we were privileged to still have two grass courts available to play on allowing for keen Club members to keep in practice all year round! The rest of the courts have now been verti-mowed but will be up and ready to play on in time for our opening day.

The club also has two hard courts which are available for hire to the public. The key to access them is available from Supachooks Carvery at a cost of \$10 per hour plus a \$10 deposit for the key. Thank you to Chooks for this service.

Croquet is also played at the tennis club with the main playing day being Sunday afternoons. Croquet membership has been increasing over the last couple of years since they moved from their old rink at Geegalup to the tennis club. The Club is most appreciative to have Croquet on the premises to more fully utilise this venue we are so lucky to have in Bridgetown.

The club would love to have new members join us for both Tennis and Croquet so if you're interested contact Anne on 0428 713 463 for more information.

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# **TALISON - SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY**

# Craig's Corner-with Craig Dawson

With the advent of some finer weather it's great to see the completion of the Stanifer Street roadworks to facilitate safe access into the new Mine Services Area (MSA). Lighting and line marking should be completed in early October.

Talison Lithium Pty Ltd (Talison) in conjunction with the South West Development Commission, Aurizon and Arc Infrastructure has continued community consultations with communities along the path of the Greenbushes to Bunbury rail line. The sessions provide an overview of, and information in relation to, the Detailed Feasibility Study (DFS) being coordinated by Talison to investigate a possible reopening of the railway line for transportation of lithium mineral concentrate from the Greenbushes Lithium Operation (Site, Mine) to the Port of Bunbury. Further meetings are planned and will be advertised in the coming months. A new page has been established on the website to provide information about upcoming meetings and progress updates on the DFS. Feedback from the community consultations will be incorporated into the DFS and ultimately, the decision making process. Go to our website to find out more about the ways vou can provide feedback.

The annual Mine Open Day will be upon us on Saturday 7 October. Participation in the Mine Tours has been overwhelming with the tours now fully booked out. If people missed out on booking a mine tour, the free family fun day at Thomson Park, Greenbushes, will still be a great event - with members of the community welcome to drop in on the day. There will be plenty of entertainment, stalls and displays.

Macmahon will have a truck simulator at the Open Day so you can see what it's like to drive a haulpak truck or try your hand at an excavator! The Open Day is an opportunity to see displays about the Mine's current operations and future expansion plans ,and find out about career opportunities at the Mine.

Talison hosted a number of Mine visits during September including a visit by the full Board of Talison, a visit by the Bridgetown Historical Society Conference delegates and a visit by Tesla representatives.

In August, Talison was very proud and pleased to publish its inaugural Sustainability Report. The Sustainability Report

2022 covers the reporting period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 and is prepared with reference to Global Reporting Initiative (**GRI**) Standards. A copy is posted on our website.

Congratulations to Jamie Kennedy and Reuben Quill who bothachieved a five (5) year service milestone during September.

Expansion activities at the Mine continue at pace:

- construction of the new MSA is all but complete with the mining team and new mining contractor Macmahon eagerly looking forward to starting to make the transition to the facility in the coming weeks;
- construction of the new Tailings Storage Facility #4 (TSF4) is picking up pace again with some improved weather;
- construction of Chemical Grade Plant #3 (CGP3) continues with bulk earthworks nearing completion, civil works at the crusher continuing and piling activities continuing. The plant is still on track for commissioning in the first half of 2025;
- construction of the temporary accommodation camp south of the Mine along Maranup Ford Road is progressing with occupancy expected to commence during October/November.

Processing activities continue at pace with all four (4) processing plants operating at capacity, with the Mine on track to achieve record production output for the 2023 year on the back of higher than expected ore grades being delivered by the mining team. Recruitment of operators for the next processing plant (CGP3) which is due to come on stream in the first half of 2025 is expected to commence during the fourth quarter.

Mining activities are ramping up as Macmahon gets settled in and new equipment is delivered. Material movements need to increase significantly over the next four (4) months from 600,000 bank cubic metres per month (bcm/mth) to 1,200.000 bcm/mth.

Talison has a well established Traineeship and Apprenticeship Programme and as the Mine develops, it has always been Talison's intent to increase the number of traineeships and apprenticeships offered. For the 2024 year, Talison is looking to offer 13 Traineeships and three (3) new Apprenticeships (bringing the total number of Apprentices on site to 12). Advertising for these opportunities has commenced so please keep an eye out for the advertising and spread the word.

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# Talison Mine Open Day Saturday 7 October 2023

Wander in for a full day of family fun at Thomson Park

Missed out on a bus tour at the Open Day? You can still enjoy the family fair at Thomson Park, Greenbushes from 9am to 3pm.

Check out our information displays, contractor displays, career opportunities, live music, food vans, haul truck simulator, skateboarding show, machinery displays, and much more!

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# Pharmacy R U OK? Day

R U OK? Day was held on Thursday 14 September, which is our National Day of Action dedicated to reminding everyone that any day is the right day to ask, 'Are you OK?' to support those struggling with life.

Pharmacy intern Sehaj Johal, someone who has been a supporter of R U OK Day all through her schooling years and has loved wearing the yellow T-Shirt, convinced Pharmacy owner Kevin Tay to hold the R U OK? Day at the pharmacy. On the day, patients and customers were invited to place 'stick-it' notes on a wall with their responses to two main themes: ideas on What brings you joy, and What do you do to improve your mental health.

Sehaj and Kevin were very pleased with the response to the event, extending the one-day event to continue for the week

A very delighted Sehaj tells us how the day unfolded, "Now that I've been working at the pharmacy for a while, I've got to know our patients and customers quite well, so when I approached them to inform them about R U OK? Day I was delighted with their response as they were comfortable talking to me

"They responded well when asked to write the different messages on the wall, and then when asked, 'Are you really OK?' for some it allowed them to take that mask off and have a real chat.

"I think the power of starting a conversation about wellbeing, and having it early and frequently is so important.

"For some, just listening to their answers, gave them a feeling of being heard as well as a great opportunity to talk, and for those who I thought were struggling I could encourage and refer them to seek further help with the appropriate health professionals.

'Some of the important health steps we also encouraged people to undertake in maintaining good mental health regime is to eat well, sleep well and to exercise, spend time



Pharmacy owner Kevin and Sehaj with the 'stick-it' notes responses to two main themes: ideas on What brings you joy, and What do you do to improve your mental health.

R U OK? was started by Gavin Larkin OAM. Gavin, an advertising executive, had lost his father to suicide and passionately wanted to do something to prevent others experiencing this loss.

Gavin was collaborating with TV Producer Janina Nearn on a documentary to raise awareness, but soon realised the documentary alone wouldn't be enough.

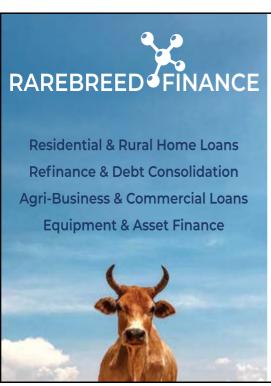
To genuinely change behaviour Australia-wide, a national campaign was needed. From this realisation, and with Gavin and Janina's expertise and passion, R U OK? was born and launched in 2009.

R U OK? is a harm prevention charity that uses health promotion to encourage people to have conversations that help others through difficult times in their lives.



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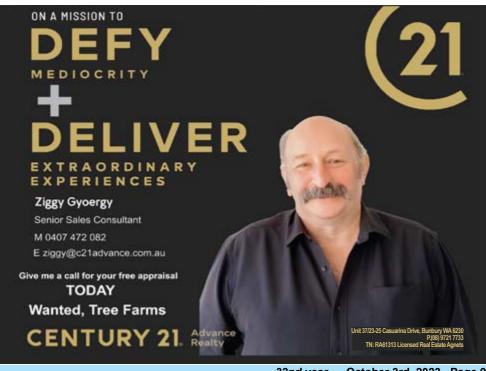
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Our town is pumping with all the events that are scheduled for this time of the year! Throw in a few extra dates for voting for the Voice referendum and local council elections as well as our Open Space and AGM so there is never a dull moment.

Sunday 15th October 2pm - 4pm at the Bridgetown Leisure Čentre "Funky Upcycled Fashion Show and Free Clothes Swap". This Open Space event is in collaboration with ABC War on Waste, Bridgetown for Free, Blackwood Youth Action and the Shire. Please arrive at 1.30pm to check in your swap items. This is a free event but registration is mandatory. Contact transitionbridgetown19@gmail.com or text 0414 550 025.

How the Swap Works: Bring 1 to 5 (maximum) items of clothing or accessories, to add to the swap collection pool. Clothing is checked in, then sorted onto racks and tables by our team. Guests can only begin taking and trying on swap items after the swap is officially declared open by the host at 2pm. This will take place after the brief welcome and a few fun facts at the beginning. Clothes brought to the swap MUST be clean, good quality and in good condition. Items should be clean, folded or pressed. Please be mindful and considerate of what other swappers will be happy to receive. We can't guarantee guests will find their sizes as it depends on what other guests bring. Regardless, accessories are included in the pool, so there will be something for everyone. Therefore, we encourage ALL SIZES to participate in the swap. This swap is for all genders so we welcome clothing designed for male, female, adaptive and all body types.

Items to bring include: pants, skirts, tops, jumpers, coats, jumpsuits, shirts, catsuits, shoes, bags, shorts, scarves, hats, dresses, sunglasses, jewellery. Underwear, swimwear, overused pyjamas or overused workout gear are not acceptable. We'd also like a couple more models in the 18-30 years of age bracket so let us know if you'd like to join in the fun.

Sunday 22nd October 4.30pm - 6.30pm at the Uniting Church Hall The Transition Bridgetown AGM will be short - we are excited to formalise the nominations for members of the Steering Group! We will also be screening the film "Planet Local - A Quiet Revolution". This 50-minute film gives voice to dozens of people building a more beautiful world. From restoring topsoil, to sharing traditional knowledge, to opposing free trade treaties and innovating new ways of supporting local businesses, their actions are forging a new path forward for humanity. Bring a plate and become a TBR member – it's free for the rest of this financial year! We hope to see you there! Our thanks to the Uniting Church for the use of the Hall.

We were very pleased to learn that Sandra Hill, Wadandi/ Pibulmun, Menang Elder and Custodian has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at Curtin University's 2023 Alumni Awards. ... Continued page 11



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# Transition Bridgetown

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We were privileged to have Sandra share her artwork and stories at our Open Space in August.

You may hear us referring to the Wash Against Waste movement. In 2022 Transition Bridgetown acquired a fully equipped licensed Wash Trailer that is available for community use.

The Wash Trailer is equipped with plates, bowls, cutlery, mugs, napkins, washing basins, trestles, gazebo, signage etc. It is currently housed at the Ashbil Community Garden Bridgetown and we would be happy to show you the workings of the Wash Trailer prior to you making the decision to book it! Email transitionbridgetown19@gmail. com for more information.

Let's enjoy some of beautiful Bridgetown/Greenbushes events this month and please don't forget to fill in your postal vote for our local shire council elections. Aren't we lucky that we belong to such a proactive community and have people who are prepared to dedicate their time to represent us?

You can contact us by emailing transition bridgetown 19@ gmail.com or follow us on Facebook. Stay well!

### Pharmacy R U OK? Day

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It relates to suicide prevention through fostering social connection and building the capacity of informal support networks - friends, family and colleagues - to be alert to those around them and be able to identify signs of distress or difficulty.

This creates a stronger first point of contact to address and de-escalate distress. It also demonstrates that others are there to help, therefore countering notions of isolation and aloneness that can foster suicidal thoughts.

'In the time it takes to have a cuppa, you could change a life.' is a quote from the late Gavin Larkin, founder of R U OK? Day.

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Dressed in a pair of hand-crafted boots, tinted Lennonesque glasses, the trademark voice, the whiskey town harp, the Grand Canyon repertoire, Rick's been dubbed Perth's grandfather of blues. Rick Steele is one of the most charismatic and amiable characters in the music business. With a set of vocal cords to match his name and countless humorous stories and observations of life, he is an evening's entertainment in his own right. His many Bridgetown appearances over the years with The Hot Biscuit Band are the stuff of legend.

We're also pleased to welcome Louis Rebeiro & The Blues Machine, Jordan Mac, Riverbugs, Martin Lee Cropper, Souwest Glass Ben Catley, Jook Joint Band, Perth Blues Club, South West Blues Club, Hills Blues Club, Albany Blues Club, Martin Cropper, The Riders, Mary Myfanwy, Ian Cocker, MDV Music and Zack Linton, C.W. Stoneking, Bondi Cigars, Sweet Talk, Roshani, Grant Haua & The Soul Decree, Jack Botts, Little Quirks, Jesse Redwing, Boox Kid, Minnie Marks, Zydecats, Kangaroos With Machine Guns, Tracey Barnett, Smokestack Rhino, Rose Parker Band, The Human Highway, Sunday Lemonade, Dave Mann Collective, Wil Thomas & The Riding Light, The Nomadics, David Hyams, Chicago Blues Review, Memphis Funk and Groove, Lachy John & The Red Bellies, Mary, Daun and Esther, Tommy Bosson & The Score, Tanya Ransom, Howling Onshore, Two Dollar Dog and Whiskey Nips.

Blues at Bridgetown is a non-profit community association producing an annual music festival since 1993. Held in the second week of November each year.

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# **Festival of Country Gardens**

This year's Spring Festival of Country Gardens is rapidly approaching and will commence on Wednesday 1st November with a bus tour of four delightful Bridgetown gardens. The bus tour includes a morning tea and lunch.

The festival itself is then held over four days, Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th November. Nadene Weaver is a spokesperson for the festival and is delighted to explain what the festival has to offer, "This year there will be sixteen gardens opened to the public across six towns, Balingup, Boyup Brook, Greenbushes, Bridgetown, Manjimup, and Pemberton.

"These gardens are a representation of a wide variety of different garden types, from tiny town gardens to big, big country gardens.

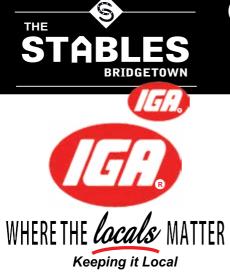
"The showcase of gardens to be seen vary, from the native gardens, to rustic gardens and cottage gardens, then all the way to manicured gardens and formal gardens.

"The love of gardening, the creativity and commitment of the gardeners is all on show and will be admired by the visitors.

"The gardeners themselves get a lot more than a feeling of well done when admiring the fruit of their efforts on show, gardening is a worthwhile healthy pastime, keeping gardeners physically and mentally fit.

"Now with around four weeks left before the festival, we are hoping for the weather to warm up so as to have the gardens really blooming at their best for the festival."

For further information of when the gardens are open or for booking the bus tour you can visit the website www. festivalofcountrygardens.com.au Tickets can be purchased online or with cash at the garden gates.



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### Facelift at Bridgetown Freemasons Lodge

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Steve Norris and his wife Rosalind, first came to live in Bridgetown in 1981, building a nine-sided home on Bussell Street whilst both working as registered nurses at the Hospital.

Their three children were born and raised in Bridgetown. Steve joined the Bridgetown Freemasons in July 1990 and has remained a financial member to this current day.

He accepted the post of Master of the Bridgetown Lodge around two years ago.

Steve concludes, "Although I am a member of several Lodges in W.A., the Bridgetown Lodge is my 'mother' Lodge, it will always be a special place to me.

"Both my son, my father (deceased), my brother and two nephews joined Bridgetown Lodge.

"Freemasons, although shrouded in a bit of mystery, live a good life as an example to others. A life which is honest, decent and charitable.

"By seeing the paving outside the lodge, which is a reflection of the ceremony inside the lodge, and by enjoying this resting place, we hope this may enlighten folks to the practices of the Freemasons."

Steve and his wife, three years ago, have now retired to Karakin, in Lancelin. Their son Dylan now lives in the home they built many years ago, and he also remains an active member of the Lodge.

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# Show Talk, Hello Everyone

The Bridgetown Show Schedule Online version has been operating for the past month and now the booklet version is around town. There is an enormous amount of time and effort in getting the booklet completed and out into the community and we encourage all those who do pick up a Schedule, to take the time to read through noting the effort put in by the stewards to create interesting classes for everyone to enter in the Sections, noting the Advertisers, the Sponsors and the Members who have committed their support to the Show and the interesting piece in the centre of the Schedule relating to the Show Theme for 2023.

New: Page 9 includes additional classes available for the 16/U age group. The Sheep Section includes Goats; Cattle Section includes unmated Heifers; Poultry Section includes Goose (any variety); Cooking will introduce half cake entries; Flowers, Homecrafts, Photography, Arts and Juniors have additional prizes.

Creative Competition: This year is a flag and can be collected from OohLaLollipop for \$2. Completed entries can be dropped off to Bridgetown Newsagency Monday 23rd - Monday 30th October. This year will be a little different - usually after the show you would collect your masterpiece but this year, we would like to hold onto them to use for decorating future shows. Don't worry though - If you absolutely love your flag and don't want to part with it, we will be happy to return it to you.

The free Colouring All - Ages Competition is also available now at the Newsagents. The closing date is Tuesday 7th November.

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