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## Walk on the Wildside

The event showcasing some of what Boyup Brook has to offer is 'Walk on the Wildside'. This will be the fourth year the event has taken place and it commences on Friday 6th October with Blooming Wildflower Tours. The Bus Tour leaves from the railway station, gathering from 9.30 for a 10am departure and returns at 2pm There is also a second tour in the afternoon from at 2.15 to 4pm.

On Saturday 7th October commencing at 9.30am and leaving from the Visitors Centre will be a 1.2km Heritage Walk Trail, walking on footpaths and visiting places and buildings of interest in and around the township.

During the day there are a further three bus tours visiting places of interest: 9:45am Boyup Brook Museum, 11am Flax Mill, noon Harvey Dickson's Country Music Centre.

In the afternoon you won't want to miss it when locals rev up their classic and vintage vehicles and do a lap of the town. During the course of the day you will be able to see the cars on display and speak to the proud owners.

Over this two-day event the Boyup Brook Visitors Centre will be open featuring collections galore, many unique and treasured collections will be on display over event.

Katelyn Lansdell is the Boyup Brook Visitors Centre Administrator, she tells us of the hidden, unique treasures, which have been entrusted to Visitors Centre to showcase, "The Boyup Brook Visitors Centre is a delightful building in the centre of town and is the oldest standing building in town, and the second oldest in the shire. When it was first built in 1910 it was known as the Agricultural Hall.

"The unique treasures that are housed and are on display at the Visitors Centre are The Keith Carnaby jewelled beetles and butterflies, KRADAL dolls and Ivan Carnaby bird eggs collection, all these displays which when viewed are seen as wondrous."

Notes taken from the Boyup Brook Visitors Centre leaflets explains more: In 1979, the 'Carnaby Collection of Beetles and Butterflies' was installed at the Boyup Brook Visitor Centre.

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Katelyn Lansdell pictured with a little of the The Keith Carnaby jewelled beetles and butterflies display

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Rev David and Hilary Bardsley

### Anglican Deacon appointed to Bridgetown

The Reverend David Bardsley and his wife Hilary planned a retirement move to Bridgetown in 2007. After building a house in town their plans changed when they were offered a ministry in Roleystone. Then in 2012, after five years of service they moved back to Bridgetown permanently.

David's story is quite interesting; David Bardsley came to Christian Ministry late in his life, some thirty years ago when he trained at a Theological College in the United Kingdom before moving to Australia.

David explains his experiences since becoming a minister, "I have served in a variety of churches and ministries, some full time, some part time and some on a voluntary basis.

"There have been independent churches, Church of Christ and several Anglican fellowships. Throughout I have been privileged to cross denominational boundaries in several different capacities including managing a non-denominational retreat centre in Hong Kong for a while.

"I've had the vision to draw people together from within the different Christian Churches. This ideal has been really important for both me and my wife.

"My wife Hilary is my most important partner with this endeavour. She shares the same vision and is invaluable with her contributions, particularly in her prayer ministry. I can't say she supports me as such, because we walk this path together, in step so to speak, supporting each other as we go.

"Retiring and being free from day-to-day responsibilities of ministering has given me the opportunity to serve within all the churches in the community where we live, bringing my vision to fruition.

"I approached all the church leaders in town offering my services, effectively ignoring denominational boundaries. The net result is that we have been welcomed into all the churches in Bridgetown.

"When I approached Rev Karon Austin at St Paul's with my idea, a couple of years before she retired, she welcomed me with open arms, but first she had to refer to the Anglican Bishop of Bunbury. ...*Continued page 3*

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## Anglican Deacon appointed to Bridgetown

Continued from page 2...“As it turned out Ian Couotts, the Rt. Rev Bishop of Bunbury was also delighted to hear that I would like to support the Parish work here as well as working with the other churches but he said I would have to be ordained to be of most practical assistance.

“This than started me off on a journey of formation in preparation for ordination as an Anglican priest, but with a specific view to the ecumenical agenda and a support ministry rather than an individual parish responsibility.

“The Ordination Council which reviews candidates, endorsed the ecumenical agenda as an integral aspect of their approval.

The Ecumenical agenda is unity within diversity, the Ecumenical Movement seeks to promote a type of unity, a Christian unity.

“This means that I will not be taking on the parish responsibility at St Paul’s, but will strongly support whomever succeeds Rev Karon Austin.

“I will also be likely to serve as a locum throughout the Diocese as well as continuing to support the other Churches in Bridgetown.”

David leads services once a month at the Uniting Church and joins in with the St Brigid’s congregation on a regular basis and plays the piano during Mass occasionally.

David and Hilary have also helped with quite a few ‘Churches Together’ events over the last ten years: many in the community will be familiar with Songs of Praise, Christmas celebrations and the Good Friday Way of the Cross.

The Anglican Bishop of Bunbury, Rt. Rev Bishop Ian Couotts, is scheduled to ordain David as Priest at a service at 11am on Friday 6th October at the Anglican Cathedral of St Boniface in Bunbury.



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David welcomes everyone to attend his ordination, “All are welcome to join us on that occasion and it would be lovely to see folks from our community there.

“One of the things which really excites me is the response when we do run joint events as Churches Together. There is an incredible sense of fellowship amongst people from the different congregations and whilst I am quite bemused as to how it will all work out, I’m sure there is the opportunity for something special to emerge here in Bridgetown.

“We are all blessed to live in this beautiful part of the world, Hilary and I have both found Bridgetown to be a friendly, welcoming community unlike any other.”

David and Hilary are contributors to what makes our community special by being part of several different community activities; Jubilee Singers, Bridgetown Greenbushes Suicide Prevention Network, Up Close and Musical Concert, Cidery open mic, Carols by Candlelight and the Bridgetown Repertory Theatre.



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## Walk on the Wildside

*Continued from cover...* "As one walks through the door of the room which houses the collection, on the left-hand side are the real jewel beetles. The majority of these have been gathered in Western Australia. It is said that his collection is one of the most important in the world, second only to that at the British Museum of Natural History.

KRADALS doll collection; Ede Tuckett was born in 1927 and moved to Chowrup in the Shire of Boyup Brook. She first started collecting dolls in 1982, with the display ultimately growing to over 700 dolls.

During school holidays she would take her grandchildren to many parts of the south west visiting doll shows and always coming home with something new. Ede had a special bond with her 'grandeess' and spent hours with them in her home, setting dolls up, making dresses or putting dolls together.

KRADALS is a composite of the first initial of her grand daughters' names: Kelly, Renee, Amanda, Deanne, Anne (2nd name of Chenae) Linda and Sandra.

In 2005, Ede moved to Perth and was unable to take her treasured family of dolls with her. She generously donated some of the collection to the Tourism Association of Boyup Brook, after the family had first choice.

She wanted people to continue to enjoy her legacy for years to come.

Ivan Carnaby Bird Eggs; Ivan Clarence Carnaby was the older brother of Keith Carnaby whose interest was in entomology and is well known for his collection of jewel beetles.

Ivan had little formal schooling as he was troubled with bronchitis throughout his childhood. When he was 14 his father bought him an orchard in Parkerville so he could be living away from the dampness on the coast each winter.

He was kind and generous to his brother naturalists and aided all in their work. In his studies he was an acute and thoughtful observer and it is a pity his publishing record is comparatively slight. He found writing arduous and left most of the recording to others, whom he assisted with enthusiasm.

Ivan could however deliver, off the cuff, very erudite lectures.

He was honoured for his research by having a bird and skink named after him. Carnaby Cockatoo and Carnaby's Wall Skink, Carabyi skink.

Ivan died in the Boyup Brook Hospital from a heart attack at the relatively young age of 62.

When a private comprehensive collection of his birds' eggs was offered to the Western Australian State Museum in 2020, the Museum accepted what they wanted to completed their display and offered the remainder to Boyup Brook. The eggs are found in the Collections Room within the Boyup Brook Visitors Information Centre."

The displays are quite something, if you haven't seen these displays, you are really missing out.

Bookings are required for the 2023 Walk On The Wildside event. Please head to the website [www.boyupbrooktourism.com.au](http://www.boyupbrooktourism.com.au) where you'll find an online booking form. Alternatively, over the counter bookings will be available at the Boyup Brook Visitor Centre by telephoning 9765 1444.

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# One Act Plays Festival

Tales from two towns 'One Act Plays' is a collaboration between Bridgetown and Manjimup Repertory Clubs that will be presented in September.

The 'Devil's Apple' and 'Mistress of Wholesome' shows will be performed in Bridgetown on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd at 7.30pm and Sunday 3rd 2pm matinee.

The following weekend the plays will be staged in Manjimup on Friday 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of September.

The 'Devil's Apple' is a play written by Bridgetown Repertory Club member and the play's director, Rob Snelling.

Rob wrote the play in 2006 following a family holiday road trip in a motor home around Tasmania. The tale is based on the drama which took place during that vacation.

Through the years Rob has written a number of plays and he reflects on the staging of this play, "This is the first time this play will be performed. I was concerned that my mother-in-law may see herself being reflected in the play. Only now after her passing can the play be staged.

"The tale is a dark comedy that sees two long suffering daughters who have somehow been persuaded to join their overbearing mother on a road trip around Tasmania.

"Their mother is a bit of a devil herself. She sometimes is more often nasty than nice, overstating her suffering and angling for sympathy, she will then belittle and demean her daughters as a form of control and punishment, being cruel and manipulative is her way.

"On the trip and while feeding 'Tassie Devils' at a roadside stop farm display, the mother enjoys tormenting the devils with food she is dangling to tempt them before pulling the food back as they bite during the devils feeding. Later on, at night she decides to go out and have a bit more fun tormenting some other devils. Will she meet her match when dangling food to wild hungry devils? Will the family survive the trip?"



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The play is poignant and hilarious.

'Mistress of Wholesome' is the Manjimup Repertory Club's play written by Jacob Appel.

The play commences with a mistress smashing her way into her lover's house using an axe.

The mistress is upset that her lover may be falling back in love with his wife.

The lady in the home is the sophisticated and slightly jaded wife of the lover.

A very strange conversation ensues, with the wife having bigger problems... she must impress the visiting adoption agency personnel also in the house at the time... she cannot lose her cool. And where is the husband in all of this? A fast-paced witty farce.

The duration of the one act plays is about forty minutes each. Rob states the collaboration between the two repertory clubs is beneficial to both.

The one act plays both have costuming and props that can be moved reasonable and easily between the two repertory clubs when being performed.

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## TALISON – SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

### Craig's Corner *-With Craig Dawson*

Great to see the completion of the sealing of the town square in Greenbushes. This project was a community driven initiative undertaken by the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes with the support and assistance of Talison Lithium Pty Ltd (Talison). Whilst there are still some minor works to complete it is a pleasant change to be able to park on a sealed surface rather than trudging through the mud.

Talison is also pleased to be able to provide assistance to the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes and Greenbushes Discovery Centre to bring to fruition a long-awaited project with the relocation of the North Greenbushes Railway Station into Greenbushes. This project has been in the pipeline for some 30 odd years and is another community driven initiative that Talison is happy to be able to support.

Talison announced during August a substantive contribution to the redevelopment of the VC Mitchell Park precinct in Donnybrook as part of Talison's expanded Community Investment Program (CIP). The Shire of Donnybrook Balingup will receive significant support for the realisation of this project through Talison's \$3 million (M) investment. Included in the current stage of the Master Plan are upgrades to the existing tennis club pavilion, modifications to the Recreation Centre to accommodate basketball and netball, new passive recreation facilities and amenities, indoor and outdoor events space, lighting, landscaping, pedestrian access, parking, playgrounds and storage areas. This project will see Government, industry and community work together to create a facility which will become a hub for the wider community and address long term requirements for sports, recreation and social engagement in the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup. Sport is such an important part of all communities and having a first-class facility at Donnybrook will provide for the needs of the current generation and support growth in the population as the region expands.

Talison in conjunction with the South West Development Commission, Aurizon and Arc Infrastructure commenced a series of community consultations in Greenbushes and Balingup during the month to provide an overview of, and information in relation to, the Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) being coordinated by Talison into a possible reopening of the Greenbushes to Bunbury railway line for the transportation of lithium mineral concentrate from the Greenbushes Lithium Operation (Site, Mine) to the Port of Bunbury.

These were the first of what will be a series of community consultations to be undertaken along the railway corridor during the course of the DFS. Feedback from the community consultations will be incorporated into the DFS and ultimately, the decision making process.

Talison has had an incredible month of school engagement starting with hosting tables for students from Bridgetown High School and Manjimup Senior High School at The Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia - CMEWA 2023 Inspiring Girls Careers Forum, which brought together over 200 bright minds to explore the world of mining and resources.

Site personnel also had a blast at the annual Science Fair at Greenbushes Primary School. Coinciding with 2023 Science Week, Talison personnel curated eight (8) interactive stations that sparked curiosity, from pH tests to chocolate separation, recycling relays to mad scientist photo booths. Students from Bridgetown Primary School, Balingup Primary School, Kirup Primary School, and Greenbushes Primary School joined together, not only enjoying the activities but also sharing their own science experiments. A huge shoutout to Talison's dedicated staff who took time out from their busy schedules to make these events a reality!

In addition to the larger CIP projects as noted above, Talison continues to support community groups with smaller donations and sponsorships. The following donations/sponsorships were approved during August with cash or In-kind donations:

- Bridgetown Hub Christmas Lunch for Community
- Puzzletown6255 World's largest puzzle purchase
- Manjimup Men's Dart Association Darts Boards and lighting
- Manjimup Markets and More
- Bridgetown Blues Containers for Change
- Nannup Family Fun Day
- Country Music Club of Boyup Brook
- Manjimup Senior High School Awards
- Bunbury Runners Club 3 Waters Running Event 2024
- Bridgetown Wildlife Rescue Joey Replacement Milk
- Donnybrook Country Club Security Cameras

Talison hosted a visit during August for a number of representatives from Albemarle including Albemarle's CEO and Chairman – Kent Masters.



Congratulations to the following personnel who achieved service milestones with Talison during August:

- Logan Collins, Angie Cornish, Sam Gaunt and Richard Muap who all achieved a five (5) year service milestone; and
- Nicola Banks who achieved a 15 year service milestone.

Expansion activities at the Mine continue at pace:

- construction of the new Mine Services Area (MSA) is all but complete with the mining team and new mining contractor (Macmahon) eagerly looking forward to starting to make the transition into the facility during September;
- 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 at pace with bulk earthworks nearing completion, civil works at the crusher continuing and piling activities continuing. This plant is still on track for commissioning in the first half of 2025;
- commissioning activities for the 132kV powerline new switch yard to the west of Maranup Ford Road are all but complete;
- construction of the temporary camp south of the Mine along Maranup Ford Road is progressing well with buildings being placed into position; and
- construction of the permanent Village proximal to the temporary camp continues.

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 (Chemical Grade Plant #3), which is due to come on stream in the first half of 2025, is expected to commence in earnest over the next couple of months, so if you, or someone you know, may be interested in working at the Mine, keep an eye out.

Mining activities are slowly ramping back up as Macmahon get settled in. 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, no small feat.

Talison has a well established Traineeship and Apprenticeship program which has operated very successfully for many years.

As the Mine develops and grows it has always been Talison's intent to increase the number of Traineeships and Apprenticeships offered. For the 2024 year, Talison is looking to expand once again the number of Traineeships and Apprenticeships offered with an intake tentatively planned for the year of 13 Trainees and three (3) new Apprentices (bringing the number of Apprentices in total to 12). Advertising for these roles has commenced so once again, if you, or someone you know, may be interested in a Traineeship or Apprenticeship at the Mine, keep an eye out for further updates.



Students from Balingup Primary School with Talison staff at our annual Science Fair at Greenbushes Primary School.



Manjimup Senior High School students with Talison staff at The Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia - CMEWA 2023 Inspiring Girls Careers Forum, which brought together over 200 bright minds to explore the world of mining and resources.

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## Chilblains

Stephen Wisken is a podiatrist who is working in the Bridgetown Medical Centre one day a week. Stephen has run his own podiatry practice in the city for nearly 30 years and is now planning a new life living in the country. With the knowledge and expertise he has gained over the years in regards to foot health he has written this article below on Chilblains.

Bridgetown is renowned for its chilly climate, particularly during the winter months. The cold temperatures bring about a potential issue for foot health in the form of chilblains. Also referred to as pernio, chilblains manifest as uncomfortable and itchy skin lesions caused by exposure to cold conditions.

Chilblains are result of your body's response to cold temperatures. When your skin is exposed to the cold, the blood vessels near the surface narrow, reducing blood flow to the affected areas. When these cold areas are suddenly warmed, blood vessels expand rapidly, leading to inflammation and those characteristic red, itchy patches.

Guarding against chilblains requires safeguarding the vulnerable areas through adequate warmth and insulation. Abrupt shifts in temperatures should be avoided and protective measures such as snug clothing, gloves and socks are imperative for extremities. Regular massages and exercises for the hands and feet can enhance blood circulation, thereby reducing the risk of chilblains. In addition, steering clear of prolonged exposure to damp and cold surroundings is advised, while use of moisturiser aids in maintaining skin hydration.

Remember, a proactive approach to prevention is pivotal in effectively managing chilblains and promoting overall foot comfort during the frosty months.

Stephen Wisken, Podiatrist

## Kangaroo Gully Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

Bushfire Ready Planning; With many large fires occurring across the northern hemisphere during their summer this year it should be a wakeup call for us here in the south west to start preparing for our bushfire season.

There is critical need for residents to start bushfire planning now.

A Bushfire Ready planning workshop will be held on Sunday 17th September from 2pm to 4pm at the Kangaroo Gully Fire Station, Claret Ash Rise, Bridgetown Gardens.

For further information contact John Morgan on 0478 888 144 or Jenny Dewing 0428 828 746.

Before the Fire Season starts residents need to prepare a bush fire plan which everyone in the family is aware of.

The template for your plan can be obtained easily by visiting [www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au](http://www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au) and following the links or you can obtain a Bushfire Ready Preparation Tool Kit from your volunteer bushfire brigade enabling you to write up your plan.

Things to consider for your Bushfire Plan: Access your level of bushfire risk. Do you stay or go?

If you are to stay, are you fully prepared? Be aware mains water may not be available.

If you are to go, planning is required to know when and in what direction is safe to head, is the road clear?

If your family may be scattered around town, are they aware of your plans

Another good idea is to get to know your neighbours and know their plans. Help each other to stay safe. Find out where to get up to date information during a bushfire.

John Morgan, Bushfire Ready Facilitator, Kangaroo Gully Volunteer Bushfire Brigade.



# The Rotary Blackwood Marathon

Now in its 44th year, the Rotary Blackwood Marathon Relay is on again on Saturday, 28th October 2023. So, it's time to get your teams together and get training!

Bridgetown's Rotary President Collin Booth speaks about the event, "The Marathon is one of the Bridgetown Rotary Club's major fund-raising events for the year.

"The marathon has proved to be successful through the years attracting competitors from all over the south west and metropolitan area to compete, and they just love this event.

"Last year the organizing committee had to make a few changes to the course because of safe public access at certain points. Those changes worked out well and will be the same this year. The changes were the canoe leg was shortened by around two kilometres, it starts at Jaye's Road near Terry Road Bridge, the competitors go upstream and then do a U turn and come back down again to the bridge for the change over to the swimming leg.

"The running leg was also moved to run along Terry Road to keep off the main road but is the same length.

"This year we are also in planning for some 'Post Event' musical entertainment.

"We are grateful to have our regular caterers returning, including Tony Practico's ice-cream van, Lion's food van, the football club's bar and the Cidery.

"This year we have ongoing business partners sponsoring the event: Talison and the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes. We appreciate their support as it helps make the event such a successful one.

"So far this year we have an over 38% increase of competing teams that have registered, which is well ahead of where we were last year, so the indications are we will have a well-supported marathon.

"As you can imagine, it takes a lot of work to run an event like the Blackwood Marathon. We are looking for volunteers to help run this event, so if you would like to get involved

as a volunteer we have a job for you, you can email us at [info@blackwoodmarathon.org](mailto:info@blackwoodmarathon.org)

"The monies raised from the Rotary Blackwood Marathon goes back into the communities of Bridgetown, Boyup Brook and Greenbushes in the way of Community Grants to not-for-profit organisations in need. Later this year we will be announcing the Rotary Club of Bridgetown will be open for grant applications."

The Marathon is a unique event where competitors enter in teams comprising 4 or 5 members, or a single ironman or ironwoman. Starting in Boyup Brook and finishing in Bridgetown, competitors run, canoe, swim, horse ride (which is optional) and cycle across 60 km of picturesque Blackwood River Valley countryside.

The event is a mix of fun and sweat for the competitors, and excitement for the support teams and spectators. With many top athletes coming miles to compete alongside the many teams just joining in for the fun of it, it is a great and renowned event on the state's annual sports calendar.

The race concludes at the Bridgetown Sports Ground where everyone meets for good old-fashioned country hospitality, local music and then presentations to the winning teams. Whether teams enter each year to be highly competitive or simply to be part of this great weekend, they enjoy catching up with fellow competitors and friends, and enjoy the tranquil beauty of the countryside that is the South West.

This highly organised and superbly run event would not be possible without our sponsors. The event is a credit to the Bridgetown Rotary Club and the many local volunteers and associations who ensure the day runs like clockwork.

If you'd like to take part in this fantastic event, visit [www.blackwoodmarathon.org](http://www.blackwoodmarathon.org) for full details or email [info@blackwoodmarathon.org](mailto:info@blackwoodmarathon.org) or visit facebook [BlackwoodMarathonRelay](https://www.facebook.com/BlackwoodMarathonRelay)

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## Transition Bridgetown

We have been treated to a glorious start to spring with the warmer days. Hopefully, there is still more rain on the way but wonderful to revel in the sunshine for now.

What a lovely, sociable gathering of plastic lid washers and sorters were at the Ashbil Community Garden last Saturday morning which was well attended by residents of Bridgetown-Greenbushes and some from Boypup Brook as well! We appreciate the support of our Shire Waste Management Officer, Alexa Turner, as well as Susie Ascot's huge effort with stockpiling the lids over the months whilst Precious Plastics were awaiting new premises. We intend to make this a regular event. Come and join us! Visit our Facebook for dates and times or contact [transitionbridgetown19@gmail.com](mailto:transitionbridgetown19@gmail.com) and we will keep you informed.

We have plans for a Funky Fashion Show and Free Clothes Swap in collaboration with ABC War on Waste, Bridgetown for Free, Blackwood Youth Action and the shire. This will be held on Sunday 15th October 2pm-4pm after the school holidays.

This could be a good opportunity to part with a few of your good quality clothing items that you just don't wear anymore. After the fashion show you will be invited to come and browse and choose some gorgeous pieces for your new spring/summer wardrobe. See you there for a fun afternoon! Organise friends to come with you to make it a special shopping day without money and to help win the war on waste! If you'd like to volunteer as a model, to help dress/style the models or to sort and organise the clothes, please be in contact with us on [transitionbridgetown19@gmail.com](mailto:transitionbridgetown19@gmail.com).

We were privileged and moved to have Sandra Hill, Wadandi-Pibulmen-Menang Elder and Custodian / Visual Artist, and her daughter Tracie Pushman, Lecturer at the School of Indigenous Studies at UWA, present at our August Open Space on the topic of Indigenous Wisdom. Sandra talked about her thirty year professional Arts Practice and how this became her primary tool or mechanism to help her heal from the loss and trauma that she has experienced not only as a child stolen from her family, but as a child growing up in a white foster home. Sandra pleaded that Australians, both white and indigenous, vote YES to the Voice Referendum to be held on Saturday the 14th October. Emotionally, she spoke of how the elders are tired of fighting for equality to be heard and taken into consideration at a constitutional level. She fears for the future generations of our Indigenous people.

Transition Bridgetown supports the YES vote. What we have done in the past hasn't led to better health or educational outcomes for indigenous communities. We are the only democracy in the modern world that does not recognise its indigenous peoples in its constitution. At last we have the opportunity and the obligation to change this. We can instigate this change with voting YES at the referendum.  
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Craig Dawson, Mick Dewing and Sean Mahoney

## Geegeelup Village Partnership

A new partnership with Geegeelup Village Incorporated (GVI) and Talison Lithium Pty Ltd (Talison) will provide \$200,000 for groundworks to enable construction of more homes for seniors at Geegeelup Village, enhancing opportunities for further aging-in-place care and accommodation options in our community.

Geegeelup operates a 32 bed Residential Aged Care Facility and 54 units and houses in its retirement village. All current accommodation options are at capacity.

The Talison funding will be used primarily for earthworks and the installation of services to enable Geegeelup to build four new units on Allnut Street, Bridgetown.

"Geegeelup is a long-standing not-for-profit provider of facilities for the aged within the community of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, incorporated on 22nd January 1981 and is a much loved and respected provider of care and accommodation for the elderly," said Sean Mahoney, General Manager GVI.

"The Talison investment in facilities for our elders will be used to support Geegeelup's vision to grow and provide more opportunities for residents to age in their own community. The impact of this support will be life changing for Geegeelup," he said.

Talison General Manager - Operations, Craig Dawson, said the partnership would enable Talison to support Geegeelup to expand and improve facilities for seniors and in particular, provide options for independent living areas to meet local people's needs in their senior years.

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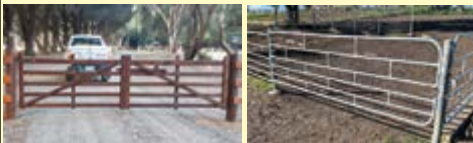
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# Show Talk

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Bridgetown Show Theme: "Multicultural Celebration" is starting to ramp up with some interesting activities, culinary delights, workshops and informative talks in the mix that relate to the multicultural theme. If you have something to add, contact the Committee now to be a part of the Open Shed Experience.

Memberships: Remember, if you have not received your reminder or would like to be a member, contact the Committee now. Talison Lithium are again sponsoring free entry for 12yrs/ Under.

2023 Schedule: This will hopefully not be too far away. With the last of the Sponsors being finalised as I write this, the online version will be announced. Most of the Sections change only slightly each year with a change in theme or some extra Classes. The Sheep Section will include Goats this year so if this is your interest then make sure you support the Show by entering in the relevant classes.

Colouring and Creative Competitions: The Colouring in Competition will be available again from the Newsagents towards the end of September and this year's all-ages Creative Competition will be a Flag - the flag can again be purchased then decorated with any medium used, to promote aspects of a Multicultural Celebration.

Entertainment: The Committee are in the early stages of planning a new, very active, fun challenge for Showday. There will be a large money prize on offer. Further details will be announced in the near future, so keep tuned to our website or facebook page for further updates.

Our next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th September 7.00pm in the Presidents Room at the Showgrounds. If you wish to contact the Ag Society, contact email [info@bridgetownshow.com.au](mailto:info@bridgetownshow.com.au) or phone 0437 602 836. The website is [www.bridgetownshow.com.au](http://www.bridgetownshow.com.au) or follow us on Facebook 'Bridgetown Agricultural Show'.



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## Transition Bridgetown

*Continued from page 10 ...* Talking about voting, don't forget to have your say at the Local Shire Council elections on 21st October. Nominations are being taken right now if you are considering applying as a candidate.

As the saying goes "We need to Be the change we want to See". Thanks to all the existing councillors for their dedication and time donated to our community.

Voting also will be taking place at the Transition Bridgetown inaugural AGM to be held on Sun 22nd October at the Uniting Church Hall 4.30-6.30pm. We have decided that it is time for us to become incorporated. We invite you all to become members of Transition Bridgetown – subscription is free for the duration of the 2023-2024 financial year and we have nominations for the Steering Group positions! Please save the date and join us on the 22nd Oct for film "Planet Local" and to share food together. Email [transitionbridgetown19@gmail.com](mailto:transitionbridgetown19@gmail.com) for further information.

Have a fabulous September everyone!

## Oh, What a Night

*Continued from back page...* "The OUCH Youth Festival initially got the name Ouch from the feeling of dread and impending pain some get from performing on stage, some on the night had that feeling, but after their performance it's the euphoric feeling of joy they get from an appreciative audience which makes them want to come back and perform again.

"The Repertory Theatre, Chris and myself have all been heaped with praise for running the festival, and we can't wait to start all over again next year."

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The Birds on Farms workshop has been broken into two components, the first one on Wednesday September 13th at the Bridgetown Public Library, is an information session on the Birds on Farms project, how you can get involved and what makes a bird friendly farm. The second session, on Thursday September 14th, will be held out in the field (site TBA) and will show participants how to undertake a bird survey using the Birdata app and how to complete a habitat assessment.

If you would like to attend one or both workshops, please register your interest with Karrie Williamson at the Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Landcare Office on [nrmbridgetown@gmail.com](mailto:nrmbridgetown@gmail.com).

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## Oh, What a Night

On Saturday night the 26<sup>th</sup> August the OUCH Youth Festival was presented in front of a full house at the Bridgetown Repertory Theatre.

The OUCH Festival is run along the lines of a talent quest, in that there are many and varied acts. In all there were sixty-one performers on the night.

The performers showcased their talents with a wide variety of performances on display, there were dancers, singers, musicians and a variety of stage plays, with a rock band to finish the show.

The OUCH Youth Festival is run by the Bridgetown Repertory Theatre under the guidance of Meegan Cullen and Chris Shedley, with all the performers being seventeen or under in age.

A delighted Meegan Cullen takes us through the evening, "The youth who performed in the show came from throughout the district; Bridgetown Beatz, under the tuition of Emma Pickering and Jayne Dittrich, had 30 students who performed a number of ballet dances and hip-hop dances.

"Mark and Marisa De Vattimo from MMDV Music, their students, three soloist and two bands impressed all with their talents throughout the evening.



A gathering of OUCH Festival performers on the night

"There were also a number of other independent artists who were also standouts on the night, all their performances really were special.

"The Bridgetown Youth Theatre (BYT) performed scenes from their four one act plays, then to complete the show a rock band finished the night with the Black Sabbath hit 'Paranoid'.

"It was a fantastic night with each dance, song, play and band receiving rapturous applause.

"The OUCH Youth Festival has now been run since 2003 and seems to be going from strength to strength each year, and every year it seems to get better.

"This year's festival was once again a surprising display of the talent within our community, every act was a standout with all performers having their chance to shine...*Continued page 14*

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