

Community Spirit

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Chenda worthy recipient of Shire's highest honour

The Shire of Ravensthorpe is pleased to announce Mrs Richenda Goldfinch of Jerdacuttup will receive the honorary title of Freeman of the Shire at an event in Hopetoun this Australia Day.

Under section G.19 of the Shire of Ravensthorpe Council Policy, the honorary title may be bestowed upon "a person who has served the community on a continuous basis for greater than 15 years in an outstanding and meritorious manner."

Mrs Goldfinch, a distinguished writer, artist, teacher and musician, is being recognised for her unwavering passion for both the arts and the environment.

"I'm humbled by this honour, but also a little embarrassed. There are so many others who have done more than me, so I am quite gobsmacked," Mrs Goldfinch said.

"All creativity is important and should be celebrated. Encouraging children to be creative, whether it be through art and music, or even through sport and gardening, is vital.

"I really enjoyed teaching singing and music to children all over the Shire."

Her artwork can be found in many local buildings and has been used in numerous brochures promoting the region. A significant set of

collages depicting the history of local medical services is featured in the foyer of Ravensthorpe Hospital. Mrs Goldfinch designed and typeset the murals using her own paintings and historical photographs.

For the recent 40th anniversary of the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show Mrs Goldfinch was designer, desktop publisher, typesetter, writer and contributing artist for Natural Connections, a collectable hardcover book celebrating local flora and fauna. She has also written and illustrated a number of books, including the On Goldy's Farm series for children.

After 40 years teaching music and singing to the children of the Jerdacuttup Primary School and beyond, Mrs Goldfinch now leads and conducts the Qualup Choir (an adult choir named after the local wildflower the qualup bell) who are due to perform at the Australia Day service in Hopetoun.

"It's a shame I won't be singing with the choir on Australia Day as I do love singing, but I also love conducting and it is actually




rather important for a choir to have a conductor," Mrs Goldfinch said.

Shire President Tom Major said Mrs Goldfinch, who is widely known as Chenda, is a worthy recipient of the Shire of Ravensthorpe's highest honour.

"Chenda serves as an inspiration to many within our community. Her remarkable leadership over several decades has greatly contributed to the enhancement of our community, particularly through her tireless dedication to the arts and the environment," President Major said.





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RNO transitions to new operating model

In January this year RNO announced a new operating model to ensure that we remain economically viable for the future. We would like to assure our local communities that we remain absolutely committed in our partnership, and in particular to remaining a key part of our local schools, community groups and businesses.

RNO will continue the Community Grants Program and support the community albeit it in a limited capacity.

We will continue to maintain a significant residential workforce in Hopetoun and Ravensthorpe.

RNO is not shutting down and there is no intention to cease nickel production at RNO. Our plan is focused on ensuring we remain an important part of the regional economy and the nickel sector and we are working hard to execute our plan in the next few months.

More importantly, by continuing to operate with the new model, RNO will be able to respond swiftly to an improving nickel price in the next few years.

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First Quantum Minerals (FQM) will reduce its operating activities at Ravensthorpe Nickel Operation (RNO) with suspension of mining operations at the Shoemaker Levy ore body and bypassing the high-pressure acid leach (HPAL) circuit.

Existing ore stockpiles will continue to be processed through the Atmospheric Leach circuit providing significant mining and processing cost reductions.

This new operating model represents a three-year plan under which RNO will maintain production of nickel concentrate from ore stockpiles before recommencing mining activities at Hale Bopp and Halley's ore bodies. The three-year plan represents the anticipated period for weaker nickel prices.

The decision results from the significant downturn in the nickel price experienced during 2023, combined with currently higher operating costs in Western Australia, and a requirement to improve the financial viability of RNO at current nickel prices.

The cessation of mining and associated processing activities at RNO will reduce the company's directly employed workforce at the site by approximately 30%, with contractors to be redeployed by their employers.

RNO General Manager Scott Whitehead said reducing the mine's operating activities for a sustained period was the best decision for the company, workforce and local region.

"Transitioning to a new operating model will allow us to continue to produce and export our nickel product, which is a critical mineral and has a lower carbon footprint than other suppliers. The operational changes will ensure RNO remains viable longer term and we will retain most of our residential



FQM AUSTRALIA NICKEL

and FIFO workforce, thereby supporting the communities of Hopetoun and Ravensthorpe and providing income for the region and Western Australia," Mr. Whitehead said.

"It's important we position ourselves to respond in a timely manner to future improvements in the nickel price by being able to reactivate our mining activities at the preferred time."

RNO will remain a significant local nickel concentrate exporter, expecting to produce on average approximately 16,000 contained tonnes per annum over the next three years. RNO produces an ESG-focused, compliant battery grade nickel which is in the lowest quartile of CO2 emissions globally and will be increasingly critical to industries and consumers in the United States and European Union as part of the transition to a decarbonized economy.

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Word of the Day

quotidian adjective | kwoh-TID-ee-un

Definition:

Something described as quotidian occurs every day or occurs routinely or typically. More broadly, quotidian is used as a synonym of commonplace and ordinary.

Did You Know?

In William Shakespeare’s play As You Like It, the character Rosalind observes that Orlando, who has been running about in the woods carving her name on trees and hanging love poems on branches, “seems to have the quotidian of love upon him.” The Bard’s use doesn’t make it clear that quotidian comes from a Latin word, quotidie, which means “every day.” But as odd as it may seem, his use of quotidian is just a short semantic step away from the “daily” adjective sense. Some fevers come and go but occur daily; in medical use, these are called “quotidian fevers” or simply “quotidians.” Poor Orlando is afflicted with such a “fever” of love.



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Inflated numbers attend Hopetoun IGA Big Summer Splash

The conditions in Mary Ann Haven could not have been more perfect for swimming on the morning of the "Morwong Mile" - Hopey Swims 4th Annual Open Water Swimming Event.

Twenty keen swimmers started the day with a quick stretch and warm up before entering the water and making their way across the bay to Flathead Point.

The calm, clear conditions were an ocean swimmers dream and made the one-mile course an easy and enjoyable challenge. Perfect visibility made it easy to spot many species of marine life including the big friendly Morwongs who reside in the bay.

Hopetoun IGA kindly donated brunch and coffee under the newly refurbished hut, which was a great opportunity for swimmers to reflect on how lucky we are to have such an amazing ocean to swim in right at our doorsteps.

Excited to see some sunshine at last, locals and holiday makers got into the summer spirit in a huge way at the Hopetoun IGA Big Summer Splash!

A vibrant crowd carrying inflatables in all shapes and sizes launched off the jetty and made their way into shore, drifting in a floating fiesta of laughter and smiles.

The Hopetoun IGA Big Summer Splash is a highlight of the Hopetoun Progress Associations - Summer Festival Program, and it was great to see so many families get involved, making it such an amazing day.

Hopey Swim would like to thank all our volunteers for helping on the day - BBQ Chefs, Water Safety Officers, Music Coordinators, St John Ambulance Vollyies,

Photographers, Food Prep Helpers and Hopetoun Progress Association - it was an amazing community effort.

Our last big thank you goes to our incredible sponsor Hopetoun IGA who provided enough food and drinks to feed over 300 hungry beach goers FREE of charge!

Please take a moment to thank Russ and Asti if you see them around - the contribution's they make to our community go above and beyond, and we are so very grateful for their support.

See you next year for a bigger and better SPLASH!!

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Tristan, Wotan, Hooky & Snooky

■ Aberline's Monthly Story Corner

"Happy New Year!"

Biscuits, fruit, milk, and cocoa were waiting on the long oak table in the dining room.

Miss Sparkle sat and wondered who would love these two beautiful boys.

Meanwhile, Tristan and Wotan had settled into food hunting from bins and climbing their big tree to be safe. At night, they climbed through the window, drinking milk that Hooky and Snooky had been given to drink just before bedtime and leftover meat taken from their plates at dinnertime.

Tristan spoke first.

"Wotan, I think it's time."

Tristan's tears began to fall onto his ginger and creamy fur.

"Hooky and Snooky, You love us, don't you?"

Both boys sat stunned. They stared at each other and back to Tristan and Wotan.

Together, "Yes!"

Slowly, Hooky picked up Tristan.

Slowly, Snooky picked up Wotan.



"Tristan, Wotan, we will never let you go."

"Wotan, look, look at the moonlight. Mum is watching."

Tristan looked up and out of the window.

The red Coles bag was on the floor, waiting to be opened.

Tristan and Wotan slid out from the loving arms that held them. Hooky and Snooky watched and remained silent.

Wotan placed his paw into the bag and pulled out the large brown envelope, then the red prayer book. Hooky and Snooky were silent. Tristan's claws ripped at the envelope. Out fell two pieces of paper. Out fell two small collars with council tags attached.

Hooky and Snooky stared at the papers.

Hooky read, "HEATHRIDGE PET SHOP WA.

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Mum had not told them.

Then Snooky read,

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Cat: Male Name Tristan Birth unknown

Cat: Male Name Wotan Birth unknown

Owner: Mrs. Pamela Larkins

Address: 16 Penguin Close Heathridge WA 6027"

"We were orphans in a box. Now we are just like you, orphans in a home," muttered Tristan.

"Yes," said both boys softly.



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—Illustrations by Toni

Help needed to continue Containers for Change!

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The Hopetoun Men in Sheds have been manning the Containers for Change depot for the whole Shire (and beyond) since its inception in 2020.

While this has benefitted several community groups and individuals over this period, the small group of men who are putting in the work necessary to ensure this service is provided are getting worn out.

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Science events captivate all ages

■ Hopetoun Community Resource Centre

The Hopetoun Community Resource Centre (CRC) has provided community engagement and education through STEM activities at the 2024 FQM Hopetoun Summer Festival, contributing an impressive 20 events to the festival that captivated audiences of all ages.

Funding from Inspiring WA STEM Grant enabled Hopetoun CRC to design and execute a diverse range of science-based events, focusing on themes including Marine Science, Architecture & Design, and Environmental Conservation. Hopetoun CRC's dedication to promoting STEM education was evident in each planned event.

Marine Science themed events focused on the Great Southern Reef and participants were treated to experiences including Marine Art Studies with local artist, Emily Dawn and an insightful field trip with Marine Biologist and underwater cinematographer, Stefan Andrews. Attendees had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the Great Southern Reef and learn about our local marine ecosystem.

While visiting our region, Stefan spent a week filming and interviewing passionate locals from Hopetoun, Bremer Bay and Esperance, creating a short film 'Reef Reflections'. A tribute to the local reefs, biodiversity and the pristine nature of this region, Reef Reflections is a collaboration with Save Our Marine Life and shares the stories of locals and their connection to the ocean. More than 80 people attended the film premier in Hopetoun during the Summer Festival which is to be released online shortly.

Architecture & Design enthusiasts found inspiration in Hopetoun CRC's fun and innovative events, exploring the intersection of art and functionality. Workshops included creating structures using only spaghetti and marshmallows as well as paper tower challenges and a technical drawing workshop looking at architectural and eco design principles.

Environmental Conservation was also part of Hopetoun CRC's lineup of event themes, emphasising the importance of protecting and providing habitats for our local wildlife. Landscape Ecologist, Nathan McQuoid was the guest presenter for 3 fully booked Animal Habitat Workshops. Participants learnt about different animal habitats within our Fitzgerald Biosphere and had a real hands-on experience creating their own animal habitats to take home. These included Frog Hotels, Bug Houses and nesting boxes for birds and small mammals. Huge thank you to Alan Higgins and the Fitzgerald Biosphere Community Collective for supporting this project. Materials for the project were kindly provided by Beecroft Plumbing & Gas, Hopetoun Men in Sheds and generous community members.

Hopetoun CRC are very proud to have contributed these wonderful events towards the 2024 FQM Hopetoun Summer Festival which was a true testament to the power of community collaboration. Congratulations to all the community groups involved with special thanks to Hopetoun Progress Association and FQM.

For more information about the Hopetoun Community Resource Centre and its ongoing initiatives, please visit www.hopetounwa.com contact crc@hopetounwa.com or follow our socials @hopetouncrc



■ Eli & Katie with their nesting box.



■ Leilani's Owl Lodge.



■ Marine Art Study.

Science events captivate all ages



■ Marine Science Field Trip with Stefan Andrews.



■ Oliver with his winning spaghetti marshmallow structure.



■ Fraser's Bug House.



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■ Paisley & Amarah with their paper tower.

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SHIRE OF RAVENSTHORPE

COMMUNITY UPDATE



AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Thank you to all who joined us to celebrate Australia Day at the Hopetoun Community Centre. We had a fantastic time!

Congratulations to all of the Community Citizen of the Year Award nominees and winners:

Community Citizen of the Year - Gavin Gibson

Community Group or Event - Qualup Choir

Senior Community Citizen of the Year - Rod Daw

Honorary Freeman of the Shire - Chenda Goldfinch

The Shire of Ravensthorpe also congratulates Ian and Chenda Goldfinch for both being awarded Order of Australia Medals on Australia day for their outstanding service to Ravensthorpe.

Pictures: Qualup Choir, top. Chenda Goldfinch and Shire President Tom Major, middle. Gavin Gibson and Rod Daw, bottom. Ian and Chenda Goldfinch, next page. Shire President Tom Major, next page.





MESSAGE FROM SHIRE PRESIDENT

Each new year comes with challenges and 2024 kicked it off early with the news First Quantum Minerals (FQM) are halting mining operations and reducing their workforce by 30 percent at the Ravensthorpe Nickel Operation (RNO).

This was a disappointing announcement but didn't come as a shock to many due to the global slide in nickel prices in the past year.

Mining boom and bust cycles have been part of the Ravensthorpe region for over 100 years and this latest announcement will form another chapter in our mining story. With that said, the impacts of the recent announcement will be significant for those directly affected along with businesses and community groups.

The Shire has initiated conversations with the Government of Western Australia to see how it can assist our region through this latest downturn. At the grass roots level, it is more important than ever that we unite as a community – look out for our mates, talk to our neighbours, shop local and keep an eye on those affected.

On a brighter note, the annual Australia Day breakfast was held in Hopetoun and it was a great privilege to recognise Chenda Goldfinch as an Honorary Freeman of the Shire of Ravensthorpe. Further to this, both Chenda and her husband, Ian, received Order of Australia Medals in the 2024 Australia Day Honours List, in recognition of their exceptional service to the community – a huge day for the Goldfinch family and a very proud one for our community!

It was also great to see David Blumberg receive Australian Citizenship and to award some very worthy Australia Day Award recipients: Gavin Gibson, Rod Daw and the Qualup Choir.

Congratulations to all the award recipients and thanks to the Shire team who cooked everyone breakfast and put on a great event!

On behalf of the Shire of Ravensthorpe, I wish you all the very best for 2024 and I look forward to working with you all.

Cr Tom Major
President
Shire of Ravensthorpe

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ANNUAL ELECTORS
MEETING
TUES 6 FEB 2024
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MEET OUR SHOREBIRDS...

The soaring highs and plummeting lows of a Hoodie breeding pair

■ Fitzgerald Biosphere Group

This summer our attention has been rivetted on a little sand island on the Wellstead Estuary where a fascinating story has been unfolding before our eyes.

Anne Gadsby, one of our local birding experts, has followed the trials and tribulations of a pair of Hooded Plovers, on the Wellstead Estuary for many years. You might say the prequel to this particular story is that Anne last observed a pair of Hoodies successfully fledge chicks in 2017. Every year since then a pair (believed to be the same birds each time but we can't confirm it) have failed despite making multiple attempts each season.

This year, we dare to hope things might be different. Anne first noticed a pair brooding in October, on exposed sand near where the temporary fence is now, but before it was put up. The nest was abandoned fairly soon after it was first sighted though we don't know why.

Anne kept a close eye on the pair and was delighted to report they were nesting again, further up the estuary this time. Every day she checked from a distance and on Day 30 - the third of January - she reported hatching success. Our first early morning estuary walk for the summer was the following day and our group had the enormous luck to watch two



chicks (runners) racing in mad little spurts across the sand, into the vegetation, along the mudflats, occasionally darting under a parent for rest and shelter.

Meanwhile, in frantic efforts to keep them safe, their dedicated parents took on any predator that came too close. Most often this was seagulls, of which there are many on the estuary. They are a common source of nest failure because they prey on eggs and also take chicks.

Later that same day, myself, Annie Leitch from the Fitzgerald Biosphere Community Collective, Ants and Finn Thomas went back to check on the Hoodie family. As we enjoyed the antics of the runners, three of us through our binoculars, Annie behind the lens of her camera, a raven suddenly entered the picture and in a flash, took one of the chicks. The second runner immediately disappeared into covering vegetation while the parents went into full-blown defence mode, attacking the raven, trying to distract it with broken wing displays. To no avail. The raven ignored them, walking calmly through the vegetation with the chick in its beak.

On shore, the observers went ballistic too. There may have been some extreme cursing, which only increased when Annie, who kept taking pics through the entire incident, showed us the evidence none of us wanted to believe. The raven had picked the second chick from its cover too. We watched in devastated silence as the raven flew off with both runners and the parents ran frantically around the sand island calling for their chicks. Fairly soon the raven was back, following the parents around in case there was more to take.

Tipping the scales

While ravens and seagulls are natural predators of chicks and eggs, numbers of both species have increased greatly around human habitation whilst Hooded Plover numbers are decreasing rapidly.



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MEET OUR SHOREBIRDS...

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■ From page 14

The temporary fence has significantly reduced disturbance on the estuary. Many people keep their dogs and bikes off it and are staying good distances from loafing, breeding and feeding birds.

Another important thing people can do is put fish carcasses and offal in the bins at the fish cleaning station instead of feeding them to pelicans. Often the fish carcasses are too big for the pelicans and they draw seagulls to the area where shorebirds are breeding. Seagulls, pelicans and ravens are expert hunters and don't need the additional food.

All of these simple actions can add up to tip the scales back in favour of increased breeding success for beach nesting birds. They desperately need it.

Back to the Hoodies

The most recent chapter in the story of the Hoodie pair (#powercouple as Annie Leitch refers to them) is currently taking place. Anne Gadsby reports they are now midway through their third breeding attempt.

The waters on the estuary are drying fast. It's a tempting place to ride your bike or exercise your dog. Resisting the temptation will make a big difference to these birds. The next few weeks are a crucial time for #powercouple and numerous Red-capped Plovers who are also nesting and trying to fledge chicks at the moment. We'd be delighted to report their success in the coming weeks but we need your help to get them across the line.

Photographs from far left: Hooded Plover brooding both runners, adult with runner, raven with both runners. Photographs courtesy Annie Leitch.

Summer shorebird walks

We did manage to tear ourselves away from the Hoodies long enough to hold four early morning estuary walks, two lead by Anne Gadsby and two lead by Steve Elson, experienced birder and Environment Officer for Shire of Jerramungup.



On Anne's walks we focused on the breeding Hoodies and Red-capped Plovers. Steve took us along the temporary fence to demonstrate how well camouflaged beach nesting birds and their eggs are, and how easy it is to inadvertently destroy them. We recorded over 20 bird species on each of Steve's walks in a quite small area.

Many thanks once again to Steve and Anne for generously giving of their time and knowledge and to Annie Leitch for her wonderful photos of the Hoodies. Thanks also to everyone for continuing to stay off the estuary and giving our shorebirds the peace and space they need.

—Leonie McMahon
Bremer Projects Division, FBG

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Mining on Pinjarra/Williams Road

Letter to the Editor

I live in Quindanning and am a member of a group called LEAP which stands for Locals for Environmental Action and Protection, and am very concerned about the mining of the Quindanning Timber Reserve (QTR) which is the home of the endangered Quindanning Spider Orchid (Caladenia Hopperiana).

It is also the eastern edge of the Northern Jarrah Forest. The Jarrah Tree is endemic to south west Western Australia, it becomes wandoo country as you travel further east. It is also home to the Forest Red Tailed Black Cockatoo, Chuditch, Red Tailed Phascogale all classed as vulnerable. Brush Tailed Phascogale, classed as conservation dependent, Baudin's Black Cockatoo, Carnaby's Black Cockatoo, Numbat, Woylies all classed as endangered, South West Barking Owl, South West Masked Owl classed as priority three. Quenda, Tamar Wallaby, Western Brush Wallaby, Western False Pipistrelle, Water Rat classed as priority four.

As the Pinjarra/Williams Road is a very busy through way for people travelling from south and south east of Williams thorough to Mandurah, Kwinana,

Rockingham and Fremantle, I wish to make you aware that although South 32 have permission to mine some of the QTR, they are seeking permission from the government to extend their mining footprint. The expansion will cross Albany Highway and continue up to Brookton.

At this time they are in the middle of constructing an overpass for their haul trucks and mining equipment to reach the tree QTR on the eastern side of the Pinjarra/Williams Road. The clearing you can see now is for the overpass and haul roads.

When they start mining the visual pollution and destruction will be much worse.

South 32 also wish to increase their water allowance from 500 mega litres (500,000,000 litres) to 900 mega litres (900,000,000 litres) a year, to primarily spray on roads for dust suppression. To fulfill this they wish to put more bores down in the QTR. As climate change is such a high item in all our minds and we cannot survive without water this scares me enormously.

In the Worsley Mine Expansion (Revised Proposal environmental review document, June 2022), they measure

visual pollution by how long it takes to pass an area of concern. If it takes five seconds to pass a visual pollution site then they class that as very low impact because it is in our sight for such a short time. Apparently they feel we won't remember the impact as it is so quick. Goldfish swimming in a bowl pops into my mind.

This mining company is causing distress and despair to our community. They do not have social license to destroy the forest.

If you have worries about hte ongoing destruction of our native bushland, please visit our Facebook--LEAP, and if you would like to be included on our email list our address is leap4locals@outlook.com

You will be able to receive information on politicians email address to voice your concerns which we urge you to do and also other information relevant to South 32's future mining footprint.

Please look out for the painted silos on the right hand side of the road heading north on the Pinjarra/Williams Road just past the Quindanning Cemetary.

—Anne



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Busy summer of bowls

■ Hopetoun Bowls

We have had plenty of bowls over the holidays with lots of old friends joining us for our Sponsored Days from surrounding areas.

Mixed Scroungers December 20th was sponsored by Lance Goddard with 15 players participating. Rink winners Margot Hawkins, Darryl Quinn, Brian Button, Bill Pike and Bob Suenis with the winners being Margot and Darryl.

December 27th, sponsored by David Tonkin, with 14 players. Rink winners Dani Carter, Carole Lee, Coral Grant, David Tonkin, Alec Woods, with the winners being Dani and David.

January 3rd, with 18 players, sponsored by Desie Barr. Rink winners Coral Grant, Mary Kornaus, Peter Walker, Des Barr, Stan King and Alec Woods. The winners Alec and Peter.

January 10th, with 18 players, sponsored by Simon Flick from Simons Market Café. Rink winners Donna Carter, Peter Walker, Sue Lee, Coral Grant, Alec Woods and Bob Suenis with the winners being Donna and Coral.

January 17th, with 13 players, sponsored by Manus Lochner. Rink winners Bob Suenis, Alec Woods, Bub McGlenn and Morrie Smith. Winners were Bub and Bob.

January 24th, with 11 players, sponsored by Frank Green. Rink winners Richard Lee, Coral Grant, Donna Carter and Darryl Quinn. Winners being Coral and Donna.

Pennants were played on January 6th with the Men playing Condingup and having a win 4pts to 1pt. Des Barr's team beating Jason Feigert's team 24-17 and Brian Button's team losing to Ted Young's team 19-20.

The ladies played against Esperance, both teams losing their games. Coral Grant's team to Marilyn Jackson's team 18-20 and Sue Lee's team to Elaine Rule's team p10-24. Meaning we lost top spot on the ladder.

Against Condingup at Scaddan with both teams having a win. Coral's team beating Helen Perks' team 17-11 and Sue's team beating Sally Growden's team 23-13, Hopetoun 5pts.

December 30th was social bowls with 29 players playing Pairs and Triples.

On Sunday January 7th, it was the Darryl Panizza, Dawson's Funeral Services Day combined with the Cancer Day with 34 players playing Pairs and Triples and more people arriving for the Auction at 5pm with our Honourable Auctioneer coming out of retirement—thank you Herbie, you haven't lost it enticing the last few dollars from us for such a good cause with \$3500 raised.

The game was played with pairs and triples, two games of eight ends. Joint winners with +16 were Brian Button, David Horrigan and Judy Walker and Coral Grant, Carole Lee and Bruce; 2nd with +13 were David Tonkin, Bill Pike and Eva Flanagan. 4th with +10 Margot Hawkins, Mary Kornaus and Carole Lee.

The winners of the pairs were Terry Lord and David Tonkin.



■ Peter, Donna, Sue, Wendy, Frank, Pam and Bettina.



■ Syd, Richard, Celine, Sue, Pam, Bettina, David, Geoff and Judy.



■ Peggy, Dani, Rod, Denise, Larrie.



■ Dani, Michelle, Trish, Aaron, Beau.



Deadlines for 2024

In 2024 the Community Spirit is maintaining its' deadline at 5pm Monday so you can get the latest information into your local paper

We are also including another edition for more of your local news and information!

ISSUE DATE	DEADLINE
1—February 1, 2024.....	Monday January 29
2—February 15, 2024.....	Monday February 12
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9—May 23, 2024.....	Monday May 20
10—June 6, 2024.....	Monday June 3
11—June 20, 2024.....	Monday June 17
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Busy summer of bowls

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The winners of their prizes generously donated back to the Cancer Day.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the auction items and to the bidders.

Thank you to Bub McGlenn, Stan King and Bob Suenis who organised and worked at a private function held at the Club for a Soccer Club from Perth who were holidaying at Hopetoun.

January 14th was the Robert and Gus' Memorial Day. Thank you to our sponsors Bettina and Bronwynne and Pam with Bettina able to join us for the event. With 20+ players playing 4 teams pairs and 4 teams triples, 3 games 12 ends.

The Pairs Winners with 7pts +3 were Frank Green and Wendy Stublely, runner up with 6 pts +23 were Peter Chrisp and Donna Carter.

Triples winners were Judy Walker/Morrie Smith, David Horrigan and Geoff Hall with 9 pts +16, runners up with 4 pts +1 were Richard Lee, Syd Walker and Celine Roussel.

The Port 1000 was held on the 21st with a full complement of 20 teams with thanks to Michael and Christine Gianni for your continuing sponsorship, playing three games of 14 ends.

Running third with 3 wins +25 was Ted and Rachel Young, Rex and Sally Growden, 2nd with +28 were Rod and Denise Edwards and Peggy and Larry Cox, and the winners with +33 were Beau and Michelle Waddell, Trish Rintoul and Aaron Hall.

The Ladies travelled to Esperance to play in the League Fours with Condingup winning the day, Esperance, Hopetoun then Scaddan. Congratulations to Coral Grant, Margot Hawkins, Sue Lee, Donna Carter, Denise Edwards and Jackie Button who were chosen to represent our League in the ILRR Fours Competition. Congratulations girls.

Thank you to all our members and non members who worked tirelessly for five days to prepare for these big events and make them so successful and a big shout out to all our sponsors—without you we couldn't hold these events.

—Pam Cousins

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

- February 3rd: Ladies Pennants at Hopetoun.
- February 4th: Hancock/Chambers Mixed Pairs.
- February 6th: Ladies League Singles at Hopetoun.
- February 7th & 14th: Ladies Bowls 9am; Scroungers 1pm.
- February 10th: Mens Pennants at Ravensthorpe.
- February 10th-11th: Ladies IZRR at Geraldton.
- February 11th: Mens Championship Singles.

Sport News

Two days of excellent bowling

■ Hopetoun Ladies Classic

This year we had 16 teams of Fours playing with players from Esperance, Condingup, Scaddan, Ravensthorpe, Hopetoun, Mt Barker, Ongerup, Newdegate, Corrigin, Denmark, Lake Grace, Dudley Park, Gnowangerup, Westonia, Kulin, Middleton Beach and Emu Point.

With beautiful weather over the two days, we were all set for some great games. With everything running smoothly until 10 minutes before opening, we found one team hadn't turned up so mad panic we had to take our kitchen helpers from Donna to make up a team—thanks to everyone for filling in for the two days.

Thank you to everyone that helped over the four days—Donna Carter and her band of helpers, especially Jan Hanson who came to our call for help, Bub McGlenn and his bar staff, Madeline Bell and Pam Cousins for the raffles, Coral and Alan Grant for all the help, Alec Woods and his ground staff, Sue Lee Captain and Margot Hawkins Vice Captain and everyone that cooked and prepared food and helped in any way to make it a very successful Carnival.

To our sponsors, without you we couldn't hold these events—Horizon Power for their support in supplying sponsorship for all the food, Macca's and The Bowling Club lotto for the rink wins and Cleanaway, Hopetoun CWA, Esperance Funeral Directors, OD Transport, Ray White, L.J. Hooker and Shire of Ravensthorpe for the prizes.

We played 5 games of two hours on the clock. With lucky card winners Lead Ros Chapman, 2nd Elle Herwig, 3rd Pat Morgan, Skip Caroline Williams.

Running 4th with 9 pts +22 was Emu Point Yvonne Shalders, Helen Brown, Di Buxton and Izzy Mason; 3rd with 12+7 were Middleton Beach Jill Bartholomeous, Emma Gleeson, Marlene Webb, Glenys Hemley; 2nd with 12+12 Westonia/Gnowangerup Ainsleigh Faithful, Lesley Downsborough, Kaye Geier, Aida Pocock and the winners were Esperance/Hopetoun/Ongerup with 12+34 Marilyn Jackson, Ollie Austin, Jade O'Neil and Coral Grant.

Two days of excellent bowling, friendship and fun.

—Pam Cousins



■ Pam, Sue, Marilyn, Ollie, Jade and Coral.



■ Pam, Sue, Ainsleigh, Kaye, Leslie, Aida.



■ Pam, Sue, Jill, Marlene, Emma, Glenys.

Quiz courtesy of Businessballs.com



1. Which tennis player beat Rafael Nadal to win his first US Open title in 2011?
2. Marinetti produced the manifesto for which movement? Pop Art, Orphism, Futurism, Mannerism
3. What structure joins a bone to a muscle? Ligament, Fascia, Nerve, Tendon
4. Lake Chrissie is in which African country?
5. By area, what is the smallest of the United Arab Emirates?
6. Which British football manager once said 'I wouldn't say I was the best manager in the business. But I was in the top one'?
7. Which Canadian island lies to the east of the Gulf of St Lawrence?
8. Who plays Edward Cullen in the 'Twilight' film series?
9. A famous tree named after which President lies on the 17th hole at Augusta? Nixon, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Lincoln
10. Which fictional superhero is known as 'The Man of Steel'?
11. A formicary is the nest or dwelling of which insect?
12. What is the capital of Sudan?
13. House, Hogline, Hacks and Button are all terms used in which sport?

14. Burpee's golden is a variety of what? Beetroot, Broad Beans, Broccoli, Cabbage
15. In the Disney film Aladdin, what colour is the Genie?
16. New Zealand born cartoonist David Low created which 'Colonel' in the 1930's?
17. How many AU's is Uranus away from the Sun? 10, 20, 30, 2
18. What was the nationality of 1946 Masters winner Herman Keiser? German, Swiss, American, Italian
19. 'Lucky Man' is a 2003 autobiography by which US actor?
20. Strangers In The Night and My Way were notable hits from whom? Peggy Lee, Dean Martin, Perry Como, Frank Sinatra
21. Which style was Juan Gris involved with? Abstract Expressionism, Futurism, Cubism, Fauvism
22. The winner of the UK television series 'The Apprentice' gets the chance to work for which British businessman?
23. What does the P in PGA stand for? Professional, Portishead, ProAm, Pitch
24. Venus of Urbino is a famous work by which artist? Johns, Titian, El Greco, Klee
25. What year was Yves Klein born? 1908, 1968, 1928, 1948
26. Which district in London is famous for its Royal Hospital for old soldiers?
27. Which British band released a 2006 album entitled 'Beautiful World'?
28. What kind of 'Vibrations' was Marky Mark feeling in the title of a 1991 song? Good, Cool, Bad, New
29. Which chemical element is represented by the letter 'Y' in the periodic table?
30. What is the airport code for San Francisco International Airport? SFO, FRS, SAF, SFR
31. The fictional characters William Dobbin and Rawdon Crawley appear in which

- novel?
32. Which English monarch founded Eton College?
33. Who was the first amateur to win the US Open? Francis Quimet, Dave Hunter, Johnny Mcdermott, Arnold Palmer
34. 'Richard III' is a late 16th Century play by which English playwright and poet?
35. Complete the title of the James Ingram hit "I Don't Have the....."? Heart, Time, Soul, Sense
36. Cato is the manservant of which fictional character?
37. The "Kariela Suite" is a work by which composer? Bruckner, Sibelius, Rimsky-Korsakov, Mendelssohn
38. Which I is the large broad bone forming the upper part of each half of the pelvis?
39. The mazurka is a dance from which country? France, Poland, Hungary, Switzerland
40. What is the Hebrew name for the small round cap worn by Jewish men?
41. The Kyat is the national currency of which Asian country?
42. Who created the musical score for the Lion King? Danny Elfman, John Williams, Hans Zimmer, Trent Reznor
43. How many Leap Days occur in 400 years?
44. Which four letter word beginning with 'F' is an ornamental design, consisting of repeated figures within a band or border, and a hole or worn spot made by abrasion or erosion?
45. The constructivist movement had its origins in which nation? Finland, Russia, Italy, England
46. Which band said it was "Pretty Fly for a White Guy" in the 1990s? Blink 182, Slipknot, Bloodhound Gang, The Offspring
47. Which planet is closest to the Sun? Mercury, Mars, Venus, Earth
48. Who wrote the novel 'The Da Vinci Code'?
49. In Britain, 'The Habeas Corpus Act' of 1679 was passed during the reign of which monarch?
50. Jeanne Hebuterne in a Red Shawl is a key work by whom? Amedeo Modigliani, Jeff Koons, Yves Klein, Ashrile Gorky

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ANSWERS: 1. Novak Djokovic; 2. Futurism; 3. Tendon; 4. South Africa; 5. Ajman; 6. Brian Clough; 7. Newfoundland; 8. Robert Pattinson; 9. Eisenhower; 10. Superman; 11. Ant; 12. Khartoum; 13. Curling; 14. Beetroot; 15. Blue; 16. Blimp; 17. 30; 18. American; 19. Michael J Fox; 20. Frank Sinatra; 21. Cubism; 22. Alan Sugar; 23. Professional; 24. Titian; 25. 1928; 26. Chelsea; 27. Take That; 28. Good; 29. Yttrium; 30. SFO; 31. Vanity Fair; 32. King Henry VI; 33. Francis Quimet; 34. William Shakespeare; 35. Heart; 36. Inspector Jacques Clouseau; 37. Sibelius; 38. Ilium; 39. Poland; 40. Kippah or Yarmulke; 41. Burma (Myanmar); 42. Hans Zimmer; 43. 97; 44. Fret; 45. Russia; 46. The Offspring; 47. Mercury; 48. Dan Brown; 49. King Charles II; 50. Amedeo Modigliani



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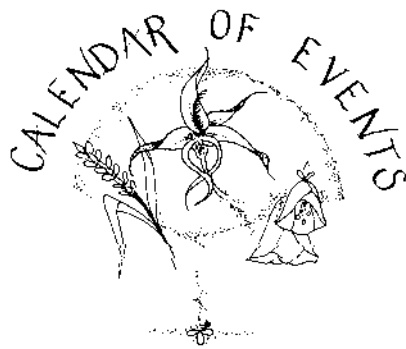
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February

- 2 Business Local: Emoewr Your Business Future Part 2: Bring Your Business Vision to Life, 1-2pm, Ravensthorpe CRC
- 2 Flashback Friday Disco-Ravensthorpe Youth Club, 5-7pm, Multipurpose Space, Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct
- 4 Hopetoun Local Markets, 9am-1pm
- 4 Ravensthorpe Tennis Club Social Tennis
- 6 Safer Internet Day
- 6 Annual Electors Meeting, 6-7pm, Ravensthorpe Council Chamber
- 6 Enduro Club meeting, 7-8pm, Clubhouse
- 7 South Coastal Agencies_Agronomy & Trial update, 2-5pm, Ravensthorpe
- 10 Community Market Day, 9am-1pm, Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct
- 11 Ravensthorpe Tennis Club Social Tennis
- 12 Community Spirit Deadline
- 13 DPIRD Food & Beverage Sector Update, 9am-1pm, Ravensthorps CRC
- 15-16 TAFE-Auschem Short Course, 8.30am-4.30pm, Ravensthorpe CRC
- 18 Ravensthorpe Tennis Club Social Tennis
- 19 HLTAID011-Provide First Aid Course, 8.30am-4.30pm, Ravensthorpe Sub Centre
- 20 Ravensthorpe Shire Meeting, 6-7pm
- 25 Ravensthorpe Tennis Club Social Tennis
- 26 Community Spirit Deadline
- 28 TAFE-Intermediate Excel Short Course, 9am-3pm, Ravensthorpe CRC
- 28 Priscilla Pop-Up: Hopetoun, 10.30am-12.30pm, Hopetoun CRC
- 29 Lincolns Rural Tour, 10am-2pm, Ravensthorpe CRC
- 29 Table Tennis Tournament, 4-5.30pm, Hopetoun Community Centre Hall

March

- 3 Hopetoun Local Markets, 9am-1pm
- 5 Enduro Club Meeting
- 8 TAFE: Intermediate Excel Short Course, 9am-3pm, Ravensthorpe CRC
- 10 Ravensthorpe Tennis Club Social Tennis
- 11 Tech time with NBNC0, 1.30-2.30pm, Ravensthorpe CRC
- 11 Community Spirit Deadline

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CHURCH NOTICES

ANGLICAN CHURCH

St Andrews Ravensthorpe service on the first and third Sunday of the month at 11am. Peter the Fisherman, Hopetoun service every Sunday at 9am followed by morning tea. Enquiries Kevin and Lyn Hosking, 9838 3130.

HOPETOUN

ARTITUDE VOCALS 3pm Mon (Vocals), Tues (Visual Arts), during term. ages 4+, Hopetoun Art Shed, Tamar St, www.raveaboutarts.com

ARTITUDE JUST DANCE 3pm Wed during term, ages 2+, Hopetoun Community Centre. www.raveaboutarts.com

ARTITUDE VISUAL ARTS 3pm Tuesday during term. Details & bookings www.raveaboutarts.com

BOWLS Wed Mixed Scroungers 1pm, Fri 4pm rollup & fun, Socail Bowls 1pm Sundays, Hopetoun Bowling Club. Ph Lance 0428 383 152.

CLUB MERLOT 7pm second Friday of the month, Hopetoun Shire Hall. Ph Sue 0407 981 301

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE at Hopetoun Men in Sheds, 86 Tamar Street, Hopetoun. Open Tuesdays & Thursdays 8.30am-12pm and 1-3pm and Saturdays 8.30am-12pm.

COMMUNITY NURSE Wed 9am-4pm, Fri 8am-4pm, Mary Ann Haven Centre

CRAFT Wednesdays from 1pm at Mary Ann Haven, all welcome.

CRC, Library & Visitor Centre Open Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. Committee Meetings bi-monthly, ask at CRC.

CWA 2nd Monday 1.30pm at Centre

CWA SHOP Saturdays 8.30 to 11.30. Library, secondhand goods, plants, fresh vegetables, fruit, eggs, cakes and pies, honey, jams, and relishes.

FIRE BRIGADE TRAINING First Sunday of each month from 15:00 to 18:00 unless the Sunday falls on a public holiday then it will be the 2nd Sunday at Emergency Services Building, Veal St Hopetoun.

GOLF Saturday Ladies and Men's Golf 18 holes - Winter season names in by 11.30 Tee Off 12 noon, - Summer Season names in by 12 noon Tee Off 12.30. Thursday Scroungers Ladies and Men's Golf 9 or 12 holes depending on the weather, names in by 1.15 Tee Off 1.30. Visitors and Learners are always welcome.

HOPETOUN CLAY TARGET CLUB Monthly shoot on Sundays 10am start

HACC HEALTH SERVICE Day Centre Program, Tuesdays, alternating weekly between Hopetoun and Ravensthorpe. Contact HACC for details.

HOPETOUN LOCAL MARKETS first Sunday of each month. Ray White Real Estate outside area at 9am to 1pm. Please contact Robyn Cockram 0429 925 569 or cockram36@gmail.com for more details.

HOPETOUN PLAYGROUP Fridays 9.30-11.30am Location changes contact via facebook.com/hopeplaygroup.

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HOPEY STUDY CLUB 2.45pm each Monday of school term.

LINE DANCING 1-3pm, Wednesdays, Mary Ann Haven Centre, Ph 9838 3378 Trlx.

LITTLE BEAT-BOP Hopetoun Community Centre, rear foyer, Mondays 9.15-9.45am, for School Term. Registrations required. Tel 9838 3062 or www.hopetounwa.com

MACHINING GROUP Thursdays phone Val 9838 3176

MEN IN SHEDS Tamar St Tues 9am-3pm, Thurs 8.30am-12, 1-3pm and Sat 9am-12pm. All men welcome contact Daryl 0428 442 517.

MENS STAY ON YOUR FEET Tues & Thurs 9am-10am at Mens Shed. Ph Greg 0458 524 516 or Daryl 0428 442 517.

OLD BASTARDS CLUB 12pm Fri, Gibson St, Hopetoun

PILATES Mon at 5.30pm (Maitland St Studio), Mon 6.30pm or Wed 8.30am, Hopetoun Community Centre. Contact Alison from MobiFit 0407 779 562.

PLAYGROUP 9.30-11.30am

POOL COMPETITION/DARTS Wednesdays 7.30pm Port Hotel.

POOL COMPETITION Wednesday 7pm Wavecrest Bar and

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QUALUP CHOIR Times vary, Hopetoun Seniors Centre. Phone 0447 385 049

RHYME TIME Every Thursday 9.15am (except school and public holidays) at Hopetoun Public Library (inside Hopetoun CRC). Free stories, songs and Rhymes for children under 2.

SEA SEARCH AND RESCUE Monthly training at Emergency Services Building, as indicated by regular signage on Veal St.

SENIOR CITIZENS Thursday 1.30pm. Meetings 1st Thursday every second month from June, 10 am at Mary Ann Haven.

SOCIAL TABLE TENNIS Fortnightly Mondays, 4-6pm, Hopetoun Community Centre

SOCIAL NETBALL 6.30pm, Hopetoun netball courts. Maddi 0487 458 174.

SOUTHERN SCRIBES Fourth Saturday 1pm, phone 9838 3472.

STAY ON YOUR FEET Fridays 9am-10am Mary Ann Haven.

STORYTIME Every Monday 10am (except school and public holidays) at Hopetoun Public Library (inside Hopetoun CRC) Free stories, songs, rhymes and craft. Suitable 0-5y.

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT Last Monday of the month, 4-6pm, Hopetoun Community Centre

TAI CHI Wed 10am, Hopetoun Community Centre Ph Alison 0407 779 562

YARN WITH HOPE Free individual counselling sessions 12-2pm, first Wed of every month. Hopetoun CRC

YOGA Hopetoun Progress Assoc Are running weekly yoga classes starting on July 29th. For more information call Rachael on 0401 272 585.

YOUTH SPACE 4-6pm, Wednesday, Hopetoun CRC, High School students only, Ph 9838 3062.

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RAVENSTHORPE

GOLF April- October Ladies Golf: Wednesday names in by 9am Men's Golf: Saturday names in by 12pm

GYM membership available. Contact Ravensthorpe Shire 9839 0000.

HAND GUN CLUB Every second Sunday 9am Contact Bill Auburn 0429 383 120.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY meets every second month on the second Tuesday in the Red Room of the RCC. Contact person, Rae Guest on 0429 380 045.

MUSEUM/INFORMATION CENTRE Open 10 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday or by appointment 9838 1583.

OP SHOP trading 10am to 1pm Tuesdays to Saturdays.

RAVENSTHORPE BASKETBALL For more information contact Ethan Clarke 0452 261 717.

RAVENSTHORPE BOWLING CLUB Every Saturday from September-May. Both men and women-names in at bowling club by 12.45pm. We are a small social club with new and visiting members especially welcome. We can supply bowls if needed. Contact 0429 146 315 for more info.

RAVENSTHORPE PLAYGROUP AND MOTHERS' GROUP Wednesday from 10am during school term, at RDHS, Hosking St. Please bring a piece of fruit to share.

RAVENSTHORPE TENNIS CLUB, Social Tennis is on Every Sunday from 4pm from October - March.

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE meets at 7.30 pm on second and fourth Wednesday of month at SES HQ, Morgan St.

STAY ON YOUR FEET EXERCISES exercises at Ravensthorpe Cultural Centre, Fridays 10-11am. New members welcome.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE & LIBRARY Open all day from 9am-4pm Monday to Friday.

TAI CHI every Wednesday morning 9.30-10.30am at the Ravensthorpe Cultural Centre. Contact Jessie Fairhead 0427 718 803.

If you know of any changes that are required to REGULAR EVENTS, please ensure you notify us at contributions@cospirit.net

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