

# Community Spirit

Available free online with news from West River, Hopetoun, Jerdacuttup, Munglinup, and Lake King and Ravensthorpe

## 41st Annual Wildflower Festival

# Off with a Bang!

That is how one must describe the first day of the 41st Wildflower Show. Over 200 eager people streamed through the door to be amazed at the beautiful, colourful, interesting and scientific displays within the town hall.

The day culminated with the official opening of the show. Dignitaries in attendance included Harley Coyne and Annie Dabb, Noongar Elders, Professor Stephen Hopper AC, Keith Bradby OAM, Shelley Payne MLC Member for the Agricultural Region, Peter Rundle MLA Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Matthew Bird Ravensthorpe Shire CEO, Ravensthorpe Shire councillors and Ian Mickle Esperance Shire president.

The ceremony started with Harley welcoming us to Country. The Carnaby Cockatoo silhouettes forming the backdrop on the stage was an apt reminder of the theme of this year's show.

Jenny Biddulph, Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show chair, welcomed all visitors and acknowledged sponsors which include



■ Stephen Hopper cutting the ribbon, Shelley Payne MLC assisting.

Photo supplied

Tourism WA, Allkem, First Quantum Minerals, Ravensthorpe Shire, Go West, Irene & Robert Bawden, Bush Heritage Australia, DBCA and Dr Manus Lochner of Cape Mount Barren Wines.

The Qualup Choir was then invited to perform Kaya—a Noongar welcome song which was followed by a song (written by Toni Ardent) rejoicing in the re-birth of nature after fire, and another song from Eve Green celebrating the Qualup Bell.

Keith Bradby, CEO of the

Gondwana Link project gave the opening address. His reflection on the last 40 years of conservation efforts, such as the establishment of the 1000 km long Gondwana Link bush corridor and insights into what the next 40 years could be looking like was thought provoking.

By the year 2063, Keith believes there will be better farming and mining practices, more in tune with nature; he was, however, unwilling to make predictions about the climate that might prevail

then!

Professor Steve Hopper, a conservation biologist internationally renowned, paid tribute to the encyclopaedic knowledge of natural systems held by First Nation people.

He explained that the seemingly untouched landscape viewed by the first European settlers was not 'virgin' bush, but actually a deeply 'humanised' landscape, fashioned by Australia's first inhabitants.

■ Continued page 3

# IT'S WILDFLOWER TIME!!!!

## SPRING ON THESE BEAUTIES NOW!



**15 France Street, Hopetoun:** \$460,000  
**4 bed 2 Bath 720sqm**

**Stunning Views from this Sunny Beauty!**

Welcome to this stunning residence! This remarkable home offers an enchanting blend of sweeping views, elevated position, and unrivalled qualities. Imagine waking up to panoramic vistas of the Barren Ranges, Fitzgerald National Park, and the majestic ocean. Positioned at the top of France Street, this north-facing residence is a true gem. Step inside and be captivated by the grandeur that awaits you. High ceilings create an airy and spacious ambiance, while the open living areas invite you to unwind and relax. The large windows and doors seamlessly connect the interior to the wrap-around decking, embracing the breathtaking views and surroundings. This could also make a great lock-and-leave holiday home, or short-stay accommodation investment opportunity! So many possibilities!



**4 Croydon Street, Hopetoun:** \$420,000  
**4 bed 2 bath 771sqm**  
**Hot, hot!! New to the Market!!!**

This charming house is now available for sale and offers a fantastic opportunity for homeownership or investment. With 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, this spacious property is perfect for families or those looking for extra space. The open floor plan allows for easy flow between rooms, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. This house boasts built-in robes in the bedrooms, providing ample storage space. The open fireplace adds a touch of character and creates a cozy ambiance during the colder months. There is an enclosed backyard, offering privacy and a safe space for children or pets to play. The price guide for this property makes it an excellent opportunity for buyers to secure their dream home, or investors to enter the market with a neat and contemporary property.



**48 Birdwood Street, Hopetoun:** \$420,000  
**3 bed (+ study) 2 bath 587 sqm**

**Fabulous views!**

Modern, roomy airy family home with incredible views. This T&R home, built in 2008 and situated on an easy care 587sqm block, is worth a look. It has 3 bedrooms plus office/home theatre, all with carpets and the bedrooms with built in robes. There's a spacious lounge room which leads through to an even bigger area - the kitchen and main living hub of the home. Attractive wood look flooring, huge sliding doors for access to the outside and to let in a generous amount of natural light, ample storage in the kitchen plus a reverse cycle air con make this great space ideal for a big family for entertaining, dining or just relaxing. And then there's the amazing views from the back deck over the Barrens Ranges and Fitzgerald River National Park - a perfect spot from which to enjoy spectacular sunsets.



**65 Maitland Street, Hopetoun:** \$415,000  
**4 bed 2 bath 687sqm**

**Great Investment or Family Home**

Welcome to 65 Maitland Street, Hopetoun! This stunning 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom house is the perfect investment or place to call home. With a secure tenant in place to May '24 and modern design, this property offers the ultimate investment opportunity or long term comfort and style. This property also boasts views to the Barren Ranges and Fitzgerald National Park from the front yard. The master bedroom is a true retreat, complete with an ensuite bathroom and a walk-in robe. The remaining three bedrooms are generously sized and feature built-in robes, ensuring plenty of space for the whole family. The second bathroom is conveniently located near the bedrooms and includes a bathtub for ultimate relaxation.

**Call Wendy Howell with your sales enquiries 0438 470 779**  
**RAY WHITE RURAL (SOUTH COAST WA)**

25 Veal Street Hopetoun  
 raywhiteruralsouthcoastwa.com.au  
 Ph: 08 9838 3100 • Residential Sales 0438 470 779 • Rentals 08 9838 3100 • Rural Sales 0429 299 797



## 41st Annual Wildflower Festival

# Off with a Bang!

■ From page 1

Steve also alluded to the wisdom and challenge of combining Aboriginal fire technology with 21st century practices, and suggested strategies Shires could adapt for more efficient and nature friendly fire mitigation. Steve had the honour of cutting the official show opening ribbon.

Finally, Shelley Payne MLC and Jenny Biddulph thanked the many volunteers who make the show happen, specifically botanists Anne Rick, Rosemarie Jasper, Katie White and Greg and Bronwen Keithery (WA Wildflower Society) without which some flowers might be mislabelled.

Official ceremony being thirsty work, the bar was opened and tasty dishes of paella prepared by Woodfire Treats in Albany handed around. The town hall was a buzz of conversations and it was clear that Wildflower Show No41 was off to a good start.

—MN for Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show committee



■ (Above) Harley Coyne welcoming us to Country.

■ (Top left) Jenny Biddulph welcoming all visitors.

■ (Middle left) Keith Bradby, Gondwana Link.

■ (Bottom left) Professor Stephen Hopper, Environmental biologist.



*This week's*  
**SPECIALS**

 <p><i>Serving Suggestion</i></p> <p><b>\$6.50</b> / kg</p> <p><i>Linley Valley</i> <b>BONED &amp; ROLLED PORK SHOULDER ROAST</b></p>	 <p><i>Serving Suggestion</i></p> <p><b>\$12</b> / kg</p> <p><i>Amelia Park</i> <b>LAMB SHOULDER ROAST BONE IN</b></p>																				
<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>Australian Beef Rump Steak.....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$27.00kg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>IGA 3 Star Beef Mince 500g .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$7.00ea</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Australian Chicken Drumsticks .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$4.00kg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>West Australian Hass Avocados .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1.99ea</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Australian Rubi Gold Apples .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$5.49kg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>West Australian Mandarins .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$3.49kg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>West Australian Cherry or Grape Tomatoes 200g.....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2.49ea</td> </tr> <tr> <td>West Australian Red Capsicum .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$6.49kg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Primo Wood Smoked Rindless Short Cut Bacon 175g .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$3.00ea</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bertolli Olive Oil 750ml selected varieties.....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$9.00ea</td> </tr> </table>		Australian Beef Rump Steak.....	\$27.00kg	IGA 3 Star Beef Mince 500g .....	\$7.00ea	Australian Chicken Drumsticks .....	\$4.00kg	West Australian Hass Avocados .....	\$1.99ea	Australian Rubi Gold Apples .....	\$5.49kg	West Australian Mandarins .....	\$3.49kg	West Australian Cherry or Grape Tomatoes 200g.....	\$2.49ea	West Australian Red Capsicum .....	\$6.49kg	Primo Wood Smoked Rindless Short Cut Bacon 175g .....	\$3.00ea	Bertolli Olive Oil 750ml selected varieties.....	\$9.00ea
Australian Beef Rump Steak.....	\$27.00kg																				
IGA 3 Star Beef Mince 500g .....	\$7.00ea																				
Australian Chicken Drumsticks .....	\$4.00kg																				
West Australian Hass Avocados .....	\$1.99ea																				
Australian Rubi Gold Apples .....	\$5.49kg																				
West Australian Mandarins .....	\$3.49kg																				
West Australian Cherry or Grape Tomatoes 200g.....	\$2.49ea																				
West Australian Red Capsicum .....	\$6.49kg																				
Primo Wood Smoked Rindless Short Cut Bacon 175g .....	\$3.00ea																				
Bertolli Olive Oil 750ml selected varieties.....	\$9.00ea																				
<p>On sale Wednesday September 13th - Tuesday September 19th, 2023</p>																					
 <p><b>30 Veal Street Hopetoun • 9838 3919</b></p>																					

# Contacts

### Ambulance:

Emergency ..... 000  
Non-Emergency ..... 13 12 13

### Hospitals:

Ravensthorpe ..... 9838 2211  
Esperance ..... 9079 8000  
Albany ..... 9892 2222

### Doctors Surgery:

Hopetoun ..... 9838 3854  
Ravensthorpe ..... 9838 1600

### Dentist:

Ravensthorpe ..... 9838 1322

### Esperance Hospital

Public Dental Clinic..... 9079 8000

### Community Nurse/Child Health:

Ravensthorpe ..... 9838 2211

### Extended Care Nurse:

Hopetoun ..... 9838 3323

### Home and Community Care

Office ..... 9838 3144  
Mobile ..... 0429 889 675

### Community Vehicle Service

Coordinator ..... 0439 335 147

### Hospital Auxiliary:

Second Tuesday of the month 1.30pm in the Red Room  
Contact Judy Harp

### Allied Health:

Services such as Physio, Dietician, Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology are available. Contact Ravensthorpe or Esperance Hospital to find out more about these services.

### Mental Health:

There is a Mental Health service available currently. Please contact Ravensthorpe Hospital to find out more about this service.

## Shire of Ravensthorpe Councillor Contact Details

Shire Council Offices..... 9839 0000

Keith Dunlop—Shire President.....

Phone: 9838 330; Mobile: 0428 383 302  
Email: Keith.dunlop@ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au

Sue Leighton—Deputy Shire President..... Phone: 0407 981 301

Email: sue.leighton@ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au

Tom Major..... Mobile: 0403 782 887

Email: Tom.major@ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au

Mark Mudie..... 0428 356 064

Email: mark.mudie@ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au

Graham Richardson..... Phone: 9838 3880; Mobile: 0474 492 810

Email: Graham.richardson@ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au

Cr Julia Bell..... Mobile: 0427 381 092

Email: julia.bell@ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au

Cr Rachel Livingston..... Mobile: 0429 634 596

Email: rachel.livingston@ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au

## Word of the Day

**orotund** adjective | OR-uh-tund

### Definition:

Orotund is a formal word used as a synonym of sonorous to describe something—usually a voice—marked by fullness, strength, and clarity of sound. It can also be used disapprovingly to mean “pompous” or “bombastic.”

### Did You Know?

An experiment: first breathe in deeply, then try to sing the strongest, lowest note that you can, at the utmost floor of your register. How lovely. Now, what vowel did you sing for your one-syllable song? We'll bet you a skillet full of bacon it was o. Why? Shaping one's mouth into an o-shape is pretty much a surefire way to produce an orotund or resonant sound, that is, one that is full, strong, and loud. Try the same exercise with a long e sound, as in sleep, and see (or hear) what we mean. Orotund comes from the Latin phrase ore rotundo, literally meaning “with round mouth.” It was adopted into English in the late 18th century to describe the strength of one's vocal delivery but has since picked up an additional sense of “pompous” or “bombastic” to describe inflated speech that may be full of sound and fury, yet signifies nothing.



**NEXT ISSUE DEADLINE:**

5pm, Monday September 25th, 2023

### ALL ENQUIRIES:

contributions@cospirit.net  
Kylie Thomas, Co-ordinator, 0408 840 447  
Or Attn: Contributions, PO Box 135, Ravensthorpe 6346.

Or Hopetoun and Ravensthorpe Community Resource Centres will accept written articles. Include name, address and phone details in all correspondence.

### ARTICLES AND PHOTOS

Articles to be sent in Word format.  
Photos to be sent in JPEG format.  
Photos minimum size 500mb.  
Maximum of two photos per email.  
Photos of children require parental permission.

### GENERAL ADVERTISING AND CLASSIFIEDS

Content to be sent in Word, PDF or JPEG formats.  
Classified proofs on request only.

### ACCOUNTS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Email financeadmin@cospirit.net  
Phone enquiries Sandi Hunter,  
0417 950 615.

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Email secretary@cospirit.net or  
PO Box 135, Ravensthorpe 6346  
GRIEVANCES—contact secretary by email secretary@cospirit.net

# Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct grand opening

The grand opening of the Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct took place on Monday and it was wonderful to see so many members of the community come out to celebrate.

■ Full story page 16  
More photos page 6

Photos courtesy  
Dene Bingham



■ Andy Chapman at RCP opening.



■ Allkem at RCP opening.

## Keevil's Furniture

**h** homemakers

**YOUR LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED FURNITURE AND BEDDING STORE**

Located near the Boulevard Shopping Centre, Esperance

For all your Furniture, Bedding, Giftware and Homeware requirements.

[www.homemakersfurniture.com.au](http://www.homemakersfurniture.com.au)  
Phone 08 9071 2585  
[admin@keevilsfurniture.com.au](mailto:admin@keevilsfurniture.com.au)

zip Instagram Facebook

# Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct grand opening



# Blue Moon Rising



■ Last day of winter August 31, 2023. Photo courtesy Dene Bingham

## EREMIA CAMEL MUSEUM



☎ Julia: 0427 381 092

Find us on Google or Facebook

"Eremia" is a derivative of Eremophila, a wildflower which grows around Ravensthorpe. Ancient Greek meaning "Lover of desert solitude - wilderness". My unique Museum, just like the surrounding environment depicting biological richness and diversity, can be found nowhere else in Australia.



I acknowledge the Wudjari peoples of the Wagyl Kaip and Southern Noongar Land Estate as the traditional custodians of this land and I pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging

### OPENING HOURS

THURSDAY 9.00AM TO 5.00PM

FRIDAY 9.00AM TO 5.00PM

SATURDAY 9.00AM TO 5.00PM

SUNDAY 9.00AM TO 5.00PM

### PRICING (Eftpos Available)

ADULTS: \$12.00

CHILDREN: \$5.00



# Exciting News: Hopetoun's new Youth & Art Space (YAS) now open!

Hopetoun's vibrant community is abuzz with excitement as we proudly announce the grand opening of our brand-new Youth & Art Space (YAS) building, situated right next to the Hopetoun Gym on Tamar St.

This remarkable achievement is the result of years of dedication and collaboration between the Hopetoun Community Resource Centre (CRC) and Rave About Arts, with unwavering support from the Shire, First Quantum Minerals, Allkem and the Mt Burdett Foundation.

For those who've been following our journey, you may already be familiar with the Hopetoun CRC's longstanding commitment to providing a safe and engaging space for secondary school-aged youth. Previously hosted exclusively on Wednesday afternoons at the CRC, the Youth Space program now finds its new home in the exciting YAS building on Tamar St.

The great news doesn't stop there; we are thrilled to announce that we're expanding the program to offer youth activities on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, starting at the end of September. Rave About Arts ARTitude program has Vocals on Monday's and Visual Arts on Tuesday's, and you can expect to see more events of theirs being hosted in the space too!



■ Youth building basketball hoop at the Youth and Art Space.

■ Continued page 9

## KAREN SINCLAIR SHIRE OF RAVENSTHORPE LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTION 21/10/2023



Hello, fellow members of the Hopetoun, Ravensthorpe and Munglinup community! I am delighted to introduce myself as a proud resident of this wonderful place that we call home. For the past 37 years, I had the privilege of serving local families as a dedicated full-time nurse at the Ravensthorpe Hospital. After the passing of my husband, I relocated to Hopetoun in 2009 and sold our Mount Madden farm in 2012, I now reside in Steeredale Meadows, where I maintain a delightful hobby farm with the support of my three sons.

Now, as I embark on this new chapter of my life—retired and eager to give back—I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for councillor in the upcoming local government election. Having already dedicated a significant portion of my life to this community, I bring a deep understanding and empathy for the concerns and aspirations of our residents. My years spent caring for locals and tourists in times of need have honed my ethical values, integrity, and ability to make balanced decisions.

My unwavering commitment lies in improving the health, education, and environment of our beloved community. I am fully devoted to ensuring that the interests of every member of this diverse community are represented with fairness and transparency. With an attentive ear and an open mind, I pledge to listen to each and every community member regardless of their age or background and diligently bring their concerns to the council.

Furthermore, I am determined to provide unwavering support to all local businesses within our shire. I firmly believe that together, we can create a brighter future for each and every member of our community. With your support and trust, I am confident that I can be the advocate you need—one who understands the local issues and passionately fights for the betterment of our community.

So, in the upcoming local council election, let your voice be heard! Vote for Karen Sinclair—a dedicated, and passionate candidate who is ready to champion our community's cause.

Together, let's build a brighter future for Hopetoun, Ravensthorpe & Munglinup!

Mobile: 0428 389 043

Postal Address: PO BOX 308, Hopetoun WA 6348



# Exciting News: Hopetoun's new Youth & Art Space (YAS) now open!

■ From page 8

Our dedicated Youth Work trainee, Emily Dawn, will continue to spearhead the Youth Space program. Emily and our newest team member, Sabrina, a Social Worker, are eager to connect with your teens to understand their interests and preferences for activities and programs.

Our new space has been carefully designed to cater to various interests and activities.

There's a designated chill-out zone equipped with Nintendo games, free Wi-Fi, art stations, music equipment (with more on the way), a pool table, table tennis, a basketball hoop, and much more.

In the upcoming term, we'll be introducing Pilates sessions on Thursdays and monthly Table Tennis Tournaments, also on Thursdays.

We provide afternoon snacks and drinks, all free of charge, in a safe, open, and welcoming environment for our youth.

For your convenience, the RDHS bus now drops students directly at the YAS building on our open days. We want to extend a warm welcome to all youth aged 12-18, including non-residents and visitors. So, whether you're a local or just passing through, we encourage you and your teens to drop by and experience the fantastic space we've created.

Mark your calendars for a special date: December 1st. We're planning an official opening party for the YAS building, and you won't want to miss it. Stay tuned for more details as the date



■ Youth learning Muay Thai via zoom link at the Youth and Art Space.

approaches!

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to support and engage with our community's youth, and together, we can create an exciting and enriching experience for everyone involved.

The opening of the Youth & Art Space (YAS) is a testament to what can be achieved when a community comes together with a common goal.

It's an investment in our youth, our future, and a promise of even brighter days ahead in Hopetoun. So, let's celebrate this remarkable achievement and look forward to the incredible opportunities YAS will bring to our community.

—Hopetoun CRC



**Peter Rundle MLA**  
Member for Roe

107 Dempster St  
Esperance  
WA 6450  
(08) 9071 6555

 [peter.rundle@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:peter.rundle@mp.wa.gov.au)  
 [www.peterrundle.com.au](http://www.peterrundle.com.au)  
 [facebook.com/PeterRundleRoe](https://facebook.com/PeterRundleRoe)



# BURSARY APPLICATIONS ARE OPENING FOR 2024!

The Ravensthorpe Hopetoun Future Fund (**Future Fund**) invites individual residents of the Shire of Ravensthorpe to apply for a Bursary, which is for financial support of **up to \$5,000 (excluding GST)**. Applications will open on **September 1st, 2023**.

Application documents are available from the Shire of Ravensthorpe website under Community Support. Alternatively, you can contact the Future Fund to request the application documents be emailed to you. Please contact Portia Chambers: (08) 9839 0000 or [rhff@ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au](mailto:rhff@ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au).

If you wish to submit an application, you must lodge all of the relevant application documents **in full** to the Future Fund Board of Governors by no later than **4.00pm 30 September 2023**. These documents can be lodged in person at the Shire of Ravensthorpe, or via post, or via email:

Ravensthorpe Hopetoun Future Fund  
Shire of Ravensthorpe  
PO Box 43  
Ravensthorpe WA 6346

Email: [rhff@ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au](mailto:rhff@ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au)

Bursary funding will be available for distribution from April 2024 following selection of the successful candidates in October 2023.

## About the Bursary

Please review the Guidelines on the Shire of Ravensthorpe website. The Bursary program is to award applicants with financial support for a project which will promote the amenity of, and service to, the Shire of Ravensthorpe. This could include:

- charitable endeavours that will provide community or welfare benefit to all or a substantial proportion of people who reside in the Shire of Ravensthorpe;
- facilities and services that improve the welfare, culture or amenity of all or a substantial proportion of people who reside in the Shire of Ravensthorpe.

Applicants are also invited to demonstrate how being awarded a Bursary would help achieve the outcomes set out in the Shire of Ravensthorpe Strategic Community Plan 2020 - 2023 (accessible on the Shire of Ravensthorpe website).

Examples of the types of projects which the Bursary program has been developed to support are set out in the Guidelines.

If you have any questions about the Bursary or the application process, please contact the Chairperson of the Future Fund Board of Governors, Brenna Swanson: 0447 240 590 or [rhff@ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au](mailto:rhff@ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au).

Brenna Swanson  
**Chairperson**  
**Ravensthorpe Hopetoun Future Fund**

# Gratitude overflowing! A night to remember!

Dear friends and fellow community members,

What an incredible evening it was! We are overwhelmed with joy and appreciation for Elizabeth Aberline, Toni Arndt, and the Qualup Choir for their outstanding efforts in arranging a spectacular fundraising evening for our St John Community Transport Service car.

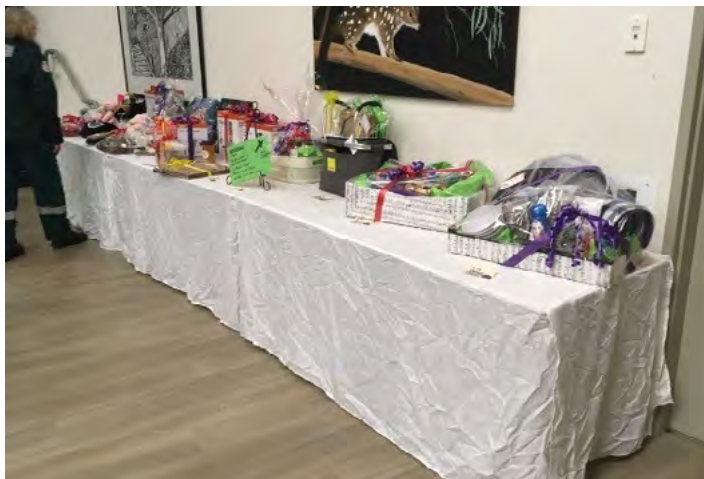
From the mesmerizing harmonies to the heartwarming performances, the Qualup Choir and other performers truly touched our hearts. Your dedication and talent shone brightly, and you made the night truly unforgettable.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Elizabeth, Toni, and each and every member of the choir, along with the many others who attended, donated, and supported this wonderful cause. Your generosity will go a long way in ensuring our community has access to reliable transportation, enabling our neighbours to get to medical appointments and life-saving treatments.

Let's also take a moment to thank all the dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this event a success. Your hard work and commitment to our community do not go unnoticed.

Together, we are building a stronger, more connected community, and this fundraising evening was a testament to the power of unity and generosity.

Stay tuned for updates on the progress of our community transport car project, and once again, a heartfelt thank you to Elizabeth, Toni, and the Qualup Choir and all of you who made this night magical!



## DINGO'S DOG KENNEL

Located at:

**Eremia Camel Farm,**

Lot 4645 Ravensthorpe/Hopetoun Road, Ravensthorpe



**Contact: Julia on 0427 381 092 to book a kennel.**

**Your loved companion will enjoy their stay with full boarding privileges. Walks and soothing music during the day are part of the service.**

**CONDITIONS OF BOARDING:**

- Vaccinations must be sighted and current.
- Food included (no discount for BYO)
- Small dogs: \$20 per day/night
- Large dogs: \$25 per day/night
- Animals collected after 12 midday require full fee.

RAVE ABOUT ARTS & WHISKEY & BOOTS PRESENTS

# MAMA STITCH

STORIES ABOUT MUMS FROM THE SHIRE OF RAVENSTHORPE



### SHOW DATES:

Friday, 13th Oct | Saturday, 14th Oct  
Friday, 20th Oct

Doors open at 6PM for tea and toast  
Show starts at 7PM

**BYO Alcohol**

### LOCATION:

'The Red Room' at Ravensthorpe Community Centre, 51 Morgans Street, Ravensthorpe

### TICKETS:

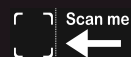
\$30 + booking fee

### BOOKING INFO:



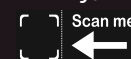
#### SHOW ONE:

Friday, 13th Oct  
Saturday, 14th Oct



#### SHOW TWO:

Friday, 20th Oct



WHISKEY+BOOTS



# Celebrating our Mums

## ■ RaveAbout Arts

In anticipation of the Mama Stitch performances on October 13th, 14th and 20th, our community is gearing up with activities that celebrate motherhood and bring us all closer.

Local artists Judy Harp and Charlene O'Brien will lead the creation of a community quilt.

On September 13th and 20th, Hopetoun and Ravensthorpe Playgroups are capturing the handprints of mothers and their toddlers on fabric which will be turned into a quilt, symbolizing unity and as a visual representation of the lasting influence of mothers on our lives.

Then on Friday September 22nd, Rave About Arts will host Devonshire Tea and Soup Lunch as part of the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show.

This activity provides an opportunity for community members to share and

indulge in their mothers' favourite soup recipes or scone-baking traditions, all the while fundraising for the Hopetoun & Ravensthorpe Community Chests. If you'd like to contribute soup, scones or your time, we invite you to register at <https://signup.com/go/qwwWyCg>

Mama Stitch is a heart-warming and intimate experience that everyone can relate to, featuring performer-actor Georgia King, performer-musician Mark Storen and musicians Holly Garvey and Luke Dux.

In the weeks leading up to the performances, Georgia and Mark will meet with locals and collect stories about their mums. The stories are then distilled and brought to life as headphone verbatim performance, each underscored with an original musical response, inspired by the storyteller and their mum.

Here's what people have said about other performances:

"A must see. Georgia King is

incredible to watch as she voices different stories about mothers. Funny and poignant." Annette Carmichael, Albany

"I was impressed by the sensitivity, depth and deft handling of personal stories the group had researched, interviewed and represented as a narrative/musical event.

The weaving of local stories related to mothers from a range of backgrounds, ages and experiences with relevant musical interludes made the event a pleasure for the audiences..." Jeremy Blank  
Coordinator/Curator Joondalup Art Gallery

We invite you all to come along, have a hot cup of tea and a slice of toast, with homemade jam and listen to beautiful stories and music, and to reflect on the mothers of our local community.

Book now at: [www.raveaboutarts.com](http://www.raveaboutarts.com) - let's come together to celebrate stories that truly matter.

## CANDIDATE DETAILS

**Candidate Name:** Rachel Gibson

**District:** Shire of Ravensthorpe

**Election Type:** Ordinary

**Ballot Paper Name:** GIBSON, Rachel

**Nominating for:** Councillor

**Election Date:** 21st October 2023



I, Rachel Gibson (Proudlove) have lived in Munglinup for 31 years and have been married to Gavin for 29 years.

We have 2 daughters (26, teacher; 23, registered nurse). We run our family farming business in Munglinup.

I was raised on our family farm at Mt Madden, north of Ravensthorpe. I went to school in Ravensthorpe, boarding school in Albany then completed my studies in Agriculture before returning to my grass roots.

My grandparents, who also lived on the family farm, eventually moved to Ravensthorpe and then retired to Hopetoun. We visit Hopetoun often, enjoying seeing friends, attending community events and having a relaxing break when we can. My parents eventually retired and sold the farm.

Country life and small communities are one of my passions, I've been involved in many groups and committees over the years. I've played most sports possible; I am currently Secretary for the Munglinup Community Group and I volunteer for Munglinup Ambulance. A few successful community events I've been heavily involved with have been 'The Duck Drop' for the ride to conquer cancer and the 'Munglinup Football Exhibition Match'.

I am a hard, multi skilled worker and know how to manage my time efficiently. Presently I work at both Munglinup and Jerdacuttup Schools and drive the Jerdacuttup school bus. I also help manage our farm business and take pride in inducting and looking after our employees. I've held positions for the Australian Electoral Commission, Western Australia Electoral Commission and Australia Bureau of Statistics so I have a great understanding of the whole Shire of Ravensthorpe district.

Should I be elected, I'll dedicate my time and commitment to doing the best I can to be a great representative on council. I'll communicate and help liaise within all communities. I feel a great connection to the whole shire area and would love to give back to the Shire of Ravensthorpe on a broader scale; I'm willing to be your open-minded councillor with no hidden agenda. I'll promote good roads, health, sport, youth activities, tourism, community infrastructure, aged care, emergency services and education. We want to attract and retain residents to our shire as we live in a beautiful place that I am truly proud to be a part of.

I'm confident I can represent you, our ratepayers, residents and business owners. I have great people skills and am very approachable, nor am I afraid to speak out. I am a team worker but also know how to grasp initiative when necessary. Honesty, respect for others, using good manners and getting in amongst it are how I believe life should be conducted.

I believe I should be elected to be a part of the Shire of Ravensthorpe council because of my proven dedication to the community. I have an active involvement in the local initiatives, a deep understanding of the shires needs, and a strong commitment to improving the quality of life for its residents. My leadership, experience, and passion make me a compelling choice for this important role. Furthermore, my background in community development and my ability to collaborate effectively with diverse groups of people make me well-suited to address the challenges and opportunities facing the Shire of Ravensthorpe. By electing me, the community can look forward to a dedicated and capable representative who will work tirelessly to enhance the well-being and prosperity of the Shire of Ravensthorpe and its residents.

## Vote #1 Rachel Gibson

Phone Number: 0428 751062

Written & authorised by Rachel Gibson, Address: 12033 South Coast Highway, Munglinup WA 6450

# Allkem Trash & Treasure Hunt!

Wow, what a phenomenal response we received for our inaugural Allkem Trash & Treasure Hunt event.

It was truly inspiring to witness such a strong community turnout, with numerous residents joining forces in teams to enhance the cleanliness of our picturesque town.

Hopetoun Primary School enthusiastically participated in the event, with every class crafting incredible sculptures utilizing recycled materials. These artistic creations were subject to community voting, resulting in "Sounds by the Sea" by the year 3/4 class claiming the top spot, while the year 2s secured a well-deserved second place for their sculpture, "Honey Possum."

We were fortunate to have both Andy Martin and Adam Grok deliver a mesmerizing performance during our evening afterparty. The festivities included games, dancing, food, and an abundance of prizes awarded to all the winning participants from the day's events.

We owe the success of this event to the invaluable support of our primary sponsor, Allkem. Without their generous contribution, this event would not have been achievable.

We also extend our gratitude to the local businesses below for their contributions of prizes, which added to the excitement of the day!

IGA Hopetoun, LJ Hooker Hopetoun, Ray White Rural South Coast WA, Simon's Market Cafe, Port Hotel Hopetoun, Salty

■ Continued page 15



■ Photo courtesy Jarvis Smallman.

## ROBERT MILOSESKI—VOTE 1

Hello Hopetoun, Ravensthorpe and Munglinup community! My name is Robert Miloseski, and I am thrilled to be part of this year's Shire of Ravensthorpe local government election. As a dedicated member of our community, I have been involved in various initiatives such as the Hopetoun Fire Service, Hopetoun Primary School Council, and Hopetoun Snake Relocations. Now, I am excited to throw my hat in the ring and serve as your representative.



In 2009, my wife and I purchased a block of land here, and since then, we have fallen in love with the laidback lifestyle, breathtaking scenery, and the warm and welcoming people of Hopetoun. We made the decision to permanently move here in 2021, bringing our two children along for this incredible journey.

With a commendable experience of over 32 years in real estate, I bring invaluable expertise in our shire's property market and economy. I am truly passionate about promoting health, education, township safety, and conserving our breathtaking beaches and biosphere.

Moreover, I hold myself accountable to high standards of honesty, ethics, and dedication. My commitment to serving the Hopetoun, Ravensthorpe, and Munglinup communities is unwavering. I value your ideas and suggestions in order to continuously improve and uplift our local community. If you are searching for a councillor who will wholeheartedly devote themselves, actively listen to community members, and operate in an ethical manner, then your search ends here!

Together, let's embark on a journey of progress and make our community an even better place to live and thrive!

Mobile – 0408 030 888

Email - [rmiloseski.hopetoun@ljhooker.com.au](mailto:rmiloseski.hopetoun@ljhooker.com.au)

# Allkem Trash & Treasure Hunt!

■ From page 14

Sips Co., Shipwrecked Gourmet Bakery, Hopetoun Progress Association, Hopetoun Beachfront Chemist & Ravensthorpe Pharmacy, Ravensthorpe Nickel Operations, Hopetoun Beachside Caravan Park, Dineamic, Wavecrest Bar and Bistro - Hopetoun, MACA

Lastly, thank you to the Shire of Ravensthorpe for picking up the bags of trash the town collected.

—Hopetoun Progress Association Inc

■ Would you like to be involved in our future events and projects? Get in touch and become a member today - [progress@hpa.org.au](mailto:progress@hpa.org.au)



■ Photos (Above and right) courtesy Jarvis Smallman.



■ Photos courtesy Dene Bingham, Photography.





## SHIRE OF RAVENSTHORPE COMMUNITY UPDATE

### RAVENSTHORPE CULTURAL PRECINCT GRAND OPENING



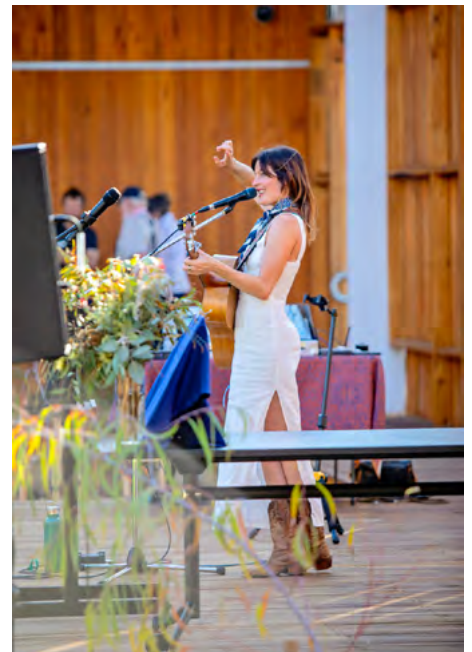
The grand opening of the Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct took place on Monday and it was wonderful to see so many members of the community come out to celebrate.

It was a lovely warm Spring afternoon and guests were treated to a wonderful performance of Waltzing Matilda by the Ravensthorpe Primary Choir and music from Paige Valentine.

Andy Chapman from the Ravensthorpe Historical Society spoke about the history of the site and Honorary Freeman of the Shire and former Shire President Ian Goldfinch, who was heavily involved in the project from the beginning, joined me on stage to officially open the precinct.

The new precinct caters to locals and tourists alike, while working in tandem with the region's strong mining industry. This can be seen in the Allkem funded interpretive centre, featuring state of the art technology, which will be a fantastic drawcard for visitors.

The Shire of Ravensthorpe now has a unique and beautiful cultural precinct that stands out on the main street and that by design, brings community together. And that is a testament to what a remote, regional community can do.







Images: Dene Bingham, Photographer

## 2023/2024 BUDGET ADOPTED

At a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 29 August 2023 the Shire of Ravensthorpe 2023/2024 budget was adopted, a reflection of the Shire's dedication to both responsible financial management and strategic investment in vital community infrastructure.

Council believes this is a good budget and we're pleased to have kept general rate increases low compared to other local government authorities, whilst also ensuring improved service delivery and allocating funds towards road and airport reserves.

A rate increase of 4.75% was carefully considered and approved. This ensures the Shire's ability to uphold essential services, enhance community amenities, and invest in projects that contribute to the growth of the community.

The budget is available for viewing on the Shire of Ravensthorpe website:  
<https://www.ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au/documents/shire-publications>

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The next Ordinary election will be held on Saturday 21 October 2023, to fill four Council vacancies on four year terms.

Postal voting papers will be sent out by the WA Electoral Commission in next few weeks.

Visit the shire website for candidate names and information:

<https://www.ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au/council/my-council/elections/current-candidates2023-ordinary-council-election.aspx>

**NEXT MEETING:  
Ordinary Council  
Meeting  
Tues 19 Sept 2023  
6pm  
Ravensthorpe Council  
Chambers**

## SHIRE STALL AT HOPETOUN MARKETS

Councillors and Shire staff were looking forward to engaging with members of the community at the Hopetoun markets on Sunday 3 Sept 2023, but sadly strong winds and rain meant the markets were cancelled.

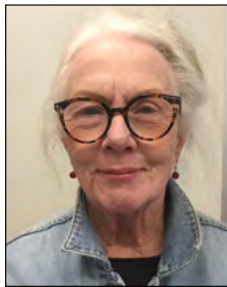
The Shire stall will be back at the next Hopetoun markets as part of our ongoing commitment to engage directly with the community.

Please come along and raise any issues you may have in person.

Cr Keith Dunlop  
Shire President

## Greetings All.

My name is Julia Bell. I have been a Ravensthorpe Shire Councillor for 2 years and am re-nominating for another term. For those ratepayers and community members who do not know me I shall provide a little of my background. I have lived in Ravensthorpe for the past 30 years. I rocked into town (literally) 30 Years ago with 5 camels that walked with me, solo for 5 months, across the Nullarbor Plain. I have always loved this country of tall salmon gums, saltbush and bluebush understory.



30 years ago, I purchased a property 3 kms out from Ravensthorpe, on the Hopetoun Road.

My little piece of heaven needed much care, love and maintenance. My dream was to clean up; plant more trees; develop a vegetable garden and fruit orchard with long term sustainability in mind.

My vision was to create an ecological haven; to share and introduce my camels to the community and to offer joyful camel rides to the children in the town. I have achieved all this and so much more.

In the early years I opened my farm to the community for children's birthday parties; giving free camel rides. I also had a small trekking business, inviting tourist to the area. I trekked my camels through the salmon gum country down to Hopetoun. I established camel trekking on the Hopetoun Beach for the community and tourists.

20 years I established Dingos Dog Kennel on my farm. My kennels have been used by many community members as well as tourists visiting the Fitzgerald National Park. During my time in Ravensthorpe, I have cared for many injured wildlife from kangaroos to sea eagles, frogmouth nightjars and reptiles. I have on many occasions voluntarily cared for stray dogs, until their owner has been found.

About 11 years ago I was approached to Chair the Community Spirit Newspaper. During this time the paper was at a crisis and on the brink of closing. I took up the challenge and within the year had a great committee on board. With a positive outlook and leadership, the volunteers and paid staff were building wonderful relationships and a flourishing team spirit. I continued in this role for about 5 years. I resigned as the Chairperson, however am still on the committee.

During the past 30 years I have continued with my profession as a Registered, Remote Area Nurse.

I have nursed at the Ravensthorpe Hospital, Lake Grace Hospital and Dumbleyung Hospital. I spent 4 wonderful years as the Practice Nurse for Dr. Lochner in Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun. I recently spent 3 years as Clinical Nurse Specialist in remote area clinics in the Northern Territory, Arnhem Land, Horn Island and Cue. On my return I continued my Practice Nurse work with Dr. Lochner in Hopetoun caring for chronic disease and vaccination clinics. As well as my paid nursing work I have cared for many elderly in the community on a voluntary basis. I have enjoyed visiting them in their homes and offering palliative care.

My love of writing has encouraged me to be part of the local writers' group, called Southern Scribes. I have contributed to a group writing project called "Fly South". I have participated in their fundraising efforts by walking from Ravensthorpe to Hopetoun. This provided funds to publish one of their many books. Furthermore, I have published in a Science Journal.

About 14 years ago I established the Eremia Amphitheatre, west of Ravensthorpe on the Old Newdegate Road. This beautiful open-air amphitheatre was situated on undulating farm land, exposing a vista of sunsets and the ambience of the Ravensthorpe Range. I poured my creativity, love of classical music and personal finances into a vision for the whole community to enjoy. I had success with well known musicians and artists, including the world-famous James Morrison.

Since I have been a Ravensthorpe Shire Councillor, I have been successful in promoting Motions which have been carried by an absolute majority. One issue was to establish conservation Initiatives for Carnaby Cockatoos and the second issue was to improve fire mitigation controls.

Finally, I instigated a Shire Cat Control Policy.

Moreover, I have represented the Shire at the Historical Society meetings and the Community Resource Centre. I also participate in a voluntary capacity on other committees. This includes Alkem Community Consultation Committee and Cocamarup Conservation Alliance. I attend nearly all Community Consultation Meetings and Special Interest Meetings. I have not missed any monthly Ordinary Meetings of Council nor monthly Corporate Discussions. I have responded instantly to Individual community concerns.

I have extended my interest in Local Government beyond basic training by undertaking a Diploma of Local Government. What I have learned in Council is that I do not function as an individual; rather my task is to present ratepayers concerns which are consistent with Shire's Strategic Plans to my fellow Councillors.

Prior to coming to Ravensthorpe, I completed a double major in Psychology/Politics and Sociology.

I was awarded a 1st Class Honours in Philosophy. I completed course work for Masters in Bioethics at Monash University. Following on I completed Bachelor of Science/Nursing. As well as my Local Government studies I am completing a Masters in Diabetic Management and Education.

I have provided this story so that you can learn about my life and interests. Overall, it illustrates a genuine history of community involvement. I have a strong passion and commitment to Health, Education and the Environment. These motivations have led me to re-nominate for Council.

Just as I have always been the "patients advocate", so too am I committed to being the "advocate for all community members". I work from a bedrock of integrity, fairness and transparency.

Leaders lead by example and central to this role is listening to what the community has to say. Your vote for me guarantees my advocacy for your interests consistent with Shire Strategic Planning.

Thank you for reading my story. Please contact me anytime. Mob. 0427381092.

Email [animamundi@westnet.com.au](mailto:animamundi@westnet.com.au)

Authorised and written by Julia Bell. Lot 4645 Hopetoun/Ravensthorpe Road, Ravensthorpe, 6346. W.A.

# RDHS P&C Update

P&C has been busy value-adding to school and community activities since our last update.

## Activities

We were thrilled to support the school's Pink Day Colour Run on September 1st, which saw all of Hopetoun PS and Ravensthorpe DHS students and staff have a lot of fun in the sun, all the while fundraising over \$500 for the McGrath Foundation. A big thanks to Jules, Stacey and Lizzie who sourced all the white shirts, merch, food and funding from FQM.

FQM's Katie and John also provided event support and much-needed shade on the day, Ravensthorpe CRC coordinated bookings and armbands, volunteer fireies doused all the participants at the starting line and the P&C/South Coastal Agencies crew fed the masses—we thank them all.

For something different, the last P&C meeting was held in the new Youth and Arts Space in Hopetoun. Whilst we didn't attract any new attendees with the change of location, it was wonderful to check out the space—congratulations to Hopetoun CRC and Rave About Arts for such an achievement, RDHS students are so fortunate.

P&C members Stacey Webster and Lizzie Thomas attended the WACSSO conference at Crown last month and have returned inspired and with lots to share. Conference resources are available via the WACSSO website if anyone is interested.

Jules Belli has led athletics training in the lead up to the school and interschool carnivals. We wish our primary school participants all the best at Newdegate on Friday September 15th and invite the community to come on down and cheer on the Year 4-10 Interschool right here in Ravy on October 27th.

It was great to see the new assembly hall equipment in action for the Year 5/6 digital technology assembly (very appropriate). To make the most of the upgrades, P&C

■ Continued page 19



# RDHS P&C Update

■ From page 18

engaged Kyza Smithson for public speaking training for students on Monday September 11th and we look forward to organising more training in 2024 thanks to the Community Development Fund.

## Shade Structure Project Update

Part one of the project (over the new Funky Monkey bars) is on order and we have crossed our fingers for a speedy delivery and installation.

## Fundraising

We were pleased to cater for Allkem Social Club's Mexican-themed lunch and have been invited back for future catering opportunities.

P&C directs the funds raised to activities such as the upcoming High School Formal, School

Presentation Night and Good Standing activities among many other things.

There are lots of catering opportunities at the moment:

- Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct Opening on Monday September 11th
- Devonshire Tea with Year 6s for transition camp on Tuesday September 19th
- Devonshire Tea (school-led with Year 9s for leavers jumpers) on Thursday September 21st
- Catering - Tuesday October 10th (TBC)
- High school Interschool Carnival in Ravensthorpe on Friday October 27th

We've also submitted an Allkem 'Pitch Your Project' application for school camps next year.

P&C is always on the look out for other ways we can support the school, so please get in touch with us at rdhspsc@gmail.com if you have any suggestions, or come to our next General Meeting on Monday October 23rd at 7.15pm, attend in person or via Zoom.



# Ravy Community Gift Shop

(Otherwise known as Devil's Darning Needle)

We are back to ordinary opening hours after our Winter quiet time. Monday to Friday 9am - 3pm and Saturday 9am to 12.30pm. These hours are only possible because Marie Mayberry volunteers to work every Monday to give me a day off.

We have an increasing variety of items for sale as more locals allow us to showcase their creations. Over the next few months I hope to be able to introduce these talented folk to a wider audience by having them tell us a little about themselves and how they started their creative journey.

In this first instalment I would like to briefly introduce myself and how the shop came into being.

My husband and I moved to Ravy in mid 1996. (Vic passed away in 2015). A couple years later I joined a local sewing group run by Kerry Dickinson. In 2009 she and I mounted a display in the Ravensthorpe Community Centre during the Wildflower Show. This continued each year until 2017.

We rented the property where the shop now is, in late September 2017 and spent the next month turning it from an eyesore into the beginnings of what you see today. Kerry's husband, Ian, cleared all the outside mess and my son-in-law, Hamish, basically renovated the building and painted the outside. Kerry, Corina and myself cleaned and painted the inside.

So, "Crazy Granny's" was born. We had an opening night on October 20th, 2017. The shop was run as a family business until we closed on December 10th, 2021. Kerry and Ian have moved to be closer to family.

After a bit of soul-searching Corina and I decided to re-open, but to change the emphasis from family to community. We invited local people to display and sell their products through here on a commission basis. We re-opened on February 7th, 2022.

I am delighted to say we now have 14 locals, as well as our original family group, who sell their creations through this outlet.

Please watch future editions of the Community Spirit paper for introductions to our creative community.

—Judy Harp



# Heartwarming farewell to Tracee

In a heartwarming display of community spirit, the lovely Vietnamese lady known as Little Tracee (aka Crazy Tracee) from Wavecrest bid farewell to Hopetoun, with a remarkable fundraiser event that touched the hearts of all who attended.

Tracee, a beloved member of the community for the past 8 months, made the decision to relocate to Sydney, but not without leaving a lasting mark.

On a sunny afternoon at Wavecrest, Tracee held her event, "8 Months of Memories in Hopetoun with Crazee Tracee."

The event entertained as she performed songs she had honed over the last eight months at open mic sessions in the town. Her melodies and raps have been engaging performances at these gatherings.

But what truly made this day special was Tracee's selflessness. She sold all of her belongings, including her cherished moped, to raise funds for the Hopetoun Parents and Citizens Association. The local community turned out to support her cause, and their generosity was overwhelming.

In the end, Tracee's fundraiser raised an impressive \$2,400 for the P&C, demonstrating the incredible power of unity and generosity in our beautiful community of Hopetoun.

As she embarks on her new journey in Sydney, Tracee will undoubtedly be remembered not only for her entertaining musical performances but also for her big heart and enduring legacy in Hopetoun.

—Hopetoun P&C



## BAITING TO PROTECT NATIVE WILDLIFE

Under the Parks and Wildlife Service's *Western Shield* program, baiting to control foxes and feral cats occurs on more than three million hectares of conservation lands in Western Australia.

The baits used are toxic to introduced animals but not to native animals which have an evolved tolerance to the active compound (1080). All baited areas are signposted.

Baiting occurs on a regular and ongoing basis to protect endangered native animals including the numbat, western ground parrot and western swamp tortoise.



**Attention pet owners: these baits will kill domestic dogs and cats. Baited areas must be considered dangerous for pet dogs and cats at all times.**

For more information and maps on areas baited under *Western Shield* visit [dbca.wa.gov.au/westernshield](http://dbca.wa.gov.au/westernshield) or contact your local Parks and Wildlife Service district office.

*Western Shield* is generously sponsored by Alcoa Foundation, Tronox and Western Areas.



Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions



# Living and Learning OUR Fitzgerald Biosphere

By Annie Leitch,  
Communications and Events  
for the Fitzgerald Biosphere  
Community Collective

August 17th and 18th saw our National Science Week event (twice) across the East and the West of the Fitzgerald Biosphere (FB). The genesis of this event was to showcase UNESCO FB principles and highlight recent research within the region.

Merningar Bardok Elder and UWA Research Associate Auntie Lynnette Knapp welcomes us, throughout the morning sharing with us personal stories from her childhood, endorsing research and sharing her lived experiences as she teaches us; ‘..Country evokes the story’.

She recites to us creation stories, cultural lore and memories relevant to the areas she speaks for and where we visit.

Introducing UNESCO Biosphere principles, Nathan McQuoid shows us where we sit geologically and socially ‘..to get our heads and hearts around the place’ and begin to ‘..get the dogma out this stuff and start knowing Country.’

Providing FBCC updates and valuable take homes for us all as community members within the FB.



Professor Steve Hopper follows with the need to include a focus on processes when it comes to biodiversity – balance, flux, evolution, endemic species and hybridisation – and the importance of understanding these things in the context of Landcare particularly in OCBILs (Old Climatically Buffered Infertile Landscapes), such as what we find in the Fitzgerald Biosphere.

Referencing minimal or complete lack of endemic species in prominent areas overseas comparable to East Mt Barren – ‘you have anywhere between 10, 15, 20, 30 endemics depending on how you define it (East Mt Barren)..people get excited about the Fitzgerald, but it ain’t half the story.

■ Continued page 23



national science week 2023



# NAIDOC Week celebrations



By Annie Leitch (Fitzgerald Biosphere Community Collective)

Photos by Annie Leitch FBCC

NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) Week celebrations are held across the nation to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. (<https://www.naidoc.org.au/about/naidoc-week>)

As we approach the end of August, those within the Jerramungup community of the Fitzgerald Biosphere and the Yarramouup Aboriginal Corporation (YAC) are gathering for their NAIDOC recognition celebrations on a beautiful clear day during Djilba.

The Gray family members/ YAC - Menang Elders Aunties Carol Pettersen, Val Swift, Roni Forrest, Liza Kerley Gray, Uncle Kimberley Gray and their niece Belinda Swift - shared their delight to be able to meet for these 2 days to showcase and celebrate their historical

## Living and Learning OUR Fitzgerald Biosphere

■ From page 22

It's your properties in the buffer and transition zones too'

Dr Alison Lullfitz compliments the narrative by highlighting the two-way science approach to research that underpins the Walking together project work.

One catalyst to demonstrate this was looking for the gaps between the National Biodiversity Hotspots (places needing the most attention within the nation) and overlaying the use of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) when informing these conservation areas and projects. Eight of Australia's 15 declared biodiversity hotspots are in WA.

The south west of WA is also an internationally recognised Biodiversity hotspot.

Talking Mungee - a teacher, provider, connector, exemplar: what's not to celebrate about the world's largest mistletoe, *Nuytsia floribunda* project demonstrates the cross-cultural work between 3 Knapp family generations, Lullfitz and Hopper when looking at a well-known species to the SW- *Nuytsia floribunda* or the Mungee

tree. Intergenerational learning on Country, Noongar Boodja, maintains ecological knowledge and cultural connections that have been refined for around 60,000 years.

PhD Candidate Ursula Rodrigues brings her focus on Caring for Country with fire - using a transdisciplinary approach to begin teasing apart the western science and Noongar knowledge when it comes to burning in this region.

Whilst there is still analysis to be done, she has found that even within seasons that are suitable for burning there is nuance in application of fire based on the type of plants and what it is required to achieve good regenerative, cultural and ecological outcomes.

As the Fitzgerald Biosphere region lays at a Noongar nation crossroads we acknowledge the Menang, Goreng, Merningar, Wirlomin and Wudjari Custodians and their Elders. By utilising two-way science methodology, engaging with Biosphere principles of reconciling sustainable development alongside conservation of biodiversity and looking at how we can understand these OCBIL landscapes together, we as a community can celebrate OUR Fitzgerald Biosphere.



**DISTRIBUTOR**  
**NEWDEGATE STOCK & TRADING**  
 Ph: 9871 1556  
 MOB: 0428 711 556  
 24 hours fuel at Newdegate  
**FOR ALL ON FARM DELIVERIES OF FUEL**

# NAIDOC Week celebrations

connection to this area – citing love and connection for this place since 1938 with 11 of the 17 siblings attending school here. Furthermore noting 'Every year there is a theme, this year's is about celebrating our role as elders in the community, as nurturers, nurses and carers to lead everything in our community'.

Wellstead Primary students, teachers and Principal arrive to join the festivities, beginning with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait flags raised under the guidance of Uncle Kimberley Gray.

Multiple bus trips take us to the original Gray family camp area, today, transformed by refining a series of paths and breakout cleared areas through the woodland into a custom made bush classroom for all-aged Noongar learnings.

We begin by hearing about the importance of fire. Fire is significant. Fire represents healing as Uncle Kimberley mentions; (to) 'As you walk past it and through the smoke, it takes all the bad spirits out'. Fire is used for yarning, meeting, cooking, eating.

The sisters tend the flames at just the right intensity as local melaleuca branches are laid on to make the familiar scented moist smoke that is used to wash us over as we are welcomed to walk through and begin the rotation of activities.

The senior grades broke off to learning at the Burial memorial, a collaboration of local landholder Rex Parsons, the Yarramoup Aboriginal Corporation and the Jerramungup Shire to acknowledge the area as culturally significant. Students also gained knowledge taught through Auntie Carol's lived experience combined with maps outlining language groups and creation pathways.

Standing at the crossroad of 5 tribal nations (Menang, Goreng, Willmen, Wudjari, Merningar) students could point out where they remember their families are from and where they grew up.

Auntie Carol shares with us that she recalls her travels through the landscape 'was like the pages of a book opening up in front of me', singing these trails is like her GPS. 'We are not curators of our stories.

Our culture is still alive' We don the family totem - Yirrdah (Western spinebill) learning 'totems are conservation' before making our way back to the camp.

The Gray siblings take turns with various classes to contribute their knowledge, lived experiences and creativity through art, language lessons, story telling, ochre facepainting, music with tapping sticks, song and dance.

The next morning we embark on painting a giant Wagyl canvas, students making time to contribute to the piece under the supervision of Auntie Carol guiding painting as story. Belinda takes students and teachers in need of some wellness and bush connection, where they all sit quietly and listen to the sounds of the bush, imagining what it was like back in time.

Listening to how Aboriginal family groups would travel through and see different colours in the landscape, soil types that would determine differences in plants and bush tuckers.





# NAIDOC Week celebrations

■ From page 24

Our BBQ lunch was gratefully provided by WA Landcare Network. 2023 marks 40 years since the modern Landcare movement in WA. The WA Landcare Network is working alongside First Nations community, community groups and WA Parliamentary Friends of Landcare. Lunch was shared amongst the trees of the Gray family camp, to them, Noongar Boodja homelands stewarded for time immemorial. Money raised from this BBQ contributed towards their Jerramungup School camp later in the year.

Meeting back at the school, students share their favourite things, learnings and most importantly their personal Thank you's for sharing your family experiences as Noongar women and men, sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, nurses, teachers and students from a life growing up down the road in the bush. Just as the Stars were painted on the canvas to represent mother Kathleen and father Colin Gray, I am sure they wish they were standing with you all by the campfire sharing kaartijan (knowledge) at their bush camp classroom there today.

This event was presented by Yarramouup Aboriginal Corporation, Jerramungup District High school in collaboration with Wellstead Primary and the Fitzgerald Biosphere Community Collective (FBCC) and is thanks to support from Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Lotterywest, CBH group and WA Landcare Network.



## Community Noticeboard

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

#### FREE AFRICAN DRUMMING TEACHER TRAINING

Learn to teach African Drumming and spread the joy of music to others!



Help your community!  
Be your own boss!



If you're eager to learn how to play the African drums and pass the knowledge onto others, let us know you're interested with a call, email or even pop by the Ravenshorpe CRC.

Email: [hello@ravycrc.com.au](mailto:hello@ravycrc.com.au)  
Ph: 9838 1340



## Community Market Day

Saturday 16th September  
Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct  
9 am - 4 pm

- Local produce
- Bush foods presentations
- Local arts & crafts
- Bake sale
- Hot food
- Live music
- Face painting
- Plants
- Community Chest fundraising

**Contact us:**  
Ph: 9838 1340  
Email: [hello@ravycrc.com.au](mailto:hello@ravycrc.com.au)

# Community Noticeboard

**The Community Spirit is your community based newspaper, covering local news and events.**

We are pleased to support local events

**TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

- Design must be **completed by client** and submitted as a JPEG or PDF.
- Are to be for **FREE Local Community Events** only.
- To be placed on Notice Board at Community Spirit discretion.
- Notice Board is free providing there is to be a follow up article for the paper after the event. If no is article provided then the group will not be allowed this space again.
- There is limited area for the Notice Board so first in will get the space.

**For further information please contact the Community Spirit Communications Manager on 0408 840 447**

Looking for the **Community Transport Service Coordinator** number to book your next specialist appointment?  
**Call 0439 335 147**

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### FREE YOGA TEACHER TRAINING




Become a qualified yoga instructor, with teaching from Samantha Hewinson from Live to Serve Academy.



Help your community!  
Be your own boss!

Complete in three months

If you're eager to learn yoga and pass the knowledge onto others, let us know you're interested with a call, email or even pop by the Ravensthorpe CRC.

Email: [hello@ravycrc.com.au](mailto:hello@ravycrc.com.au)  
Ph: 9838 1340



## WOMEN'S HEALTH GP VISITS

### Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun July - December 2023

# Dr Ellie Brusasco

Hopetoun: October 25 and 27  
December 13 and 15

Ravensthorpe: October 26  
December 14

Please book your appointment with Hopetoun receptionist on (08) 9838 3854 or Ravensthorpe receptionist on (08) 9838 1600

**APPOINTMENTS ARE FOR WOMENS HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES.**  
NB This service is funded by Rural Health West and the Department of Health.

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### FREE QIGONG TEACHER TRAINING



Learn to run your very own Qigong classes with teaching from Nicole Lee, Qigong instructor and enthusiast.



Help your community!  
Be your own boss!

Complete in three months

If you're eager to learn Qigong and pass the knowledge onto others, let us know you're interested with a call, email or even pop by the Ravensthorpe CRC.

Email: [hello@ravycrc.com.au](mailto:hello@ravycrc.com.au)  
Ph: 9838 1340



# Weekend in the Fitzgerald Biosphere –A National Science Week event

by Annie Leitch and Sarah Comer



We joined Uncle Eugene Eades (Uncle Euy) in the meeting place *mia mia* at Nowanup Reserve after a quick morning tea and begin heartfelt discussions to welcome, introduce, heal and reconcile.

We learnt about 'court to country' programs that has seen young fellas making their way to Nowanup for Bush school, eco-restoration efforts that have placed Nowanup on the map for the whole world to see, using family members' Totems planted in art form as a show of respect, using the 'Wadjula way of restoration to tell 2 stories on 1 land.'



Uncle Euy making us 'Yarn carrier's'.. in the meeting place *Mia Mia* - he notes 'Noongar are the biggest story tellers out they reckon'.



Walk through the bush to the second meeting place, along the way we stop for views and calendar plants flowering - indicating goannas preparing to lay their eggs in the termite mounds.

We look over the escarpment

discussing the future of walking trails and other collaborative projects with like-minded stakeholders, Bush Heritage Australia (BHA) and Greening Australia - Nowanup Caretakers' helping with trail works and planting projects.

Dr Alison Lullfitz, a local community and friends' member shares her experience with not only the Eades family, but helping us to understand the importance of Noongar inclusion in University projects. Uncle Euy, himself an Adjunct Associate Professor with Curtin University.



Ecologist Sarah Comer introducing us to Monjebup North

Sarah Comer - BHA Ecologist and Friends' member showed us around Monjebup north reserve - an ecological restoration project delivered by BHA, implementing the high-grade restoration practices using direct

seeding and infill planting to restore native vegetation on previously cleared paddocks.

Matching appropriate local plant species with soil types, plantings have become productive enough for animals to move on in.

We hear Crested Bellbird and Emus as we navigate vegetation to find an active Malleefowl mound - and hopefully in time, vegetation recruitment will eventually reduce the tell-tale lines of human machinery intervention within this reserve.

Sarah spoke to us on many topics - Felixer grooming traps which have been designed to specifically target feral cats and how they work, Bush Heritage's integrated predator management work, vegetation and fauna monitoring, technology and song meters, Yate swamps with cultural and ecosystem significance and getting a closer look at empty pygmy possum nest boxes!

We were fortunate to book the whole Red Moort Field station accommodation and kitchen facilities for this weekend, referencing plants found that day with their BHA herbarium and Friends' members expertise. It was a great way to spend a few days in the Fitzgerald Biosphere.

Presented by the Fitzgerald Biosphere Community Collective and Friends of the Fitzgerald River National Park for National Science week on August 19th and 20th. We thank Lotterywest for funding this weekend, Uncle Eugene and Rocky Eades from Nowanup Enterprises LTD and Sarah Comer from Bush Heritage Australia for guidance through BHA projects.



Quiz courtesy of Businessballs.com



1. In the Bible, which modern-day country is referred to as 'The land of milk and honey'?
2. The 2013 film 'Rush' is about the rivalry between which two former Formula One racing drivers?
3. The community of Dull is in which US state?
4. Which heavyweight boxer won a gold medal in the 1964 Olympic Games?
5. Francois Ghislain were the middle names of what artist? Herbert Bayer, Rene Magritte, Max Ernst, Paul Gaugin
6. The world's first tilting bridge straddles which English river?
7. In what year was Katy Perry born? 1979, 1974, 1989, 1984
8. Liberation Day is celebrated in Italy during which month of the year?
9. Which of the following is not a kind of Apple? Arthur Turner, Bartlett, Orange Pippin, Bramley
10. In 1982 which station first broadcast the first two rounds of the US Open live? ABC, HBO, NBC, ESPN
11. Which English football club won the 1994 FA Cup?

12. Bassanio and which other character are a couple in the Merchant of Venice? Isabella, Portia, Jessica, Juliet
13. The radio adaptation of which H G Wells novel, narrated by Orson Welles caused panic in parts of the USA in October 1938?
14. In the human body, the buccal cavity is commonly known as what?
15. What is the boy in the Dreamworks film logo holding in his hand?
16. Which national team won the 2011 Rugby Union World Cup?
17. In the game of Monopoly, what is the name of the character on the board who is locked behind bars?
18. What is the title of the four-episode special of 'Doctor Who', made for the Red Nose Day telethon in the UK, broadcast in March 1999?
19. Its Not Right, But Its Okay was a hit for which female singer? Celine Dion, Beyonce, Britney Spears, Whitney Houston
20. What is the title of the film considered to be the debut of cartoon character Mickey Mouse?
21. Si is the symbol for which chemical element?
22. Which English monarch was killed at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485?
23. Which colour represents Line 5 of the Paris Metro rail system?
24. Who became US Secretary of State in 2009?
25. Which 1950s singer starred in "Song of the Open Road" and "Iceland"? Nat King Cole, Sammy Kaye, Dean Martin, Perry Como
26. Which British singer released an eight CD box set in 2008 entitled 'And They Said It Wouldn't Last (My 50 Years in Music)'?
27. The English Grand National Steeplechase is held annually at which race course?

28. What is the first name of Jamaican-born retired boxer Razor Ruddock?
29. Which movement did Raoul Duffy belong to? Abstract Expressionism, Cubism, Fauvism, Futurism
30. Which country hosted the 1962 FIFA World Cup?
31. How many old pennies were in a guinea?
32. Which word derives from the Greek words for 'star' and 'sailor'?
33. Which ELO song features Wagner, Beethoven, Puccini and Verdi?
34. Which of these is a feature of Jupiter? The Great Blue Storm, The Great White Storm, The Great Red Storm, The Great Black Storm
35. In poetry, a sonnet consists of how many lines?
36. What does the Latin phrase 'Ubi fumus ibi ignis' translate to in English?
37. Which male star featured on the 1998 Destiny's Child hit "No No No"? Usher, Jay-Z, Puff Daddy, Wyclef Jean
38. The 2000 Guineas Horse Race is run at which British race course?
39. What nationality was painter Jim Dine? Italian, English, American, French
40. Clementine is a variety of which fruit? Mandarin, Mango, Lemon, Lime
41. Who featured on the 2003 Kid Rock track "Picture"? Shania Twain, Sheryl Crow, Vanessa Carlton, Michelle Branch
42. Which London palace is the official residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury?
43. What is the name of the blue parrot-like cartoon character, often referred to as Switzerland's Mickey Mouse?
44. Johnny Depp plays policeman IChabod Crane in which 1999 film?

45. Which Pope was made an honorary member of the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team?
46. Dame Mary Lesley Perkins is a co-founder of which chain of UK opticians?
47. SD is the abbreviation for which US state?
48. British singer Lulu was married to which member of The Bee Gees?
49. In which Irish county is the resort of Bray?
50. How deep, in feet, is a fathom?

ANSWERS: 1. Israel; 2. James Hunt and Niki Lauda; 3. Ohio; 4. Joe Frazier; 5. Rene Magritte; 6. River Tyne - Gateshead; 7. 1984; 8. April - 25th; 9. Bartlett; 10. ESPN; 11. Manchester United; 12. Portia; 13. The War of the Worlds; 14. The mouth; 15. Fishing rod; 16. New Zealand; 17. Jake the Jailbird; 18. Doctor Who and the Curse of Fatal Death; 19. Whitney Houston; 20. Steamboat Willie; 21. Silicon; 22. Richard III; 23. Orange; 24. Hillary Clinton; 25. Sammy Kaye; 26. Cliff Richard; 27. Aintree; 28. Donovan; 29. Fauvism; 30. Chile; 31. 252; 32. Astronaut; 33. Rockaria; 34. The Great Red Storm; 35. 14; 36. Where there's smoke, there's fire; 37. Wyclef Jean; 38. Newmarket; 39. American; 40. Mandarin; 41. Sheryl Crow; 42. Lambeth Palace; 43. Globi; 44. Sleepy Hollow; 45. Pope John Paul II; 46. Specsavers; 47. South Dakota; 48. Maurice Gibb; 49. County Wicklow; 50. Six feet

## Public Notices

### SWANS VETERINARY SERVICE

Morgans St, Ravensthorpe  
Tuesdays by Appointment  
Phone 9071 5777

### ROSS, PAULINE, KELLY-ANNE, DEAN AND FAMILY,

Would like to thank the successful bidders and underbidders.  
Also everyone who contributed to the collaboration of our

### Annual Tiarri Prime SAMM Ram Sale

#### Disclaimer:

1. No liability shall be incurred by Community Spirit by reason of any amendments to, or error or inaccuracy in, or the partial or total omission of an advertisement, or by reason of delay or default or from any other cause whatsoever.

If in the opinion of Community Spirit the error clearly reduces the value of the advertisement and the advertiser notifies it to Community Spirit within seven days of the publication date, then no charge will be made for the advertisement containing the error.

2. While the Compilers normally aim to publish all material submitted if space is available, Community Spirit reserves the right to refuse to publish or republish any contribution or advertisement without giving any reason.

3. No articles, letters or advertisements will be accepted which may appear to be defamatory or accusatory, or to favour one side in a legal dispute.

4. Community Spirit reserves the right to shorten or otherwise amend any contribution other than advertisements. Articles from a Not for Profit organisation regarding past events that thank sponsors within the body of the article, will be free of charge.



# LOOK LOCAL

Most email and web addresses on this page are hyperlinked.  
Just click on it on your smart device to contact the business.

In these troubled times, our local businesses need your support more than ever.  
**ALWAYS LOOK LOCAL FIRST!**

### AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIES

#### RAVENSTHORPE AGENCIES

**BERNIE & ROZ BIDDULPH**  
44 Morgans Street (PO Box 126)  
RAVENSTHORPE WA 6346  
PHONE: (08) 9838 1236  
FAX: (08) 9838 1206  
MOBILE: 0429 381 236  
EMAIL: ravyag@westnet.com.au



Fencing ▶ Batteries ▶ Oils & Lubricants ▶ Chemicals & Fertilisers  
▶ Water Pumps ▶ Water Tanks ▶ Water Pipe & Fittings  
▶ Dog & Cat Food ▶ Workwear & Boots AND HEAPS MORE!

### EARTH MOVING

#### GP&DR Belli Mini Earthworks

**WE DO:**

- Chain Trenching (Back Hoe attachment) • Slashing • Filling and leveling Pads • Post holes and footings with augers to 900mm Diameter,
- Rotary Hoeing • Retainer Walls • Site, Yard & Stockyard Clean Up
- Landscaping • Sand, Gravel & Loam Supplies • Tip Truck & Hiab Hire

For enquiries contact: Greg or Di  
**Mob: 0427 027 003**



### PAINTING



#### PAINTING

Reg. #4709  
Domestic, Commercial, Industrial, Town and Country  
Clean, Precise and Quality work.  
Local references available.  
For FREE Quotation and Booking  
Call Mick  
**0419 701 332**

### AUTOMOTIVE



Service, Spare Parts,  
Sales of Used + New Vehicles  
DL 18922 MRB 629

**Phone: 08 9071 0100**  
Cnr Norseman + Shelden Roads, Esperance

### FUNERAL SERVICES



Funeral Care & Monumental Agents  
www.dawsonsfuneral.com.au

120 Federal Street, Narrogin Tel: 9881 1161 support@dawsonsfuneral.com.au  
21 Richardson Street, Katanning Tel: 9821 1079 coventry@dawsonsfuneral.com.au

### SMASH REPAIRS

#### Albany Smash Repairs

Paul Armstrong  
Proprietor  
Tel 9842 2838  
Fax 9841 6131  
paularmstrong@smashrepairer.com



14 Prior Street, Albany WA 6330 • A/h 0418 936 010  
• All Makes & Models • All Work Guaranteed  
24 Hrs Towing

### BUSINESS NETWORKING



#### FITZGERALD BUSINESS NETWORK

Connecting & supporting businesses across the Fitzgerald Biosphere  
Join us!  
For events, local jobs and business directory visit  
www.fitzbn.com.au



### HAULAGE

#### HALLAMS CARTAGE CONTRACTORS

Specialising in:

- Water Cartage • Grain Carting
- General Freight • Wool Cartage
- Side Tippers • Gravel & Sand
- Roller Hire • Low Loader Hire

**Kevin Ph: 0429 049 114**  
email: hallamscartage1@bigpond.com



### TYRES



**WE STOCK AND REPAIR A WIDE RANGE OF TYRES AND BATTERIES**  
Contact Riaan for all your Tyre and Battery needs on **0474 143 691**  
85 Tamar Street, Hopetoun WA 6348  
hopeptyreservices@gmail.com  
ABN: 70 681 573 176 – Licence Numbers: MRB8814 & MR17261

### EARTHWORKS

#### HOPETOUN EARTHWORKS

- Earthworks • Trenching • Siteworks
- Clearing • Septic • Bobcat & Backhoe Hire

**Ph: 9838 3336**  
Fax: 9838 3360 Mobile: 0427 383 336  
Supply & Laying Ready Mixed Concrete

### MESSAGE

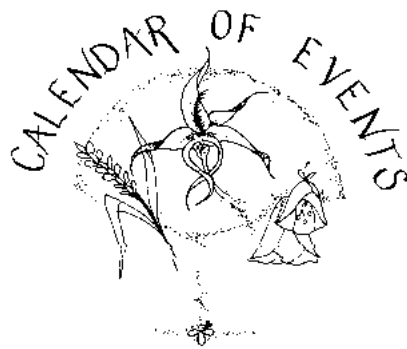
#### AS SMART

Remedial and Relaxation Massage  
(Remedial Therapy is claimable)  
Member of AMT  
Specialist Techniques in Pain Management  
For all muscular aches and pains  
LET OUR EXPERIENCE WORK FOR YOU!  
**0428 422 368**  
By appointment only  
www.smartremedialmassage.com.au  
15 Frearson Street Esperance



#### LOCAL ADVERTISING

The Community Spirit is your local newspaper, with local news and local advertising.  
Target your local customers through the Community Spirit, supporting the local community.  
Please don't hesitate to contact Kylie at contributions@cospirit.net



## REGULAR EVENTS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### September

- 11-23 Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show
- 14 4WD Tag A Long Tours
- 14 Hopetoun School Assembly, 8.30am-9.30am
- 14 Cold Porcelain Wildflower Making Workshop with Carmen Tyrer, 10am-1pm, Ravensthorpe Town Hall
- 14 Black Cockatoo Crisis-Film Screening, 4-6pm, Hopetoun CRC
- 15 4WD Tag A Long Tours
- 15 Interschool Sports Carnival, 9am-2pm, Newdegate Primary School
- 15 Wildflower Hotspot Bus Tours, 9.45am-12.30pm
- 15 Business Local: Digital Spring Clean, 1-2pm, Ravensthorpe CRC
- 15 Fervor Free Bus-Feast in the Fitz, 4.10-10pm, Hopetoun CRC
- 16 Community Market Day, 9am-4pm, Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct
- 16 Wildflower Hotspot Bus Tours, 9.45am-12.30pm
- 17 Yoga Class, 6-7pm, Multipurpose Building
- 19 Hopetoun Learning Journey, 5-7pm, Hopetoun Primary School
- 19 Ravensthorpe Shire Ordinary Council Meeting, 6-7pm, Ravensthorpe Council Chambers
- 20 Snake Handling Workshop, 8.30am-3.30pm, Hopetoun CRC
- 20 Australian Government Mobile Service Centre, 9.30am-3.30pm Ravensthorpe
- 20 Wearable Wildflowers-Hair Pin & Wrist Band, 6-8pm, Hopetoun CRC
- 22 Wildflower Hotspot Bus Tours, 9.45am-12.30pm
- 23 Start of School Holidays
- 25 King's Birthday Public Holiday
- 25 Community Spirit Deadline, 5pm
- 26 Sound Bath Meditation-Youth, 10-11am, Multipurpose Building
- 28 Table Tennis Tournament, 4-5.30pm, Hopetoun Youth & Art Space
- 28 Men's Circle-Men's Mental Health Chat, 6-7pm, Ravensthorpe CRC

For contributions to the Calendar of Events email the details to [contributions@cospirit.net](mailto:contributions@cospirit.net)

### 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](http://www.raveaboutarts.com)

**ARTITUDE JUST DANCE** 3pm Wed during term, ages 2+, Hopetoun Community Centre. [www.raveaboutarts.com](http://www.raveaboutarts.com)

**ARTITUDE VISUAL ARTS** 3pm Tuesday during term. Details & bookings [www.raveaboutarts.com](http://www.raveaboutarts.com)

**BOOTS COTING & LINEDANCING** Fri 1.30pm Mary Ann Haven Centre

**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](mailto:cockram36@gmail.com) for more details.

**HOPETOUN PLAYGROUP** Fridays 9.30-11.30am Location changes contact via [facebook.com/hopeyplaygroup](http://facebook.com/hopeyplaygroup).

**HOPETOUN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION** Office open Tuesday and Thursday 9am - 12pm.. Please call 9838 3363 anytime to leave us a message or email [hprogress@westnet.com.au](mailto:hprogress@westnet.com.au)

**HOPEY STUDY CLUB** 2.45pm each Monday of school term.

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

**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](http://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 Bistro.

**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.

**YARN WITH HOPE** 12-2pm, first Wed of every month, Hopetoun CRC

**VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES** Fortnightly training 7pm Thurs, Emergency Services Building. Wendy 0428 133 498.

#### MUNGLINUP

**GOLF** Ladies Golf: Wednesday by 8.45am Men's Golf: Saturdays by 11.30am.

#### 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.

**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](mailto:contributions@cospirit.net)

#### CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday before 1st Sun of the Month Hopetoun 6pm  
Saturday before 3rd Sun of the month Hopetoun 6pm  
1st Sunday, Ravensthorpe, 8.30am  
3rd Sunday, Ravensthorpe, 8.30 am  
For enquiries please call Fr A Chukwu 0470 439 768.

# BUSINESS AND SERVICES DIRECTORY

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY TO REACH ALL SERVICES..... 000

## ALBANY

**Albany Smash Repairs**.....9842 2838 • paularmstrong@smashrepairer.com  
www.smashrepairs.com.au  
**Smith's Aluminium** .....9842 2617 • sales@smithsaluminiumand4wd.com.au

## DOCTOR'S SURGERY

**Livingston Medical**  
Hopetoun—Mon, Wed, Fri 9am-5pm.....9838 3854 • F 9838 3729  
Ravensthorpe—Tues, Thurs 9am-5pm ..... 9838 1600  
**Community Transport Service Co-ordinator**..... 0439 335 147

## ESPERANCE

**ARC Accounting** ..... 9071 5833 • admin@arcaccounting.com.au  
**AS Smart Remedial & Relaxation Massage** Peter Dempster ..... 0428 422 368  
Saturday morning appointments available • www.smartremedialmassage.com  
**Compass Conveyancing (WA)**.....9071 1655 • meredith@espconvey.com.au  
**Esperance Bay Dental** ..... 9071 5888 • www.esperancebaydental.com.au  
**EMG Ford** ..... 9071 0100 • accounts@emgesperance.com.au  
**Esperance Toyota** ..... 9071 0100 • accounts@emgesperance.com.au  
**Powerplant Motorcycles** ..... 9071 1780 • tim@powerplantmc.com.au  
www.powerplantmotorcycles.com.au  
**Sportspower - Greg Bower** ..... 9071 2365 • M 0402 124 681  
esperance@sportspower.com.au  
**Swan's Veterinary Services** ..... 9071 5777

## HOPETOUN

**Belli Mini Earthworks** ....Ph 9838 3898 • M 0427 027 003 • diannegreg@wn.com.au  
**Carpet Cleaning** ..... 0408 597 017  
**Hallams Cartage Contractors** ....M 0429 049 114 • hallamscartage1@bigpond.com  
**Hopetoun Beachfront Chemist** ..... 9838 3333 • hopetouchemist@gmail.com  
**Hopetoun Community Resource Centre** ..... 9838 3062 • crc@hopetounwa.com  
**Hopetoun Earthworks & Concrete Supply** ..... 9838 3336 • 0427 383 336  
**Hopetoun General Store** ..... 9838 3052 • russ.asty@bigpond.com  
**Hopetoun IGA** ..... 9838 3919 • russ.asty@bigpond.com  
**Hopetoun Slashing** ..... 0429 049 114  
**Hopetoun Transport and Haulage** ..... 0429 049 114  
**Hopetoun Tyres & Batteries** ..... 9838 3537 • M 0474 143 691  
hopepytyreservices@gmail.com  
**LJ Hooker**....0408 030 888 • rmliloski.hopetoun@ljhooker.com.au - @Robert Miloskeski  
**Pest Control Local & Termites** ..... 0429 801 295 • casperprince@bigpond.com  
**Port Hotel** ..... 9838 3053 • F 9838 3036 • Kitchen 9838 3375  
www.porthotel.com.au  
**Ray White Rural South Coast WA**..... 9838 3100 • F 9838 3250 • M 0429 299 797  
raywhiteruralsouthcoastwa.com.au  
**Wavecrest Bar & Bistro**.....9838 3400 • venuemanager@wavecrest.net.au  
**Wavecrest Village** ..... 9838 3888 • village@wavecrest.net.au

## JERRAMUNGUP

**Jerramungup Electrical Service**.....M 0428 351 171 • jmpelectrical@bigpond.com

## LAKE KING

**Lake King Tavern, Motel & Caravan Park**..... 9874 4048  
lakekingtavern@gmail.com • www.lakekingtavernmotel.com.au  
**Nutrien Ag Solutions—Ross** ..... 9874 4004 • F 9874 4005 • M 0428 105 059

## RAVENSTHORPE

**4 Rivers Plumbing Gas & Civil Contracting** ..... 0407 358 983 • 9838 1725  
admin@4riversplumbing.com.au  
**Dingo's Dog Kennels** ..... M 0427 381 092  
**Eremia Camel Treks - Museum Writer Retreat, Accommodation**.... M 0427 381 092  
animamundi@westnet.com.au  
**Freight Lines General - Murray** ..... 9838 1343 • F 9838 1382 • M 0427 381 211  
**Hannaford Seed Grading** ....M 0427 268 136 • hannaford.ravensthorpe@gmail.com  
**Keen's Mini Mart** ..... Tony 0456 468 499  
Email: keensminimart@gmail.com  
**Madden Rural** ..... Jordan 0428 542 428 • Mick 0429 380 081 • Steve 0428 380 081  
admin@maddenrural.com  
**Palace Motor Hotel** ..... 9838 1005 • palacehotelravensthorpe@gmail.com  
**R & L Construction**..... 9838 3888 • M 0428 381 232  
**R and R Heavy Diesel Services** ..... M 0438 164 616 • randrhds@bigpond.com  
**Ravensthorpe Agencies - B&R Biddulph**..... 9838 1236 • ravyag@westnet.com.au  
**Ravensthorpe Agricultural Initiative Network**..... 9838 1018 • M 0417 174 299  
**Ravensthorpe Building Supplies** .. 9838 1100 • ravybuildingsupplies@outlook.com  
**Ravensthorpe Community Resource Centre** ..... 9838 1340  
ravensthorpe@crc.net.au  
**RavMech**..... 9838 1146 • M 0499 196 024  
info@ravmech.com  
**Ravensthorpe Pharmacy** ..... 9838 1020 • ravensthorpepharmacy@gmail.com  
**Nutrien Ag Solutions** ..... 9838 1081  
kyle.forsyth@nutrien.com.au • M 0417 912 318  
tom.major@nutrien.com.au • M 0403 782 887  
**Yummylicious Candy Shack** 89 Morgans St, Ravensthorpe .....Ph: 08 9838 1647  
belinda4444@hotmail.com

## NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**Ambulance NON-Emergency** ..... 131 233  
**Hopetoun Volunteer Marine & Rescue** ..... 9838 3207  
**Lake Grace Hospital**..... 9890 2222  
**Police** ..... 131 444  
(At request this number is the contact number for all Police Stations)  
**Hopetoun Police Station** ..... 9867 9120  
**Ravensthorpe Hospital** ..... 9838 2211  
**State Emergency Service** ..... 132 500

All email and web addresses on this page are hyperlinked. Just click on it on your smart device.

# New season of bowls

## Hopetoun Bowls

The Winter season has passed with some good weather days for bowls and a good crowd turning up for events.

As our new season is very quickly approaching, I just wanted to check that you all know that our first Pennant Game is Saturday September 30th against Esperance at Condingup, The Men,s Pennants will be on September 23 rd at Esperance against Condingup.

Our Opening Day is the day after–Sunday October 1st, 2023. As it is not officially the new



■ Playing last year.

Photo supplied

season yet I am a bit early but planning ahead.

Coral has got the new fixture books out so next

time you are at the club please collect one. Many thanks to Coral and her helpers.

I am going to put a Ladies Pennant Available/ Unavailable up for the first 6 months for you all to put your names on.

If you have a date a couple of weeks/months ahead, when you know you will be unavailable, please writ it early as it helps the selectors to plan ahead.

If you are available, just write your name. If you

are NOT AVAILABLE, write your name and unavailable next to it.

If you only want to be a Reserve or only want to play at home, please let me know.

Feel free to talk to myself or Margo. –Sue 0488 518 837; Margo 0428 174 637 hawkins.margot9@yahoo.com

I look forward to seeing you soon and the new season. Membership will be due at \$100.

–Sue, Margo and Pam

**OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL**

**ALBANY**  
CITY TOWING SERVICES

Paul Armstrong  
Proprietor

*Paul Armstrong  
Panel Beaters*  
**24 Hr Towing**

Mobile 0418 936 010  
Tel: 9842 2838  
14 Prior Street Albany WA 6330  
paularmstrong@smashrepairer.com



**Albany  
Smash  
Repairs**

All Makes & Models  
All Work Guaranteed  
**0418 936 010**  
**9842 2838**



paularmstrong@smashrepairer.com  
www.smashrepairer.com

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

September 23rd: Pennants Men

September 30th: Pennants Ladies

October 1st: Opening Day. Sponsored by Shipwreck Bakery.

October 4th, 11th and 18th: Ladies 9am; Mixed Scroungers 1pm

October 6th: Men's Championship Fours

October 7th: Pennants Ladies