

# INSIGHT



Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire Newsletter

April/May 2016

## Bridgetown Pool opens with a Splash!

Well it was a long time coming, but it was well worth the wait!

Almost 4 years of research, planning, funding applications, designing, approvals, building and commissioning finally reached completion on Saturday 27 February.

The weather could not have been more perfect when 776 people from Bridgetown and surrounds attended the opening day of the new Bridgetown Leisure Centre Swimming Pool. Shire President John Nicholas welcomed the large crowd that had gathered at the entrance, eager to be amongst the first into the water. When Pool staff swung open the glass gates, 100's of adults and kids assembled on the sides of the new 25m 8 Lane Pool and Leisure Pool and awaited the countdown then everyone jumped in on cue.



Shire Councillors, staff and members of the Swimming Pool Fundraising Working Group were on hand to man the bbq's for a free sausage sizzle. With such a large crowd it didn't take long to get through 500 sausages and rolls.

Walter the 'Watch Around Water Watch Dog' made several appearances over the opening weekend handing out small gifts to the kids, posing for selfies and promoting water safety and the need to be vigilant around water.

Aquatic Coordinator Graeme Pollett said "it was fantastic to see such a big crowd for our opening weekend. 1400 people attended over the two days which is a record for us. It's certainly going to be a hard record to break".

Feedback so far has been very positive. Apart from the new pools themselves, the vast grassed areas, large shade sails, timber gazebos and, of course, the water features in the new Leisure Pool, have all been a bit hit. The

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## Presidents Comment

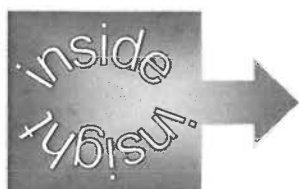
*I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Easter break.*

*It was very pleasing to see the great number of people who turned out for the unofficial opening of the aquatic facility at the Leisure Centre. While we have had to wait longer than planned to take advantage of this facility it was certainly worth the wait. We are now able to boast a first class integrated resource that enables all types of users to make the most of their particular requirements. The new pools and other attractions now allow the dedicated swimmers, those wanting to engage in aquatic exercise, and small children, to have their own designated areas of activity. It will also now permit other activities other than swimming to take place. The official opening will be held on 15 April.*

*The CEO and I met recently with the Community Affairs Manager from NBN Co. and I am pleased to let you know that the next stage of the NBN rollout, which is fibre to the premise, node or business, is on track for the 3rd quarter of 2016 and will take approximately 12 months to complete. This stage is planned to service over 1300 premises in Bridgetown and will greatly improve the current services being delivered. With the imminent delivery of this technology you are advised to check that your current fax machine, eftpos terminal, medic alert etc. will operate in this environment. You can have your hardware checked by your bank, local computer retailer, or other service provider.*

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John Nicholas JP,  
Shire President



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The Shire held its annual Volunteers Function on Friday 26 February at Memorial Park commencing at 5pm. Local musicians 'The Riders' entertained the crowd with some fantastic tunes, whilst a bouncy castle and a great game of 'back yard cricket' manned by our Manager Planning, Scott Donaldson, kept the kids (and some adults!) entertained. Shire CEO, Tim Clynch, and Co-ordinator Corporate Services, Darren Wilson, cooked up a storm at the bbq whilst our celebrated volunteers sat under the shady trees enjoying local drinks from the Cidery and Sally's Lane. Shire President, Cr John Nicholas presented various 'Certificates of Appreciation' during the evening to outstanding volunteer persons and community groups and thanked everyone for their continued time and effort in making our community as wonderful as it is.

The change of venue and format this year was supported by Councillors and Shire staff in order to include the many volunteers who have been unable to attend previous functions due to having young families. This change gives parent volunteers in our community the opportunity to attend and bring their families with them to celebrate in a more inclusive environment. Some fantastic feedback was received and the Shire look forward to continuing this event, making it bigger and better, into the future.



# ARCHIE & LANDSCAPE art exhibitions

The Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, in conjunction with Bridgetown Pottery Restaurant and Blackwood Valley Arts Alliance, invites artists to exhibit works in this years Bridgetown Archie & Landscape Exhibitions.

The Archie Exhibition - 6pm Thursday 2 June to 27 June 2016

The Landscape Exhibition - 6pm Friday 1 July to 1 August 2016

Entry forms are available from the Shire Office (Customer Service Front Counter) and the Shire's website [www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au](http://www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au)

Please contact Julie Pike at the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Services Department on 9761 1555 or Pip Mills at Bridgetown Pottery Restaurant on 9761 1038 for more information.

## **Bushfires**

### **Are Your Legal Documents Safe? Get Prepared for next Bushfire Season**

Although the 2015/2016 bushfire season is almost over, the recent tragic bushfires in the Waroona and Harvey Shires have highlighted the importance of keeping your legal documents and other important personal documents and/or photos in a safe place. This cannot always be possible as the safe place you use may come under threat from fire. One way of covering this is to scan these documents/photos onto a USB thumb drive.

The Shire's Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) has purchased 100 "Bushfire Emergency USB's" and would like to give these to eligible 'Age Pensioners' or 'Seniors' card holders to enable important and legal documents to be scanned to them so that in the event that personal documents are lost due to fire, a back-up copy would be available. The USB's look like and are the same size as a credit card so will fit easily into a wallet. The cards come pre-loaded with the following documents:

- DFES – Bushfire Homeowners Survival Manual
- DFES – Prepare, Act, Survive Booklet
- Red Cross – Emergency RediPlan Household Preparedness for Seniors

Representatives from the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) have volunteered to scan legal and personal documents and photographs onto the USB's for eligible residents. The contact for this is Glen Norris at the Shire office (Monday or Tuesday).

Although the current stock of USB's is being made available to our senior residents the LEMC committee would be interested to hear from other residents who would be prepared to purchase the USB cards. It is anticipated the cost per card would be less than \$10. Interested residents are invited to email Glen Norris at [gnorris@bridgetown.wa.gov.au](mailto:gnorris@bridgetown.wa.gov.au)

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*As you know the Fixed Wireless technology was launched in 2015 and is available to those premises within the footprint. NBN has said it is encouraged by the response that its customers to the Fixed Wireless service are experiencing with up to 50/20mbps upload & download speeds.*

*The NBN satellite service known as Sky Muster will become fully operational in May 2016. If your residence is not covered by Fixed Wireless or Fixed Line services you will be able to access this NBN service after April 2016. Further information can be found on the Shire's website and more detailed information can be accessed from the Bridgetown Community Resource Centre.*

*I want to thank The Roadwise Committee for staging the Blessing of the Roads Ceremony prior to Easter and thank all of those, particularly the local school students, who made the event so meaningful. This is a great tradition that we should all be proud of.*



## **RANGER SERVICES**

Rangers have noticed and the community has complained that some dog owners are failing to pick up their dog's excrement and dispose of it in an appropriate manner. For your convenience, bags are supplied & situated at the Showgrounds, River Park, Memorial Park & Bridgetown Sports Ground.

Please be responsible and clean up after your dog and help keep the area hygienic and enjoyable for all who choose to use these areas.

Fines have increased for all dog offences, some examples are:

- Failure to remove dog excrement \$200
- Dog in place without consent \$200
- Failure to notify Local Government of change of ownership \$200
- Unregistered Dog \$200
- Failure to ensure a dog is microchipped \$200
- Dog not wearing an identification tag \$200

Any queries should be directed to Ranger Services on 9761 1555 or 0428 911 847.



## Bridgetown Area Transport Service

### A New Service for the Community

Bridgetown Area Transport Service (BATS) is the newest HACC funded transport service for the region. A much needed requirement for our elderly community and those living with a disability.

The BATS team pride ourselves on providing a friendly and assessable service to the people of Bridgetown, Boyup Brook and surrounding areas. The transport service is highly subsidized for people who are HACC clients.

The service is also available for people who are **not** eligible for HACC, who require transport at a reasonably negotiated fee.

The transport service is offered to the community to assist in maintaining the independence of its members. This service directly addresses the transport issues faced by many seniors and people with disability, allowing them increased autonomy, relying less on friends and family.

BATS will provide transport from the client's home to wherever they need to go, from the local doctors and back, all the way to Perth. There are a number of payment options ranging from cash, cheque, Pensioner Fuel cards, DVA reimbursement and also PATS over the 99km destination. A return trip from Bridgetown to Bunbury for a HACC client will cost as little as \$30.00. For more information please call BATS to discuss your individual circumstances.

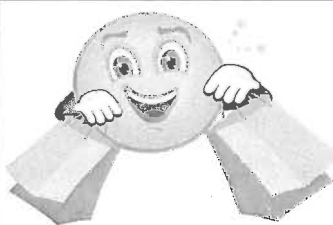
#### Recruiting Volunteers-BATS

As BATS is in its infancy, the programme is currently hoping to increase its volunteer driver base. As a volunteer you will be a part of a new and exciting service that will bring positive change to many members of the community. BATS is providing seniors and people with disability the transport support needed to allow people to live independently in the community. Volunteer drivers will meet new people, be involved with a new team and make a difference to the community.

Being a volunteer driver for BATS will cost you as much or as little of your time as you wish. Police checks and insurance is covered by BATS and Strive Warren Blackwood Inc. All training is provided along with refresher driving courses.

Your involvement in this worthy and necessary service is invaluable. Interested community members can call into Enable South West on the corner of Steere Street & Roe Street, or call 9761 1855 for more information.

The BATS team look forward to talking with you.



### Greenbushes to Bridgetown Shopping Bus Run

The Community Bus "Rosie" shopping run service continues to operate on alternative Tuesdays from Greenbushes to Bridgetown (and back again!). This service is available at a cost of \$8 return to ANYONE living in Greenbushes who would like to come to Bridgetown for the morning – shopping, medical appointments, whatever you need!

The bus run operates every second Tuesday departing Greenbushes Roadhouse at 9.00am then leaving IGA at 11.30am.

Anytime between arrival and departure of the bus in Bridgetown, parcels may be deposited in the bus, so heavy shopping does not have to be carried.

Scheduled Dates: **26 April, 10 May, 24 May, 7 June**

For more information, please contact Julie Pike at the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Services Department on 9761 1555.





Me 2! Is a BRAND NEW program offered by the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.

Me 2! activities will be available in the format of term programs over the next 18 months as a way of encouraging community members with all levels of ability to be involved.

Each term program offered under the Me 2! banner will be FREE for all participants and will be offered once per week, over one term for each activity. Term programs will include supported vacation swimming opportunities, after school swimming lessons, fitball soccer, beach volley ball, aqua aerobics, Tell My Story at the Library, gymnastics, Zumba, and more!!

Each of the term programs will be facilitated by one of our Shire facilitators, trained specifically to encourage participation in a non-competitive environment to cater for all levels of skill and ability.

Me 2! is all about FUN so the activities are designed to promote health, fitness and friendship in a non-competitive, stress-free environment.

The Me 2! is starting in second term with "fitball soccer"

Where: Bridgetown Leisure Centre  
When: Saturday 30 April to Saturday 25 June,  
Age/time: 7 years to 11 years - 10.00am to 10.45am  
12years+ - 11.00am to 11.45am

If you have any queries or wish to express your interest in participating please call the Bridgetown Leisure Centre on 9761 2966.

There are also opportunities for people with disability to receive reduced cost personal training and gym membership (minimum age 16 years to attend the gym alone).

For enquiries into reduced rates call Megan on 9761 1555.

## The Shire's Youth Friendly Communities Plan

A youth friendly community is a community that values, supports, respects, provides for, and actively includes young people. They consider the voices, needs, priorities and rights of young people in the development of public policies, programmes and decisions. The Shire is currently working toward increasing its "Youth Friendliness" by developing and implementing a Youth Friendly Community Plan (YFCP). Once developed, the YFCP will help Council make decisions based on a greater understanding of the interests, needs and challenges of young people within the Shire.

### How will it happen?

The aim is to establish and work with either one or several focus groups made up from a broad cross-section of young people living in the Shire. The focus groups will explore what is great about living in the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes and what could be better. The focus groups will also consider the community's assets (including the Bridgetown Skate Park, Greenbushes Skate Park), opportunities, issues and challenges important to young people.

### When will it happen?

Starting in early 2016, Shire officers and a community development consultant will begin looking for interested young people and stakeholder groups/organisations to engage with. They will develop the focus group/s and a greater understanding of the current needs of young people. The focus group/s will determine the frequency, duration and location for each meeting. The focus group/s members will be encouraged to connect and engage with other young people. Together, the focus group/s will identify and prioritise ideas and projects.

This process will also provide the focus group members with an opportunity to learn more about how decision-making works in local government; the competing projects, expenditure and focus areas that must be considered; and the importance of working in partnership with others to assist in the delivery of priority youth projects.

The anticipated outcomes of this process are as follows:

Young people will have:

- Ownership of the Shire's Youth Strategy;
- Influenced Council's decision making process;
- Increased awareness of the processes of governance and local government;
- A sense of understanding and empathy for the needs of others.

And, Council will have:

- Developed a strategy and vision that is representative of the needs and wants of young people;
- A set of priority projects to implement based on the participatory decision making process involving our young people; and
- Created a group of young people experienced in engaging with the Shire in a constructive and pro-active manner.

If you would like to become involved in this process please call Megan on 9761 1555 or come in to the Shire office and ask for Megan to register your interest.

# Volunteers' Corner



Trudy Clothier has been a valued member of the Bridgetown-Greenbushes community over the past 26 years. Trudy has always volunteered to raise funds and help support her children in the P&C and sporting clubs, however, over the past 10 years she has also volunteered for St John Ambulance, the Blues at Bridgetown, Bridgetown Greenbushes Business and Tourism Association (BGBTA) and Camp Quality.

Camp Quality raises significant funds for children with cancer throughout the year. Trudy's

duties in St John include ambulance officer duties and training and her work for Blues at Bridgetown includes the coordination of the street party and support throughout the year. Trudy has also been heavily involved with the BGBTA Winter Festival.

When asked why she volunteers, Trudy suggested that she gains a great deal of satisfaction from helping others.

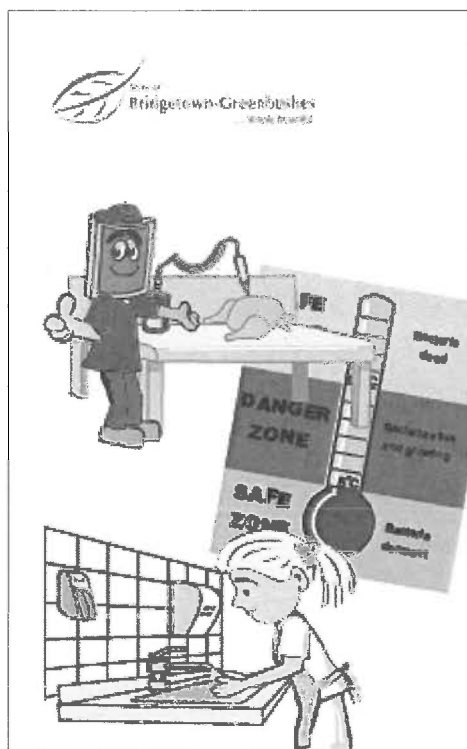
Trudy has also found many friends through volunteering and feels that volunteering can help to improve the community and sets a good example for her children.

Volunteering has become a family affair in the Clothier household with Trudy's husband, Keith, and her two

Over the next year the Shire will be shining a light on the many volunteers who work tirelessly for the betterment of the community. The Shire would also like to express its gratitude to the many volunteers through "Vollies Corner". Each edition of the Insight will feature one of the community's numerous volunteers.

children, Laurie and Mitch, also involved with volunteering. While it might be a challenge to coordinate everyone's schedules, volunteering as a family has many worthwhile benefits. Children watch everything you do. By giving back to the community, you show them firsthand how volunteering makes a difference and how good it feels to help other people and animals and enact change. It's also a valuable way for you to get to know organizations in the community and find resources and activities for your children and family.

If anyone would like to know more about the charities or community groups mentioned above please call Megan on 9761 1555.



## FREE

### Online Food Safety Training

Now available through the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes website.

The Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes takes food hygiene within our shire very seriously. All food businesses have obligations and the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes is assisting food businesses to meet these obligations by providing free access to this exciting new training tool.

There is a high demand for training within the food sector. This training will assist food handlers in developing the required skills and knowledge to ensure food is handled in a safe and hygienic manner.

The program is easy to follow, includes an entertaining presentation as well as interactive quizzes and the ability to view Chinese text and captions. A training acknowledgement form can be printed upon completion and be kept as a part of your staff records.

Visit [www.bridgetown.iniaalert.com.au](http://www.bridgetown.iniaalert.com.au) to conduct the training now.

# BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES VISITOR CENTRE

## Where do you want to go?

The Visitor Centre, as the agent for both Transwa and South West Coachlines, can book your tickets for travel between Bridgetown and Perth and other destinations.

It is recommended that you book because unless the buses have ticketed passengers to pick up, they are not required to stop at the bus stops. Tickets can be booked at the Visitor Centre up to 24 hours prior to travel, and price concessions apply on presentation of valid cards. Please note that we must see your concession card in order to provide the discount.

From	To	Departs	Arrives	On
Transwa				
Bridgetown*	Perth Railway Stn	12.47 pm	5.12 pm	Daily
Perth Railway Stn*	Bridgetown	9.30 am	1.17 pm	Daily
* Combined bus/Australind train service				
Bridgetown*	East Perth	9.40 am	2.00 pm	Mon
Bridgetown*#	East Perth	8.55 am	2.00 pm	Tue, Thu
East Perth*#	Bridgetown	12.15 pm	5.20 pm	Mon, Wed
East Perth*	Bridgetown	11.15 am	3.32 pm	Fri
East Perth*	Bridgetown	2.30 pm	6.47 pm	Sun
* Stops at Mandurah and Cockburn Central				
# Via Boyup Brook and Collie				
South West Coachlines				
Bridgetown	Perth Esplanade	7.10 am	10.45 am	Mon-Fri
Perth Esplanade	Bridgetown	1.30 pm	5.50 pm	Mon-Fri
South West Coachlines also goes on to the Domestic & International Airports				

Printed timetables are available from the Visitor Centre, and our opening times are Monday to Friday 9 am – 5pm, Saturday 10am – 3pm, Sundays and public holidays 10am – 1pm.

## ANZAC Day – 25 April

ANZAC Day services will be held at Greenbushes and Bridgetown with times as follows:

**6.00am – Greenbushes**

**10.00am – Bridgetown**

### Greenbushes Service

People participating in the march are requested to assemble opposite the Greenbushes RSL Hall by no later than 5.45am. The parade will commence the march to the Cenotaph at 5.50am. Parking will be available behind the shops and on Telluride Street behind the school. A gunfire breakfast will be held at the Greenbushes Hall at the conclusion of the service, cost: gold coin donation.

### Bridgetown Service

People participating in the march are requested to assemble in the Post Office carpark by no later than 9.30am. The parade will commence the march to the Cenotaph at 9.45am. Morning tea will be provided by Bridgetown Red Cross in the Lesser Hall at the conclusion of the service.

# Restricted Burning Time

15 March 2015 to 26 April 2015

The Restricted Burning period commenced Tuesday, 15 March 2016. From this date up to 26 April 2016, any property owner or occupier of land wanting to burn a fire at their property (including garden refuse and rubbish) will need to obtain a Fire Permit from their Fire Control Officer. Bridgetown townsite permits are issued by Shire Rangers, Monday to Friday between 2pm – 3pm. A Permit is required for all cooking and camping fires during the restricted burning period. Gas barbeques can still be used during the restricted and prohibited burning period. Check with your Fire Control Officer for any variation to fire restriction dates. Fire Control Officers for each area are listed in the Fire Break Order received in your land rates or are available on the Shire website [www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au](http://www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au).

No Permits will be issued for burning on Public Holidays during the restricted burning periods. Any queries should be directed to Ranger Services on 9761 1555 or 0428 911 847.

## KEEP WARM THIS WINTER IN A SUSTAINABLE WAY

- from the Shire's Sustainability Advisory Committee

Nights are getting colder and it is time to think about lighting the fire. And that means getting some firewood in. Here are a few tips so that you can enjoy your fire responsibly.

- Where to gather firewood. You can't just go into the bush and collect firewood. There are designated firewood gathering areas in and around our district. Firewood gathering maps can be picked up from the Bridgetown – Greenbushes Shire offices or by contacting the Department of Parks and Wildlife in Manjimup or Kirup.
- Only fallen timber should be taken, because standing trees can provide important habitat for native species such as black cockatoos and brushtail possums. Any logs marked with a white 'H' should be avoided as these have been identified as potential habitat for native animals. People can help ensure there are minimal impacts on the environment while collecting firewood by staying on established roads at all times.
- Firewood gathering is not permitted on Shire bushland reserves. These patches of bushland are managed for conservation purposes and are generally too small to support timber removal. Fallen logs provide important habitat to goannas, lizards, small mammals and a host of often-overlooked insects. Rotting logs provide much of the energy that drives the forest floor ecosystem, the

plants and animals that in turn provide a food resource for birds and larger mammals.

- Shire bushland reserves are clearly signposted with signs on gates "Wood for Wildlife".
- If you purchase firewood, you should check that your firewood merchant has the appropriate firewood cutting licence from Forest Products Commission. Make sure that their firewood comes from a designated firewood collection area and make sure that they are operating legally. If not, find one who is.
- Mill ends are great but make sure that they are well aged before you burn them. Buy your mill ends six to nine months in advance and store them where they will well and truly dry. The emissions that you as an individual householder contribute depend on how dry your firewood is and how well you burn your wood. It's pretty easy to tell. If you are emitting visible smoke from your chimney, then you are polluting. A properly burning fire emits a shimmering heat but no visible smoke. If your chimney smokes when your fire is burning then your wood is probably too green.
- Some other alternatives. You don't have to burn jarrah! If you have a small property and you have trees and branches that fall from time to time, use these. And use those unwanted trees that you cut down because they were planted in the wrong place or pose a fire risk to your house. Marri, Blackbutt, Flooded Gum,

weed wattles such as Blackwood, Silver Wattle all make excellent firewood if they are properly dried and stored. They may not burn as hot as Jarrah, but for most nights they will provide adequate heat and you get the added advantage of not wasting the wood in burn piles in paddocks or trips to the tip.

- And if you have a bit of extra land you can plant a dedicated firewood woodlot using the best species for firewood production. Local species such as Flooded Gum, Wandoo and Blackbutt are good. If you select the right firewood species, choose an appropriate site and carry out good site preparation you can have firewood in your firebox within five to seven years. Not only will you take pressure off our remnant forests but also your trees will help to maintain the water balance and fix carbon dioxide as a carbon sink. For every ton of carbon produced, 3.7 tons of carbon dioxide is taken out of the atmosphere. Firewood from plantation timber or garden tree removal is a renewable resource and is carbon neutral. When you burn it greenhouse gases are emitted, but as the wood is being grown the net result is carbon neutral.

So think ahead and get your timber in early. Make sure it has sufficient time to dry and store it in a woodshed. You can be satisfied that you can stay warm in a sustainable way this winter.





## Road Safety Message from the Roadwise Advisory Committee

On Wednesday, 23 March the Roadwise Advisory Committee again hosted the annual "Blessing of the Roads Ceremony" with the 'road safety' addresses being presented by Roadwise Chairman, Cr Joann Moore, Acting Police Sergeant Mike Smith and St John Ambulance Chaplain, Cindy Monteith, who travelled from Perth to attend the ceremony. Students from the four schools in our Shire also read messages relating to road safety, targeting the areas of:

- Wearing seat belts (Greenbushes Primary School)
- Speed (Bridgetown Primary School)
- Driver Fatigue (St Brigids Primary School)
- Distraction ie; mobile phones / audio systems / eating & drinking whilst driving (Bridgetown High School)

Towards the end of the ceremony, David Bardsley and Mandy Davies conducted the Blessing and Prayers on behalf of all the Churches in our Shire.

The ceremony, which was attended by approximately 140 residents and visitors, also recognised the 161 people killed on our roads during 2015, 87 of which occurred in regional and rural Western Australia, as well as the 170 people seriously injured during the same period. The Roadwise Advisory Committee takes this opportunity to thank those emergency services personnel and members of the community and visitors who were able to attend the 2016 Ceremony. Although the Blessing of the Roads Ceremony is specific to the Easter holiday period, the messages relating to road safety are for all road users whether we are driving, riding or walking every day of the year, so please take care on all roads wherever you may be travelling.



### Pedestrian Safety

Our Road Safety messages often concentrate on driving or cycling however pedestrian safety is also major consideration. In Steere and Hampton Streets in Bridgetown there are many alleyways and driveways so motorists need to take responsibility by entering and exiting these slowly and safely – remember, motorists by law, must give way to pedestrians in these circumstances. Pedestrians also need to take responsibility by stopping and looking before crossing the alleyways or driveways and making sure your children or dogs are safe.

### **Roadwise – caring for the safety of our community**

*(Pictured - Students "planting" crosses in the Rose Garden outside the Lesser Hall)*

## Bushfire Planning Reforms

Vast areas of the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes have now been designated as being bushfire prone by the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner. The order was gazetted on 7 December 2015 in tandem with the Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Amendment Regulations 2015 and new State Planning Policy 3.7: Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas (SPP 3.7) which together form the State Government's bushfire planning reforms.


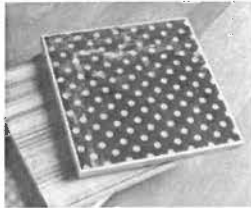


The Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas identifies the parts of the State that are designated as bushfire prone and came into effect on 8 December 2015, with the new Planning Regulations automatically introducing deemed provisions relating to bushfire prone areas into the Shire's Town Planning Scheme No. 3 and Town Planning Scheme No. 4.

The four month transitional period ends on 7 April 2016 with the new regulations becoming operational on 8 April 2016. Thereafter some landowners will need to undertake a Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) assessment prior to applying for planning approval and/or a building permit for a dwelling or other habitable building. The Shire strongly recommends that an Accredited Level 1 BAL Assessor of Bushfire Planning Practitioner undertake the BAL assessment and provide professional advice on other bushfire risk management measures.

Further information on the Bushfire Planning Reforms is available via [www.planning.wa.gov.au/bushfire](http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/bushfire).

# Between the Lines *at your library*

## APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

<b>Wednesday 13 April</b>	<b>2.30 - 4.30</b>	<b>Ages 8 to 14</b>	<b>\$4</b>	
<b>Knight Puppet</b> Come along and make a string puppet out of paper cups and cardboard. Then write a script and have mock adventures with your friends.				
<b>Friday 15 April</b>	<b>1.30 to 3.00</b>	<b>Ages 6 to 10</b>	<b>\$4</b>	
<b>Drink Coasters</b> Make a drink coaster for your mum for Mother's Day.				
<b>Monday 18 April</b>	<b>2.30 to 4.00</b>	<b>Ages 7 to 12</b>	<b>\$3</b>	
<b>Knitting Nancy's</b> Learn the old fashioned art of "Knitting Nancy" to make woollen coils that can then be made into lots of other objects such as bracelets and containers.				
<b>Thursday 21 April</b>	<b>11.00 to 12.00</b>	<b>Ages 5 to 10</b>	<b>\$3</b>	
<b>Craft Activity for Younger Children</b> This session is for younger children to come along and enjoy gluing and cutting to make some fun things to take home.				
<b>Booking essential for all sessions</b> <b>Payment must be made 1 week before the activity to confirm a place in the session</b>				

## REGULAR LIBRARY ACTIVITIES – anyone welcome

CANASTA	SCRABBLE	BOOK CLUB	STAMP CLUB	RHYME TIME
1st & 3rd Mondays of the month	2nd & 4th Mondays of the month	3rd Thursday of the month	1st Thursday of the month	Every Wednesday
1.15pm – 4.00pm	1.15pm – 4.00pm	1.00pm – 2.30pm	4.30pm - 6.30pm	10.00am – 10.30am



Parents, Grandparents and carers, bring your pre-school aged child to the library and join in National Simultaneous Story Time at 10.30am - 11.30am on Wednesday 25 May with other children across Australia. Listen to the story and make a simple craft item.

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new beach volleyball pit is proving very popular with the kids too. And who couldn't be impressed by the new amenities? No more cold showers!!

To the end of March, 6000+ people have visited the new pool to swim, play, train and compete or just lie on a towel and read a book.

Donnybrook District High School were the first to book the pool for their school swimming carnival. From all accounts they were very impressed with the new facility. One school teacher remarked "To have such a wonderful modern facility in Bridgetown is a credit to everyone involved. The shaded grassed area with the faction colours is a great idea and we love the kid's pools with the water features and walking lanes. You should be very proud". Yes, we are very proud indeed.

Bridgetown High School and St Brigid's Primary have also held carnivals, and being a brand new pool, have set all new records. The last carnival for the season will be held on Friday 8 April when St Brigid's will host the Catholic Primary Interschool.

Aquarobics is proving very

popular too. Chris Utech is conducting classes every Wednesday morning at 10:30. Her high energy routines are suitable for all ages and fitness levels and there is a real emphasis on making it fun.

The Swimming Pool hosted Bike Week – Ride to School/Work on 20 March where 120 adults and kids were treated to an early breakfast at the pool. Kids took the opportunity to ride their bikes around the concourse and although there were some close calls, nobody ended up in the water. Before heading off to school or work, our Aquatic Coordinator talked about road safety while riding and reinforced the need for all riders to be wearing their helmet whenever out for a ride. As a special treat – and for logistical reasons – the Bridgetown Police gave everyone an escort to school. With lights and sirens on, it was quite a sight to see 120 bikes following closely behind the police car heading down Steere Street.

There is still a bit of warm weather left to come and our pool staff would love to see you at the pool over the next few weeks. Our closing date is 25 April – ANZAC Day. Until then, we're open from 6am – 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am – 6pm Saturday and Sunday.



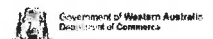
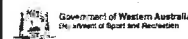
#### Attention ALL Incorporated Clubs

As of the 1 July 2016, the *Associations Incorporations Act 1987* is changing and every club in WA will have to change their constitution to comply with the new rules.

On Thursday 28 April, the Department of Commerce will be in Manjimup to inform clubs of the changes and advise what you need to do to comply. It is very important a representative from your club attends.

**Thursday 28th April 2016**  
**Manjimup Town Hall, 6pm - 8pm**

RSVP to Katie Drummond on 9771 7797 or  
katie.drummond@manjimup.wa.gov.au



## International Fire Fighters Day Memorial Service

In recognition of International Fire Fighters Day, the Shire will host a memorial service on Wednesday, 4 May 2016 at the Bridgetown Bush Fire Service Headquarters (Les Woodhead Avenue, adjoining the trotting track and football oval) to remember those fire fighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

The service, which will commence at 11.00am, is open to all emergency service agencies personnel and their families, and members of the Bridgetown-Greenbushes community.

For further information please contact Chris Sousa on 0428 611 125.



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NEW Group Fitness Timetable - Reviewed Quarterly

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Be in the draw  
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### GROUP FITNESS TIMETABLE

(Commences 11 April 2016)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6.00am	BODYPUMP				BODYPUMP	
8.00am	LIVING STRONGER COTA	LIVING STRONGER COTA		LIVING STRONGER COTA	LIVING STRONGER COTA	
9.15am	LES MILLS CXWORX® NEW CLASS	Hatha Yoga		LES MILLS BODYPUMP	FITBALL FRIDAY	dru Video Format
9.50am	LES MILLS BODYPUMP					
10.30am	LIVING STRONGER COTA		LIVING STRONGER COTA	LES MILLS BODYBALANCE		
11.45am	LIVING STRONGER COTA		LIVING STRONGER COTA			
1.00pm	LIVING STRONGER COTA		LIVING STRONGER COTA	dru Video Format		
5.00pm		BOX FIT NEW CLASS				
5.45pm	LES MILLS BODYBALANCE		LES MILLS BODYPUMP			
6.35pm	LES MILLS BODYPUMP		LES MILLS CXWORX®			

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This 30 minute class is challenging but achievable for all fitness levels. You will also get some hip, butt and lower back exercises.

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Launches:**

**9.15am Monday  
11th April 2016**

**6.35pm Wednesday  
13th April 2016**

(bookings are essential)

For further information or to book for launches please contact the friendly staff at the Bridgetown Leisure Centre on 9761 2966 or [recreation@bridgetown.wa.gov.au](mailto:recreation@bridgetown.wa.gov.au)