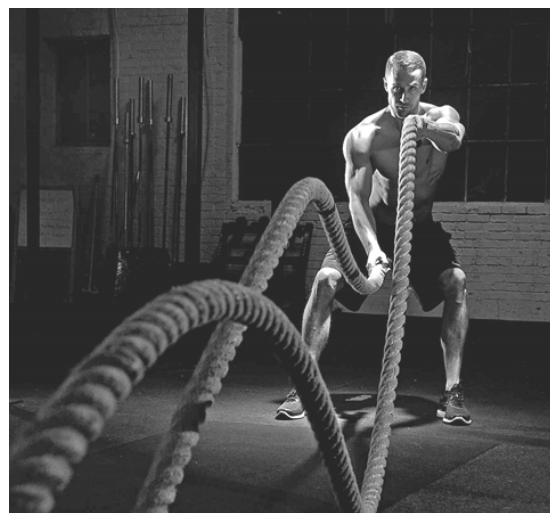


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For more information on programs and lessons at the BLC, drop in and speak to our friendly staff, or give us a call on 9761 2966.

SHIRE BYTES

Want to know about upcoming Shire events, special meetings, fire and weather alerts and more?
Email your details to Tania Lockley at flockley@bridgetown.wa.gov.au

INSIGHT

Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire Newsletter

June/July 2017

Greenbushes' bid for National Tidy Towns fame

Greenbushes Tidy Towns' representatives travelled to Triabunna on the Tasmanian east coast to hear the outcome of judging in the Keep Australia Beautiful National Tidy Towns Awards held on May 11 and 12.

Greenbushes Tidy Towns is a sub-committee of Grow Greenbushes (formerly Greenbushes Ratepayers & Residents Association). Representatives included Leanne Green, Chairperson Grow Greenbushes; Leonie Eastcott, Greenbushes Tidy Towns Coordinator; Tracy Lansdell, Greenbushes Community Garden Coordinator; Pat Scallan, Shire Councillor and Tidy Towns member; Lyn Perks, Elizabeth

Cooper, Debbie Scallan and Mark, Jazlyn and Maddox Lansdell, Tidy Towns members; Emily Rae, Young Legends nominee; Tim Clynch, Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes CEO; and guests Dick & Jenny Scallan and Jess Burgar.

Greenbushes has been entering the Keep Australia Beautiful Western Australian Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities competition for more than 20 years and in September 2016 was chosen as the State Winner.

In March 2017 the National Judge, Jill Grant, visited Greenbushes to carry out the final judging for the National

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President's Comment

Well at last it appears that winter has decided to visit Bridgetown. I hope that the rain we have had lately has provided some relief to our farmers who have been waiting patiently for it to arrive.

This year's Winter Festival kicked off on the long weekend with the official opening on Saturday 3 June with an impressive display of "Light up the Night" and the switching on of the "blue lights" Unfortunately, I have missed it all as I am on an overseas holiday but will be back for the action from July.

Councillors have, over a number of meetings, put together the Strategic Community Plan 2017 which has recently been out for public comment. This is a very important document as it directs Council in its deliberations when forming the Corporate Business Plan and, most importantly, the 2017/18 budget.

This year and for the out-years Council will be investing a significant proportion of its asset management expenditure in its renewal program as compared to upgrades or new works. This action is required to ensure that the Shire's Asset Sustainability and Asset renewal funding ratios remain within acceptable levels.

Good news this week as we have secured

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John Nicholas JP,
Shire President



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Tidy Towns Award, spending a day in Greenbushes to visit projects such as the Schwenke's Waterbird Wetland project, the Bush Block weed management project (involving students from the primary school), the Community Garden development and interactive community morning teas, entrance statement recycled sculptures by a local artist, and many other local projects and organisations, with time left to enjoy some social networking with community members over an evening meal at the Community Garden.

Many hours of volunteer work have contributed to the success of Greenbushes in this competition and its progress to the National Awards – a great achievement for a small community.

At the National Awards, Greenbushes was awarded Joint Winner with Stanley, Tasmania of the 'Community Action & Wellbeing Award' and was awarded Highly Commended Certificates in four categories - the Dame Phyllis Frost Litter Reduction & Waste Management Resource Recovery; Young Legends; Environmental Sustainability and Environmental Education awards. This is a fantastic achievement for everyone involved.

The Overall Winner was Barmera, South Australia – a very deserving winner.

The Greenbushes Tidy Towns Committee would like to thank the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes for their assistance with projects in and around Greenbushes and additional preparations for the State and National judging.



Find us on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/bridgetowngreenbusheshire/>

Reporting Faulty Streetlights

Western Power install and maintain streetlights on behalf of local governments. Western Power relies to some extent on the community to report faulty streetlights and the Shire is happy to pass these reports on if people advise us of the relevant details. Alternatively members of the public can access an online reporting tool where a map of streetlights can be viewed and users can click on the relevant streetlight location. This online tool can be viewed at: <https://www.westernpower.com.au/power-outages/report-a-faulty-streetlight/>.

Western Power seeks to repair streetlight faults in rural areas within 9 working days of being reported however in areas where the power supply is underground, repairs may take longer if a fault in the underground cable needs to be located and repaired.

Council Elections 2017 Early Heads Up

Five positions on the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes will be up for election this year and whilst October 21 may seem like a long way off, if becoming a Shire Councillor is something that interests you, then maybe it's time to give the idea some thought.

What does a Councillor do? Basically Councillors represent the interest of the electors, ratepayers and residents of the Shire.

Councillors provide leadership and guidance to the community and facilitate communication between the community and the Council. They participate in the local government's decision-making processes at Council and Standing Committee meetings and attend functions and events on behalf of Council.

Being a Councillor is demanding but rewarding. Ongoing training and support is provided and the role also attracts a modest financial allowance known as a "sitting fee".

If you are interested in running for Council during the October 2017 elections and would like more information please contact either Glen Norris (gnorris@bridgetown.wa.gov.au) or Tania Lockley (tlockley@bridgetown.wa.gov.au).

Rubbish and Recycling Bin Collections

Just a reminder to residents who receive the domestic rubbish and recycling collection services that you must ensure your bins are left near the kerbside by 6am on the day of collection.

If your bin is put out by this time but hasn't been emptied please call Cleanaway on 1800 049 193.

If your bin has been stolen or damaged please call the Shire Office on 9761 1555.

**2017
ARCHIE
EXHIBITION**

23 JUNE - 7 JULY
BRIDGETOWN POTTERY
TEAROOMS & GALLERY

ENTRY FORMS
AVAILABLE FROM
SHIRE RECEPTION OR
THE POTTERY TEAROOMS
& GALLERY

2016 Archie winner *The Dog and His Man* by Simon Sieradzki

GRAND OPENING
FRIDAY 23 JUNE

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY
Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes
.... simply beautiful

blackwood
VALLEY
ARTS ALLIANCE
INC.

**2017
LANDSCAPE
EXHIBITION**

14-28 JULY
BRIDGETOWN POTTERY
TEAROOMS & GALLERY

ENTRY FORMS
AVAILABLE FROM
SHIRE RECEPTION OR
THE POTTERY TEAROOMS
& GALLERY

2016 Landscape winner *Laurie's Field* by Rebecca Heggors

GRAND OPENING
FRIDAY 14 JULY

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY
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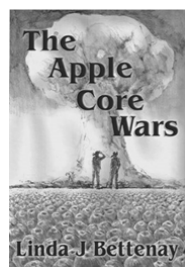
Between the Lines *at your library*

Have you looked at the new Library catalogue and checked your library records online yet?

The One Library Catalogue is now available online. Follow the links from the Library Webpage <http://www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au/facilities/library> under the heading:

Bridgetown Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC)

From here you can login to your personal page. Using your library card number and a 4-digit PIN you can register with the library. Once logged in you can reserve and renew items, send messages, create interlibrary loan requests and check your items on loan. Please note, if you have previously saved the OPAC to your favourites, this link will no longer access the Bridgetown Library, so please use the new address. The new catalogue works best in Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox browsers. If you have any problems finding your way around the catalogue, please ask the Library staff who will be happy to assist.



Author Talk with Linda Bettenay, "The Apple Core Wars"

14 June, 3.00-4.30pm at Bridgetown Library

Come along for afternoon tea and listen to Linda's presentation of her newest book, The Apple Core Wars, based on the astounding war experiences of Charlie Parkin, one of seven brothers to serve during WWII. Charlie's boyhood enemy is Jack Bellamy from nearby Karragullen. Their rivalry and childhood dislike morph into mateship as they become POWs and face unspeakable ordeals. Jackie and Charlie find that they have more in common than divides them. In times of real adversity it is only friendship that gets you through.

State Library Book Cubby 10-29 July

The Book Cubby from the State Library will be in Bridgetown Library for three weeks during July, commencing in the first week of the school holidays. Parents and children will have the opportunity to make a book from the materials provided, with the book to be copied by the library staff and left in the cubby for other children to read. Prizes will be awarded for the best efforts during the three weeks with awards being presented during the storytelling session at the Writers Festival on Saturday 29th July.



School Holiday Activities 3-14 July

These holidays are all about books. The book cubby will be available at any time during the second week of the holidays for parents and children to enjoy. There will also be a series of book related craft activities at sessions throughout the holidays. Details are available from the Library.

Words in the Valley Writers and Readers Festival 28-30 July

The Festival is held in the Library every year as part of the Winter Festival. Commencing with a Friday evening soiree and talk by author Rashida Murphy, the festival also incorporates a children's story telling and craft session by Elaine Coventry, writing workshops by Rashida Murphy and Sarah Evans, and a talk by author/publisher Rosanne Dingli on Saturday 29th. The event concludes with a presentation to successful writers in the Blake in the Blackwood Poetry Prize and an open-mic event on the Sunday at the Cidery. Whether you just enjoy reading or want to try your hand at writing, there is an event for you to attend during the Words in the Valley Writers and Readers Festival. To book places or find out more, contact the Library.



Emergency Numbers

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SES Emergency Assistance	132 500
Emergency Information	13 DFES (13 13 37)

Youth Plan and New Youth Services Advisory Committee Adopted By Council

Council recently adopted its new Youth Plan 2017-2021. This plan will guide the decisions of Council in matters concerning young people for the next 5 years.

Council is also in the process of establishing a Youth Services Advisory Committee. This Committee will advise Council on how to best implement the plan and relevant and emerging youth issues.

Council is keen to attract representatives from a wide variety of agencies and youth services as follows:

- 1 representative from the Bridgetown High School
- 1 representative from Child Protection
- 1 representative from SW Mental Health
- 1 representative from Bridgetown Medical Centre/Health Professional
- 1 representative from Police
- 1 representative from Blackwood Youth Action Inc.
- 1 representative from Blackwood Parent Support
- 3 representatives from youth community (preferably of different age ranges for example; 12-15, 16-18, 19-24.
- At least 1 participant from the

Youth Leadership Program.

The Youth Leadership Program is a Shire sponsored - youth driven leadership program aimed at fostering leadership skills and self-determination in young people interested in civic life in the community. This group of young people were responsible for the youth community consultation for Council's recently reviewed Youth Plan. They facilitated the consultation events, held as a means of engaging with young people, including the Dunk-Tank at the Blues. This group will continue to consider and address community issues and assist with the implementation of the Youth Plan.

By having the Youth Leadership Program and the Youth Services Advisory Committee, Council can support 2 distinct aspects of youth development:

- Young people who are willing and interested in developing their leadership skills and civic awareness by engaging with other young people across different socio economic and geographical backgrounds.
- Supporting the service agencies and community

groups working to support 'at risk' and marginalised youth within the wider youth community (Youth Services Advisory Committee).

Both aspects of youth development are important and can be pursued with equal purpose. Social equity and civic responsibility necessitates that the needs and concerns of marginalised or 'at risk' young community members are included in both the strategic direction and considerations of Council. Equally, young people in the community willing and interested in leadership roles should be nurtured and encouraged to develop capacity, take chances, drive programs and make decisions with the potential outcomes limited only by their imaginations.

Meetings will be once every 3 months. If you are interested in nominating for the Youth Services Advisory Committee, or have any questions, please contact Megan on 9761 1555 or come into the Shire Administration Building and ask for Megan.

Youth Services Advisory Committee

If you are interested in helping improve life for young people in our community and you're aged between 13 and 24 we would welcome your voice, opinion and input. All you need to do is join the Youth Services Advisory Committee.

This Committee will advise Council on the changing needs of young people in the community and guide Council on implementing the Youth Plan 2017-2021.

If you would like to express your interest in joining this committee please contact Megan Richards – 9761 1555 or mrichards@bridgetown.wa.gov.au.

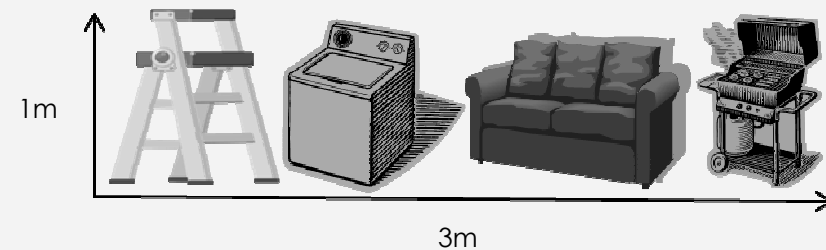
KERBSIDE HARDWASTE COLLECTION

July 2017

The Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes is providing a kerbside hard waste collection. This is a **FREE** Service

GREENBUSHES & HESTER	10-14 July
BRIDGETOWN	10-14 July

- This service is only available to properties that have an existing Roadside Collection Service.
- Please have your items out 1 week before the collection date in a place on the verge that is not a danger or inconvenience to others.
- Items longer than 2 meters will NOT be collected
- A Maximum of 3 cubic meters will be collected per property.
- Properties with more than 3 cubic meters will have to make private arrangements to have it removed.



! DO NOT place any items out after your collection date as a litter fine may apply.

This service will collect



- Old Furniture
- Mattresses
- Air Conditioners
- TV's, stereo's
- Fridges & freezers - doors removed
- Other white goods
- General Hard Waste
- Carpets, Lino

This service will not collect



- Asbestos
- Hazardous Material
- Green Waste
- Tyres
- General Domestic Waste
- Liquid Waste (oil, paint, poisons)
- Building Materials - brick etc
- Commercial Crates, pallets, trolleys

Metals MUST be separated from other materials

Have you got any Questions?

Contact the Shire of Bridgetown & Greenbushes Works & Services Department on **9761 1555**



Road Safety Message from the Roadwise Advisory Committee

Local Safe Speed Initiatives

Did you know that as average speed increases so does the likelihood of a crash. If a crash does happen, the greater the speed the greater the risk of serious injury or death.

A safe speed is one that is tailored to fit the road's function and its traffic composition. It is particularly important on roads where there is no median barrier or a mixing of road surface types such as going from a bitumen to gravel surface. With winter officially upon us, the roads can become slippery, heavy rains can limit visibility and water laying on roads may cause vehicles to aquaplane so it is important that drivers recognise these dangers and drive according to the conditions to ensure they arrive safely at their destination.

Drivers are encouraged to check their tyres to ensure they meet the legal requirements and check that windscreen wipers are functioning properly. Drivers are also encouraged to drive with their lights on to ensure they are visible to oncoming traffic but please, make sure your lights are not on high beam.

Roadwise Committee

Do you know who the members of the Roadwise Committee are? There are representatives from several organisations within our Shire, with the current members being:

- Cr Joann Moore (Chairman)
- Cr Julia Boyle
- Cr Peter Quinby
- Chris Mott, Bridgetown Primary School
- Kristine Williams, St Brigids School
- Lance Chambers, Community Member
- Glen Norris, Shire Support Officer
- Mike Smith, Bridgetown Police
- Doreen Hornby, Bridgetown VFRS
- Erica Duffett, St John Ambulance
- Mark Dent, St John Ambulance
- Gail Hay, Bridgetown CWA
- Rob Brogan, Shire Support Officer

The Committee receives support from Roadwise South West and Main Roads WA.

Roadwise – caring for the safety of our community




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.imalert.com.au to conduct the training now.

River Park Boardwalk

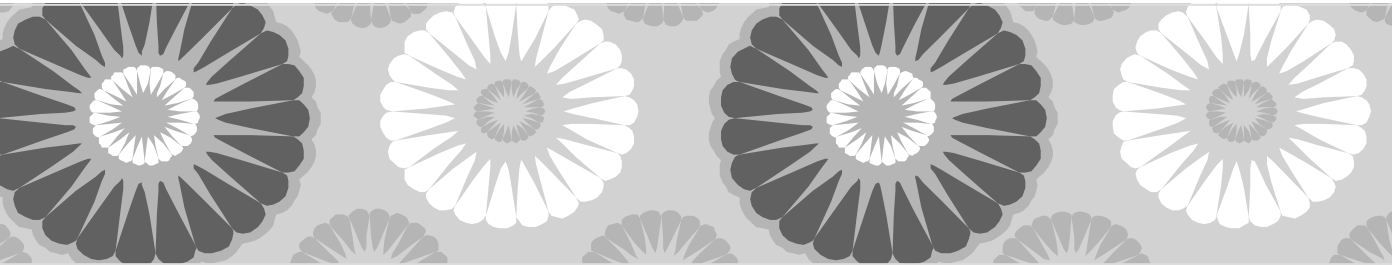
In recent years, the boardwalk at the River Park has suffered damage due to flood waters on two separate occasions. The first round of damage to the boardwalk affected the footings which warped and shifted the boardwalk structure. This was assessed with a view to increasing structural reinforcement (with the assistance of engineering expertise) unfortunately the remedial works proved insufficient despite the significant enhancements to footings to secure the structure.

In more recent flooding, the previously damaged section was again severely impacted with a portion of the boardwalk breaking away. While this has now been removed, the boardwalk will remain closed for an extended period time.

This closure is required because we are waiting on receipt of insurance funding to assist with costs to repair the damage. We are also investigating the best long term solution to the problem. The boardwalk is an important walk trail link that is popular with tourists exploring the area, locals and visitors at the Caravan Park.

The investigations will be undertaken in conjunction with the preparation of a development plan for the River Park area (between the suspension foot bridge through to the western end of the Old Rectory Trail). We are seeking Lotterywest assistance to co-fund the first stage of this project which will include a comprehensive site survey, indigenous heritage assessment and water flow assessment (including reviewing drainage of the 'wetlands' area through which the boardwalk traverses). Investigating ways to potentially redirect the flow of water around the boardwalk may prove to be one mitigating strategy to help ensure future repairs to the boardwalk are not adversely impacted by strong flooding. As this project develops we will keep the community updated via the Insight.

For more information please contact Elizabeth Denniss on 9761 1555.



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funding for the final (construction) stage of the Warren Blackwood Stock Route. This project has been 5 years in the planning and its aim is to create a regional tourist attraction in the form of a 320km bridle trail on the historic stock route. Primarily a project of the Alliance of Councils, our Shire has taken the lead role in its planning and implementation. This construction stage is planned to commence in July 2017.

I had the opportunity recently to accompany members of the Bridgetown-Greenbushes Friends of the Forest and other Councillors on an information tour of the Kingston Fauna Habitat Zone and some other natural forest areas in the Shire. I am aware that the President, Richard Wittenoom, is making a presentation to Council to seek in principle support, to have the zone included in the Greater Kingston National Park, a situation that I personally support to give some permanence to the Fauna Habitat Zone.

The Greenbushes Tidy Towns representatives, together with Shire CEO, Tim Clynn, and Tidy Towns Young Legend, Emily Rae, attended the Keep Australia Beautiful National Tidy Towns Awards in Triabunna Tasmania on 11th May. The overall winner went to Barmera, South Australia, Greenbushes returned home with a very creditable result being judged joint winner for the "community Action & Wellbeing Award" and being highly Commended in four categories: The Dame Phyllis Frost Litter Prevention & Waste Management Resource Recovery, Young Legends, Environmental Sustainability and Environmental Education Awards. I must say well done to all concerned, this is an outstanding result for a small community.

Accessing Your Community

The Access and Inclusion Committee hosted the biannual, Council sponsored, community morning tea for all shire residents over the age of 60.

Morning tea was held on 24 May 2017 at Tasty Edibles in Greenbushes. This is a regular event on the Shire calendar, alternating between Bridgetown and Greenbushes. This event offers a great opportunity for community members to stay connected with what is happening in the Shire and for Councillors, Shire officers, Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee members and residents to share information and experience and, of course, socialize.

Community members attending the morning were offered Tasty Edibles' finest morning tea fare including cakes, biscuits and savouries whilst being entertained by the Greenbushes Choir. Thank you to Councillors Boyle and Mackman for their support and participation.



Trail Blazers

The Trails Development Advisory Committee is offering the opportunity for expressions of interest from community members to join the "Friends of Jarrah Park" group.

Jarrah Park is one of the most significant, nature based, tourist attractions in the Shire and it is in need of volunteer support to assist with maintenance and an improvement program. The group will ensure that Jarrah Park remains a safe and valued bush walking experience for local community members and tourists alike.

Eric and Gillian Wheatley have been tireless in their efforts to maintain Jarrah Park over a number of years, however, they would like to share the load and enjoy the company of others. If you are interested in spending a few hours in the bush helping to maintain this natural treasure please contact Megan Richards on 9761-1555 or email mrichards@bridgetown.wa.gov.au.

Greenbushes to Bridgetown Shopping Bus Run



The Community Bus "Rosie" shopping run service continues to operate on alternative Tuesdays from Greenbushes to Bridgetown and return. This service is available at a cost of \$8 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 and leaving the Stables IGA at 11.30am for the return trip. Parcels may be deposited in the bus anytime between arrival and departure, so heavy shopping does not have to be carried.

Scheduled Dates: **20 June, 4 July, 18 July, 1 August, 15 August**

For more information please contact Rebecca Redman at the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Services Department on 9761 1555.

RANGERS

Are you thinking of burning off?

Burning off is now permitted, but common sense still applies. Before lighting up, ensure you have the means to extinguish the fire and contain it to your property, clearance above/ around the fire and enough running water and capable people to put it out. Check the weather forecast on the Bureau of Meteorology website, taking note of wind speed, temperature and humidity. Please note, if you will be burning on your verge, you will still require a Thoroughfares Permit which can be obtained from the Ranger. We have recently experienced a number of escaped burns and many of these could have been avoided if the person in charge of the fire had taken some basic preventative measures. Escaped burns are a serious threat to lives and property and require response from our dedicated volunteer fire fighters.



Dog attacks in the Shire

There have been a number of dog attacks, on both people and livestock, in the past months. Residents are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring that dogs are confined to their premises at all times. Penalties of up to \$1,000 (\$2,000 for a dangerous dog) may be imposed for dogs at large due to improper confinement arrangements. When out and about, dogs must be on a leash of less than 2m (unless in a designated off-leash area) and under the control of its owner or another adult. If you are the victim of a dog attack, whether or not physical injury is caused, please notify the Shire Ranger to make a report.

Dogs & the law

All dogs more than three months old must be registered and microchipped, and wear a collar with their registration tag and the owner's name and address attached. If you wish to keep more than the allowed number of dogs for your property, you need to apply for a permit. The local law outlines the number of dogs allowed as follows:

- (a) 2 dogs over the age of 3 months and the young of those dogs under that age if the premises are situated within a townsite;
- (b) 2 dogs over the age of 3 months and the young of those dogs under that age if the premises are situated outside a townsite in any zone other than Rural; or
- (c) 4 dogs over the age of 3 months and the young of those dogs under that age if the premises are situated outside a townsite in the Rural zone.

Parking on Footpaths

In recent months the Shire has received a number of complaints from pedestrians about vehicles parking on footpaths and blocking pedestrian movement. Vehicle owners are reminded that it is an offence to park on a footpath and disrupt pedestrian movement. Rangers will be monitoring this issue and reserve the right to issue warnings or infringements if such offences occur.

Is Your Dog Microchipped?

The Dog Act 1976 provides that on and after **1 November 2015**, the owner of a dog that has reached three months of age must ensure that the dog is microchipped.



How do I get my dog microchipped?

A veterinarian (vet), veterinarian nurse or a person with the relevant qualifications from a registered training provider is able to implant a microchip in your dog.

To find out how you can arrange for your dog to be microchipped, contact your regular vet or local government to obtain information on where you can take your dog to be microchipped.

My dog is old and unwell, is it still required to be microchipped?

A dog is exempt from the microchipping requirement if a vet issues a certificate stating that the implantation of a microchip in the dog may adversely affect the health and welfare of the dog. Such a certificate cannot apply in respect of a dog that is under three months of age.

When will I be required to prove my dog is microchipped?

When you re-register your dog, you will be required to provide proof that the dog has been microchipped by providing the local government with the microchip number.

How will microchipping my dog assist me?

If you lose your microchipped dog, it will make it easier for you both to be reunited. The dog's microchip can be scanned by the ranger or a vet, which will reveal the owner's contact details.

If your dog is impounded and it is discovered that it has not been microchipped, you may be liable for a fine. So it is in your best interests to ensure your dog is microchipped.

What happens if I do not get my dog microchipped?

A person who fails to ensure their dog is microchipped on and after **1 November 2015** is liable for a fine of up to \$5,000.

SUSTAINABILITY

Advisory Committee News ...

Biodegradable, Degradable, Compostable

Do you know the difference?

There is much confusion and misuse with the term 'biodegradable'. Many things labelled biodegradable are not.

'Degradable' products break down to smaller and smaller particles but never change in their composition. Now nano-particles (extremely small) of plastics are being found all through the food chain.

'Biodegradable' materials undergo biological breakdown into a uniform 'compost' material in a short period of time.

For a better, cleaner environment we should be using biodegradable or compostable packaging instead of degradable, non-compostable plastic materials for packaging. This is the reason for the push to replace the use of plastic shopping bags that are degradable, not biodegradable.

Tips for Recycling

Landfill is becoming increasingly more expensive. Putting degradable and even compostable items in landfill is a waste because they will not break down in the absence of agents that aid degradation, such as oxygen. Instead they should be recycled.

Recycling is a process which limits what goes into landfill. There are some things to remember before placing material in your recycle bin. One 'dirty' article, like a dirty nappy or a tin containing food scraps can mean that it goes into landfill.

So please remember:

- Remove food scraps and rinse containers clean before putting them in the recycle bin.
- Remove lids as it separates different kinds of plastic and allows plastic bottles to be compressed. When lids are left on bottles they can explode when compressed.
- Not all plastic is recyclable. Polystyrene (number 6 in the recycle triangle) and plastics with a number 7 are not recyclable in WA.

Your Visitor Centre

Did you know that your Visitor Centre...

- Can arrange bus tickets for you on Transwa and South West Coachlines? Presently there are four services that run between Bridgetown & Perth, with timetables available at the Visitor Centre. We can book for destinations other than Perth, too.
- Handles ticket sales for many of our wonderful local events, such as the Repertory Theatre productions and the Blackwood Valley Arts Alliance workshops. To book for events, phone us on 9761 1740, send an email to visitors@bridgetown.wa.gov.au or book online through our website www.bridgetown.com.au (click on the link for Events).
- Produces the weekly 'What's On' that is emailed far and wide. If you have an event that is open to both residents and visitors to Bridgetown, let us know by Tuesday of each week and we'll do our best to include it. If you'd like to receive the What's On each week, send an email to visitors@bridgetown.wa.gov.au.
- Provides the latest information about emergency road closures in the region during bushfires.
- Stocks a range of maps, atlases and tourism brochures, as well as giftware, locally produced items and Bridgetown-branded souvenirs.