

Bridgetown's People & Places



L to R: Emily Rae with
Portrait winner Amelia Jaiko

art competition & exhibition

2018



Youth Portrait winner Lily Brown



L to R: Judges Jan Altman,
Caroline Lunel and Carl Altman



L to R: Tessa Dittrich, Cr Julia Boyle and Lee
Steinbacher enjoying the exhibition



Pip Mills and Jenny Mounford

INSIGHT

Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire Newsletter

June/July 2018

Official 150 Anniversary celebrations a great success!

Despite the wild weather, including a short lightning show and bouts of torrential rain, the official 150 Anniversary of the Gazettal of the Bridgetown townsite, held on Saturday 9 June, was well attended and went without a hitch.

Bridgetown semi-local, the charismatic and entertaining John Doust, outdid himself as Master of Ceremonies, kicking off official proceedings with an Acknowledgment of Country and introducing speakers; the Hon Adele Farina MLC, the Hon Terry Redman MLA and Shire President, Cr Tony Pratico, all of whom spoke of the amazing community and spirit of

Bridgetown, touching on its history and the important role it holds in industry with the last large operating timber mill in WA and the largest mine in the south west region.

Cr Pratico ended official proceedings inviting Ms Farina to unveil the memorial plaque that will be placed on the wall of the Shire building.

From there, the children from the local primary school were invited to collect their handmade lanterns, and the incredibly impressive Light & Sound show, put together by VJzoo commenced, signifying the finale of the evening with community members braving the elements.



Official MC, John Doust
Photo courtesy Lee Steinbacher



Light & Sound show by VJzoo.
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President's Word

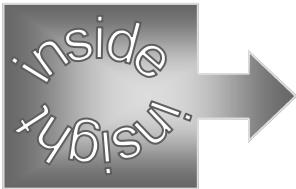
In April of this year, The State Government announced it will establish a rural fire arm within the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES), with an increase in the emergency service levy set to fund the division.

The levy increase in the regions will be between \$8 and \$17. The rural fire arm is set to be established before the coming summer, this is a result of the Yarloop fires.

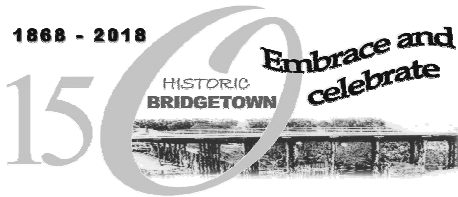
Last Saturday saw the Official 150 Anniversary of the Gazettal of Bridgetown as a townsite, my congratulations to everyone, especially the organisers and community members for putting on a great event and a BIG congratulations to those involved in breaking the current world record for Yarn Bombing with 29,549 yarn bombs! Well done!

Congratulations also to Dr Nigel Jones for being awarded the OAM in the Queens Birthday Honours for service to medicine as a General Practitioner. A very well deserved award.

Tony Pratico,
Shire President



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Community Bus Blessing

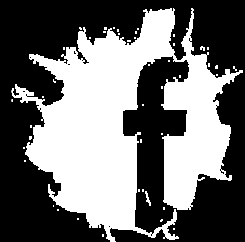
On 13 April, receipt of the Shire's new Community Bus was officially marked with a blessing and celebration. Miss Rosie is a 2018 Mitsubishi Rosa and was co-funded by Lotterywest, Talison Lithium and the Shire. The bus features a Braun wheelchair hoist and space for 19 passengers, or 15 with a wheelchair space.

An excerpt from the blessing ceremony is below:
"A bus is not just a bus ... It's a promise of adventures, or journeys to new places, a means of experiencing new and wonderful times with good company, safe drivers and the excitement of setting out on new journeys. A bus is a ticket to fun, to laughter, to putting our troubles behind us as we head out for the open road, the thrill of travel and the friendships that create new memories ... this bus carries with it many blessings and today we ask for blessings on the bus itself, the people who drive it and all those who will travel in it."

The old "Rosie" provided 15 years of transport for our schools, community groups and other users around Bridgetown. The Shire extends its gratitude to the sponsors Talison Minerals and Lotterywest. Keep an eye out for Miss Rosie around town. For hire information and rates, contact Shire Administration on 9761 0800.



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



Bridgetown Infill Sewerage Works

The current infill sewerage program works to connect 256 residential properties in Bridgetown commenced in early 2017 and are well behind schedule with the Water Corporation now advising that completion is expected by mid-2018. This timeframe is difficult to believe as almost no work has been done in the past 2 months as the Water Corporation and lead contractor are involved in contract discussions.

The Shire has serious concerns about the project and has been communicating these concerns to the Water Corporation for many months. The works have been left as an open work site with open trenches in many places and only partially reinstated excavations within the various public roads and footpaths. With the commencement of winter rains there has been considerable degradation of the excavated areas. Trenches have washed out and sections of footpath are near collapse. There have also been problems with the traffic management associated with the works.

The Shire is very disappointed with the poor response to these issues by the Water Corporation and continues to request that urgent action is taken. In addition the Shire has forwarded its concerns to Adele Farina, MLC for the South West Region seeking her assistance in getting these issues resolved.

Words in the Valley July 27-29th

READERS AND WRITERS FESTIVAL
 Bridgetown Regional Library



Friday, 6pm

SUNDOWNER & AUTHOR TALK
 with Rachael Johns

Saturday

WRITING THE ENSEMBLE CAST
 with Rachael Johns

MEMOIR MAGIC
 with Sarah Evans

WEIRD, WONDERFUL AND WILD
 children's activities with Leanne White

WILD EYED PRESS PUBLISHER TALK AND PITCHES

Sunday 11am

Blackwood Poetry Prize
 at the Bridgetown Cider

Bookings through the Bridgetown Visitors Centre 97611740
visitors@bridgetown.wa.gov.au



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Embrace and
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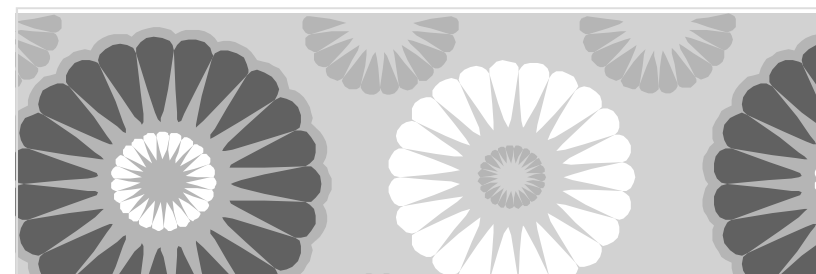


Primary celebration events include:

- 12 August 2018, Banquet on the Bridge - culinary experience celebrating Bridgetown's cultural diversity, history and local produce (ticketed event; date to be confirmed)
- 6 October 2018, Free Event - Cavalcade of Transport - a parade of all modes of transport that has traversed through Bridgetown over 150 years will pass through the town, arriving at the Showgrounds for an exhibition display and fete
- 31 December 2018, Free Event - Community Film Night (Australiana Theme) with live music to conclude the year of celebrations

Additional community led activities will be added to the calendar of events.
 The calendar of events can be viewed at www.bridgetown.com.au

For more information, please contact the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes on Telephone: 9761 0800 or Email: bttnshire@bridgetown.wa.gov.au



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.

Free online study help for our members

Bridgetown Public Library members have free access to Studiosity, for online, after-hours, one-to-one help with homework and study questions.

With exams and assignments ramping up, now is the time to get additional study help.

Studiosity has two services:

- **Writing Feedback:** Students can upload any writing draft and receive feedback that helps them think about and improve their own work.
- **Connect Live:** Students can ask a question or draw a diagram and get immediate help via live chat with a qualified Subject Specialist, across all core subjects.

Studiosity can help with questions after school, on weekends and during holidays from a friendly, qualified Subject Specialist - just when you need that extra support.

How to get started

Log into your free account now with your Library card.

Find your access point at www.studiosity.com/access

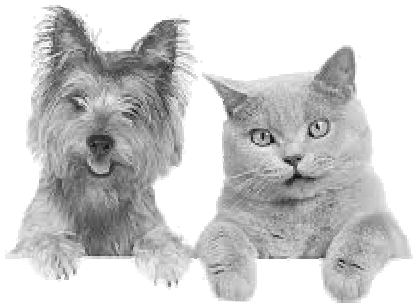
Happy studying!

Seeking a Reduced Speed Limit in Hampton Street

Despite requests over the years Main Roads Western Australia has rejected any lowering of the speed limit through the town centre. This however is an issue that the Shire will continue to pursue.

In 2017 the Shire conducted an extensive round of community consultation as part of its review of its Strategic Community Plan and the subject of a reduced speed limit on Hampton Street through the Bridgetown CBD was one of the common issues raised. The combination of the layout of the street with shops on either side of the road, on-street car parking, the movement of pedestrians from one side of the road to the other, traffic volumes and in particular the ratio of heavy haulage vehicles increases the risks to all road users.

It is noted that other towns on highways (Collie, Pinjarra) have successfully achieved a reduction to 40km/h. The Shire has sought assistance from our Parliamentary representatives in achieving a positive outcome on this issue.



Is Your Dog or Cat Registered?

Residents are reminded that dog and cat registrations were due on 1 November last year. There are 3 payment categories – “1 Year”; “3 Years” or “Lifetime” with concessions being available for eligible Pensioners.

It would be appreciated if pet owners could advise the Shire office of when their registered dog or cat is deceased to enable the Shire’s records to be updated. For further information on registering your dog or cat please speak to one of our helpful Customer Services Officers.



Youth Week 2018

Empower Me Workshop

As part of the Youth Week WA 2018 program of events prepared by the Shire's Youth Hack group, the BLC facilitated an all day workshop aimed at empowering young people to build resilience and confidence to make healthy, safe life choices, redirecting their focus on actions they make today which may affect future outcomes.

The workshop offered three hands-on activities comprising hip hop dancing, a fitness circuit work out and wheelchair basketball. Guest speaker Tayla Stone, wheelchair basketball and paraplegia ambassador, delivered an eye-opening and extremely inspiring presentation.

Miss Stone talked about her journey following her dirt biking accident at the age of 16 and her motivation to get on with her life and be involved in her community, creating opportunities for young people especially with similar spinal injuries.

26 local young people from the ages of 8 to 16 attended the workshop and majority told BLC staff that their favourite activity was the wheelchair basketball demonstration.

Health & Fitness Membership Changes

Following a comprehensive review of the operations at the Bridgetown Leisure Centre which included assessing the effectiveness of all services delivered in the Centre, Council has determined to no longer offer a “Health & Fitness Membership Product”.

The main reason for this change relates to programming challenges in offering a valuable product which meets the needs of users in a cost effective fashion. Some Health & Fitness programs will continue to be offered on a class-by-class basis but will not be offered as a membership. Letters have been sent to all affected members with current memberships including the Health & Fitness Membership Product advising of this change (effective 1 July 2019) offering options regarding their current membership.

If you are a current member affected by this change and have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Denniss, Executive Manager Community Services on 9761-0800.

Sustainability Advisory Committee

Can We Be More Sustainable?

What impact does your lifestyle have on our environment? How much rubbish do you create that goes into landfill? Every year each Australian creates more than 2000kg of rubbish. How much food is wasted? Do you have water saving appliances? Water usage remains a key concern. Lots of small actions by many people CAN and DOES help turn things around.

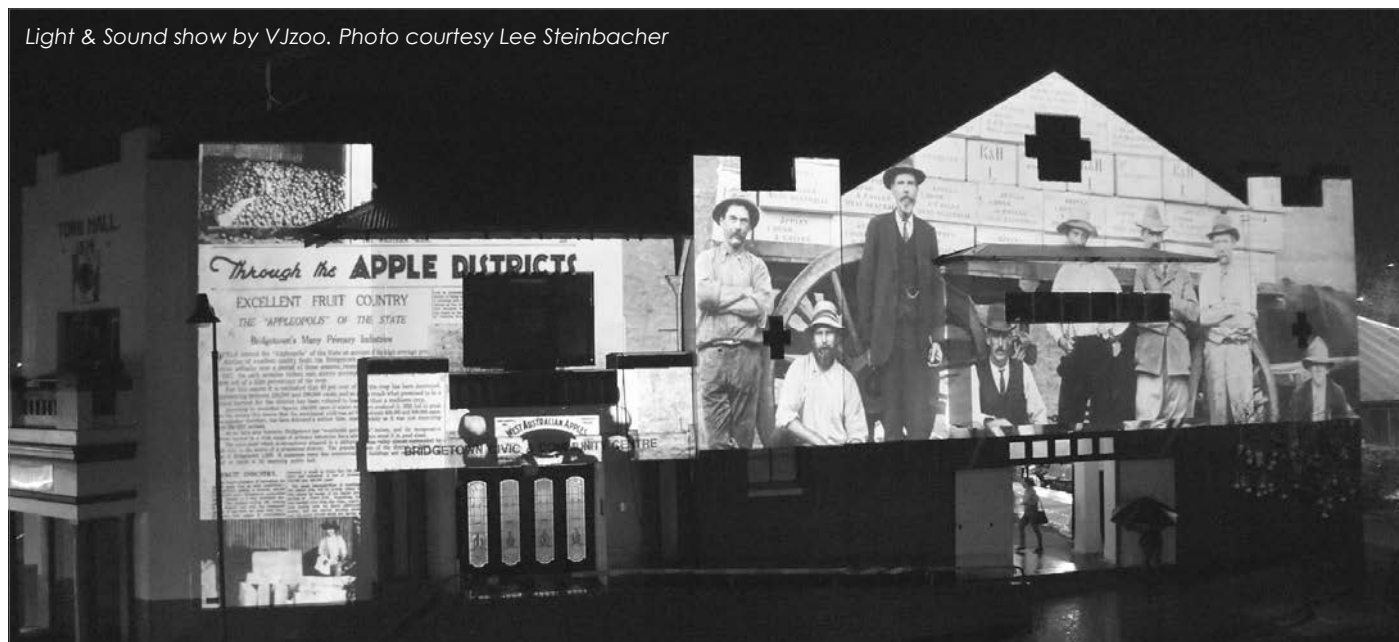
Save energy; be more water wise; make smarter choices (appliances that use less energy and or water)

Avoid, reduce, reuse, and recycle waste. This makes for a more sustainable life. Be responsible or mindful of the consequences of your actions.

Doing these does save money as well as reducing impacts on the environment that we rely on to sustain us and provide the natural systems that keep us alive.



L to R: Hon Terry Redman MLA, MC John Doust, Hon Adele Farina MLC
Shire President Cr Tony Pratico, Shire CEO Tim Clynn
Photo courtesy Lee Steinbacher



Light & Sound show by VJzoo. Photo courtesy Lee Steinbacher



Primary school children with their lanterns during Light & Sound show.
Photo courtesy Lee Steinbacher



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 composition of traffic. A safe speed is particularly important on roads where there is no median barrier or a mixing of road 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 lying 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 give their vehicle a 'winter make-over' by checking tyres to ensure they meet legal requirements and that windscreen wipers are functioning properly – hot summer conditions can often affect the quality of windscreen wiper blades. 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 Members

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

Cr Tony Pratico (Chairman)	Mike Smith, Bridgetown Police
Cr John Nicholas	Doreen Hornby, Bridgetown VFRS
Chris Mott, Bridgetown Primary School	Erica Duffett, St John Ambulance
Mandie Muir, St Brigid's School	Gail Hay, Bridgetown CWA
Marie Perrier, Bridgetown High School	Lance Chambers, Community Member
Rob Brogan, Shire Support Officer	Mark Dent, Shire Support Officer
Glen Norris, Shire Support Officer	

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

Roadwise – caring for the safety of our community



SHIRE BYTES

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

Update to the Bus Timetables & Conditions

Please note the recent changes to Transwa services for weekends.

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 your bus travel because unless the buses have ticketed passengers to pick up, they are not required to stop at the bus stop.

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	Frequency
Transwa				
Bridgetown*	Perth Station	12.47 pm	5.15 pm	Mon to Fri
Bridgetown**	East Perth	12.47 pm	4.35 pm	Sat, Sun
Perth Station*	Bridgetown	9.30 am	1.17 pm	Daily
* Combined bus/train service to Perth Railway Station				
** Stops at Mandurah and Cockburn Central				
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
# Via Boyup Brook and Collie				
South West Coachlines				
Bridgetown	Elizabeth Quay	6.55 am	11.45 am	Mon to Fri
Elizabeth Quay	Bridgetown	1.20 pm	6.02 pm	Mon to Fri
NB. 1. South West Coachlines also service the domestic & international airports				
NB. 2. South West Coachlines are no longer open on weekends				
Australind Train (Bunbury to Perth & Back)				
Bunbury	Perth Station	6.00 am	8.30 am	Daily
		2.45 pm	5.15 pm	Mon to Fri
		4.45 pm	7.15 pm	Sat, Sun
Perth Station	Bunbury	9.30 am	11.55 am	Daily
		5.55 pm	8.24 pm	Mon to Fri
		7.55 pm	10.18 pm	Sat, Sun

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

Or visit their websites:

Transwa – www.transwa.wa.gov.au
South West Coachlines – www.southwestcoachlines.com.au

Results are in and it doesn't look good for recycling in Australia

Across the board we're letting our recycling efforts go to waste by letting liquids, soft plastic and textiles ruin the value of good quality recycling. China's National Sword policy is the wake-up call we need to start putting the right things in the right bin.

We need a clear and uniform approach to what can and cannot go in your recycling bin. No more soft plastic in the recycling bin. Textiles go in the charity bin or general waste only. And you should never, ever put food or liquid in your recycling bin.

So we're waging a war on contamination. We will get Australia's contamination levels to below the acceptable level. But we need your help!



FREE

Online Food Safety Training

Now available through the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes website.

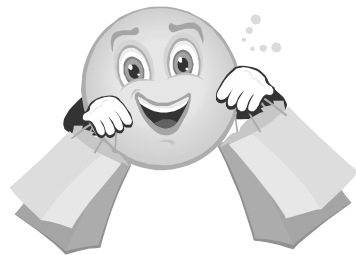
The Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes takes food hygiene within our shire very seriously. All food businesses have obligations and the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes is assisting food businesses to meet these obligations by providing free access to this exciting new training tool.

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.

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 departs Bridgetown for her return journey from outside Blackwood Butchers at 11.30am. Parcels may be deposited in the bus anytime between arrival and departure, so heavy shopping does not have to be carried.

Scheduled Dates: **3, 17 & 31 July, 14 & 28 August**

For more information please contact Rebecca Redman at the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Services Department on 9761 0800.

People & Places

on Show for Bridgetown's Birthday

Bridgetown's sesquicentennial weekend kicked off with the opening of the inaugural Bridgetown's People & Places exhibition. In recent years, two separate exhibitions have been held for portraits and landscapes. To celebrate Bridgetown's 150th anniversary, it was decided to restore the exhibition to a combined event as it was in its beginnings. A second venue – The Rabbit Hole – was added to allow space for two new categories, sculpture and photography.

On Friday 8 June, a flock of art-hungry locals and visitors gathered at Bridgetown Pottery and The Rabbit Hole to partake in a visual feast of portraits, landscapes, photography and sculptures. A total of 67 entries were exhibited and judged for prizes.

For the first time, a youth category was included. We hope to grow this category in future years, but if the 2018 entrants are anything to go by, Bridgetown's young creators are set to carry on the town's reputation as a haven for artists

well into the future.

While the standard of entries was high, winners had to be chosen. Award recipients were:

Portrait – Best in Show – Amelia Jajko for her oil painting "Emily Rae"

Landscape – Best in Show – Nic Fabiszak for her mixed media piece "Hampton Street - 150 Years On"

Sculpture – Best in Show – Dennis Wilson for his steel and branch piece "The Fruit Tree"

Photography – Best in Show – George Stewart for "Leon"

Best Portrait – Youth Entry – Lily Brown for her charcoal and acrylic piece "Ruby Stevenson"

Best Photograph – Youth Entry – Ella Scovell for "Never Leaf a Kid Behind"

Bridgetown's People & Places 2018 was made possible by the generous support of a number of sponsors. Talison Lithium sponsored the inaugural photography and sculpture categories, and the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes sponsored the portrait and landscape categories. The Blackwood Valley Arts Alliance

sponsored the youth awards.

Thank you to the exhibition's judges for generously providing their time and expertise to view each and every exhibit, and an entertaining range of comments on the entries. The judges were art lecturer and artist Carl Altman; art academic and writer Jan Altman; and Caroline Lunel, curator at Bunbury Regional Art Gallery.

Thank you to Pip and Bevan Mills for providing their outstanding venue for yet another year, as well as food for the opening night. Thank you to Jenny Mountford and the artists of The Rabbit Hole for providing space for the exhibits and for making the area so warm and welcoming to the exhibition guests.

Voting for the People's Choice prize is open throughout the exhibition, with prizes of \$250 available in each of the four categories, so make sure to visit before the exhibition closes on 29 July and place your vote.

More photos on back page



L to R: Heidi Wares, Ewan and Landscape winner Nic Fabiszak with Shire CEO Tim Clynh

SHIRE'S VOLLES CORNER



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 "Volles Corner". Each edition of the Insight will feature one of the community's numerous volunteers.

personally invited by Lisa Baker MLA to Parliament House to attend a first-of-its-kind event entitled "Saving Lives – Celebrating Your Contribution to Animal Welfare". The event acknowledged her and other volunteers and recognised the thousands of hours they collectively dedicate to improving the lives of companion and stock animals in WA.

Rosalyn said it was an honour to attend and to be thanked by the government; furthermore, it was heart-warming to learn of their commitment to the plight of animal welfare groups and to understanding their major issues.

Roz' volunteer work brings broader benefits to our community too - through the lessening of unwanted dogs, reduction of dogs with genetic behaviour disorders, ensuring proper socialisation and promoting responsible pet ownership - in the long run this will assist her work as a Ranger. Skills she has learnt through her volunteer work allows her to be an informed Ranger, coming up with appropriate community solutions and assists her with the ability to educate rather than enforce. Since her commencement

with the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Roz is very proud of her achievements in significantly reducing dog attacks and impoundments within the Shire. "Working to educate pet owners makes a big difference, however I couldn't have come as far as I have without the experiences from my volunteer work. Volunteers are passionate about what they do and are great mentors".

Rosalyn's volunteer efforts are not limited to animal welfare; she has been a volunteer fire fighter for 7 years and has recently joined Bridgetown Fire and Rescue. In addition, she is heavily committed to marine debris clean up. This year she assisted Sea Shepherd in promotional events and applied skills learnt through volunteering with DFES to provide remote incident management and multi-agency liaison skills to help a marine group with a natural disaster vessel recovery.

"It's nice being paid to do a job you enjoy - however it's the real, heartfelt appreciation that comes from my volunteer efforts that provides me with the satisfaction that being actively involved truly can make a difference."

Last month Rosalyn was

