

Bridgetown Leisure Centre

Shire of
Bridgetown-Greenbushes



FITNESS TIMETABLE

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
9.15	Hatha Yoga 60 minutes	HIIT IT FITMUMS 60 minutes			
10.30	LIVING LONGER LIVING STRONGER COTA GYM 60 minutes		FIT50s GENTLE YOGA 60 minutes		LIVING LONGER LIVING STRONGER COTA GYM 60 minutes
11.45	FIT50s FITNESS CIRCUIT 60 minutes		LIVING LONGER LIVING STRONGER COTA GYM 60 minutes		FIT50s FITNESS CIRCUIT 60 minutes
1:00			FIT50s FITNESS CIRCUIT 60 minutes		
4:00			KIDFIT CIRCUIT *School terms only* 45 minutes		
5.00			TEENFIT GYM *School terms only* 60 minutes		
5.30	LES MILLS BODYPUMP 60 minutes		LES MILLS BODYPUMP 60 minutes		

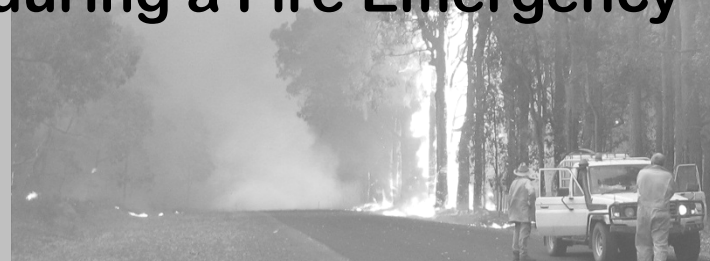
Memberships start from
\$20.84 per month and
include:

- ✓ 24 hour gym access
- ✓ No additional joining fees
- ✓ New gym membership options available!

Important information during a Fire Emergency

During a fire emergency all residents and landowners are encouraged to listen to ABC radio as it is the official emergency broadcast station.

Local AM frequencies are 588, 684 and 1044.



Visit: www.areyouready.wa.gov.au

INSIGHT

Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire Newsletter

October/November 2018

CAVALCADE OF TRANSPORT

Saturday, 6 October was a day many locals and visitors to our town will remember for many years to come as modes of transport covering the past 150 years were showcased and paraded from the bridge, through Hampton Street then up to the showgrounds where people were able to 'get up close and personal' to inspect them.

The parade was led by the 10th Light Horse Enactment Group then following came vintage cars, tractors, motor bikes, emergency service vehicles, heavy haulage vehicles and even a caravan and boat.



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President's Word

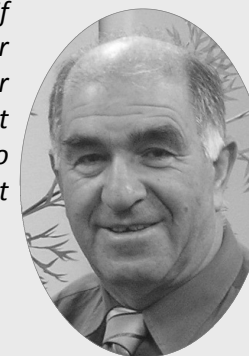
I would personally like to thank everyone involved in the Transport Cavalcade that was held on Saturday 6 October. We had a great community turnout and everyone was able to get up close and personal with the vintage vehicles at the Showgrounds. Well done to everyone.

Council has recently applied for both State and Federal funding to expand the 24 hour gym at the Bridgetown Leisure Centre (BLC). Concept plans for the expansion are able to be viewed at the BLC.

The community consultation held on the 'Highlands Public Open Space' has now ended. Thank you to all members of the community who participated, a report on the outcome of this will be presented to Council at its November meeting.

With the weather warming up, we ask that you be on the look out for snakes as they come out of hibernation. A list of snake handlers is on page 2, please call a professional if you encounter one in your yard, do not attempt to remove it yourself.

Tony Pratico,
Shire President



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Greenbushes & Hester Residents Rubbish Service

Due to Christmas & New Year falling on their normal collection day; Cleanaway's rubbish collection will be on Thursday 27th December 2018 and Thursday 3rd January 2019

Community Bus available for hire

The Shire's Community Bus 'Miss Rosie' is available for hire by community groups, businesses and individuals for journeys around the south-west and beyond. The bus seats 20 including the driver.

The driver must hold a minimum current LR driver's licence – however an F-endorsed licence is required if the driver is transporting school children or receiving a reward for driving.

Bus hire fees:

- Booking fee (Includes administration and cleaning) \$50
- Hire fees (per km driven)
 - Community groups \$1.30/km
 - Private Groups/Individuals/Businesses \$1.70/km
 - A \$300 bond applies to all hires.

To book 'Miss Rosie' or find out more, call 9761 0800



Save the date!



The Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes
presents

'Christmas in the Park'

Thursday 13 December - 4.30pm to 6.30pm
Memorial Park, Bridgetown

More details coming soon!

Stallholder applications available,
please email Tania Lockley
tlockley@bridgetown.wa.gov.au



It's Snake Season!

Contact one of the following professional Snake Handlers
if you need to relocate a snake from your property

Wildlife Helpline - 9474 9055
 Jamie Ternent - 9761 1688
 Murray Stevenson - 9761 2851
 Paul Hegney - 0409 105 755
 Pat Scallan - 9764 3508 / 0427 643 508
 Amanda Zera - 0406 082 296
 Mick Andrews - 0400 643 753
 Paul - 0428 552 396
 Sally-Anne - 0428 989 922

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HISTORIC
BRIDGETOWN

Embrace and
celebrate



Primary celebration events include:

- 31 December 2018, Free Event - Community Film Night (Australian 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: btshire@bridgetown.wa.gov.au

NEW POOL OPENING HOURS 2018/2019 SEASON

Opening 4 November 2018

Monday 6:00am – 6:00pm
 Tuesday 7:00am – 6:00pm
 Wednesday 6:00am – 6:00pm
 Thursday 7:00am – 6:00pm
 Friday 7:00am – 6:00pm
 Saturday & Sunday 8:00am – 6:00pm

Keep informed during an EMERGENCY

Emergency WA is a website which provides the best available information and community warnings about emergencies in Western Australia.

You will find alerts and warnings about fires, floods, storms, earthquakes, cyclones, hazardous material incidents and more.

Other features of the website include:

- Links to information on preparing for an emergency
- Access to information on Fire Danger Ratings and Total Fire Bans
- A Google Map display showing the location of active emergency incidents and warnings across Western Australia
- Information about active prescribed burns being undertaken by government agencies and private landowners

But Remember:

- Always seek information from a variety of sources during emergencies. Never rely on any one source.
- Be aware of your surroundings, stay connected with your community and take action for your safety at the first sign of fire or other emergency.
- Bookmark www.emergency.wa.gov.au to your mobile device or desktop to enable quick access during an emergency.

For more information:

- Visit the Emergency WA website at <https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/>
- Contact DFES Community Engagement on 9395 9816
- Access the Emergency WA Fact Sheet at <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/Documents/16679-EWA-Factsheet-FINAL-WEB.PDF>

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Between the Lines *at your library*

Rhyme Time Sessions at the Bridgetown Library

Singing and reading to babies from birth is one of the best things you can do to nurture their early learning and brain development.

Attending Rhyme Time is a great way to build children's early language skills, help them develop self-confidence and other essential life-long skills. Singing and reading to children is an important activity for building their skills and knowledge necessary for them to successfully learn to read when they begin school. Children who are good readers are usually successful learners.

Bridgetown Library currently hosts Baby Rhyme Time during the school term every Wednesday between 10am-11am with a fun variety of action, finger and nursery rhymes. The sessions are free and while our focus is on children from birth to three, all family members are welcome to attend. Previously run by the Child Health Nurse, the position has been taken over and the program is being coordinated by our lovely, trained librarian Naomi, who delivers a fun and flexible session.

We would love to be able to extend the program to include Story Time using the Better Beginnings STEAM/STEM approach (introducing Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Maths concepts to children while enjoying a good story).

Research has shown that an early exposure to books and stories substantially contributes to success in early literacy. There are strong links between literacy, school performance, self-esteem and life chances, with improved literacy skills being linked with higher education, earnings, health and social outcomes.

If interested please see the following link for more information about this: <https://www.better-beginnings.com.au/research/research-about-literacy-and-reading>

Currently we are running a Rhyme Time survey online to find out what you want us to offer and days that are most suitable to you. This can be found on the Bridgetown Shire's website <https://www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au> or via links available through the Bridgetown Shire's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/bridgetowngreenbushesshire>

Please visit the library for more information and if you are unable to attend Rhyme Time in our programmed timeslot, we have Better Beginnings Story Time packs, a variety of children's books and eResources that can be accessed for free with your library card to use and enjoy with your child. Membership for the Bridgetown Library is free; please bring a form of identification to join.



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



2018 / 2019 Firebreak Order notices have been sent to landowners along with their rates notice. Extra copies are available from Shire administration.

Firebreak construction and fuel reduction must be carried out as per the official notice and maintained throughout the season. For most landowners, firebreaks or fuel load management must be in place from 15 November 2018 to 26 April 2019. For plantations, the deadline is 1 November. Please refer to the official order to ensure you understand and will comply with the requirements.

Will you be burning on a verge? Verge burning requires a permit all year round. This permit can be obtained by contacting Ranger Services on 9761 0800.

Restricted burning is in place from 1 November to 14 December. During this time, permits are required for any and all burning that is being conducted. Permits to burn can be obtained from your Fire Control Officer (FCO). For a list of FCOs, refer to the back page of the Firebreak Notice. Please note that if you wish to burn on the verge in the restricted period, two permits will be required – a permit to burn from your FCO, and a verge burn permit from Rangers.

Inspections will be carried out throughout the season. Please ensure your property is compliant at all times during the required dates. Infringements and work orders may be issued if properties are not compliant with the Order.

Burning before 1 November. Permits are not required for burning being conducted before 1 November, however it is the responsibility of the person conducting the burn to ensure it is done safely. Proceed with caution at all times and ensure you have checked the weather forecast and have the means to extinguish the fire if necessary. Burning with caution lessens the chance that our volunteer firefighters will be called out to attend uncontrolled burns. Uncontrolled burns put lives and property in danger.

There are new penalties for breaching total fire bans. Under new legislation, \$1,000 on-the-spot fines can be issued for lighting fires or carrying out business that can start a fire on total fire ban days. During the 2016-17 bushfire season, almost one third of out-of-control fires on total fire ban days in WA started as a result of banned fire activities.

Restricted Burning is in effect between 1 November 2018 and 14 December 2018

Over the Restricted Burning period, 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. 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.

Fire restrictions can start earlier or finish later than the dates indicated depending on conditions. Permits issued for burning in Restricted Burning periods are issued at the discretion of a Fire Control Officer. Check with your Fire Control Officer or the Shire Office for any variation to the fire restriction dates. Fire Control Officers for each area are listed on the back page of the Firebreak Order that accompanied your rates notice and are also available on the Shire website, www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au.



Bridgetown is known for its winters but when things heat up, Bridgetown Leisure Centre pool is the place to be!

The pool re-opens for the season on

SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER

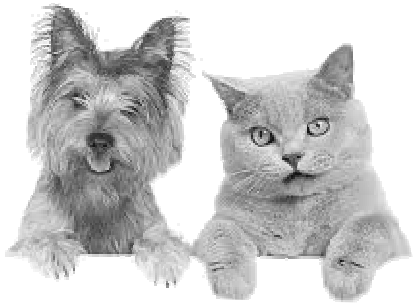
Come along for a day of fun!

- Free face painting by Blackwood Youth Action
- Sausage sizzle fundraiser - courtesy of the Swimming Club
- Pool inflatables for bouncy fun!

Casual pool entry fees:

Adult \$6
Spectators free
Child 2-17 years \$3.50
Adult concession \$5.40
Child concession \$3.15

Memberships available – enquire with the friendly Leisure Centre staff



Is Your Dog or Cat Registered?

Residents are reminded that dog and cat registrations are due on 1 November. 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.



Road Safety Message from the Roadwise Advisory Committee

At the time of writing this article, 121 people have lost their lives on WA roads. Of these 75 deaths occurred in regional areas, 20 of which were in the south west. WA Police, the Road Safety Commission, Main Roads WA and local governments through their Roadwise Committees all look at various ways of educating the community on potential risks when driving to try and stop people being killed on our roads.

In the lead-up to the recent September long weekend, Acting Road Safety Commissioner, Iain Cameron said “After decades of community education, the majority of West Australians understand the risks around drink driving, speeding and not wearing seatbelts”.

“However, three out of four fatal and serious injury crashes on WA roads are not caused by a risk-taking behaviour, but by someone who may be tired, a bit distracted or has a momentary lapse in concentration.”

“A micro-sleep of four or five seconds at 110km/h is like driving the length of Optus Stadium with your eyes shut,” said Mr Cameron.

“Fatigue is the silent killer on our roads, please don’t drive after being awake for a long period of time, make sure you’re well rested, plan your journey with regular stops along the way and if you can, switch drivers.”

Although this message was aimed for driver awareness over the September long weekend, Mr Cameron’s message about fatigue is something we should be aware of at all times throughout the year. Many people in our community commute to Bunbury or Manjimup on a daily basis and although this drive may not be as long as what some people would do when going on holidays, tiredness can creep up very quickly and the daily drive may make some people a bit complacent. Stopping for a few minutes to get a breath of fresh air could make a huge difference and ensure you arrive home safely.

Road Ribbons for Road Safety

From mid-November through to early-January each year, WALGA provides ribbons for community members to wear to show their commitment to road safety. Ribbons will be available for collection from the Shire’s customer service area from Monday, 19 November.

Roadwise – caring for the safety of our community

Accessing Your Community

The members of the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee have been very busy over the past 2 months hosting a morning tea for community members over the age of 60 at Bridgetown Pottery Restaurant. The morning tea was attended by over 60 people from across the Shire. Committee members also visited every business in the CBD, measured and calculated the accessibility of the entrances to each business and have compiled an ‘Accessible Businesses List’ for visitors and community members to use when accessing services in the CBD. The ‘Accessible Business List’ can be viewed on the Shire web site and the Visitor Centre website www.bridgetown.com.au/about-us/accessible-businesses.

Three new ACROD bays will soon be installed around the CBD. There will be an ACROD bay next to Howard Evans Solicitor offices near IGA, another bay will be installed in the Shire car park with a third being installed in the Bridgetown CRC car park, which will include the completion of works on the access path to ensure easy access to the Post Office and the northern section of town. As well as the ACROD bays the old infirm bays adjacent to IGA, Barney and Fleur and the Post Office will be converted to 20min only parking. All parking bays directly adjacent to IGA will have a reduced time limit of 1 hour to assist people with mobility challenges to access the pharmacy and IGA.

If you have any questions regarding any of the topics covered in this article please contact Megan Richards on 9761 0800.

Community Australia Day Awards *Honouring our Local Heroes*

Since 2016 the nomination process for the Community Australia Day Awards has changed with nominations now having to be made on-line at the Australia Day WA website: <https://auspire.org.au/programs-awards/citizen-of-the-year/>

The Community Australia Day Awards recognise and reward individuals and organisations for making a notable contribution during the year, and/or those who have given outstanding service over a number of years. Outstanding contribution and community service includes areas such as education, health, fund-raising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sport, arts, the environment or any other area that contributes to the advancement and wellbeing of the community.

The criteria will remain the same as last year with the four categories being:

- Citizen of the Year
- Citizen of the Year – Youth (under 25yrs)
- Citizen of the Year – Senior (over 65 years)
- Active Citizenship – Group or Event

If you know of a local 'hero', a group or an event you may consider nominating them for the 2019 Community Australia Day Awards. Nominations opened on 1 September and close on Tuesday, 31 October.

All nominations received via the Australia Day WA website will be emailed to Council to allow Councillors to make their decisions on the winners at their November council meeting with the Awards being presented during the annual Australia Day Breakfast on 26 January.



Our 2018 winners with Hon. Terry Redman, MLA (left) and Shire President, Tony Pratico (right)

Buy Local for Bridgetown's 150th

The Visitor Centre stocks the full range of commemorative 150th merchandise, including license plate surrounds, magnets, hat pins, tea towels and teaspoons. Fly the flag for our beautiful, historic town!

We also endeavour to support our local community by stocking as many locally made products as we can. We have a selection of soaps, award winning olive oil, dukkah and wooden products, plus books by local authors, art by local artists and postcards. Support your community – buy local!

If you are travelling overseas and wish to take some souvenirs with you, we also have Bridgetown-branded souvenirs that don't weigh too much, such as tea towels, magnets, pens and stickers.

The Visitor Centre's hours are:

Open from 9am-5pm Monday to Friday, 10am-3pm Saturday and 10am-1pm Sundays and public holidays.

So come on in, we love visitors!

Time to Start Thinking About the **RUSHFIRE SEASON**

Having an emergency kit is an important step to prepare and protect your household for an emergency such as a bushfire.

Keep your Emergency Survival Kit in a storage container in a location that is easy to get to and where the whole family knows about.

Things to include in your kit are:

- Portable battery-operated AM/FM radio
- Waterproof torch
- Spare batteries
- First aid kit with manual
- Candles with waterproof matches
- Clothing and Woollen blankets
- Phone and charger
- Water
- Money
- Toiletries
- Scans of Important Documents
- Copies of important photographs
- Photographs of valuable household items
- Emergency contact numbers

And don't forget to prepare for your pets as well. Make sure your pet is wearing an identification tag. If you're leaving, take a leash, basket, medication, food and a familiar toy for your animal, it will help reduce stress.

For more information:

- Visit the DFES website at www.dfes.wa.gov.au and read the Bushfire Emergency Kit Factsheet
- Visit the Red Cross website at www.redcross.org.au/prepare.aspx

Community Home Care - Bridgetown

Community Home Care Bridgetown (CHC) is a community service that is funded by HACC, to provide transport needs for those people who are HACC eligible (people who are not HACC eligible will be charged a higher negotiated fee based on the actual cost of the kilometres travelled in the trip - see costs below). CHC is committed to supporting people to maintain their independence.

People who have mobility challenges due to age or disability may need support to continue to live as independently as possible. CHC understands that maintaining personal choice and control is essential to each person's wellbeing.

Transport assistance to support travel needs include:

- Medical Appointments
- Allied Health appointments
- Shopping
- Banking
- Social Events
- Maintaining Family Connections

The Transport Service will pick you up from your home, drive you to your destination and return you home.

Are You Eligible?

Before being able to access this service you will require a current HACC assessment. To discuss your eligibility for HACC support please call the Regional Assessment Service on 1300 785 415.

Cost of Services

Fees are required to be paid as a contribution towards the cost of the transport service. The fees are based on the WA HACC Program's Standard Fee Schedule and your level of income. Transport Clients are charged per trip and the amount charged differs depending on the distance travelled.

This means that a journey from home to your destination and returning home again is classified as two trips. Pension Fuel Card Travel Assistance is available.

Prices listed are one way only:

Up to 10km	\$ 5 per trip
11km – 30km	\$ 8 per trip
31 km – 60km	\$10 per trip
61 km – 99km	\$15 per trip

If you wish to travel over 99km please contact Community Home Care to discuss options such as PATS (Patient Assisted Travel Scheme).

If you would like more information about the transport service in Bridgetown or help with your HACC assessment please contact the Community Home Care Coordinator in Bridgetown on Telephone: 9761 1855 or Mobile: 0488 026 299.

Youth Leadership Team Update

The Youth Leadership Team have been working on a number of projects over the past few months. Last school holidays the Youth Leadership Team went on a team building adventure to Paintball Pursuit. Everyone had a great time including the bus driver.

The Youth Leadership Team organised and supported a two man team from Skate Sculpture who came to ask the young people of our Shire what they would like included in the skate plaza and youth precinct to be located between the Library and the Leisure Centre. They visited Bridgetown High School, Bridgetown Primary School and Kearnan College and held a gathering open to all community members at the skate park at 4.00pm on Wednesday 12 September. The Shire's young people share so many great ideas!!

The Skate Sculpture guys will present their findings to Council in November.



The Youth Awards have been developed to provide the community with an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the Shire's young people who enhance and positively contribute to our community.

Nominations have been received for five categories:

- Challenge and Change Award
- Leadership in Arts Award
- Leadership in Sport Award
- Leadership in Technology
- Leadership in the Community

All young people nominated will be recognised for their achievements and or contribution to the local community. The individual Award winners will receive an award and a certificate from the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes. There has been a great response to the Awards with a number of nominations. The Youth Leadership Group are looking forward to an exciting Awards evening to be held in early November.

Trails Development Advisory Committee

These trail blazers have been working on a number of projects over the past 6 months including the completion of the Shire Walk Trail Booklet (available at the Bridgetown Visitor Centre, Shire Administration and Greenbushes CRC). Both the Wandoo Walk and the Old Abattoir Walk have had a record number of visitations during September and October.

The Trails Development Advisory Committee have also been working in close partnership with members of the Blackwood Mountain Bike and Cycling Club Inc. and officers from Parks and Wildlife to undertake the first stages of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions trail planning process.

Completing this process ensures the committee will develop an approved mountain bike trail network that can be promoted and enjoyed by community members and visitors alike. There is a long way to go to achieve the quality trail network, however, the process is well on its way.



Greenbushes to Bridgetown Shopping Bus Run

The Community Bus "Miss 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: **23 October, 6 and 20 November, 4 and 18 December**

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



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.