



# 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](http://www.bridgetown.imalert.com.au) to conduct the training now.

## 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](http://www.areyouready.wa.gov.au)

# INSIGHT

Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire Newsletter

December/January 2019

## Farewell Bridgetown's Sesquicentennial Year with a Final Celebration on 31 December

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HISTORIC BRIDGETOWN



Bridgetown has been celebrating its Sesquicentennial Year throughout 2018. Unlike most 150-year olds there is still some steam left for one final celebration to mark this milestone year.

This New Years Eve, please join us at Memorial Park to send off 2018 in style with an evening event to celebrate our home and community.

From 6pm, Andrew Winton, the brother of Breath author Tim Winton, will entertain with his slide guitar talents. The Bridgetown Art Trail will be officially launched and then at 8pm we'll settle in for the screening of the visually stunning Australian story Breath, filmed in picturesque Denmark.

Please note the 'Breath' movie is rated 'M' for Mature Audiences.



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## President's Word

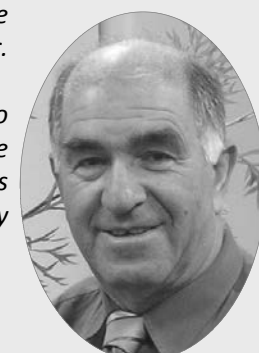
At its November Meeting, Council selected the recipients for the 2019 Community Australia Day Awards. These Awards will be presented to the winners at the Shire's Australia Day Breakfast to be held at the Showgrounds on Saturday 26 January at 7.00am.

On another note, a huge congratulations goes out to all involved in putting together another fantastic and successful 'Blues at Bridgetown'. It was exciting to see so many visitors to our town once again and so many locals supporting the Blues weekend. This year the Shire presented a plaque to the Blues Committee at the 'Wind Down' on the Sunday night, acknowledging their contribution to developing and enhancing the facilities at Memorial Park. The plaque will be placed on the limestone retaining wall for all to view.

Lastly, I would like to thank Shire Officers for their contributions during the year, we can't do what we do without them.

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas, and look forward to seeing every one in the New Year. Please remember to take extra care on the roads over the holiday period.

Cr 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 27<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**



## AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST



*& our Journey to Reduce Waste*

26 January ~ 7.30am  
Bridgetown Showgrounds

*2019 ~ we're changing it up!*

*The free brekkie will be a bacon & egg roll or sausage in a roll (vegan option available) ~ wrapped in paper*

*We encourage everyone to bring their own bowls, cups and cutlery for cereal, juice, tea and coffee and help us reduce waste!*

The morning will include an *Australian Citizenship Ceremony* and the presentation of the prestigious *Community Australia Day Awards* so come along and enjoy a free breakfast prepared and cooked by your Councillors. *(There will be some crockery and cutlery for those unable to bring their own.)*

The *Grow Greenbushes Committee* will also host an 'Aussie Breakfast' with this being held in Thomson Park commencing at 7.00am.

## New Procedures for Disposal of Inert Waste

A new area for disposal of inert waste within the Bridgetown Waste Disposal Site will be opening shortly. Inert waste is building (demolition) waste, concrete, rock, gravel, etc. and up to now has been allowed to be disposed of without charge at a site on the opposite side of the road to the waste disposal site. Due to contamination and other concerns the use of a separate inert waste area outside the waste disposal site cannot continue therefore the waste disposal site has been expanded to include a suitable area for disposal and storage of inert waste.

The Shire can no longer accept inert waste without charge as there are significant costs in managing this type of waste and it isn't fair on the general ratepayer to fund this service. Therefore once the new area is opened persons seeking to dispose of inert waste will be required to pay a disposal charge, either cash (\$37.60 per cubic metre) or via use of tokens (8 tokens per cubic metre) on the annual tip pass provided to all owners of rateable property. At the same time the existing inert site on the other side of the road will be closed and it will be illegal to dispose of waste in that area. Clean soil/sand that is suitable for use as cover material at the waste disposal site can still be disposed of the site at no charge.

## Council's Inaugural Youth Awards Night 2018



Recipients of the Youth Awards - L-R Emilee Christie, Bronte Page, Jack Wilson, Matilda Miller and Mitch Lovett

On Friday, 16 November 70 community members met at the Emporium Bistro to recognise and celebrate some of the outstanding young people of this community. The inspiration for the event came directly from the community during the consultation for the Youth Plan 2017-2021. Councils Youth Leadership Team worked diligently over the last 4 months assisting with the development of the nomination categories, nomination forms, judging criteria and organising of the presentation event.

Fourteen nominations for 5 Categories of the Youth Awards were received from the Bridgetown High School, Kearnan College, Bridgetown Netball Association, Blackwood United Soccer Club and Blackwood Youth Action.

The Leadership in the Arts award sought to recognise and promote the work of young people involved in the arts. The nominees demonstrated positive leadership qualities in their field and have a positive vision for their future endeavours. The areas of art include performance, visual, design, multimedia and music.

The nominees for Leadership in the Arts Award were Bronte Page, Lily Brown, Sascha Barton-Codd and Sophie Boswell, with the winner being Bronte Page.

The Leadership in Sport award recognised a young person (individual or team member) for their outstanding achievement and leadership in sport. This award focused on young people who make a difference to the community through sport or by

volunteering their time to a sporting organisation. The nominees for this award are involved in sport as coaches, umpires, team members and individuals. What they all have in common is dedication and commitment to contribute to their chosen sport.

The nominees for Leadership in Sport Award were Dylan Brown, Matilda Miller, and Zander Murphy with the winner being Matilda Miller.

The Leadership in Technology award recognised a young person who demonstrated enterprising technology skills and initiative and the ability to develop and create tech products that demonstrate new ideas through design. This person is having a positive impact on their future by increasing their skills and engaging in meaningful learning, while having fun along the way.

The nominees for the Leadership in Technology Award were Brianna Bunter, Cody Fraser-Gillard and Jack Wilson, with the winner being Jack Wilson.

The Leadership in the Community

award celebrates an outstanding young person who helps foster a positive appreciation of young people in the community. They may have led youth initiatives, held positions of leadership in committees or groups or been proactive in the community. This person has shown strong leadership qualities to work with the community in a positive and helpful way.

The nominees for the Leadership in the Community award for 2018 were Carla Ward, Emilee Christie, and Keara Doust with the winner being Emilee Christie.

The Challenge and Change Award recognised a young person who has made a substantial turnaround in their life. They will have demonstrated personal growth whilst overcoming challenges in their day-to-day life. This young person has made valued and respected contributions to the community which resulted in a positive, supportive and safe social and emotional environment.

We received two nominations for this award – both for the same deserving young person. Bridgetown High School and Blackwood Youth Action both believe that this person exemplifies the qualities of someone who has experienced and triumphed through Challenge and Change. The winner of the Challenge and Change Award was Mitch Lovett.

Thank you to nominees and their families and friends, stakeholders and the Youth Leadership Team for making the inaugural Youth Awards a great success.



L-R Council's Youth Leadership Team: Liam Donaldson, Seb Doust, Jay Tonal-Moore, Isabelle Lockley, Alicia Applin, Sophie Purnell and Louis Meagher with Shire President Cr Tony Pratico

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# Between the Lines *at your library*

## Kids, get ready to join Bridgetown Public Library Summer Reading Club Program

The national Summer Reading Club will return to Bridgetown Public Library; online at [summerreadingclub.org.au](http://summerreadingclub.org.au) and in more than a thousand public libraries across the country for another fun-filled season.

Created for children and young people pre-school age to 17, the Summer Reading Club is a free program led by State Library of Queensland (SLQ) that inspires imaginations and instils a love of libraries and reading.

The 2018 theme, *Curious Creatures*, encourages eager young readers to discover new worlds as they explore and connect with a curiosity of creatures through a range of interactive activities available in libraries and online.

From real creatures to the imagined, actual to mythological, microscopic to megafauna, and Australia's marvellous marsupials to all the classification of Animalia in between, this summer children and young people will be encouraged to explore and connect with a curiosity of creatures.

Over 43,000 children registered with the Summer Reading Club in 2017, reading over 360,000 books between them over summer, and organisers are hoping participants will crack half a million books in 2018.

Summer Reading Club members can also meet 21 new Australian authors and illustrators online, read their helpful creative hints and tips and preview exclusives of their up and coming work.

Online participants will also have the opportunity to blog with children's authors, Dr. Cameron Stelzer and Emma Middleton, search for answers to Encyclopaedia Britannica's sponsored quiz, craft a What Happens Next story ending to Dave Lowe's story starter, share their book raves and artwork, and lots more.

Summer Reading Club will run from  
1 December 2018 to 31 January 2019.

## CURIOUS CREATURES

For more information contact the Bridgetown Public Library on 9761 2503 or by email [library@bridgetown.wa.gov.au](mailto:library@bridgetown.wa.gov.au) or go to the website <http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au/theclub/>

The Summer Reading Club is delivered in partnership with the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), the Australian Public Library Alliance (APLA), and public libraries across Australia, including Queensland's Indigenous Knowledge Centres.



## 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](mailto:tlockley@bridgetown.wa.gov.au)

## DFES 2018 Volunteer Employer Recognition Awards

More than 25,000 volunteers in Western Australia help the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and the community to prepare for, respond and recover from emergencies.

Their assistance would simply not be possible without the support of employers from across all sectors of the business community.

THE DFES Volunteer Employer Recognition Awards (VERA) acknowledge the valuable and often unnoticed contributions of employers in their support of the fire and emergency volunteers.

These employers not only allow employees to volunteer, they also provide flexible working arrangements and a supportive environment. This generosity allows volunteers to take time off work, often at short notice and sometimes for extended periods of time.

This year, the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes was awarded a Gold Award (highest level of recognition), and Bridgetown High School awarded a Bronze Award, both for their support provided to volunteers and the associated contribution to the community.



Bridgetown High School Principal, Steve Bullied, and Shire CEO Tim Clyne with their respective awards.



The Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes  
presents

## 'Christmas in the Park'

- ★ Giant slip 'n' slide    ★ Bouncy castles  
(bring bathers & towel)
- ★ Mini gravitron    ★ Face painting
- ★ 'Mr Scoop n Serve'    ★ 'Jubilee' singers
- ★ 'Bridgetown Beatz' dance troupe performances
- ★ 'Blackwood Youth Inc' tie-dye workshop  
(gold coin donation)
- ★ 'Lions' sausage sizzle
- ★ Gift stall

and *Santa!*

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



# National Trust calls for expressions of interest for use of Bridgedale

The National Trust (WA) has called for expressions of interest from interested persons/businesses for prospective development at Bridgedale, potentially within the homestead itself and on vacant land at the rear of the house.



The expression of interest process has been separated into two options:

**Option A**  
Find a sustainable and compatible new use for Bridgedale Homestead.

**Option B**  
Redevelopment of three lots at the rear of the property fronting Hampton Street for commercial, entertainment or tourism use, noting that any proposed use must be compatible with the zoning of the land.

Bridgedale has a close association with the first years of European settlement of the Bridgetown district. The original ten acre site of the place was purchased by John Blechynden in 1859 and was the first property to be occupied in the townsite area and pre-dates the establishment of the town. The existing house was built circa 1868, and is the oldest building in Bridgetown. As the town developed and expanded Bridgedale became a town residence rather than a homestead. Its farming origins, however, remain apparent. Bridgedale remained the family home of the Blechynden family until 1950.

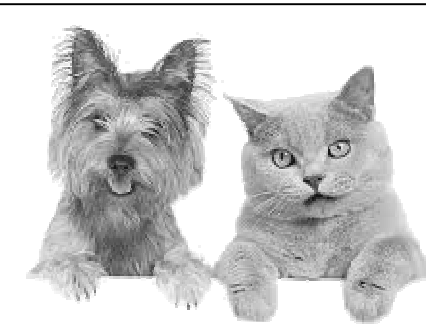
Bridgedale was saved from destruction by the efforts and generosity of the local community who raised the funds to purchase the property in 1970 and subsequently gifted it to the National Trust.

In recent years public access to the homestead has been limited and the National Trust acknowledges the difficulty it faces in having the homestead open for public viewing on regular occasions. Using the expression of interest process the National Trust is seeking to identify uses that would once again enable the local community to regularly access the property and appreciate its heritage values.

Expressions of interest may be submitted for one or both options and the National Trust will consider the proposals against level of activity generated by the proposal, investment required and compatibility with the site's heritage values.

More information on the expression of interest process can be found on the following link:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/news/request-for-expressions-of-interest-to-lease-and-or-develop/>



## 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

### Mystery Tour of Life

Recently the Roadwise Committee hosted the annual 'Mystery Tour of Life', a program for the Year 10 students of Bridgetown and Boyup Brook High Schools, aimed at educating young drivers on their responsibilities when driving or being passengers in a vehicle. This year 44 students attended the day and appreciation is extended to the emergency service volunteers, Bridgetown Police officers, Shire staff and Bridgetown Hospital staff for their continued involvement and support of this program. Appreciation is also extended to Greg Giblett for providing transport, CWA ladies for providing morning tea, Tony Pratico for providing lunch and special thanks to guest speaker, Jesse Donovan for his informative address to the students. The day covered the main causes of motor vehicle accidents being:

- Speeding
- Fatigue
- Distraction
- Drink driving
- Drug driving

Feedback from students was positive with the majority stating that what they encountered throughout the day would make them more aware and careful when they obtain their 'L' plates and commence driving on our roads.

### Road Ribbons for Road Safety

As mentioned in the October edition of the Insight, Roadwise and the Shire will again be promoting the *Road Ribbon for Road Safety* campaign, a community based road safety initiative which enables people to directly contribute to road safety over the Christmas/New Year holiday period.

The campaign messages are aligned with *Towards Zero*, WA's road safety strategy 2008 – 2020 and urge people to work together to achieve zero deaths and serious injuries on our roads. In support of the United Nations endorsed, World Health Organisation's World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, the *Road Ribbon for Road Safety* campaign runs from Sunday, 18 November 2018 until Friday, 4 January 2019. Ribbons are available for collection from the Shire's Customer Service area from Monday, 19 November.

*Roadwise – caring for the safety of our community*

## Congratulations to the Winners of our Early Rates Payment Prizes!

First Prize - Ian Holroyd  
Community Cash Vouchers  
to the value of \$600

2nd Prize - Stuart Masters  
Weekend accommodation package at the  
Quality Hotel Ambassador Perth (valued at \$560)

3rd Prize - Hugh Mitchell  
Double pass to WASO:  
Asher Fisch Conducts  
Strauss & Bruckner (valued at \$182)

4th Prize - Robert Hossell & Sarah Ekin  
Double pass to WASO:  
Asher Fisch Conducts  
Strauss & Bruckner (valued at \$182)

## Photos from Cavalcade of Transport Event

*2 months on and the success of the 'Cavalcade of Transport' is still being talked about.*

What was omitted in the article appearing in the October Insight was that this event was hosted by the Bridgetown Agricultural Society so our congratulations are extended to the Society on a 'job well done'.

Members of the 150 Working Group would be keen to view any photos, videos or drone footage taken on the day that could be made available for the Group's use into the future.

Photographers willing to share their photos or footages are requested to contact Rebecca Redman at the Shire Office on 9761 0800.

# Shire Facilities – Christmas/New Year Shut Down

Our facilities will be closed during the Christmas/New Year holiday period as follows:

Facility	First Day Closed	Day Re-Opened
Admin Offices	25.12.18	2.1.19
Library	24.12.18	2.1.19
Leisure Centre	25.12.18	26.12.18 *
Visitor Centre	25.12.18	26.12.18 #
Shire Depot	20.12.18	7.1.19
Bridgetown Waste Facility	25.12.18	27.12.18

\* Fitness classes will not be available from 25 December until 9 January 2018 – 24 hour gym and aquatic facilities will be open except for the dates listed above

# Opening hours for the Visitor Centre on Boxing Day and New Years Day will be 10.00am to 1.00pm

## OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT - NEW MINE ACCESS ROAD, GREENBUSHES

The current and future expansion of the Talison Lithium mine at Greenbushes will increase the production of spodumene ore and mineral concentrate from the mine which in turn will result in an increase in traffic movements to and from the mine.

The mining rate will increase to an annual average of approximately 16 million bank cubic metres (Mbcm) because of the expansion and may reach up to 25 Mbcm. Processing of the ore is expected to produce between 2.3 and 2.7 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) of lithium bearing mineral concentrate.

Talison Lithium Pty Ltd engaged a civil consultant to investigate options to provide mine access for trucks accessing the mine which did not require them to traverse through the Greenbushes townsite. This led to an alignment being identified for a new road commencing near the Greenbushes Sportsground and ending opposite the mine entrance on Maranup Ford Road.

Although still a conceptual design the new road would intersect with South Western Highway near the existing northern town entrance with a new slip lane being constructed on the highway to tie into the existing passing lane further north. The existing access road into Greenbushes Sportsground would be removed with a new entrance road into the Sportsground to run off mine access road. From the sportsground to Maranup Ford Road the new mine access road would generally follow the alignment of an existing old haul road with minor deviations/modifications to take account of geometric safety concerns and higher value vegetation. At the Maranup Ford Road end the mine access road would intersect at the mine entrance.

The proposed mine access road would pass in reasonably close proximity to Greenbushes Pool however it has been designed to limit sharp curves and therefore limit noise from the trucks. As part of the conceptual design the entrance to the pool and camping facilities will be upgraded and formalised to provide a single point of entry from Spring Gully Road. The current entry from the old haul road would be blocked off for safety reasons.

The proposed mine access road is proposed to be a public road and would not be restricted to mine trucks/vehicles only. The road would be created as a public road reserve under the care and control of the Shire noting however that construction of the road would be fully funded by Talison Lithium Pty Ltd.

Talison Lithium Pty Ltd has already undertaken some community consultation on this proposal however the Shire is running its own consultation process, including allowing members of the public to submit written submissions to the Shire.

Plans and information showing the proposed Northern Alignment on an aerial photograph base are on display in the foyer of the Shire Administration Office and at the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre. Written submissions on the proposal can be submitted to the Shire by the closing date of 19 December 2018. Details of how to lodge a submission are provided on the above information displays.

# FIRE SEASON INFORMATION

We are currently at the end of the “Restricted Burning Period’ 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2018 to 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2018. This means no fires can be lit without first obtaining a permit, and from 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 no fires to be lit whatsoever. This remains in place until 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 (this date may change) when we enter the ‘Autumn Restricted Burning Period’.

Permits are not always given. It is up to the Fire Control Officer of your area who will consider all the circumstances and decide if it is safe to issue the permit.

Your local Fire Control Officers are:

Chief Fire Control Officer	Michael Campbell	9761 9002
Deputy Chief FCO/ FCO Greenbushes	Greg Kennedy	0427 577 821
Deputy Chief FCO/FCO Yornup	Lyndon Pearce	0427 962 386
Bridgetown Townsite (Permits)	Shire Ranger	0428 911 847
Winnejup	Hugh Wheatley	0428 617 054
Wandillup	Robert Moyes	9761 2482
Hester Brook	Keith Clothier	0428 611 787
Kangaroo Gully	Eric Wheatley	9761 1274
	Chris Doherty	0438 952 202
Maranup	Hal Reid	9761 1675
Catterick	Santo Pratico	0428 644 057
Sunnyside	Stuart Waters	0447 714 486
Bridgetown Bush Fire Brigade	Ed Bland	9761 4546

During the season, warnings will be issued via the radio on high fire risk days. These may include:

DFES (Department of Fire and Emergency Services) warnings:

- Total Fire Ban – Anything likely to cause a fire including using machinery, welding or grinding or wood fired BBQ’s and Pizza ovens are banned. Further information is available from [https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/fire/bushfire/BushfireFactsheets/DFES\\_Bushfire\\_Factsheet-Total\\_Fire\\_Bans.pdf](https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/fire/bushfire/BushfireFactsheets/DFES_Bushfire_Factsheet-Total_Fire_Bans.pdf)
- Very High, Severe, Extreme or Catastrophic Fire Danger Ratings – A fire danger rating in this category automatically exclude the lighting of any fire, even if you have a Permit.

Shire warnings:

- Restricted Burning Period means all outside fires, including camp fires require a permit.
- Prohibited Burning Period means all outside fires are banned.
- Vehicle and Harvest Movement Ban – means no vehicle or machinery can be used in in paddocks or in the bush during the time specified.

Have your got your fire plan in place? It is important to have this ready. Please refer to DFES web page for the latest information <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/fire/bushfire/Pages/default.aspx>

**For Fires and Emergency ring 000**

Michael Campbell –  
• Chief Fire Control Officer – Shire of Bridgetown – Greenbushes



## Department of Corrective Services Pre-Release Prison Work Teams

One of the Department of Corrective Services' biggest goals is to help offenders gain skills they need to live a law-abiding lifestyle once their sentence is complete and they return to their communities.

One of the programs undertaken by the Department to assist in this process is the *Prisoner Work Camps & Section 95 Activities* program which offers a resource to the community by providing unskilled or semi-skilled labour undertaken by low risk, minimum-security prisoners. This program is a great way for community groups and organisations to have works undertaken for them at little or no cost whilst providing the men an opportunity to learn new skills/experiences.

Many organisations in the Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire have already benefited from the works undertaken by the men during the past few years and as our community is only an hour's drive (each way approximately) from Bunbury Prison, our Shire is conveniently placed for projects to be undertaken.

Some of the projects that have been undertaken by the Prison Pre-Release Teams in our region includes:

- Footpath repairs in Bridgetown
- Drainage works in Bridgetown for the Shire
- Replacing concrete paths at the Bridgetown Anglican Church
- Painting and other maintenance works at the Bridgetown Uniting Church
- Grounds and building repairs/maintenance at the Blackwood Pony Club
- Grounds and maintenance works for Silver Chain
- Concrete paths and assistance with the construction of a shed at the Bridgetown Repertory Theatre
- Construction of ramp at Bridgetown CWA
- Floor tiling and grounds maintenance at Greenbushes Freemasons Hall
- Grounds maintenance at Greenbushes Anglican Church
- Gardening and landscaping at Ashbil Community Garden
- Grounds maintenance for Bridgetown and Boyup Brook Police Stations

If your organisation needs a helping hand with projects and would like an Information Pack to learn more about this program please contact Glen Norris: [gnorris@bridgetown.wa.gov.au](mailto:gnorris@bridgetown.wa.gov.au)



### Venue for December 2018 Council Meeting

The December Meeting of Council will be held in the Meeting Room at the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre. The meeting will be held on Thursday, 20 December commencing at 5.30pm and members of the public are invited to attend. Those attending will have an opportunity to address Council during the 'Public Question Time' segment.

### Council Meeting Dates for 2019

Members of the Bridgetown-Greenbushes community are invited to attend Council Meetings during 2019. Meetings commence at 5.30pm and those attending have an opportunity to address Council during the 'Public Question Time' segment. All meetings are held in the Council Chambers except the December Council Meeting which will be held in Greenbushes.

31.1.19	28.2.19	28.3.19	24.4.19	30.5.19	27.6.19
25.7.19	29.8.19	26.9.19	31.10.19	28.11.19	19.12.19

Agendas will be available for inspection from the Library and the Shire website 4 days prior to Meetings.

booking commissions.

A 5-year budget has been developed for the SFBVTA model. This budget shows that the three local governments will contribute the following sums over the 5 years:

- Shire of Manjimup - \$293,468
- Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes - \$195,705
- Shire of Nannup - \$122,317

In addition to committing to these significant funding expenditures the three local governments will continue to financially support the local visitor centres.

The role of visitor centres will change with the establishment of the SFBVTA. No longer will they have members and sell accommodation and other tourism packages therefore there will be a considerable loss of income for them. The visitor centres will have to modify their role to that of directly servicing

visitors at the local level. The LTO model clearly recognises the importance of local 'face to face' visitor servicing however during the investigations into establishing an LTO it was noted that research (December 2016 Stafford Group – Visitor Servicing Business Plan) indicates that up to 85% of visitors at any given time do not visit a visitor centre and therefore there is a need for the role of visitor centres to evolve over time to meet changing visitor needs and expectations.

Unlike the Shires of Manjimup and Nannup, the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes operates its visitor centre. This is done at an annual cost of approximately \$193,000 and this subsidy is expected to increase significantly with the loss of approximately \$50,000 in annual membership and booking commission income once the SFBVTA commences operations and becomes a membership based association. In endorsing

the LTO model the Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire Council has signalled its intent to review how it provides local visitor servicing. The reason for this is two-fold – to ensure duplication with the functions of the SFBVTA doesn't occur – and to reduce the overall cost (subsidy) of the visitor centre in order for Council to absorb its funding commitments to the SFBVTA. This review of local visitor servicing will occur in 2019 and will include community consultation.

In conclusion the SFBVTA will better represent our area to higher level tourism organisations such as Australia's South West and Tourism WA, paving the way for increased tourism marketing, promotion support and packaging opportunities for our tourism operators and businesses. Increased exposure will increase visitation and economic growth within the tourism sector.

### NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR SOUTHERN FORESTS BLACKWOOD VALLEY TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Are you a resident in either of the Shires of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Manjimup or Nannup and are involved in tourism? Do you want to make a difference in coordinating tourism activity in our region including greater promotion and marketing of what our region has to offer? Do you want to be involved in growing the tourism sector?

If yes please consider nominating for a Board Member position on the Board of Management for the Southern Forests Blackwood Valley Tourism Association (SFBVTA).

A nomination pack can be viewed and downloaded online at <https://mailchi.mp/7083109826c1/southern-forests-blackwood-valley-tourism-association>. Nominations close at 4.30pm, Wednesday 19 December 2018.

### Visitor Centre

### Be a Local Tourist *The Visitor Centre isn't only for visitors...*

With the school holidays and Christmas almost upon us, how long has it been since you've explored what's right here? Come into the Visitor Centre and we can give you a long list of activities – 40 of them to be precise!

Our beautiful Shire has it all – walk trails, scenic drives, heritage galore, lots of activities for kids, wonderful galleries and boutique shops. With the warm summer days there is also our beautiful swimming pool and the gorgeous Greenbushes Pool as well.

Spend some time with your family these holidays getting reacquainted with the holiday destination right outside your front door!

# Southern Forests Blackwood Valley Local Tourism Association Update

On 13 November 2018 the Warren Blackwood Alliance of Councils (comprising the Shires of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Manjimup and Nannup) formally endorsed the establishment of the Southern Forests Blackwood Valley Tourism Association (SFBVTA). Nominations are now being sought for the inaugural SFBVTA Board.

The proposal to develop a Local Tourism Organisation (LTO) originated at a Warren Blackwood tourism forum held in Manjimup in September 2015. This forum was targeted at tourism operators and the primary outcome from the forum was direction for a need for consolidation of the region's investments in tourism to promote visitation to the Warren Blackwood Region rather than for towns, visitor centres and tourist businesses to continue to compete against each other in a limited market.

Therefore it has always been clear that the impetus to establish an LTO was led by the tourism industry itself with significant input from tourism operators being received at key points of the project. Community forums also occurred to keep interested members of the public informed, with two such forums being held in Bridgetown (December 2017 and March 2018).

The SFBVTA will work within the State Government's tourism framework, working with Tourism WA and Australia South West. The SFBVTA will coordinate all tourism activity within the Warren Blackwood Region with its main aims being to grow the regional tourism sector and markets by attracting more visitors to the region and to act as a peak

body for all tourism stakeholders in the region. Marketing and promotion of the region and up-skilling of the area's tourism sector will be key objectives.

The affairs of SFBVTA will be managed by a Board of Management and the aims of the Association are to:

1. Act as a peak body for all tourism stakeholders in the region.
2. Create a sustainable, prosperous and healthy tourism industry
3. Attract more visitors to the region
4. Boost return on investment for its members
5. Celebrate the regions culture
6. Offer a quality visitor experience
7. Enhance and further develop the profile of the region.
8. Promote the region as a desirable tourism destination to local, inter-state, intra-state and international markets
9. Connect with visitors, investors and trade.
10. Respond to the specific needs, opportunities, products, experiences and resources of our region.

Unlike most other LTO models the SFBVTA will not engage in local visitor servicing and the six existing visitor centres in the region will remain. This was a change to the initial model after preliminary consultation with the tourism sector in our region. Under the amended model the SFBVTA will undertake marketing and promotion activity to attract visitors to the region and once these tourists are in the region the visitor centres will provide the local services to ensure their stay is enjoyable. The SFBVTA will work with all the visitor centres to ensure that a uniform standard

of servicing is provided across the region.

The Warren Blackwood Alliance of Councils established a steering committee to develop the model of the SFBVTA, including its structure (Members, Board and Employees) and budget. The Steering Committee consisted of tourism and local government representatives across the three Shire districts. The three tourism representatives from our Shire were Christine King, Roger Purnell and Tracey Hodgkins. Appreciation is expressed to Christine, Roger and Tracey for giving up their time to have input into this important issue.

The SFBVTA model has received enthusiastic support from the region's tourism sector. A 5-year budget has been prepared and shows that the model can work with the taking up of memberships and the generation of income from website booking commissions. The Steering Committee was deliberately conservative in membership and other income projections in the knowledge that like any new organisation the SFBVTA will have to demonstrate achievements before tourism operators see value in membership and choose to join as a member.

The establishment of the SFBVTA is being completely funded by the three participating local governments. The local governments will continue to be a major financial contributor to the operations of the SFBVTA, contributing 61.4% of the SFBVTA's income in Year 2 (2019/20), and 48.4% in Year 3. By Year 5 (2022/23) this is expected to be reduced 23% as the LTO generates income from membership and website

# Recycling Market Update

## Background

In July 2017, the People's Republic of China informed the World Trade Organisation that it would ban imports of scrap plastic, mixed paper, textiles, certain metal recycling residues and all unsorted waste by the end of 2017. This Program, called National Sword, was designed to protect the environment and improve public health.

On 1 January 2018, China banned the import of 24 waste grades of plastic scrap and recovered paper. Post-consumer plastic and mixed paper grades, which have contamination levels of greater than 0.5%, are banned from import into China. This has impacted on the other South East Asian markets (Vietnam, Malaysia and Thailand) for these products as an abundant supply has decreased the commodity price. The restrictions in China have impacted the recycling supply chain in Australia as well as the USA, Europe and Japan.

## Market Update

Domestic commodity prices for OCC (Old Corrugated

Cardboard) and ONP (Old News Print) have significantly reduced and mixed paper and plastic prices have collapsed due to oversupply and contamination. The markets that WA is currently selling into are at increased sovereign risk (risk of change of Government policy).

Major import problems have surfaced in the principal markets in Southeast Asia including Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia. The significant inflow of plastic scrap shipments to these countries, after the market shift from China, has far exceeded the permitted import volumes and the operational capacities of their main ports.

In recent months Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia, without warning, introduced prohibitions on imports of e-waste and plastic waste.

The market uncertainty and changing dynamics has had an impact in WA. It has led to higher processing costs to 'quality sort' at all Material Recovery Facilities (MRF). The MRF's have slowed down production, to allow those

sorting the recycling more time to pull out contaminated items, such as flexible plastic. This increases labour costs and reduces the amount of recycling that can be processed every hour, but is essential to ensure low contamination levels so there is still a market for the product. There are also additional costs associated with the disposal of contaminants and unrecyclable products.

## Contamination

Despite a much higher awareness of recycling issues, contamination of kerbside recycling is still a significant issue. Historical levels for contamination were about 8%, now 15 – 20% of recycling collected is contaminants, the reasons for this could include:

- Changes to packaging, increase in composite packaging and single use plastics which are not readily recyclable through the kerbside system
- Until recently, less focus on behaviour change and education by State and Local Government
- Changes to markets, meaning material that was once accepted in recycling exports, now isn't.



## Types of Contamination

### Affects processing



Strapping



Clothing



Rope, cable, hose

### Affects Safety



Hazardous waste & aerosols



Nappies

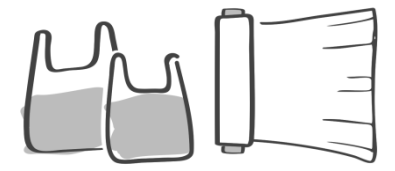


Batteries



Needles & syringes

### Affects quality



Flexible plastics



Food/food contaminated material



Shredded paper



There are a range of different materials which cause problems when put in a recycling bin. These issues can be because the material affects processing, safety or quality.

**Answers to some common questions about suitability of products for recycling appear below:**

- Aerosols – although the instructions on current education materials say that aerosols should be put in the recycling bins empty, many aren't. Aerosols have caused 5 small explosions in the compactor of one of the MRF Operators over the last year. There is also the concern that people are putting all types of aerosols into the recycling bin, including butane canisters which are potentially extremely hazardous.
- Coffee cups – although a similar material to milk cartons, coffee cups are not recyclable because of their shape (they would not be sorted by the sorting screen).
- UHT Milk containers – if silver lined, are not recyclable. These materials are composite packaging. Normal milk cartons which do not have a silver lining are acceptable in the kerbside recycling bin.
- Take away food containers – if they're clean.

- Meat trays – no, currently there are different materials used, only some of them are recyclable.
- Tops—on or off containers. Ensure containers are empty. If the top is put into the container it must be the same type of plastic, or else the container and top are rejected as contaminants. Tops by themselves can't be recycled as they're too small for the machine to deal with.
- Plastic containers 1 – 7, all are recyclable. What isn't recyclable is flexible plastic or polystyrene.
- Shredded paper – should not be in the recycling bin, the shredded paper is too small to be captured and it contaminates the glass stream.

Soft plastics & polystyrene are contamination in the recyclable products – these materials end up in the baled cardboard and paper bales, previously markets accepted this material but not anymore. These materials are recyclable, like lots of other things, but not through the kerbside system. A separate "REDcycle" soft plastics recycling service has been established in Bridgetown with a collection bin at the BP Roadhouse. The following products can be left in the marked bins at the roadhouse:

- Biscuit packets (outer wrapper only)
- Bread bags (without the tie)
- Bubble wrap (large sheets cut into A3 size pieces)

- Cat and dog food pouches (as clean and dry as possible)
- Cellophane from bunches of flowers (cut into A3 size pieces)
- Cereal box liners
- Chip and cracker packets (silver lined)
- Chocolate and snack bar wrappers
- Cling Wrap - free of food residue
- Confectionery bags
- Dry pet food bags
- Fresh produce bags
- Frozen food bags
- Green bags (Polypropylene Bags)
- Ice cream wrappers
- Large sheets of plastic that furniture comes wrapped in (cut into A3 size pieces)
- Netting produce bags (any metal clips removed)
- Newspaper and magazine wrap
- Pasta bags
- Plastic Australia Post satchels
- Plastic carrier bags from all stores
- Plastic film wrap from grocery items such as nappies and toilet paper
- Plastic sachets
- Potting mix and compost bags - both the plastic and woven polypropylene types (cut into A3 size pieces and free of as much product as possible)
- Rice bags - both plastic and the woven type (if large, cut into A3 size pieces)
- Snap lock bags / zip lock bags
- Squeeze pouches with lid on (e.g. yogurt/baby food)
- Wine bladders - clear plastic ones only

**DO NOT include in the Yellow lid Recycling Bin**

Material in bags (any recyclable material should be placed loose in the bin)  
Plastic bags and light plastic film, nappies, clothes or other textiles  
garden waste and food waste, gas bottles  
ropes, cables and garden hose pipes

**This can also be summarised by:**

**YES** Plastic, Steel, Glass and Aluminium containers, Paper and Cardboard  
**NO** Plastic Bags, Food, Garden Material, Textiles, Aerosols or Batteries



aluminium & steel cans (empty)



glass bottles and jars (clean & empty)



plastic bottles and containers (clean & empty – lids off)



cardboard (flattened)



paper (excluding shredded paper)

SHIRE OF BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES

# SUMMER OUTDOOR FILM FESTIVAL

# PADDINGTON 2

HUGH BONNEVILLE   SALLY HAWKINS   BRENDAN GLEESON   JULIE WALTERS   JIM BROADBENT   PETER CAPALDI   HUGH GRANT   BEN WHISHAW

**Very mild themes and violence**

Admission Fee: Adults - \$6 / Under 16s - \$3 / Family Pass (Two adults & two children) - \$12

## BRIDGETOWN MEMORIAL PARK

(opposite the Visitor's Centre)

## SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER

Arrive at 7:30 for an 8pm start

Children must be supervised by an adult. Movies maybe cancelled if inclement weather is forecast

BRIDGETOWN  
31 DECEMBER 2018

GREENBUSHES  
12 JANUARY 2019

BRIDGETOWN  
26 JANUARY 2019

GREENBUSHES  
2 FEBRUARY 2019

BRIDGETOWN  
2 MARCH 2019

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