




GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

	AM	PM
MON	Hatha YOGA 9.15-10.15	FIT50s FITNESS CIRCUIT 11.45-12.45
TUE	FIT50s PILATES 11.30-12.15	
WED	FIT50s GENTLE YOGA 10.30-11.30	 FIT50s FITNESS CIRCUIT 1.00-2.00
THU	FIT50s PILATES 11.30-12.15	
FRI		FIT50s FITNESS CIRCUIT 11.45-12.45



Increased Charges for Standpipe Water

The Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes currently has five water standpipes located within the Shire for firefighting use and one commercial water standpipe in Rose Street, Bridgetown for commercial use by businesses and members of the public.

Earlier this year the Water Corporation contacted rural Western Australian Local Government Authorities and advised them that as of 1 July 2019, new water charges will apply to fixed standpipes based on the category of the standpipe and requested that all Local Governments categorise their standpipes.

The only significant change to standpipe users in the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes will be the cost of taking water from the commercial water standpipe in Rose Street, Bridgetown. The five firefighting standpipes located elsewhere have for many years been restricted in use for firefighting purposes only and this restriction is retained under the new classification system set by the Water Corporation. All bush fire brigades have a coded key to unlock the firefighting standpipes and this

arrangement will continue.

The need to have a standpipe to provide water to the community is important and therefore the standpipe in Rose Street has been retained. This standpipe will be classed as a commercial standpipe for the purchase of water and will attract a higher charge for water consumption. Customers wishing to purchase water from the commercial standpipe can access water via an electronic standpipe management system using a swipe card. Swipe cards are available for purchase at the Shire's administration office. These swipe cards can be credited by attending the Shire's administration building in person or by phoning the Shire and requesting staff to credit your swipe card (credit card details will need to be given over the phone).

Unfortunately the Water Corporation has significantly increased water rate charges for commercial standpipes and these increased charges have to be passed on by the Shire to users of the standpipe in Rose Street. Therefore, as at 1 July

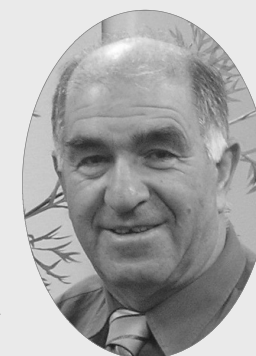
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President's Word

On Thursday 23 May we celebrated volunteers in our community with an evening held at the Lesser Hall. We had an exceptional turn out with almost 130 people in attendance. The Shire presented 'Distinguished Service Awards' to David Jenkins and Hugh Browne for their outstanding service as Fire Control officers. Many other service awards and appreciation certificates were also presented on the evening.

On behalf of Council and our community, I offer my deepest gratitude and respect to those committed to assisting and giving of their time in a volunteer capacity.

Many of those who volunteer in our local fire brigades have been stretched over the last month or so with the end of the Restricted Burning Period resulting in a spate of horrific fires. I urge community members to ensure you have a risk management plan in place when you are burning off in the open season to reduce the risk of a fire getting out of hand. I would also like to remind those of you with wood fires that it is important to have your flue cleaned out every year and to only burn dry wood to avoid starting a fire in your chimney.



Cr Tony Pratico,
Shire President



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New website for small landholders

Over the last two years the Shire has supported the 'Virtual Hub for Rural Property Management' project, which provided information to small landholders through workshops and field days. The project was funded principally by the State Natural Resource Management Program and administered by the Blackwood Environment Society. The project has now ended but one of its enduring outputs has been the 'Rural Life Bridgetown website' (www.rurallifebridgetown.com.au), engineered by Greg Rowe of Zap Media. It provides a wide range of articles or links to good sources of information. Topics cover buying a rural property, developing and managing a property, ideas for different enterprises and the sorts of equipment that will be required. The website is now administered by the Blackwood Valley Small Landholders Group. A small amount of editing is still required to convey the change in website 'ownership', nevertheless this is a useful resource for owners and managers of rural properties in the Southwest.

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



Opportunity for Casual Bus Caretaker

The Shire is looking for a new caretaker for the community bus, Miss Rosie. The duties of the casual position include, but are not limited to, checking the bus after hire, cleaning when required, identifying damage or maintenance issues, and routine tasks including taking the bus for its annual inspection. The successful applicant will hold a current LR driver's licence. An F-endorsement is desirable but not essential.

The position is offered with the salary equivalent to Level 1 Adult of the Local Governments Officers (WA) Award 2011, which equates to \$28.9628 per hour (inclusive of 20% casual loading). Hours of work depend on bus bookings, up to 150 hours per annum.

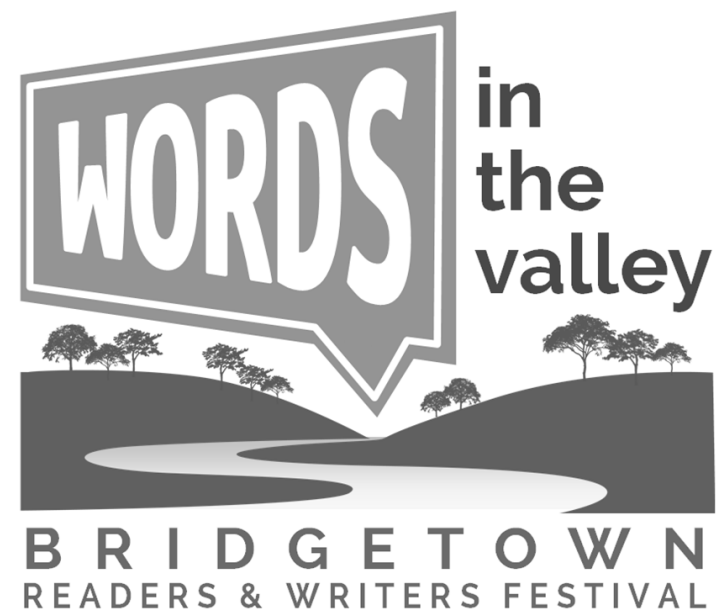
Applications are required to be in writing and should set out the background and relevant skills of the applicant. If you have any queries regarding the actual position please do not hesitate to contact the Executive Manager Community Services, Elizabeth Denniss, on (08) 9761 0800.

Your confidential application, addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, PO Box 271, Bridgetown 6255, should reach this office by 4.30pm Friday 5 July 2019.

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



Coming this August to the
Bridgetown Library!

Featuring:

Jon Doust ∞ David Wish-Wilson

Deb Fitzpatrick ∞ Steve Heron

Sarah Evans ∞ Scott Whittaker

Leanne White ∞ Elizabeth Denniss

Throughout July
**Kids Book Spine
Poetry Competition**
@ the Library

Wednesday 31 July
**Book Launch:
Railway Hotels of WA**
@ the Library

Thursday 1 August
**Writer's Group
Open Session**
@ the Library

Friday 2 August
Writer's Workshops
@ the Library

Saturday 3 August
**Literary Lunch with
Panel of Authors**
@ Pip's Pottery

Saturday 3 August
**Tales of Travel
Storytelling event**
@ the Library

Tickets on sale from the Visitor Centre soon.
Stay tuned for further announcements.

Are you over 50 and want to improve or maintain your health and fitness?

Looking to get back into exercise or recover from injury?

Want to work out with a group of likeminded people?

The Bridgetown Leisure Centre offers three low-impact exercise classes suitable for people aged 50 years and over – but anyone can participate. The classes are especially suitable for those getting back into exercise or recovering from an injury.

FIT50s
FITNESS CIRCUIT
FIT50s
GENTLE YOGA
FIT50s
PILATES

Fit50s Circuit, Yoga and Pilates classes are delivered by qualified trainers who modify each movement to suit the needs of participants. The environment is safe and supportive with a focus on improving fitness, meeting new friends and having fun.

If you'd like to come and observe a session before getting involved, feel free to come along. Why not bring a friend and meet some of our regulars to find out why they keep coming back for more!

The Fit50s program may help with:

- Reducing the risk of illness and serious health complications
- Delaying the ageing process and feeling more energetic
- Maintaining your independence
- Preventing falls
- Brightening your mood and lowering your stress levels

Cost: \$6.70 per person, per session, or buy a 10 Class Pass for \$60.25

For more information contact the BLC on 9761 2966.

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Between the Lines *at your library*

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	Sign in to BorrowBox with your library card to browse and borrow bestselling eAudiobooks and eBooks. Login via the link on the Bridgetown Library webpage.
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	RB Digital Magazines gives access to popular, current and back issues of eMagazines for download with permanent checkout.
	Busy Things is an online site for children aged 3-11 with a collection of educational games and activities across a wide range of subject areas, from English to coding.
	StoryBox Library hosts a variety of eBooks for kids, featuring a vibrant, interactive experience and diverse storytellers.

Trees stimulate rainfall From the Shire's Sustainability Advisory Committee

We live in a drying climate. Could trees affect the rate of drying or even stimulate rainfall?

Where on earth could you find an example of the effects of trees and woodland on rainfall? Well, right here in WA, in the Goldfields in fact. There, 3.4Mha of semiarid woodland was basically clear felled between 1893 and 1960 to provide materials for the mining communities around Coolgardie, Kalgoorlie and Boulder. Widespread logging was stopped by the Government in 1960. By that time the woodland had started to regenerate, and now much of it is denser than originally.

The following graphs plot the annual rainfall received at Coolgardie between 1907 and 2000. The measure used is the 10-year moving average rainfall. That evens out the annual 'flutter' in rainfall totals. Sunspot activity affects rainfall and reaches peaks every 11 years. So, taking the 10-year average ensures that there is one peak (and only one peak) in sun spot activity in each data point.

The first graph shows the effect on rainfall during the woodland logging period. Between 1907 and 1950 there was a significant reduction in rainfall from a mean of 300mm to around 240mm.

The second graph shows the 10-year moving average annual rainfall between 1951 and 2000. In this woodland recovery period we see the rainfall climbs back to above where it was in 1907.

It must be mentioned that meteorological forces were also in play during this period as the rainfall of the Goldfields changed from a strongly winter incidence to a mix of summer and winter rain. So, it is difficult to ascribe proportions to the influence played by woodland recovery and the influence of southern movement in the rainfall pattern.

Maybe the third graph, covering the shorter period 1975-2000,

makes the case more strongly. This is a period in which elsewhere in southern WA there was a noted step down in annual rainfall, and runoff into Perth dams was decreasing. However, in the Coolgardie area there was a significant increase in annual rainfall to a new high of around 350mm.

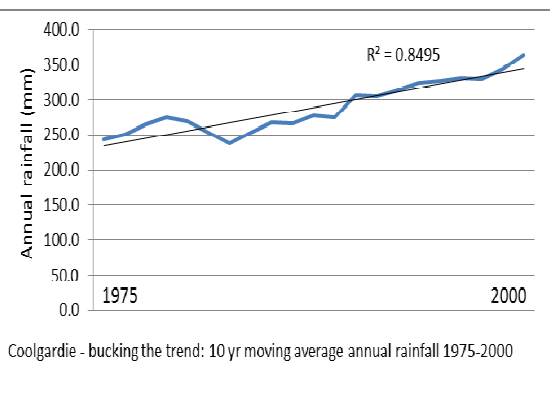
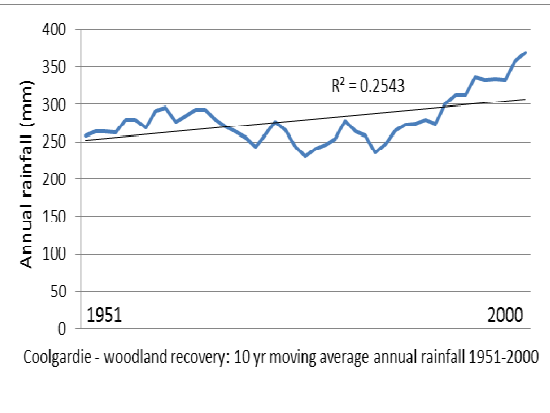
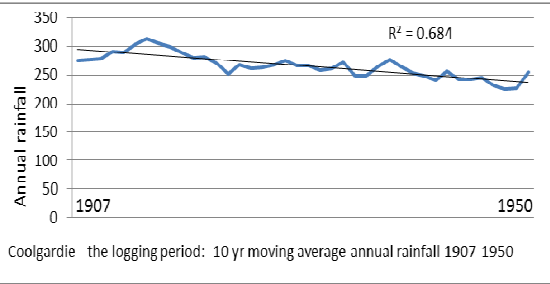
A positive effect of trees on rainfall is further demonstrated by a study at the interface between wheat fields and woodland along the vermin-proof fence in the Eastern Wheatbelt east of Southern Cross. Commonly, with West to East moving weather systems, clouds are seen to form immediately east of the change from wheat fields to woodland, while the sky over the wheat fields is cloudless. The study concluded that the environmentally dark woodland absorbed solar energy and converted some of it into heat energy, causing thermals to rise. Water vapour from transpiration of the trees rose in the thermals. When meteorological conditions were suitable the water vapour in the thermals increased the moisture in the air sufficiently to form clouds. By comparison, much of the solar energy landing on the wheat fields was reflected off this environmentally light-coloured surface. So, while the wheat produced moisture vapour through transpiration, there was less ground heating and formation of thermals to lift the moisture skywards.

(Reference: Huang Xinmei, Lyons, T.J. and Smith, R.C.G (1995) Meteorological impacts of replacing native perennial vegetation with annual agricultural species. Hydrological Proceedings, 9: 645-654)

Take home messages from

this include:

- Maintaining environmentally dark landscapes, such as forests and woodlands appears to be important to promoting or maintaining rainfall.
- Declining rainfall affects everyone; logging and land clearing benefit the few. Adequate community recompense is required for such activities, such as financing tree planting and carbon offsets. These activities may have important financial benefits, but that must be balanced with maintaining the environment for the benefit of all.
- A study of logging on rainfall, stream flow and aquifer recharge specifically in the Southwest would be informative.



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ART COMPETITION & EXHIBITION

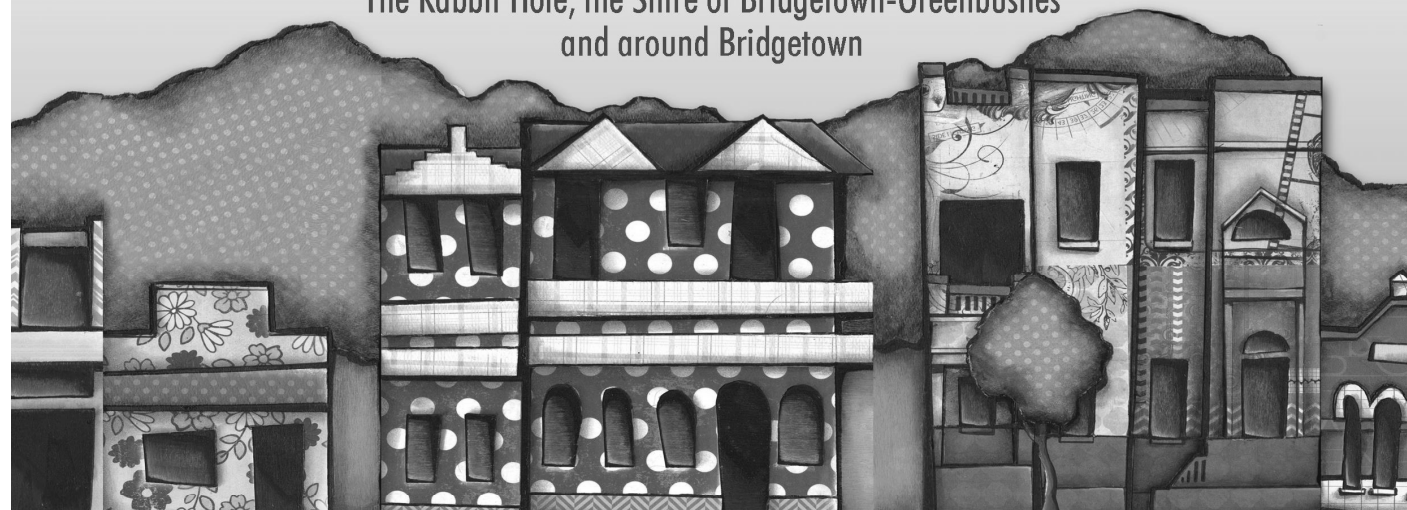


Bridgetown
Pottery
Restaurant

ENTRIES NOW OPEN

GALA OPENING NIGHT FRIDAY 26 JULY 6PM

Entry forms available in hard copy and via social media from Bridgetown Pottery-Restaurant,
The Rabbit Hole, the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes
and around Bridgetown



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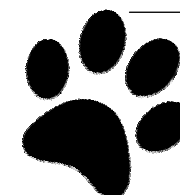
Greenbushes to Bridgetown Shopping Bus Run

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: **25 June, 9 July, 23 July, 6 August, 20 August, 3 September, 17 September, 1 October, 15 October, 29 October, 12 November, 26 November**

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



Pause for paws: have your say on WA's cat and dog laws

The State Government is calling for feedback on the current cat and dog laws. The introduction of the Cat Act 2011 brought in mandatory sterilisation of cats and amendments to the Dog Act 1976 in 2013 included compulsory microchipping. The consultation period is open until August 4, 2019.

Community members are invited to 'pause for paws' and have their say on the effectiveness of Western Australia's cat and dog laws.

The Cat Act 2011 and Dog Act 1976 are designed to assist with the control and management of cats and dogs in WA, primarily carried out by local governments.

The cat law included mandatory microchipping and sterilisation of all cats aged six months and over, as well as registration of cats with the relevant local government.

The aim was to reduce the impact of unwanted cats on the community and environment and encourage responsible pet ownership.

Amendments to the Dog Act made in 2013 included compulsory microchipping of all dogs and stricter control of dangerous dogs to improve community safety.

The State Government is reviewing how effective these amendments have been in the control and management of cats and dogs in WA.

Local Government Minister David Templeman has released a consultation paper exploring some key issues.

The consultation paper and link to a short survey can be found online at <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/localgovernment/strengthening/Pages/Feedback-on-cat-and-dog-laws.aspx>

Comments attributed to Local Government Minister David Templeman:

"The State Government is committed to ensuring this important legislation is up to date and fit for purpose in the control and management of cats and dogs in Western Australia.

"From encouraging responsible pet ownership, keeping the community and other animals safe, reuniting lost pets with their owners, to reducing the number of animals that are admitted to shelters and euthanised, the legislation impacts the whole community.

"We are now seeking community feedback to ensure that the operation and effectiveness of these laws meet community expectations.

"Local governments do a terrific job in administering the laws in their local communities and their feedback is also encouraged."



Storm season has arrived and it's important to prepare your family and home.

Storms and floods disrupt households and its possible that power, phone lines, water, sewage and gas services may not be working. There could also be road, bridge and airport closures.

It is your responsibility to get your home ready inside and out. Here are a few simple steps that could help you minimise damage:

- Trim branches around your home to prevent them falling on your roof or car.
- Clear gutters and downpipes so they do not overflow after heavy rain.
- Store or weigh down loose objects around your home or work, such as outdoor furniture that could be picked up and thrown by strong winds, causing damage or injury.
- Prepare an emergency kit with a battery-operated radio, torch, spare batteries and first aid kit. For more information on putting together your kit visit: <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/flood/FloodManualsGuidesandBrochures/Natural-Disasters-Fact%20Sheet-Emergency-Kit.pdf>
- Have an emergency plan ready to put into action, including a relocation plan for your family and pets in case your home becomes flooded.

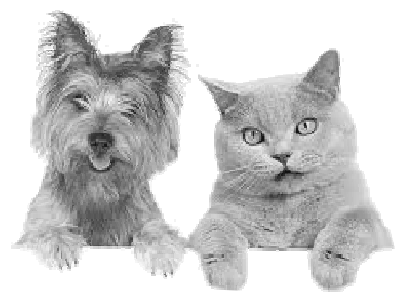
For more advice about what to do before, during and after a storm download a copy of 'Preparing for Storms' at the following link https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/storm/StormGuidelinesandManuals/DFES_Storm-Prepare.pdf

If your home is badly damaged by a storm and you cannot safely fix it yourself, call the SES for emergency assistance on 132 500. SES volunteers will make the area safe and help reduce the risk of further damage. SES volunteers will not fix storm damage, you will need to contact a qualified tradesperson and/or your insurance company.

Remember, during a severe storm there may be hundreds of calls for emergency assistance. Each call is prioritised so please be patient – SES volunteers will attend as soon as possible. To find out more about what the SES do or don't do please visit us here - <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/contactus/Pages/whentocalltheses.aspx>

Keep up-to-date during a storm by visiting www.emergency.wa.gov.au, calling 13 DFES (133 337), following DFES on Facebook and Twitter and listening to ABC local radio.

To view the DFES Storm Safety video, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tfANqkCSVA&feature=youtu.be>



Is Your Dog or Cat Registered?

Residents are reminded that dog and cat registrations are due annually 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 if 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 on 9761 0800.

A message from our local Police

A timely reminder for all drivers regarding keeping clear of police and emergency vehicles. Our local Police and our fantastic volunteers who drive emergency vehicles have recently been experiencing failure of drivers on the road to give them clear and uninterrupted passage whilst performing emergency driving. The Road Traffic Code clearly states:- **"A driver shall give way to, and make every reasonable effort to give clear and uninterrupted passage to, every police or emergency vehicle that is displaying a flashing blue or red light (whether or not it is also displaying other lights) Or sounding an alarm"**. Penalty \$400 and 3 demerit points.

From a Policing perspective it is not about handing out fines, but reminding our drivers to show some courtesy and respect to our emergency vehicles and allowing them to get to their destinations as expeditiously as possible. A reminder that next time you see an emergency vehicle it could be one of your loved ones in the back of the ambulance, or your house they could be trying to save from fire.

Remember, courtesy and respect cost nothing, but may actually save a life.

... RANGERS ...

The Grass is Always Greener

With the winter rain comes green grass – and for stock animals, it's buffet season! However, if the grass looks a bit tastier at the neighbour's place or down the road, your stock may be tempted to perform a daring escape in pursuit of greener pastures.

Stock owners must regularly check their fences to ensure stock are safely and completely contained. Fences can be damaged by falling branches, wear and tear, or by stock animals. Wandering stock can cause traffic accidents or get themselves into danger. If Rangers are required to impound or move your stock, impounding and transport fees may be payable by the stock owner.



Council to trial Condom Machines in Library toilets

Last year Council agreed to support a proposal by Blackwood Youth Action to install condom dispensing machines in the male and female toilets at the Bridgetown Regional Library. The machines would dispense free of charge single condoms in a foil pack.

After many months of planning including the preparation of signage and posters the machines have recently been installed.

Blackwood Youth Action has identified the difficulties youth have in purchasing condoms, apart from the cost of condoms, the other barrier is the embarrassment that youth have in purchasing these products from retail outlets, in particular when friends or family are workers in those retail outlets.

Blackwood Youth Action was initially proposing the installation of the machines in the Hampton Street toilets however due to the proximity of retail outlets that sell the same product this location was discouraged. In considering alternative sites the library was identified by Blackwood Youth Action as it is a facility that has significant usage by local youth but is also adjacent to the skate park. Unlike the skate park toilet the library is a managed facility therefore the use of the dispensing machines would be less likely to be abused.

Council acknowledges that the installation of the proposed dispensing machines may offend some users of the library however the consequences (i.e. unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections) of unsafe sexual behaviour, by youth in particular, can be significant and disruptive. This initiative is not about the promotion of teenage sex; it is being proposed for the purpose of giving everyone accessible protection from pregnancy and disease.

A 6 month trial of this initiative has commenced and will expire in December. At the end of the trial period Council will determine whether the machines should be installed permanently. This will also allow Blackwood Youth Action to conduct its own review.

SAVE THE DATE!

Free Community Morning Tea for Seniors at Tasty Edibles

The Access and Inclusion Committee are hosting its annual 'Community Morning Tea' for residents over the age of 60. The morning tea is a great way to stay connected and share information with Councillors, Shire officers and the Access and Inclusion Committee members. It is hoped that this will facilitate an ongoing community conversation.

The Committee invite all Shire residents (60 years and over or 50 years and over for people with disability) to Tasty Edibles for morning tea. There will be entertainment by the Seniors Choir and a talk about Aged Care Packages by Cecilia Aldridge (Community Home Care – Bridgetown).

FREE COMMUNITY MORNING TEA ~ TASTY EDIBLES IN GREENBUSHES

WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

10AM ~ 11.30AM

All Residents of the Shire 60 years and over are invited to attend this Council sponsored event. The community bus will be available for Bridgetown residents who wish to travel to Greenbushes for morning tea.

Please RSVP for the event and book your place on the bus by calling Bec on 9761 0800.

... NEW FACES AT THE SHIRE ...

Gilbert Arlandoo EXECUTIVE MANAGER DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

My name is Gilbert Arlandoo and I commenced in the role of Executive Manager Development & Infrastructure with the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes in May 2019. My background spans many specialities over a period of 25 years, including engineering, planning, waste management and general management within both public and private sectors. I have had the opportunity of being involved at most levels of responsibility, ranging from a professional officer to heading departments. I am excited to join the leadership team of the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes and bring a fresh approach to the strategic and operational management of the Development & Infrastructure division.



Jess Wilson HUMAN RESOURCES COORDINATOR

My name is Jessica Wilson and I moved to the region 5 years ago with my husband Alex. It was our dream to live on a small farm and raise a family. We now have a young daughter and love the lifestyle down here. I have worked for over 15 years in the human resources and industrial relations in Perth and on remote sites around Western Australia. I bring to the Shire a down to earth approach to human resources and a desire to help and support the team that supports our amazing south west community!



Gas Chlorine System at Aquatics Complex

On 11 January 2019 there was a chlorine gas leak incident at the Bridgetown Leisure Centre Aquatics Complex. The incident was attended by a number of emergency services personnel and required the complex to be temporarily closed.

In the aftermath of the incident a comprehensive review of chlorination systems was undertaken. Shire staff and councillors acknowledge the potential risks that a chlorine gas leak can cause to patrons, staff and the wider community and the need to mitigate those risks.

Investigations into the cause of the chlorine gas leak were undertaken by Shire staff, the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, the chlorine gas plant servicing agent and the chlorine gas supplier. The findings were that the leak had been caused by damage to a strip down joint and seal.

Once the cause of the leak had been determined a cost benefit and risk analysis was conducted in order to assess different chlorination options for the aquatic complex. Input was received from Leisure Centre WA Aquatics, the Leisure Institute of WA Aquatics, Local Government Insurance Services and a number of aquatic centre managers.

Four options were assessed in the cost benefit and risk analysis. These were gas chlorine (920kg drum); gas chlorine (70kg gas cylinder); calcium hypochlorite (granular); sodium hypochlorite (liquid). The conclusion of the analysis was to retain the existing 920kg drum gas chlorination system.

With the decision made to retain the existing chlorination system further actions will be taken to mitigate risk, including developing scenario training for aquatic staff, identifying additional safety, risk and plant operation training and reviewing procedures and reporting in areas such as safe handling of chlorine gas and risk management.

The safety of pool patrons, aquatic staff, nearby residents and the general public is paramount and the post incident review has been beneficial in ensuring that safety at the complex is maintained.



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2019 the price of water from that standpipe will increase from the current price of \$3.75 per kilolitre (1,000 litres) to \$11.00 per kilolitre.

On a positive note one of the changes made by the Water Corporation is to not charge water rates for the taking of water from the dedicated firefighting standpipes.

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.