

SHIRE OF BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES
SUMMER OUTDOOR MOVIE FESTIVAL

Disney
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
(PG) MILD THEMES
AND VIOLENCE

EMMA DAN LUKE KEVIN JOSH EWAN STANLEY AUDRA GUGU IAN EMMA
WATSON STEVENS EVANS KLINE GAD MCGREGOR TUCCI McDONALD MBATHA-RAW WITH MCKELLEN AND THOMPSON

Admission Fee: Adults - \$5 / Under 16s - \$2 / Family Pass (Two adults & two children) - \$10

Bridgetown Memorial Park (opposite the Visitor's Centre)
Saturday 16 December
Arrive at 7:30 for an 8pm start
Children must be supervised by an adult
Movies maybe cancelled if inclement weather is forecast

DESPICABLE ME 3
(PG)

GREENBUSHES
6 JANUARY



Academy Award® nominee Taika Waititi
BOY
(PG)

BRIDGETOWN
20 JANUARY



RYAN GOSLING EMMA STONE
LA LA LAND
(M)

BRIDGETOWN
3 FEBRUARY



Liam NEESON Sigourney WEAVER
A MONSTER CALLS
(PG)

BRIDGETOWN
24 FEBRUARY



For more information contact the Shire's Community Services Department on 9761-1555.

INSIGHT

 **Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire Newsletter**

December/January 2018



The Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes
presents

'Christmas in the Park'

- ★ Giant slip 'n' slide (bring bathers & towel)
 - ★ Bouncy castles
 - ★ 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!*

Friday 15 December - 4.30pm to 6.30pm
Memorial Park, Bridgetown



Commonwealth Games Queens Baton Relay
Coming to Bridgetown
February 23, 2018

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President's Word

Late October saw the Local Government Elections, with over 50% of eligible electors in the South Ward voting for their preferred candidates. I extend my congratulations to Councillors Alan Wilson and Julia Boyle on their re-election to another term, and to newly elected Councillors John Bookless and Chris Wallace. I also congratulate Cr Pat Scallan who was re-elected to North Ward unopposed. On behalf of the Shire, I would like to thank outgoing Councillors Steve Hodson and Peter Quinby for their time, effort and commitment whilst on Council.

At its November Meeting, Council selected their preferred elected member delegates to Community Committees, Working Groups and Advisory Committees and look forward to progressing those committees over the next 2 years.

On a different 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. These events really do harness and show off our amazing community spirit.

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 everyone in the New Year. Please remember to take extra care on the roads over the holiday period.



Tony Pratico,
Shire President



Shire Facilities – Christmas/New Year Shut Down

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

Facility	First Day Closed	Day Re-Opened
Admin Offices	25.12.17	2.1.18
Library	25.12.17	2.1.18
Leisure Centre	25.12.17	26.12.17 *
Visitor Centre	25.12.17	26.12.17 #
Shire Depot	22.12.17	9.1.18
Bridgetown Waste Facility	25.12.17	26.12.17

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

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

Venue for December 2017 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, 21 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.

Library Book Sale 11-15 December, 2017
Gordon Holdsworth Exhibition Space @ the Bridgetown Library

The library has a storage problem for discarded books and donations surplus to requirements. Being book lovers we can't face consigning them to landfill but want to start 2018 with room to move. Come and pick a bargain from the great selection of second hand books and magazines for your summer holiday reading in our mini book sale [not mini-books] and recycle well-loved items.



Council & Standing Committee Meeting Dates for 2018

Members of the Bridgetown-Greenbushes community are invited to attend Council and Standing Committee Meetings during 2018. Meetings commence at 5.30pm and those attending have an opportunity to address Council during the 'Public Question Time' segment (at Council Meetings only).

All meetings are held in the Council Chambers except the December Council Meeting which will be held at the Greenbushes Community Resource Centre (CRC).

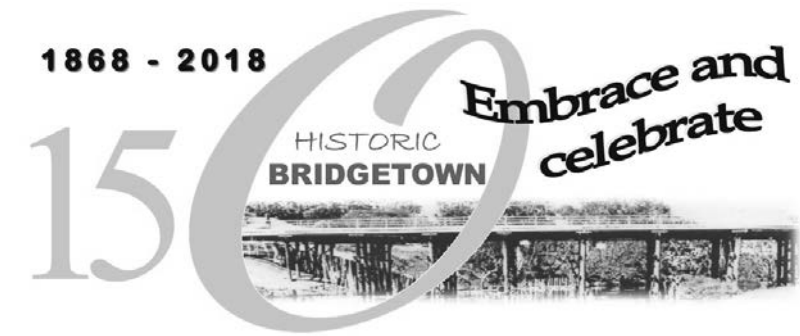
Council Meeting Dates

25.1.18	22.2.18	29.3.18	26.4.18	31.5.18	28.6.18
26.7.18	30.8.18	27.9.18	25.10.18	29.11.18	20.12.18

Standing Committee Meeting Dates

8.2.18	8.3.18	12.4.18	10.5.18	14.6.18
12.7.18	9.8.18	13.9.18	11.10.18	8.11.18

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



Bridgetown turns 150 in 2018

On the 9th June 1868 Bridgetown was officially gazetted by Governor John Stephen Hampton Esq. To celebrate the town's 150th anniversary a series of key events are being planned throughout 2018.

A working group of community members including Pip Mills, Tessa Dittrich, Adrian Elder, Harold Thomas and Jenny Wright have been working with Councillor Alan Wilson, Councillor Julia Boyle, Shire President Tony Pratico and Shire officers to develop key events to celebrate this important milestone. The Bridgetown Greenbushes Business and Tourism Association, Bridgetown Valley Arts Alliance along with the Jubilee Singers are community groups assisting to plan and deliver these key events and it is hoped that other community groups will also consider planning events that will add value to the celebrations.

During 2017 a competition to design a unique logo to brand the 150th celebration was won by Coleen Russell. This logo is available to any community group who would like to plan an event (please contact Glen or Tania at the Shire office to obtain the digital image of the logo).

Calendar of Key Events

- 1 January 2018, Free Family Picnic & Outdoor Movie, Memorial Park
- 26 January 2018, Australia Day Free Community Breakfast at Bridgetown Agricultural Showgrounds
- 24 February 2018, Outdoor Concert on the Blackwood River - Blackwood Rhapsody - Featuring Deborah Conway, Bridgedale House (ticketed event).
- 9 June 2018, Free Community Street Celebration – long table afternoon tea, entertainment, light and projection show, live music on Steere Street, Bridgetown
- 12 August 2018, Banquet on the Bridge – culinary experience celebrating Bridgetown's cultural diversity, history and local produce (ticketed event; date to be confirmed), Evans Bridge
- 6 October 2018, Free Event – Cavalcade of Transport – a parade of all modes of transport that has traversed through Bridgetown over 150 years will pass through Bridgetown, arriving at the Showgrounds for an exhibition display and fete
- 31 December 2018, Free Event – Community Film Night (Australiana Theme) with live music to conclude the year of celebrations, Memorial Park.
- 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 T: 9761-0800 or E: bttnshire@bridgetown.wa.gov.au

Is Your Dog Microchipped?

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



How do I get my dog microchipped?

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

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

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

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

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

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

How will microchipping my dog assist me?

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

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

What happens if I do not get my dog microchipped?

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

Between the Lines *at your library*

Summer Holiday Program

Chill out and meet friends at the Bridgetown Library over the Summer school holidays to complete activities and games at your own pace, anytime!

The theme for the Summer Reading Club this year is 'Game On' and The Gordon Holdsworth Exhibition Space @the library will be set up for you to explore. The Summer Reading Club Activity books for Preschool, Primary and Secondary age groups will be available, as well as giveaways and prizes. There will also be a variety of games on offer to play including: Boggle, Chess, Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit, Cluedo & Scattagories and opportunities to make your own games. A Lego table will also be set up and jigsaws to complete or borrow.



For computer gamers there are computers for game playing or you can bring your own device and use the free wifi! **Game on!!**

E-Smart Library

The Bridgetown Regional Library is part of an initiative by the South West Regional Libraries to become eSmart in 2018 and staff are currently receiving training to enable the program to commence in the new year. eSmart Libraries is a cybersafety system designed to equip libraries and connect library users with the skills they need for smart, safe and responsible use of technology. Each month next year will be themed with programs, displays and workshops to focus on different aspects of the appropriate and safe use of technology and the internet.

Library Meeting Room and Exhibition Space

The library meeting room is available for one off use or regular meetings by individuals and not for profit community groups free of charge during library opening hours. Booking is necessary. Tea and coffee making facilities are available. Please ring the library on 97612503 to book your timeslot.

The Gordon Holdsworth Exhibition Space is also available for small exhibitions, artists in residence and workshops. There is a 10% commission to be paid for book sales and the sale of paintings. The Exhibition Space is also available for commercial displays and workshops for a fee. Please refer to the current list of Council's fees and charges.

Christmas Holiday Borrowing



The library will be closed from 5.00pm Friday 22nd December until 10.00am Tuesday 2nd January. Don't forget to get your holiday reading early and avoid that last minute rush. Online library e-book, e-audio and e-magazine services will continue to be available throughout the Christmas – New Year period. If you wish to access these services, check with the library that your passwords and access are still valid and be aware that there have been changes to the e-services with new and updated apps giving greater and easier access than before. Prepare in advance and don't get caught napping when the library is closed.

Bridgetown Library continually adds new items to the collection. Staff are currently busy processing new items to get them out in time for your Christmas holiday reading. These items were added today! Look out for the new items on display next time you visit the library.

Kanopy – Video streaming

A new service is being added to the library's online resources. Kanopy is a video streaming platform for public libraries delivering one of the largest collections of indie films, classic cinema, festival and educational documentaries, and movies, online or through an app. The services enable Public Library and State Library members to browse and view over 30,000+ films and documentaries from top suppliers, including the BBC, Criterion Collection, Ronin Films and Madman Entertainment.



Australia Day

On Friday, 26 January we will once again celebrate Australia Day with the Shire sponsored traditional "Aussie Breakfast" commencing at 7.30am at the Bridgetown Showgrounds.

This will be the first event for 2018 marking Bridgetown's 150 Anniversary, so come along and enjoy a hearty meal prepared and cooked by your Councillors and CEO. Breakfast will be followed by the prestigious Australia Day Awards Ceremony.

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

COMMUNITY BUS

Pilot Program and 2018 Shopping Bus run

Council have successfully secured funding from the Department of Local Government and Communities to run a Shuttle Bus pilot program over three months including the summer school holidays.

The Shuttle bus will run twice a week for three months. The route will cover the small townships and localities within the Shire including North Greenbushes, Greenbushes, Hester, Glenlynn, Yornup and Bridgetown. The service will run in the morning and again in the afternoon, (approximately 6 hours of running time per day) stopping at designated places along the route and returning to Bridgetown after each northern and southern leg.

Users of the service will be able to embark and disembark at any of the identified bus stops

through-out the day for a one-off, minimal fare of \$4.00. Information and timetables will be available in the near future and will be promoted in the local newsletters (Insight and Greenbushes Balingup Newsletter) and community/shire Facebook pages.

This pilot will be undertaken as a means of exploring the feasibility of providing a similar service on an ongoing basis after the funding period has concluded. Council will make this decision based on the success and demonstrable financial sustainability of an ongoing shire based transport service.

The **Community Bus shopping run** will continue to operate on alternative Tuesdays in 2018 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 to go shopping, attend a medical appointments or visit one of the café's, 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 2018 Dates:

16 January, 30 January, 13 February, 27 February, 13 March, 27 March

For more information, please contact Leith Poad at the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Services Department on 9761 0800.

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



Bridgetown to host 2018 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay

In 2018 the Commonwealth Games will be held on the Gold Coast. This will be the 5th time the Games have been held in Australia. Since 1930, the Commonwealth Games have taken place every 4 years except for 1942 and 1946, when they were disrupted due to World War II. Australia is one of only 6 countries to have competed in all of the Commonwealth Games held since 1930.

The Queen's Baton Relay is a relay around the nations of the Commonwealth prior to the commencement of the Games. The Baton carries a message from the Head of the Commonwealth, currently Queen Elizabeth II. The Baton Relay

traditionally begins at Buckingham Palace in London as a part of the city's Commonwealth Day festivities where the Queen entrusts the baton to the first relay runner. At the Opening Ceremony of the Games, the final relay runner hands the baton back to the Queen or her representative, who reads the message aloud to officially open the Games.

Bridgetown is one of 15 communities chosen to form part of the Queen's Baton Relay route through Western Australia. On Friday 23 February 2018 the Queen's Baton Relay Entourage and Baton Relay Runners (including locally selected runners) will visit Bridgetown. The Baton Relay Runners will carry the baton through the town on a designated route that will include visits to local schools before arriving at Memorial Park.

There will be a community celebration event in Memorial Park at 10am on Friday 23 February 2018 to mark this occasion. The event will include musical performances from each of the schools, a presentation about the Queen's Baton Relay and the significance of the Commonwealth and Commonwealth Games by the head boy and head girl from schools in the district. Light refreshments will be available to the community after the formalities of the event have concluded.

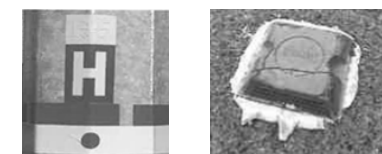
For more information please contact Tania Lockley on 9761 0800.



Road marking (left) and kerb marking.

DON'T BLOCK OUR ACCESS FIRE HYDRANTS ARE CRUCIAL

As we are now in peak fire-danger period, we are requesting all residents familiarise themselves with identifying fire hydrants; the Road Traffic Act and our local parking laws relating to accessing fire hydrants. Blocking access to fire hydrants and delaying fire response is not acceptable as it puts the entire community at risk.



Recently a motorist parked blocking access to a fire hydrant. When requested to move by the fire control officer & volunteer fire fighter, the motorist did - so, however their vehicle was still blocking the hydrant. The motorist then wished to discuss the matter, holding up valuable time and delaying the refilling process. Although, not obvious to the motorist, there was an active fire in town and the fire truck - a 12.2

super tanker - had travelled over ten kilometres to refill. Adding to that, there were additional fire units on the fire ground also out of water and waiting to be refilled. The delay - although only for a few minutes - could have resulted in catastrophic damage.

Please note the regulations:-

'A driver shall not stop a vehicle so that any portion of the vehicle is within 1m of a fire hydrant or fire plug, or of any sign or mark indicating the existence of a fire hydrant or fire plug'.

If this matter were to be dealt with by way of a parking ticket, the modified penalty is \$50 (3.7(2)(j) Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes parking and parking facility local law) and *Road Traffic (Administration) Act 2008* (WA) s 7). If the matter were to go to court the penalty could be increased to a maximum of \$1200 (*Road Traffic Code 2000* (WA) reg 9(2)).

Furthermore under the Bush Fire Act 1954 section 57. Obstructing officers:-

'A person who obstructs, hinders, resists or in any way opposes a bush fire control officer appointed or designated under this Act, or an officer or member of a bush fire brigade or other person acting with authority under this Act, in the performance or doing of anything which he is empowered or required to do by this Act is guilty of an offence'. Penalty: \$5 000.

Remember, fire prevention and fire safety is everyone's responsibility and we ask for everyone's support in playing their part by remaining consciously aware and vigilant at this time of the year.



Road Safety Message from the Roadwise Advisory Committee

Positive Response to Speed Display Signs

The Shire received a number of positive responses from members of the community as well as Police Officers regarding the 'speed display signs' that were erected on Nelson and Bunbury Streets during October/November. Roadwise Chairman, Cr Moore reported "the signs were a timely reminder to motorists to watch their speed and to slow down if driving over the 50kms limit".

Road Ribbon for Road Safety

As a way of raising road safety awareness in the lead up to, and during the Christmas holiday period, the Roadwise Committee has obtained a number of 'ribbons' which are available free from the Shire's Customer Service desk for wearing through to 5 January 2018 as a reminder to everyone to drive safely. WALGA's Roadwise staff have created new words to the well-known 'Twelve Days of Christmas' carol and these catchy phrases are:

On the twelfth day of Christmas West Aussies gave to me
Twelve compliant road users
Eleven improved roadsides
Ten skippers driving
Nine Coffee Stops
Eight appropriately fitted child car restraints
Seven Driver Revivers
Six Creative partnerships
Five-star cars
Four indigenous road safety initiatives
Three fleet safety policies
Two-hour rest breaks and
A Christmas that's fatality free!

On a more serious note, members of the Roadwise Committee urge people to take care on the roads during the holiday season, be aware of what is happening around you, check your speed, don't drive tired and don't be distracted by other people in the vehicle, mobile phones, etc.

Be aware of your own speed when travelling on our roads. Aim to slow down and enjoy the ride

Roadwise – caring for the safety of our community



L-R - Alicia, Isabelle and Sebastian

Bridgetown Represented at WA Youth Summit

Three Bridgetown teenagers, Alicia Applin, Sebastian Doust and Isabelle Lockley travelled to Perth on Tuesday 5 December to join together with approximately 110 other teens from around Western Australia to participate in a statewide youth summit.

The Summit is part of a new consultative youth strategy being developed by the WA Government's Department of Communities in partnership with the Youth Affairs Council of WA (YACWA). Its objective is to seek valuable input from both regional and metropolitan-based youths, across a whole spectrum of programs and services relevant to young West Australians that will help positively influence their future development and delivery.

Alicia, Sebastian and Isabelle also contribute to Council's Youth Advisory Committee and their shared ideas helps guide the development of Bridgetown's cultural projects, programs and events specifically for our teens.

The 'Young Shepherd' comes home

On Wednesday 27th September, the Gordon Holdsworth meeting and exhibition space at the Bridgetown Library became home to one of its namesake's pieces when owner, Betty McGeever, kindly donated her original Gordon Holdsworth painting, *The Young Shepherd*.

For those who don't know, Gordon Holdsworth's story is quite remarkable. A much revered local artist, he excelled from an early age in nearly every creative discipline. Following his family's emigration from England in 1900, he joined the Western Australian Society of Arts and began his career as a painter, etcher and metalsmith. In 1911, Holdsworth received his earliest-known commission and made the brass lectern in Bridgetown's St Pauls Anglican Church, where you can still find it today. Later in his career, Gordon exhibited his paintings at the Albert Hall in London and has numerous pieces still on display in buildings across Western Australia, including St George's Cathedral in Perth, Perth College in Mt Lawley, St

Mary's Busselton and St Boniface's Cathedral in Bunbury.

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of Holdsworth's career was that he was able to financially support himself entirely from his art over an extensive sixty-year period – no mean feat given the remoteness of Bridgetown some 100 years ago!

At the official donation ceremony, Betty took the opportunity to speak very passionately to the small group in attendance about her admiration for his work. Her Aunt Lily had been friends with the artist and as a result, Betty remembers a number of his pieces having pride of place in her Aunt's home. It was this exposure to her Aunt's collection that led Betty to avidly follow Gordon's work and over the years she acquired a

number of his pieces. Quite recently, Betty gifted a number of her Holdsworth pieces to the Art Gallery of WA in the hope that one day Gordon Holdsworth will be honoured with his own exhibition.

Betty picked up *The Young Shepherd* at auction over 11 years ago and chose to donate the piece to the Shire because she thought it was time the Bridgetown community had an opportunity to appreciate its historic cultural significance.

The Young Shepherd was gratefully accepted on behalf of Council by former Shire President, John Nicholas and Chief Executive Officer, Tim Clynch.



SHIRE BRIDGETOWN VOLUNTEER CORNER

The Shire will be shining a light on the many volunteers who work tirelessly for the betterment of the community. The Shire would also like to express its gratitude to the many volunteers through "Vollies Corner". Each edition of the Insight will feature one of the community's numerous volunteers.

PETER REID Volunteer, Bridgetown Library Home Delivery Service

They say 'what goes around, comes around'. No one knows that better than Peter Reid, one of our dedicated Bridgetown Library volunteers. Several years ago Peter found himself house bound for six weeks while recovering from heart surgery. Without his love of books, Peter said, he may have gone stir-crazy! Instead, he found the Bridgetown Library Home Delivery service – and with it, not long after his recovery, his passion for volunteering.

Peter is currently one of 12 home delivery library volunteers; an active group who give their time to support members of the community, who are unable to attend the library themselves, to exchange their library books. The service is tailor-made to suit, with every library member who receives home delivery completing a genre profile, so books chosen on their behalf are more likely to suit.

Peter says it's the social contact and the wonderful friends he's made through his volunteering that has seen him maintain the activity for the last 11 years. "It's not a chore – far from it – I look forward to my turn on the roster. I'd make myself available for any kind of volunteering that provides the opportunity for some friendly banter, because the cows don't talk back!"

A wonderful and unexpected benefit of Peter's volunteering is the way his family have responded to seeing him engaging with community. Peter's 9 year old grandson, who resides with his parents in a town just outside of Christchurch NZ, enquired about the service at his local library. At the time, the library didn't offer the service, but they were so impressed with the tenacity of Peter's grandson, a home delivery service is now one of the services offered by Lincoln's public library! Poppa Peter proudly recounts how the school principal was so impressed by the concept that she asked Peter's grandson to present the idea at a joint

teacher-senior secondary school meeting and now school children form part of the home delivery volunteer group – a wonderful example of the positive impact volunteering has on every generation!

Although Peter has called Bridgetown home for 17 years, ironically it was a chance meeting with an old school friend's brother in a Wellington elevator that he has to thank for it. Kiwi born and bred, Peter was a partner in a busy IT recruitment company. At the time of the chance meeting, Peter was making travel plans to attend his brother's wedding in South Africa. Peter's school friend, he learned, lived in Bridgetown and quite innocently, Peter thought he'd stop off for a week or so on his way back from South Africa to see his old friend. That was all it took – beautiful Bridgetown tugged at his heartstrings and six weeks later he was back for good, selling up everything he had and telling his business partner he wanted out. A 'sliding-door' moment that Peter and his Bridgetown library friends will always be grateful for.

Visitor Centre

Interested in Volunteering?

Are you interested in doing something for our community? The Bridgetown-Greenbushes Visitor Centre is searching for a volunteer to work with a staff member on Saturdays from 10 am – 3 pm. We would like to find someone who is friendly, motivated, and who has a good knowledge of the area.

The Visitor Centre assists people with accommodation bookings and provides information and maps regarding attractions in the area, as well as selling event tickets and making arrangements for bus travel to and from Bridgetown.

We display and sell locally made products and the Centre also houses a heritage museum and the famous Brierley Jigsaw Gallery, the only gallery of its kind in the southern hemisphere.

If you are interested in helping others and can devote 5 hours a week, we'd love to hear from you. The position requires computer skills and preferably previous customer service experience, although full training will also be provided.

Please contact Dariel Hodgins on 9761 1740 or email dhodgins@bridgetown.wa.gov.au for further information or to register your interest.

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

... PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS ...

Municipal Heritage Inventory Review Update

The original Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Municipal Inventory was adopted by Council in 1995, recognising 99 places or buildings of local cultural heritage significance. The inventory was reviewed in 2001 with all places re-affirmed and retained as having local heritage significance.

Shire staff in 2009 undertook a preliminary review of the inventory and called for new nominations, however the review was not formally progressed. In 2015 Shire staff re-commenced the 'in-house' review of the renamed Municipal Heritage Inventory (MHI), with reference to the Heritage Council's Guidelines for the Assessment of Local Heritage Places and the Shire's new Assessment of Cultural Heritage Significance Policy (adopted by Council in August 2016).

The draft MHI review document was presented to Council in November 2017 and is the culmination of the review process, consisting of the following key elements:

- Review and update of the Methodology including management tools and practices.
- Review and update of the Thematic History (previously named Thematic Framework).
- Review of the documentary and physical evidence for current places, including re-assessment of the Level of Significance and Management Category.

Council at the meeting on 30 November 2017 adopted the draft Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Municipal Heritage Review (2017) for the purpose of public consultation, including direct consultation with landowners of recognised places. Public consultation is to formally commence on 10 January 2018 with written submissions invited to be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, PO Box 271, Bridgetown WA 6255, on or before **Thursday 7 February 2018 (28 days)**.

New nominations, including those received in 2009, are currently being assessed and will be progressively presented to Council in 2018 for potential inclusion in the MHI. Further consultation and a call for new nominations is also expected in mid to late 2018.

All queries regarding the Municipal Heritage Inventory Review should be directed to Michelle Donaldson, Planning Administration Officer on 9761 0800 or mdonaldson@bridgetown.wa.gov.au.

Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Scheme No.6 Update

Council in November 2012 adopted a draft Local Planning Strategy for the Shire to guide preparation of a new Local Planning Scheme No. 5. Noting preliminary support from the (recently renamed) Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Shire staff have since early 2013 been in ongoing consultation with staff at the Bunbury office of the (recently renamed) Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH).

A number of queries and concerns were raised by DPLH staff and the draft 2012 strategy was not finalised or presented to the WAPC for consent for formal advertising. Given the five year delay since Council adopted the original draft 2012 strategy, and in consultation with DPLH, Shire staff have now made a preliminary start to prepare a new draft Local Planning Strategy, with the earlier draft 2012 strategy and Local Planning Scheme No. 5 to no longer to be progressed.

One of the key issues raised by DPLH staff in preparation of a new Local Planning Strategy and ultimately a new Scheme No. 6 is the assessment of bushfire risk across the district, as required under State Planning Policy 3.7 Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas and supporting Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas. The Shire has recently appointed Lush Fire & Planning to undertake a Bushfire Hazard Level (BHL) Assessment for the Shire, and in particular to assess Development Investigation Areas (DIAs) or areas of potential rezoning already identified in the earlier draft 2012 strategy.

A report was presented to the Ordinary Meeting of Council in September 2017 whereby Council noted that the draft 2012 Local Planning Strategy is not to be progressed, and also noted the appointment of Lush Fire & Planning to prepare a Bushfire Hazard Level Assessment to guide preparation of the new strategy and scheme. Council has now directed the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a new Local Planning Strategy and new Local Planning Scheme No. 6 for all land within the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, to replace current Town Planning Scheme No. 3 and Town Planning Scheme No. 4. The Shire has now received written notification from DPLH offering their assistance to progress the Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Scheme No. 6, with preliminary public notification to commence early in 2018.

Minutes of the September 2017 Ordinary Meeting of Council are available on the Shire's website www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au. All queries are to be directed to Scott Donaldson, Manager Planning on 9761 0800 or sdonaldson@bridgetown.wa.gov.au.

RANGERS

ARE YOU READY?

The Rangers are inspecting properties for 2017/18 Firebreak Order compliance and may issue non-compliant rate-payers with on-the-spot fines. If you are unsure of the requirements for your property and would like to avoid an on-the-spot fine, please obtain a copy of the current season's Firebreak Order by visiting our website or contacting the Shire. Being unaware of requirements is an invalid excuse!

A further reminder that all firebreaks and hazard reduction must be maintained until 26th April 2018.

Local businesses recognised for supporting emergency services volunteers



Pat Scallan with Minister for Emergency Services, Hon Fran Logan, MLA

DFES Volunteer Employer Recognition Awards acknowledge the important contribution employers and self-employed volunteers provide to the community.

Employers of emergency services volunteers including self-employed volunteers play a critical role in protecting the community during natural disasters and emergencies. At their own cost, businesses release qualified staff to help protect and repair desperate communities impacted by fires, severe storms, cyclones, floods, earthquake, and emergencies involving chemical, radiological

personnel in allowing them to respond to emergencies as well as providing assistance during incidents.

Another local, Chris Doherty from CAM Diesel was also a Gold category recipient for his commitment in undertaking training and incident response. As a sole trader, this means that Chris stops earning an income when he performs these functions.

Having two Gold category award winners from our community is a huge achievement. In categorising the recipients many factors are

and biological materials.

At the 2017 Award presentations, Talison Lithium was awarded Gold category, the highest of three levels of achievement, for their support of local Bush Fire Brigades and Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service

taken into account, including:

- The impact on the day to day running of a business with a volunteer absent;
- How long the business has been involved with supporting emergency services volunteering;
- Whether the skills gained by the staff, through volunteering, are of benefit to the business or employer;
- If the business lends or donates equipment to local emergency services;
- If the business provides financial support, or sponsorship, to local emergency services;
- Whether the business promotes emergency services campaigns and/or safety messages at any time throughout the year;
- If a written or verbal policy covering emergency services leave arrangements has been developed and made available for employees to use.

The Shire takes this opportunity to thank all of the local businesses that release their employees to take up volunteer emergency service roles during an emergency situation.

