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## College marks 80 years

By SERENA KIRBY

WA College of Agriculture Denmark's open day last weekend also marked 80 years since the school was established.

To commemorate, education dignitaries were on hand to unveil an old collegians society plaque.

The Department of Education's deputy director general, Melesha Sands, said she was honoured to have one of the first students at the college, Ron Wise, 94, in attendance to witness the unveiling.

"This college is not only well-known for the quality training and education it provides but also for growing great people," Melesha said. Principal Rebecca Kirkwood said she was proud of the school's achievements as it was now widely known for its excellence in cattle and dairy programs.

• Please turn to page 11 Chontelle Bock steadies the sheep for another blow with the handpiece. **Picture: SERENA KIRBY.**



## Bushfire advice:

# Get ready now!

By SERENA KIRBY

PREPARING for fire season should be a year-round job and leaving it until summer was too late.

This is just one piece of advice Murray Brooker gave at his bushfire ready sessions.

Murray is the lead facilitator of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services-led Denmark bushfire ready program that is run by community members.

Murray is also the captain of the Mt Lindesay fire brigade and was one of the many fires who battled last February's bushfire.

"I visit loads of properties and I've found that only 50 per cent comply with Shire regulations in regards to fire preparedness," Murray said.

"This not only puts your property at risk but everyone else's as well."

Ember attack was one area Murray said people don't think about enough and 80 per cent of homes



Bushfire Ready facilitator Murray Brooker helps residents prepare their bushfire plans.

**Picture: SERENA KIRBY.**

lost in last year's NSW fires was due to flying embers and not the fire front itself.

Embers could travel many kilometres and were more like an

ember storm than just one or two floating through the air.

Blocking gaps in eaves to stop them getting into roofs, clearing gutters and removing wooden

mulch from against the house would protect homes.

So too would having trees and plants of low flammability so they could trap flying embers before they reached the house.

Murray said that establishing a 'trigger for activating your fire plan' was a key thing that most people forgot to do.

"My trigger for getting ready is when the forecast is for a high or severe fire danger day," he said.

"That's when I get out my fire plan and stay alert."

A practice of evacuation was vital and this should be timed and reviewed often.

It is advisable to drive along the escape route and have a second or third escape route mapped out and explored.

"We know some areas of Denmark only have one escape route and there's always the risk of trees down or road congestion," Murray said.

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# Fundraising veteran to step out again for Taylah

A VETERAN of countless fundraising walks will step out on September 25 in memory of Denmark born and raised Taylah Stahl who died in 2015, aged seven, of brain cancer.

IGA Denmark Fine Food Market employee David MacAtinney will hop on a treadmill for 24 hours outside the supermarket to raise funds for the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation.

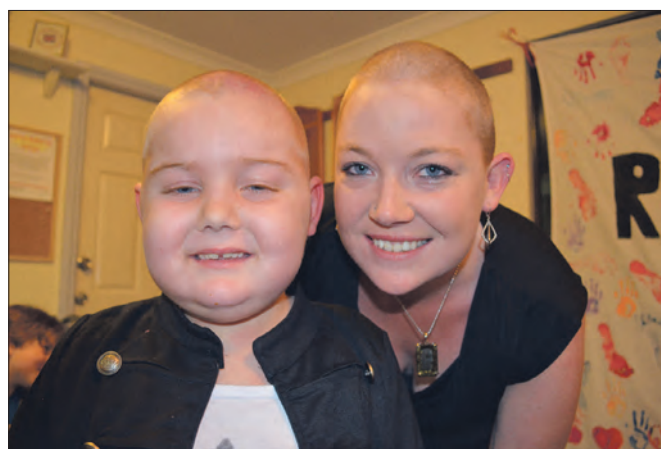
Taylah, who would now be 15, passed away after an 11-month battle with diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma, an inoperable tumour of her brain stem.

Her mum Teagan Stahl and extended family members have worked for the past seven years raising awareness of the disease and will cheer David on at the treadmill.

Walking non-stop for charity has been a way of life for former prison officer David who walked 675.2km ahead of Valentine's Day in 2021 in memory of his wife Colleen who died of liver cancer.

David walked from South Coast Highway to Wilson Head and back over 32 days, each day representing a year of his marriage to Colleen to whom he promised to care for her shih-zuis, Penelope and Charlotte.

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Teagan and Taylah Stahl at a head-shaving event in 2015.



Veteran fundraiser David MacAtinney, who will walk a treadmill for 24 hours, and shih-zuis Penelope and Charlotte.

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# Notorious CBD corner makes riskiest top-ten

By PATRICIA GILL

THE intersection at South Coast Highway and Strickland Street has drawn undesirable attention being voted among the top-10 most risky in regional WA.

This was the finding of the RAC's 2022 Risky Roads Survey for which West Australians were asked to nominate the roads and intersections they believed presented the greatest risks to road users.

The survey received more than 10,000 nominations identifying busy streets, highways and intersections in need of safety upgrades across the State.

But Shire of Denmark chief executive David Schober said it was important to note that the RAC information was a poll of members. "Sometimes this can skew data as local populations lobby," he said.

In the RAC survey, the South Coast Highway and Strickland Street intersection rated 10th in the 10 worst regional intersections.

A confusing layout was mentioned along with the difficulty of turning safely between oncoming traffic.

Main Roads WA Great Southern region community engagement manager Susie Chapman agrees with Mr Schober saying the RAC rated the intersection a 'red spot' not a more dangerous 'black spot'.

The rating was based on people's surveyed view of the intersection.

Likewise, in the case of the Albany Highway and South Coast Highway (Chester Pass roundabout) in Albany, which was voted the least safe regional intersection due to a confusing layout.

The roundabout provides access into the City of Albany and was named as regional WA's riskiest for the second time running.

But an independent audit has revealed that on a quiet day there were 36,000 traffic movements through the roundabout and 52,000 on a busy day resulting in one crash a week.

This was usually a slow-moving crash with no hospitalisations.

In the survey, the Main Roads-administered Denmark-Mt Barker Road also received attention for being unsafe due to a poor road surface with few opportunities to pass and winding through farmland and forest.

Work has resumed on widening sections of road shoulders on the southern 15km section of the Denmark-Mt Barker Road.

This had been halted due to wintry weather and a machine roll over in which no one was injured.

The work is expected to be finished and offer better safety at the end of October.

Ms Chapman said motorists should always drive according to conditions particularly on narrow and wet roads.

Another problem stretch has been South Coast Highway west of the Hay River bridge where in July a vehicle towing a horse float overturned on the wet and slippery surface.

In July Main Roads repaired the road after initially dropping the speed limit to 80kmh and then 60kmh to make the road safer ahead of the repairs.

The speed limit has been reset to former levels.

Ms Chapman said in low-lying areas such as this stretch of road, water tended to soften bitumen causing stones to be pressed into the surface which resulted in a shiny, slippery road.

Main Roads had dropped the speed limit while waiting for equipment and resources to become available for the work.

Mr Schober said the Shire was always supportive of upgrades and looking at solutions to address problem intersections.

Lots of consideration had been given to these intersections in the Local Planning Strategy and Scheme development, with feedback to Main Roads on usability, with an increasing population and tourist visitations.



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Marie and Terry Redman with WA Nationals leader Mia Davies, left, and Federal Nationals leader David Littleproud.

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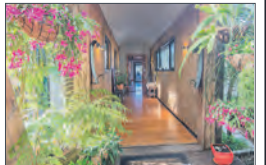
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## Nationals honour 'floors' Terry

FORMER Warren Blackwood MLA Terry Redman was made life member of the WA Nationals on Saturday night at the party's State Conference dinner. The presentation 'floored' Terry who had attended the dinner for social reasons at the suggestion of wife, Maria. He admits to being a little overwhelmed but 'chuffed' at

the award which recognises his service to the Nationals since he was elected to the Seat of Stirling in 2005. Terry survived four elections and lost last year to Labor candidate Jane Kelsbie. He firmly rejects the idea of running again, saying he is happy in semi retirement running cattle and a 'handful' of sheep

on the Redman Road property and other projects. They include early conversations and research for work in the 'carbon space' and distributing funds for the Mt Burdett Foundation. The Foundation was established in 2019 by Esperance farmer Chris Reichstein, who died in 2021, as an organisation that

would invest in initiatives and people to contribute to the Esperance region and throughout rural and regional WA. Terry's involvement is in distributing funds to rural and regional communities. "I've more than enough to do," he says.

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## Common ground seen in mountain bike debate

I READ with interest the article in Bulletin 1064, August 18, quoting Allister Dickson's views on the 68ha mountain bike project which impacts 24.8ha of the core area of the Mt Hallowell A Class Reserve.

Perhaps there is a glimpse of agreement with the Denmark Environment Centre.

Allister says that flora and fauna reports are essential prior to consideration of a site.

These reports have not been completed for the Mt Hallowell 68ha project.

I am informed by a Shire officer that the increase in size of this project from the original 20ha site that was the subject of reports and community opinion gathering, was suggested by the consultant and agreed by a four person group that did not in my opinion represent the Denmark community.

It was chaired by Lenore Lyons, proponent of the project through Outdoors Great Southern, and included a rep of the Mountain Bike Club, Denmark Running Club and a Shire officer.

A report by Three Chillies consultants that is the basis for an impending decision on the project is full of errors.

The report states that the core of Hallowell reserve would not be impacted, flora and fauna surveys have been completed, etc. – all untrue.

I fail to see how the council can consider a project with such flawed planning.

It is interesting that a mail out produced and funded by a group of local residents who were also showing their concern to the mountain bike trail was attributed to the DEC.

It is not just the DEC that envisages a future for Denmark that includes A Class reserves that help safeguard our region's biodiversity.

**Bob Gretton**

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# Hallowell for hikers, Turner Rd for bikers

RE your article, Bike trail plan to stop illicit tracks: club, August 14, we feel compelled to point out some gaps in the information provided in the Shire’s public consultation process.

Firstly, the limited environmental reports presented on the Shire’s Talking Trails at Mt Hallowell webpage, do not cover the actual area of the proposed mountain bike trail network.

What is of greatest concern though is the absence of a link to the State Government’s own Western Australian Mountain Bike Management Guidelines (2019): (<https://outdoorsgreatsouthern.org.au/resource/wa-mountain-bike-management-guidelines/>).

This key document has been produced to guide the development of all MBTs at the WA local level.

We note with great concern that on p21, the table states clearly that MBT development is ‘not compatible with the purpose and tenure’ of nature reserves.

The Great Southern Regional Trails Master Plan (GSRTMP, 2020) and the Three Chillies Design, Mt Hallowell Trails Proposal, fail to mention this key restriction.

One can only surmise that these gaps are part of a campaign to obscure WA’s own MTB best practice guidelines, in order to force this ill-conceived, limited proposal through.

The GSRTMP, 2020, states on p70 (Appendix 3), that 24 per cent of intra-state and interstate visitors participate in bushwalking while only 3 per cent participate in cycling.

As regards international visitors, 52 per cent participate in bushwalking and only 16 per cent in cycling.

The ideal solution would be to have two key Denmark tourism venues preserved and created:

(1) Preserving Class A Nature Reserve Mt Hallowell as a hiking destination,

(2) Creating a supervised facility on Shire land at Turner Road, matched with a cycle accessible ‘skills area’ within the Denmark township.

Let’s be smart about this and have Mt Hallowell for the Hikers, Turner Road for the Bikers.

Michael and Jasmine McDonald



Rosalind and Jim O'Donovan discuss their fire plan with bushfire ready facilitator, Murray Brooker. **Picture: SERENA KIRBY**

## Early exit key to bushfire survival

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“That’s why leaving early is so important.

“Don’t stay and defend your home as no home can withstand a catastrophic fire.

“We want you safe and out of the way so fire crews can do their job.”

As tragic as it was to lose a home, Murray said now was a good time for homeowners to check their insurance policy as there could be things that standard house and contents policies didn’t include.

Check the current home replace-

ment value as building costs had increased in the past two years.

Check coverage for demolition and debris removal, outbuildings and fencing and whether the home is insured for smoke and or water damage caused by fire.

“If firefighters are going to try and save your home, you can be sure they’re going to put one hell of a lot of water on it,” Murray said.

On the subject of an evacuation kit, Murray said there were great resources on the DFES website for what to include.

He also highlighted the impor-

tance of packing facemasks, goggles and protective clothing, as people were never prepared for the amount of smoke, the radiant heat and the sheer noise of a bushfire.

“It’s inevitable that there’ll be another bushfire in our area at some point,” Murray said.

“We live in a beautiful place but with that comes risks.

“Reduce that risk by being well prepared.”

Denmark Bushfire Ready is on facebook and more details on getting bushfire ready can be found on the Denmark Shire website and DFES.



Murray Brooker says another bushfire in our area is inevitable.

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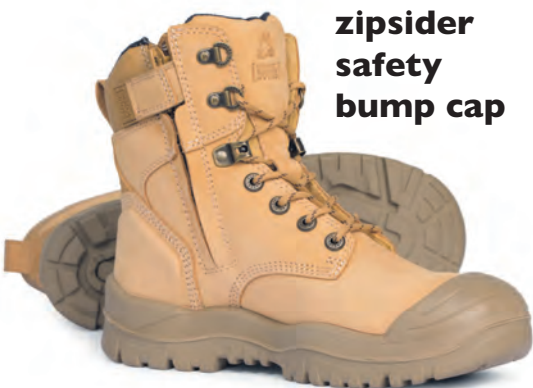
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# People with disabilities invited to share their stories at Denmark workshop

ONE in a series of community storytelling workshops for people to share their stories and ideas with the Disability Royal Commission will be held in Denmark.

The series are being held throughout the Great Southern and Wheatbelt with the Denmark workshop being run at the Community Resource Centre today at 10am.

People With disabilities WA and Your Story Disability Legal Support (Your Story) are hosting the events.

The Disability Royal Commission was taking submissions until December 31 as it investigated the mistreatment of people with disability in all contexts and settings.

PWdWA Disability Royal Commission advocate



Oliver Offer said the Royal Commission was an opportunity for significant recommendations to be made that would influence outcomes for people with disability for years to come. “People With Disabilities WA

wants to ensure regional West Australians with disability can reflect on and share their community’s story with the Royal Commission, and access free support if required,” he said.

“As we travel into the Wheatbelt, we will also be joined by Explorability Inc to help local communities access individual advocacy support for state-based issues.”

Perth-based Your Story lawyer Demi Thackrah (pictured) will provide free legal advice and support to anyone considering taking part in the Disability Royal Commission.

She said family members, friends, carers, advocates and supporters of people with disability also had a valuable contribution to make and could access free support to share their stories.

Ms Thackrah said the Royal Commission was a chance to shed light on the systemic issues that people with disability face, and for those who had been mistreated to share their stories and be respectfully listened to.

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# Community groups invited to apply for Shire grants

COMMUNITY groups can apply for the Shire of Denmark community grants, totaling \$25,000, before 4pm, Thursday, September 15.

The grants are designed to assist to local not-for-profit groups with projects which will benefit the Denmark community.

The 2022 program continues a long tradition of community funding support provided by the Shire to local groups and activities.

Shire chief executive David Schober said the annual grants provided support to a cross-section of the community.

This year, a priority area was to support youth-related initiatives, however the pool of applicants varied from year to year.

“We always enjoy seeing what fantastic ideas our local community

groups come up with,” Mr Schober said.

“In this tough economic environment, we’re delighted to offer this annual program which encourages community-led initiatives.”

Eligible community groups can apply for between \$201-\$10,000, with tips available online via the Shire website.

A grant forum will be held on September 2 for anyone needing help with applications.

There are plenty of resources available to assist groups complete their applications.

Interested people could also contact the community development officer.

Applicants will be notified of their success in October.

# Grants success for Walpole litter picker project

WALPOLE Community Resource Centre’s Little Litter Picker Digital Guidebook Project has received a Keep Australia Beautiful Community Litter Grant.

The CRC is one of 15 recipients to share more than \$54,000 to combat littering through community projects.

The Keep Australia Beautiful Council Community Litter Grants have provided \$540,644 in funding since 2013 and were announced last week as part of Keep Australia Beautiful week.

Each year a range of projects are funded, including community awareness

education campaigns and equipment to assist with litter clean-ups.

One project received funding for a dinghy for river and beach cleaning.

Keep Australia Beautiful Week aims to build awareness about how individuals can reduce their impact on the environment and encourage action.

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# Early detection key to cancer treatment

THE Lions Cancer Institute will hold free skin cancer screenings, by appointment, at Berridge Park, Denmark on Saturday, September 10.

The service provides early detection of skin lesions and where these are identified a referral is given to a GP for investigation.

The Lions Cancer Institute is a project of Lions Clubs of WA and since the early 1990s has provided full body skin screening clinics throughout the State, particularly in rural and remote areas.

Volunteers of LCI have screened more than 80,000 patients and records show a 27 per cent annual rate of referral, 21,600, with 6 per cent, 1260, life-threatening lesions.

Early detection saves lives and lessens the need for invasive surgery.

Qualified volunteer dermatologists, plastic surgeons and dermoscopists and GPs support the program.

Donations from Lions Club of WA, businesses and the public fund LCI's screening programs and research grants.

Funds are being raised to replace two ageing screening units with one purpose-built unit.

Donations can be made to the Lions Cancer Institute at Westpac Bank BSB 036-107, account 218 557.

All donations of more than \$2 are tax deductible.

For booking information for the Denmark clinic, telephone 0457 672 513.



Terry Redman – seeking a second term in 2008.

# Honour shared with electoral team

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“There are plenty of young people coming up wanting to do things (in the Nationals).”

Terry said the life membership was also a tribute to the people who had made his years representing the electorate possible.

They included those in the electoral office who did ‘all the hard yards’ in the electorate, those who ran the party and those engaged in running the election campaigns.

“I’d like to share the award with them,” Terry said.

The award ceremony was held in the Swan Valley at the weekend.

Terry’s involvement began when he was WA College of Agriculture – Denmark principal.

His legacy has included oversight of the Royalties for Region program which resulted in significant investment delivered across regional WA.

Over his 16 years representing the electorate and regional WA, Terry served as Regional and Lands Minister for three years and Agriculture and Food Minister also for three years, plus other ministerial portfolios.

He became deputy leader in 2013 before being elected leader for the following three years.

Terry and Marie were thanked for their devotion to the party, the regions and constituents.

Party leader Mia Davies said he had been recognised as a hard worker and his dedication won him the respect of not only his Parliamentary colleagues but also those on the other side of the bench.

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# Baroque says we’re Bach with cantatas

DENMARK Baroque is back from the COVID cancellations of its musical adventures preparing two Bach cantatas for October 2.

Five musicians from Perth-based Australian Baroque will join Denmark Baroque instrumentalists and singers for rehearsals this month.

The rehearsals will take place over two days and they are an opportunity for two high school-aged soloists and four local soloists to learn more.

After the mid-September rehearsals, Australian Baroque will continue its regional tour before returning to Denmark for the October 2 concert.

There will be two performances of the concert at St Leonards Anglican Church Denmark, at 3pm and 6pm.

Australian Baroque and Denmark Baroque orchestra and choir will open with the first cantata, BWV 106, or Actus Tragicus.

This is a funeral cantata written by JS Bach in 1707 when he was only 22 years old.

Australian Baroque will then play two concerti, the 5th Brandenburg, and, after interval, the Double Violin Concerto in D Minor, which was composed by the mature Bach about 1731.

Cantata BWV 180, a joyous celebration of life set to dance-like music, will complete the concert with the choir, soloists and instrumentalists from both ensembles. Australian Baroque’s focus is to perform historically-informed early music which Denmark Baroque will value in its aim for correct historical interpretation of these early works, especially lesser known ones.

Australian Baroque comprises world-class players with a spirit of investigation, presenting classical and baroque music programs, live concerts, and immersive projects.

Tickets at \$40.00 each are available on line at TryBooking, and possibly at the door.

# Work to start on community carols

A COMMUNITY choir Christmas carol project to spread the spirit of the season in Denmark will start with rehearsals on September 8.

Denmark Baroque, Eklektika and Denmark Arts have developed the project which will bring singers and the community together in harmonious celebration.

Organiser Lesley Taylor wants as many singers as possible to take part in the community choir.

“We are all singers, but many of us just don’t know it,” she says.

“Singing has many benefits and directly relates to your wellbeing.

“It releases endorphins, diminishes pain, boosts happiness and reduces stress - and who doesn’t want to feel better, happier and less stressed?”

Lesley said the project aimed to reinvigorate the Denmark singing community which, like other communities, had suffered as a result of COVID.

Rehearsals begin on Wednesday September 8 from 5.30-7pm at the Uniting Church.

There will be 11 weekly sessions culminating in performances at the Denmark Arts Christmas Markets and at Christmas Pageant.

Contact Lesley Taylor on 0468 967 070.

# Art lovers to hit the trail

THE Southern Art and Craft Trail will run from Saturday, September 24 to Sunday, October 9 for the 19th year in an area spanning from Nannup to Lake Grace.

The trail will include 55 exhibitions in studios, public buildings, galleries and pop ups at returning and new venues in Albany, Denmark, Mt Barker and Kojonup. New works will be shown.

Each year more than 10,000 visitors see new artists, galleries and studios which are listed in the 15,000 copies of the Southern Art and Craft Trail Booklet.

This is distributed through visitor centres, galleries, retail outlets and is available online at [www.artsouthwa.com.au](http://www.artsouthwa.com.au)

ArtSouthWA has teamed up with Albany-based Busy Blue Bus tour service to create two art trail tours.

One tour goes from Albany to Denmark and Walpole visiting multiple galleries and exhibitions and includes a winery lunch.

The other leaves Albany for Mt Barker and Kojonup and also includes a winery lunch.

The Southern Art and Craft Trail originated in 2003 with 10 towns, 36 venues and more than 100 artists represented. It has grown to more than 90 venues, which have included more than 300 artists every year.

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Albany Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive Officer Lisa Smith said the benefits from this initiative will be wide spread, contributing to the betterment for residents who will be incentivised to support their local businesses, and for local businesses who will be encouraging local residents to shop locally while also rewarding their regular customers.

“All business who sign up automatically get a free subscription, but I’d encourage them to also consider purchasing a subscription for their teams” she said.

“In a world where you can shop anywhere, shop local.”

Great Southern residents are able to register to ‘Local Advantage Great Southern’ for a minimal annual fee and receive access to all the offers, discounts, and value adds, listed on the platform. Great Southern businesses are able to register their offer at any time, and offers are available annually to be used over and again.

This initiative has been successfully operating in the South West over the past 6 years and has received wide acclaim from users, with one asserting they had saved just over \$250 within three months of purchasing the app.

Residents in the Great Southern will also be able to save money by purchasing the ‘Local Advantage Great Southern’ app while supporting the businesses local to our region.

Along with single purchases, there are a wide range of packages people can choose from when registering to best suit their needs.

To view the offers currently available to Great Southern residents, sign up as a ‘Local Advantage Great Southern’ user and support our local business community you can visit the website: <https://localadvantage.com.au/great-southern-region/>

The ‘Local Advantage Great Southern’ initiative is supported by the City of Albany.



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The Stars Descend will tell a big story about climate action and hope. **Picture: NIC DUNCAN.**

# Dance project reaches for the stars

A NEW dance project will reach for the stars to tell a big story of climate action and hope in five regional locations next year.

The Annette Carmichael Projects-created, The Stars Descend, is a trail of dance performances unfolding from March 17-April 1.

Noongar community performers are invited to find out more about the project in a dance workshop and yarning circle on Friday, September 2 at 5.30pm at Albany Entertainment Centre.

The event, for Noongar participants only, runs from 5.30-8pm in the Kalyenup Studio, with childcare available and catering provided.

Director Annette Carmichael said the project was inspired and informed by consultation with First

Nations Elders, scientists and ecological groups.

Some of WA’s best artists are co-creators, and local people who care about the ecology of their community will perform.

The performances will take place in spectacular outdoor settings and will celebrate the biodiversity and restoration of a 1000km wildlife pathway, supported by the environmental program, Gondwana Link.

In Wooditjup (Margaret River), Northcliffe, Porongurup, Fitzgerald and Garlgula/Karlkurla (Kalgoorlie) artists are working with communities to produce performances.

These will immerse audiences in the natural beauty of WA’s landscapes.

Noongar community members are

invited to meet the artists working on the Fitzgerald performance.

All ages can attend and yarn about dancing in Ravensthorpe in March.

This workshop is also for Noongar participants only.

Choreographers Simon Stewart and Rachael Colmer, musician Azariah Felton in collaboration with Annette Carmichael and other artists from across the Gondwana Link will create the performance.

Everybody from the age of 14 years upwards is invited to dance in the performances, with further taster events being held.

No dance experience necessary.

Find out more at [www.distributed15.com.au](http://www.distributed15.com.au), or contact First Nations producer Ruth Maddren at [ruth@distributed15.com.au](mailto:ruth@distributed15.com.au)

## What’s on

**Thursday, September 1**  
18-hole and 9-hole women’s competitions held on Thursday, for the 18-hole competition, arrive 11.45am for noon hit off, 9-hole competition, arrive 1.30pm for a 1.45pm hit off, Denmark Country Club.

Denmark Crafty Quilters meet every Thursday 9.30am, Surf Club, Ocean Reef Road. Make new friends, learn new skills, new members welcome, just come along.

**Saturday, September 3**  
Denmark Men’s Shed, Saturday from 9am, Men’s Shed, Inlet Drive, contact Bruce 0413 849 237.

**Sunday, September 4**  
Kwoorabup Community Markets, 10am-2pm, 222 Scotsdale Road, Fresh local produce, craft, food, coffee, music. [www.kwoorabupcommunitymarkets.com.au](http://www.kwoorabupcommunitymarkets.com.au) (every Sunday).

**Monday, September 5**  
Line dancing, 9.30-11.30am, Scout Hall, Brazier Street, all welcome, professional teaching. (every Monday).

**Tuesday, September 6**  
Soupy, a nourishing meal for all, 5-7pm, RSL Hall, bring your own bowl and spoon (every Tuesday). Seniors get-together, 10am-2pm, Garden Room Morgan Richards Community Centre, Contact Clarence Estate on 9841 5999 or just turn up.

**Wednesday, September 7**  
CWA craft meeting, 10am-2:30pm, CWA clubrooms, Mitchell Street, everyone is asked to take their own lunch (first Wednesday of the month).

**Monday September 12**  
Denmark Lions, 6.30pm, Lions Lair, Inlet Drive, Heritage Railway reserve, Denmark

Contact Brian Redfern 98482463. All new members welcome. Second and fourth Monday of the month.

**Sunday, September 25**  
Remembering Taylah fundraiser for Cure Brain Cancer Foundation, 10am cake stall, 3pm head shave, from 8am Saturday-8am Sunday, David MacAtinney on treadmill, IGA Denmark Fine Food Market.



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Wed 21 Sept @ 4.30pm

with speaker *Dr. Catherine Spaggiari*

**Topic:** Links between the geology of southwest WA and the upsurge of exploration for critical minerals.

Critical minerals are two words that you are likely to have heard in reference to the transition away from fossil fuels – the so-called green energy transition. They are minerals or metallic elements defined as critical for modern technologies such as batteries, electric vehicles, mobile phones and many other applications. Critical means that these minerals are in short supply, although this can be complicated by global economics. This

talk will provide an overview of the geological processes involved in the formation of mineral deposits and why the geology of the southwest is of interest.

**Speaker:** *Dr Catherine Spaggiari* has worked as a research geologist and geophysicist for over 20 years and is currently a Senior Research Scientist in the Mineral Resources Division at CSIRO and an Adjunct Research Fellow at the School of Agriculture and Environment at UWA, Albany.

Refreshments provided • RSVP [info@denviron.org.au](mailto:info@denviron.org.au)

Why not become a DEC committee member?

*“I believe I get more out of being on the Denmark Environment Centre committee than I put in! Being on the committee has given me a much broader appreciation of our environment. I enjoy being with people whose depth of experience in our environment rubs off on me.”*

Jesz Fleming - DEC committee member

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As well as being delivered to most homes in town the Bulletin has many more readers online. While reading about local affairs, real estate and shire information, absentee property owners and people with an interest in Denmark also use the Bulletin to access local services and trades people and keep up-to-date with local events.

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# WICC working to give dung beetles some winter love

By **SHAUN OSSINGER**

DUNG beetles have amazing benefits: improving soils, pastures and live-stock health, not to mention keeping nutrients on farms and out of water-ways, plus reducing fly numbers.

Summer populations of dung beetles are well established across the Wilson Inlet catchment, but beetles are not so active in winter.

The Wilson Inlet Catchment Com-mittee is working to boost winter dung beetle numbers on farmlands by understanding the gaps in activity.

WICC started dung beetle monitor-ing in May, with visits to more than 30 farmers interested in getting more dung beetles working on their land.

The winter active beetle, Bubas bison, was found in good numbers in the upper catchment across proper-ties in Mt Barker, Rocky Gully and Denbarker.

Further south, the same species was in lower numbers.

Bubas bison was released at several farms in 2019, and their continuing survival is a good sign that this beetle species will survive the climate, but more are needed.

Where beetles were plentiful they were trapped to release in places where there are few or none.

In the catchment, several hundred were collected from farms with high numbers of Bubas bison, enough to start several breeding colonies for future releases.

To get thousands of beetles, enough to begin releasing on to paddocks, it was necessary to go further afield.

Experienced entomologist John Al-len, who has made a life mission to establish dung beetles in WA, helped find beetle hotspot with farmers happy to be raided of their plentiful supplies

(sometimes in exchange for a carton of beer).

Placing traps along laneways and on road verges, enabled thousands to be collected in a single night.

The plan is to return next year for more trapping.

WICC has four colonies of a new species, Bubas bubalus, arriving in spring.

These will go into on-farm nurseries until numbers build up enough for release.

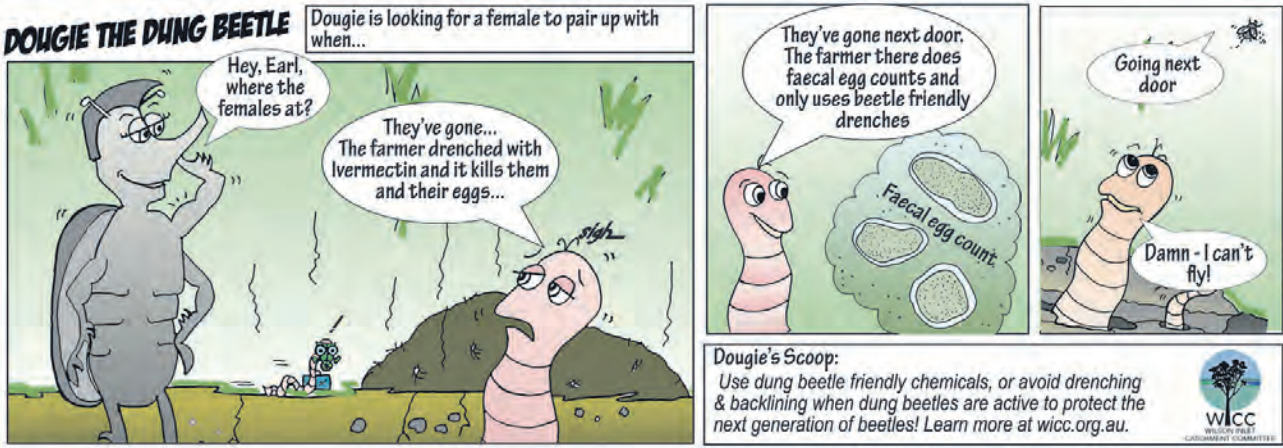
This species complements the existing Bubas bison by following on through spring after the B. bison

disappears for the year, thus filling the gap before the summer species become active.

The breeding colonies of Bubas bison should also become big enough to begin releasing into paddocks next winter.

Anyone who would like to be part of the dung beetle program, can visit [wicc.org.au/dung-beetles](http://wicc.org.au/dung-beetles) or contact [ag@wicc.org.au](mailto:ag@wicc.org.au)

The program is funded in part by the WA Government State Natural Resource Management Program.



## REMEMBERING TAYLAH and her fight with Brain Cancer

In June 2014, at aged 6, (Denmark born) Taylah was diagnosed with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), an inoperable brain tumour in her brain stem.

Sadly on the 28th of May 2015, Taylah passed away after a brave 11 month battle with cancer, just 2 and a half months shy of her 8th birthday.

It's now 2022 and Taylah would have turned 15, so we are remembering her with a charity event and talk about Brain Cancer (all donations go direct to the "Cure Brain Cancer Foundation").



The "Team Taylah" crew - consisting of her Mum Tegan, and loving extended family of Emmalee and Theo (have been working tirelessly for the past 7 years raising awareness of this disease) will be there, so come along and meet them and support David.

**Local "IGA Denmark Fine Food Market" employee, David MacAtinney, will be on a treadmill to walk/run non stop for 24 hours to raise money and awareness of this crippling disease.**

**Place:** IGA Denmark Fine Food Market (formally Supa IGA)

**Start:** 8am - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

**\* 10am:** Cake stall (goodies/raffles) on sale

**\* 3pm:** Raffle draws and head shaving

**Finish:** 8am - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

**Breakfast:** Bacon and egg rolls for sale when David finishes this epic achievement

**DONATE:** <https://my.walk4braincancer.com.au/walk4braincancer-perth-2022/team-taylah>



The second boat ready to be turned.

## Skiff launch date in sight

ANOTHER milestone in the building of two St Ayles Skiffs, the turning of the second boat, was completed on Tuesday.

This enabled the work crew which included the Denmark Senior High School boatbuilding & backlining when dung beetles are active to protect the next generation of beetles! Learn more at [wicc.org.au](http://wicc.org.au).

An official launch date has been set for Saturday, November 5 to give other St Ayles clubs time to get organised and join in.

The club welcomes as many people as possible to take part in this community event. Trailers and a launching trol-

ley have been ordered locally from Dan at Denmark Mobile Welding.

This is the club's remaining expense for which there are sufficient funds.

A sausage sizzle and raffle will be held outside the Supa IGA on Saturday, September 17 to fund running costs.

There is still an opportunity to join in the work ahead of November 5 when rowing starts and a team is prepared for the St Ayles Skiff regatta on January 26.

Keep up to date with the progress on the blog at [www.denmarkrowers.org.au/blog/](http://www.denmarkrowers.org.au/blog/)

## Brain cancer fundraiser

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He also walked for 48 hours around Denmark to raise money for Telethon in October last year and, while a prison officer, took part in charity walks to the Rabbit Proof Fence, Bibbulmun Track and the Hollands Track and more. Organiser of the September 25 event Peta Turnbull describes David as a truly humble, incredible 64-year-old friend. Over past years, Team Taylah has placed pink donation tins in local shops to raise money for the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation.

But as Peta says, due to COVID19 in past years, Teagan and friends have been unable to raise awareness

and or donations.

Team Taylah members who have left town will gather in Denmark for the event which Peta will organise starting from 8am, Sunday, September 25.

A cake stall will follow at 10am, head shaving at 3pm with the event finishing at 8am on Monday, September 26.

Bacon and egg rolls will be sold when David gets off the treadmill.

Before she passed away, Taylah was on hand for a big head shave at the Riverside Club headed by Lol Donohoe who raised \$16,000 for Ronald McDonald House.

Teagan was among many who had their head shaved.





Students and cattle line up for the cattle judging. Right: Two year old Alex Wolsoncroft was happy to play in the puddles.



Students Jack Kondakov and Jack James.



Old collegians' society representative Don McCausland, Education Department deputy director general Melesha Sands, former student Ron Wise and principal Rebecca Kirkwood.



Willow Donohoe takes part in the horse jumping display.


# Gender balance evens out as college shows it maturity

• From page 1  
She also highlighted how far the school had come since the days when it catered primarily to male students.  
When the college first opened in 1942 there were only 40 students who were all males.  
“We now have an almost equal balance of male and female students and we have more girls than boys as residential students,” Rebecca said.  
“Our equine program is a major draw-card for girls and out of 37 students in this program there is only one boy.”  
This year’s open day is Rebecca’s first as principal.  
She is also the college’s first female appointed to the role and sees this as yet another sign of the growing prevalence of females entering the agriculture industry.

“The agricultural industry is booming and the job opportunities for both men and women are countless,” Rebecca said.  
“The open day enables us to showcase our programs and outstanding student work and we know a lot of parents and potential students will be taking a close look at what we offer.”  
With an estimated 800 people flooding through the school for the open day there was ample to see with a long list of events and demonstrations on offer.  
Shearing and wool classing was a highlight with both male and female students picking up the shears.  
Farm tours and wine sales were also on offer, as was horticulture produce and lots to see in both the cattle yards and the equine arena.  
• Student ‘top parader’ – page 13



Lions Cancer Institute Inc.



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##### What happens once the trees are planted?

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##### Can I visit existing Carbon Positive Australia planting sites?

Yes. Many of our landholders are happy to let other prospective carbon project owners visit their land and see what has been achieved. If you would like to visit a site, please contact us and we will arrange a visit to a site near you.

##### Why do I need to sign a Landholder Agreement?

A Landholder Agreement must be in place for us to register a Carbon Covenant and a Carbon Right over the planted area(s). The Carbon Covenant protects the planted area, ensuring the "permanence" of the project for a period of either 25 or 100 years. The Carbon Right assigns all carbon sequestered to Carbon Positive Australia.

Find answers to other FAQ's at [www.carbonpositiveaustralia.org.au/FAQs](http://www.carbonpositiveaustralia.org.au/FAQs)

Carbon Positive Australia acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.



Jane Kelsbie, centre, with Chanel Lowe, Anna Rowe, Ayla McMaster and Alyssa Chromow. Right: Willow Donohoe and pony jump the hurdle.



Bree Skinner greets visitors and students at the cattle yards.



Former student and champion beef handler, Rori Skinner, helped with the cattle judging.



Anna Rowe hosts the cattle club's guess-the-weight competition.



# College student ‘top parader’

WA College of Agriculture Denmark student Ella Smith won the Junior Paraders title at the recent Beverley Show.

Zoe Skinner was placed third in the category while Travis Freegard, Hayley Keam and Indi Wilkinson performed well, qualifying to compete at the Perth Royal Show.

Also at the show, the college’s cattle won grand champion bull, reserve champion bull, reserve champion heifer, first in the steer class and was the most successful exhibitor.

In Junior Paraders, students lead heifers, bulls and steers and are judged on their ability to control the animal which can be a 600kg bull.

They are assessed on moving the animal smoothly and their ability to ensure that it stands correctly.

College principal Rebecca Kirkwood said the student must do this while communicating with the judge, using constant eye contact.

“This is no mean feat,” Ms Kirkwood said.

She said Zoe was excellent in the Junior Judging and came a confident first.

Phoebe Mottram came second in the section, demonstrating strong public speaking skills.

Junior Judging incorporates visual assessment of livestock and public speaking.

The students are given a clipboard and time (about 10 minutes) in the arena with the livestock – normally four heifers or four bulls.

They rank the animals in order of strongest to weakest based on their features and write notes about this.

Students then speak on a microphone to the crowd, justifying their response.

Ms Kirkwood said the college had a strong breeding program, which was evident in the livestock.

Students handled them from a young age, which made them calm and easier to manage.



Clockwise: Ella Smith and Yasmin Pages and a blue ribbon exhibit.  
Travis Freegard leads his charge.  
Ayla McMaster shows calm and ease in the ring.

## Business after Hours



## Chamber introduces new members

THE Shire of Denmark hosted Denmark Chamber of Commerce members at the August Business After Hours.

Two new DCC members were introduced - Susanjane Morison of Attune 2 Wellness which offers Bowen therapy, jin shin jyutsu, yoga and client education.

Also Jennie Newman who runs Kordabup Virtual Assistance and can help with business administration, social media and project planning.

Anis and Joshna Hirani, the new owners of Great Southern Podiatry and Bathroom Décor and Tiles in Albany, were introduced.

Joshna has a special interest in dia-

betic foot care.

Members were informed that the local planning strategy was a key focus of the Shire with sustainability at the forefront of all planning.

There are many projects underway with plans for a youth precinct, interpretative signage and electric vehicle infrastructure among them.

**Pictures by ANNA BOWDEN,**  
clockwise: Joshna and Anis Hirani. Kahree Garaut, Melanie Haymont, David King and Vince Hilder. David Schober and Mark Allen. Paris Johansen and Susanjane Morison. Mark Hewson and Kinglsey Gibson.



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**Tenders close 2pm on Thursday 29 September 2022.**

Request for Tender documents are available from:  
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**Applications are to be received no later than 4.00pm on Friday  
9th September 2022.**

**David Schober**  
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## Sport

# Radicals forgo fireside comforts for Riverside vicissitudes

By NEVILLE PLOWMAN

EVEN on the worst winter days a radical group of  
bowlers face the vicissitudes of the weather in preference  
to watching television by a warm fire.

Consequently, social bowls is under way being relatively  
well-attended and providing entertaining games for the  
players.

John Benson, along with other assisted bowling-arm  
players, are mastering their new skills and providing  
tough games for their opponents.

On August 16, John Benson and Sean Brown won the  
day two points up from Marilyn Johns and Nev Plowman.

On August 23, Tony Italiano, Laurie Robinson and John  
Benson also won by a few points from Ash Cooper, Nev  
Plowman and Kay Murray.

On Saturday, August 27, four teams won both their  
matches but Laurie Robinson and Dennis Marshall were  
in great form with two wins and 33 winning points.

Graeme Bain and John Benson thought they had the prize  
in the bag but were five points short when the results were  
announced.

The Bumper Board competition has been reinvigorated  
with a new name on the top.

Graeme Bain has been wending his way through the field  
and reached the top rung when Ash Cooper released his  
vice grip and slid to second place.

This change seems to have encouraged the underdogs  
and challenges are coming thick and fast.

Richard Hynes, Dennis Marshall and Lucky Macris  
competed in the Bowls Premier League Competition in  
which the winning WA triples team earns a trip to the  
Gold Coast to contest the finalists from each State.

They acquitted themselves well, winning their first game  
against the much-fancied opponents.

They were unable to maintain this form and were beaten  
by the eventual Albany League winners 5-2 and 5-3.

## News

# Birthing mums laugh off switch to opioids

BIRTHING women denied nitrous oxide, laughing gas, to  
relieve labour pain during the COVID-19 pandemic have  
turned to opioids instead.

This has been without any adverse outcomes for mother  
or child, according to a new study by Australian clinicians.

The study, at Lyell McEwin Hospital in Adelaide, looked  
at the impact of withholding nitrous oxide (N2O).

Numerous hospitals worldwide took the decision in the  
past two years due to fears of virus transmission from the  
aerosol-generating procedure.

Patient notes for all 243 women birthing at Lyell McE-  
win over a seven weeks in March/April 2020 show half of  
whom did not have access to N2O.

Although opioid use significantly increased when N2O  
was withheld, there was no increase in epidural use and  
no change in labour duration, Caesarean section rates,  
birthing complications or newborn alertness.

Nitrous oxide is used by more than 50 per cent of Austral-  
ian women to relieve pain in labour, followed by epidur-  
als (40 per cent) and opioids (12 per cent), according to  
the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

However, its carbon footprint, representing 6 per cent of  
global gas emissions, with 1 per cent due to healthcare,  
has led to a debate in medical circles as to if it should be  
replaced with other methods of pain relief.

Many obstetricians argue that effective pain relief in  
childbirth should be the priority, particularly given the  
low percentage of emissions.

But the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaes-  
thetists has advocated for a reduction in N2O use in a bid  
to improve environmental sustainability in anaesthesia.

However, in a recent newspaper article, principal mid-  
wifery officer at the Australian College of Midwives, Kel-  
lie Wilton, said mothers should not be made to feel guilty  
about their pain relief choices and suggested hospitals  
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