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Shire stands by heritage precinct lease decision Alliance says it will appeal to the minister

THE Denmark Shire Council has backed its decision to award the lease of the former Lions Club building to the Kwoorabup Nature School.

This means the Denmark Lions will no longer hold the lease of the former station master's house in the Railway Heritage Precinct, despite widespread community opposition.

At its meeting last night, the council resolved to ignore resolutions passed by an electors' meeting which had been attended by almost 450 people.

Electors had called on the council to rescind its decision to terminate the Denmark Lions Club lease in the Denmark Railway Heritage Precinct and hand it to KNS.

The recently-formed Historical Precinct Alliance sees the decision as evicting the Lions from their home and alienating railway heritage properties and assets from community use.

Alliance spokesperson Bev McGuinness labelled the council decision as 'beyond disappointing'.

"The hypocrisy was quite sickening," she said.

"To listen to councillors parrot their support for heritage and community consultation, then turn around and confirm their flawed and unpopular decision to allow a heritage precinct belonging to the whole community to be taken over by a private school."

"However, our fight will go on.

"We will now take our appeal to Planning Minister John Carey, asking him to listen to the people of Denmark, and return the heritage precinct to the people of Denmark."

The Lions have access to their clubrooms outside of school hours under the new lease agreement.

KNS's deadline for grant applications for new infrastructure has been extended pending confirmation of the council's support of the lease.

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More for roads, youth services

By PATRICIA GILL

THREE community priority areas were allocated extra cash when the Denmark Shire Council brought down the 2023-2024 budget on August 1.

The priorities were roads and storm water drainage, youth services and facilities and environmental conservation and protection, all of which had been highlighted in this year's Shire Strategic Community Plan Review.

Rates make up \$8.1 million in the budget with total income of \$18 million with expenditure earmarked at \$17.5 million and an expected net credit of \$343,104.

Shire president Ceinwen Gearon said community members could expect an allocation of resources according to those priority areas that the 2022-2023 review had prioritised.

Three out of the six community priorities outlined in the document. Our Future 2033, which were achievable for the Shire, had received additional budget sup-

An extra \$200,000 is set aside for the road maintenance program which will assist in the annual effort to maintain and upgrade the more than 600km road network in the shire.

Upgrades are also planned to roads from the east to the west boundaries.

They include Kernutts, with \$410,000 allocated.

er, \$323,000, Mt Shadforth, \$775,000, Mt Lindesay, \$257,000, Hazelvale, \$276,000, Conspicuous Beach \$219,000, and Bastiani, \$120,000, roads.

More funds have been earmarked for youth services and facilities with the design stage of the Berridge Park revitalisation project underway, in addition to funding to develop the Turner Road site, \$30,000 for bike trails, into a mountain bike hub.

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Bob Cybula started out in supermarkets at 22 sweeping the floor and pushing trolleys.

After 50 years Bob's jobs are done

Story and picture: **SERENA KIRBY**

BOB Cybula is finally hanging up his box cutter after 50 years in the supermarket industry. In recognition of his achievements and contribution to the independent retail grocery industry, Bob was inducted into IGA's national Hall Of Fame at a black-tie dinner on the Gold Coast last month.

Born in Poland, Bob moved to Australia with his parents in 1964. He began working in supermarkets when he was 22. "I started by sweeping floors and pushing shopping trolleys and worked my way up from there," Bob said.

"I've done every job there is in

a supermarket."

For many years Bob, his wife Karen and two children Matthew and Sarah moved around WA from store to store as Bob took on various management positions.

He finally settled in Denmark two decades ago where he built the Supa IGA store and purchased an existing store in Albany.

The family also bought a farm in Denmark thinking it would be a nice idea to grow grapes.

"That was a disaster and we ended up ripping out all the vines after a handful of years as it was during the time when there was a wine glut in the market," Bob said.

Over his 20-plus years of running Denmark's Supa IGA, Bob has been a significant employer in town and has provided a large number of teenagers with their first job.

Bob has also been a contributor to the local community having donated literally hundreds of thousands of dollars to various community groups and sporting clubs during his time in busi-

"I believe I've got to help the community because the community helps me," he said.

"We've supplied thousands of food items, as well as buns and sausages to the various sausage sizzle fundraisers out the front of the store.

"We also supply the food for the breakfast clubs at the primary school and high school." In reflecting on his Hall of

Fame induction, Bob said he was caught off guard by the announcement in front of a large audience at Star Casino.

"I had no idea it was going to happen and it's amazing that my wife and some of the staff were able to keep it a secret."

The annual Hall of Fame inductee is chosen from a group of finalists from each State and there is only one inductee each year. Bob has now sold his two supermarkets to a large company known as the Guru Brothers who own numerous businesses including cafes, restaurants and 38 IGA stores across Australia.

The final handover is scheduled for the end of this month after which Bob will officially retire to spend time fishing, working on his farm and travelling.



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Modest pay rise for councillors

ALTOGETHER \$211.729 has been set aside for elected members remuneration in the 2023-2024 Shire of Denmark budget.

This is up slightly from last year when the amount was \$199.438.

The shire president's allowance is set at \$33,644 with an overall sum of \$52,808.

This takes into account meeting attendance fees - \$14,901 for every councillor - information and technology expenses – \$3063, also the same for all councillors - plus travel and accommodation expenses of \$1200.

The deputy shire president receives an \$8414 allowance and only \$850 in travel and accommodation expenses which is the same for all councillors apart from the shire president.

In total the deputy shire president will receive \$27,225.

Last year's allowance for the deputy shire president was \$8050 while the shire president received \$32,199.

The other seven councillors will receive \$18,814 each this financial year.

Last year they received \$17,235.

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Upgrade for beach amenities

From page 1.

McLean House, formerly a youth centre, will return to a youth focus in 2023-24 in response to community feedback about the need for a dedicated youth support space.

Funding to draw up a Youth Strategy has also been given the go-ahead, so community development work can ramp up in the months ahead.

The Ocean Beach seawall will be upgraded with \$1.1 million for coastal adaptation works.

The Shire will work towards improved and increased public amenities and facilities in coastal

These will be at Peaceful Bay, \$25,000 for fish cleaning facilities and \$50,00 for upgraded toi-

Funds will be spent at Nornalup jetty and \$390,000 at Prawn Rock Channel.

More than \$30,000 was allocated for access and inclusion in the

shire with work soon to be underway on a review of the Shire Disability, Access and Inclusion Plan which was last reviewed in

The goal of the review is to draw up a strategy to ensure people who might not always be heard get the chance to have their say.

The Shire plans to offer a variety of ways to engage with the review, including face-to-face, telephone interviews, community forums and surveys.

The Shire already has accessibility projects for the financial

This is apart from the annual activities and programs at the Denmark Recreation Centre and the Denmark Public Library, including International Day of People with Disability events.

Electric sliding doors will be installed at the main entrance to the Denmark Recreation Centre.

This will ensure improved accessibility for people with lim-

ited mobility, wheelchair users families with prams and others.

Concept drawings have been completed for the all-abilities accessible jetty at Nornalup, which is expected to be ready for use by the end of the year.

The upgrades at Prawn Rock Channel are due to be finished, also at the end of the year

This will feature an accessible toilet block like the one installed at Lights Beach, better providing for all abilities at the popular recreational area.

Shire president Ceinwen Gearon said improving accessibility within the Denmark shire would be an ongoing effort.

"There's always more that can be done to ensure our public buildings and spaces are inclusive for everyone," she said.

When complete the new jetty at Nornalup with a better launching facility, would enable people to get out on the Frankland River among the karri trees.

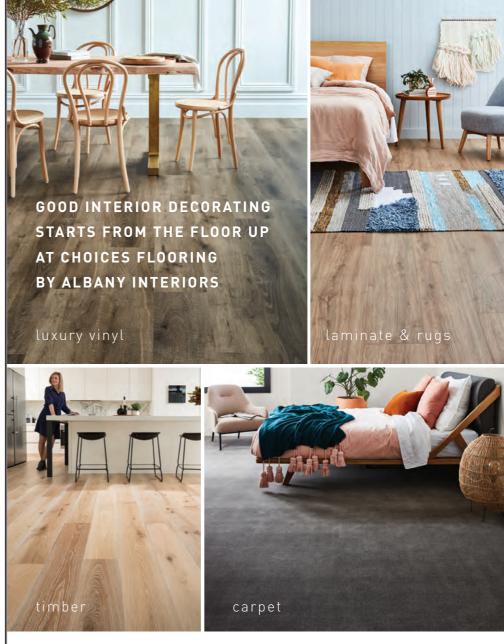
Rate revenue up 5.5 per cent

THE Shire of Denmark will 2023-2024 is \$1369, while the raise about 5.5 per cent more this financial year in overall rate revenue than last year.

The minimum rate for a nonrural improved property for same property but for holiday purposes is \$1643.

Vacant property is \$1340, rural \$1573, rural land for additional use, holiday purposes, \$2045 and rural additional use, commercial, \$2982.

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Open day draws crowd from far and wide WILL'S Handy Bins



Bree Skinner helps position a steer in the cattle crush at the recent WA College of Agriculture Denmark's annual open day which drew a crowd from all over the region. For the full story and more pictures by SERENA KIRBY please turn to page 12.

Govt blocks housing plan

By PATRICIA GILL

THE State Government has stymied local charity Denmark Futures' bid to buy 31 on the Terrace in rejecting an application for \$1.76 million funding.

Denmark Futures chair Trevor Hunt said the funding was vital for the \$2.3 million project which would have renovated the guest house, formerly Edinboro House, into 10 furnished micro apartments.

This would have given housing security to vulnerable people in Denmark.

Because the project involved a standing (heritage-listed) building it would be completed quicker,

possibly by mid next year, and would have accommodated up to 22 people.

Denmark Futures had responded to a call from Housing Minister John Carey's visit in April 2022 for innovative solutions, tackling the escalating local housing crisis. Mr Hunt said that the agreement with a community housing provider to manage the property under a long-term head lease had demonstrated the community's dedication to creating a sustainable and effective solution.

"Following significant effort, we have been advised of the government's decision not to proceed, with priority being given to 'simpler projects' in other locations," Mr Hunt said.

"It is concerning that we have been unable to obtain a collaborative approach to assisting the community, without which there is a real risk that small regional and rural communities such as ours will have disadvantage 'baked in'."

Mr Hunt said there was no question that the need for rental housing was critical and Denmark's homelessness rate was more than triple the State average.

Half of the people waiting on one-bedroom social housing were more than 65 years old.

Mr Hunt said that early feedback from the Department of Commu-

nities had been incorporated in the application before it was lodged earlier this year.

He was disappointed that despite the dedication of skilled volunteers and in-kind and financial contributions from more than 130 members of the community, the application was not even being considered.

Mr Hunt called on the Denmark community to implore Mr Carey and the Department of Communities to reconsider the decision and to engage in a constructive dialogue to find a way forward.

The Denmark Shire Council was due to consider a development application for the proposal soon.

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Community briefing to address housing crisis

A COMMUNITY briefing will be held on Friday, August 25 about the housing and rental problems in Denmark.

The briefing will continue talks from two community forums in 2021 about the affordable housing crisis in the town.

The Shire of Denmark, Denmark

CRC and local lobby group Bricks and Mortar Housing Association ran both forums which sparked wide community interest.

On August 25, local charity Denmark Futures will present facts and trends in relation to housing and provide an understanding of who needs help.

Information will also be provided on the various solutions that have been explored over the past 18 months.

Starting in 2021, Denmark Futures was established to support the local community to participate in solutions to local needs.

Volunteers give their time and ex-

pertise to the organisation to solve problems, particularly social issues and infrastructure gaps.

Mr Hunt hoped for a discussion at the meeting which brought forward ideas and allowed the community to be part of that solution. More information is available at www.denmarkfutures.org.au







Letters

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Ag college shines

WE, and no doubt many others, would like to congratulate the students and staff at the WA College of Agriculture – Denmark for their excellent achievement and their polite and engaging manner with the public, as seen at the recent college open day.

Such excellence can no doubt be also attributed to the efforts of previous staff and students, the latter of which was visible at the college and local history display prepared by the old collegians.

As first-time visitors to the Ag College, we were surprised to see such a sophisticated and advanced range of displays and activities at the school.

These included the sturdy and attractive farm gates made by the year 11 students, the guess the bull weight competition, an intriguing egg-sorting machine, reports of mathematical investigations into shed designs, a bus tour of the grounds and photos of cakes made by year 10 students where the cakes resembled an animal's digestive system.

One could inspect classroom displays, the plant and vegetable stall, healthy-looking animals, equestrian events, the dining room, boarding facilities as well as the abattoir, and a car enthusiast's dream automotive shed.

However, for us the students' attitude and behaviour were the most impressive aspects of the college's open day.

It was a pleasure to witness the great joy and enthusiasm shown by the students, as well as the diligence and dedication when they participated in their activities or explained their work.

At all times, the students and staff were friendly and polite and went out of their way to be helpful.

Well done to all the students and staff who worked to make the day enjoyable for all who attended the open day.

Joan Burfitt and Tim Bussemaker

Time right for school's reconciliation recognition

HOW wonderful to see the Kwoorabup Nature School as a finalist in reconciliation awards!

It seems a good time to do a shout out to all those people who started the school and all those who have worked behind the scenes, nurturing its ethos of connection with nature and indigenous community from the

Apologies if I've missed a key person, but the founders included Bruce Anthony, Linda Bradbury and Regi Peppin.

Regi went on to create incredible nature walkabout days, hosting indigenous elders, singing in Noongar and offering wonderful nature and community education to so many kids over so many years.

It's lovely to see that the school has been able to build so successfully on this visionary legacy.

Big thanks to all those from the past and also to the incredible staff, board and parents of the present. **Vivienne Robertson**

Toxic debate nothing new for Denmark

YOUR article on 'toxic school debate' highlights a disturbing trend in our community.

It is not the first time local issues have turned toxic. There is no excuse for toxic behaviour, so why do is-

sues become toxic?

We expect councillors to reflect community views, so even a perception of councillors entering the chamber with their minds already made up is alienating to inter-

Public question time and contrasting views have not been worth the time and effort.

Some councillors appear to have forgotten that they represent a range of community views.

Most decisions are not black and white but degrees of grey.

It is council's role to give everyone a fair hearing and find common ground.

Sadly, expedient, pre-agreed outcomes override open debate and community ideas.

Councillors need to demonstrate that they are listening, reflecting and representing the community, not their own preconceived views.

When they fail in this respect, some people take their frustration out by attacking individuals rather than the issue

Mike Travers

ested parties.



Const.
Steve
Smith,
Samara
Dunkerley,
Martin
Dunkerley,
Maya
Dunkerley
and Sgt
Matt
Hartfield.
Picture:
PATRICIA
GILL.





Dunkerleys recognised for life-saving dunking

MAYA and Samara Dunkerley thought nothing of joining their father, Martin, to rescue two elderly men from a capsized boat on Wilson Inlet on January 18, 2022.

A neighbour had spotted the stranded men about 700m off shore and had telephoned the Dunkerleys for help.

Maya, 14, and Samara, 12, had just returned from swimming lessons at Greens Pool so getting back into the water was no trouble.

As a result, the girls and their

father were a little bemused to be among the recipients for this year's Surf Life Saving WA Coastal Bravery Awards for their efforts in rescuing the men and their dog,

At a ceremony on July 31 at Denmark Police Station, former officer-in-charge, Sergeant Matt Hartfield, and First Class Constable Steve Smith were in attendance.

The two policemen also helped the two stranded men who, due to their age and one man having shoulder pain, were unable to get back into their boat.

Sgt Hartfield and Const. Smith arrived in an old timber craft found on the shore and eventually one man was hauled aboard to safety while Samara rafted the boats together for stability.

At Samara's suggestion a standup paddleboard was retrieved for the man unable to be hauled aboard.

At the ceremony, Mr Dunkerley was awarded the Silver Medallion

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for Bravery - Citizens Award, and Samara and Maya Dunkerley the Bronze Medallion for Courage -Youth Award, for their roles in the rescue.

Warren Blackwood MLA Jane Kelsbie presented the awards saying all their efforts had been truly courageous.

Sgt Hartfield and Const. Smith, who nominated the Dunkeleys for their award, had earlier received the Silver Medallion for Bravery – Emergency Services Award.



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Try a tree change: Ben's top career tip

Story and picture: SERENA KIRBY

ARBORIST Ben McGovern is keen to dispel misconceptions about his profession and wants more young people to take up arboriculture as a career.

Ben moved to Denmark with his family seven years ago and has been working with Ecologic Tree Service for the past four years.

"We are all about caring for, and managing, trees," Ben said.

"Our aim is to keep people and property safe while still caring for the trees."

There are many reasons why large trees needed to be cut down or pruned.

In the region there was an abundance of big trees and karri trees in particular were well known for shedding limbs.

"If a tree is affected by a disease or a branch has snapped in the wind but is still hanging from the tree, it's best to remove the branch properly with what's called a collar cut," Ben said.

This helped the tree to heal and with proper management and correct pruning techniques a sick or damaged tree could live many more years rather than be left to a slow decline.

"We absolutely don't want to see people doing this type of work themselves," Ben said.

"Branches often swing down or pop off at strange angles so people are putting themselves at risk of being injured or killed."



Ben McGovern cares for the long-term health of trees with an eye to to protecting people and properties.

The work of an arborist is not just done on residential properties as many of Ben's clients are government organisations such as Shires and national parks.

Removal of tree hazards over forest walk trails is an ongoing job and some trees can be as high as 50m.

Ben said the variety of challenges and the ability to work amongst nature is one of the best parts of an arborist's jobs.

He also wants people to understand that arboriculture is a genuine trade and requires a three-year apprenticeship.

With no shortage of regular work and with an increasing number of young people leaving town to secure jobs elsewhere, Ben is keen for more of them to take up arboriculture.

Albert Adams had worked hard to set up the arborist course at Albany TAFE and before it was established people had to do training in Perth.

Students learned the biology of trees and to identify different trees as well as

all the hands-on and safety aspects.

"Arborists are always highly sought and we desperately need more arborists in Denmark and Albany," Ben said.

Ben hopes to take over the Ecologic Tree Service business from long-standing owner Albert Adams in the coming weeks

He's keen to hear from anyone interested in working as an arborist and can be contacted on 0457 770 339.

Groups urged to apply for grants

APLICATIONS close on September 1 for a share in \$25,000 of the Shire of Denmark Community Grants.

Not-for-profit groups can apply for between \$201-\$10,000 to help them with projects which will benefit the community.

This round of grants continues a long tradition of Shire community funding support to a range of groups and activities. Grant recipients from last year included the Chamber of Blessings/Denmark Arts Inc, Denmark Community Rowing Association, Denmark FM/Denmark Community Resource Centre, Denmark Gymnastics, Denmark Machinery Restoration Group Inc, Denmark Mountain Bike Club Inc, Green Skills Inc, Nornalup Residents and Ratepayers Association and Riding for the Disabled Association Denmark Centre Inc.

Shire president Ceinwen Gearon said that with such a creative and energetic community she was confident that this year there would be many diverse and exciting projects in the applications.

Tips about applying are available online via the Shire website

Anyone who needs help with their applications can make an appointment with the Shire community development officer. Resources are available to help make sound applications.

Contact the community development officer for more information on 9848 0300 or enquiries@denmark.wa.gov.au. Applications close at 4pm Friday, September 1 and applicants will be notified of their success in October.

Fear bad for teeth

MUCH untreated tooth decay can be traced back to a fear of the dentist.

Up to 50 per cent of adult Australians fear the dentist – and going to the dentist is now the fifth most common anxiety among Australian adults.

Many people present to the dentist long after their dental health has become a problem, so dentists should take responsibility for changing that and make dentistry less intimidating.

Dentists need to consider the emotions and trauma their patients may have suffered and implement a more calm and pleasant ambience in their clinics.

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Denmark dam action saved rare eucalypt

By PATRICIA GILL

LOBBYING from the Denmark and wider community to block a dam project has ensured the survival of the rare and threatened *Eucalyptus virginea*.

Denmark Environment Centre spokesperson Basil Schur told the Mawkur/Makuru Six Seasons gathering last month at Mt Lindesay/Peepetup National Park that the park was home to more than 30 priority species of endangered plants.

Gazetting the 25,000ha area in 2004 had been an important addition to the conservation estate as had lobbying to prevent the Water Corporation building of dams within the park.

Professor Stephen Hopper and botantist Grant Wardell-Johnson had formally described the *Eucal-pyptus virginea*, similar to a wandoo (white gum), in 2004 from specimens collected in the Mt Lindesay area in 1993.

Growing taller than wandoos growing to 20m with white, pow-



Basil Schur among the rare and endangered Eucalpyptus virginea.

dery bark, Basil said he first saw the *Eucalyptus virginea* in the early 1990s while exploring the Mt Lindesay Gorge.

Once widespread, its 'affinities' (close relations) are two other 'relictuals' (remnants of a once wider population) now only found near Serpentine, *Euclyptus lane-pollei* and Busselton, *Eucalyptus relicta*.

Eucalyptus virginea could be found in the Lapko Road area.

Most of the population of *Eucalyptus virginea* would have been flooded if the Water Corporation had gone ahead with proposal to build a dam.

When the Mt Lindesay National Park was gazetted a section along the Denmark River was also gazetted for both national park and water resources.

Conservation groups and landholders who would have had some of their farmland flooded strongly resisted Water Corporation proposals which included dams on the Kent, Denmark rivers and their tributaries.

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Art club founder nominated

DENMARK Art Club founder Kendel Lynam has been nominated for the WA Awards Australia Local Legend Award for her work in setting up the club. The Denmark Historical Society has been nominated in another category for the WA Woolworths Community Group of the Year Award.

Kendel, who moved to Denmark nine years ago, noticed how through her work in local schools as an education assistant that sport dominated activities for children rather than creativity. She started an art club to give the non-sporty a place to belong.

Denmark Historical Society hosted the State Heritage Conference in September last year where people from all over WA attended.

With 150 representatives, Denmark Historical Society members serviced this event

In 40 years of operation, the society has collected about 400 oral histories, publishes a quarterly journal and has published about 20 books on local history on various subjects.

There is a collection of 3000 photos taken since the town then shire was established

Judging for the awards will take place next month with the winners announced on Friday, October 27 at the 2023 Community Achievement Awards Gala Presentation Dinner.



Bobbie Batten hands out fruit and veggie bags at Supa IGA.

Group's keep cups campaign puts Denmark on the cusp of history

PLASTIC REDUCTION

PLASTIC Reduction Denmark marked the worldwide action, Plastic Free July, handing out 100 up-cycled fruit and veggie bags and preloved keep cups to Supa IGA customers.

The PRD group has discovered that a town in Ireland has made history by

being the first to be rid of unnecessary throw-away cups.

And if 46 local businesses came together to make it happen, PRD believes Denmark could make history too.

Last week's Keep Australia Beautiful week was as good a time as any to begin. More information is available on Facebook.com/plasticfreedenmark

Letters

Tracing the art trail

IN the 1990s the Federal Government allocated \$90,000 to the regions for art/craft: \$30,000 to Broome, \$30,000 to Kalgoorlie and \$30,000 to Great Southern to be administered by Craftwest, Art on the Move and Fremantle Art Centre. They travelled the regions to find out how best to spend these monies. They approached me because of my credentials: past Viewpoint vice president, board member of Art on the Move and committee member of Denmark Tourist Bureau.

I had taken the first Viewpoint exhibition to Perth (Craftwest) and coordinated the only regional exhibition for the Ceramics Conference 1999.

In turn I approached Barbara Madden to coordinate a meeting of art representatives to brainstorm ideas. The meeting was held at Mt Barker.

Attendees included Linda Morrison, Bo Schmidt, Lorraine Harrison, Judy Lambert, Mary Wallace, Angus and Melanie Mackenzie from the Great Southern.

I asked Mary Wallace to put my idea forward to have an art trail annually covering the region, and I put forward the idea of having a website and arts register to promote artists

These ideas were carried forward and subsequently ArtsouthWa was formed with Angus Mackenzie chair, Annette Grant treasurer and Melanie Mackenzie secretary, plus a committee which included Helen Fitzhardinge.

Meetings were held at the Great Southern Development Commission with the generous support of

The GSDC also gave Artsouth grants later to support the ongoing trail.

Bruce Manning and Jay Cook.

John and Rosie Croston gave us the base idea of the pamphlets as we were looking around for an accurate map and layout to disseminate artists' information printed by Pre-Emptive Strike.

The art trail was to support art in all its forms regardless of expertise. This would be a tool to promote the arts but also an opportunity for artists to view each others work and hopefully lift the standard of display and art endeavour, thus leading the tourist to experience the creativity on offer in this region. At the 10-year landmark a selected exhibition was held at the Vancouver Art Gallery which included Robyn Lees, Mary Wallace, Barbara Madden, Annette Grant and Melanie Mackenzie, some of the founding members.

20 years forward, in my view this has been a great success with wineries, cafes, restaurants, galleries and art studios all embracing this enterprise with much enthusiasm.

Melanie Egerton-Warburton

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Support for health spa plan 'overwhelming'

A \$5 MILLION proposed luxury health spa at Raintree Farm on Wentworth Road has received 625 submissions in support of a tourism rezoning for the project.

The proposal includes medicinal cannabis treatments, a reception, a lodge, six two-bedroom chalets and six off-grid eco-huts on land owned by the Birkbeck family adjoining The Dam restaurant.

Raintree director Steve Birkbeck was overwhelmed by the support and says that to his knowledge the Shire of Denmark has never received such a groundswell of support for a private development.

That was in terms of the numbers and positive sentiment expressed

Also home to cannabidiol distilleries, carbon dioxide reducing hemp-fed marron, wagyu and soon to be Denmark's first whisky distillery, the property is renowned for sustainable production and regional innovation.

Mr Birkbeck said that if the rezoning were approved, the venture would put Denmark on the map as an eco-tourism project like nothing the town has seen before.

It would incorporate a paddock to plate, sustainable food ethos



STAR SUPPORT: Tina Arena. Picture: Facebook

and an insight into how produce is grown, cultivated and shared as a finished product, be it a CBD beverage or a once in a lifetime meal.

Raintree had conducted a multilayered community consultation with initial concept plans discussed at a community forum for the low cluster, ecotourism retreat and health spa.

Mr Birkbeck looked forward to working with local government, Tourism WA and the community to enhance walk trails, reduce traffic, increase discussion and action around decarb initiatives and to provide platforms for regional innovation, if the amendment were to succeed.

Altogether 625 submissions were in favour of the proposed rezoning while only one was against.

That one outlined concerns surrounding the construction of the dam and traffic on the horse trail.

"We welcome feedback, good and bad and from the start set out to work with our community every step of the way," Mr Birkbeck said.

"The more feedback we get, the more forward planning we can do with you our community to ensure this is a venture we can all be proud of and benefit from."

Letters of support for the rezoning and associated Raintree ventures at the property were compiled in a report submitted to Shire from the likes of the United Nations, Tina Arena, Albany MLA Rebecca Stephens, WA Premier Roger Cooke and more.



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The Dam's sous chef Noi Boonkerd and Top Chef Thailand winner Tam Chudaree Debhakam. **Picture: SERENA KIRBY.**

South Coast Waygu the way to go for international fine diners

PATRONS of Michelin Star Bangkok restaurant Baan Tepa will soon get a taste of high quality Great Southern Wagyu beef.

This follows the beginning of a trade relationship with an Albany farm near Two People's Bay producing Futari Wagyu. In June, a Great Southern

and South West Inbound
Media Mission brought
media representatives from
Thailand and Singapore
along with Top Chef
Thailand winner, Chef Tam

Chudaree Debhakam, to the region to explore premium food and wine.

Following the Baan Tepa at The Dam, Denmark event featuring Futari Wagyu prepared by Chef Tam herself, the trade relationship was established.

Locally produced premium food, produce and wine have recently enjoyed a boost in exports and international recognition, from tourism and trade initiatives led by the Great Southern Development Commission and major partners.

A total of five inbound and outbound tourism, trade and media missions for the promotion of products of Great Southern provenance have been held in the past 12 months.

Futari Wagyu managing director Peter Gilmour was amazed to see the connection with Chef Tam and quality food from this part of the world being recognised and even celebrated overseas.

Community Briefing

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Students Grace Lee, Lucas Manganaro and Xavier Mitchell



Students Cara Jones and Ayla McMaster with college

Skills on show at college's big day

Story and pictures: SERENA KIRBY

THE WA College of Agriculture Denmark's annual open day drew a big crowd of almost 1000 people with many families travelling hundreds of kilometres to attend.

The fine weather and good attendance gave the college an opportunity to showcase in full its facilities, livestock, courses and student work.

College principal Rebecca Kirkwood said the event was also a chance to celebrate agriculture as an industry along with the wide range of specialities it encompassed.

Ms Kirkwood said that as a secondary school, that's

also a registered training organisation, it was a privilege to be able to offer general and ATAR courses as well as vocational courses. Certificate courses in equine, engineering, automotive,

forestry, conservation and wool handling, and lots more were available.

The cattle parade and equestrian events were popular on

the day as were the shearing demonstrations. Student shearers also showed off one of the college's latest pieces of equipment.

The Draffen sheep handler mechanically picks up a sheep and flips it on its back for shearing.

It's designed to be quicker than normal sheep handling techniques and less stressful on both shearer and sheep. Ms Kirkwood said students looked forward to the open day as they could show and share what they had learnt with family, friends and the broader community.

"The grand finale definitely showcased the depth and range of the many skills our students possess," she said.



Community Information Session

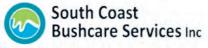
The current Shire of Denmark Weeds Strategy is due for review.

Get involved to have your say towards weed control management of our Shire bushland reserves.

Monday 28th August 2023 5 -7pm Shire of Denmark Reception Room

Registrations essential. Please RSVP to attend yvette.caruso@denmark.wa.gov.au 9848 0346









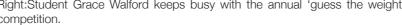
Science students Caris Gillespie and Ella Sinclair.

 More pictures in the Bulletin online. www.denmarkbulletin.com.au





Farm manager Troy Green interviews Ayla McMaster during the cattle parade. Left: Year 10 student Ben Stirling and teacher Marcus Hamilton show off some of the students' metalwork creations. Right:Student Grace Walford keeps busy with the annual 'guess the weight' competition.









The cattle parade is always a highlight on the open day.



It's soup season

By CATHERINE BURGES

THE Denmark CWA held its first Soup Day for the year on Friday, July 28.

Once again all the money raised will go to a worthwhile cause to help the people of Denmark.

In September the St John Ambulance Denmark sub centre will receive a cheque to help maintain the car that is used for community transport.

This vehicle is used to transport patients for health-related appointments without having to use a dedicated ambulance.

The Soup Day was a huge delicious success as usual.

Along with hearty soups there is always the table of sweets, making it hard to choose from the homemade selection.

The Lucky Chair prize is quite dangerous as chairs are flung willy-nilly upside down, though no soup was split.

Organisers knew which was the winning chair and had to persuade the winner, Barry Stewart, to stand up and turn his chair over.

Once again members thank their guests who were generous with raffles and donations.

The next Soup Day will be on August 25 from 11.30am-1pm at the CWA Hall, 9 Mitchell Street.

Bookings can be made by telephoning 0448 971 333.

Denmark walking group members Shirley Watkiss, Jean Payne, Lorraine Hickey, Helen Ocamato, Val Alexander and Pam Read enjoy Soup Day.



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Shire of Denmark
ROLL CLOSE: 5:00 PM Friday, 25 August 2023

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the local government elections on 21 October 2023 if you live in or are an owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Denmark.

Residents

You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State Electoral Roll as at 5:00 PM Friday, 25 August 2023. If you are not already on the State Electoral Roll and meet the eligibility criteria, or if you have changed address recently, you must complete an enrolment form.

Enrolment Forms

You can enrol or update your details online, or download an enrolment form, via the Western Australian Electoral Commission website (www.elections.wa.gov.au/enrol). Forms are also available from the Australian Electoral Commission (www.aec.gov.au). Enrolments and updates must be completed and received by 5:00 PM Friday, 25 August 2023.

Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers

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A body corporate that owns or occupies rateable property may nominate two people who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Enrolment Forms - Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers Only

Enrolment forms can be obtained from local governments and must be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by 5:00 PM Friday, 25 August 2023, Further information can be obtained from the Shire of Denmark.

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Darlington strings to present music of Czech composer Leos Janacek

THE Darlington String Quartet will return to perform the music of Czech composer Leos Janacek on Sunday, September 10 in the Uniting Church at 3pm.

Popular with Denmark audiences in recent years, the quartet comprises first violinist Semra Lee, second violinist Zak Rowntree, Sally Boud on viola and Jon Tooby cello.

Having played together for decades, the quartet formed the ensemble in 2016, uniting their passion for classical repertoire with friendship.

The quartet is well regarded among classical musicians in WA. Last year, the quartet was appointed quartet in residence at WAAPA and is joint head of the

Darlington Quartet - first violinist Semra Lee, second violinist Zak Rowntree, Sally Boud, viola, and Jon Tooby, cello. string department.

Leos Janacek, 1854–1928, was born and died in Czechia, in the Moravian-Silesian region of the Czech Republic where his family encouraged his early musical talents.

He left home at an early age to be educated at an Augustinian Monastery to develop his musical skills in composition, keyboard and choral works.

Known as a composer and music teacher, Janacek sought inspiration from Moravian, Slavic and Eastern European folk music for his contemporary works which explored tonality, modality and extended sounds.

Janacek wrote vocal and instrumental compositions covering operatic, choral church music, orchestral, piano and chamber works and two string quartets.

Much of his work was ahead of his

time and not understood - apart from Dvorak - by his contemporaries.

Acclamation was achieved in Janacek's later life and posthumously he was regarded as important as Dvorak and Smetana.

The quartet will play the String Quartet no. 2, Intimate Letter, as a centrepiece of the concert. This composition, written in 1928, expresses in music the love manifested in the 730 passionate letters which Janacek wrote to his young muse.

A workshop will be held before the concert preparing the quartet and Sarabande Early Music to perform the Moravian Baroque Suite by early Moravian, Czechia, composer Gottfried Finger, 1660-1730. This composition is a suite of dances from the baroque

period.

Finger - also from the modern Czech Republic though 200 years before Janacek - worked as a freelance composer writing operas, instrumental works and conducting, and for the court in England and Germany.

The concert will be held in the Uniting Church at 3pm on Sunday September 10. Tickets include tea/coffee and scones with jam and cream on arrival and throughout the concert and are available on



Leos Janacek.

Picture: GETTY IMAGES.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Shire of Denmark is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for event management of the 2024 Australia Day event.

The Shire is seeking a suitable community member or group to take on the role of Event Manager for the 2024 Australia Day event. The suitable applicant will plan, organise, and deliver a family-friendly, inclusive event that the whole community can enjoy.

The Event Manager will be responsible for the whole event this may include but is not limited to marketing and promotion, activities and entertainment, information distribution, trader stalls, food, and beverages etc.

Expressions of Interest should include:

- Relevant experience and qualifications
- Proposed event programme
- Proposed budget

The event scope of work is available on the Shire's website www.denmark.wa.gov.au/Aus-Day-EOI

Expressions of Interest must be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and emailed to enquiries@denmark.wa.gov.au by no later than **4pm Friday, 15 September 2023**.

For further information please contact enquiries@denmark.wa.gov.au or call 9848 0300.

High school performers put on another super show

Story and pictures: SERENA KIRBY

DENMARK Senior High School students wowed audiences with their performances in Man of Steel held at the Civic Centre recently.

The reimagined version of the Superman story was filled with all the elements needed for an outstanding musical production.

Drama, suspense, countless one-liner jokes, colourful costumes and strong acting performances kept audiences laughing and clapping throughout the show. Musical highlights included songs by Laluca Banister-Jones in her role as Man Of Steel's landlady and solo songs by year 12 student Riley Coote that included the Jackson Browne classic, Tender is the

As always there were villains aplenty with Archie Ryan, in a striking gold lame jumpsuit, playing the evil and hilarious Vlad who used 'craptonite' to capture the Man of Steel.

Year 10 student Ethan Hunt also showed his acting and singing prowess in his role as Bugsy who was the head of the 'baddies', the Blackhead Gang.

DSHS drama teacher and show director Deb Edmondson said that while this was her last large-scale production she would continue to create quality theatre but in a



different format.

for the encore.

"I'm not retiring, just stepping back from creating such big productions as they're an incredible amount of work for all concerned and I've been doing these shows for 15 years," Deb said.

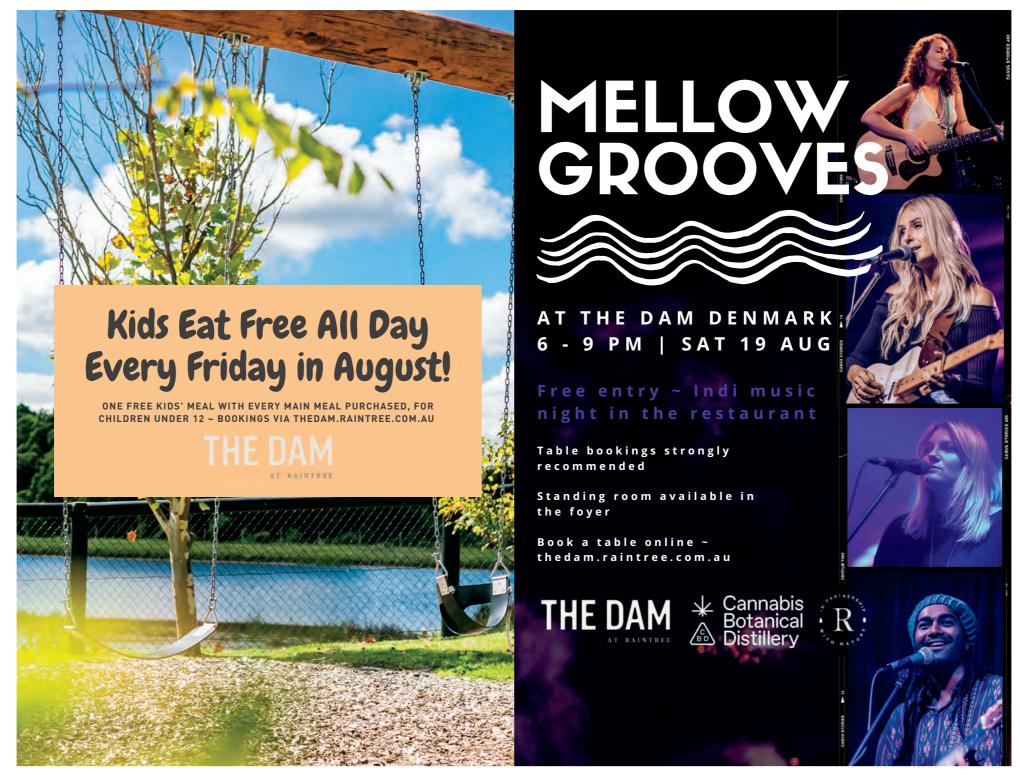
As a nod to the talent that Deb has fostered, the evening shows included a cameo appearance by Toni-Maree Rich-

ardson who sang Holding out for a Hero

"Toni-Maree opened the school's first ever musical production with this song when she was in year nine," Deb said. "It seemed fitting that she returned to mark the close of our last show."



A spectacular Archie Ryan (villain Vlad) and assistants Rahda Hamilton, Isobelle Spencer, Roy McEwan and Charlie Haymont. Left: Errol Edmondson. **More pictures in the Bulletin online.**



Pictures by SERENA KIRBY



Man of Steel, Reef White, and his love interest, Lois Street, (Phoebe Friar) lead the cast in taking a bow.





Reef White and Henry Edmondson discuss potential news headlines.

Blackhead Gang members Joseph Lamb, front, Oakley Donohoe and Gavin Davidson with Justin Otway, standing, Ethan Hunt, Errol Edmondson

Man of Steel



Riley Coote wins over the crowd with his humorous and heart-tugging song, I'm just a Loser.





Left: The cleaning ladies unite as they sing about their work.

The cast gives all for the final songs.



Bowls correspondent fondly remembered for his wit and wisdom

OBITUARY

Neville Richard Plowman June 3, 1928-July 27, 2023 By ASHLEY COOPER

DENMARK Riverside Club hosted the funeral of much-loved bowler Neville Plowman on August 4.

'Nifty Nev', as he was known, joined the club in 2007 as a mature-aged draft pick after retiring from the local tennis club where he had played for many years.

Nev quickly became a strong bowler who regularly challenged and beat the club's best. He won four club championships in the men's fours and went on to win the league men's fours competition in 2017.

Nev did this at the ripe young age of 90.

Nev was a stalwart of the Corporate Cup. He was regularly seen selling the chocolate wheel bats and accurately tossing the winning beer chips to seated guests.

He also composed the fortnightly bowling article in the *Denmark Bulletin*, incorporating his wit and sense of humour to update local readers.

This started out when he was in his eighties with hand-written notes and some years later he graduated to an iPad, initially with the help of one of his daughters.

The regular bowling column is now named Nev's Corner in his honour.

Nev formed many strong friendships in the club and will be dearly missed.

In his own words: 'This was the best club that I have been involved with and thanks everyone'.

Rest in peace Neville.

Lisa gives sunseekers a lesson in Pilbara Open

By MARION NELSON

LISA Morey put together a magnificent score of 160 to win the Ladies' Pilbara Open in Exmouth while joining all the sunseekers up north.

Lisa went particularly well in her second round of 76 strokes which was only a shot off the course record.

In the LGSWGA pennant competition played at Albany Golf Club on Tuesday, August 8, the inevitable contest between the Denmark Wrens and Fantails was held with the Wrens finishing on top 4-2.

Plantagenet beat Kojonup 4.5-1.5 and Albany had a home advantage victory against Riverview 5-1.

With two more matches to go,

the Wrens hold second place 1.5 points behind Plantagenet.

The Southern District Golf Association's Championship will be held in Denmark on September 8-10.

The Denmark Country Club looks forward to hosting the district's men golfers in Denmark.

Due to wetter conditions on some parts of the course, the club chose to conduct golf competitions on hole 10-18, also known as the Back 9.

Most were able to take advantage of playing the Back 9 twice and improve their scores the second time round.

In August, there is more incentive to play in the Thursday and Saturday competitions, as a complementary driving range token will be available to participants.

Club competition results:

Saturday, July 29 – stableford competition, club day, winner Josh Griffith 37 points, runner up Paul Harbron 35 points CB Kevin Ivanac.

Saturday, August 5 - stroke competition, monthly mug, winner Paul Harbron 71 nett, runner up John Reemeyer 73 nett.

Thursday, August 10 – par competition, 18-hole winner Annette Harbron -1, runner up Helen English -2, 9-hole winner Chris Randall -3, runner-up Bev Hughes -4 CB Dina Tabaset



Ladies 'Pilbara Open winner Lisa Morey and Peter Maier from Exmouth Golf Club.

What's on

Thursday, August 17

18-hole and 9-hole ladies' winter competitions, 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. Until Thursday November 2.

Friday, August 18

Twilight golf men's and ladies' - 18-hole competition, hit off after 11.30am, 9-hole competition hit off after 1.30pm.

Saturday, August 19

Men's and ladies' golf, 18-hole competition only, hit off from noon onwards.

Sunday, August 20

Mahayana Buddhist meditation group meeting, CRC Garden Room, 10am-noon, guided meditations followed by a cuppa and a chat. All welcome, donations cover hire of room.

Monday, August 21

Line dancing, 9.30-11.30am, Scout Hall, all welcome, cost \$5, contact Melanie 0407 420 365.

Tuesday, August 22

Scroungers' golf, men's and ladies' 18-hole competition, hit off after 11.30am, 9-hole competition hit off after 1.30pm

Seniors get together, activities organised by Clarence Estate, CRC Garden Room, 10am-2pm, lunch provided and pick-up available. Once a month a bus outing either shopping in Albany or visiting scenic places. Call Michelle 9841 5999.

Wednesday, August 23

Men's Darts, 7pm for 7.30pm, Denmark Country Club, new players welcome, March-September.

Wednesday, September 6

CWA general meeting, 10am, CWA Hall, Mitchell Street. (Craft meeting third Wednesday of month).

Wednesday, September 20

CWA general craft meeting 10.30am-2.30pm, bring your own lunch, CWA Hall, Mitchell Street. (general meeting third Wednesday of month).

Julie's Jewels get the jump on Amigos

NEV'S CORNER By DENNIS MARSHALL

SEAN Brown and Allan Johns were in the winning circle of the Pairs Competition Social Bowls winners on July 29.

On August 1 Peter Marriot and Dennis Marshall were too good for the field.

Marilyn Johns and visitor Dianne Northcott showed how it's done on Saturday August 5 with the ladies winning the day and the pairs' winners on August 8 were Stuart Hoskin and Dennis Marshall.

The TTT competition has started again with a four week round of games.

Starters in this set are Three Amigos, Julie's Jewells, IAD, Misfits, Fill Ins and Cool Cats. If the bowling is as fancy as the names of the teams we should see some top-level bowling. In week one Julies Jewels, Cool Cats and IAD were the winners with favourites Three Amigos well stitched up by Julie's Jewells.

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Bereavement Thank You

My sincere **thanks** for the wonderful care and support given to my husband, Neville, at Denmark Health 'Service' and Blue Wren Lodge during his recent illness.

So appreciative of the many friends and family, some coming long distances, to farewell his passing.

Sincere regards S. Plowman and family. Forever in our hearts.

Church Notices

ANGLICAN CHURCH: St Leonard's cnr Mitchell and Strickland, Sunday 9.30am, other and services: www.denmarkanglican. org.au Tel: 0400 101 166, email: denmarkanglican@gmail.com

UNITING CHURCH Service times: 2nd Sunday 9am includes Communion; all other Sundays 9.30am. Enquiries: Michael 0417 000 684

DENMARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Church Services are held every Sunday @10am in the RSI Hall 56 Strickland St.

Children are most welcome to join in the Kid's Corner

For Pastoral care and advice, please contact **Pastor Tom Kooy** 0418 887 167.

For other updates please take a look at the Denmark Baptist Church Facebook Page.

St Mary's **Catholic Church**

Mass Times: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8am Contact Barb: 0417 179 660 Fr Joeffrey Arceta: OSJ phone 9848 1272

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Notices



Denmark Environment DEC AGM Wed 6th Sep • 4.30pm

With a talk by Dr Dave Edmonds about citizen science and capturing biodiversity through bioblitzes. Dave is a Conservation Veterinarian and volunteer with the Walpole Nornalup National Parks Association.

We look forward to seeing you! All Welcome.

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Action saved rare species

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The then Warren Blackwood MLA Terry Redman, who was also Regional Development Minister about 10 years ago, responded by having the plan cancelled.

Basil said it was due to a concerted effort from Denmark Environment Centre, other environment groups and the community that this had been achieved.

The Denmark catchment had been a focus for rehabilitation for the past 30 years, starting in the 1980s with a ban on further clearing of native forests.

The planting of blue gum plantations in the 1990s had followed.

"Denmark River is one of the success stories of reducing salinisation and bringing it back to potable water." Basil said.

The Denmark Dam, Quickup Dam and new pipeline from Albany is now used for a combined water sup-

The Denmark Environment Centre had provided a focus for planning the future of the region's water supply which had involved careful tapping into underground systems and in the future likely to involve desalinisation plants.

DEC long been interested in documenting the flora of the shire and the late Brenda Hammersley, 1929-2004, a retired pediatrician and botanical collector, had set up a herbarium at the centre.

"We owe it to people like Brenda for documenting the botany of the region that we were able to come up with strong evidence that the dam would have been environmentally very damaging," Basil said.

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David King Chief Executive Officer

College open day



Year 11 student Tilly Price looks at home in the college's shearing shed More pictures in the Bulletin online.

Situation Vacant

POSITION VACANT:

Retail Sales Assistant

HARDWARE & BUILDING SUPPLIES - (FULL TIME)

As a **Mitre 10 Sales Assistant** you will work within a locally owned and operated team who are members of a large trusted national hardware group. Thornton's Mitre 10 is Denmark's primary supplier of hardware, building and renovating materials and home maintenance products.

Our team is passionate, energetic and excited about providing exceptional customer service to all of our customers as well as supporting our local building community and the continued growth of our wonderful town.

We provide a stable, happy and nurturing environment in which to learn, grow and excel.

To get the most out of this role, you will have:

- Customer Service or Retail Experience highly desirable
- A strong work ethic and organisational skills
- A willingness to develop in the role
- Competent computer skills
- A positive and enthusiastic attitude and a willingness to take ownership
- · A genuine care for your safety and that of your teammates
- Availability to work a weekend shift on a rostered basis
- An enthusiasm to provide assistance and be Mighty Helpful

This is a full time position.

If customer service is your passion, we'd love to hear from you. Please forward a CV with a brief cover letter outlining how you can add value to our organisation to thornhw@denmarkwa.net.au

Please note that only short-listed applicants will be contacted for an interview.

Applications to be received by Friday 25th August 2023.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES – PAXILLUS WAY AND MACARTNEY END AND AMALGAMATION WITH RESERVE 41390 (DENMARK AIRFIELD)

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Denmark proposes to close Paxillus Way and Macartney End and amalgamate these roads with Reserve 41390 (Denmark Airfield). Importantly, the proposal does not affect the current functioning of the Airfield, it is intended to formalise these roads as suitable for joint use by aircraft and vehicles.



Submissions on the proposed road closure may be made in writing and sent to Shire of Denmark, PO Box 183, Denmark, WA, 6333. Submissions should be lodged on or before **22 September 2023.**

Council has resolved to advertise the proposed closure for public comment for a minimum of 35 days in accordance with Section 58 (3) of the Land Administration Act 1997. This proposed road closure is available for inspection in order to provide an opportunity for public comment and it should not be construed that final approval will be granted.

 $For further information please contact Shire of Denmark Development Services Team on (08) 9848 \ 0300.$

David King Chief Executive Officer



