



BT TIMES

Shire of Broomehill-
Tambellup

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Your local newsletter covering the Broomehill and Tambellup communities.



Australia Day

In Broomehill 60 people attended the breakfast and also participated in cricket and thong throwing. Congratulations to Yai Heron who celebrated her first Australia Day as an Australian Citizen.

While in Tambellup 80 people enjoyed a cooked breakfast and catch up with friends.





Welcome ★
 Peter and Janene would like
 to introduce Xavier.
 His big brother Rhys will be
 joining us soon. ★

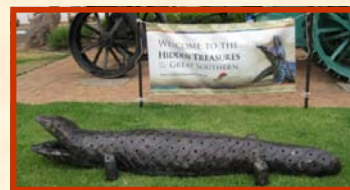


Right—
Launch attendees

Below—L-R
 Bruce Manning
 (GSDC), Di Holly
 (HT Chairperson),
 Hon Gary Grey,
 Senator Judith
 Adams, Hon Terry
 Waldron MLA



Above— Back L-R Sam Davis—Gnowangerup, John
 Benn—Kojonup, Hon Terry Waldron MLA, Annabel
 Paulley—Woodanilling, Sue Lance—Gnowangerup, Graham
 Moss—CEO Tourism Council of WA, Kristy Boyle—
 Tambellup, Jan Pope—Cranbrook, Tracey King—
 Tambellup, Simon Lyas—Regional Development Australia,
 Ian Bishop—Labour Party candidate for O'Conner.
 Front L-R Cathy Crosby—Nyabing, Senator Judith Adams,
 Hon Gary Grey, Di Holly—Broomehill, Yvonne
 Featherstone—Pingrup, Hugh Paulley—Woodanilling, Abby
 Boyle—Tambellup



Below—Shire Representatives within the
Hidden Treasures region.

HIDDEN TREASURES

OF THE GREAT SOUTHERN

Toolkit Launch on Wednesday 20
 January 2010 at the Shire of
 Gnowangerup



Congratulations

40th
 Wedding Anniversary

Don and Janine Boyle

Celebrated their 40th Wedding
 Anniversary by renewing their vows on Sunday 17
 January at Broomehill Catholic Church with close
 friends and family.

SHIRE OF BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 18th February 2010 commencing at 4.00pm in the Tambellup Council Chambers. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Council meetings.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM UPDATE

The Minister for Local Government, the Hon John Castrilli, advised local governments in early December that he had considered all the submissions from Local Government and determined that Councils would be categorised into one of three groups.

- Those Councils that had agreed to amalgamate (nine only)
- Regional Transition Groups – these groups will work together under a formal no-opt out agreement, with a view to forming a single new entity by 2013
- Regional Collaborative Groups – there are a small number of local governments in regional areas, which due to their remoteness and size, mean that amalgamations are not a priority. These Councils are to work collaboratively on a regional basis. These groups will still be bound by a formal agreement.

Broomehill-Tambellup has been classified in the Regional Transition Group. Initially Broomehill-Tambellup has been grouped with Cranbrook, Kojonup and Plantagenet Shires.

Department of Local Government representatives will be meeting with members of the four Councils on 19 February 2010 to provide further information on what is proposed by the Minister and the State Government.

Further information will be provided as it comes to hand.

FROM THE DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

- A request from the Tambellup Family Playgroup for Councils support in their application to Lotterywest for funding to purchase outdoor play equipment was approved.
- The Standard Operating Procedures for Bushfire Brigades was reviewed. People receiving SMS alerts of harvest bans will now receive a message advising when the ban has been lifted.
- Council agreed to utilise \$30,000 funding received from the Federal Government RLCIP Program toward fencing of the Broomehill Landfill site, and will investigate manning of the Landfill site as part of the 2010/11 Budget process.

ROADWORKS – BROOMEHILL-KOJONUP ROAD & TAMBELLUP WEST ROAD

The construction crew has works in progress on both the Broomehill-Kojonup and Tambellup West Roads widening sections of the roads in readiness for sealing. It is not anticipated that these sections will be sealed until mid March. **Council urges all road users to be mindful of these works and courteous to other drivers when travelling, slow down and drive to the conditions of the road.**

WORKS

- The construction crew are continuing the works to widen the section of the Tambellup West Road starting at the Gordon River bridge.
- Work is also continuing on the upgrade of Diprose Park. It is anticipated at this stage that it should be completed by the end of March.
- Countryside Homes have commenced building a new staff home on Henry Street Tambellup. This project has been possible with the assistance of Royalties for Regions funds.

HARVEST AND VEHICLE MOVEMENT BANS

If you would like to receive notification of harvest and vehicle movement bans by SMS, please contact Pam at the Shire on 9825 3555 to register your mobile number.

A reminder that the Harvest Ban Hotline is **9825 1042**, and provides up-to-date information seven days a week.

RESTRICTED AND PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

All residents are reminded that the **PROHIBITED** burning period commenced on **1 NOVEMBER 2009** and continues through until the **14 FEBRUARY 2010** inclusive. The lighting of fires during this period is prohibited. All residents are asked to take every precaution in this regard. For further information, contact the Shire Offices or your nearest Fire Control Officer.

THUMBS DOWN

To those persons who broke all the windows at the Youth Centre at the Tambellup Sports Ground.

COUNCIL AGENDAS AND MINUTES

Agendas and Minutes from every Council and Council Committee meeting are available at the Shire Administration Offices and Tambellup Telecentre for perusal. These documents are available in alternative formats on request for people with a disability.

Agendas and Minutes can be accessed online by browsing to www.shirebt.wa.gov.au and clicking on the "Our Shire" tab.

Joanne Trezona
Chief Executive Officer

Broomehill CWA

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 25th February at 9:30am** for morning tea. Roll Call and Competition – Something about the country of study Poland. Everyone welcome

Coming to a Woolworths nearing you. **The National Drought Appeal Day**

will be held in February. Broomehill CWA will have a stall in front of Woolworths Katanning and we will be selling sausage sizzles, plants, cakes, CWA cookbooks and tea towels, from 10am. Any donations of goods would be much appreciated. Please support our stall to help drought affected families in Western Australia.

Inquiries contact Carole 98241354, 0488944416 or Edna 98241208



Project Officer Gillamii Centre Cranbrook WA

The Gillamii Centre is seeking the services of an enthusiastic person to take up the challenging and rewarding position of Project Officer.

The successful applicant must have sufficient skills to manage projects, motivate landholders and groups to participate in and support the implementation of projects, work with dedicated landholders to strengthen their capacity for engagement in NRM planning and on ground activities and be able to work unsupervised to achieve reportable targets to complete a NRM project.

Tenure: Full time contract for a period of two (2) years to end June 2012 Extension possible subject to funding

Salary: \$42, 278.00 (1.6) – \$57, 860.00 (3.4). Salary is equivalent to Public Service General Agreement (General Division Salaries).

Location: Cranbrook, Western Australia.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the job description and selection criteria by contacting Jenny Adams on (08) 9826 1234 or emailing jadams@agric.wa.gov.au

Written applications to address the knowledge and skills, and include details of qualifications, experience and contact details of three referees must be submitted to:

The Chairman
PO Box 9
Cranbrook WA 6321
by 5:00pm on 12th February, 2010

Broomehill Recreational Complex Invites you to our annual **Ross Thompson Sports Person Award Night**

Come along and enjoy a night of Fine Wine, Fine Food and Great Company. It will be a Semi Formal Event & include a Guest Speaker

*To be held at the Broomehill Recreational Complex.
On Friday 23rd April 2010*

*Limited tickets are available and can be purchased from
Mellissa Haynes or from the Broomehill Post Office for \$50pp.*

*Nominations close April 1, 2010 for achievements between
October 30, 2008 and April 1, 2010*

*For a Nomination form contact Mellissa Haynes on 9824 1626 or
nmhaynes@hotmail.com. These can also be collected from the Broomehill Post Office*

Tambellup Family Playgroup 2010

Playgroup is on again in Tambellup in 2010. We meet each Tuesday at the Playgroup Building on Crowden Street (next to Deli) from 9.30am – 11.30am. New members are very welcome to come along at any time throughout the year. Playgroup runs in line with the school year, breaking for the school holidays.

Tambellup Family Playgroup AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Tambellup Family Playgroup will be held on Wednesday 24 February 2010 at 7.00pm at the Playgroup Building, Crowden Street, Tambellup.



For more information on Playgroup please call Rebecca Webster on 9825 1372.



Tambellup St John Ambulance

Anyone interested in doing a Senior First Aid Course, 1 Day format (with pre course theory done from a CD Rom) could you please contact Trevor on 9825 1182.

The practical would be held on one day, possibly Tuesday 2 March 2010.

Cost \$90.00

Broomehill Telephone Directory

Please amend;

Broomehill Anglican Church, Rev Atilla
9831 0528

Broomehill Catholic Church
9821 4675



Katanning & Districts GARDEN CLUB



The club's first meeting for 2010 will be on February 9 at Julie Taylors home, 7 Lavarock St Broomehill.

Anyone wishing to travel in convoy or car pool please be at the Katanning Shire car park at 12.45.

Members and guests welcome.

For any further information contact Gerry 9821 1648 or Alisa 9821 1828.



RED CROSS EMERGENCY SERVICES

A meeting will be held on Thursday, 11th February, commencing at 10a.m.

for team members and any other interested persons.

The venue is the Community Room at the Katanning Library and Art Gallery.

A Department of Child Protection representative will be in attendance. General information will be given regarding a recent activation in Toodyay and a DVD will be shown on a "mock" activation at the Perth Airport.

If you are interested in attending these important meetings please reply to

Helen Bignell, 98 241 270.



HIDDEN TREASURES of the Great Southern

December 2009 News Letter

Merry Xmas & Happy New Year to all

Hi Everyone

It's been a long time since the last Hidden Treasures News (*admin hiccups sorry*), but the group over the past 12 months has been actively promoting and busy developing initiatives that hopefully are/will have positive outcomes for all Hidden Treasures Shire partners and their communities.

The list of activities is pretty extensive so I've tried to keep them brief by putting them into sections and dot points to hopefully make it a little easier. If there is anything you would like more information about or an activity you might like to be involved in please don't be shy drop us an e-mail any time

hiddentreasures@westnet.com.au

Promotional Activities

Events and Shows

- A Albany Show 2 Days (*to promote and encourage regional travel*)
- B Katanning Show (*to promote local awareness*)
- C WA Caravan & Camping (*exposure to 40,000 potential travelers*)
- D Perth Wildflower Show at Kings Park
- E Great Southern Wine Show in Perth
- F Hidden Treasures Booklet distribution (*approx 15,000 booklets*)
- G ASW 3-4 day HT Famil with 10-15 media and trade who will visit Late April – early May 09 (*part of our ASW Silver Membership*) **consisted of reps from Tourism WA, RAC tour dept, Thrifty tour dept, Fremantle, Swan Valley & Mt Barker Visitor Centers. Our overall review score for the famil from participants was a 9's & 10's**
Congratulations to all our Hidden Treasures communities!!
- H Local Government Convention to promote the Rural Group Tours Tool Kit.

Advertising and Promotion

- A Caravan & Camping Western Australian Lift Out (*300,000 distribution*)
- B Australia's South West Holiday Planner (*350,000 distribution*)
- C Golden Out Back Holiday Planner (*300,000 distribution*)
- D Community News (*600,000 distribution*)
- E Amazing Albany Travel Magazine (*350,000 distribution*)
- F Cooks Tours (*55,000 distribution*)
- G Great Southern Food and Wine Booklet (*20,000 distribution*)
- H Tourism WA website
- I Albany Gateway
- J Have-A-Go advertising (*69,000 distribution*)
- K Kojonup Information Bay advertisement and Brochure
- L Web-site www.hiddentreasures.com.au

Memberships

- A Australia's South West (*silver members*)
- B Great Southern Regional Marketing ASS.
- C Golden Out Back (*Gold members*)

SITUATION VACANT

Part– time admin person preferably who is interested in tourism but not essential to do up HT meeting agendas, take minutes and distribute, put together a Bi-monthly newsletter, website and other general admin activities that maybe required.

Send your details to hiddentreasures@westnet.com.au
Or contact Di on 9821 0068 for more information.

Developments and Projects been implemented or planned

- a. We welcomed the Shire of Kojonup to the Hidden Treasures Partnership in August.
- b. Rural Group Tours Development Project *This has been an ongoing 2 year project funding \$100,000 AusIndustries, \$15,000 Great Southern Development Commission, \$7,000 from Shires and over \$100,000 in-kind from HT working Group, Shires and communities.* We are getting closer to reaching the outcomes of this project, now due to be completed in May 2010
- c. The Rural Group Tours Tool Kit is now printed and work has started on the support DVD. The Rural group Tours Web-site is nearing completion www.tourismtoolkits.com.au this site will be developed in stages, firstly it will mainly be a promotional and purchasing site for the Rural Group Tours Tool Kit. Thanks to our Hidden Treasures communities we now have 5 group tours ranging in length from 1 day to 10 days, "Best of the Hidden Treasures", "Hidden Treasures Golf Tour", "Woodanilling Archery Tour", "Cracker's Jack Bowls Tour" and "Bush Poets & Wildflower Tour". Everyone involved is to be commended for taking the group tours concept on board and actively participating in the development of these 5 tours. A brochure outlining all the tours is currently been printed and these will be distributed to key potential markets. All the above will be launched on the 20th January in Gnowangerup. Cranbrook ran a successful pilot Hidden Treasures Golf Tour in October everyone involved is to be congratulated on a great effort and we look forward to next year's tour. *If you have an idea for a group tour and want to have a go at putting it together please contact us hiddentreasures@westnet.com.au*

- D This coming year the group will be reviewing the existing HT Destination Marketing Plan, which is now 5 years old, most of the recommendations have been implemented or in their final stages so it's time for an up-grade. A new 2015 Hidden Treasures Destination Development and Marketing Plan will be developed. It will hopefully become a tool not only to assist the HT working group to continue to develop and market successfully into the future, but an aid that Shires, community groups and individuals will be able to utilize it in their individual endeavours of planning and developing their local tourism assets.
- E Design and production of promotional items, vests, caps etc (*the HT Bob Tail logo is proving to be very popular and we hope to capitalize on this*)
- F Up-grade of web-site so it is more interactive and also incorporates our new Hidden Treasures partners Cranbrook & Kojonup.
- G Re-aliasing the HT Drive Trail and extend trail signage to incorporate our new partner the Shires and their associated communities
- H Re-Design and Printing of detailed HT Drive Trail Map Booklet. (*If you have a service or tourism related business you would like listed or that may not exist anymore please let us know ASAP so additions or changes can be made*)
- I Group has been planning promotional activities in preparation the Ulysses AGM to be held in Albany in March 2010. *Expected number of visitors to the GS Region 4-5,000 from one to 4 weeks. HT was promoted at this year's AGM in Penrith Qld and the organizers have expressed many riders will be looking to travel, Tour and participate in organized day Rallies throughout the Great Southern including the HT area, so great opportunity for all our communities.*
- J We will be attending the WA Caravan & Camping Show again in March 2010 (*If you would like your community or business promoted please make sure you get your brochures or information to us or your Shire by the end of February*)



GREAT SOUTHERN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MEDIA RELEASE

Our Ref: T15:0032

20 January 2010

Attention: News Editor

TOOLS FOR TOURISM TREASURE

A new Hidden Treasures tool kit is set to encourage small communities in the Great Southern to develop their tourism assets by promoting group tours.

Brand MHR Gary Gray launched the Hidden Treasures Rural Group Tours Toolkit in Gnowangerup on Wednesday January 20.

Development of the Hidden Treasures tool kit was funded by the Federal Government's Australian Tourism Development Program, along with contributions from local governments and funds from the State Government's Regional Development Scheme through the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC).

GSDC Chief Executive Officer Bruce Manning said the tool kit would help smaller communities in the region to identify and promote their lesser known tourism attractions

"Many hidden gems are out there in rural areas," Mr Manning said.

"The tool kit will encourage local communities to develop group tours without necessarily having in place the usual infrastructure and personnel associated with higher profile tourist attractions.

"Our small rural communities are rightly proud of all they have to offer, and are warm and hospitable to visitors.

"Bringing group tours to smaller communities will add a new dimension to the Great Southern's tourism product and bring economic gains for rural areas," Mr Manning said.

Media contact: Bruce Manning, Ph: 9842 4888



Building partnerships for regional prosperity

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Hidden Treasures of the Great Southern

NEXT MEETING:
1 FEBRUARY 2010
WOODANILLING
10AM
DI-9821 0068



Hidden Treasures Of the Great Southern

TOOLKIT LAUNCH

In 2007 the Hidden Treasures group were successful in a Commonwealth Australian Tourism Development (ATDP) grant, Great Southern Development Commission grant and local Government funding to produce and market a Rural Group Tours Toolkit. The toolkit was launched on Wednesday 20 January at the Shire of Gnowangerup.

This fun and interactive toolkit will instruct regional communities on how to create rural group tours in their own communities and how to benefit from local tourism. It will enable the user to identify their tourism assets and potentially, encourage communities and individuals to work in partnership with others, providing basic tools for them to develop a group tour without the need for iconic tourism attractions, 5 star accommodation or a full on tourism plan. The toolkit is designed to give the users the opportunity to Dip-Their-Toes into and explore the potential tourism many have as an industry that could value add to their traditional rural activities.

CONGRATULATIONS!

See launch photos on page 2.

Broomehill Red Cross

Red Cross Wills Day will be held in February at Merriwa on 1st, Perth on 2nd, Mandurah on 3rd, Bunbury on 4th and Busselton on 5th. A great opportunity to make a new will or update your existing will for \$55. Generously supported by local solicitors who donate their time to prepare a simple will for clients. Phone 92251982 to book your appointment.

Most people buy a new mobile phone around every 2 years. 52% keep their old phones, resulting in 16 million used mobiles being stashed away at home or work. In 2008/09 MobileMuster collected 122 tonnes of mobile phone components including 806,000 handsets and batteries, 26% more than in 2007/08. One tonne of mobile phone circuits can yield the same amount of precious metals as 110 tonnes of gold ore, 123 tonnes of silver bearing ore and 11 tonnes of copper sulphide ore. Red Cross HQ East Perth has a recycling box located at the reception for your unwanted, old, mobiles, batteries and charges or leave them at the Petticoat Op-shop and Carole will send them on.

Tambellup Family Playgroup Fundraiser

Premium Quality Bulbs from Tulips With A Difference delivered to you by May in time for spring planting.



Lots of bulbs to choose from - Tulips, Freesias, Daffodils, Anemones, Ranunculi, Dutch Iris, even gifts including soaps & embroidered hand towels.

To view a catalogue or to place a order please contact any playgroup member or call into playgroup on Tuesday Mornings 9.30am to 11.30am or you can contact Fiona Thorn on 9825 3018.

There will also be a catalogue to view & order forms available from the Tambellup Telecentre.

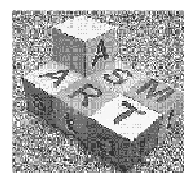
Bulb Orders & money due in by Tuesday 30th March 2010.

Thank you for supporting Tambellup Family Playgroup.

DID YOU KNOW...

All kids need a little help,
a little hope and someone who believes in them.

Magic Johnston



'A Smart Start – Tambellup (Inc)' would like to welcome all the new children and parents who become part of 'A Smart Start' last year.

'A Smart Start' is supported by the Broomehill-Tambellup Shire and the Tambellup- Cranbrook Bendigo Bank as well as local service organizations. It is a community driven initiative which aims to provide parents with information and advice and children (0-4 years) with positive learning experiences. Research indicates that the optimum learning window for language development, social skill development and physical development is between birth and 4 years of age. Parent information sessions are held at least once a term and everyone is welcome to attend. If you have a topic you would like covered or any questions please don't hesitate to ask one of the local 'A Smart Start' working party members: Sheree Beaton, Bronny Bradshaw, Deb Cristinelli, Jane Cunningham, Carolyn Cunningham, Fiona Herbert, Fiona Thorn, Chris Mathews or Sue Sheridan.

PASTA NECKLACES –

macaroni or pasta tubes, assorted food colouring, water. wool

1. Colour the pasta by quickly dipping it into a bowl of coloured water.
(Do not leave in the water for too long)
2. Spread out on a tray and allow to dry.
3. Cut a length of wool and tie one piece of pasta onto the end
(this stops the pasta tubes from falling off while your little one is threading them)
4. When completed tie the ends of the wool together.
5. You can also thread foam shapes, patty pans, paper scraps etc.

RFCS WA

Rural Financial Counselling Service WA

FREE ASSISTANCE TO RURAL BUSINESSES IN
SHIRE OF BROOMEHILL—TAMBELLUP

RFCS WA is funded by the State and Federal Governments and is providing free business financial services that can help put you on a more sustainable financial footing.

To qualify you need to be either a primary producer, fisher or small rural business that supports those industries.

RFCS WA can help by identifying financial and business options, negotiate with banks, analyse a clients financial model and suggest ways to strengthen it, seek out government assistance and work with the client to develop a practical business plan.

To find out more visit www.rfcswa.com.au

Remembering a man of great compassion

The West Australian

26 December 2009

As per the recent article we remember a local Broomehill boy Len Hayward and his extraordinary life. Len passed away on Christmas day in 1981 at 52 but in those short years his sporting achievements included playing league football for South Fremantle, but it was his role as the Wiluna School Principal that showed how a single individual can change lives.

Len and his wife Grace Joy went to teachers college at Claremont in 1950 & 51, and in 1979 he moved to Wiluna where he set about turning the local school into the centre pride of the town. With his undying devotion, energy and resourcefulness it was an early turnaround and by 1980 the school was thriving.

Len was inducted into the Aboriginal Education Hall of Fame in 2002.



Broomehill Historical Notes

Quite a few years ago Shirley MacDonald began to work through the diaries of her Grandfather, Thomas Norrish (TN) which he wrote when he first came to Etipup to take up farming and the diaries of William Henry Graham (WHG) who was also one of the first pioneers of the Etipup district. Shirley collated all the information both in alphabetical and chronological order. There are many wonderful pieces of information and anecdotes in these diaries and we are proud to share them with the community each month.

Manson, Rev – Anglican Minister, conducted a service at Gobrup on 7th February 1895.

Manubert, George - On 18th January 1895, TN got things in Broome Hill for Aborigine George Manubert who was taking a flock of sheep and on 21st started for Slab Hut (near Tunney's) with the flock staying overnight the first night at Oak Farm and the second at Donaldson's. He arrived at the Sheep Wash at Slab Hut on 23rd and made a brake for the flock. He wrote "splendid feed and water". On 14th February TN started again for Slab Hut with rations for the native.

Marshall, J – Hired by TN on 9th March 1886 to take over O'Brien's flock at Pootenup. Two days later he said his name was Herskewe. On 13th TN counted 758 sheep to him. When TN returned to Pootenup on 11th April he learned Marshall had lost some of his sheep and 9 had been killed by native dogs. TN or Finefellow took rations to him at Pootenup in April and May. On 4th October 1886, J Marshall came in with his flock from Wackenup (for shearing). At Sunnyside over the Christmas period, he did not come to work on 27th, 28th or 29th December – all drinking at Thomas Rogers' place. Marshall came to work on 30th December. The next year's diary is one of those missing.

Marshall, Rev – Anglican Minister. On 16th January 1892 TN's daughter Nora brought the Minister out from Broome Hill and he stayed the night at Gobrup. He held the Church Service at Etipup on 28th February and on 12th March 1892 Nora Norrish again brought Mr Marshall out from Broome Hill to stay the night – it was to be his last trip in the district.

Masters – Blacksmith who played cricket for Kojonup in the match versus Etipup Cricket Club on 14th April 1884.

Mateu, Father – Catholic Priest from Albany. On 26th October 1882, visited Gobrup and the men gave him £3.10.0. He had been (or was going) to Grover's to baptize Eleanor Cronin's baby, Franklin.

Meetings – TN belonged to all societies and groups and was a member of many committees. A part of Road Board meetings (both at Kojonup and Broome Hill), he attended meetings of the Etipup Church and school committees. He attended meetings of the Broome Hill Agricultural Society, the Mutual Improvement Society, the Broome Hill School Board, the Health Board, the Mechanic's Institute and the Farmers & Producer's League. On one occasion he attended four meetings in one day. On 16th February 1907, TN went to a Ratepayer's Meeting in Broome Hill and then to a meeting of the Political League in Katanning.

Meldoan – Began work at Gobrup on 6th December 1897 carting hay at 30/- a week. On 15th he helped TN, Langton and Rogers draft sheep; finished up on 17th December and next day TN paid him £3.

Paddock tree budgeting

Agriculture, like any other business is plagued by the truth that we must make a profit to be sustainable, so the economic bottom line is very important. It is also true that the absolute bottom line of agriculture is ecological. This article explores ecological realities of the benefits of paddock trees that impact on the financial bottom line.

Given the increasing uncertainty of climate change and increasing energy costs, it is very timely to have a good hard look at how we can maximise the resilience of our farming systems by using ecological budgeting side-by-side with our financial budgeting.

This brings up an important question – how do you value ecological services provided by scattered paddock trees? To do this, we need to look at the broader farm ecosystem to see the less direct benefits, as well as the direct more easily measurable benefits.

From a biodiversity perspective, the threshold of 30% cover of pre-clearing extent of native vegetation type has been recognised as the point below which species loss appears to accelerate exponentially at an ecosystem level, and at a level of 10% of the original extent is a level representing “endangered” (taking no account of other land degradation issues). It is also recognised that biodiversity leads to environmental stability, stability leads to resilience, and that resilience is vital to agricultural sustainability.

The latest figures on remnant vegetation extent remaining on private land in Land Conservation Districts in the South Coast Region from DAFWA show that Denmark, Kent River and Walpole are the only districts showing more than the 30% threshold of native vegetation required on private land to maintain species diversity which in turn maintain ecosystem services. Many remnants are isolated and too small to be genetically viable. In these highly fragmented landscapes, paddock trees have a vital role to play as stepping stones for the movement of pollinators to maintain the viability of the fragmented remnants. Old trees are especially important because they provide by far the most habitat niches for invertebrates and vertebrates, including hollows for nesting and roosting.

So back to the paddock tree budget - on the negative side of the balance sheet, we have:

- competition with pasture/crop layer for water, light and nutrients
- inconvenience and cost of having to drive around them at cropping time and cleaning up sticks/limbs

On the positive side of the balance sheet:

- Research has shown that:
 - In open paddocks, strong wind and rain can double the energy requirement for the maintenance of cattle and sheep in hot and cold conditions. Trees can provide protection from extreme cold, greatly increasing survival of young animals and newly shorn sheep exposed to these conditions.
 - In the cropping and higher rainfall grazing areas, the systematic planting of 10% of the land in a net of shelterbelts/timberbelts/clusters could achieve a 50% windspeed reduction, and naturally occurring woodlands with mature, scattered trees, can be just as effective.
- Firewood and farm construction timbers
- Play a vital role as stepping stones to maintain ecosystem services as described above (especially when $\leq 30\%$ native vegetation cover is present on property).

The big problem is that the less paddock trees we have, the more intense is the pressure from stock, pests and exposure to the elements on those remaining. As the paddock trees disappear, the small fragmented remnants become more isolated and vulnerable, the stepping stones that maintain wildlife linkages become less efficient, and the downward spiral of decline is sped up. The end result of this is the need for increased cost inputs from the farmer to replace the ecosystem services provided by nature for free.

In the mid-USA, the biggest cost for alfalfa growers is the provision of beehives for pollination of their crops because the ‘free’ pollination service that used to be provided by the ecosystems around the fields has declined as a result of loss of natural areas and the loss of insect diversity through pesticide use. It is often not until we lose the services that we take for granted that we realise how valuable they are.

For more information, please contact Wendy Bradshaw on 0898253092 or email wendyb@southcoastnrm.com.au.



The less paddock trees we have, the more intense is the pressure on those remaining, from their exposed position and increasing stock pressures. Paddock trees are vital stepping stones for fauna that provide ecosystem services such as pollination and mitigation of pests.

Tambellup Tennis Club

2010 Fixtures for 09/10 Season

Friday Night SOCIAL TENNIS

ALL WELCOME!!!

Tournament Dates

Junior Tournament	14 th February
Championship Doubles	20 th February
Championship Mixed Doubles	13 th March
Championship Singles	20 th March
Closing Day	27 th March

And a reminder to those playing night pennants that the season will resume on February 10th and 11th



SOCIAL TENNIS IS BACK

So come along and join in the fun.

Everyone is welcome.

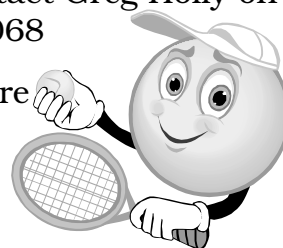
Saturday 20 February
Broomehill Recreational Complex
2.30pm start

BBQ to follow

Cricket and Bowls are also in Broomehill so come along and support our local teams, have a hit then enjoy a BBQ and a few drinks

For further details contact Greg Holly on 9821 0068

We hope to see you there



The Safe Clubs 4 Kids FREE workshops aim to:

- Increase awareness about child protection.
- Show how we can all contribute to providing safe and friendly environments for children.
- Provide information and resources on Working with Children Checks and screening of volunteers who work with children.

Participants should bring a copy of their State Sporting Association's Member Protection and/or Child Protection Policy to the workshop.



Denmark

Monday 8 February 2010
6.30-7.30pm
Shire of Denmark Reception Room
Sandwiches and refreshments provided
Michael Gaffney
0427 447 125
cdo@cranbrook.wa.gov.au

Albany

Tuesday 9 February 2010
12-1pm
West Australian Museum, Albany
(in the Old Coop Building)
Sandwiches and refreshments provided
Department of Sport and Recreation
9892 0100
samantha.stevens@dsw.wa.gov.au

Kojonup

Wednesday 10 February 2010
12-1pm
Shire of Kojonup Meeting Room
Sandwiches and refreshments provided
Kristy Brown
0418 967 493
sro@gnowangerup.wa.gov.au



Please RSVP your attendance for catering and workshop viability purposes (please note that if enrolments are low, workshops will be cancelled).

These workshops are proudly presented by the Department of Sport and Recreation and Local Government Club Development Officers. Venues have been kindly provided with support

from the shires of Kojonup and Denmark. Club Development Officers are based in local shires and can assist your club or association with advice and resources to increase membership, raise funds, attract and retain volunteers, coaches and officials and maintain governance practices.

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For more information please contact Kellie Patterson on 9825 8200.



Bendigo Bank - the fairest of them all

Monday 25 January 2010

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Bendigo Bank also looks at ways its banking products can benefit the wider community.

"In 2005 we formed a partnership with the RSPCA to establish a credit card product to help save the lives of homeless animals," Mr Beckley said.

"Customers who use our RSPCA Rescue VISA Cards see either a set \$3 monthly donation or a percentage of their spend donated to the RSPCA's national Adopt-A-Pet program."

"This has helped raise more than \$580,000," he said.

For more information on Bendigo Bank credit cards go to www.bendigobank.com.au or visit your local branch at Tambellup or Cranbrook or call the team on 9825 1333.

Media enquiries: Geoff Beckley, Branch Manager (telephone 9825 1333)

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MEDIA RELEASE



21 January 2010

Calling new child car restraint fitters in the Great Southern

Would your organisation like to offer an additional service which can improve the safety of local children travelling in cars?

The WALGA RoadWise Program is running a Type 1 Child Car Restraint course which provides participants with the knowledge and skills to check and fit child restraints in vehicles and to be part of a state-wide network of qualified fitters.

WALGA President Cr Bill Mitchell said the course provided local businesses and community organisations with an opportunity to expand their already valued services as well as improve the safety of local children.

"We know how important it is to use a child car restraint, but many parents may be unsure if their restraint is fitted correctly or is the right one for their child," Cr Mitchell said.

"It is a huge boost to the community to have trained, local people available to check restraints, particularly with the impending changes to the child car restraints legislation."

The child car restraint course covers both theory and practice so participants can conduct their own checking and fitting stations for clients and community.

Local people interested in participating should register for the next course to be run at the Shire of Denmark on Tuesday, 16 March followed by a free checking station for the community on 17 March.

As a Type 1 Child Car Restraint Fitter you will be able to correctly fit child car restraints and give advice and consumer information regarding different types of child car restraints and their suitability for use according to a child's size and weight.

Once trained, the fitting service can be offered to clients or people in your community, either on a voluntary or on a fee for service basis.

To register for this free course, complete a registration form which can be obtained by contacting Regional Road Safety Officer Kendra Green on 9892 1145 or roadwise@westnet.com.au by 2 March 2010.

To find out more about child car restraints visit www.childcarrestraints.com.au.

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- explore how to deal with incidents if they arise.
- offer resources to support you in the area of Member Protection.
- provide key contacts of who can help you if there is an allegation/suspicion.
- share examples of good practice.

RSVP Kelly Waterhouse (Department of Sport and Recreation)
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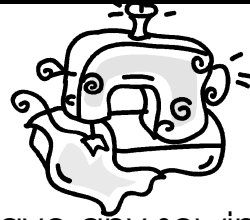
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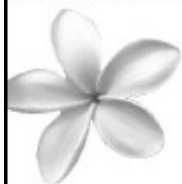
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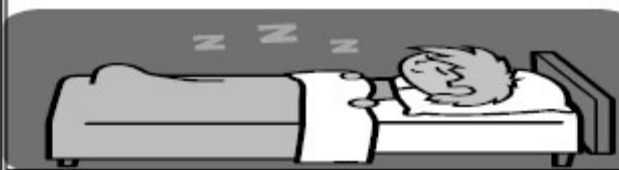
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