

TOPICS



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Your local newsletter covering the Broomehill and Tambellup communities.

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Parry, Robil and Simran who plan to continue to provide the excellent service to our community.

Gurwinder, Aman, Kate, Jules and Jassie are managing the daily operation of 124 store with their friendly and obliging assistance.

Simran and his partners welcome feedback to provide new products and services. They have plans to include a restaurant area and dining experience.



Much appreciation to the Tambellup resident, and his assistant, who went to great lengths to ensure the Australian flag was flying for our respected veteran visitors on the day



Welcome to

Macsen Henry Wallace

A beautiful bonny baby boy for

Dídy (née Míller) & Chrís 🔑

in Albany on 27th February.

Would you like to submit something into the TOPICS? Its easy!!

Email: topics@tambellupcrc.net.au Or hand in at the Tambellup CRC | Broomehill or Tambellup Shire Offices.

For further information contact the CRC on 9825 1177

STRICT DEADLINE - 25TH OF THE MONTH NO JANUARY EDITION

Did you know that local community events/announcements in the Topics are

If you have an announcement or a congratulations we'd love to hear about it and share it for you!

(We'd also love to hear how the local sporting clubs are going throughout the

Tambellup Volunteer Fire & Emergency Service

ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Sat 3 May 2025, Tambellup Town Hall 8.00am til they're gone!

All proceeds to St John Ambulance **Tambellup**

FOR SALE

1 x Highback Leather Chesterfield Chair - Excellent condition - \$500

1 x Slim Bathroom Storage - Excellent Condition - \$40 (160cm (H), 20cm (W), 30cm (D))

1 x Tall Artificial Palm (160cm) - New - \$30

Numerous Artificial Plants - \$2—\$5

Broomehill - 0467 956 371









For Sale at the Broomehill CWA Op Shop

New KS quilt cover grey tan- nings faux fur + 2 pillow cases	\$10					
2 pieces cotton material L 2.30m each	\$10					
Summer QS sheet set	\$3					
New lace curtains	\$2					
Dog rug	\$1					
Onen Thursday - 11 30am to 4nm						

Open Thursday - 11.30am to 4pm Saturday - 9am to 2pm

Joyleen 9824 1665

Broomehill Central Brigade

General meeting at the Fire Station 29 May 2025 at 5:30pm

All are welcome to attend the meeting

Any enquires please contact: Lynn: 0427 241 123







Coffee and a Cookup - Breakfast with the Council

The Shire held a community breakfast on Friday 11 April at the Broomehill Fire Station. The breakfast was a success, with around 20 residents attending.

They enjoyed a lovely hot brekky and plenty of tea and coffee before a brief presentation was given by CEO Karen Callaghan and Shire President Michael White which was followed by the residents providing feedback to the Shire and asking questions.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend and thank. We have taken your ideas and feedback for consideration and/or action.



2025 Bloom Festival

We're pleased to advise that planning for the 2025 Bloom Festival is underway. The Festival is being held from 27 September to 26 October 2025, and the call for event registrations has gone out! Now is the time to think about what you, your organisation or community group could present. Events in the past have ranged from long table lunches, wildflower walks, sporting events, markets, exhibitions, open days – the list goes on, providing a fantastic opportunity to fundraise. Let's celebrate spring and welcome visitors to our community!

If you have even the beginnings of an idea, check the information that is available at https://greatsoutherntreasures.com.au/bloom-festival-event-holder-information/, or alternatively please contact Pam at the Shire on 9825 3555, or the Bloom Festival coordinators, Lauren and Kahlia at bloom@greatsoutherntreasures.com.au .



MOSQUITO SEASON

In Western Australia, mosquitoes can transmit Ross River virus, Barmah Forest virus and Kunjin virus, as well as the potentially fatal Murray Valley encephalitis and Japanese encephalitis viruses (JEV).

The most effective way to prevent infection is to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes.

- Cover Up wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can.
- Repel apply an effective insect repellent containing DEET (diethyltoluamide),
 picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (OLE, also known as PMD) evenly to exposed skin.
- Clean Up remove, empty or cover water-holding containers. Keep your grass short to stop mosquitoes hanging around your home

As part of a broader management strategy, the Shire will be baiting stagnant pools of water around the townsites. For more information in this regard please contact the Shire.





FROM THE APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

Fire Control Officer Appointments 2025/26

As another fire season comes to an end, it is timely to thank everyone who has been involved with our Bushfire Brigades for their ongoing commitment to the safety of our community. Hot, dry conditions prevailed this season, and the efficient response to fires as they occurred was sincerely appreciated.

We extend our appreciation to Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Michael Altus, and the Deputies, Rhys Brown and Josh Holmes on a well-coordinated season. We also acknowledge outgoing Brigade Fire Control Officers Jedd Herbert (Tambellup West) and Chris Rumble (Tambellup East) for their leadership over the past couple of seasons, and thank our recently endorsed Fire Control Officers for stepping up comprising:

Broomehill East Brigade: Nick Bowman Broomehill West Brigade: Rohan Thorn Broomehill Central Brigade: Jonathan

Webster

Tambellup East Brigade: Carl Letter Tambellup West Brigade: Martin Deely

Tambellup Volunteer Fire and Emergency Service: Mandy Plant

While we have now entered the unrestricted burning period, residents are encouraged to exercise caution when burning - plan your burn, check the wind and weather conditions, make sure you have all the assistance you need, and be courteous – let your neighbours know before you light up. If in doubt, please give the Shire a call on 9825 3555.

Shire Launches Interim Customer Service Charter and Strategy Project Plan

The Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup has adopted an interim Customer Service Charter and Strategy Project Plan, reinforcing our commitment to delivering better, more responsive service to the community.

This initiative outlines the service standards you can expect, the values guiding our interactions, and the steps we're taking to continuously improve. It's a key part of our broader goal to rebuild trust, improve communication, and enhance community satisfaction.

As part of this commitment, we'll soon be seeking community feedback on your experiences with the Shire — what's working, what's not, and how we can better meet your expectations in the future.

Copies of the Charter and Strategy Project Plan are available on our website here or from the Shire Office. We invite you to read it and be part of the change.

FEEDBACK

WE WELCOME AND VALUE FEEDBACK FROM OUR RESIDENTS AND CUSTOMERS. THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY FOR THE SHIRE TO RESOLVE YOUR CONCERNS, IS BY CONTACTING US DIRECTLY:







LET'S REINTRODUCE OUR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

It has come to our attention that we have new residents in the Shire who don't know who our Councilor's are, so lets reintroduce them!



Cr Michael White Shire President



Cr Doug Barrit Deputy President





Cr Carl Letter Councillor



Cr Steve Penny

Cr Julian Wills Councillor



Cr Craig Dewar Councillor



Cr Sara Robinson Councillor

SHIRE PHOTO COMPETITION

To celebrate the Shire's new Instagram page, we have extended the closing period for our photo competition until the 2 June 2025! Thank you to those who have already entered.

To enter, please submit your photos on our upcoming Facebook post or send them directly to mail@shirebt.wa.gov.au

- Photos can be submitted by anyone
- · Photos must be taken from within the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup.

Please submit your photo with your full name, the location of the photo and a title for your photo.

The winner of the competition will have their image featured as the Shire's banner in Topics and on our Instagram page!



Terms an Conditions of Entry

Ownership Transfer: submitted photos become the property of the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup. Usage Rights: the Shire may use, modify, and publish the photos for any purpose without compensation

Originality: photos must be original and not infringe on any rights. Necessary permissions must be secured for identifiable individuals or private properties.

Photo Credit: credit to the photographer may be given at the Shire's discretion.

Liability: the Shire is not responsible for claims or disputes related to the photo's use.

TAMBELLUP CRC

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO!



The Tambellup Community Resource Centre (CRC) is a not-forprofit, registered charity dedicated to supporting and enriching the Tambellup community.

We offer a variety of essential services, workshops, and resources to meet the needs of our community, foster connections, and encourage learning and development.

From access to technology and information to hosting events and programs that bring people together, we strive to create a welcoming hub for all.

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BBQ TRAILER HIRE AVAILABLE

Looking to host a community event or private celebration?

Our BBQ trailer is perfect for fundraisers, gatherings, and

special occasions.

It comes equipped with everything you need to make your event a success, including a large cooking area and easy portability.

Contact us today to check availability and hire rates!

OUR STAFF

GRACE - OUR COORDINATOR

Grace oversees operations and secures grants and funding to bring workshops and events to the community.

MELISSA - OUR LIBRARY AND CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER

Melissa manages the library services and helps the community access a range of services and resources. She is also the editor of the Topics newsletter.

NICOLE - OUR TRAINEE

Nicole brings fresh energy and enthusiasm to the team, while assisting Grace and Melissa in the everyday operations of the CRC and supporting community initiatives.

SUE - OUR STAYING IN PLACE COORDINATOR

Sue helps organise support for those wishing to remain in their homes as they age, as well as those who provide care and assistance.



September 2025 marks 30 years that the Tambellup Telecentre/Community Resource Centre has been operating.

WE ARE A Services Australia ACCESS POINT

Need to access Service Australia online? We have a FREE computer dedicated to Services Australia access.







OUR CURRENT ONGOING GET TOGETHERS

Craft Group - every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 9.30am Seniors Lunches - Every 3rd Thursday from 11.30am Low Impact exercises - every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 11am

If you'd like to start a group and need a location to meet please don't hesitate to contact us!

(Ideas we've had - A Book Club; Board/Card Game club ect.)

BROOMEHILL TAMBELLUP PHONEBOOK

We maintain the current phone directory for the benefit of our community.

We greatly appreciate the involvement of community members and local clubs in ensuring that we have the correct information. If you come across any outdated residential, club, or business entries, we kindly request that you inform us.



MOST POPULAR SERVICES

Our most popular services are our **Events and workshops** followed by the **Library**, **printing** and **Room Hire**.

Services that are on the rise are **Graphic Design** and **Desktop Publishing** services, **BBQ trailer hire** and our little **recycling corner**

Other services we provide (but are not limited to) - Internet
Access, laminating, binding, scanning, trimming and
Equipment Hire

EVENTS IN THE WORKS

Watch out for these upcoming events

- Paint and Sip night
- Youth Pizza Night
- · Spare parts Puppet Playtime
- Fesival of Small Halls Concert











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-AUTO ELECTRICAL REPAIRS
-AIR-CONDITIONING REPAIRS & SERVICING
-BREAKDOWN SUPPORT

E: CDDGMECHANICAL@OUTLOOK.COM PH: 0458184250

Flat Rocks Wind Farm



Stage 1

2025 Community Fund

FRWFS1 would like to remind local community groups that the annual Community Fund for the project will open again soon for submissions!

The Project Community Fund, valued at \$75,000 yearly, is open to not-for-profit organisations in the Broomehill-Tambellup and Kojonup Shires.

Applications are open for submission every year from 1st April to 31st May.

Successful applications will be awarded in June.

All details and forms can be found online on the FRWFS1 webpage https://potentiaenergy.com.au/project/flat-rocks-stage-1-wind-farm/

Contact Us

Should you have any questions on the FRWFS1 Community Fund, please contact Giulia Scataglini at 0419 668 522 or flatrockswindstage1@potentiaenergy.com.au.





COMMUNITY

FRIDAY - 2 MAY 2025

7.4km east along the Gnowangerup-Tambellup Road from Tambellup Town

Seeding to kick off in the morning

Community Lunch by Tambellup CWA

Sundowner & Bonfire at the Community Crop sheds to finish off the day - supported by Sheep logistics, WAMMCO and Stirling Ag

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TAMBELLUP SUB CENTRE

COUNTRY MUSIC FUNDRAISER

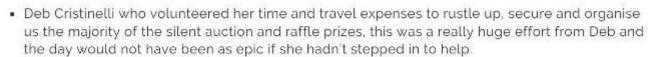
WRAP UP!

This fundraiser was an absolute Bonanza! What a success! With over 200 people in attendance, we raised 17K from this event to go towards the purchase of a new ambulance for the Tambellup Community and surrounds.

For a small country sub centre, this was an outstanding effort to pull off with little preparation time and few hands on deck – yes we could have done it at a smaller scale, but when you're given such a golden opportunity, you've got to make the most of it and go as big as you can, shoot for the stars, so we did!

The support prior to the event and on the day that Tambellup Sub Centre received from our community was phenomenal, where do I even start with the Thank Yous! There are so many! None of this would have been possible without the following integral contributors:

- Darren Gillis & Gav Brown for the inception of the event and generous offer to play the show
- Tambellup Community Cropping Group For financial sponsorship and support, without this wonderful generosity, we would not have been able to run the event
- Tambellup Community Pavilion Association. Ray Squibb, Derek Sadler, Trevor Prout & Dion Letter who took care of everything bar related for us, including stock purchase & handling and the management & operation of the bar on the day of the event, this was a huge weight off of our shoulders

















- · All of our wonderful raffle prize and silent auction item donors:
 - · Elders Cranbrook
 - · Craig Mostyn Farms & Linley Valley Pork
 - Mario & Debbie Cristinelli
 - Jo T
 - Afgri Gnowangerup
 - · Stirling Ag Nutrien
 - Albany Holiday Units
 - · BTW Rural Supplies
 - · Spinifex Brewing Co
- Gurwinder, Aman, the staff and new owners of the Tambellup 124
 Store for selling tickets at the shop for us
- · The Shire of Broomehill Tambellup for waiving our hall hire fee
- Tania & Allan Willmott for letting us use your cool room and doing everything that you always do for the community, which is often behind the scenes and no one ever knows about
- Len Emmins & Kayleen Hull for coming down from Katanning Sub Centre on the day and covering us in case someone called ooo, they also helped with jobs on the day which was amazing.
- Andrew & Sonia Brooker our awesome Community Paramedics, for also coming down and helping us on the day







- Michelle Kingston at the Tambellup Post Office & the Broomehill Post Office for helping us get the advertising flyers out around the community
- Tambellup CRC for creating a fund raising tracker for us, which will be displayed in their window, keep and
 eye out for it.
- Larissa's Facepainting for coming down and painting your beautiful designs and helping to keep the kids occupied!
- Megan Trezona for driving around the countryside for Beth Trezona and keeping Beth afloat in the last 24hrs before the event
- . The lovely ladies who made delicious sweet slice and cake contributions for the day

And of course to YOU, THE COMMUNITY! Thank you for buying tickets, attending the event, purchasing food and drinks, participating in the silent auction and buying raffle tickets, your support made the day a success!!

Keep and eye out for our next fundraising events and for our fundraising tracker display in the CRC window throughout the year to see how we go reaching our goals! Watch this space!!

We would like to give our heartfelt thanks to the following for sponsorship and donations on the day. Please remember to support local businesses!









Community Busy Bee

Volunteers needed

Date- 6th of May 2025 Time - 10:00am Location -Tambellup CRC

The ladies at the CRC need your help once again. The renovations of the back three rooms are now complete.

We are calling community members to lend us a helping hand with bringing in all the bigger furniture pieces, including cupboards, bookcases, tables and the fridge.

How you can help

Please let us know if you can spare some time to assist, it would be greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for supporting the CRC.

RSVP or Questions: Call: 9825 1177

Email: tambellup@crc.net.au

(Please RSVP so that we can organise lunch for helpers!)



Suppa with a COPPER 7th May

From 2pm At the Tambellup CRC

PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE

RSVP TO THE CRC



9825 1177



tambellup@crc.net.au



SAVE THE DATE

8th May | From 5pm

AT THE TAMBELLUP CRC

RSVP TO THE CRC 9825 1177 | tambellup@crc.net.au

Please don't forget to RSVP so we can ensure everyone gets some pizza!!

You're invited to a...



Tambellup Community Sundowner

15th May At the Tambellup Pavillion From 5:00 PM

Come along for an evening of great food, drinks, and community connection!

Relax and catch up with friends, neighbours, and new faces.

It's a chance to connect, share stories, and enjoy time together.

It's also a great opportunity to share any ideas you have for workshops or training sessions the CRC could run.

Curry Dinner Provided | Drinks available at the bar |
Dessert \$6 - Strawberry Shortcake or Chocolate Parfait
(Please pre-order dessert when RSVPing)
Catering by Balanced Bites

RSVP to CRC by 9th May for catering purposes 9825 1177 | manager@tambellupcrc.net.au









Advocare

Empowering People

Christine from Advocare will be there to give a little talk and answer questions

SOUP AND SWEETS Volunteers Wanted for Soup and

We're seeking volunteers to help make our Winter Lunches a success! Whether you enjoy cooking or simply want to lend a hand, your contribution matters. We need help preparing delicious soups and sweets.

Sweets!

Stop by the CRC to find out more or put your name on the roster, either on your own or with friends.

Let's make this winter memorable with great food and community spirit!

Scan the QR code to check the roster





members and help raise funds for the cancer council.

RSVP by 23rd June to Tambellup CRC on 9825 1177

tambellup@crc.net.au

ndis ndis.gov.au

Tambellup NDIS Information Day

Lynthia's Place Tambellup West Road Tambellup WA 6320 Tuesday 27 May & Wednesday 28 May 2025 10am to 4pm

Come and join us for a free Sausage Sizzle and refreshments

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) will be visiting Tambellup, and everyone is welcome to attend to find out more about the NDIS. Staff will be on hand to answer your questions







Disability?





NDIS?



What are supports and services?

Connecting Tambellup in partnership with our Partners in Community







Cancer Council



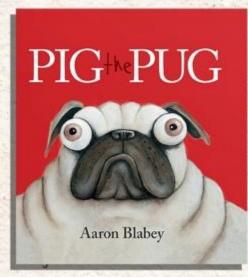
Storytelling and puppetry for kids aged 3 to 5.

Playtime

20TH MAY 10AM TO 11AM At the Tambellup CRC

Healthy Monning Tea provided! Special gifts for children!

Limited spaces please RSVP by 15th May to the Tambellup CRC on 9825 1177 / tambellup@crc.net.au



Presented by:



Supported by:







The Broomehill Heritage Group

Antique & Collectables Fair



Broomehill Town Hall

Great Southern Highway, Broomehill

Friday 23th May

10am - 4pm

Saturday 24th May

9am - 3pm

Entry \$3 per adult, Concession & under 16 free

Please bring cash as there is no ATM in Broomehill

This fair is to raise money towards maintenance and further development of the Broomehill Heritage Precinct

For any enquiries please contact broomehillhg@gmail.com or 0488 620 453



The Broomehill Heritage Group

Invites you to bring your classic car to display at the

Broomehill Antique & Collectors Fair

Saturday May 24th

At Holland Park

For further information please contact broomehillhg@gmail.com or 0488 620 453



new Items!!







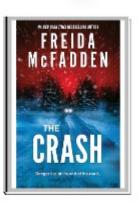
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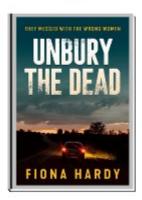
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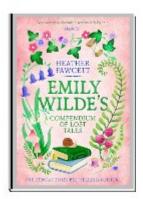
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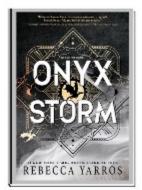
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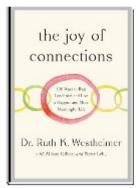


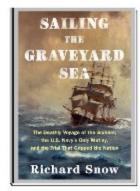
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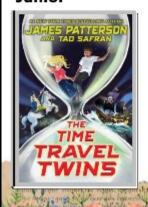


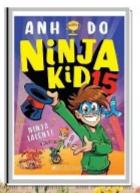






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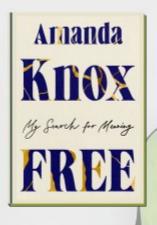


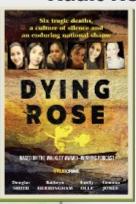




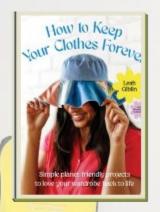
BROOMEHILL PUBLIC LIBRARY NEW MONTHLY ITEMS

Adult Non Fiction Books

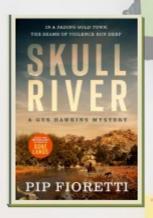




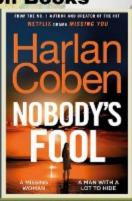








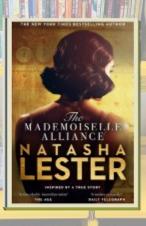
























Group Monthly Meetings

Broomehill Library Arts and Craft Group

Every Wednesday | 9am to 12pm
The Broomehill Fire Shed Community Room
Contact Broomehill Library for more information

Broomehill Library Kids Corner

Board games 1st Monday of the month | Puzzles 2nd Monday of the month | 2:30 to 4pm | Broomehill Library

Broomehill Library Recipe Group

Last Monday of the Month | 9.30am to 12.30pm The Broomehill Fire Shed Community Room Contact the Broomehill Library for more information

Broomehill Playgroup

Thursdays from 9 – 11am
Corner of India and Journal St Broomehill

Tambellup Craft Mornings

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month (December 10th and 17th) 9.30am to 1pm | \$2.00 At the Tambellup CRC | please bring a plate to share

<u>Tambellup Yoga with Mel</u>

Every second Sunday | 9.00am | at the Tambellup town Hall 1st class free | BYO mat/blanket Contact Mel on 0405 506 174 for more information

Tambellup Low Impact Exercise

Fortnightly | from 11am | \$10 | at the Tambellup Town Hall Contact the Tambellup CRC or Marni to RSVP or for more information

Tambellup Lions Club

2nd Wednesday of the Month | 7.30pm Tambellup Hotel

Tambellup CWA

Meet every 2nd Thursday of the Month at the CWA

Tambellup Bowling Club Meeting

3rd Monday of each month, 7.30pm

Tambellup Family Playgroup

Tuesdays | 9am to 11am

@ the Old kindy Building (Cnr Howard St. and East Tc)
Khalia Brown 0400 741 488
Marni Lloyd - Woods 0400 501 848.

Katanning and Districts Garden Club

Meets every 2nd Tuesday of each month - commencing at 1.30p.m.

Meetings are held at members' homes.

New Members Welcome.

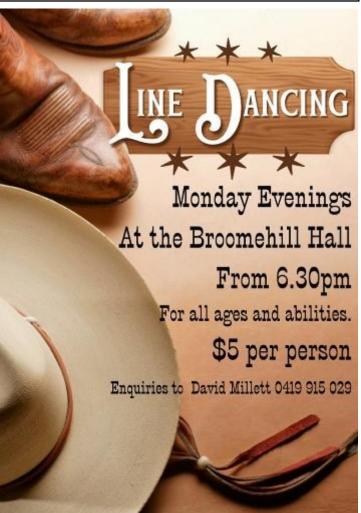
For information ring Shona Webster 0458 241 589

Red Hatters

Meetings on the first Tuesday of the month. Contact Helen Bignell 9824 1270 Friendship—Fun—Fellowship

<u>Please contact the Tambellup CRC if your details need</u> <u>to be updated, thank you</u>







FREE live stream workshops for small business!

Register now and see more upcoming workshops at albanybusinesscentre.com.au/crc or call your local CRC



Cyber Security Essentials for Small Business

Workshop #11 of 14

Thursday May 1st | 11am—1pm

Cyber insurance and ways to protect your small business' online storage from risks

Presented by Caitriona Forde and Business Foundations

Xero Accounting Software

Workshop #7 of 14

Thursday, May 22 | 11:00AM 1:00PM

a simple introduction to using Xero accounting software and its basic features

presented by Jessica Kinder and Albany Business Centre

AI Basics: Unlocking the Potential of Chat GPT

Workshop #13 of 14

Thursday, June 5, 2025 | 11:00AM 1:00PM

How to use AI in several ways for your small business Presented by Zoe Campbell and Business Foundations

Bremer Bay | Denmark | Frankland River | Gnowangerup | Jerramungup Katanning | Mount Barker | Ongerup | Pingrup | Tambellup | Wellstead

live and FREE at your local CRC













CORNER SHOP MUSEUM INC

Station Master's House
Norrish Street, Tambellup WA 6320

Annual General Meeting

Corner Shop Museum Inc. Station Master's House Norrish Street, Tambellup

On Friday, 30th May, 2025 at 9.30am

Business:

- Opening & Presidents Report
- Election of Office Bearers
- Receive Financial Statement
- Set Membership Fee
- · Other business.

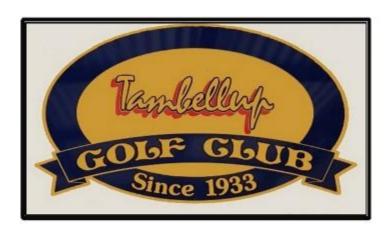


Would you like to help us preserve our local history?
Would you like to learn more about our district history?

We are looking for interested people who may have some time to spare to help us record our history, update it to include present day history and help us tell our stories.

We are meeting at the **Station Master's House** in Norrish Street, Tambellup On **Friday 30th May, 2025** From **9.30am**





Tambellup Golf Club Season Opening Day

Proudly Sponsored By Bendigo Bank

Saturday 3rd May

3 Person Ambrose

18 Holes - Names or Teams in by 12 9 Holes - Names or Teams in by 1.30

BBQ Dinner available after play, \$15

RSVP to Winton Nazzari, M: 0429825100, by Tuesday 29th April.



Birt Family TA ANZAC Day Address given by Anne Birt

First, a little background on the Birt family. If you travel 19.5 kilometres out the Tambellup West Road, off to the right you'll see Birt Road. The farm on this corner was 'Borderdale', established by Charles and Rosalind Birt, my grandparents. Charles and Rosalind raised five children on 'Borderdale' – Barbara, James, Peter, June and Philip.

James, or Jim to Tambellup residents, was the first to enlist in the Royal Australian Air Force, in 1941. He was 19 years of age and had been working on 'Borderdale'. James commenced his training in 1941 at Pearce; however, he spent his first few months studying and filling sandbags and digging trenches! It was during this time that Japan entered the war, so sandbags and trenches were probably seen as essential.

Flying training for James commenced when he moved to No 9 Elementary Flying Training School RAAF Cunderdin in 1942. Records show that at that time there were 42 officers, 500 airmen and 51 aircraft stationed there. In late 1942 he moved to No 4 Service Flying Training School RAAF Geraldton. His early training was on Tiger Moth and Anson aircraft. He qualified at the end of 1942.

Dad told us of one of Uncle Jim's 'adventures' during training and I recently asked him to confirm: Was it true he'd "buzzed" Tambellup on a flight from Pearce to Albany? He explained that he had flown low over 'Borderdale' and, when he saw there was no car in garage, realised the family must be in town so he flew low and "buzzed" Tambellup. We're not sure who was most surprised, his flight crew, or the residents of Tambellup as a Beaufort Bomber flew low over the town. His flight crew may have been getting training in low level flying; however, it seems Grandpa was having to put all his diplomacy skills into action to stop one of the locals from reporting Uncle Jim. Uncle Jim also told me that on that trip the crew decided to see how high a Beaufort Bomber can fly before stalling or falling apart. The answer – 25,000 ft, or 7.6

While researching this talk, his son, John, told me another training story. While he was stationed at Pearce, the RAAF were looking for targets on which they could practice their bombing raids. A group of volunteers agreed to be a target, at Beaufort Inlet at the mouth of the Pallinup River. The bomber crews then dropped smoke and flour bombs on the volunteers. One of the volunteers they 'bombed' was his farming neighbour, Mick Hilder!

In 1943 he moved to airbases in Victoria to commence navigation training and continue bomber training. The Beaufort Bomber was an Australian built plane from a British design; a twin-engined torpedo bomber with a crew of initially three, then later modified for four. One of the training exercises they had was against a French destroyer in Jervis Bay, NSW. The destroyer had been removed from active service and was being used for torpedo practice. The destroyer was able to avoid all of Uncle Jim's torpedoes. He said he would stick to flying the plane and his crew could do the 'bombing'.

From there it was into active service in New Guinea where he He's our family hero! joined No 100 RAAF Squadron, being first stationed at Milne

Bay and then Goodenough Island off the north east coast of the New Guinea mainland. Flying from bases in eastern New Guinea, No 100 Squadron flew reconnaissance patrols, convoy patrols and anti-shipping and bombing missions against the Japanese. His logbook shows 43 sorties with 9 strikes during 6 months in 1943. For the boy from Tambellup one of his strongest memories of Milne Bay is that it rained every afternoon and with mesh laid runways, there was nothing but mud!

Between 1944 and 1945 he moved between 14 Squadron back home at Pearce and No 8 Communications and 100 Squadron in New Guinea. No 14 Squadron was a maritime patrol squadron. His logbook details 37 sorties patrolling for submarines out of Geraldton and Pearce. James said patrolling when it was rough seas meant they didn't see much, he did however spot one US sub, but no Japanese.

In New Guinea he spent a lot of time either calibrating radar stations, which involved flying back and forth on various set courses following the instructions of the navigator, ferrying around the 'top brass', patrols or making strikes against villages, their role being to precision bomb Japanese soldiers hiding in caves on the sides of the mountains. He did not fly in the battle for the Philippines, but did see the flotilla being assembled by the Americans and was 'gobsmacked' by its

James' records show that in three months in 1944, he flew 165 hours as the Captain of a Beaufort Bomber and 2 hours as 2nd pilot on a Catalina. I asked him why 2 hours in a Catalina? He told me Catalinas were used to rescue 'downed' crew from the sea. After one of those rescue missions, James had asked the pilot if he could fly with him back to Port Moresby, and sit up front! Those 2 hours were the time it took the Catalina to fly around the coast because they didn't have the capacity to fly the direct route over the mountains.

His records indicate he was "an above average pilot, reliable and very competent," and show a total of 1,600 hours of service flying time, flying on 98 operations, both day and night. The RAAF worked a roster of intensive flying ops and then weeks of downtime, sometimes back in Australia, before they did it all again. In 1943 his Squadron leader said "he will be an excellent flight commander in an operational squadron" so it is not surprising he acted as Squadron Leader and was asked to study to be promoted to Squadron Leader. In 1945 the commanding officer said he was "a competent officer who shows balance and judgement beyond his age" (he was 23 yrs of age). James' final sortie was 15 July 1945. He was on leave at the time the Atomic bombs were dropped on Japan.

Flight Lieutenant James Coombe Birt, named after his Uncle from the First World War, was discharged in 1945, returned to Tambellup and joined his father and brother Phil on 'Borderdale'. He married Jean, had 4 children, has 8 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and at 103 years of age is living in Como.

TAMBELLUP

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Once again the Tambellup Lions Club in conjunction with the Tambellup CWA and the Shire held the ANZAC service at the war memorial in Tambellup.

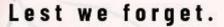
A good crowd assembled to hear the ANZAC Day address presented by Anne Birt recounting her families involvement in WW1 and WW2

Bob Stewart, revisiting Tambellup with other members of the Peel sub branch of the Military Brotherhood MMC, read the ODE

Winton Nazzari recited the poem "ANZAC" by Jessie Pope and then Andrew Bradshaw sang his own song "Tail Wind".

The crowd adjourned to the CWA rooms to partake in morning tea and consume a huge variety of ANZAC biscuits whilst awaiting the announcement of this years winner of the Anzac biscuit bake-off.

This years judging was officiated by Bob Stewart, and the winner for the second year in a row was Elle Sprigg . Congratulations Elle and thanks to all those who entered the competition.











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ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

The community gathered in solemn reflection at this morning's ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Thank you to Deputy Shire President Doug Barritt for leading the service, and to the Broomehill Heritage Group for their ongoing commitment to preserving our local history and honouring

those who served.

We extend our gratitude to all who attended to pay their respects and mark this important day of remembrance.

We remember their sacrifice. We honour their legacy









Over a nice hot cuppa and scrumptious morning tea we all gathered for our April meeting with much gusto and business to address. Our main priority being Anzac Day.

A busy bee was conducted on the 23rd April, where we busily dusted off unwanted guests, webs and dust. Gave the yard a good spruce up and thanks to everyone for their time and thanks to Steve Bryce for sprucing up our pathways with the pressure cleaner and the CWA rooms are looking pretty damn good now.

The weather turned on a great day for Anzac Day although rather fresh to start the morning, The Tambellup Lions Club never disappoint with a magic ANZAC Service. The Birt Families contributions to WW1 & WW11 were compiled and read by Anne Birt. Anne gave an amazing and very interesting address of her families involvement over the 2 wars. Bob Stewart(ex Tambellup Hotel publican) and Vietnam veteran attended the ANZAC Service along with some of his war colleagues. They were also involved with the service.

After the service everyone gathered at the CWA rooms for a hot cuppa and an Anzac biscuit. There was plenty of chatter and laughter had. Bob Stewart & Naomi Costello had the perilous task of deciding who was to be crowned the 2025 Anzac Biscuit Winner...... The winner being Ellie Sprigg. Well done Ellie 2 years in a row! Keep up the good work/cooking.

Our next meeting will be held on the 8th May, 2025 at 10am, held at the CWA rooms. Everyone is welcome to join us over a hot cuppa and learn what CWA is all about.





Tambellup Lions Club

At the last meeting of the Tambellup Lions Club we pledged a donation of \$5000 towards the St John Ambulance Tambellup sub centre; new ambulance fund.

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The weather was excellent on both days and with the greens running well there were many great games played.

The winning team from Middleton Beach, winning 5 of their 6 games. were G Page, J Meyers, R Lamont and A Orr.

Second place was a team from Albany of B Driscoll, W Jones, D King and C Hitchcock. 4 wins and a draw.

Third was the composite Tambellup team of P Bradshaw, N Herbert, A Willmott and K Hunt. 4 wins plus 21

Fourth was the team of J Wright, D Pomery, T Henderson and P Bassett from Mount Barker Golf. 4 wins plus 7

Thanks to the Marsh & Collins families and all of our sponsors for supporting this annual event.

A special thanks to Pip and her recruits in the kitchen and Belinda in the bar, as keeping the players well fed & hydrated makes running a successful carnival so much easier.

WINNERS



1st Place Middleton Beach J Meyers, G Page, R Lamont, A Orr



2nd Place Albany B Driscoll, W Jones, D King, T Collins, C Hitchcock, K Collins, A Marsh, J Marsh, M Sadler



3rd Place Composite K Hunt, N Herbert, P Bradshaw, A Willmott, T Collins, K Collins, A Marsh, J Marsh, M Sadler



4th Place Mt Barker Golf J Wright, M Sadler, D Pomery, T Collins, K Collins, T Henderson, J Marsh, P Bassett, A Marsh











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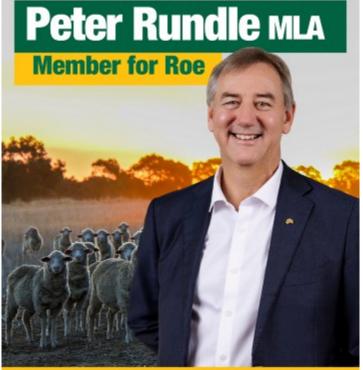
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