

Your local newsletter covering the Broomehill and Tambellup communities.



Market Day
19 November
12.30 — 1.30pm

The year 3—7 class has been busy designing and producing items ready to sell at the annual Market Day

Heaps to choose from
Dustpan & brooms, key rings, earrings, candles, notepads, lavender bags, cross stitch
So come along to school and purchase some Christmas presents

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.



TAMBELLUP LIONS CLUB



Following a very wet and wild weekend we were glad for some fine weather to welcome the Morayfield Lions Club in their Model T Fords on their trek around Australia raising funds and awareness of Angel Flight.

Unfortunately due to a breakdown only one of the three cars made it. They hoped to have repairs done and meet up before leaving Jerramungup.

Thanks to everyone that came along.

A special thanks to those that supplied morning tea. Lyndsay the driver made mention of the wonderful spread on their facebook page. They even stayed for lunch at the CRC with the Ride for Hope people.

A great effort all round.

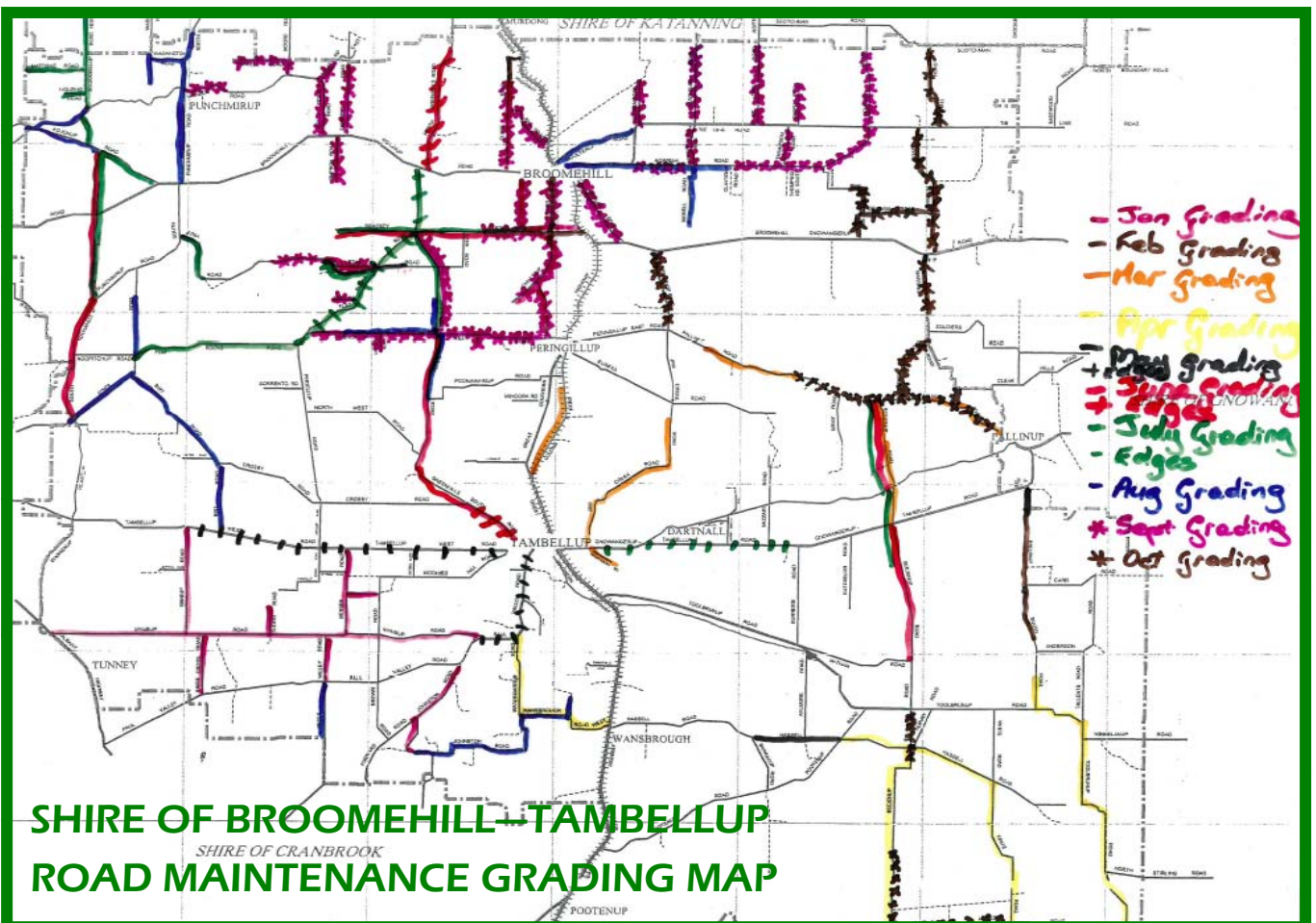
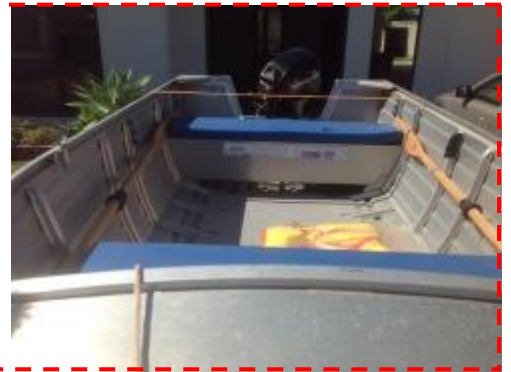


Dinghy for sale.

\$7500

40hp Mercury out-board .Boat and trailer currently registered. Complete with safety equipment.

All enquiries to Murray Bowman- 0428258239





SHIRE OF BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP

Phone: 98253555 Fax: 98251152 Email: mail@shirebt.wa.gov.au

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 20th November 2014 commencing at 4.00pm in the Tambellup Council Chambers. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Council meetings.

FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING

Council agreed to extend the Memorandum of Understanding with the Tambellup Community Resource Centre for the use of the CRC building, with a review to be undertaken in October 2016.

Council supported a proposal from the Broomehill Bowling Club to fund 50% of the cost of seven shade structures for around the greens at the Bowling Club. The funds are to be sourced from the Broomehill Recreation Complex Reserve and the future replacement of the shade will be the responsibility of the Bowling Club and/or the Broomehill Recreation Complex Management Committee.

TAMBELLUP SHOW

Congratulations are extended to the Tambellup Agricultural Society and all helpers on presenting a successful show once again. It was great to see so many people come together to celebrate our community, and the well-attended BBQ and fireworks were a fitting end to the day.

It goes without saying that the committee would greatly appreciate any assistance from members of the community in the lead up to next year's event, so if you are interested, keep an eye out for the date of the next meeting.

COUNCIL WORKS

In both townsites, the gardening crew is trying to get on top of seasonal grass and weed growth, with mowing, slashing and whipper snipping in full swing. Some spraying will also be carried out. Grading of firebreaks around the townsites will commence shortly to minimise the fire risk during the summer months.

The Royalties for Regions-funded Stormwater Harvesting and Waste Water Reuse projects are almost complete, with a solar pump system and security fencing being installed at the CBH dam in Broomehill. The pipeline to the Recreational Complex has been laid, and will be connected to an older line which runs up to the Complex dam.

In Tambellup, contractors will be installing a line from the new tanks at the Oval to connect to the reticulation at Diprose Park. The Water Corporation has had some problems with the Water Treatment plant, and hopefully they will be sorted in the near future to allow the use of this water on the Oval during summer.

Water levels in some of Council's dams are reflective of the good falls experienced during the past month, and some are ordinary for this time of the year. Leading into summer, the Broomehill town dam level is similar to that experienced last year before the dam was extended. This dam waters Holland Park, the Broomehill Primary School, the Broomehill office garden, Sheridan's Garden and the rest stop. In Tambellup, the Jam Creek dam is at around 80% capacity and the No. 1 dam is only around 400mm off being full. Conversely the No. 2 dam is only at around 50% capacity. At present these dams water the Tambellup Sports oval and gardens and the Tambellup Primary School oval and gardens, however as indicated above, this will be extended to include Diprose Park in the near future.

Other tasks underway in the townsites include the repair of lighting along the pathway next to the railway line in Broomehill, the removal of trees on Tambellup West Rd in preparation for drainage works, and spraying of the ovals for broadleaf weeds, and fertilising

The construction crew has been working on a number of projects, with gravel widening on Tambellup West Rd underway in two sections and yet to commence on a third. Stabilising and sealing will be completed by mid November. Gravel patching of potholes has been completed on Beejenup Rd.

Tree pruning and mulching has been completed on Pindellup Rd and Nardlah Rd, and will then commence on Flat Rocks Rd.

The maintenance crew has been carrying out small bitumen repair jobs, and working on headwalls and town drainage. The maintenance graders have been working in the north east part of the Shire, and will be working their way south. During October grading was carried out on the following roads: Pallinup Rd, Nardlah Rd, Heron Rd, Norrish Rd, Gillespie Rd, North Batchelor Rd, Martinup Rd, Marshall Rd, Tieline North Rd, Curnow Rd, Thompson Rd, Beejenup Rd, Clinic Rd, Graham Rd, Fletcher Rd, Hillman Rd, Winspear Rd, South Batchelor Rd, Clayton Rd, Rae Rd and Toolbrunup Rd.

All residents are asked to take care when travelling in the vicinity of road works, please drive to the conditions and observe speed signage.

SANDALWOOD VILLAS

From the Shire office – another great project for the community is put to bed. But for the community – the Sandalwood Villas are just at the beginning of a new era in providing an accommodation option for residents wanting to remain in their local surroundings as they age. Check out the Photo Gallery on the Shire website www.shirebt.wa.gov.au for more photos from the opening.

Three villas are available for rent, so if you are aged over 55, living independently and would like more information, please contact Judy at the Shire on 9825 3555.



MOSQUITOES

Mosquito numbers within our Shire are always an issue. Council baits pools of water and will undertake regular fogging of the Broomehill and Tambellup townsites in an effort to reduce the mosquito numbers.

Rainwater tanks can become breeding sites for mosquitoes that can cause severe nuisance and carry serious diseases. The Department of Health has advised that the most common mosquito found to breed in rainwater tanks is a proven carrier of Ross River virus. To prevent mosquito breeding, guttering and piping should be self draining or fitted with drainage points. Water should not be allowed to pool under the overflow outlet or tap as these can become mosquito breeding sites. The tank should be a sealed unit to prevent mosquitoes entering. The inlet and overflow should incorporate a mesh cover to prevent access by the mosquito.

To stop mosquitoes breeding add a teaspoon of food grade paraffin oil (in small tanks up to 1,000 litres) to the water. (The amount needed will vary depending upon the surface area of the water. A sufficient quantity to produce a thin film over the water surface is all that is required.)

A fact sheet 'Mosquitoes in your backyard' can be found on the Department of Health website, www.public.health.wa.gov.au, click on 'A-Z Topics and Diseases' and search for 'Mosquitoes'

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

All residents of the Broomehill-Tambellup Shire are reminded that the **prohibited** burning period commences on **1 NOVEMBER 2014** and continues until **14 FEBRUARY 2015** inclusive when the restricted burning period commences. Only protective burning can be carried out within this period, and conditions will apply. A permit to burn must be obtained from your nearest Fire Control Officer, or the Community Emergency Services Manager, Cindy Pearce as follows:

Chief Fire Control Officer	Ray Squibb	0407 984250
Deputy Chief Fire Control Officers	Ben Hewson	0417 969975
	Ian Cunningham	0428 253062
Broomehill East	Gavin Guerini	0488 241012
Broomehill West	Anthony Witham	0428 241087
Broomehill Central	Andy Webster	0439 629209
Tambellup East	Kim Oliver	0427 258157
Tambellup West	Nigel Sheridan	0427 253097
Tambellup Town	Laurie Hull	0428 251177
CESM	Cindy Pearce	0417 071567

HARVEST AND VEHICLE MOVEMENT BANS

Council offers a service to residents whereby you can receive notification of harvest bans and road closures by SMS. If you are currently registered for this service, it would be appreciated if you could contact Kim at the Shire on 98253555 to ensure your details are correct. Similarly, if you would like to register, or no longer wish to receive these notifications, please contact the Shire.

CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

The Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup welcomes feedback from its residents and customers. If you would like to provide feedback on Shire related matters, there are a number of ways you can do this:

- Attend in person at either of our administration offices;
- Write to us at 46 – 48 Norrish St, Tambellup 6320;
- Phone us on 08 9825 3555
- Fax us on 08 9825 1152; or
- Email us at mail@shirebt.wa.gov.au

For all methods, please include your name and contact details so we are able to respond to you.

COUNCIL AGENDAS AND MINUTES

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

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

WANTED

A house or room to rent for a seasonal worker to start immediately.
Must be within 15km radius of Broomehill.

Phone Craig on 0408341253



**Room/Office space to rent at the Tambellup Railway Station.
Call Coral on 0477812672 for more information.**

Wanted large packing boxes for the Op-shop



phone Carole 0488944416



The Broomehill Historical Society
invites community members
to the Broomehill Museum Open Day
on Sunday November 9, 2pm to 4pm
Come and view our collection of
artefacts, photos & machinery from
pioneering days.
Afternoon tea supplied.
Inquiries: 98241378 or 0488944416

Broomehill Golf Club

Is holding its
Annual General Meeting
On Monday 10th of November
Starting 8pm
At the Broomehill Recreation Centre
and would urge as many as possible of its 26
members to come along
And have their say, as we do have some
interesting topics to talk about and resolve.

**FRIDAY 19th December from
5:30pm**

Carols In The Bush At Pindellup

Everyone is invited to an evening of community carols and
stories outside St Peter's Pindellup—in the bush on
Pindellup Road, Tambellup followed by a casual tea and/or
drinks. BBQ available.

In the spirit of Christmas and because he had so much fun
again last year I am sure the man in the big red suit will also
attend this year accompanied by his beautiful wife who
always has a few handy tricks up her sleeves.

**When : FRIDAY 19th December from 5:30pm
onwards with Carols at 6pm**

BYO : Everything !!! – Kids, chairs, drinks, food, etc....

For further information please contact

Liz Reynolds 98253031

Bev Taylor 98253023

Andrew Bradshaw 98253046

Everyone is welcome—this is a community social event.



Play in the Park

Outdoor Play & Storytime
All Welcome

TAMBELLUP
Diprose Park



TAMBELLUP

Wednesday 10-12

3rd Wednesday of the month
except school holidays

2014

Free
activities / rhymes / stories
for you to enjoy with
your children

20 August
17 September
15 October
19 November
17 December

For more details contact
Jamie 0409 048 204 at YMCA Albany
Dora 08 9841 9331 at Albany Public Library



Sing-a-Song & Nursery Rhymes

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EVERY TUESDAY MORNING

9.30 am - 10.00 am

COMMENCING: 21st October 2014

0-4years

Singing nursery rhymes allows all kids,
even shy ones, to feel confident about
singing, dancing and performing because
they are so easy to grasp and fun.

Please come and sing along with the
joy of a child's discovery in an
old, shared language.

CONTACT: ZITA BOYLE 0408612019 KOOLIBAH919@BIGPOND.COM
OR SIEGRID AT THE SHIRE OF BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP 98253 555

CORPORATE BOWLS

The Bowling season is under way.

Its early, but think about your team for corporate bowls
next year.

Friday nights January 30th, February 6th, 13th and
20th. Round up your team and book in the dates.

Entries via email please tpount@katel.net.au.

Best-selling author coming to Tambellup

Best-selling South Australian author Liz Harfull will visit Tambellup on Monday, **November 3**, to share stories about country shows and the mysterious and highly competitive world of show cooking.

The author of two national top 10 best-sellers will feature in a special Meet the Author event at the Tambellup Library to talk about her adventures writing *The Australian Blue Ribbon Cookbook*.

The book captures the stories, secret tips and first-prize winning recipes of show cooks from across the country, including Tambellup's own Roma Baxter.

"To be considered cooks had to be willing to contribute a recipe that has been used to win a first prize, and share their secret tips," Liz said.

"But I was also looking for people with an interesting story. For me as a writer, the focus is always the people and the traditions that make up life in regional Australia - the recipes are a bonus!

"Roma is very well known locally for her cooking skills, having catered for many community events. But what may not be quite so well known is the story of her early life on the farm, working as her Dad's 'right-hand man', and the challenges of raising a family in a two-roomed corrugated iron shed during the early years of her marriage to Robert.

"Roma cannot remember missing a single Tambellup show as a child. Her grandmother and mother were both show cooking enthusiasts, and she has carried on the tradition."

While Liz is in WA, she will attend the Upper Blackwood Agricultural Society's annual show at Dinninup on Tuesday, November 4. Seven cooks from across WA who are profiled in the book, including Roma, will also be special guests at the show which is making a special feature of show cooking this year.

Liz said she had been overwhelmed by the response to the book and the resurgence of interest it was helping to generate, not only in show cooking, but country shows in general.

"People seem to have really connected to the stories and traditions connected with country shows, and this kind of cooking," she said.

"There are no celebrity chefs, no dietary fads and no recipes that require a trip to a specialty store before you can make them. Just simple, old-fashioned ingredients and know-how handed down through generations."

Released in April, *The Australian Blue Ribbon Cookbook* has been Allen & Unwin's number one selling title of the week in Australia, and in the top 10 best-sellers list for non-fiction.

Liz is also known to local readers for her 2012 best-seller, *Women of the Land*, which told the stories of eight women running their own farms, including Mary Naisbitt from Lake Grace.

Liz grew up on a small farm near Mount Gambier in SA, just across the paddock from the local showground. An award-winning journalist and rural communicator, in 2006 she walked away from corporate life to write books. Her leap of faith was rewarded two years later with the original *Blue Ribbon Cookbook*, which won a Gourmand World Cookbook Award in Paris in 2009.

"I still shake my head over writing a book about scones, fruit cake, and Anzac biscuits, and ending up in the culinary capital of the world," she said.

Today Liz lives in the Adelaide Hills, occasionally finding time to bake scones and make jam, while juggling a busy writing career.

The "Meet the Author" session will be held on Monday, November 3 at the Tambellup Library. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



Morning Tea - 10am

(Please bring a plate to share)

Meet The Author - 10.30am

**To RSVP please contact the library on 98251177
or email library@tambellupcrc.net.au**

For further interviews and photos contact Liz Harfull on 0409 674 941, or email lizharfull@internode.on.net

Visit: www.blueribboncookbook.com.au.

Support your local P&C



drumMUSTER

The Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup in conjunction with the Tambellup P&C will be holding a drumMUSTER collection on **Friday 7 November 2014.**

All farm chemical users are encouraged to bring their empty, properly cleaned, non-returnable, steel & plastic farm chemical containers to the facility for inspection and collection.

PLEASE MAKE SURE DRUMS ARE:

- Rinsed & free from **ANY** visible chemical residue
- Clean & Dry
- Punctured if they're metal
- With **ALL** lids removed

Containers with dirt, rust & dye stains **ARE** accepted; any unclean or partly filled containers **WILL NOT BE** accepted and will remain the property of the chemical users.

Council and the Tambellup P&C look forward to your support in rinsing out, rounding up and running in all your farm chemical containers.

DELIVERY BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL:

P&C contact: Andrew Bradshaw on 0467255083. The drum muster compound is located at the rear Shire Depot on Gordon St, TAMBELLUP.

For any other information please contact Coral Green at the Shire on 9825 3555.



PLEASE,
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PLEASE.....

Keep your dogs off the ovals!

There is nothing worse than going for a run at the oval in the evening, or your kids playing sport, and stepping in a fresh steaming 'mound' of dog poo as you go! Mounds have appeared like mushrooms over the past couple of months and its not fair to oval users to have to navigate around them. The ovals are for people, not dogs.....



INDEPENDENT LIVING SENIORS COMMITTEE – COMMUNITY MEMBER WANTED

An opportunity exists for a community-minded person to be involved in the management of the new Sandalwood Villas, through the Independent Living Seniors Committee.

Expressions of interest are being sought to fill one vacancy on the Committee. The Committee, which meets on an as-required basis at present, is comprised of Council and community representatives, and works with Council to manage both the existing and new units.

If you are interested and would like to know more, we invite you to contact Judy Stewart, Manager Corporate Services, at the Shire on 9825 3555.

A brief written expression of interest (maximum two or three paragraphs) should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup, 46-48 Norrish St, Tambellup 6320, or by email to mail@shirebt.wa.gov.au.

ASeTTS IS OFFERING TWO WORKSHOPS IN KATANNING

-  **CORE STRATEGIES FOR WORKING EFFECTIVELY WITH INTERPRETERS**
-  **DEVELOPING CULTURAL COMPETENCE: AWARENESS, KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS**

CORE STRATEGIES FOR WORKING EFFECTIVELY WITH INTERPRETERS

04 November 2014 — Free

2 sessions 8:30am to 11:30am and 1:00pm to 4:00pm

This workshop will help participants to learn skills to assist in their work with people from new and emerging communities.

Recommended for anyone having contact with people from refugee and humanitarian backgrounds.

DEVELOPING CULTURAL COMPETENCE: AWARENESS, KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

05 November 2014 — Free

9:30am to 4:30pm—lunch provided by WACHS

This workshop will enable participants to develop a deeper understanding of culture, cultural awareness, cultural diversity and the importance of cross-cultural communication skills. Participants will demonstrate how to apply cultural competency to the workplace.

A recommended workshop for individuals or organisations.

LOCATION: Seminar Room, Community Health (behind Katanning Hospital) Francis Street, Katanning.

REGISTER BY 29 OCTOBER 2014 TO: ANNA

Anna.Boschman@health.wa.gov.au or for more information contact via phone: 9821 6286 and leave a message.



Tambellup Tennis Club

invite you to their annual

Open Mixed Doubles Tournament

Friday evening, 7th November 2014

Spend a balmy Friday evening playing tennis with others from around the region.

6.30pm registration for a 7pm start.

\$15 entry fee per person.

3 grades of competition.

Light dinner included.

Drinks available to purchase.

Find yourself a partner and enter your names, or simply put in your own name by Wednesday 5 November, to Stuart Witham on 0428 919 527 or Kylie Lockyer 9825 1162.

ICC WORLD CUP TROPHY TOUR Is coming to Katanning "HOWZ THAT!!"



Contact: Jenny
or Tania at KLC
on 9821 4399

SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

MEET CRICKET PLAYERS.

"MINISTERS (TUCK'S) XI vs KATANNING ALLSTARS 20/20,
AUTOGRAPHS, GET A PHOTO WITH THE WORLD CUP,
INTERACTIVE GAMES, "BIG AUSSIE LUNCH",
STAY FOR THE AFTER MATCH CELEBRATIONS

QUARTERMAINE OVAL- Midday Onwards





DID YOU KNOW – YOU CAN RENT A BRAND NEW HOME IN TAMBELLUP??!

Are you over 55? Looking to downsize? Maybe looking to make a gradual break from the farm and let the next generation get on with it – but still be available at busy times, of course! Then have we got an option for you!

The newly completed SANDALWOOD VILLAS may just be right for you. The two-bedroomed villas are situated in a beautiful garden setting in a secure complex, on the corner of Gnowangerup-Tambellup Rd and Taylor St in Tambellup – an easy walk to sporting and community facilities, and all local businesses and services.

Three villas are presently available for rent – and there is no means testing! If you are aged over 55, living independently, and you are interested in finding out more about an excellent opportunity to rent a brand new home in your local community, we invite you to contact Judy Stewart at the Shire on 9825 3555.



This year the Road Ribbon for Road Safety campaign will commence on Sunday 16 November 2014, coinciding with the World Health Organisation's World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims and will run through until Monday 5 January 2015. The campaign allows individuals to directly contribute to raising awareness of the importance of road safety over the Christmas / New Year holiday period.

Catholic Churches Mass

Timetable

Our Lady of Fatima, Broomehill – Saturday November 8 at 6pm.

Saint Michael's, Tambellup – Saturday November 1 & 15 at 6pm and Sunday November 30 at 8:30am.

Inquiries phone Fr Peter Njau 98241675 or 0437841173

Tambellup Uniting Church

Service Times

November 9th—9.30am

November 23rd - 9.30am

Everybody Welcome

Broomehill Anglican Church

St Elizabeth of Hungary Anglican Church Broomehill

A service will be held in the church at 9.30am on the 30th November. Everyone Welcome.

Inquiries to Reverend Lindy Rookyard on 0408 226 198 or Ernest Chapman 9824 1378

Tambellup Lions Club

12 November 2014

Tambellup Hotel

7.30pm

Broomehill Historical Society

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday November 6 at 9.30am in the Museum office. Community members are most welcome to come and join us help preserve our history.

Inquiries to Ernest Chapman – 98241378 or Carole – 0488944416 or email

broomehillhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com

Broomehill Country Women's Association of W.A.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday November 6 at 10:30am in the Broomehill Museum office. Everyone is welcome to join our little gathering. Please bring along the most useful item in your cupboard. Inquiries contact Carole 0488944416 or Margaret 98214861.

Patchwork / Craft Day

Our Patchwork/Craft days are held on the third Saturday of each month at the Tambellup Business Centre starting at 9am and finishing when we decide to head home, usually late in the afternoon.

You are welcome to come along and join us, bring your own lunch, tea and coffee provided. Our next day will be on the **15th November**. You are welcome to come out and say hello and have a cuppa.



Hon Terry Waldron MLA
MEMBER FOR WAGIN

**CONGRATULATIONS
NICOLETTE!**

AWARDS
for Regional WA

Media release

October 13, 2014

Broomehill resident named as finalist in 2014 Seniors Awards

Six organisations and 14 individuals have been recognised as finalists in the 2014 WA Seniors Awards, including Broomehill's Nicolette Pratt.

Mrs Pratt (66) was nominated in the Intergenerational Senior Award for 'outstanding seniors who work with children and young people aged under 25'.

She is a grandcarer of five grandchildren – all girls – aged between four and 16. Mrs Pratt and her husband have been caring for the five girls for three years, after having previously raised a son of their own.

"It's hard work as children can be demanding at times, although I am really pleased with their development. They have improved greatly at school and have received trophies and medals for their sport," she said.

Local Member Terry Waldron MLA congratulated Mrs Pratt on the announcement and thanked her for her important contribution to society.

"What an honour to have a local resident named as one of only 14 individuals across the State who are finalists in the 2014 WA Seniors Awards," Mr Waldron said.

"These awards remind us of the value, skills and knowledge that seniors, like Mrs Pratt, bring to our communities and of the difference they make to the lives of those less fortunate, the younger generations and as carers of family members, including grandchildren."

The awards begin a series of celebrations leading up to Seniors Week, which is from 9-16 November, with the Seniors Awards ceremony on November 8. More than 80 community organisations and local governments have received State Government grants totalling \$82,000 to hold regional and metropolitan events to recognise seniors.

The finalists were described by Seniors and Volunteering Minister Tony Simpson MLA as leaders and role models, and Mr Waldron agrees with his sentiments.

Mr Waldron also encouraged local seniors to pick up their copy of the new Seniors Card Discount Directory 2014-16. Copies of the directory are available from his Narrogin office.

"I understand that WA has the most generous Seniors Card scheme in Australia and that discounts from more than 500 businesses and details on State Government concessions and rebates are included. Each senior over the age of 60 who holds a WA Seniors Card can access \$1000 of savings."

For further information on the WA Seniors Awards visit www.dlqc.wa.gov.au or for more details on applying for a Seniors Card please go to www.seniorscard.wa.gov.au

For media enquiries please contact Terry Waldron on (08) 9881 1225 or email terry.waldron@mp.wa.gov.au

BROADBAND FOR SENIORS

Broadband for Seniors is a funded program and will provide senior Australians, aged 50 years and over, with a friendly and secure environment to receive computer and Internet training.

This training is FREE of charge. Zita Boyle from Perfectit Training & Services is happy to accommodate every individual with the level of training they require.

Training will commence in November. Depending on numbers/interest two time slots are available on Friday 10 am – 12pm or 1pm – 3pm.

The program will run for 4 weeks.

Broadband for Seniors is available at the Tambellup CRC please express your Interest and fill in an enrolment form to secure your place.



BROADBAND FOR SENIORS

Trainer:

Zita Boyle

919 Flat Rocks Road

BROOMEHILL WA 318

Phone: 08 98241080 or 0408612019

Email: perfectit@live.com.au

ABN: 74586506329

Training Location: Tambellup Community Resource Centre

Enrolment Form

Friday 10am – 12pm or 1pm – 3pm commencing November (4weeks)

Cost: FREE

Please complete the enrolment form and either bring along on the first day, return to the CRC or email to me.

Full Name: _____

Level of experience: _____

Basic/Level 1: consists of little or no computer training.

Advanced/Level 2: consists of at-home or on-the-job experience with the majority of software packages.

Intermediate/Level 3: consists of certification training, interested only in certain software packages.

Contact

Details: _____

Email: _____

What training are you most interested in? _____

Signed _____ Date _____

DID YOU KNOW . . .



For children to have the skills and dexterity to hold a pencil correctly and to write their name they need to be able to manipulate small objects.

The best way for you to help promote these skills is to provide your child with a wide range of materials to manipulate.

Good choices include wooden blocks

lego or duplo,

bristle blocks,

construction kits

crayons

nontoxic and washable markers and paints

clay or playdough

chalk

pegs

shape sorters

large wooden beads for threading

sewing or lacing cards

This is also a great age to introduce puzzles, sand and water toys, and musical instruments.

PLEASE SUPERVISE YOUR LITTLE ONE WHEN THEY ARE USING THESE MATERIALS—joining in their play and talking with your child will also help to develop their language.

CORNER SHOP MUSEUM INC.

Station Master's House
Norrish Street, Tambellup WA 6320

Would you like to help us preserve our local 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.

Alternatively, join – just for fun!

Did you see our displays of cricket memorabilia and Depression Glass on Show Day?



MEMBERSHIP:

Family	\$20.00
Single	\$15.00
Pensioner	\$10.00

Remember, your Museum can be opened anytime by appointment. Phone Anne-Marie Lockyer on 9825 1054 or Thalma Nazzari on 9825 1017 to arrange a time.

Tambellup Junior Football 2014 Season



Tambellup Netball Club 2014



TAMBELLUP NETBALL CLUB

The Tambellup Netball Club was very proud to have nominated a junior netball team within the Katanning Netball Association during the 2014 netball season. A fantastic year with the following girls playing within the team:

Abbey Cristinelli, Hannah Kingston, Sherma Woods, Isabella Cristinelli, Karis Cristinelli, Isabella Webster, Kiara Coyne, Lilly Penny, De Arne Penny, Gypsy Ugle, and due to some of the girls leaving Montana Mason and Sophie Wolfe also played within the team.

The girls had a fantastic year finishing 1st overall on the ladder, were undefeated for the entire season, no finals take place in this grade, however the girls received the Perpetual Shield for the Sub Junior Division. The girls showed an enormous amount of team & individual development over the season, and should be very proud of their achievements. The girls finished their season with a team wind-up at Diprose Park, with premiership medallions & team trophies presented and a fantastic sausage sizzle (thanks to Michelle & Colin Kingston for their kind contributions throughout the season).

On an individual note, recognition must go to Abbey Cristinelli for selection within the Hannaford's Seedlings Regional Development squad for 12 year olds, and for Abbey Cristinelli, Hannah Kingston, Sherma Woods & Karis Cristinelli for being selected into Association teams that travelled to Perth for Regional Association Netball Championships and the Great Southern Regional Junior Netball Carnival held in Narrogin. Also, a mention must be made in regards to Jenny Cristinelli the Coach of Tambellup Junior Team, she has been announced as the Coach for the Great Southern Netball Region's Academy team travelling to participate in the Regional Academy Cup during the October school holidays.

Some of the girls within the team were also lucky enough to attend a Caitlin Bassett workshop held in Katanning late in the season (Caitlin Bassett being the Australian Diamonds Goal Shooter). Caitlin had just arrived back from the Commonwealth Games with her Gold Medal. The girls had a great time participating and being able to learn from the best in Australia.

It was also great to see some senior ladies playing netball who reside in Tambellup and travel to Katanning to play within clubs and teams, one being Ros Bowman, who was able to play in the Division 2 Grand Final. Well done to the Broomehill Ladies who also played this year in Division 3, and made it to the Grand Final, the future of netball within Tambellup and Broomehill looks solid.

"A great season of Netball for Tambellup's Juniors"



Cranbrook Motocross

39 motocross riders took to the Rockwell Flats track for the Cranbrook Districts Motorcycle Club Inc season final Club Day on Saturday 11th October 2014. They then went on to celebrate at a Windup Awards Night, roast lamb tea at the Cranbrook Sporting Club.

Club President Brett Smith and outgoing club president Brendan Watterson, along with Belinda Smith from Elders Cranbrook, congratulated the top effort our 17 junior riders have achieved during the 2014 season. A special mention went to most improved junior riders; Cassie Baxter and Andrew Watterson.

Senior riders were awarded for their contribution to the club, thank you to our sponsors Elders Cranbrook, Nanna Vicks Café, Cranbrook Supermarket, Cranbrook Post Office, Bills of Tenterden, Supercheap Autos, Albany Motorcycles, Albany Kawasaki and Tim's Tyres.

This is our second full Club season (April to October) and we proudly have achieved the following;

- 1 121 different motocross riders have ridden at Rockwell Flats this year
- 2 51 Annual Members
- 3 383 Facebook Likes
- 4 8 scheduled events
- 5 Track open for practice every weekend of the season

Events held were;

- Come & Try Day – Held at the commence of the season April, it is a chance for anyone interested in motocross to check out the track, attended by 65 riders
- Training Day – provided by Motorcycling Australia accredited coach teaches motocross skills & safety at the track, attended by 10 riders
- Six Club Days – These are a semi structured non-competitive ride day, with an average of 33 riders attending
- Practice Days - Track open for practice every weekend during the season. This is not a structured day and the motocross rider must meet the following Motorcycling WA restrictions to use the Rockwell Flats Track (Only 9 riders came once over 3 days to practice at the track)
 - 1 1 rider supervisor for every 5 riders
 - 2 Rider supervisor must have St John 'Apply First Aid'



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Media Statement

6 October 2014

Tambellup health facility upgrades

Plans for the refurbishment of Tambellup Health Centre are getting closer to finalisation following recent staff and community briefings.

A community meeting was held over lunch at the Tambellup Community Resource Centre on Wednesday 17 September to outline the proposed upgrades and changes to Tambellup Health Centre, which will be upgraded as part of the \$565million Southern Inland Health Initiative (SIHI), funded by the State Government's Royalties for Regions program.

WA Country Health Service's Operations Manager Ruth York said the sessions were important in showing community and staff how plans had evolved from the earlier service and conceptual planning phases.

"Our main focus with these works is to support emergency care and primary health, enhance the safety, security and comfort of patients and staff, and to ensure the reliability of services."

"We are expanding and upgrading the treatment room, and will develop a new allied health room to support services delivered by physiotherapists, occupational therapists and other visiting specialists. All new rooms will also be fitted with Telehealth capability.

"Many other improvements will actually go unseen, such as the upgrade of fire safety measures to ensure we continue to provide a safe environment for patients and staff."

Ruth said the briefings were a good opportunity to share the progress of the project with the community.

"The timelines for Tambellup Health Centre, Gnowangerup Hospital, and Kojonup Hospital have been brought forward and construction is now expected to commence in December 2014. This is fantastic news for these communities and we're very fortunate to be well-positioned to progress with the earlier timeframe."

Information about the progress and proposed scope of works for Katanning Hospital will be available in the near future.

Between 2008 and 2018, WA Health is investing more than \$7billion in new and improved health facilities, with support from Commonwealth Government and other partners. Find out more at getthebiggerpicture.health.wa.gov.au or at wacountry.health.wa.gov.au > Southern Inland Health Initiative.

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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 Eticup to take up farming and the diaries of William Henry Graham (WHG) who was also one of the first pioneers of the Eticup 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.

Treasure, Edward - An expirree who did very well. He took up land at Martinup, where Sam Swift is believed to have built the original homestead. WHG refers to him in 1862 when he came to Eticup for his horses, getting the rest of his rum and letting WHG know that his fillies had been seen at Wagin Lake. On 17th February 1863 Treasure married TN's younger sister Anna Maria who bore him 12 children. During 1863 and 1864 WHG did chaining for treasure on several occasions. On 18th May 1880, Treasure paid Mrs Hiscock's fine to avoid sale of her possessions (her husband had been found guilty of grog selling). At a sale at Martinup in November 1881, £726 worth of goods were sold and later that month treasure joined John Forrest and his survey team for a few days. In January 1886 Edward Treasure became very ill at Kojonup. By 26th he was in a coma and TN sat with him until 1 o'clock. He died at 10 o'clock on the 27th and was to be buried as soon as a coffin could be made. Dr Rosselloty examined him and ordered an inquest which was not held until 13th February. The verdict was death by drink with no blame attachable to others. On 6th July 1898 TN drove from Warkalup to Kojonup to see L.F. Van Zuilecom to try to settle the division of Edward Treasure's property between his family. There was much dissention and the matter was not settled until midday next day. TN thought one of the daughter's had been very unreasonable. In mid-1886 Anna Treasure was married again – to P.C. Richard House but remained at Martinup running the property with the help of her eldest son J.J. (James).

Treasure, J.J. – Eldest son of Edward and Anna Treasure of Martinup. He married Emma Jane Carpenter, daughter of Charles Carpenter of Eticup. He helped farm at Martinup and was a carting contractor to the mining districts during the goldrush and took up property at Kojonup. His much younger brother, Thomas Levi, aged 7 at the time of Edward Treasure's death, is recorded as having inherited Martinup from his father. Perhaps it was when his mother Anna died in 1908. Thomas Levi sold Martinup to Wheeler & Arnott but his nephew Ken regained ownership.

Trimmer, Arthur – Member of roe's expedition to Albany which travelled well east of Ettakup Pool on the southbound journey and in sight of the huge rock now called Heron Rock. On the northward journey, the men camped at a spot they named Scamper Creek, west of Ettakup Pool and not far from Nookanellup. In 1836 he married Mary Ann Spencer, daughter of Sir Richard Spencer of Albany and sister of Edward May Spencer who in the 1850s took up land in the Eticup area, including freehold Location 12. It has been accepted that Arthur Trimmer spent some time at Eticup, but his own property was much further south in Pootenup area, and by the time the house (just south of Ettakup Pool) became known as the Trimmer Place, it was owned by his daughter Sophia – later Lady Campbell, who had inherited from her Uncle Edward Spencer.

Trimmer, Mary – Wife of Arthur Trimmer and daughter of Sir Richard Spencer. She lived at Eticup (at the Trimmer place) from late 1860s to the early 1880s. Her daughter Sophia (Lady Campbell in 1881), whose property it became in 1869, spent time there but it is not clear whether she was visiting from Albany or from nearby Goblup. When TN's bride Christen Ann Wray arrived from Albany in February 1872, Mrs Trimmer was one of the only three white women in the immediate area. The others were Mrs Garrity at Green Hill and Mrs Graham at Fairfield. In May 1878 when the birth of her 5th child was imminent, Mrs Norrish sent a message to Mrs Trimmer who immediately set off on foot across the paddocks while Sophia and the messenger went to catch a saddle and horse. In September 1883 TN visited Mrs Trimmer at Albany. In July 1886 Mrs Trimmer was staying at Goblup with her daughter when she became ill. Randle Warburton (Lady Campbell's overseer) came to Sunnyside to borrow a half bottle of brandy for Mrs Trimmer and on 25th July Sophia started for Albany with "poor old Mrs Trimmer" who was very ill. She died in Albany on 25th August 1886. Sophia's brother, Edward Algernon (Algy) Trimmer probably spent time at Eticup with his mother and he was staying at Goblup in October 1886 when Dr Rosselloty visited him; he died soon afterwards and was buried in the Eticup Cemetery – the first burial there.

KATANNING & DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB.

It was my pleasure to welcome members & guests to my home and garden for the [October meeting, many spring annuals were in flower along with several varieties of](#) bulbs as well as flowering perennials. I hope they all enjoyed the garden. I was also happy to be able to give away cuttings of different shrubs

We have had an offer from a few non garden club members to hold our meetings at their homes, we will certainly look into this in the new year, it is always great to venture further afield.

Final arrangements were made for the forthcoming show which will be all over by the time this goes to print, I will report on that next month.

Marj reported on her open garden day, she was very happy with the end result, after much hard work and many hours to have it ready it was very worthwhile, she had 85 people through and the comments were very encouraging.

Competition Results for the month were: FLORAL ART: 1. Pam Garlick, 2. Gerry Watson. FLOWERS: 1. Ailsa Thomas. 3. TREE or SHRUB: 1. Ailsa Thomas, 2. Pam Garlick.

MY BEST FLOWER: 1. Pam Garlick, Equal Second: Ailsa Thomas & Margaret Wise, 3. Gerry Watson. POT PLANT: 1. Ailsa Thomas. FRUIT or VEGE: 1. Margaret Wise.

The monthly raffle was won by Pam Garlick.

I came across this handy hint which I would like to share with you; Those little sachets in the base of meat trays from the super markets can be soaked until they swell. Cut open and empty the gel crystals onto plant to assist in keeping the root system moist. Dig in lightly, your plants will appreciate this bit of recycling.

The club's next meeting will be at Helen Kowald's home, 22 Amber St, on November 11th at 1.30pm.

Until next month enjoy your gardens and keep well,

Cheers, Ailsa.

Important Dates and Events KATANNING ANGLICAN PARISH

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Saturday 8 Nov: St Andrew's Anglican Church, Katanning, Annual Fete

Sunday 16 Nov: W.W.1 Commemorative Service at St Peter's, Badgebup, 2.30pm with bring and share afternoon tea at the Badgebup Hall. The Southern Singers will be leading the singing.

Sunday 14 Dec: Annual Carol Service, St Elizabeth's Broomehill, 7pm, Wesleyan Church Choir leading the singing.

Friday 19 Dec: Carols in the Bush, St Peter's, Pindellup, 6pm

Sunday 21 Dec: Annual Christmas Carols Service, St Mary's Kojonup, 7pm

Christmas Eve Services

St Andrew's Katanning, 7pm

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Media release October 15, 2014

Heritage sites in Mt Barker and Broomehill to be restored

Regional heritage sites will be bolstered by State Government funding announced today, as part of its 2014-15 Heritage Grants Program.

Twenty of the 31 sites announced to share in more than \$1million worth of grants are located in regional WA, including two projects in the Wagin electorate - the former Jones' buildings, at Broomehill and the St Werburgh's Chapel, Mt Barker.

Local Member Terry Waldron MLA said the funding would assist private owners to restore and conserve their State Registered heritage properties.

A grant of \$9,840 was awarded to St Werburgh's Chapel, Mt Barker and the former Jones' buildings, at Broomehill, received \$12,762 through the program.

"The Wagin electorate is home to many iconic heritage sites that should be maintained and recognised for generations to come," Mr Waldron said.

"I congratulate the latest grant recipients for taking important steps to restore and conserve their heritage properties for the benefit of the local community and visitors alike."

Recipients are required to match grants dollar-for-dollar to carry out restorative work on their properties.

Mr Waldron said the history at the two local heritage sites was intriguing.

"I understand that St Werburgh's Chapel in Mt Barker was built in 1873 and is one of 32 religious buildings throughout the world dedicated to Saint Werburgh. And the Henry Jones building at Broomehill was constructed in 1911 and served as an important shopping plaza in its time, which included a bank and a bakery within the complex," he said.

The State Government's Heritage Grants Program will provide almost \$1.3million this year, including a special allocation of \$275,883 towards 12 Stirling Terrace buildings in Albany, which are being revitalised for the Centenary of ANZAC commemorations.

Since the funding program began in 1996-97, 690 heritage projects have been awarded grants totalling more than \$15.8million.

For further information visit <http://www.stateheritage.wa.gov.au>
For media enquiries please contact Terry Waldron on (08) 9881 1225 or email terry.waldron@mp.wa.gov.au



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If you have private power lines or a private power pole on your property, it is your responsibility to inspect and maintain them. Keep trees and branches clear of the power lines. This will help prevent power interruptions and reduce the possibility of electrocution or fire.

This is not a new requirement. It has always been the property owner's responsibility to maintain all electrical equipment they own.

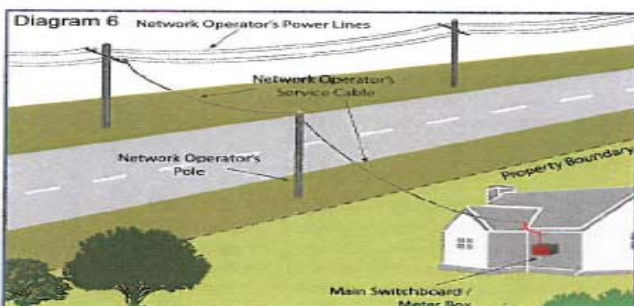
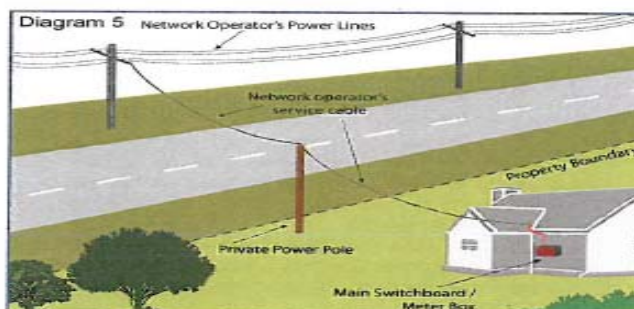
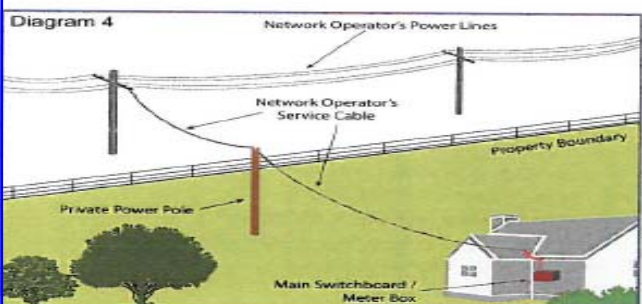
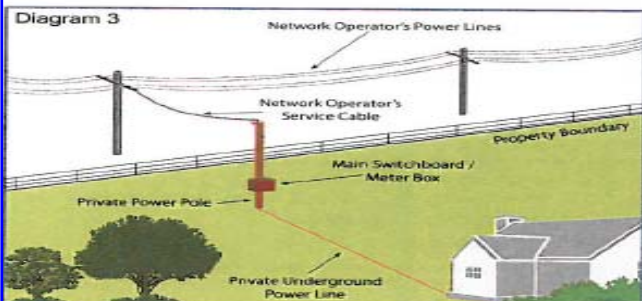
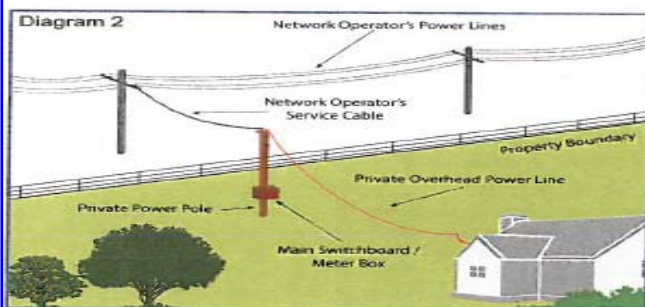
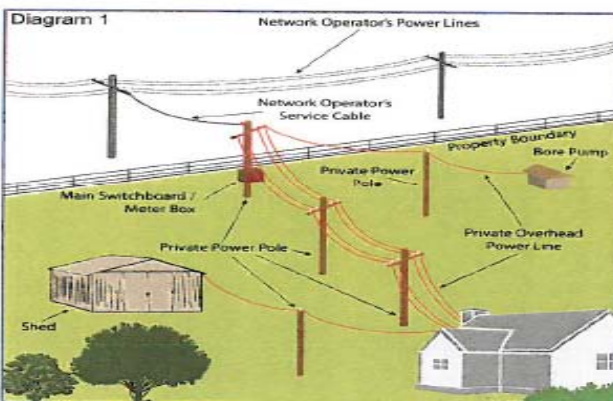
What overhead power lines are we talking about?

All private poles, wires and pole-top fittings located on the owner's property are his/her responsibility. The following diagrams show some common private power line arrangements.

If you are unsure about the ownership of power lines on your property, please contact:

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Inspections of private overhead power lines and poles

It is important that you inspect your private power lines and poles (including stay-wires, fittings and all other components) at least once a year to check for any visible signs of deterioration. **Never climb a pole, approach the wires, attempt any electrical repairs yourself or cut any vegetation near an energised power line. Contact with live wires can kill!**

It is recommended that you:

- safely remove any vegetation on the ground close to the base of all power poles and under the power lines.

- check that trees and branches are at least two metres away from power lines. If they are not, arrange for tree pruning by a competent vegetation control contractor. Check the Yellow Pages or contact the Tree Guild of WA for a list of trained contractors;
- check wood poles for obvious defects such as poles which are cracked, damaged, rotting, attacked by white-ants/termites and ask your white-ant/termite inspector to treat (if required) the area around the poles;
- inspect steel poles regularly (eg every year). Steel poles, even if galvanised, are subject to rust and should be checked above and below ground for defects; and
- check all poles for leaning, brackets pulling away from poles/buildings, damaged stay-wires, split cross-arms broken strands in wires, damaged insulators or wires hanging much lower than others in the same section.

If you come across any of these defects during a visual inspection, immediately arrange for further inspection or repairs by a licensed electrical contractor.

Life expectancy of wood poles

Australian Standards indicate a life expectancy of up to 40 years above ground and 25 years below ground for hardwood poles. However, the life expectancy of wood poles can vary significantly depending on their uses, species, climatic conditions and soil conditions.

If your poles are hardwood, such as jarrah, it is recommended that you replace all those which have been in service for more than 25 years. The difficulty in detecting internal deterioration and rotting in hardwood poles makes age-based replacement the only reliable option.

Alternatively, if your poles are softwood, such as treated pine, it is recommended that you seek information from the manufacturer or your supplier (if known) about the life expectancy. You should then replace those poles that are older than the indicated serviceable life.

If your poles are made of sawn timber, you should immediately replace them. Sawn timber is not suitable for power poles as it is more prone to rot and structural deterioration, with a high risk of early failure.

Groundline reinforcement using galvanised steel stakes can also extend the life of wood poles. Such an option should only be considered if the reinforcement work is performed by an asset management company specialising in such activities

My power poles need replacing. What are my options?

a. Underground

If the private power poles or lines on your property exceed their serviceable life, it is recommended that you consider replacing them with an underground cable.

The benefits of an underground cable are:

- it is far safer than an overhead line. It eliminates the risk of starting a bushfire and the risk of electrocution through contact with farm equipment is minimised;
- an underground supply is far more reliable, not affected by weather or vegetation; and
- it does not require maintenance.

Please discuss this option with your licensed electrical contractor. In some cases, you may be able to negotiate a discount by digging the trenches yourself. Before digging, check for other underground services that may be present.

b. Pole replacement

Should your overhead power lines need substantial repair and you decide to continue with overhead power lines, you should use new steel poles and insulated wires. Regulations will be amended to require this. Wood poles and bare overhead wires will then no longer be allowed. Ask your electrical contractor for advice.

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Travellers' Tales 8, by Anna Wright

After I left Richmond, with a promise to return, I went back to Winton and spent another five days working on Matilda's Ulna. I developed a minor case of RSI, and has mentioned to the Palaeontologist at Richmond that I was keen to do some prepping at the lab there. So I backtracked as the direct road had been roughened up by some recent rains.

Camping at Richmond again, same neighbours, same camp site. I started at the lab, working on an ammonite, then began the two week fantastic experience working on Wilson, the Ichthyosaur. Wilson was found by the Wilson family in July. He has a complete skeleton head, and the rest was still to be revealed. It was really exciting, uncovering vertebrae and ribs, and then some bones I needed picture reference to identify.

Working with Tim was fantastic. I am going back there for as long as they will have me next year.

While I was there, I was working with this other lady. Her name was an unusual one, and I happened to comment that I once knew a person with that name. Tim made the comment that wouldn't it be funny if she was the same person. I asked her for her maiden name, and lo and behold, she was the same person. I hadn't seen her for about fifty years! We caught up on family history.

Sadly, I left Richmond and headed for Mount Isa, making my way back to Western Australia. I had a run in with the Centerlink supervisor there, which left me feeling very jaded. Fortunately, the caravan park I chose was quiet, comfortable and friendly, however, the swimming pool was like ice. It was a 34 degree day! The trip to the Isa was beautiful, with jagged rocky outcrops covered with a variety of flowering wattles. I wanted to take photos left right and centre, however, there were no pull offs where I could. One of the most spectacular places, I was caught with the decision to overtake a road train or try and stop for the photo. I chose the latter and managed to then overtake the road train before the overtaking lane petered out.

Camooweal. A dry, deserted outpost just inside the Queensland border. Very unfriendly. I stopped at the servo to use the facilities only to be confronted by a very large sign that informed me I couldn't use them unless I purchased something from their store. I didn't want anything, so I took a stroll around the town and used the facilities in the local park. Funny thing outside the pub – pairs of thongs lined up at the footpath. No cars nearby, just the thongs.

I finally made it to the Northern Territory, the only state I hadn't ever visited. The scenery gradually changed, becoming more lush that the Queensland side of the border. Just past the Barkly Homestead, I came across a caravan on it's roof, still attached to the ute (right way up and seemingly undamaged) that was towing it. I had to wait until I got to Ceduna to find out the complete story attached. The ute driver was passing a road train, the cross winds were horrific (I wouldn't have attempted it), and the third trailer of the road train crashed into the caravan as they went past, tipping it over. The RAC NT version was on its way from Tennant Creek to sort out the problem.

I spent the night at Three Ways, the decision point of the trip. Do I go north to Kakadu, Darwin and then come across the top end, do I turn south and go via the Great Central Highway, or do I turn left and go via the Nullabor again.

The left decision was made for me with reports it was already very hot and humid and threatening an early wet season up north. I figured I could check the area out next winter, so turned left and headed to the Alice.

Tennant Creek was an interesting break. I toured the mine site there, the overland telegraph station, and the hall of fame hand prints in the footpath. Gosh Jon English has massive hands! The next stop on the highway was the Devils Marbles. Again a rather lengthy stopover, wandering around these intriguing natural features, taking photos and just enjoying the general atmosphere. A bit further on I stopped in at a pub cum roadhouse and read the history of the area.

Alice Springs was not as I expected it. It seemed like a very large, overgrown country town. I checked in, decided not to do the Central Highway, as I had heard reports that it was rather rough in places, so booked on a tour to Uluru and Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) and the West MacDonnell Ranges. The latter was the first tour. I wish I had a decent camera, but I have just got to be happy with my phone shots. We had a wonderful day, taking in several gorges and the Finke River, and finally calling in on a camel farm on the way back to the Alice.

The Uluru trip was a marathon. 18 hours in all, 9 hours getting there and back, with nine hours sightseeing and then doing the champagne and barbecue watching the sunset – along with about 2000 other tourists! I got some amazing photos as the sun set, changing the colour of the rock. It was definitely the way to go. Our guides told us all the Aboriginal Creation stories, showed us the specific markings in the rock related to these stories, and gave us a natural and bush food excursion. If you go to the Alice, do the tour with Emu Run tours. All food was provided. We just had to take our own water. I saw some rare acacias, tasted wild beans and thrips, watched birds catch snakes and lizards, and marvelled at the stories we were told of the creation of the area with relation to the stars.

The long haul then started. I headed south and reached South Australia. While photographing wildflowers, I fell over in a bull dust hole, hurting my wrist, ankle and butt. The trip then slowed as I was too sore to drive great distances. I pulled in to the Marla Roadhouse that night, along with half the population of the Stuart Highway. Meal of the night was Barramundi, so I indulged. It was 100% better than the one I had up in the Gulf. Next morning I headed off for Coober Pedy, and had intended getting further, however the soreness wouldn't allow it. I did a grocery shop and then found a camp for the night. I found Coober Pedy a rather depressing place. I suppose the opal mining must be very productive, however, the living accommodation didn't reflect this. The views around the Breakaways were fabulous. The whole place brought back memories of scenes from Priscilla, Queen of the Desert!

Next day, I headed for Woomera and Roxby Downs. Woomera is now a ghost town, however the government are placing homeless families there in the housing in and attempt to re-establish the town. There is a rather good display of rockets and space junk that has come back to earth in an open museum in the centre of the town. Roxby Downs, the town for the Olympic Dam Uranium Mine was a bustling metropolis in comparison. Only trouble, the caravan park is run by Aspen, and cost an arm and a leg to stay there. I went out to the Olympic Dam site the next morning, but looking at the q

Security queue at the gate, decided not to do the public viewing. I looked at the Oodnadatta Track, a super gravel highway, and weighed up the options of going that way or head back the way I had come and do the next destination, the Flinders Ranges, via bitumen. I took the bitumen, calling in at Andamooka on the way. It was a town that we were threatened with when I was at Teachers' College as a possible first posting. I thought it was a rather "cute" town, a bit better looking than Coober Pedy. I walked the open museum of the dugouts, and was surprised they were still occupied up until the 1980's. One was Jack Absalom's fathers dugout, where he lived in the winter months while mining for opals.

I reached my destination in the Flinders Ranges by late afternoon. Willow Springs station. This was the old stamping ground of a friend who had etched his name and the date before leaving the area in the 1950's. The station was looking very lush, boasting 4,500 head of sheep and 40 head of breeding cows. I saw three big red kangaroos and about 30 emus, but no sheep or cattle! I had a lovely night camped out under the stars with no one around me then went and checked the hut and the etching the next morning. The owners had suggested a trip for me, saying it was suitable for two wheel drive, through beauty spots in the Ranges. Well, 2 wheel drive!!! No way. I took about 4 hours to do a 30 km stretch. Yes, it was beautiful, and the wildlife was plentiful, but I was very relieved to get out without any breakages.

I am now on the straight stretch home. I told my son I wouldn't be driving off and checking out new and interesting places. I don't think he believed me. I have already done one diversion. Maybe there will be more. At the end of it, I am going to park the wheels for a few months, do some painting and patchwork, and generally just RELAX!!!

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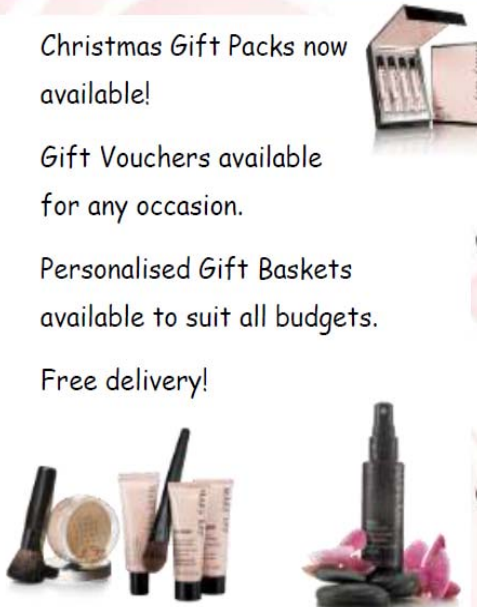


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