Drakesbrook Despatch

A volunteer monthly newsletter for the residents of Waroona, Preston Beach, Lake Clifton, Hamel**, Coolup & Yarloop**



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Merry Christmas





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As another year comes to a close, we would like to take a moment to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to all our wonderful customers, local businesses and the Waroona community for your continued support throughout the year.

The team at Waroona Electrical Services wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas, a safe and happy holiday season, and a fantastic New Year filled with happiness, health and success.

Thank you for supporting local and choosing Waroona Electrical Services. We look forward to working with you all again in the year ahead!

We are having a well-earned break and will be closing for the Christmas period from 12pm on Friday the 18th of December and reopening on Monday the 11th of January 2026.

There will be an on call Electrician available for urgent breakdowns only during this time. Please call 0427 664 519 and leave a detailed voicemail and someone will return your call when they can"

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Community Calendar for Meetings, Church Services & Events

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3rd Thurs—Tessa Ferraro
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Waroona Resource Centre -
9733 2545

Coolup Craft Group
Wednesdays CWA Room,
Coolup 9530 3258

Coolup Progress Association
For details please contact Secretary
Email: coolupprogress@outlook.com

Dam Spinners
Fortnightly Craft Centre, Waroona
Joy Jackson 9733 1810

Lake Clifton/Herron Residents Association
Meetings every 2nd month on the 2nd Monday
Contact: Jenny Rose 0428 343 028

Lake Clifton Landcare
Contact: Nancy Fardin 0407 403 797

Preston Beach Progress Assoc.
Quarterly Meeting,
Contact: Bob Goodwin
phone 0448 546 387

Senior Citizens Welfare
Last Wednesday - Jan Wood 9733 3496.
Hall Hire: Shire Office 9733 7800

Wagerup Community Consultative Network
For information contact
Tom Busher at Alcoa on 9733 8768

Waroona Historical Society
3rd Wednesday 4:00pm
Debra Tyler 0417 705 966

Waroona Lions
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Christine Chilvers
0476 518 286

ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH WAROONA
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Seniors Recreation Council of WA Inc - Peel Branch
Strong on Your Feet Exercise Class for Seniors
Waroona Senior Citizens Centre, Millar Street
Mondays 12:30pm Cost $5 includes afternoon tea.
For Further Information please contact:
Shelley - Program Coordinator
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Elders: Daphne Bennell
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Phone: 0499 859 303
Minister: Rev. Robert Jetta

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9:03am Senior Citizens then
9:05am SWest Hwy near phone box
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Waroona Community Market
Next market is December 6th
If you would like to book a stall for this market, contact Lisa Fry on: 0415 954 993 or waroonamarkets24@gmail.com

WAROONA CATHOLIC CHURCH
St Patricks Parish
Fr Abraham Chukwu is our Parish Priest.
His mobile 0470 439 768
Email. frchukwua@gmail.com
Christmas Service times
Christmas Eve Thursday
24th December 7.00pm
Christmas Day Friday
25th December 8.30am

Waroona Creative Arts Centre
Art, Paper-Craft, Multimedia, Patchwork, Spinning, Knitting and Pottery Workshop events visit our Facebook page
Contact Sam: 0478 838 582
waroonacreativeartcentreinc@gmail.com

Waroona Playgroup
Playgroup is open Mon and Wed 9-11am for children 0-5yrs old
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Congratulations to the following people with Birthdays in December

Ann O'Dorisio
Gina Fiorenza
Judy Alexander
Lisa Fry
Kerry Shore
Margaret Abbott
Frank Cavallaro
Nigel Hume



GSSS



You had to be there to fully appreciate Georgia and Peter's amazing outdoor area, just perfect for entertaining or enjoying company. They have done an impressive job in the two years they have been there. Thank you for hosting and your hospitality.

There was so much choice on the share table, that there was no excuse for not taking something home to either cook or plant. Morning tea was just as plentiful that no-one would have gone home hungry.

Our next meeting will be hosted by Loretta Jones on SUNDAY December 13 at 38 James Road, Hamel at 10am.

January's meeting will be hosted by Vivian Howell at 11 Robbie Court, on a date to be announced. Keep an eye on our Facebook page in early January

There is no Drakesbrook Despatch in January, so both write-ups for the above, will be in February's edition.

Merry Christmas everyone. Stay safe and we will see you all next year..

Check our Facebook page - *Waroona Garden Swap Share Shuffle,* for tips and updated information. Details on our next meeting, can be found in the EVENTS tab of our Facebook page about a week before the scheduled date. If you have any queries, Linda can be contacted on 0411 126 875.

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Monday – Thursday
8.30 - 5.00
Friday - 8.30 - 4.00
Saturday - 8.30 - 12.00

Seniors News

Ho, Ho, Ho it's Xmas time
Hello everyone, yes it's that time of the year again. I hope you have a wonderful Xmas and a safe and healthy New Year and be kind to people next year. if you thought this year was hard, I don't think next year is going to be any better. Kind regards Janet Wood (Secretary) 9733 3496



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Nigel's Word Knowledge

Do you know the meaning of these words?
Answers on page 27

1. **Persona non grata**
2. **Pernicious**
3. **Libation**
4. **Pertinacious**



The Twelve Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas, my true love said to me
I'm glad we bought fresh turkey and a proper Christmas tree.
On the second day of Christmas, much laughter could be heard
As we tucked into the turkey – a most delicious bird.
On the third day we entertained the people from next door.
The turkey tasted just as good as it did the day before.
On the fourth day of Christmas, poor Gran is looking old.
We finished off the Christmas pud and had the turkey cold.
On the fifth day of Christmas, outside the snowflakes flurried
But we were nice and warm inside – we had the turkey curried.
On the sixth day I must admit, the Christmas spirit died
The children fought and bickered and we had the turkey – fried.
On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love he did wince
When he sat down at the table and was offered turkey mince.
Day eight and nerves were getting frayed, the dog had run for shelter
I served up turkey pancakes with a glass of Alka Seltzer.
On day nine, our cat left home and Dad was getting blotto
He said he had to have a drink to face turkey risotto.
On the tenth day, the booze had gone except for homemade brew
And if that wasn't bad enough, we suffered turkey stew.
On the eleventh day of Christmas, the Christmas tree was moulting
The fruit mince pies were hard as rocks and the turkey was revolting.
The twelfth day my true love had a smile upon his lips
The guests had gone, the turkey too and we dined on fish and chips.

Waroona Veterinary Clinic News

Cattle Conditions You May Not Have Heard Of – Dr Katie Schoeppner

Freemartinisim

A Freemartin is the term used to describe an infertile female heifer that was born with a male twin.

This occurs because there is a shared blood supply between the placenta of the male and female foetus. The shared blood supply inadvertently exposes the female foetus to male hormones, such as testosterone, which impacts the female foetus during vital stages of her growth and development.

The chance of a Freemartin heifer is very high; >90% of female foetuses co-twinned with a male will be freemartins. This is why it is always worthwhile checking the gender of any twins.

Freemartins often look normal and all you will notice is a heifer that can't get pregnant. But in some cases, there can be physical changes including a shortened vagina, small vulva, vulvar hair tufts, enlarged clitoris or masculinized body traits creating a steer-like appearance.

Freemartins are otherwise healthy cattle that grow and develop well – they simply have no reproductive value.

Star gazing

Not so much a disease but a symptom. The name comes from the position cattle are in with this condition; they are either standing or laying down with their head pulled backwards - just like they're looking up at the stars. The symptom is mostly associated with polioencephalomalacia (PEM), a disease resulting from thiamine (vitamin B1) deficiency.

If star gazing is present, then the disease is considered to be at advanced stages. Earlier signs are far more subtle and include appearing disorientated, blind, head pressing and irritability. Eventually star gazing and blindness will occur and if left untreated, convulsions and death can eventuate.

So how do cattle become low in thiamine? Well, thiamine is produced by the microbes of the rumen; the largest chamber of their 4 chambered stomach. Anything that causes dysbiosis in the rumen can prevent these microbes from procuring adequate amounts of thiamine. For example, reduced appetite, high grain diets and low fibre diets are all risk factors for thiamine deficiency.

Treating the disease as soon as possible is vital as the prognosis is poor once blindness and stargazing is present. The good news is treatment can be very effective in the early stages. Vitamin B1 (Thiamine) injections are available over the counter without a subscription but an assessment by a veterinarian is always recommended to rule out other similar diseases.

Copper spectacles

Again, not a disease but a symptom characteristically seen with copper deficiency. It is the thinning and discolouration of hair around the eyes, making it look as though the cattle have spectacles on. Symptoms can be very broad and young growing cattle are most likely to be affected. Symptoms include ill-thrift, faded/dull coat, chronic diarrhoea, chronic lameness, spontaneous fractures and anaemia. Copper deficiency can be due to low levels of copper in the diet or are due to excesses of molybdenum and/or sulphur in the diet. Diagnosis can be tricky as blood tests are usually unreliable. Measurement of copper levels in the pasture or feed may be indicative, but the most reliable test is a sample of the liver (where copper is stored). 5It is best not to long term over supplement copper unless you are sure there is copper deficiency. This is because the copper will accumulate to toxic levels in the liver where it is then suddenly released – leading to sudden death.

Waroona Veterinary Clinic

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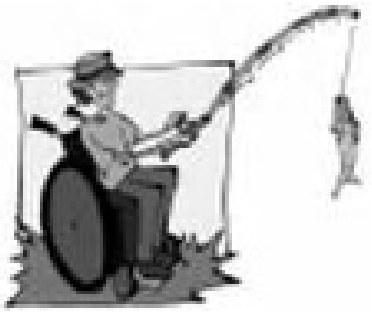
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Fishability Freshwater



4th November

The day dawned cloudless and calm, promising a good day. And what a good day it turned out to be.

Peter, Amelia, my wife and I were the only Fishability crew at the Weir, and silly me left my phone plugged in the charger near my bed. My wife being the loving woman she is, drove home the 15 kilometres and collected it whilst the rest of us set up the event. We weren't expecting too many so only put one unit to use.

Once she returned, we re-connected the trailer and settled down for a cup of tea or coffee and enjoyed the company of the wildlife. A young Australian Shelduck (AKA Mountain Duck), still in juvenile plumage decided we were good company, to such an extent we thought she may have been domesticated. After maintaining our company for half an hour or so, she wandered off and returned with another friend. This new friend was a maned goose (AKA Wood Duck) youngster out of this season's hatch and the two of them hung around in close proximity for a while. I couldn't believe how friendly they were to each other as well as to us. Pics have been attached.

By this time the breeze had changed its mind a couple of times as to where it wanted to blow from, but it was still just a zephyr - nice glassy spots on the water with some classy wind lanes showing.

On checking the baits, it was found they no longer existed, so we set about improving that situation. On casting the second rod, I noticed a splash off to one side, only to realize the bait had come off in casting. The next three casts the same thing happened upon the setup hitting the water. The Berkeley Gulp had warmed up in the sun and become soft, so much so that upon impact with the water, the hook pulled free. It was readily visible floating at the point of impact with the water. Fifth attempt was successful, and that was when our 'Kingfisher' expressed his opinion on non-co-operation by the fish. They must have heard him, as within about five minutes the line-out alarm sounded and he was hooked up.

Upon landing the 28 cm Rainbow hen, taking the requisite pics, and releasing it back to swim away, we were out of time and proceeded to pack up.

That completed a very pleasant day with very nice people and a successful catch. May we have many more.

Until next time, good fishing to all. Chas.







18 November

Day dawned at home as a pleasant morning with next to no wind, just a little cloud. Enroute to Drakesbrook Weir a sprinkling of moisture appeared on the windscreen and cloud started to envelop the sky.

Upon arrival the easterly had arrived and there was a little chop on the water and me cursing at not putting a warmer cardigan in to keep out the cold. That didn't last long as the wind faded and the cloud persisted a bit longer.

Whatever it was, it pleased the fish as we caught three lovely Rainbow hens and lost a fourth fish of unknown species. Whatever it was, it pulled a lot harder than the three landed as it pulled the hook for its freedom.

The three landed were 38, 33 and 32 cm. All legal but happily photographed and released to swim away.

As 'Kingfisher' was the only participant at the time, he has now taken his tally since coming to the Fishability event, to 16 fish. The smile on his dial made the cheshire cat look a little forlorn.

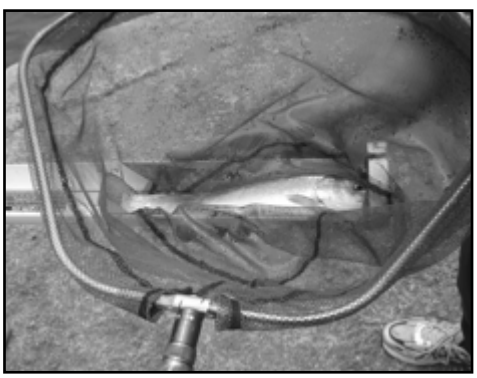
We now have only two more events before we break over summer avoiding the strong morning easterlies at our event location. If you would like to have a go, please feel free to drop in between 9.00 am and midday on those days and enjoy our company.

Good fishing karma to all. Chas.









The Wild Patch

December gardening notes for Waroona and surrounding districts by Genna, Wild

Welcome to the first edition of The Wild Patch! I'm Genna, a local horticulturist and garden designer at Wild Garden Designs. Each month I'll share practical seasonal advice, plants worth knowing and garden jobs for Waroona and surrounding districts. **Noongar Season: Birak (First Summer)** We're on Bindjareb Noongar Country, and December starts Birak, the season of the young. Hot easterlies blow in the mornings, fledglings leave the nest, reptiles shed their skins and the moodjar flowers. Leave fledglings on the ground be, as their parents are nearby, and watch for snakes.

What to Plant Now

Bush tucker: warrigal greens (blanch before eating), old man saltbush, local pigface (*Carpobrotus virescens*), youlk and Geraldton wax 'Jambinu Zest'. Water deeply while they establish. **Vegetables and herbs:** sweet corn, beans, cucumber, zucchini, tomato, capsicum, eggplant, basil and parsley. Silverbeet and lettuce need afternoon shade.

Planting by the Moon

1–8 Dec Last quarter (1st)
Rest: weed, mulch, prune and harvest
9–16 Dec New moon (9th)
Leafy crops: lettuce, silverbeet, herbs, sweet corn
17–23 Dec First quarter (17th)
Fruiting crops: tomato, beans, cucumber, zucchini
24–30 Dec Full moon (24th)
Roots and perennials: youlk, saltbush; take cuttings
31 Dec–7 Jan Last quarter (31st)
Rest

December Garden Jobs **Sprinkler roster:** Shire of Waroona scheme water users have two set watering days a week: water once, before 9am or after 6pm. Mulch to 7–10cm and have shade cloth ready. **Cut spent kangaroo paw stems,** pick zucchini and beans often.

Local Watch: Stressed and Dying Trees

Many natives are browning off fast, and stressed trees attract fungi (dieback, marri canker, Armillaria) and pests (borers, scale, galls). Watch for polyphagous shot-hole borer too: pen-tip holes with gumming, quarantined as close as Keysbrook. Give stressed trees slow, deep soaks at the dripline and mulch, but don't fertilise or prune hard in summer. Clean boots and tools, and don't move firewood out of quarantine areas. Report pests or disease to DPIRD on 9368 3080 or the MyPestGuide Reporter app, and verge trees to the Shire.

Climate & Fire watch

The Bureau's updated outlook (12 November) no longer shows extra rain for our corner of WA — it's now roughly even odds on a wetter or drier summer here, aside from an unquantified wet lean through December alone. Warmer than average days and nights are still very likely right across the country. On Total Fire Ban days, petrol mowers, brushcutters and chainsaws can't be used where there's vegetation. For free SMS ban alerts, email your name and mobile to warshire@waroona.wa.gov.au or call 9733 7800.

Pests:
Two-Spotted Mite and Fruit Fly

Two-spotted mite: pale, speckled leaves and fine webbing. Hose under leaves, use plant-oil spray in the cool of the day, and avoid broad-spectrum sprays. For bad outbreaks, release the predatory mite *Typhlodromus occidentalis*.

Fruit fly: the maggots drop from the fruit into the soil to pupate, then emerge as flies to sting the next crop. Remove stung fruit from the tree and pick up fallen fruit daily, before they reach the soil. Bag and bin it, never compost it.

Plant of the Month: Moodjar (WA Christmas Tree)

Nuytsia floribunda is at its golden-orange best now, feeding insects and nectar birds. Noongar people regard moodjar as sacred, the keeper of the spirits of those who have passed, so please don't pick the flowers. It's very hard to grow, so protect the trees already here.

Wild Garden Design

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Drakesbrook Croquet Club News

Drakesbrook Croquet Club held its AGM recently. The following were elected as Office Bearers for the coming year President: Laurie Snell, Vice President: James Holliday, Secretary: Andrew Johnson, Treasurer: Karen Foster and Captain: Lynette Holliday.
Nine members travelled to Byford for a friendly competition. A great day was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Drakesbrook were successful on several fronts, with Laurie Snell and Andrew Johnson partnering for a tie for first with two other teams. One of the benefits of taking part in competitions is an opportunity to improve our game. Also understanding of the game rules and regulations is vital.

Our plans for establishing our own courts in Waroona have moved along. We are grateful to GEM Surveys for carrying out a drone survey of the proposed grounds. They will provide a report with advice on the groundworks required to create the courts. GEM carried out this work free of charge and we appreciate this support towards our club.

Garage Sale Report

Club members put in a great effort towards fundraising for our planned future croquet courts and clubhouse. Though customer numbers were somewhat thin on the ground. we raised $2,100.19 on the day.
Unsold goods, except for hay, plants and firewood, were either sent to the local Waroona Opportunity Shop or to Halo or other relief organisations in Mandurah.
A big thank you to James and Chrissie Tognela for the use of their home and garden, to Elaine Marchetti and Dalla for propagating plants, and to the Hollidays, Kents, Elaine Platell and Lore Hull for the delicious treats they made. The sausage sizzle was cooked and served by the very cheerful chef Felix Tognela, who also brought in hay bales for the sale. Karen Foster handled the clothes section. There was a tremendous variety of donated goods for sale, thanks to everyone.

DRAKESBROOK CROQUET CLUB INC WAROONA

Waroona Community Resource Centre
Waroona Family Support Service

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www.waroonacrc.com.au

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 4pm
Friday: 9am - 3pm

Ageing Well Morning Tea

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our Annual Ageing Well Morning Tea!

It was a wonderful morning, warmly received by the community, with plenty of local support services on hand.

Community members enjoyed a relaxing morning tea, a fun art class, and the opportunity to connect, share and celebrate living well.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the event such a success. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

FB: Waroona Community Resource Centre Inc.

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Cupcake workshop

Fri 15 Jan
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Join Carli from Baking Club to learn all about piping buttercream designs! Take home your box of treats!

10 Henning Street Waroona

Cost is $50 per person, to be paid at time of booking.
This is subsidised by Waroona CRC. Suitable for ages 7-97 years.

Contact 08 9733 3011, or programs@waroonacrc.com.au for more info or to book your spot. Places are limited!

Waroona Community Resource Centre
Baking Club

Cuppa with a Copper

Christmas Edition

Focusing on staying safe and making smart choices during the Christmas season

Tuesday 8th December
10:30am
at
Waroona CRC
*Followed by the last Community Kitchen of 2026



Waroona Community Resource Centre

Upcoming events and activities at the Waroona Community Resource Centre:

FREE Community Kitchen is open every Tuesday 11:30am - 12:30pm

Dec 8th is the final Community Kitchen of 2026 and will reopen in Feb 2027

Youth Centre is open Thursdays each fortnight -

Dec 10th is the last YC of 2026 & will reopen Jan 21st, 2027

Upcoming events & activities at the CRC:

Tues 8th Dec - Cuppa with a Copper *Christmas Edition* - 10:30am
Fri 15th Jan - Cupcake Workshop - 10am - 12pm *Payment due at time of booking*
Thurs 21st Jan - Youth Centre Incursion - details TBC









Lissy, Annette & Kathy

Would like to Wish all our patrons

A Very Merry Christmas & Safe and Happy New Year

We are closed from the 25th of December – Re Open 5th January







Coral's Charity Crafters



29th October we had 9 ladies. Coral, 2 canula sleeves plus 10 poppies and has now completed her "homeless" beanies project making 200 for the year. Jane V. a baby jacket for KEMH, a small beanie and\ teddy for Bunbury Regional. Lois is busy with other projects, and we welcomed her daughter Rachel who visited us today. Nola is working on small Christmas items for the Pam Corker Fete which is on Friday 4th December, and she brought news from Judy who at the moment is busy crocheting squares for a project. Pam, 2 knitted blankets for Bunbury, Polly, 2 Christmas trees and a Santa Mouse for Bunbury, Dianne, a blue baby jacket for KEMH, Ella, 3 adult bibs for Bunbury and a donation of yarns for the group – thank you Ella - and brought along 5 pairs of knitted slippers from Maryon for Bunbury plus some knitted blue and lemon squares. Jane V. offered to join the squares to make a small blanket. Chrissy called in for a social catch up, Jane H, 4 children's books for our Waroona Library.

12th November saw 8 ladies here. Coral, 4 canula sleeves for Bunbury and has completed 2 baby shawls. Jane V. 2 tiny teddies and 3 beanies for Bunbury and is currently crocheting the blue/lemon squares together. Chrissy sent along good wishes. Lois is doing a small crochet poncho, has delivered items to Bunbury Hospital, and gave us a message from Debbie in NSW. Pam, a lemon baby rug and larger knitted rug for Bunbury. Polly, a Christmas tree with googly eyes, and a Christmas cat and pig for Bunbury, Dianne, a 2-tone baby jacket for KEMH, Ella, 4 adult bibs and a beanie for Bunbury, Annette has taken 15 knitted items to the Dept of Child Protection. Jane H, a small squishy teddy made from a knitted square and a donation of 8 ply yarns. Jean called in with a donation of assorted yarns plus 2 baby beanies and a small baby jumper which will go to Bunbury – much appreciated and thank you Jean. We send our sincere condolences to the family of Brenda Barrett who recently passed away. Brenda enjoyed knitting small items for premature babies and was also a member of the Book Club. The 26th November is our last get-together and seasonal morning tea. After a short break we will be back at the Library at 10am on Thursday 21 January 2027. Until then we send our seasonal good wishes to everyone, keep well, take care and stay safe. Jane H.

Coral's Annual Report

Another year has gone by and I am still travelling from Forrestfield each fortnight, sharing the road with other early-bird road users including trucks which seem to be getting longer. So it's time for my annual message of thanks and appreciation. First, to our amazing ladies who turn up each fortnight with beautifully crafted items for the community, both local and in surrounding areas. Details of item distribution appear in our monthly write-ups. We average nine ladies in the group and this year we welcomed Chrissy, Jane V. and Lynda We regularly receive notes of appreciation from various recipients – well done ladies. Next comes our always helpful Library ladies, and the Drakesbrook Despatch for their publication and continued connection to the community, especially those who prefer the printed word (like me) in this complex age of technology. . Thank you to members of our community who generously donate yarns or items made at home and drop them into the Library and to the ladies from Donovan Village who support our group with items for Bunbury Regional Hospital. Special thanks to Lois for delivering items to Bunbury Hospital, to Ella and her daughter for organising delivery of items to KEMH and to Annette for items to Department of Child Protection. Thank you also to Lois and Ella for many morning tea goodies, and to Jane H. for doing my write-ups. Our final meet up on Thursday 26th November will be a seasonal morning tea along with Book Club, and we hope Christine can join us. Instead of a gift exchange, we are supporting Waroona Christmas Hampers – a box is set up in the Library for donations which will be most welcome. We will also be saying goodbye to Lissy with a very big Thank You for her continuous help and support – we will miss you. We will return on Thursday 21 January 2027, 10am at the Library. Until then we send our very good wishes to members unable to get here and Seasons Greetings to all for Christmas and the New Year. Stay safe and God Bless. Coral Culling.



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Waroona Historical Society

The Annual Wagerup Christmas Tree - Wagerup Families unite for one last time.

Since 1952, Wagerup families have gathered every year, in December, to put on a community Christmas Tree celebration for the children.
Parents would secretly place a gift for each child under a real Christmas tree set up in the hall, residents would bring a plate of food to share, farmers would catch up with each other and discuss how the season had gone.
The ladies would be bustling in the kitchen arranging the platters of food.
A raffle would be held with first prize being a rich decorated Christmas Cake. The money raised from the raffle would be held to provide goodies for the following years Christmas Tree or for minor repairs to the hall.
After the first course of food was consumed, someone would yell out "HO HO HO" and the children who were busy playing inside would turn their heads to see what was happening and lo and behold Father Christmas appeared through the door.
The children were sat down in front of Father Christmas and Father Christmas's helper would call out the names of children who had gifts under the tree. Father Christmas would hand the child a gift and a bag of lollies. Then the unwrapping of the presents, the joy at what was inside the wrapped gift and the instant unboxing of the gift gave parents some peace for ten or so minutes.
Then Father Christmas would wish every family a Merry Christmas and the room would chant three cheers for



Father Christmas "Hip Hip Hooray" before he left on his merry way. Some years Father Christmas was round and portly, some years he was a bit on the slim side, but Father Christmas always turned up.
By then the tables had been cleared of the first course and the second course of home made desserts would be devoured, with lashings of real farm cream and icecream for the children. More local information would be shared amongst the adults while they had a cup of tea.
This tradition didn't stop when the Wagerup Hall was demolished. The party just moved a little south and has been held at the Yarloop Rifle Club every year since the mid 1980s. The same scenario, the same preparations, the same families and some families by this time, had up to 4 generations attending the annual Christmas Tree.
Slowly the children grew up, had their own families, some stayed in the area, some moved away, some came back. The older generations became too frail to attend or had passed away and with no new families moving into the district and Wagerup becoming a town that was, it was evident that with dwindling numbers of children, which is what the Christmas Tree was all about, the event had run its course and a decision was made to hold one last Christmas Tree event and invite past residents back for one last show.
Saturday 14th November 2026 was the last Wagerup Christmas Tree.
Past residents turned up to reminisce, to catch up with old friends and to celebrate what was so good about the community they lived in and knew.
Long term helpers and organisers of the event over the years were thanked for their service, Father Christmas came one last time and handed out gifts and a beautiful cake was cut and shared by all.



Flo Hooper and Susie Warren cutting the last cake

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Other Hints

1. Grate beetroot and add it to chocolate brownies. It tastes yum and means you're getting an extra vegetable in your day.
2. Bacon is so much tastier if you bake it instead of frying it. Put it in the oven without reheating it, so it doesn't stick to the pan.
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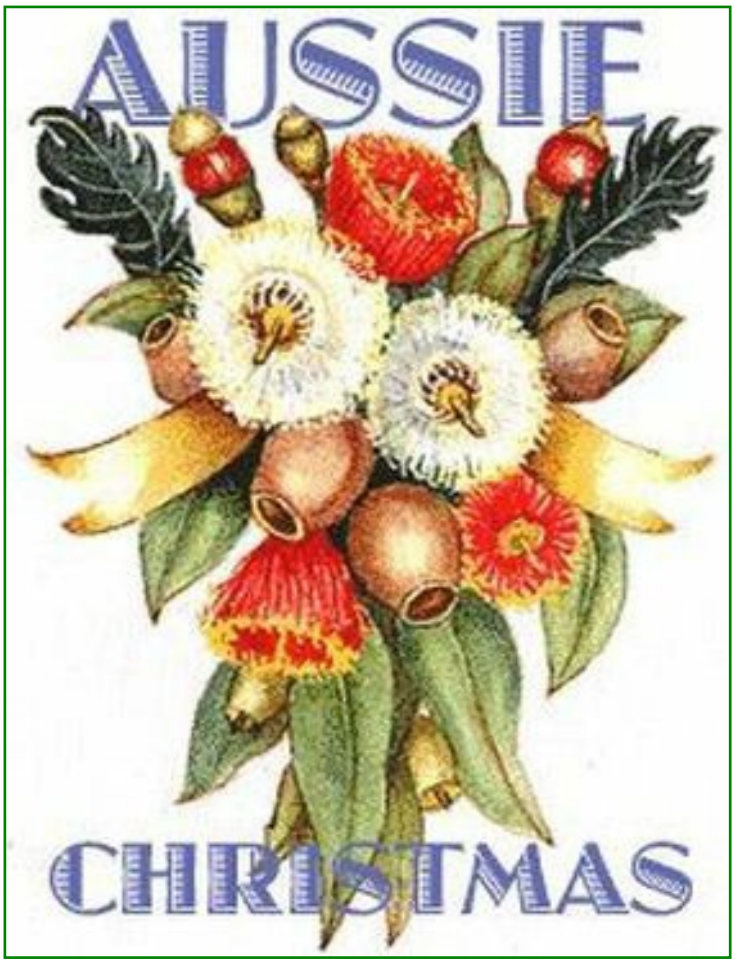
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6 Lions Markets 8 to 12 Drakesbrook Croquet Club 4pm	**7** Men's Shed 8:30-12pm ///	**8** Shopper Bus to Mandurah 9am via Coolup, Pinjarra and Carcoola Cuppa with a Copper See page 8 Community Kitchen CRC 11:30 -12:30	**9** Men's Shed 8:30-12pm /// Mobile FoodBank CRC 10-11am ///	**10** Shopper Bus to Mandurah 9am Always via Coolup, Pinjarra and Carcoola Little Youthie Big Youthie	**11** Men's Shed 8:30-12pm /// Drakesbrook Croquet Club 9:30am	**12**
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What's Happening in Waroona in January 2027

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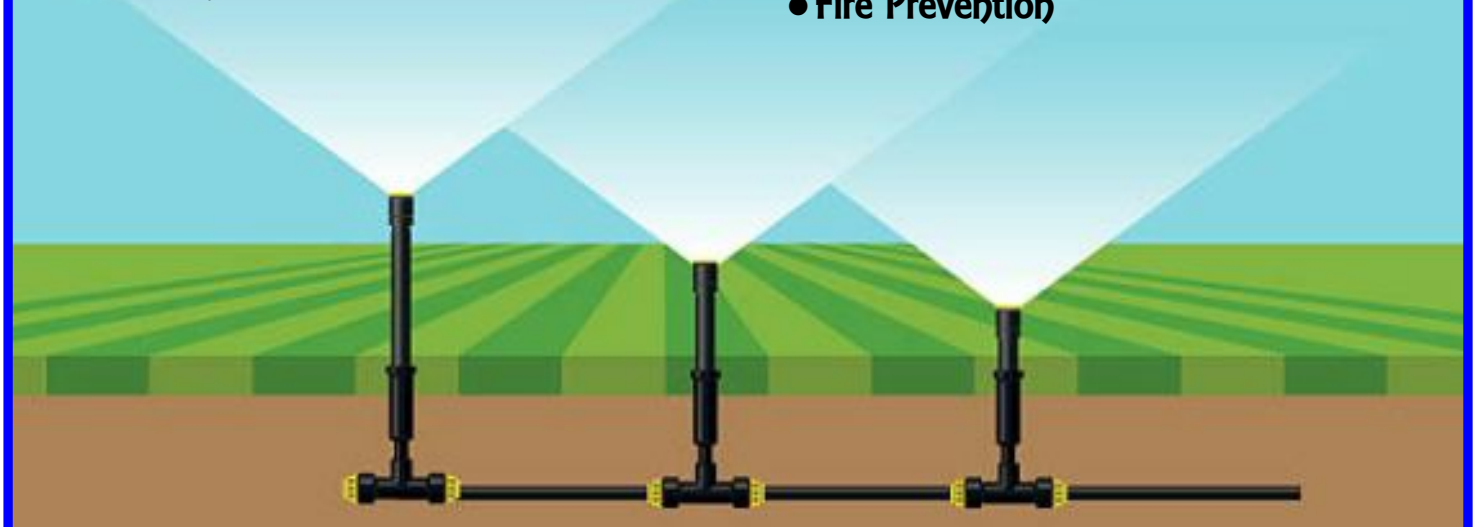
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Peel-Harvey Biosecurity Group News

Landowners urged not to rely on virus into rabbit season



Peel-Harvey landholders are being urged to step up rabbit control efforts, as growing immunity to calicivirus means the virus can no longer be relied upon to keep populations in check.

For decades, biological controls such as myxomatosis and calicivirus, or rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV), have played an important role in suppressing Australia's wild rabbit populations for decades. But increasing numbers of rabbits have developed immunity, reducing the viruses' effectiveness and allowing populations to rebound.

Testing by the Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group (PHBG) over the last two years has revealed high levels of immunity among rabbit populations all over the group's operational region, which includes the Shires of Serpentine-Jarrahdale, Murray, Waroona and Harvey, and the City of Mandurah.

Data collected over the past two years found that up to 66 per cent of sampled rabbits carried antibodies to RHDV2. This is concerning because exposure to RHDV2 can provide partial cross-immunity to RHDV1-K5, the strain released as a biocontrol, potentially reducing its effectiveness.

PHBG Executive Officer Rachel Rand said the results highlighted why landholders cannot afford to rely on biological controls alone.

"Calicivirus has been an important tool in rabbit management, but it was never intended to do all the work for us. With immunity levels now so high, landholders really need to be taking a more hands-on approach to controlling rabbits on their properties.

"Waiting for another virus release or hoping the existing viruses will eventually bring numbers down is not Their impact extends well beyond agricultural land. Rabbits threaten more than 300 nationally listed threatened species through habitat degradation, competition and overgrazing.

PHBG is encouraging landholders to adopt an integrated approach to rabbit management, combining multiple control methods rather than relying on a single intervention.

"Depending on the size of the property and the infestation, and where your property is, there is a range of tools available," said Ms Rand.

"Warren destruction, exclusion fencing, and managing habitat are all best practice steps to controlling rabbits - it's not just about baiting and shooting, or hoping a virus gets them all."

PHBG stresses that effective rabbit control requires planning and persistence. Simply reducing visible rabbit numbers is unlikely to deliver lasting results if warrens remain intact and surviving animals are left to breed.

"Rabbit populations can recover remarkably quickly in favourable conditions, which is why summer is usually the best time to actively control them. It's hot, dry, and there isn't a lot of food around, so they will be looking for something to eat and not producing as many babies," said Ms Rand.

"We want landholders to think beyond a one-off control effort and put a proper management plan in place. That means combining control methods, monitoring results and following up when rabbits reappear. There's something to do at most times of the year."

Landholders across the Peel-Harvey region can access advice and support from PHBG, including help developing rabbit control programs, information on available control methods, and access to equipment and subsidies where eligible.

For advice on developing a rabbit management plan, visit www.phbg.org/feral-animals/rabbits or contact PHBG at feralanimals@phbg.org.

HIGH JINKS AT THE HIGH JUMPS.

THE YALUP BROOK HALL (Wagerup) was situated a hundred (100) metres from the railway and the same distance from where Alcoa roads turns off the South West Highway. It was used as a hall and as a school for quite a few years. From 1918 to the mid 1930s, this small place was one of the most popular sites around. Held here was the annual Yalup Brook Sports Day. It was carefully arranged never to clash with the Coolup Sports, Yarloop or Harvey Sports Days. In 1921 the site was under the present road flyway; that year horse racing and wood chopping were also held, as for first time was Housie Housie (similar to Bingo). There was always running, jumping, throwing the cricket ball both for distance and at a wicket. Stepping the hundred yards, drinking a bottle of beer, then running another fifty yards was one event, and the prize: another bottle of beer! Tossing the sheaf was another very popular event. I remember it was a great honour to be able to jump your own height. Refreshments were always served, both eatable and drinkable. This was the time that the new era. of hot dogs was just coming in. A Dance was always held at the end of the day so before dinner, the performers were the athletes, and as the day wore on, revellers would straggle in until nightfall. Some would have gone home to milk the cows, and then returned to the dance. Generally, the hall was the centre of the activities so the sports had to be held nearby. This comes to my little story. Things were to brighten up further. The road to the hall was very high crowned with steep sides. It was next to this that the blue ribboned event of the day, the high jump was taking place. The two athletes were neck and neck at five (5) feet three (3) inches. The bar was going up to five (5) feet five (5) inches when suddenly down the road came a cart and smart horse, travelling at a quick pace. The mother and two daughters were dressed for the dance and looking forward to a great evening. The sun was still shining brightly; they all had on wide brimmed hats. and their best dancing dresses. The horse turned off the road and went down the steep bank and up the other side with a flourish. At this moment the bolt holding the padded seat in place gave way, and with that, its passengers flew over backwards. Three sets of stout legs encased in bloomers were seen waving vigorously in the air and the high jump was suspended. Some of the athletes rushed to the aid of the ladies in distress, but the rest of the crowd was helpless with laughter. I was only fourteen at the time, and I still smile when I think of it. Eventually the ladies were extracted and taken to a quiet spot to compose themselves, and then it was back to the high jump.

Extracts from "My Reflections" by Don Alexander 1909 to 2011

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Whether it's renting out a spare room, moving in with friends, or responding to an online advertisement, more Western Australians are turning to subletting to make housing more accessible, affordable and flexible. While subletting can work well for everyone involved, problems can arise when people don't fully understand their rights and responsibilities from the outset. Consumer Protection has recently seen a growing number of enquiries and complaints about rental matters, with the majority coming from sub-tenants. The most common issues relate to bonds and the ending of subletting arrangements. Some people discover their bond was never lodged correctly, while others experience difficulties getting it back at the end of the tenancy or disagree about the condition of the property when they move out. Subletting all or part of a property can offer flexibility and affordability, but tenants need to remember that they remain bound by Western Australia's tenancy laws.
One of the most important things to understand is that subletting is not automatically permitted. In WA, tenants must have their landlord's permission before subletting a rental property. That permission may already be included in the tenancy agreement or provided separately in writing. Before advertising a room or inviting someone to move in, tenants should check their agreement carefully to understand whether subletting is allowed and whether any conditions apply. We occasionally hear from sub-tenants who only discover after moving in that the head tenant did not have permission to sublet the property. This can create uncertainty for everyone involved and may place the arrangement at risk. Subletting without the landlord's consent can breach the tenancy agreement and may lead to further action, including ultimately termination of the tenancy. Problems also arise when the correct paperwork isn't completed. When a landlord agrees to a subletting arrangement, the head tenant must provide the sub-tenant with a written rental agreement and a property condition report.
The head tenant is also responsible for lodging any bond paid by the sub-tenant with the Bond Administrator at the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety. It's also important to know that the landlord or property manager continues to deal with the head tenant, not the sub-tenant. The head tenant remains responsible for ensuring rent is paid, and for addressing any issues relating to damage or maintenance throughout the tenancy. A sub-tenancy also cannot continue beyond the end of the head tenant's own lease. The good news is that most of the issues we see can be avoided with a few simple steps. Checking the tenancy agreement, obtaining the required permission, ensuring the correct paperwork is in place, lodging bonds correctly and keeping good records can all help prevent disputes later. Getting the details right from the start gives everyone greater confidence and clarity about the subletting arrangement. It can help avoid misunderstandings, protect the rights of all parties and make the experience a positive one for everyone involved.
For more information about subletting, visit the Consumer Protection website: www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au/sharing-rental-home-0.

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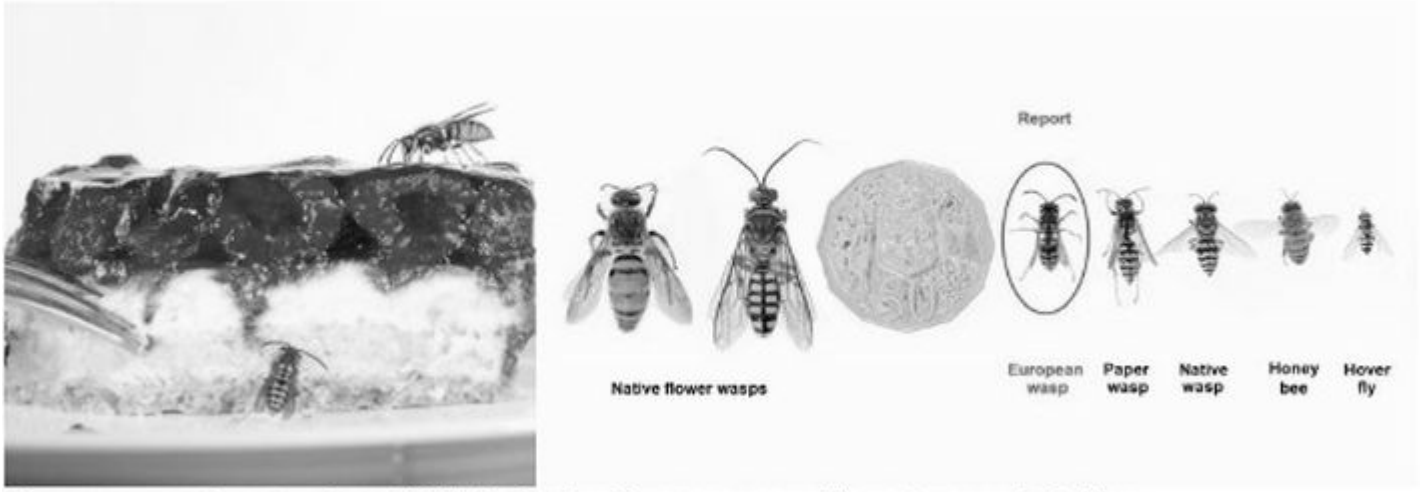
Hello happy gardeners,
I am already seeing Christmas decorations around town, it just seems like yesterday i was making hot cross buns, no doubt they will be in the shops next week.
The easterlies are well and truly with us, I don't know about you, but it takes me a couple of weeks to get used to them, hence I am just making the deadline for this Drakesbrook Despatch. Thanks Mike for the reminder.
We have another new member who has signed up at the Pop Up market at the Senior Citizens Centre; welcome Doug, we hope to see you out and about as we start with the internal stage of the construction.
We were all set to place a new sea container for our office/storage space but are now going to be constructing a shed and the central gazebo. As we have been gifted some enormous shade sails, we may be able to utilize them as extra coverage or as an interim until the gazebo is completed.
I would like to say a huge thanks to Peter Roberts for the donation. We are absolutely thrilled.
Summer approaches (once it's a solid 25 degrees to me it's already here) and we are spending more time outside in the garden and enjoying more salads. There are so many edible flowers and herbs that lift a salad in taste and colour you may want to consider having them in your garden.
Good old nasturtiums add a lovely peppery kick to cucumber, tomato and lettuce. The leaves and the flower are both edible.
Tiny violas are another pretty addition to a salad and are also beautiful decorating delicate cup cakes. Violas, along with the nasturtiums are very easy to grow.
Last week has been the inaugural bug hunt promoted by the online entity iNaturalist.
It was a lot of fun, logging images of bugs snapped in the garden on my phone and uploading them to the iNaturalist website. I found a spectacular common brown butterfly *Heteronympha merope.* The bug hunt also serves as a way of keeping track of how the backyard ecosystems are fairing. It was very similar to the backyard bird count that is held in October.
Having a good diversity of bugs ensures balance. Not all are destructive, some are beneficial and some are even critical to sustained garden health.

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European wasps: on the naughty list!

December 2026



European wasps drawn to a dessert (© Adobe Stock), a European wasp and its most common look-alikes.

The annual hunt to detect and eradicate European wasps (*Vespula germanica*) from WA is underway, and with the season of festive gatherings, celebrations and alfresco dining around the corner, it's a great opportunity to spot them. Keep watch over the Christmas BBQ, guard the prawns and the pavlova, monitor your pet's food and check the insects you scoop from the pool. European wasps, we are looking for you!

The European wasp is a declared pest and must be reported. It has threatened to establish in WA since six nests were found and destroyed near Fremantle in 1977. Thanks to ongoing collaborative surveillance between the Department, community, local governments and business, WA has so far prevented permanent establishment and spread.

Widely established across southern Australia, these adaptable scavengers hitchhike across the border into WA every year, and they'd love an invitation to your Christmas party.

Where we're focusing this season

Greater Perth remains a top priority, with most detections made in the metro area. However, increasing detections in the south-west means our activities in regional areas are increasing. We need everyone in these areas to be on high alert:

- **Albany region** - from Millbrook Reserve in the west to Kalgan in the east, and north to the Porongurup National Park
- **Woodridge** (north of Perth)
- **Bunbury** - in particular the Picton region and the port
- **Geraldton** - from Wonthella up to Sunset Beach and out to Strathalbyn
- **Hyden**

If you live in or near these areas, please be extra vigilant this summer, and report anything suspect!

What to look for

The widespread black and yellow paper wasp is easily mistaken for our target species, so look closely.

European wasps:

- scavenge on human and pet food
- feed on fruit such as grapes and stone fruit
- nest underground, with nests growing to the size of a basketball in a single season, and often a single, golf ball-sized entrance hole
- have completely black antennae
- do NOT dangle their legs when flying.

Where to report

Every report counts, but the more accurate, the better. If you think you've spotted a European wasp or a nest, note exactly where you saw it (a street address, nearby landmark or GPS pin is ideal) and, if safe to do so, take a clear photo. Report suspected European wasp detections to the department by contacting our Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS) on 9368 3080 or email padis@dpird.wa.gov.au or use the MyPestGuide® Reporter app/website. For more on the eradication program and how to identify wasps, visit dpird.wa.gov.au/europeanwasp.

Meanings of Nigel's Words

1. **An unacceptable or unwelcome person**
2. **Destructive, damaging, harmful**
3. **A drink offering (to a God)**
4. **Persistent, resolute, obstinate**



Recipes for this Month

Lynette's Chocolate Coconut Bars



Ingredients:

Base 125g (40z) butter, ½ cup brown sugar, firmly packed , 1 cup coconut, ½ cup plain flour, 1/3 cup SR flour, 1 tablespoon cocoa, 1 egg ***Icing*** 1 cup icing sugar, 1 TblS cocoa, 1 TeaS soft butter, 1 TblS milk (approx)

Method:

Base: Melt butter over low heat, stir in sugar, coconut, sifted flours and cocoa, then lightly beaten egg. Spread mixture evenly over base of well greased lamington tray. Bake in moderate oven 20 minutes, or until firm to touch. Spread with icing immediately, stand 10 minutes, sprinkle with a little extra coconut if desired, cut into bars or squares; cool in tray. *Icing:* Sift icing sugar and

Margie's Anzac Biscuits with Macadamia Nuts and Dates



Ingredients:

1 cup rolled oats 1 cup plain flour 3/4trs cup firmly packed brown sugar ¼ cup desiccated coconut ¼ cup medjool dates, cut finely (about 6) ¼ cup macadamia nuts, chopped finely 125g butter 2 tbspn golden syrup 1 tbspn water ½ tspn bicarb of soda

Method:

In a large bowl, combine the oats, flour, sugar, coconut, dates and macadamias. In a small saucepan on the stove place the butter, golden syrup and water together, bring to a boil then add the bicarb soda, stirring well. Fold the wet ingredients through the dry and mix. Roll into small balls and flatten with a fork on the tray. Bake at 160C for 20 minutes. Allow to cool.



Lynette's Brandy Sauce for Plum Pudding

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons corn flour 2 tablespoons golden syrup 2 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon butter Brandy to taste

Method:

Mix to a paste with water, adding more water to suit consistency. Stir over low heat till required thickness. Add brandy to taste just before serving.

Margie's Oaty Goodness Biscuits (Makes approx. 50)



Ingredients:1

125g lightly salted butter 165g brown sugar 1 tbspn golden syrup 2 eggs 310g S.R. flour, sifted 70g desiccated coconut 110g rolled oats, plus 100g extra

Method:

Preheat oven to 180C, line 3 large baking trays with baking paper and set aside. In a large bowl using electric beaters, beat together butter, sugar and syrup until light and fluffy, about 2 – 3 minutes. With beaters still beating add one egg at a time, making sure each is combined before the next is added. Add flour, coconut and 110g of oats, mixing until just combined. In a small bowl put the extra oats. Next roll dough into walnut-sized balls and then drop into bowl of oats and roll around until covered. Put on to the trays and flatten a little with a fork. Bake for 18 – 20 minutes or until biscuits spring back. Remove from oven and allow to cool on tray. Best served warm with a glass of milk or cuppa.

Lynette's Fruit Mince Pie Crumble Slice



Ingredients:

2 ½ cups plain flour, ½ cup castor sugar, ¼ cup brown sugar, 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 250g unsalted butter, melted, 2 teaspoons vanilla bean paste or extract, 1/3 cup pistachios, FRUIT MINCE FILLING: 410g jar fruit mince, 1/3 cup cherry or berry ja 90g milk chocolate, chopped, 3 teaspoons finely grated orange rind

Method:

Preheat oven to 180 degrees C/ 160 degrees C fan forced. Grease a 20cm x 30cm lamington tray. Line base and sides with baking paper, extending paper 2cm above edges of pan. Combine flour, sugars and cinnamon in a large bowl. Gradually stir in butter and vanilla. Press two-thirds of the mixture over the base of the prepared pan. Wrap the remaining dough in plastic wrap and freeze until required. Bake base for 15 minutes or until golden. Set aside for 10 minutes to cool and firm slightly. Meanwhile, for the filling, combine all ingredients in a small bowl. Spread filling over the base. Coarsely grate the frozen dough and pistachios over the top of filling to form a thick layer (do not press the dough down to compact). Bake for 20 – 25 minutes or until the topping is golden and filling is bubbling. Set aside to cool completely in pan before serving.

The Power of the Blessing

There is power in the blessing of *GOD's divine timing.*



'There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every matter under heaven...' (Ecclesiastes 3:1 NASB).

Christmas time might better be described as *CHRIST's time:* the celebration of the central event of history, when our CREATOR became a man and came to earth. ***'Great is the mystery of godliness: GOD was manifested in the flesh'*** (1Timothy 3:16 NKJV).

GOD is spirit and spirit cannot die, so JESUS, the only pure and sinless ONE, had to take upon HIMSELF humanity, coming to earth to die in our place to pay the penalty of our sin.

Although Christmas is celebrated all around the world on December 25th, many people believe it's not the exact day of JESUS' birth. Whether it is or isn't doesn't really matter. What is important is that believers celebrate HIS appearing on earth *every day,* because without HIS birth, there would be no Easter and if JESUS hadn't come to earth, there would be no perfect sacrifice, no redemption for mankind: no forgiveness of sin, no reconciliation with GOD and no blessed assurance of eternal life when our earthly bodies perish!

We can be sure that *GOD's divine timing* was and still is perfect. The arrival of JESUS on earth is a profound example of divine timing. It was GOD's perfect time to instigate HIS rescue plan for HIS creation from the penalty of sin first mentioned in Genesis 3:15, immediately after Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying GOD. This *rescue mission* was almost 4,000 years in the making!!

GOD's plans always unfold according to HIS perfect timing and aligning with HIS perfect will. The timing for JESUS' appearance on earth was perfect.

The Apostle Paul spoke about GOD's *divine timing* saying, ***'… when the time had fully come, GOD sent HIS SON, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive our adoption as [HIS] sons'*** (Galatians 4:4-5 BSB). Here Paul has virtually condensed the entire Gospel story into a single sentence.

We can always trust GOD for perfect timing!

The book of Daniel was written about 537 years before JESUS' birth. GOD's messenger Gabriel told Daniel *69 weeks of years* would pass from when the order to rebuild Jerusalem went forth until the MESSIAH the Prince would appear – and JESUS arrived exactly on time according to Gabriel's prophecy!

In his 1894 work *The Coming Prince,* Sir Robert Anderson calculated the *69 weeks of years,* showing they ended precisely on the day that JESUS rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, presenting HIMSELF as *the* anointed ONE; the MESSIAH the Prince.

[Anderson saw that the Bible consistently uses a 360 day year. (In those days the years were 360 days due to Mars orbiting closer to Earth and you could calculate the number of days in 69 weeks of years: 360×69×7 = 173,880 days). The decree by King Artaxerxes Longimanus was given to Nehemiah on March 14th 445BC. Counting 173,880 days from then, (remembering there is no year 0), we arrive at April 6th 32AD, the very day JESUS rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, presenting HIMSELF as king, (as prophesied in Zechariah 9:9, a book written in 520BC!).

Five and a half centuries after Gabriel spoke to Daniel, JESUS was crucified. In 70AD Roman armies attacked, tearing apart the Temple and completely destroying the city of Jerusalem. (According to the historian Josephus, over one million people perished with almost one hundred thousand more being forced into slavery).

The prophetic word given to Daniel came to pass exactly as Gabriel had foretold, at the exact time GOD ordained and aligned perfectly with HIS will. (Read Daniel 9:24-26).

JESUS is the reason for the season and our eternal destiny depends upon our relationship with HIM. HE came to earth when GOD's time was right, HE died to redeem us, arose from the dead and lives eternally!

There's power in the blessing of *GOD's divine timing* and CHRIST's time, (Christmas time), is the perfect time to thank GOD for the gift of HIS SON.



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Waroona Golf Club News

October 23 – South West Ladies Open Day
The club-house looked a picture of colour for our Ladies Open Day. Several teams travelled distances, to our annual event, which we appreciate. Marri Park took out the honours, with Serpentine runners-up.

October 28 – Foursomes Championship
It was a warm day however, the cream rose to the top with Sue and Janine taking out the prestigious award, with Irene and Sher runners-up.

November 11 – Closing Day
We concluded the season with a 9 hole competition followed by the annual major trophy awards. In a close result, Judy won with 20 Stableford points from Mandy who finished with 19. Well done ladies and thank you to all trophy donors throughout the year.

Event	Sponsor	Winner/s 2026
Foursomes Championships 1	Club	Janine and Sue
Individual Championship – A	Drummond	Sue
Individual Championship – A	Drummond	Sher
Individual Championship – B	Drummond	xx
Individual Championship – B	Drummond	xx
Sybil Chuard – 27 hole	Maree Plant	Janine Walmsley
Jubilee Fours	Sue Ward & Sharon Williamson	Janine and Deb
Silver Spoon Winner	Golf WA Spoon	Sharon Williamson
International Bowl Winner	Golf WA Badge	Janine Walmsley
Twaddle Consistency	Colleen Archibald	Sher Sharpe
		CB from Irene and Sharon
Ferrets -40 Ferrets over the Season		
13 ladies had Ferrets		
5 on Hole 12 & 4 on Holes 2,8,16,17	Trish Thomas	Sher x 10
Birdies 22 Birdies over the season		
11 ladies had birdies 8 on Hole 17	Trish Thomas	Vicki x 8
Long Drive 1	Judy Davis	Julie Styles
Long Drive 2	Mandy Pisconeri	Vicki Rake
Long Drive 3	Sue Doherty	Sharon Williamsoin
Putting Competition	Irene French	Sher Sharpe
Biggest Loser (most improved)	Jenny Snell	Lyn Roberts lost 4.7
Triple Star Challenge	Honour Trophy	Janine Walmsley
Eclectic	Janine Walmsley	Vicki Rake
Golfer of the Year	Veronica Fuller	Janine Walmsley 38 from Sher Sharpe 36


Janine


Irene and Sher


Judy with Jo


Sue with Janine


Marri Park - Winners



Major Golf Winners



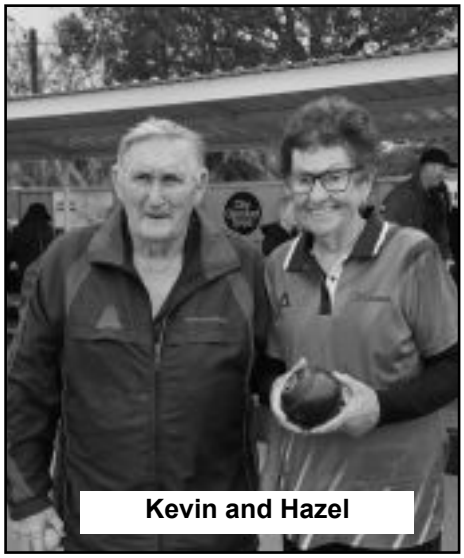
Serpentine - Runners Up


Mandy with Jo

Waroona Bowling Club News



Well, we are off with a bang! Welcome to season 2026/2027. Firstly, welcome to all of our new members.
The Club had their Opening Day on Saturday 5th September. We had 36 players with Hazel McCall (Patroness) and Kevin MacDonald (Patron) putting down the first bowls for the season. It


Kevin and Hazel

was a great day, even with the rain. Congratulations to our winners.
Winner Benny Goodman, Robyn Garwood and Mick Larkman



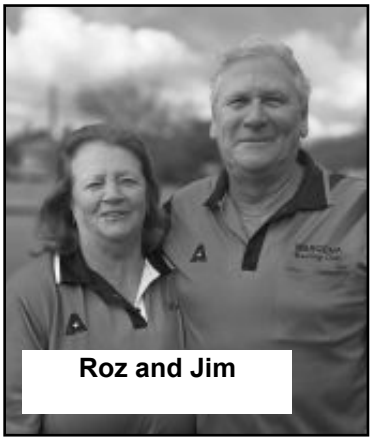
Mick, Robyn and Benny

Runners Up Jim Pettit, Sam Brown and Alan Lochowicz
3rd Matt Larkman, Jenni Reilly and Joe Dineley
Club Championships have also started.
22nd September Mixed Pairs – 15 Teams. Congratulations to our winners.



Jo, Jenni and Matt

Winner Roz Pich & Jim Pettit
Runners Up Tina Sayer and Steve Brown


Roz and Jim


Steve and Tina

19th September Legends of the Past
Winner Peter Wilson and Robert Johnson


Robert, Hazel and Peter

Runners Up Frank Shore, Ray Lane and Phil Turner


Phil, Hazel, Ray and Frank

27th September Men's Captains Trophy
Winner Darren Cutten
Runner Up Peter Wilson
8th October Ladies Vets
Vets Winner Irene French
Vets Runner Up Di Alberti


Di and Irene

18th October Men's Patron Day
Winner Malcolm Hayes and Phil Hovell


Malcolm and Phil

20th October Ladies 4s
Winner Roz Pich, Laurel Cowell, Sharon Crudeli and Jackie Bateup



Roz, Jackie, Sharon and Laurel



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Runners Up - Jackie Meyers, Jen Reilly, Robyn Garwood and Fae Hughes

22nd October Ladies Pairs

Winners Tina Sayer and Annee Smith
Runners Up Sher Sharpe and Irene Evans

1st November Men's 4s



Malcolm, Phil, Ray and Jim

Winners Malcolm Hayes, Jim Pettit, Ray Lane and Phil Hovell
Runners Up Dennis Tyler, John H, Lee Dillon and Bob Cowell

Thank you to all our sponsors for their continued support.

Pennants

Saturdays are now an open gender competition. With the new changes this year, we have been able to enter extra teams Our teams for this year are:

Saturday Division 3 4 rinks
Division 5 3 rinks
Tuesday Men Division 1 3 rinks
Division 4 2 rinks
Division 5 2 rinks
Tuesday Ladies Division 1 3 rinks
Division 4 2 rinks

It has been a great start to the season so far.

Gala Days

The ladies held their Gala Day on Friday 6th November with 20 teams enjoying a great day of bowls, beautiful weather, great prizes and lots of laughs. Congratulations to all the winners. A big thank you to both our ladies and men who helped organise this day.

Social News

Community Bowls recommenced on Wednesday 8th October. This year we have 16 teams participating. Good luck to all teams. This round will finish on Wednesday 2nd December

Friday Night Club Night.

The bar opens at 5pm and the Kitchen at 6pm. Please see our Facebook page each week for the menu. Remember though, Bookings are Essential as catering is based on numbers.

The 4th December will be the last Friday night meals for 2026 and we will reopen again on Friday 8th January 2027

Please call Roz Pich 0418 900 649 to book your table.

Scroungers

Scroungers is still being played on Friday afternoons. 3pm for a 3.30pm start. Always a fun afternoon of social bowls**. The final Scroungers for 2026 will be Friday 4th December 2026. We will restart again on Friday 8th January 2027.**

Good luck to all club teams this year.

If you would like to join the Waroona Bowling & Social Club, please feel free to call in and pick up an application form. Social and Full Memberships are available, and everyone is welcome to join.

Wishing all of our members and visitors to our Club a very Merry Christmas and and safe and Happy New Year.



Alan, Sam and Jim

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The Power of Scent

Our sense of smell is closely connected to the parts of the brain responsible for emotion and memory. Unlike our other senses, scent has a particularly direct connection to the limbic system, which plays an important role in how we experience feelings and recall memories. This is why the aroma of freshly cut flowers, a particular perfume or even a familiar fragrance can instantly evoke a feeling, person or special occasion.

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A Little History Behind the Bottle

Fragrance has been treasured for thousands of years. Ancient Egyptians used aromatic oils and scented preparations in religious ceremonies, beauty rituals and everyday life. The Greeks and Romans embraced perfumes for bathing and personal grooming, while the art of perfumery continued to develop through the Middle East and Europe.

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Understanding Fragrance Notes

Have you ever wondered why a perfume smells different when you first spray it compared with a few hours later? This is because fragrances are carefully blended in layers, commonly known as notes.

Top notes: These are the first scents we notice when applying a fragrance. Often fresh, light and uplifting, they may include citrus, bergamot, lemon, mint or light fruity aromas. They create the first impression.

Heart notes: Also known as middle notes, these emerge as the top notes fade. Often floral or spicy, ingredients such as rose, jasmine, lavender and geranium give a fragrance its character and personality.

Base notes: These are the deeper, longer-lasting aromas that develop over time. Think vanilla, sandalwood, musk, amber, patchouli and woody notes. They provide warmth, depth and lasting appeal.

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Tom Curtain's Country Tour

Howling, herding and stealing the show: Meet the four-legged stars of Tom Curtain's country tour

Golden Guitar winner Tom Curtain hit the road in Waroona on November 6th on his nationwide tour, bringing a cast of unlikely four-legged stars with him as he travels through Western Australia.

From a sausage dog with a talent for goat herding to a working dog with a love of singing, the country music star has a dream of creating a full-blown dog choir on stage.

Every time the country music performer launches into *Roper River*, his working dog Dotty waits for just the right moment before letting out a howl of her own.

It's not quite the harmony Curtain had in mind, but the unexpected vocal contribution has become one of the more entertaining parts of his live show.

And Dotty is no longer singing solo.

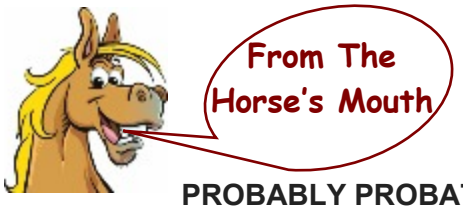
"Dotty howls at the same point every time I perform Roper River, right on the bridge of the song," Curtain said. "Now the other dogs are starting to join in."

Now in its 11th year, the *Country Boys, Cowgirls & Horses* tour is travelling across Australia, bringing together live country music, animal demonstrations and a cast of performers.

"With so many animals involved, the performances rarely go exactly to plan and that's the fun of it, as people love the authenticity of it," he said.

"We've got a rough template, but a lot of the time it just goes off script."





PROBABLY PROBATE

Kerry was upset, panicked and didn't know what to do when Tom fell into the dam and drowned. Clearly upset and understandably anxious, Kerry said, "somebody told me I need Probate straight away". Knowing that Kerry would become less stressed after the funeral, we agreed to meet again in a month.

"So, what is Probate, anyway?" Kerry asked, when we met.

"It's the legal way to step into Tom's shoes so you take ownership of his assets and give them to his beneficiaries", I told her. In Tom's case, his sole beneficiary was Kerry.

So, together we looked at what Tom owned and discovered that everything was jointly owned with Kerry: the house and all bank accounts. That meant that Kerry didn't need to get Probate at all because she got everything anyway - through SURVIVORSHIP.

"Oh, so if a married couple own everything jointly, they might not need to get Probate," said a relieved Kerry.

"Probably not," I said.

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