

# The Quack Chat Turns 300 This Edition!

It's hard to believe but our CRCS's `Quack Chat' Newsletter has now been produced 300 times over. Fortnightly it is sent to a whopping 489 emails and printed copies are available for sale at the CRC and the Dumbleyung Store. For some people who have moved away, but wish to stay in touch, they are sent the Quack Chat by mail.

Our Quack Chat enjoys excellent readership - the Mailchimp analytics report that 81% of our email mailing list readers are highly engaged with this newsletter and open it to read, even if it is just to check the sports results! When you compare that figure to what is considered a 'heathy open rate' of emails being just 30%, we are doing very well.

The Quack Chat aims to cover local stories, important information, sports updates and even the footy tipping. We try to keep people updated with current government information and this was most evident during the Covid pandemic. It fulfils a vital role in keeping the community abreast of the latest, especially in the absence of a local newspaper. Unlike some other CRCs, we do not charge any subscription fee to receive the fortnightly newsletter as we want it to remain free. As you know, it is produced fortnightly but the `Quack' gets a little rest over January.

The CRC would like to sincerely thank all of those who have contributed to the Quack Chat over the years and we look forward to 300 more editions!



# **Heavens Finally Open To Start Season 2024**

Season 2024 is all but away. Last week's rainfall accumulation across the shire has put us at ease, after what can only be said to be one of the dryer periods we have experienced for quite some time. But as it is in today's farming methods, the date comes around in early April, and the seeders just get rolling. I think I'm safe in saying that I've never witnessed dry seeding to this scale and length of time! And now that we have received a germinating rain event, perhaps, just maybe, it could turn out to be a brave, but warranted move. 10-30mm was received across the shire, so for those on the lower end of the scale, a follow up rain event is required to make the most of a start. A few weather models suggest that something could be just around the corner. Fingers crossed.

To date, programs have been shuffled around to suit the season. Canola area has come off, but generally speaking, there will still be a fair degree of yellow blooming in spring. Oats plantings are on the rise given current pricing. And the Lupin area is up also, which is also a reflection of the price at the moment. The whole agricultural region of WA has been dry since September, and as a result, we have being witnessing surging domestic prices in the Hay, Lupin & Oat market. Canola, Wheat and Barley have also started to rally, which given now we have finally received some rain, puts a lot of confidence back into our area. Fair to say, until last week, community sentiment was wavering. Nothing beats a general rain event that pops up out of nowhere, to turn the mood around.

The sheep industry is still battling away. Famers have struggled to find markets for reasons we are all no doubt aware of. Hand feeding has been a constant, as green feed has been non-existent. While soil temperatures are still warm, hopefully we see some feed start to come through, and we can spend less time out in the paddock supplying expensive supplementary feed.

From here, we keep the seeders rolling, we take advantage of a weed germination and a good kill, and trust that the rain gods will top us up at the right times. All the best to one and all out there seeding and spraying away.

Kim Gooding Agronomist Kukerin Rural Services



Photograph: Drone footage of seeding wheat in South

Dumbleyung near Coomelberrup Rock.

Source: Luke Marshall, 3rd year Curtin AgriBusiness





Action shots of 2024 Seeding at Dare Farming, Dumbleyung. Pictured left: Matthew Dare on the seeding rig and James Dare staying safe on the ground.

Below: James Dare and Zoe Gibson with the dogs.

Photo source: Louisa Dare



With some good opening rains around the district, the 2024 cropping season has started. After being spoilt with good early season rains the last few years, the lack of rainfall since September put a damper on the cropping programs around the area. After a well timed 15-30mm reported around the place in the last 10 days, early sown pasture, canola, and cereals will be emerging in the next week into good soil moisture. With more rain forecast for this week the following week, a normal start to the season is on the cards. Good luck to the sprayer operators who will now be madly knocking down ahead of the seeders.

Fingers crossed that rain continues for the following few weeks, especially those with livestock who can have a break from the extended feeding period. Warm weather should have pastures bouncing out of the ground and feed available within the next few weeks. Good luck to everyone for the following year and hopefully rainfall will continue throughout the year and carry through for a great season.

Myles Prasser-Jones Agronomy Consultant Primary Agronomy



# **Stubbs Park AGM and Update**

The Stubbs Park Board of Management (SPBM) recently held their AGM on 22 April 2024. The executive positions were filled for the next year with the President Carmen Bairstow, Vice President Jon Ward, Treasurer Scott Jefferis and Secretary Amy Knight. The eight membership clubs also put forward their new delegate representatives for the year.

At the previous AGM in 2023 SPBM committed funds towards new lights for the oval in partnership with the Kukerin Ag Society, Kukerin Dumbleyung Football Club and the Shire of Dumbleyung which is due for completion by 30 June 2024. The upgrade of the grandstand seating will also be completed by the end of June which the Shire is managing through the LRCI funding they received.

In February 2024 SPBM also committed funds in partnership with the Shire, towards a \$2.2 million grant application for the upgrade of the pavilion through the Disaster Recovery Fund Program as the pavilion is the Dumbleyung Evacuation Centre. The upgrades include a storage room, creche room, kitchen/bar overhaul, new bathroom facilities, foyer and more. The grant announcement is not expected until later in the year.

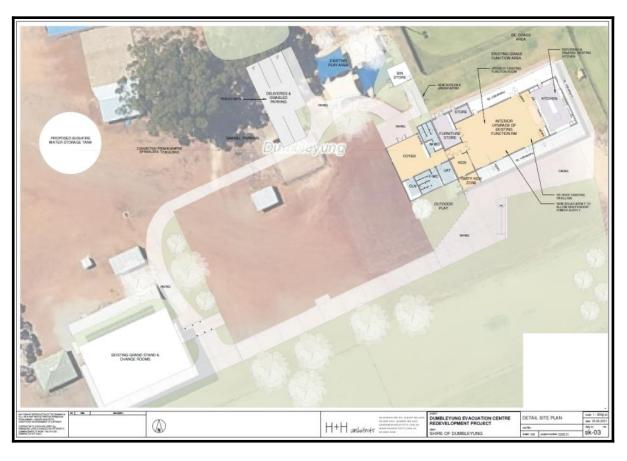
Hire fees were set for the next year:

- Full Day Not for Profit/Private self clean \$100
- Full Day Commercial/Corporate self clean \$150
- Recurring class-based hourly min 4 weeks self clean \$15/hr
- Overnight for 20 Caravans plus \$100 + \$5 p/person per night

All bookings are to be made through Dumbleyung Ag Supplies (Nutrien) and we encourage as many sporting groups and local community members to utilise the venue.

For further information contact President Carmen 0407 001 440 or stubbsparksec@gmail.com

Submitted by Amy Knight.



# **Farewell to Jill Clarke**

You may notice a missing face at the CRC!!! We would like to acknowledge and farewell our Assistant Coordinator and Library Officer Jill Clarke.

Jill's attention to detail and work ethic coordinating the Quack Chat has seen us all enjoy a quality publication each fortnight. The Quack Chat currently reaches 400+ subscribers both locally and around the state.

Her efforts behind the scenes and in her library officer role have seen the addition of our 'Little Library' (thank you Men's Shed) at the entrance to the CRC.

A place for pre-loved books to find their new temporary or forever home.

Jill was always willing to search further a field, when you had a book request outside of what was stocked in the library shelves. I remember a few requests from my eldest child that were specially brought in from other libraries for him to enjoy. There were also times that I had requests that Jill wasn't able to get in physical form but she could direct me to a digital form.



Most recently Jill has also run Storytime Mat sessions in the Dumbleyung CRC library for our youngest community members (0-4 years), with a whopping 16 children attending her final session.

The CRC Executive Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Jill for her effort and contribution to the CRC over the past 5 years.

Thank you and all the best.

From the CRC Committee.

# Dumbleyung

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# Kukerin



# **Anzac Day at Dumbleyung Primary**

My name is Trooper Carmen and I represent a Mounted Trooper between the era of 1914-1918 of the Australian Light Horse.

Can you remember last year at out ANZAC service, and we talked about the 36 ships that left Albany? Called Transporters.

And they were joined by 10 more from New Zealand. And 2 more from Fremantle.

And amongst them 21,500 Australians and 8,500 New Zealanders and 12,000 horses; they were the first convoy.

We talked about how 8 troopers lived in a bell tent and the horses, called remounts, lived on a picket line.

We spoke about Remount Baloo and how he carried up to 150kgs. Did anyone see Baloo and Rocky at the ANZAC service last year? Or at the Wagin Woolorama last month?

Well today, I would like to tell you a story about a young Waler called Paringa. She was a fine young bay filly born in 1910 in the outback of WA.

My name is Paringa, I am of South Australian and Western Australian bloodlines. I am known as a Waler, as I am bred for the calvary. I am a combination of many breeds combined into one. The agility, hardiness and courage from the Cape Horses and Timor & Welsh Ponies. The strength, gentle nature, and power from the Percheron & Clydesdale draught horses. A regular gait, hard hooves, and iron legs of the coaching breeds as Cleveland Bay & Norfolk Trotters. And finally, the speed, endurance and well-formed joints from the saddle horse breeds such as the Thoroughbred & Arabs.

I am a proud Waler and now it is October 1914, I am 4 years old, and I am showing off my paces at the Claremont Showgrounds. It was a marvellous time, racing against my brothers and sisters, with fine young men astride with rifle sluna.

Do you think we could make a 3-beat cantering noise? 1,2,3,1,2,3......

By January 1915 we were sent to Rockingham to then embark from Fremantle on the Mashobra in February as part of the  $2^{nd}$  convoy.

(SS Mashobra saw service as a transporter, torpedoed & sunk on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1917).

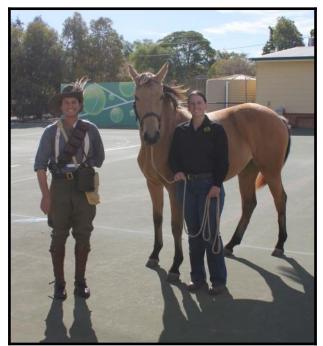
Oh, but the sea was terrible, my Trooper Vernon Frederick Piesse would make sure I got to stretch my legs, but there was not much room in the hold; they did the best they could, but the conditions were hard.

The horses on deck at least had the sea breeze but they also had to deal with the rough seas. And after 4 weeks at sea we disembarked at Alexandra, Egypt and were sent to camps around Cairo.

8 hours a day, 6 days a week. Miles in every valley of the Sahara Desert and the pyramids of Giza we did train.



Photos provided via the Dumbleyung Primary School Facebook Page



My Trooper, Captain Piesse was sent away in May 1915, they went to Gallipoli they say. Our troopers had not seen a grenade, they had scarcely heard of a periscope; so, it could be said that our troopers were not prepared for what was to come.

The 10th Light Horse Troopers saw action at the Nek and were involved in the Battle of Hill 60. When they returned in December 1915, my Trooper, did not.

We stayed in the Middle East, training, patrols, and outpost duty on the desert plains. I had Trooper Horace Alfred Temby (1047 WW1) who was a very good horseman taking us out for desert training. Oh, he could ride and handle 4 horses at a flat gallop across the sands. But he also left in the latter stages of the Gallipoli campaign. And I didn't see him again, he went to France they say.

They used long canvas troughs to hold the water for us to drink and one day I came along this fine young horse, his name was Silver Hill. Named after his father, a top-class sprinter. This Silver Hill talked of his homeland at "The Hermitage" in Dumbleyung and the love he had for his owner, a boy from Bunbury, Driver Michael Charles White; known as Joe. (6367 WW1)

We saw action at Romani in 1916 and then Beersheba in 1917. I heard down the picket line about Midnight. This black mare was ridden under saddle for 7 days straight, during the battle of Gaza in March. Oh, what strength and stamina she had. And then the charge at Beersheba in October they made the Turkish trenches; but she has not been seen since. (Lieutenant Guy Haydon & Remount Midnight).

Then on the 1st of October 1918 I proudly walked into the city of Damascus heading the Australian Mounted Division to accept the formal surrender of the city. I was 8 years old.

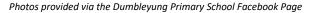
Do you think we could make a 4-beat walking noise? 1,2,3,4,1,2,3,4, softly.

I couldn't return with my Trooper at the end of the war. I was sold and lived out my days surrounded by windswept sands and the golden rays of sunshine upon the great pyramids. Oh, I longed for the Australian bush (close your eyes if you feel comfortable), hear the birds sing. And the smell of rain after a long spell, washing away the dust; see the green shoots bursting from the red earth. To hear the beating sound of our hooves.

Do you think we could make a 2-beat trotting noise? 1,2,1,2.....a bit louder than the walk.

To hear the beating sound of our hooves as they cross the plains of our Australian land.

Now open your eyes,
And you see my life goes on,
Today, 114 years on.
With this young filly,
Her dark mane and tail,
And her golden coat.
It is like the pyramids I see,
That shines so bright,
That it gives me life.









The Dumbleyung CRC are going to host the "Cancer Council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea" on Thursday 30th of May at the Dumbleyung District Club 9.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend. The cost will be \$10pp or \$5.00pp and bring a plate to share. There will be lots of yummy food, raffles and more. So please mark the date on the calendar and bring a friend or two as well. We have already had some amazing donations from businesses within our shire, so please come along and support this morning tea.

We have all been touched by cancer one way or another. Cancer Council Australias Biggest Morning Tea, raises money for research support and prevention. Below are just some of the things that your money goes toward.

**\$150** provides two people recently diagnosed with cancer with one-on-one support, connecting them to a trained Cancer Connect volunteer.

**\$500** helps provide training to leaders of cancer support groups where people can meet and share their experiences in an emotionally supportive environment.

**\$1000** pays for an analysis of two gene samples for a research project.

We welcome any donations such as a box of chocolates, jams or gifts to make up our raffles. Thankyou to the Shire of Dumbleyung, Rurale Skincare, Cambinata Yabbies, Mary's Farm Cottages, Johnny's Photography, Peter Rundle MP, Farmers Centre Dumbleyung, Mini Mall, GODI and Sniptrix Hair and Beauty, for your support for our Biggest Morning Tea. We hope to make this list longer and also look forward to seeing you at this event.







# Come and find out what "Staying in Place"

is all about over a lovely free lunch at



the CRC! **Tuesday 14th May** 11.00am



Are you a senior? Do you care for a senior? Are you looking for some extra income? Want to choose your own hours?





If you answered **YES** to any of the above, then you should attend our **FREE** information session.



# **Maralinga Visit**

We have visited some beautiful and scenic places on our 10 week road trip around South Australia.

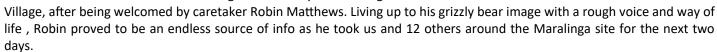
Clare Valley, Maclaren Vale, Hahndorf, the copper town of Burra, the Flinders Ranges and the oyster town of Streaky Bay spring to mind.

But probably the most interesting, informative and in some ways saddest three days were just spent at the Maralinga Village, way off the beaten track in truly remote desert country, on the edge of the Great Victorian Desert.

Visiting Maralinga was something that was not on our bucket list when we left WA, but as soon as we heard of the tour, we knew we had to go.

Everyone has heard of Maralinga. Site of the British atomic tests in the 1950s and 60s, it's infamy will live in forever as a dark place in Australian history.

After blowing and puncturing two tyres on the way out there, we were on tenterhooks as we drove along the driveway of Maralinga



So many questions arose from every piece of history and knowledge Robin imparted about the site. Foremost, how could an Australian Prime Minister (Robert Menzies) agree to 'give' the UK government Australian land, without even consulting his parliament. And let's not forget, the nuclear tests started at the beautiful Monte Bello islands before the tests were moved to Maralinga. How dare they use such pristine islands, favoured for their fish and marine life?

But it gets worse. The traditional owners of Maralinga, the Aboriginal people were hardly even given a thought in taking their land from them, for what amounted to 50 years. The bombs and tests were exploded, Aboriginals who had not been 'relocated ' or found in time, were exposed to the radiation and they and subsequent generations died of or were affected by radiation related diseases by the thousands.

Then you have the servicemen, who lived and worked at Maralinga, totalling 3000 at one point. So many cancer related illnesses and deaths among them and their descendants too. As Robin says in a disgusted voice, they were merely 'Guinea pigs'.

Efforts by the British government to clean the area up were half hearted, the Australian government had to step in and try to rehabilitate this area and this didn't happen until the early 2000s, so Maralinga was off limits fir a long time and some people even argue now the clean up is not finished. Not surprising when you consider plutonium used in the bombs has a half life of 24,000 years.

As Robin took us to the massive airstrip, still in use today, to the different bomb sites and told the terrible stories, his story also unfolded. He lost his wife, a traditional owner, to cancer. He himself has had leukaemia. But he loves to tell all the tales, as he's been involved with this country since the 70s and he's seen everything, including the burial of 11 London buses, brought out by the Brits to use as shower and decontamination units, Harley Davidsons, jeeps, trucks and other assorted equipment buried, contaminated beyond ever to be used again.

And he's found a lot of stuff too which he shows to the tourists.

If you're going to be heading across the Nullabor I highly recommend you put this on your to do list.

You don't have to drag your van out here. We stayed in a very comfy 2 bed roomed donga, even with wifi. Just be careful if you bring a dog. We had seen a couple of dingoes but I was taking Coco for a walk when we were confronted with one of Robins dogs, a huge killer dog who took offence to another male dog in his domain. He launched at Coco, snarling and it was one of the scariest moments of my life, trying to wrestle this vicious growling animal away from Coco. He had Coco's head in his jaws and wasn't going to let go. I really thought Coco was dead. Screaming for help I fell to the ground, hitting the dog on the nose as hard as I could. Luckily both Colin and Robin heard my cries for help ( they were fixing the tyre) and came and grabbed the dog and dragged him off.

I was totally out of breath and had no voice left from screaming. Colin took one look at my left leg which was dripping blood, but I couldn't feel anything, I think I was in shock. Coco meanwhile was also in shock I'm sure, he had a cut to his ear and one on his neck. But it all could have ended so much worse, I was sure I'd be going home without Coco.

Today I'm nursing a very sore scratched leg and a sore shoulder from landing on it.

And Coco seems pretty unfazed by it all. Robin was very apologetic, but I don't blame him. But I would stay away from his dog.



# **Rural Aid Australia**

Some are experiencing the 'severe dry time' WA is having and the concerns about what the future year holds. Environmental factors do affect our health. This can be both mental and physical health. We need to remain aware that we need to ensure we treat ourselves as a whole person, both physical and mental. There is a real need to look at ourselves in a holistic way where external factors and how we react can and does affect our ability to cope.

The holistic approach in therapy and life is very effective and takes into account 8 intertwined dimensions. If one dimension is neglected then over time it will adversely effect our health, wellbeing and quality of life. Like having a balanced diet, wellness engages and nurtures our spirit and mind.

Staring with Environmental factors such as drought. Where one of the dimensions is not in our control we can ensure we maintain the other dimensions personally at a level we feel is required.

The 8 dimensions are as follows:

Environmental- How our environment does have an impact on our feelings and health. What are we doing to lessen this impact at a personal self-level. Acknowledging what we can control and what we can't. We can't control the weather.

Emotional – how we react and how we equip ourselves to cope with feelings both good and bad as well as how we equip ourselves to cope with stress to adapt in difficult times. Some may use mindfulness techniques.

Physical – our health, maintaining good nutrition, exercise, weight management, resting when we need to, listening to what our bodies are telling us. Seeking assistance form our GP when we need to.

Occupational – personal achievement and a feeling of achieving. What can we do to keep achieving what we are able to. We can ensure we are prepared for the break in the seasons.

Social – the 3 C's – Communication, Connection, Commitment. Maintaining positive relationships which includes how we express ourselves to others in hard times. Look after each other, be there for each other.

Spiritual - Our purpose, what gives our life meaning, not just religious but maybe a belief in a higher self. Our life values maintain who we know we are while currently experiencing challenging times that will eventually pass.

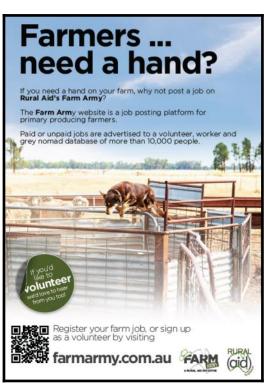
Intellectual – What are we doing to maintain that interest that stimulates our minds and brain growth. Read a good book, study that personal interest.

Financial – Maintaining our ability to earn and our ability to manage our expenses (see all dimensions above)

We can't control the weather, but we can commit to ensuring we do what we can control. We can maintain a good diet, exercise, talk and support others and maintain our focus on who we really are will assist our ability to cope.

We are all unique and as such we react to situations at a personal level, in our own way. Where feelings and resulting, emotions become concerning reach out Connect and Communicate. Talking things through does help to make more sense of your situation. Reach out before your thoughts become your reality and begin to control your life.





# Life Membership for Karen Ward

At the AGM of the Bowling Club held on Saturday 4 May 2024 a special presentation of a well deserved award was presented to Karen Ward - Life Membership. Captain, Audrey Bateup giving a detailed account of Karen's achievements and presenting the badge to her.

Karen is totally committed to Bowls, even though it took her a while to love the game. Taking on President for the 12th time this year. Once hooked, never looked back and was always on the road to some Bowls event. Family and friends surprised her with Leesa driving down from Merredin, Jon jumping off the tractor, Jan Jefferis, life long friend, already staying with her, and ex neighbours, Julie & Ian Craven making a lightning trip for the event.

For those who are not Bowlers, the League, ILRR & IZRR events are chosen by selection from the other clubs.

#### Club Achievements:

President 11 years Pennant Captain 14 times ran the New Years Day Fours for 5 years Singles champion 14 times Runner-up 2 Pairs champion 8 times Runner-up 8 Triples Champion 3 Runner-up 6 Championship 4's 5 Runner-up Runner-up 2022/23 in the State Mixed Pairs with Robert Marinoni

League President 2011/2013 & 2023/2024 League Delegate 2008,2011,2016,2018,2020, 2021 & 2022 League Singles champion twice League Pairs champion twice Level 1 umpire Played in: Country v Metro, ILRR Fours 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 ILRR Pairs 2017,2018,2019, 2020 IZRR Fours 2018,2019,2020,2021



Photo of Karen Ward provided via Facebook

Speeches were made Julie Craven, Jan Jefferis and Helen Gooding relaying many antics by Karen and her partners in crime. "Karen persuaded me the most, non-sports person in the district, to join bowls when I moved into town. At the same time her persuasive skills being what they are, I became Secretary with her as President.

When I started bowls, Karen was already working her way up the bowls ladder but at a club level she was skippering teams of novices who lost week after week, but not once did she lose faith in us. In fact she gave us nothing but encouragement. Her mantra was about fielding a team, keeping the club going, supporting each other and having fun.

This comes in abundance when one is around Karen. Thanks for the laughs. Sorry I can't share, there is a lot of secret girls business in there. No post mortems for us. Just laughs. It is a pity some of the other clubs didn't take a leaf from her book. Seeing is believing to be at a meeting chaired by Karen. She has a philosophy of going for the Guinness Book of Records for the shortest time to run a meeting. No President's Report - sorry I write them every year, and communications conducted by group texts unless a meeting is requested. This has only ever happened once - Co-Op request for Community support. Her reminder to herself come in the form of sticker notes, all over her kitchen bench. For Karen this works.

In 2013 we took on the work and were successful in writing a submission for a Grant for a new green. It was completed in 2014. Everyone in our club comes together when needed and usually without the need of a formal meeting. We think this is the secret to our clubs success.

I have been blown away by Karen's outlook to her illness. Despite being in extreme pain she did everything she could to get through her New Year's Day Carnival because she knew people would be disappointed if it was cancelled.

Karen is selfless in her belief for the betterment of the Club and is a thoroughly deserving recipient of the Life Membership. It is our combined club wish that before long we will see you, champion that you are, back on the green. BY HELEN GOODING"

Karen is always good at giving encouragement, praise, disapproval when needed, order, advice, and language learnt by us has expanded over the last 50 years, and that will never change.



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With Senior Regional Officer for the Great Southern Cheryle Dennis

## Expert advice for buying a gift card this Mother's Day

Gift cards might be considered a lazy gift... but you know what's worse? Giving Mum a pressie she doesn't like, want, or need for Mother's Day. With her special day just around corner, Consumer Protection has some advice for you if you're thinking about giving Mum a gift card or voucher to her favourite store or local business.

A minimum three-year expiry period applies to most gift cards and the expiry date must be clearly displayed. This means you can easily see and challenge the date if they get it wrong. It also ensures the recipient of your gift won't be caught out not knowing when it will expire.

There are some exemptions to this such as free promotional or bonus gift cards, like a \$50 wine voucher valid for one month that is mailed to a consumer as a free bonus with a purchased item.

Businesses cannot charge post-purchase fees or administration charges that reduce the value of the gift card. These could be activation, account-keeping, and balance enquiry fees.

Other terms and conditions that come with gift cards can vary for every business, so it's best to check if there's any spending limits, how the business will give change if the full amount isn't spent, which stores accept the voucher (particularly important for shopping centre vouchers), if a lost or stolen card can be replaced and how to check the remaining balance.

It's estimated more than a third of gift cards go unused and an unused gift card is virtually a donation to the retailer. Three years is a long time to spend a gift card but it's also a long time to forget. Suggest Mum puts a reminder in her phone or calendar to use the voucher before it expires.

It's also a good idea to use a gift card sooner rather than later, as you can't be certain the retailer will still be around three years down the track. Unspent gift cards may become worthless if a business goes bust, closes its doors or changes owners.

Gift vouchers are like cash – if mum loses it, she can't claim it, so ask her to keep it in a secure place until she's ready to go shopping.

More information on the rules, including a list of questions to ask when buying gift cards and vouchers, can be found on our website – consumerprotection.wa.gov.au (<a href="https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection/gift-vouchers-and-cards">https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection/gift-vouchers-and-cards</a>)



# SHIRE OF DUMBLEYUNG Spotlight



#### FROM THE CEO'S DESK

## **Shire of Dumbleyung Water Supply Update**

After a very dry Summer, Shire water supplies for irrigation and emergency access use remain very low particularly in Dumbleyung townsite. Kukerin water supplies are slightly better given the incidence of earlier storm weather events which occurred across eastern areas of the Shire.

Over the last four years, the Shire of Dumbleyung has invested heavily in expanding water catchment and storage capacity through various projects including:-

- 1. Cleaning of Kukerin Main Oval Dam
- 2. Clean out and refurbishment of Duggan Dam
- 3. Improvements to Dumbleyung Town Sump Dam
- 4. New Dumbleyung & Kukerin located water tanks for emergency firefighting purposes

Sealing of the Horse Paddock Dam Roaded Catchment (with silt trap improvements)

Dumbleyung relies on four key dam sites for irrigation and emergency access use. These are Horse Paddock Dam, AA Dam, Railway Dam and Bartram Road Water Harvesting Dam. The Farmer's Centre Sump Dam also captures clean town stormwater runoff. All of these important facilities rely on rainfall, which is becoming more uncertain and unreliable in a dryer (less rainfall) climate.

There are, however, two important new projects that the Shire of Dumbleyung has initiated that offers an alternative to reliance on rainfall events.

The first of these projects is a (trial) Dumbleyung Desalination Project working in partnership with the Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development, Water Corporation and Murdoch University. Dumbleyung is one of four desalination trial sites chosen, along with Esperance, Katanning and Merredin. The two-year trial will test the potential for establishing desalination of groundwater on farms and in key regional towns impacted by shallow water tables and salinity (such as Dumbleyung). Desalinated water is expected to deliver many benefits including:-

- Protection of town infrastructure (by lowering water tables)
- Watering recreation facilities and public open space
- Increasing back-up water storage capacity for bushfire events

#### Commercial applications such as water for farmers

Storing water in tanks also provides improved access and offsets risk of evaporation loss. Monitoring includes assessments of site conditions to ensure that the local environment is not affected by increased salinity levels through disposal of brine at decommissioned (saline) Dam 196.

The Dumbleyung Desalination Project reached full project commissioning phase earlier this year (2024). Production rates have so far exceeded expectations with the three new water storage tanks (located at Stubbs Park) reaching capacity i.e. circa 1 million litres.

Such has been the success of the project, the Shire has re-engaged the State Government around the potential of sourcing another three water storage tanks, thereby doubling storage capacity to circa 2 million litres. These facilities are earmarked to be located directly opposite (adjacent) to the three existing storage tanks providing effective road transport access in between the two sets of tanks. The Shire eagerly awaits the outcomes of the State Government decision making process.

The second of the projects is the purchase and installation of a waste water treatment system for deployment at the Shire sewerage pond (west of Stubbs Park). This new infrastructure investment will enable the Shire to treat waste water collected from domestic residences for potential irrigation reuse on Stubbs Park Oval. Apart from the obvious recycling benefits this project should deliver, the project will also offer another source of water not reliant on rainfall activities. Recycling waste water also delivers asset longevity benefits through deferring any necessity to undertake upgrades (expansion) to sewer ponds due to capacity constraints.



# SHIRE OF DUMBLEYUNG Spotlight

All of the above mentioned projects are individually important but collectively critical to the future for the Shire of Dumbleyung in terms of water self-sustainability. We can't do a lot about making it rain more (wish we could), but through proactive (& innovative) project activities such as these, we go a long way towards mitigating some of the negative impacts from dryer seasons.

#### Information from the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Dumbleyung 18 April 2024



- Council Policy Manual Review
- Delegations Register Review
- Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2024-2029
- Budget Amendments & 2023/24 Fees & Charges

#### **WORKS UPDATE**

#### WHEATBELT SECONDARY FREIGHT NETWORK

#### Kulin - Dumbleyung Road

The first stage of works is complete with the replacement and widening of culverts on a 4km section of Kulin – Dumbleyung Road, adjacent to the recently completed works. Pavement widening and strengthening works, including the application of a new bitumen seal, will be completed during the 2024/25 financial year.

#### **Dumbleyung – Nyabing Road (Peterson Road / Datatine Road)**

The first stage of works is complete with the replacement and widening of culverts on an 8.5km section of Dumbleyung – Nyabing Road. Works are complete on widening and strengthening a 3km section, including the application of a new bitumen seal from Peterson Road towards Nyabing as shown in the photo to the right. Pavement widening and strengthening works, including the application of new bitumen seal for the remaining 5km of this project will be completed during the 2024/25 financial year.

#### **ROADS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE**

Works have commenced on sealing a 4km unsealed section of 129 Gate Road, from the existing seal to Merilup Road intersection. The first and second stages of works is complete with the replacement and widening of culverts, pavement widening and strengthening works. The application of a new bitumen seal will be commence in September 24.

#### **GRAVEL RESHEETING PROGRAM**

Gravel resheeting works of the 6km long unsealed section of Kukerin South Road are now completed.

#### MAINTENANCE WORKS - SEALED ROADS

Repair works are nearing completion on various sections of failed pavements on sealed roads throughout the shire. Sealing of these patches will commence in May 24. Repairs to various pavement failures on 129 Gate Road and Richardson Road, Dumbleyung are also about to commence and should be completed in late May 24.

#### KUKERIN DAM WATER TANK

Works to reinstate the damaged standpipe at Kukerin Dam will commence in mid May 24.





# **SPORT NEWS**

# **Dumbleyung Hockey Club**

Saturday the 27th of April saw the Souths travel to Hyden to take on the KHATs (Hyden-Karlgarin Hockey Club). It was another warm day for hockey but that didn't stop all teams playing some awesome hockey. This week's award sponsors were Dan and Mel Eynon The kids got the day started with a 1-1 draw with an excellent from the middle down and in goal from Bill Davidson in quick reply to a KHATs goal. The kids award winner for a solid effort all match was Oliver Hall.

B grade was up next with a few different faces from the week before. They really took it to the polished KHATs outfit resulting in a 0-0 draw/. Award winners were Oliver Hall and first gamer Georgia Ongarezos.

It was another strong show from the A grade girls taking a 5-1 win. Goal scorers were Michelle Gooding x2. Award winners were Chloe Blight and Julie Ditchburn (with one being in her first game of A grade hockey). Award winner was Jess Davidson in recognition of a huge day of running.

The men's game was best described as spicy with a very physical game against the KHATs men. Result was a 1-1 draw with Angus Armstrong the goal scorer. Award winners were Joel Watkins and Paul King.

Saturday the 4th of May had all Roe Districts Hockey Association teams travel to Kukerin for gala day. Massive thanks to all who contributed to the day in working rosters, marking fields and coordinating umpires and fixtures. Thanks to Michelle Gooding and the team at KGS for being this rounds sponsor. South's took on Kulin-Kondinin Vipers.

Kids again started off the day with a goal feast starting from the first quarter. Bill Davidson was on fire getting 4 of the 5 goals for the day, Brandon Gooding was the other goal scorer. Award winner Chloe Gooding for an amazing effort playing inner all day on much more experienced oppositions.

The B Graders had a solid game again with everyone running and working hard again with different faces on the field. No goals unfortunately in a 0-1 loss. Award winners were Jess Clarke and Khalen Pitcher.

The Men's team played next again with some fresh faces who brought with them another level of speedy play. Final score was 5-0 goals coming from Jamie Gray, Floyd Pryor, Mitch Smith and Joel Watkins x2. Award winners were Matt Dare and Ben Hall.

A Grade were the final match of the day this week which felt a bit strange for the girls but it didn't stop the goals coming. Final score was 5-0 with goals to Danika Watkins, Jorja Kirby, Amy King and Michelle Gooding x2. Next match is on Saturday 11th of May versus Corrigin in Lake Grace.

Submitted by Amy King





# SPORT NEWS

# **Dumbleyung Netball Club**

Round One

Netball is back! The ducks took to the court on Saturday May 4 and played Te Taitonga 2 at 1.30pm. With a couple of our regular players away it saw past Duck Erin come back and take the court - thank you Erin for filing in!

Te Taitonga came out strong in the first quarter with the ducks trailing behind by 4 points. It took us the first quarter to find our groove as the second quarter saw us come back to take the lead, by one point.

We kept grooving with great defence by Clare Smith and Jenny West and some amazing goals by Brie Jackson. Wining by 6 points, final score 44-38.

Come along and cheer the ducks on!

Coming up, Round 2 (May 11) Dumbleyung vs. Allstars 2 at 1.30pm

Round 3 (May 18)

Dumbleyung vs. Broomehill at 1.30pm

Round 4 (midweek May 22) Dumbleyung vs. Cardinals 2 at 7.30pm

Round 5 (May 25) Dumbleyung vs. Olympians 2 at 3pm

Submitted by Alison Gray.



# **Lakeview Golf Club**

Well Saturday, 4 May 2024 saw a small field front up to Golf. Thank you to Sponsors Nick Green & Pauleen of Dumbleyung Engineering for their wonderful sponsorship.

Presentations were ably presented by Pauline's son, budding golfer, Nathan Alexander who shot a credible -3 in the combined Par event.

Mention goes to Scott Jefferis, who I hear will be doing the slicing up of food for his family in future. He decided that he just would, or maybe couldn't wait to check out the bush on his right all day, though credit goes to him for hitting a couple of fairways, but did lose numerous amounts of balls. What was the bonus, was finding one of Jamie Dare's balls like we all do at some stage playing golf, using that one really didn't cut it for him though.

Final winners after Nathan drew out the cards were Daniel McDougall -3 & Tamara Bartram all square, with runners-up Nathan Alexander (our new member hopefully -3 and Dean Toovey -5. Novelties were Daniel 2, Scott 1 Tamara 1

Next week will be the 1st stroke round for the season sponsored by Dongolocking Auto Electrics - Lachy Ward.





# RECIPE

# Ricotta and Spinach Gnocchi Bake

#### **Ingredients:**

500g pkt Potato Gnocchi

120g pkt Baby Spinach

785g jar tomato, onion and garlic pasta sauce

200g firm ricotta

2/3 cup (80g) shredded pizza cheese



#### Method:

Cook 500g pkt Potato Gnocchi in a large saucepan of boiling water following packet directions or until tender. Drain. Return to pan. Add two-thirds of the 120g pkt Baby Spinach and half the 785g jar tomato, onion and garlic pasta sauce. Toss to combine. Preheat grill on high. Spread the remaining pasta sauce over base of a 6-cup (1.5L) baking dish. Top with gnocchi mixture. Crumble over 200g firm ricotta. Sprinkle with 2/3 cup (80g) shredded pizza cheese and season. Cook under grill for 5-6 mins or until the cheese is golden and the gnocchi is heated through. Serve with remaining spinach.

Bible - Discussion ---

Non - Denominational

#### Will's Chat:

The Bible

For any Christian, the bible is a very important book, not actually one book but sixty six books all rolled into one for our convenience.

Perhaps it may be thought of as a user manual for human beings who believe in the God who created them in the first place.

It really is a very good book to refer to when things go wrong or even for a refresher course to make sure we are doing OK.

Of course there are many people who have never used this manual nor felt the need to and so when normality breaks down they will stumble about in vain trying to fix the problems.

However, the bible gives directions for a good and fruitful life not just in the here and now, but also in the time to come.

There are books and chapters that may need a closer look or more study to actually understand what has been written.

A case in point for me is Revelation, the last book of the bible.

It can be hard to read or to really understand but one part seems to put it all into perspective.

God's promise to us all

Rev 21, 3-7: 'I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true."

And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End.

To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life'.

Then there is just a little more for us to read .. chapter 22 the very last one of the bible and verse 7 tells us;

'Look, I am coming soon! 'Blessed are those who obey the words of prophecy written in this book'.

The writer is telling us here of the coming of Jesus, and the end of John's vision, for many of us we need some assurance of these things

to really believe them but, did you know that there is a great deal of proof both in the ancient records and the discoveries of science.

The greatest proof though is in meeting the Lord for yourself while we are still able to do so.

# WHOPPIT WHIP AROUND



## **BIRTHDAY MESSAGES**

Happy Birthday wishes to the following locals who celebrate their birthdays in the next fortnight. Have a great day.

#### MAY

- 08- Jaclyn Shotter
- 09- Eric Gossage
- 11- Emily Long
- 12- Marc Ball
- 13- Shirley Richards
- 17 Helen Gooding
- 19 Doug Allen
- 19? Ray Gunnell
- 19 Caleb Murray
- 20- Dale Cronin









The CRC will be closed
Wednesday May 8th &
Wednesday May 22nd
due to staff attending training.

# WHOPPIT WHIP AROUND



# <u>Dumbleyung General Store</u> Footy Tipping 2024

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Neville	52
Gavin	51
Mary Ann	50
Bevan	49
Goofy	49
Mal	49
Peter	49
Racheal	47
Soss	47
Amy	46









# WHOPPIT WHIP AROUND



# Do you want to go to university, but you're not qualified?

If you'll be at least 20 years of age before 1 March 2025 then sitting the STAT may get you there.

STAT is a national aptitude test you can use for entry to tertiary study at these Western Australian universities:

Curtin University
Edith Cowan University
Murdoch University
The University of Notre Dame Australia
The University of Western Australia

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# <u>Tree Protection</u>

# Sleeves

I was having a conversation with a fellow gardener, who enquired about my tree protection sleeves. I have now finished with mine and will leave them where we were talking about the Tree protection sleeves, there are 40 bags and stakes included.





# IMPORTANT NOTICE

WARNING! DON'T RISK LOSING YOUR EYE SIGHT

Are You Being Treated for Any of These Health Conditions:

- High Blood Pressure
- High Cholesterol
  - Diabetes

Or are you taking medications for ailments like Rheumatoid Arthritis?

If so, the delicate blood vessels in your retinas could be at serious risk...

which can have a devastating impact on your ability to safely drive or do the things you love doing.

#### 1 in 7 People over 50 will get a blinding disease...

(source MD foundation of Australia)

Reduce the chances of you becoming the next statistic by having an eye test.

An optometrist funded by the Health Department is visiting Dumbleyung CRC on Tuesday 4th June. To book an eye test simply scan the QR code below or send an email to <a href="mailto:contacts4eyes@gmail.com">contacts4eyes@gmail.com</a> and put Dumbleyung in the subject line.



Graham Shipway Mobile Optometrist B App Sc(Optom) QUT



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# WALKERS HILL VINEYARD

# MOTHERS DAY

@ THE VINEYARD

12.05.2024

COME AND TREAT YOUR SPECIAL MUM, GRANDMOTHER, WIFE OR ANY SPECIAL LADY IN YOUR LIFE TO A COUPLE OF HOURS RELAXING WHILE WE DO ALL THE HARD WORK

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL 0447 651 418

MENU TO BE FINALISED



# Mothers Day Afternoon

# Tea

#### 12 May, at NEXIS

Join the Friday Artists for a delightful Mothers Day afternoon tea. Bring your mum, explore the exhibition, and indulge in a cuppa and some tasty treats together.

RSVP



NARROGIN NEXIS—82 Federal street Narrogin



# Kodja Place Mother's Day Luncheon

Surprise your Mum with the gift of a delicious long table luncheon on Sunday May 12 to celebrate Mother's Day and the end of the regional grape harvest 12.30pm-4.30pm

Cost: \$110 per person (includes harvest grazing table and lunch), matched wines available for purchase

Tickets: <a href="https://events.humanitix.com/mothers-day-luncheon">https://events.humanitix.com/mothers-day-luncheon</a>

For more event information, please contact The Kodja Place on bcc@kononup.wa.gov.au or 9831 0500.









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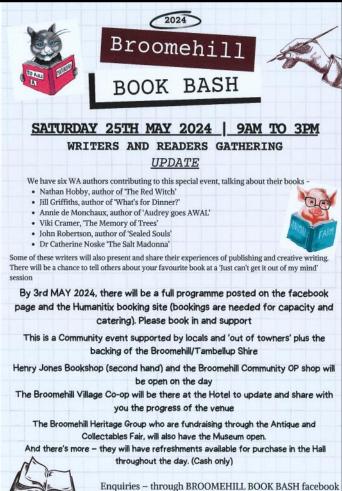
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If you are looking to do something different or just go for a weekend drive, then it's all happening on the 25th May in Broomehill! In the case of the two day Collectables Fair, this is also opening on Friday 24th of May. Remember to bring cash as there is no ATM in Broomehill.

On the Saturday, the Broomehill Hotel will also be open to see what restoration has been done to date. The hotel was purchased in 2021 as a Cooperative by 74 people (mainly locals) and although not yet open for business, it's on it's way. So go and take a look.

According to the organiser of the inaugural Book Bash, Annie Dunn, the Book Bash event is based on a readers and writers festival she read about in a small town in Scotland. This event has great support from the Broomehill/Tambellup Shire and it is free to attend.

There will be two spaces in the village, Annie said, one where people can talk about their book and the other where those interested in getting something published or want to write something, can get to hear from some already doing so!

So come along and enjoy something different.





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NOTE: If there are any dates you would like added to the community calendar, please email the Dumbleyung CRC on admin@dumbleyungcrc.com or phone: 0459 932 616



# May 2024

# DUMBLEYUNG CRC COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY 1	THURSDAY 2	FRIDAY 3	SATURDAY 4
			Craft Morning CRC 9.30am Seniors With A Pulse Tai Chi 10am Dumbleyung Club		Dumbleyung Playgroup 9.00am-11.00am Dumbleyung PS	
5	9	7	8	6	10	11
Kukerin/Dumbleyung Football Club V Wickepin @ Wickepin	Quack Chat articles due Waste Bin Pickup only Kukerin PS P&C meeting 1.00pm	Quack Chat #300	CRC Closed Seniors With A Pulse Tai Chi 10am Dumbleyung Club		Dumbleyung Playgroup 9.00am-11.00am Playgroup Building Seniors With A Pulse BBQ 5.30pm-8.00pm Dumbleyung Club	Dumbleyung Mens B Grade Hockey V Warriors @ Narrogin 3.30pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Dumbleyung Mens B Grade Hockey V Olympics @ Stubbs Park 1.30pm MOTHERS DAY Kukerin/Dumbleyung Football Club V Brookton Pingelly @ Nenke Oval	Recycling & Waste Bin Pickup		Craft Morning CRC 9.30am Seniors With A Pulse Tai Chi 10am Dumbleyung Club	Dumbleyung Shire Council Meeting 3.30pm Council Chambers	Dumbleyung PS P & C Meeting	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Kukerin/Dumbleyung Football Club V Williams	Quack Chat articles due Waste Bin Pickup only	Quack Chat #301	CRC Closed Seniors With A Pulse Tai Chi 10am Dumbleyung Club	Dumbleyung PS Cross Country & Assembly	Dumbleyung Playgroup 9.00am-11.00am Playgroup Building DEC Thank a Volunteer 5.30pm-9.00pm VFRS Shed Seniors With A Pulse Line Dancing/Country Music Night S.30pm Dumbleyung Club	Dumbleyung Mens B Grade Hockey V Williams @ Williams 3.00pm
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Kukerin/Dumbleyung Football Club V Boddington @ Stubbs Park	Recycling & Waste Bin Pickup		Craft Morning CRC 9.30am Seniors With A Pulse Tai Chi 10am Dumbleyung Club	Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea Dumbleyung Club 9.30am	Dumbleyung Playgroup 9,00am-11,00am Craft Activity Playgroup Building	

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