

# All `Go' For Dumbleyung Festival This Saturday

After a five year hiatus, the Dumbleyung Events Committee are all set to relaunch a family friendly town festival *this* coming Saturday 13 April, commencing at 3pm till late. Formerly `The Taste of Dumbleyung', this event is not so much focused on food, such was the case previously, but rather having something for everyone. The DEC committee have been very busy in recent weeks organising the event which includes a range of live music, over 20 stallholders, food vendors, at least 10 rides and activities for kids, coffee and ice cream vans and even the Lucky Bay Brewery van - coming all the way from Esperance. There is also a fashion parade in the town hall starting at 4:30pm featuring some local male and female models, which is sure to bring a few laughs!

President of DEC, Johnny Lee said that to encourage vendors to come, whilst they paid money to secure their spot, this deposit will be refunded to them upon coming. The kids' activities planned include a range of inflatables, a mini train, the merry go round, peddle carts, petting zoo, face painting and umbrella painting—all of which is free. This makes it very attractive for families who want to entertain their children without it costing them a fortune.

Dawson Street will be closed off for the event which will extend well into the evening in the Town hall. Once the stall holders are packed up, the band `Drinks and Tips' will kick off at 7pm. The bar and food will also be available.

Shire President and DEC Secretary Amy Knight said that this local event is a great opportunity to get out of the house of a weekend and enjoy catching up with community members once again, following a long break from these local festivals, after Covid. Johnny Lee said that the DEC committee are hoping for great support from both our Shire residents as well as surrounding towns. For visitors to Dumbleyung, please note that our CRC, housing the Bluebird interpretative Centre, will be especially open from 2pm to 5pm to coincide with the Bluebird Festival.



# **Dumbleyung Theatre Club Vintage Op Shop Night**

A few of the DTC members and their families had a great gathering at the Dumbleyung District Club on Friday 22 March. Our favourite chef, Mila, cooked up a fabulous buffet and fun was had by all, arriving in vintage op shop Dressup.

The occasion was to discuss the DTC reaching 70 years since it was formally established in 1954, and the type of occasion our members envisage, in celebrating this fantastic milestone.

Interestingly, history indicates that "repertory and variety shows existed in Dumbleyung as far back as 1918, when a group called the 'Dumbleyung Minstrel Troupe' performed successfully to a closely packed house.

"It was in the year 1954 when the Theatre Club first came into being through the efforts of Mr Andrew Reid and accountant for Len Ramm's Farmers Centre." Dorothy Smart, Dumbleyung Short Stories book.

After a few great suggestions including; reproducing the first play in 1954- 'Little Lambs Eat Ivy' to a dancing show and a few skits, it was decided that a Grand Ball 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday party will be planned for October 2024.

All those who have been our extraordinary volunteers since 1954 will be cordially invited to a Red Carpet, Night with the Stars.

We are all extremely excited and looking forward to this event! If any members of our community have any information about past family members being involved in DTC or any other notes, photographs or recordings, please contact secretary Janelle Bairstow <u>dumbleyungtheatreclub@gmail.com</u>

By Michele Brown



DTC Life Member Liz Dare and Jo Pearce

Leanne Frost and DTC Life Member Rod Frost

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Above: Meryn Clune and Pip Gooding



Right: Leanne Nolte and Jamie Frost



Above: Laurie Pearce



Rocking the Vintage Vibes

Right: Janelle Bairstow and Tara Cook





Above: Pauline Alexander and Nick Green

Right: Claire, Harry and Luke Atkins



# **University Hub Confirmed For Katanning**

Last December, the Dumbleyung CRC joined other local CRCs and many other organisations in sending a letter of strong support for the establishment of a `Regional University Study Hubs Programme'. Last week, there was notification to the CRC that the application by the Great Southern Universities Centre and Great Southern Regional Development that their application had been successful. This brings university education closer to us.

The idea behind this is to encourage more people from the regions to get a university qualification, according to Mike Eastman, GS University Centre Director. He has been quoted as saying `I want more young people to get a crack at going to university and we know that their postcode is a massive barrier for young people getting that chance.' Statistics show that where there is a university hub, university participation goes up.

In our letter of support, the Dumbleyung CRC wrote that where we can, we try and support university and TAFE students to do exams from our centre but also acknowledge the barriers to further education for country students. This includes leaving their families and having to relocate to Perth at great cost. There are unfair disadvantages compared to their city counterparts, not to mention the additional cost of running a car and the fuel costs to come home to visit. They simply can't just stay at home and go to uni each day. It's that simple.

More information will be made available as to how the centre provides support to future students. The Katanning University Hub is one of ten hubs being established across Australia at the total cost of \$16 million to the Federal Government. Former Shire President and now Councillor Liz Guidera, who was instrumental in the University hub discussions, said that the Centre is going to be located upstairs, in the old Katanning Hotel building. The facilities are expected to be operational for early 2025.

Source: The Albany Advertiser Dumbleyung CRC Letter of Support Dec 2023

# Southern Hemisphere Aurora Photographers

For all those budding photographers in our Shire (and there are many) you may be interested to know that there is a `Southern Hemisphere Aurora Group', found on Facebook. The group is dedicated to helping alert other photographers about auroras that may be likely to occur near them.

It seems that you don't have to go as far as Iceland, Alaska, Norway or Greenland to see this amazing phenomenon because it is also being captured in WA. For example, Colm Doyle, Albany resident and amateur photographer captured this beautiful photo (pictured) in early 2023. He said that he set up his camera gear on the steep steps at Sandpatch Beach Albany. The aurora was not visible to the naked eye but ` it was only when Mr Doyle set his camera exposure to 30 seconds that he was able to snap the red Luminescence in the night sky. '



The southern lights or aurora australis occurs when high energy

particles from the sun, such as electrons, enter the Earth's atmosphere. The ability to view or capture the aurora is largely dependent on the solar cycle which can vary in length from nine to fourteen years. Mr Doyle, who has been researching this topic for sometime, describes the lights as an interaction between radiation and plasma between the Sun and the Earth's atmosphere.

With pictures taken in Narrogin, Northam, the Perth Hills and locations in the south of WA, it makes for an interesting topic to follow. Another related website, detailing sightings of the WA auroras and other `Astro' photography, is www.rogergroom.com. And if you manage to capture a picture, remember to send it to us!

# Free Flu Jabs and Student Assistance Payment

As the cost of living continues to bite, anything paid for by the State Government is welcome news. This relates to free flu jabs as well as a once off special payment titled the `WA Student Assistance Payment'.

<u>WA Student Assistance Payment</u> - comes into effect <u>next week</u>, with claims being able to be made from the start of the school term - Monday 15 April. Roger Cook, State Premier, is urging parents to ensure that they have the ServiceWA app downloaded as this is the way to make your claim. The claim amount is \$250 for each secondary student and \$150 for students attending primary school or kindergarten. The Education Department website have very helpful information on eligibility and how to claim including a link to how to set up the app and logging in with your Digital Identity on ServiceWA. See: www.education.wa.edu.au/wasap

Please note that you will need your child's WA student number for each of your children, the number of which can be found on school reports, called a SCSA or student number and is generally an eight digit number. Your child's school, date of birth, year and importantly your bank details will also be required.

The Premier has been quoted as saying that the payment will be in your bank account in around a week from lodgement, great timing after extra spending over school holidays! This special payment does not last forever—all claims must be in lodged by 28th June 2024. For service app information visit: <u>www.wa.gov.au/servicewaapp</u>

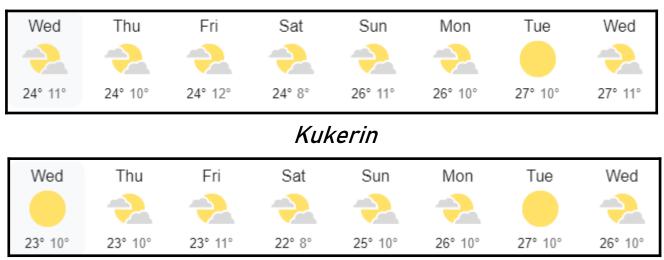
<u>Free Flu Jabs</u> - free flu jabs will be made available to all West Australians for the third year running to try and combat post Covid pandemic vaccine `hesitancy'. In May and June only, Doctor's surgeries, pharmacies and Aboriginal medical services, will provide free influenza shots to all West Australians aged six months and over.

The State Government indicated that they are also targeting babies and toddlers who are at the highest risk from respiratory disease. According to Health Minister Amber– Jade Sanderson, there has already been `a very slight uptick in these influenza

cases compared to the same time last year.' She added that `one of COVID's lingering legacies has been the acceleration of a trend towards vaccine scepticism.'

The free Influenza Jab aims to arrest the falls in vaccines for flu - but if you want it free, wait until May.

Source: The West Australian and www.health.wa.gov.au/news/2024 Photo: www.bing.com/images



# Dumbleyung



# **Gerribatrix Ride Through the Tuart Trees**

The intrepid crew from the Gerribatrix cycle group completed a fabulous two days of cycling from 22 March to 25 March where they were based at the Peppermint Grove Beach Caravan Park, half and hour drive south of Bunbury. For a change the group tented for the duration of the four days. Arrived on the Friday for the meet and greet, then Saturday off to Busselton for a leisurely ride, (60 kilometre return trip), having a well earned lunch by the 'Busso' jetty. Just awesome sitting around our camp that night , telling a few tales and listening to some good music.

On the Sunday the group rode into Capel via some sneaky backroads to avoid the main highway and enjoyed a light lunch at a local café, then off to Capel Vale Winery for what we thought would be a good venue for our daily fix of coffee. Well that wasn't to be as they had a big function the night before and they had run out of coffee.

Sunday night Doogs entertained us with some poetry, a few more yarns spun and then hit the sack for a well earned sleep before packing up Monday for the trip home.

Rumour has it Johnny B Good is still sulking because he had no opportunity to get everyone lost. We cant wait for our next adventure at Lake Navarino Holiday Park in August.

Article and photos by Johnny Lee





Above: Peppermint Beach tent city

Left: Sue and Robbie relaxing on Saturday afternoon



Among the Autumn vines in Capel

Left: Sue, Barbara, Jack, Johnny, Peter, Sue and Jennie

Absent: Robbie, Jill and Beth

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With Senior Regional Officer for the Great Southern Cheryle Dennis

Ride a quad bike, not an ambulance

Quad bikes are the leading cause of death and serious injury on Australian farms. School holidays and good weather often mean farm visits and quad bike adventures. Consumer Protection urges families to prioritise safety when it comes to quad biking.

Sixty per cent of quad bike fatalities occur during a roll over. Even at slower speeds, these bikes can topple over and crush the rider with hundreds of kilos of machine.

Despite being marketed as "all-terrain vehicles", quad bikes cannot safely go anywhere and everywhere. Steep slopes or rough terrain increases the risk of a roll over.

Since October 2021, general-use quad bikes must have an Operator Protection Device (OPD) fitted or integrated into its design so if the bike rolls over, it's held off the ground, and the rider can avoid injury or death as a result of being crushed or pinned by the weight. If you own an older quad bike, consider retrofitting an OPD.

Since 2020, 10 West Aussies have been killed in quad bike accidents. Of the three deaths last year, one was a girl aged under 10.

But quad bikes are not children's toys. The safest option is for children not to ride quads, even as passengers, as they lack the size, and physical strength or skill to safely operate quad bikes built for adults. Even the smaller youth quads have been involved in fatal incidents in Australia.

Consumer Protection urges quad bike riders and passengers to "Prepare Safe, Wear Safe, Ride Safe."

Prepare Safe by ensuring you are trained to ride a quad bike, check the quad has been maintained and is in safe condition. It's also a good idea to tell someone where you plan to go and when you expect to return. When you purchase a new quad bike, use the mandatory hang tag to compare the stability of different models.

Wear Safe with a helmet that meets Australian Safety Standards. Put on protective clothing and gear such as goggles, long sleeves and pants, boots and gloves.

Ride Safe by ensuring children are supervised near quad bike activity and never let them ride quads meant for adults... even as passengers. Never ride under the influence of drugs/alcohol and don't carry passengers on quads meant for one person. Try to ride on familiar tracks and always carry a mobile phone or two-way so you can call for help in an emergency.

If you Prepare Safe, Wear Safe, Ride Safe when using quad bikes, it will help you and your loved ones, friends and work colleagues reduce the risk of injury or death.

For more information visit the Consumer Protection product safety page https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection/guad-bikes

# Final Social Bowls Evening at Dumbleyung Bowling Club

Perfect bowling conditions arrived for the final session of social bowls before the winter break was held on Wednesday 27 March at the Dumbleyung Bowling Club. With no wind or heat to contend with ten players were divided into two teams of five to compete for bragging rights for one evening.

Following eight ends of play the winning team of Carla Joy, Greg Bairstow, Jill Clarke, Russel Hall and skipper Darryl Joy defeated the Hats team of Eric and Davina Gossage, Peter and Deanne Caldwell and Helen Gooding. Darryl's team donated their winnings back and a fun game of Spider was organised to determine the individual night's winner. The jack is placed in the middle of the bowling green and all bowlers line up all around the green with one foot in the ditch. On a signal bowlers bowl towards the jack and the bowler's bowl closest to the jack is the winner. The winner of the prize money was Carla Joy on a countback from Russel Hall.

Thanks to MasterChef Murray Hudson and Salad Queen Reet Joy who provided a very enjoyable barbecue dinner which was enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Jeanne Hudson who organised the two sessions of bowls and Dylan Fryer for serving in the bar.







Left: Eric Gossage, a member of the Hats team modelling the new bowling headwear



Watching the action at the last social bowls' evening

Left: Helen Gooding, Dee Caldwell, Eric Gossage, Carla Joy, Greg Bairstow, Jill Clarke

> Right: Who had the closest shot? Left: Helen Gooding, Russel Hall and Greg Bairstow



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#### FROM THE CEO'S DESK

As we come out of a long hot Summer into the cooler (and hopefully wetter) Winter months, I find it timely to reflect on the importance of volunteers, and in particular our volunteer bush firefighters. Bushfires represent a significant risk to rural communities with the incidence of major bushfire events across our State increasing in both frequency and intensity. Our volunteer bushfire fighters provide a vitally important first response role in attending to bushfires in an effort to contain and extinguish the fire before it potentially becomes out of control. Our bushfire brigades and volunteers do an amazing job of coordinating effort to mobilise and attend bushfires as soon as a new fire ignites. This fast response is a major factor why most of the bushfire incidents that occurred in the recent 2023/24 season were quickly controlled and extinguished by our volunteers. My thanks go out to all of our bushfire volunteers, their brigades and importantly our Chief & Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers.

Local Government Authorities such as the Shire of Dumbleyung have an important legislative role and responsibility(s) to provide sufficient resourcing support to local brigades (and volunteer firefighters) to enable these first response activities to be undertaken. This responsibility has increased through recent State Government legislative changes via the introduction of the new Work Health and Safety Act 2020, which now places responsibility back on LGA's to ensure that all volunteers conduct their support efforts in a safe and effective manner. This has highlighted the importance of volunteer firefighters participating in training programs which have been supported by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES). LGA's also have legislated emergency recovery obligations in the aftermath of an emergency event, with key local facilities such as Nenke Park Pavilion and Stubbs Park Pavilion as designated emergency evacuation centres in the Shire of Dumbleyung for community access purposes.

#### WORK'S 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, have been deferred to next financial year due to a delay in funding.

#### 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 have commenced on pavement widening and strengthening works, including the application of a new bitumen seal on 3km section from Peterson Road towards Nyabing. These works will be completed by the end of April 24.

Pavement widening and strengthening works, including the application of new bitumen seal for the remaining 5km of this project have been deferred to next financial year due to a delay in funding.

#### **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 stage of works is complete with the replacement and widening of culverts. Pavement widening and strengthening works, including the application of a new bitumen seal will commence in late April 24.





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#### **GRAVEL RESHEETING PROGRAM**

Gravel resheeting works of the 6km long unsealed section of Kukerin South Road are nearing completion with final trimming and shaping of table drainage remaining to be completed. These should be completed by mid-April 24.

#### **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 after Easter.

#### KUKERIN DAM WATER TANK

Works to repair standpipe the standpipe at Kukerin Dam will commence soon after the easter break.

#### NIPPERING CEMETERY

The Shire is currently investigating a masterplan to beautify Nippering Cemetery and to protect grave sites from damage.

The issue of vehicles damaging graves was recently highlighted by the family of the grave highlighted in the aerial photo to the right. It is obvious that vehicles have been driving over or clipping this grave, whilst attempting to make the very tight turn from the most eastern track to get to the next track west.

Furthermore, there are a number of graves that are being undermined by erosion caused by stormwater running down the vehicle tracks as shown in the photo below.





Accordingly, the Shire proposes a two step plan to address these issues as follows:

- 1. Install bollards at the site of the subject grave as shown in the photo below as an interim measure to negate the possibility of vehicles driving over or clipping it until a permanent solution is found.
- 2. Develop and if possible, implement a masterplan that may include:
- Bitumen Sealing the four tracks within the cemetery.
- Install 'V' drains along the newly sealed tracks to catch stormwater and direct it off-site.
- Adding topsoil and turfing around all plots to further protect against erosion.





Comments and/or suggestions regarding this matter are welcomed and can be lodged by contacting the Shire's Director of Infrastructure, Les Morgan via the following:

Email: <u>les.morgan@dumbleyung.wa.gov.au</u> Mobile: 0427 634 012 Office: 9863 4012



# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY







# COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES MANAGER

Application package available at <u>https://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/employment/</u>

Closing date for applications 4.00pm Friday 26 April 2024



# SHIRE OF DUMBLEYUNG PUBLIC NOTICE SUBMISSIONS – BUDGET 2024/25

The Shire is preparing its budget for the 2024/25 financial year. The budget sets out the income and expenditure of the Shire including the rates to be levied for the period, 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

The draft budget is expected to be adopted by Council in July 2024.

As part of an ongoing engagement process, the Shire welcomes submissions from the public and community groups as to what projects/expenditure you would like to see considered in the budget.

Your submission must be in writing and include:

- The purpose of the proposed expenditure
- The amount of expenditure proposed
- Other sources of funding being pursued and whether the funding has been confirmed
- The community benefit from the proposed project/expenditure
- Your contact details so we can discuss your proposal

The Shire has very limited discretionary budget capacity, so all projects will be assessed on the basis of need, project readiness and affordability.

Submissions must be received by the Shire by Friday 3rd May 2024 and may be submitted by the following methods:

- Emailed to <u>danika.watkins@dumbleyung.wa.gov.au</u> (preferred method)
- Handed to Shire reception at the Shire's Administration Office, 32 Harvey Street Dumbleyung

Gavin Treasure Chief Executive Officer

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## Recipe

# Easy Pumpkin Soup

#### Ingredients:

2 tbsp olive oil
1 onion, finely chopped
1 leek, white part only, finely sliced
1 garlic clove, crushed
1/2 tsp ground coriander
1 tsp ground cumin
1/2 tsp freshly grated nutmeg
1kg peeled pumpkin, diced
1 large potato, peeled, diced
1/2 cup (125ml) thin cream
1L chicken style liquid stock or vegetable liquid stock



#### Method:

Heat oil in a large saucepan over low heat, add onion and leek and cook for 2-3 minutes, until softened but not coloured.

Add garlic and spices and cook, stirring, for 30 seconds.

Add pumpkin, potato and stock and bring to the boil.

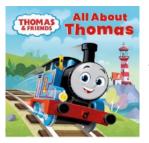
Turn heat to low, cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Allow to cool slightly, then blend in batches.

Return soup to pan, stir through cream and reheat gently.

Season and add a little more nutmeg if desired.

# DUMBLEYUNG LIBRARY NEWS

#### **CHILDREN'S FICTION: All About Thomas**

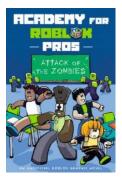


- Join Thomas as he travels around meeting his friends, both old and new!
- This colourful chunky board book introduces the brand-new younger Thomas style from the new animated series, All Engines Go.

• With cute artwork and simple text in a chunky board that's the right size for small hands, this is the perfect gift for young Thomas and Friends fans.

#### JUNIOR FICTION: Academy for Roblex Pros - Attack of The Zombies by Louis Shea

Stepping through the door, the kids are immediately transported into Roblox Academy, a blocky world where they are all avatars of themselves. Can the kids get to the bottom of this digital world or will the mysterious villain, Mr. Warlock, turn them all into zombies!? Read and find out in this illustrated unofficial Roblox graphic novel series!





# ADULT NON FICTION: – Formula One THE LEGENDS Cults Drivers and Their Legacies by Tony Dodgins

• 32 profiles of Formula One's legendary drivers from the 1950s to the present day. As well as examining the racers of the past, such as Jackie Stewart, Alain Prost and Aryton Senna, the text will profile living legends such as Sebastian Vettel, Lewis Hamilton and legendin-the-making Max Verstappen.

• Uniquely, this book will also feature stars of the sport who tragically died or were injured before they could realise their true potential, but left a lasting legacy in Formula One.

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## **DUMBLEYUNG ARCHIVES**

# Remember When Wednesday



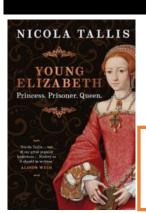
### Dumbleyung Cricket Club Runners Up—1979 season The team lost the grand final to Katanning 'Norths'

Back: Eric Dart, Rodney Scott, Keith Leece Sitting on rail: John Powell, Eric Dart, Des Forbes, Adrian Lee, Robert Temby, Joe Trawinski, Rob McDougall

Front: John Dart, Richard Hennessey, Terry Cronin, Ron Lloyd, Rod Lowther, Dayle Lloyd

Photo courtesy of Des Forbes

# DUMBLEYUNG LIBRARY NEWS



#### **ADULT FICTION: Young Elizabeth by Nicola Tallis**

- Nicole Tallis is a well-known historian and researcher of Tudor England.
- The first truly comprehensive biography of Elizabeth I in over twenty years.
- Throws new light onto the early life of this iconic monarch.

Source: <u>www.bigw.com.au</u> and www.booktopia.com.au

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# **DUMBLEYUNG POLICE PULSE**

Hello, Sergeant ATKINS (Dave) here presenting Police Pulse, the Dumbleyung Police Station's contribution to the Quack Chat.

#### THANK YOU

I guess all know there has been a missed Pulse for March but ....

this is the reason why, because "OUR" Carol is not too well and left it up to me and as one see's I am not much good at it. So, lets get into the best bits.

When I arrived in this beautiful town I was very clear on how I go about policing the town and shire. One of my comments was "Education before Enforcement". I have been here over five months and the time for enforcement unfortunately for some has arrived.

#### **TRAFFIC**

#### Damage to infrastructure / roads and the speed zone compliance

I need to add a little light on this topic to the individual/s that have been using their vehicles as ploughs around the town of recent times.

The airstrip was damaged having a vehicle cut it up to the point it was closed for three days until the Shire graded it. This is a very important part of the community infrastructure. In times of emergency at getting someone to Perth by landing here or having to land at Wagin could be the difference between surviving or not. Also on this topic the gravel road (Jose Road) is inside the built-up area and was cut up recently too.

There are significant penalties for this type of behaviour and it needs to be stamped out. Not only is it a Reckless Driving charge, there is impoundment for 28 days for the vehicle and a prosecution charge for the damage. No ratepayer wants their rates to go up because their shire is having to constantly fix up roads and infrastructure stopping or slowing it on other community projects. So please if you know of who the person/s vehicle responsible are, a call is all I need. Someone saw something so please talk to me.

#### **STOP SIGN STOP LINE**

The stop signs lines hopefully will be improved on Absolon Street. Police have had a very informative meeting with your shire and Main Roads to combat some of the safety issues on this street. Once the intersection is bought up to an acceptable standard a penalty will apply to any vehicle failing to stop. I had a report of a very near miss at the intersection of Bairstow x Dawson stop signs. If this was you that was nearly collided with please call so I can get further information to try to locate the offending vehicle. It appears they got away this time, however the next time may be a slower vehicle like a school bus and not be so lucky. This driving offence comes with Penalties of \$300 & 3 Demerit Points.

Anyone with a vehicle dash cam and witnesses unruly behaviour please send it to me. "A picture is worth a thousand words". You don't go to court, THEY DO.

#### SPEED ZONE

Last traffic topic for all who is interested, the 80 km/h railway zone west of Dumbleyung is just that, 80 km/h. So, no more "Sorry I am running late". If this is the case then my advice, get up an hour earlier. There may be better signage and road markings to alert drivers coming soon for this section of road. Penalties start at \$100.

#### **UPDATES**

In our last contribution, Senior Constable DA RONCH (Carol) advised you all that a resident's CCTV camera captured a young man about to enter her property. He didn't appreciate the attention in Dumbleyung and was last heard of jumping fences all over Narrogin, frustrating their Officers.

#### Update on the above. "CAUGHT"



Actual CCTV stills of the chases.

#### SCHOOL VISIT

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, I had the pleasure of attending the afore-mentioned Dumbleyung Primary School for their assembly. It was fantastic to see the little ones get their awards and the senior children taking the lead promoting their school. I really hope to visit Kukerin Primary School this month as I have not been there yet. Dumbleyung Police are in the process of getting a type of a show bag together for the children for each school visit we do.

#### LESSON TIME

Last item people, as the Firearm Buyback is in full swing please contact either me 98937800 diverted to my mobile or Albany Police on 131444 option 1 and leave me a contactable number. I will return your call. Unfortunately, there is still some people who have for whatever reason **NOT** paid their firearms licence and it has expired over 3 months.

Like a motor vehicle after 3 months of the licence expiring it becomes completely unlicensed. Well firearms are the same except, first thing is you lose your firearms (seized) as you're an unlicensed firearm holder and a possible prosecution charge of unlicensed firearm. Second is you will receive a fine totalling \$421 and the chance of ever retaining a firearm licence is getting harder by the month. So please go check your firearm licence and if expired, Go pay it now.

Thank you, Dumbleyung, for reading this Pulse. Please remember all calls are treated with the strictest of confidentiality.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (we think)

**Q.** *"Carol, congratulations on reaching 35 years as a Police Officer! Did anyone give you any overly expensive gifts?* 

A. No. Not even a scratchy in a card.

Q. "Some more locals have been caught for driving offences. Is that all you copper's ever do?

A. No, but it is the most fun.

**Q.** "The Stations flags have been out for the last few weeks, then, they haven't been up at all. Does that have any significance or meaning?"

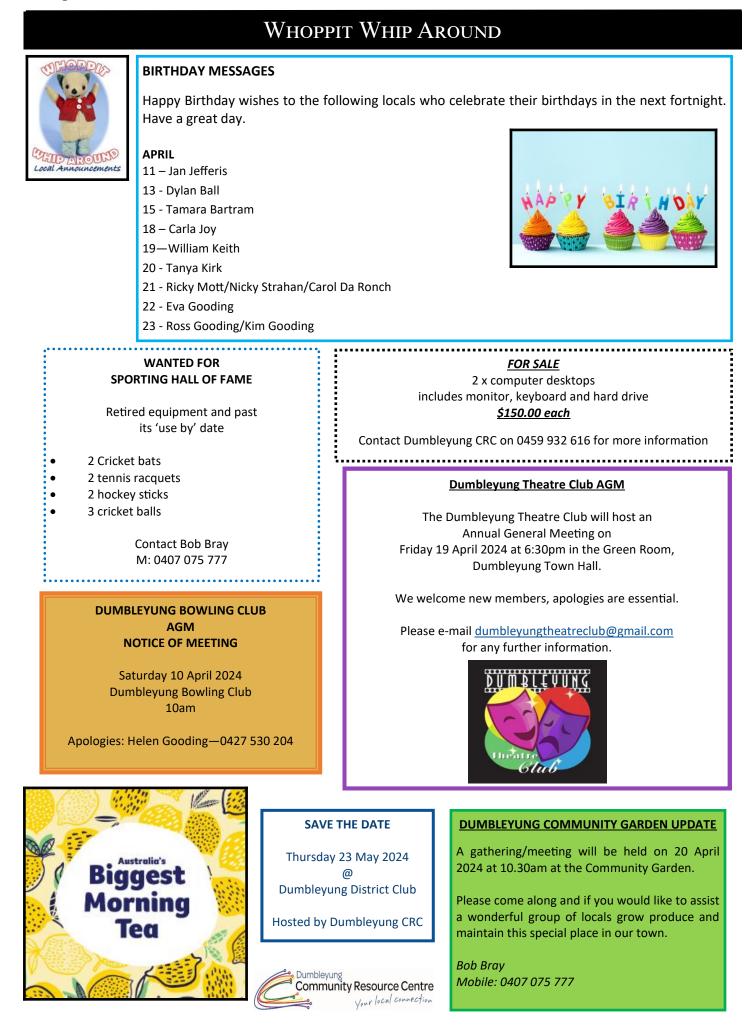
**A.** What can we say. Sheer laziness at the beginning. Then we found out every time the flags are up, people KNOW we are working. So, Dave has been sneaking around town with the flags down. SURPRISE!!

That's it for us, stay safe!



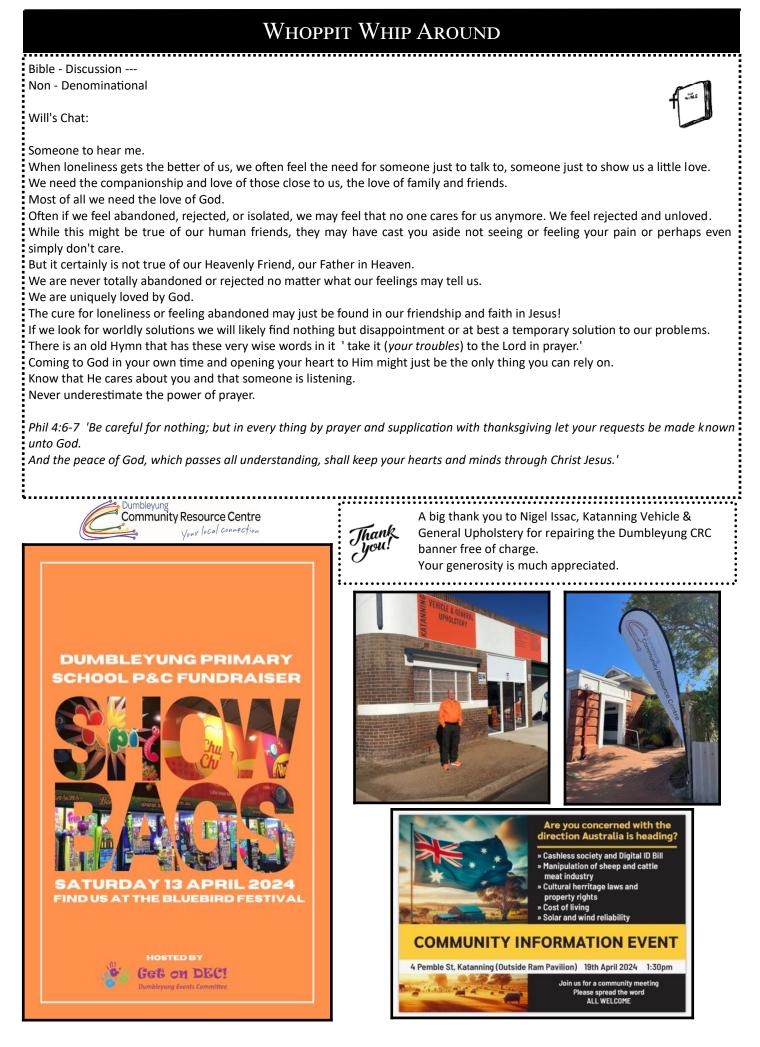
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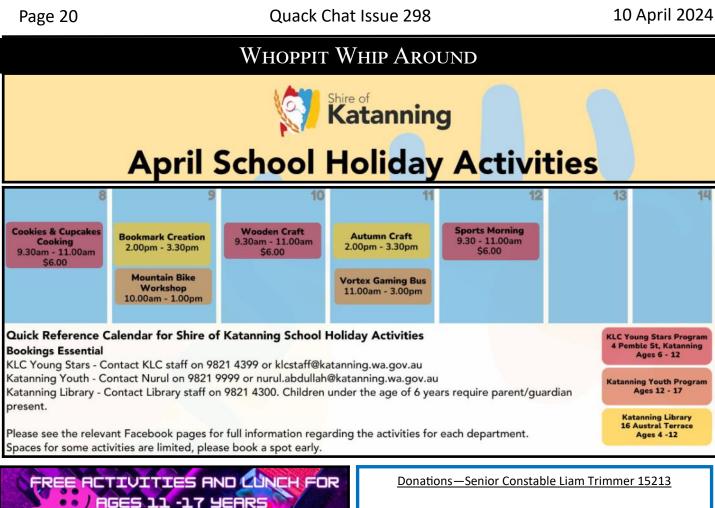
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The recent tragic death of Senior Constable Liam Trimmer 15213, has impacted family, friends and work colleagues. The community has responded with generous support to a public facing Go Fund Me page, in support of Liam's partner.

Internally, within the WA Police Force, and through our external partner agencies within Australia, we have received many requests for information regarding donations. Western Australia Police Legacy have established a dedicated account to receive donations. All money donated to this account will be provided to Liam's partner.

Should you wish to donate or receive requests for information regarding donations, please provide the following details.

WA Police Legacy Donations

P&N Bank

BSB: 806-015

Account: 02102588

Any assistance in sharing these details would be greatly appreciated.

Authorised for Broadcast by the Commander—Counter Terrorism Emergency Response





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Invitation to wider community

# Stubbs Park Board of Management

# AGM

MONDAY 22 APRIL 7.00PM Stubbs Park, Bahrs Road

All correspondence to stubbsparksec@gmail.com or call President Carmen 0407 001 440

All affiliated clubs must send a delegate



## Dumbleyung General Store Footy Tipping 2024 Round 4

Peter	30	//
Neville	29	
Dan	28	
Mary Ann	28	
Amy	27	
Mal	27	
Michelle	27	
Robert	27	
Bevan	26	
Gavin	26	



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2023	mm	Days	Total	2024	mm	Days	Total
January	3.6	2	3.6	January	2.4	2	2.4
February	0	0	3.6	February	4.4	1	4.4
March	32.6	5	36.2	March	19.2	3	26
April	42.5	12	78.7	April			
May	9.4	7	88.1	May			
June	76.4	19	164.5	June			
July	29.3	13	193.8	July			
August	48.5	12	242.3	August			
September	21.8	5	264.1	September			
October	2.2	3	266.3	October			
November	3	3	269.3	November			
December	4.2	2	273.5	December			

as of 10 April 2024

Source: Bureau of Meteorology for Dumbleyung

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12 April

Neon Disco

Lake Grace vn Hall



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#### Katanning Environmental Container Cash In

Lot 523 Dore Street, Katanning.

Open Times: Fridays and Saturdays. 9am - 3pm.

#### Wagin - All Good Refund Depot

20 Tavistock Street, Wagin.

Open Times: Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. 9am - 1pm.

#### FREE RECYCLING BAGS AVAILABLE AT THE DUMBLEYUNG CRC

FREMANTLE ROUND HOUSE PRESENTS

#### THE JOHN GAVIN WRITING COMPETITION 2024 OPEN CATEGORY

Over the Easter weekend of 1844, the Swan River Colony witnessed deadly justice served upon the first European hanged since their settlement, as young John Gavin lost his life in front of the Fremantle Round House. Executed for murdering the son of his master, the sensational crime overshadowed the pitiable life of the unmourned teenager buried in the sand dunes.

On 6th of April 2024, it will be 180 years since John Gavin met his fate. To recognise this part of our history we invite submissions in our competition with the requisite storyline components specified on our website.

The John Gavin Writing Competition open category has a 750-word limit.

Please go to our website for details about the competition, Entry Forms, Terms and Conditions, links and recommended reading about John Gavin and the trial.

www.fremantleroundhouse.com.au Questions and submissions to: competitions@fremantleroundhouse.com.au



Competition open: 12th February 2024 Competition close: 12th May 2024

Prizes: 1st prize \$350 2nd prize \$200

Entry fee: \$10 per entry



CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF THE DUMBLEYUNG THEATRE CLUB Saturday 12 October

We are looking for a caterer for our upcoming event for 250 guests

For further information and to express your interest please send an email to

dumbleyungtheatreclub@gmail.com

Kukerin Health Centre

The Kukerin Health Centre is re-open every Monday from 7.30am-1.30pm, or otherwise indicated on the white board out the front of the building.

The phone number to the Kukerin Health Centre is 98 822 150



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## **OUTSIDE CARAVAN BAR SERVICE (LUCKY BAY BREWERY)**

One volunteer is required to provide tap beer service from the Lucky Bay Brewery caravan outside of the town hall in the licensed area.

Time Slot	Bar Service
3pm – 5pm	
5pm – 7pm	
7pm – 9pm	
9pm – 11pm	

Any enquiries regarding rosters, please text message Emily Edwards 0488 683 541



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# Storytime @ Dumbleyung CRC &ibrary

# Monday 15 April

- 🏹 9.30am arrive
- 🏹 Mat time 9.45am
- Story, rhymes and craft activity
- All ages welcome 0 4 years
- A parent or guardian must accompany the child/children and participate in the Story Time session.

RSVP Dumbleyung CRC M: 0459 932 616 E: admin@dumbleyungcrc.com by Friday 12 April

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# APRIL 2024 PLANNER

Hi there - Seniors with a Pulse is up and moving forward - big shout out to Gavin from our Shire who has allocated us a generous \$1,000 to enable our kick off and to Janelle for supporting us under the Dumbleyung Theatre Club banner.

Just giving you an idea of what events are planned for the ensuing weeks - subject to your ongoing interest. Activity sessions are \$10 each & held at Dumbleyung Club unless otherwise stated.

Our aim is to find activities/events which you, our seniors, will want to participate in. Please feel free to text/email/call me with any suggestions you may have. Mazza 0448 946 924 seniorswithapulse@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you at our Tai Chi sessions & other events, beginning 18 April. Keep Smiling, Mazza & Sue

#### **THURSDAY 18 APRIL**

TAI CHI VIA ZOOM 10AM TO 11AM. FOLLOWED BY COFFEE/TEA & TIM TAMS. THIS FIRST SESSION IS FREE TO ALL, COME AND TRY IT

#### WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL

TAI CHI VIA ZOOM 10AM TO 11AM. FOLLOWED BY COFFEE/TEA & TIM TAMS.

#### SATURDAY 20 APRIL

BINGO 5.30PM, FINGER FOOD, TEA /COFFEE INCL. MUSIC 7PM. DRINKS AVAIL AT BAR. COST \$20 INCLUDES YOUR FIRST 2 BINGO CARDS.

#### FRIDAY 26 APRIL

MIX MINGLE & MUSIC FISH N CHIPS OR CHICKEN PARMI & CHIPS, SALADS, DESSERT SLICES, TEA & COFFEE. COST \$25. DRINKS AVAIL FROM BAR

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Would you know what you'd do in a situation where your child's friend disclosed information about abuse? Have you ever considered what to say in the case of another child showing yours pornography?

Often parents don't want to think about dealing with a situation like this. It's scary and they hope it won't ever happen to their child.

What would you do?

Are you confused about how to teach your children to be wary of potential harm, without overloading them with fear, wrapping them in cotton wool, or giving them so much information that their innocence is damaged? Would you know what tried and true steps to take in the event a situation occurred?

## Come along to this Protective Education Workshop

Protective Education is a proactive whole community approach to teaching life skills to children. It gives them the language to identify unsafe situations, arm them with tools to seek appropriate assistance or protect themselves.

Date: Monday 22 April 2024

Time: 10.30am start

Venue: Kukerin Primary School

RSVP: deborah.doney@education.wa.edu.au - By Wednesday 17 April 2024

### Two Themes of Protective Education:

## "We all have the right to feel safe all of the time."

### "We can talk with someone about anything."

### Protective Education Concepts:

Theme reinforcement OK to say "No" Yes/Safe/Comfortable feelings and No/Unsafe/ Uncomfortable feelings Three Safety Questions Secrets

- Safety Continuum Secret Enablers Risking on Purpose Cyber Safety Early Warning Signs Network review
- Networks Protective interrupting Persistence One-step removed Public and Private Problem-solving

There will be books and resources available for purchase at the workshop.

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Contact Holly-ann Mobile 0422 971 189 Phone [08] 9497 7685 E-mail holly-ann@safe4kids.com.au

# LEST WE FORGET ANZAC DAY 25TH APRIL THURSDAY, 2024

Any service men, women or civilians wishing to march, please assemble outside the CRC at 11:15am.

Dumbleyung Anzac Service at the War Memorial, Absolon St commencing at 11:30am.

> Following the service, all are welcome to the Dumbleyung District Club for sausage sizzle, BYO salad to share and to watch the football.



DUMBLEYUNG DISTRICT CLUB INC

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#### Regional Safety Services Helping Make Regional Businesses Safer

# Business Safety

Are you aware there is another very affordable and practical WA-based business safety option on the market? We are visiting a few businesses in your region and wanted to let you know about the services we offer, in case you haven't heard about us. We are the fastestgrowing safety business for many great reasons. Affordability, practicality and a 'friend in the know' to call if an incident occurs are just a few.

We were awarded State Finalists in the 2023 Telstra Best of Business Awards, beating over 20,000 businesses Australia-wide, so we know we are on the right track. We honestly believe that if safety is not affordable, practical, and quick to implement, it just won't happen. The feedback we are receiving is that our approach is very practical and supportive. We won't ask you to throw away any old equipment, just consider it comes with a separate set of instructions for those that use it.

After a 28-year policing career (but starting as a farm hand when I first left school) I am committed to keeping people safe in my business called Regional Safety Services. As you can appreciate, I have seen all aspects of farming tragedies, and the new Industrial Manslaughter Legislation is not something to be taken for granted. Even if you do not hire staff, you can still find yourself subject to this legislation if something happens and you do not have the required safety systems or records in place.

We do everything from farm safety to building safety and we come to you! Our systems are popular because we understand most businesses can't afford to have a full-time safety person taking care of safety. Fact is, you don't need to go that far. We'll help you take 'reasonably practicable steps' (as stated in the WHS Act) to make things safe in your business and then help you to record your effort, knowing it will often be on the run and you don't have time to sit around filling in forms! Then there is the price: Ours is \$880 and we prepare most of the documentation for you. Or you can pay \$6000-10,000 with others, who will ensure you also need a full-time safety person to implement their systems! Whilst that may suit large organisations, it simply isn't needed in small-medium sized businesses.

To make life even easier we have introduced our online safety forms to help capture your current effort in this area. These forms are only \$99.00 to access them for 12 months. These forms have been recommended by business owners like you and most can be done in 1-2 minutes. In April this year, we will launch our new website, inclusive of online training. This entry-level training is designed to help you demonstrate that you are providing both your management team and your staff training that has been offered by a competent provider.

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<b>NOTE</b> : If there are any dates you would like added to the community calendar, please email the Dumbleyung CRC on <u>admin@dumbleyungcrc.com</u> or phone: 0459 932 616	Saturday 6		13	Dumbleyung Bluebird Festival Dumbleyung Town Hall	20	Seniors With A Pulse Bingo 5.30pm Music 7pm Dumbleyung Club	27		4	
	Friday 5		12	Kukerin P&C Trivia Night 6.30pm	19	Dumbleyung Theatre Club AGM @ 6.30pm Green Room Dumbleyung Hall Tinny Band @ The GODI	26	School Development Day for Dumbleyung PS Seniors With A Pulse Mixed Mingle and Music Dumbleyung District Club	3	
2024 MMUNITY CALENI	Thursday 4		11		18	Seniors With A Pulse Tai Chi 10am @ Dyg Club	25	ANZAC DAY	2	
April 2024 DUMBLEYUNG CRC COMMUNITY CALENDAR	Wednesday 3		10	Quack Chat #298	17	WALG Grants Commission Public Hearing 11.45am—12.15pm Dumbleyung Council Chambers	24	Quack Chat #299 Seniors With A Pulse Tai Chi 10am Dumbleyung Club Anzac Day Service @ Dumbleyung School 2pm Kukerin School 2pm	May 1	
DUMB	Tuesday 2		6		16		23		30	
Community Resource Centre	Monday 1	Recycling & Waste Bin Pickup	œ	Quack Chat articles due Waste Bin Pickup only	15	Storytime @ Dumbleyung CRC 9.15am School Term 2 begins Recycling & Waste Bin Pickup	22	Quack Chat articles due Waste Bin Pickup only Stubbs Park AGM @ Stubbs Park 7pm	29	Recycling & Waste Bin Pickup
Community F	Sunday		7		14		21		28	Kukerin/Dumbleyung Football Club V Wagin @ Stubbs Park

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