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Achieving Excellence: Walpole-Nornalup Visitor Centre Celebrates Employee Success

The Walpole Nornalup Visitor Centre is renowned for its commitment to providing exceptional service to tourists exploring the stunning landscapes of the Walpole Wilderness and surrounds. Recently, the Visitor Centre celebrated a significant milestone with three of its dedicated employees gaining qualifications.

Peggy Polkinghorne and Roxanne Hawkes, two valued members of the Walpole Nornalup Visitor Centre team, recently achieved their Certificate III in Tourism. This certification is a testament to their commitment to delivering excellent service to visitors and their dedication to expanding their expertise in the tourism industry.

Cert III in Tourism equips individuals with essential skills and knowledge required for roles in the tourism sector, including customer service, guiding, and interpreting information about local attractions. Peggy and Roxanne successfully completed this certification and it not only

Welcome to the Walpole - Nornalup Visitor Centre

L to R: Roxanne, Peggy and Davina

enhances their professional growth but also elevates the overall quality of services offered by the Walpole Nornalup Visitor Centre.

Manager, Davina Eden-Austen, has taken her commitment to professional development to the next level by earning her Diploma of Leadership and Management. This achievement underscores her dedication to leading the team effectively and steering the Walpole-Nornalup Visitor Centre towards continued success. The Diploma of Leadership and Management is a comprehensive programme that equips individuals with advanced skills in decision-making, strategic planning, and team leadership. Davina's attainment of this diploma reflects positively on the management practices of the Visitor Centre, ensuring that it remains a well-run and efficient hub for tourists exploring the wonders of the region.

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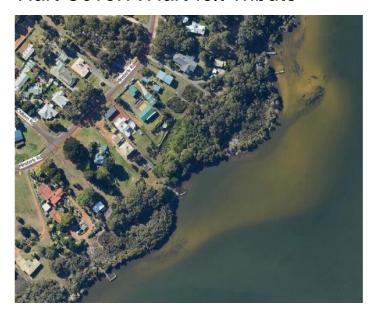


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Professional development is an integral part of building a capable and motivated workforce, and the Walpole-Nornalup Visitor Centre sets a commendable example by investing in the continuous learning and skill development of its employees. As these team members apply their enhanced skills and knowledge in their roles, the visitor centre is poised to provide an even more enriching experience for tourists exploring the natural wonders of our region.

~ Walpole-Nornalup Visitor Centre

Hart Cove: A Hart-felt Tribute



The Shire of Denmark is pleased to announce that a section of Wilson Inlet has been officially named in honour of the late James (Jim) Hart, who left a major mark on the community before his passing in February 2022.

The cove located behind 107 and 109 Minsterly Road was proposed as the site to be named as this was where Mr Hart lived and spent many years launching his boat and teaching his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to fish.

Mr Hart's involvement in the community included his role as a volunteer ambulance driver, founding member and inaugural captain of the Denmark Fire Brigade, as well as his tenure as Denmark's volunteer fisheries officer for the Department of Fisheries.

Denmark Shire President Kingsley Gibson said that he has a deep appreciation for individuals like Mr Hart whose contributions enrich the lives of those around them, and highlighted the importance of recognising the valuable efforts of dedicated members of our community.

"We are so lucky to have individuals who are so dedicated to our community. Community members like Mr Hart are the 'hart' and soul of our town. It is only fitting that this cove in Wilson Inlet be named in his honour, as it serves as a lasting reminder of his remarkable contributions and legacy" Cr Gibson said.

"It is important that we recognise dedicated members of our community and show them how grateful we are for all that they do in the community as they are role models for the future generations."

This decision comes following approval by Council during the January Ordinary Council Meeting, which was then passed to Landgate, before the Shire received confirmation of approval in early February, confirming this heartfelt tribute to a beloved member of the community.

~ Authorised by David King, CEO





Applications are invited from NFP organisations for grants from the Op Shop for the benefit of Walpole people.

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Walpole students excel

A continuous stream of students who either live, or once lived in Walpole and/or attended Walpole Primary School go on to become high achievers. I was again pleased to learn of more recent Awards being presented to Walpolians, as shown here:

Dux Awards are presented to the student



in their Year level who has achieved the most outstanding results all year across all subject areas. Photo at right of Lara Hunter and Head Mistress Kath Ward who presented her Year 11 Dux Award. Lara also received the following subject awards:

- Geography ATAR
- Human Biology ATAR
- Visual Arts General
- English ATAR

Other Walpole recipients for subject awards were:

Laluca Bannister-Jones
Psychology ATAR
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Drama General Award -Certificate of Excellence Madeleine Gamblin Music General Applied Technology

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~ Jenny Willcox



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Nature Notes: New Holland honeyeater



One of my favourite birds that I see every morning is the New Holland honeyeater. Its scientific name is *Phylidonyris novaehollandia* which is quite a mouthful. This bird is very easy to confuse with the white-cheeked honeyeater. The difference is that the New Holland honeyeater has a white rim around the eye, while the white-cheeked honeyeater has a black eye. However they are very difficult to tell apart, particularly from a distance.

If you are seeing either, you are in southern Australia. The New Holland honeyeater is a nectar feeder supplementary feeding on insects and spiders. The way to encourage them into you garden is to plant shrubs with dense foliage and to have some understorey where they can hide. The birds can be scared off by larger honeyeaters but they generally like to hang about in a group and will mob larger animals and birds and drive them off. They will enjoy safe access to water and do not like cats and dogs, so keep your pets inside. You would not want to use pesticides as this could make a New Holland honeyeater very sick.

There is not much difference between the sexes but



the female birds are slightly smaller. They form monogamous pairs and do not go in for cooperative breeding. Immature birds have grey eyes, a yellow gape inside the mouth and whiskers near the nares or nostrils.



New Holland honeyeaters breed from July to November when nectar is abundant. In their breeding territory the males spend a lot of time defending the nest and food resources. The females have been observed spending a great deal of time nest-making and in incubation of the eggs. The female will feed close to the nest with the males venturing further afield for food.

New Holland honeyeaters get most of their carbohydrate requirements from nectar. As a result, they are key pollinators for many plants including Banksia, Hakea, Xanthorrhoea, and Acacia. They also feed on honeydew which forms on plants which are affected by members of the *Psyllidea* family of insects. However, they also require protein and feed on insects and spiders. They tend to feed in groups.

One of the first birds described by Europeans, there is still a lot to learn about their behaviour, so if you like to observe birds, take your time and look at the antics of New Holland honeyeaters.

~ Alison Kenworthy



Thought for the day

We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.

George Bernard Shaw

Uber is changing for over 65s



Uber has revealed plans to launch a phone-booking ride service in what its top Australian executive admits is "a bit of a back-to-the-future moment".

The tech giant will launch its ride hotline on Tuesday in a bid to appeal to Australians over 65 who do not use ride-sharing services and prefer to book transport over the phone.

Uber's new service will come less than a year after the company launched a similar scheme in the United States, and has been welcomed by a seniors advocacy group, who said not everyone "is able or comfortable using apps".

Uber Australia and New Zealand managing director Dom Taylor said the company identified some older Australians were not using the service because they were not confident in navigating its app.

The launch of a phone-booking service could feel like a throwback to the days of ordering taxis before Uber's 2012 launch, he said, but could encourage more people try the service.

"It's a bit of a back-to-the-future moment for us," he told AAP.

"There are groups within the community that are less open to using apps for a number of reasons and we can still use our core product to help them move around."

The new 13-UBER service, available between 5am and 8pm, will allow users to book a ride over the phone, or set up an Uber account for the first time.

Users must have a mobile phone to receive a text message with ride details, and will receive a second text message when



their driver arrives at their pick-up location.

Mr Taylor said research conducted by YouGov showed 93 per cent of Australians aged 65 and over felt more confident booking services over the phone, and hoped the hotline could provide a new transport option for them.

"We have seen in the US it is a source of new riders coming to the platform who are less comfortable with apps," he said.

"We know that older Aussies have a lot of appointments and that they are a very social group of people who are still going out for dinners and to the movies."

National Seniors Australia chief executive Chris Grice said he welcomed the move to make the service more accessible, and hoped it would help seniors with specific challenges, such as mobility issues.

"Not everyone is able or comfortable using apps because of privacy, security and storage concerns," he said.

"It's an interesting reflection of society, but a good one, when we welcomed being able to make a phone call and speak with a person to book a service."

~ Jennifer Dudley-Nicholson, www.thenewdaily.com.au





Weekly Upcoming Activities

Time	Date	Details
10am to 11am	Friday February 16th	Storytime at Walpole Library
12pm	Monday February 19th	Death Café and shopping, Denmark Bus leaves Walpole 12pm
4.20pm	Saturday February 24th	Special General Meeting at Ficifolia Community Gardens
Details to follow	Saturday February 24th	Full-moon Sing-Along at Ficifolia Community Garden
2pm to 4pm	Saturday February 24th	Planning for Changing Season Workshop at Walpole Ficifolia Community Gardens
10am to 12pm	Thursday February 29th	Advocare's Christine visits to provide support and information at the Walpole CRC
10am to 4pm	Thursday February 29th	Taking Control of your Hereafter with Jenny Willcox at WCRC Lunch provided
10am to 11am	Friday March 1st	Storytime at Walpole Library





Weekly events			
Day	Details		
Monday	Mahjong at Walpole Community Hall, 10am - Noon Mahjong at Nornalup 2pm - 5pm Contact Gail on 0427 689 028 for venue details. Zumba at Walpole Sport and Recreation Centre, 5:30pm - 6:30pm Doctor Services at Walpole Silver Chain by appointment 9840 1173 Pilates with Anna-Marie, 20 Bellanger Rd Nornalup. 9am - \$20 Pickleball 9.30am-11.30am at Walpole Rec Centre		
	Weight Watchers at the Anglican Church Walpole, 9:30am		
Tuesday	Country Club Scoungers Golf 12:30pm Autumn Club at Walpole Sport and Recreation Centre, 1pm Pilates with Anna-Marie, 20 Bellanger Rd Nomalup. 6.00pm		
Wednesday	Tone and Stretch Class at Walpole Sport and Rec Centre, 9 -10am Doctor Services at Walpole Silver Chain by appointment 9840 1173 - Telehealth only 10am - 2pm (Every last Wednesday each month) Walpole Country Club Social Bowls 12:30pm Yin Yoga with Emelie at 20 Bellanger Road, Nornalup 9am and 6pm		
Thursday	Pathology Pathwest at Walpole Silver Chain 8:30am -11:30am JR Karate at Walpole Sport and Rec Centre 3:15 - 4:15pm Yoga with Jenny Nomalup Hall 5:30pm Arıglicare Financial Counselling 1st Thursday every month by appointment - contact CRC Ladies golf 10:30am at Walpole Country Club Pilates with Anna-Marie, 20 Bellanger Rd Nomalup. 10:30am Community Lunch at Walpole Hotel/Motel 12pm		
Friday	Walpole Menshed at LIA Miguel Place, Walpole, 9.30am -12:30pm Table Tennis and Games at Nornalup Community Hall, 5 - 7pm Zumba Gold at Walpole Sport and Rec Centre, 9 -10am Craft Group at Walpole Community Hall, 2nd and 4th Friday 9:30am Storytime at Walpole Library 10am (Held fortnightly during school term) Meals on Wheels Delivery Walpole Community Bus trip every second Friday of every month Yin Yoga with Emelie at 20 Bellanger Road, Nornalup 9am Pickleball 10am-12pm at Walpole Rec Centre		
Saturday	St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Service at Walpole, 3:45pm Yoga with Jenny Nornalup Hall 9am Ficifolia Garden Together 3-5pm All Welcome		
Sunday	St George's Anglican Church Service 10am Ficifolia Gardens Busy Bee 10am, second Sunday of every month All Welcome Walpole Country Club Scroungers Bowls 12:30 pm Walpole Country Club Men's Golf 12pm		



Your weekly fOOd and coffee guide



What's on offer in and around Walpole this week...

Bow Bridge Road House 'Homemade burgers, coffee, cakes, fish and chips, liquor and groceries.' 9840 8062

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Walpole Borefield Trial



In the coming week Water Corporation will start providing water from the Borefield groundwater trial to Walpole properties.

The groundwater will be pumped to the Walpole Water Treatment Plant before distribution.

It is anticipated the trial will continue until mid-2024.

For further information on the trial, or to sign up for updates, please search Walpole New Source.

If you have any concerns about your water quality, please call Water Corporation's 24/7 faults and emergencies line on 13 13 75.

~Water Corporation

Letters to the Editor

The Neill family wish to thank neighbours, volunteers and Fire Brigades who attended our recent emergency fire which started in a neighbour's place and was headed for our property and nearby forestry. Great job done!

~ Max and Vicki Neill



Classifieds

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Hey, Walpole! From 4 April, WA Country Health Service will begin managing the Walpole Health Centre.



Nothing is changing – you can continue to access care like normal.

There will be no impact to services. Please continue to access care like you normally would.

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Entries open for Art Competition



Entries are now open for sculptors to enter this fantastic competition.

Head on over to: https://poronguruphall.asn.au or email artintheporongurup6324@gmail.com for an entry form.

What's it all about?

Fostering community engagement and positive well-being, this event has developed over 22 years to encourage established and emerging artists across the Great Southern to show case their sculptures. Located in the natural bush land surrounds of the Porongurup Hall this outdoor event provides the public with the chance to view one off sculptures and cast their vote to help decide an award winner. The event focus remains to motivate creative minds and create a fun, safe and enjoyable environment for all ages.

Who can enter?

Anyone - while we promote this as a Great Southern event, if you can get your entry in in time, meet our T&Cs and be able to set up and pack down your sculpture, everyone is welcome.

Are there any specific media that artists can use?

There is no specific media. As long as your material can withstand wind, rain and sun and is not toxic to the environment it is up to the artist. Recycled material is making a comeback. Steel, wood, plastic, ceramic, brick, or a combination of multimedia, you choose.

Is there a theme?

The theme for the event is totally 'Open'. The committee believes there are pros and cons to having a theme. Some artists like direction, some like not to be limited in scope. We love the diversity of the entries by having an open theme.

Can you enter more than once?

We will only accept up to three entries per person or group. An entry may include multiple pieces with a cohesive theme. For example, the Albany Potters usually create their own theme for their sculptures to produce a multi-work entry. It is very impressive.

How do you define a sculpture?

Entry is to be sculptural, broadly defined as a 3-dimensional exhibit. So the key here, your sculpture needs to have some form of depth.

Key Event Information:

- Event Dates: 29th March to 6th April, 2024

Entries Opened: 1st November 2023
Entries Close: 22nd March 2024
Presentation: 6th April 2024

~ Art in the Porongurup

Letters to the Editor

Don't you just love the drive between Walpole and Nornalup through the forest? I drive that route regularly and always feel blessed that we live in such a beautiful place. I also feel eternally grateful to our litter fairy who goes out in the middle of the night and collects the rubbish along that part of the road.



During the holiday season and with the influx of tourists through this area, it was quite out of place to see rubbish along that stretch. And then just like magic, the next time you drive

along that road the rubbish is gone. There one minute, gone the next! Thank you Micheal Filby. While on a recent holiday on a very remote beach, as always I picked up beach litter; as we all do because we love to do it.

One thing that I really wanted to bring to light ladies, all those who squat to wee out in the environment, please dispose of your loo paper appropriately. Driving hours to a beautiful remote location to enjoy nature, then to be surrounded by used loo paper strewn everywhere which needs picking up before you can even get out your deckchair. Pretty grotty!

Some Tips: Take a shovel, take a bag to put the waste in, then simply dispose of it later; get a Shewee (no paper required); use cloth washable wipes for travelling. Maybe someone will invent a travel bag for disposing of toilet paper!

Spread the word, teach our young people, clean up after ourselves. And Micheal, if you are reading this, thank you from the bottom of my heart - you do a great job and we all appreciate it.

~ Nicole Munro



Weekly sport

Ladies Gala Day



Ladies from Albany, Cranbrook and Denmark travelled to Walpole for the annual Ladies Gala Day on Wednesday.

Gala Days are fun events with spot prizes, a huge raffle, good food and great

company, all mixed in with a day of bowling. This year lived up to its promise with laughter and cheer throughout the day.

Special thanks to our Major Sponsors for the day, Elders Insurance and WFI Insurance.

Ferngrove Wines donated wines for spot prizes. Local businesses Village Grocer, Walpole Pharmacy and Walpole Hardware generously contributed to the raffle along with Club members.

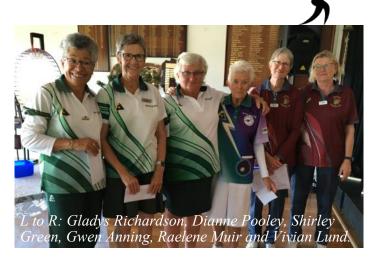
3rd place-getters were Anne Hunter, Yvonne Shelders, Chris Symonds and Helen Mc Farlane from Emu Point.

2nd place went to Gail Wornum, Norma Squire, Tina Pope and Lyn Andrews from Cranbrook.

Winners for the day were Gladys Richardson, Dianne Pooley, Gwen Anning and Shirley Green from Middleton Beach.

The next big event on our calendar is the Burton Realty Open Men's 4s on 18th February - spectators are always welcome.

~ Raelene Muir



Sunday Golf Results: Anning Farm Trophy

Winner: Rhonda Perpoli 39 Points

2nd: Mal Lumb 39 Points

(by countback)

3rd: Mick Jeffs 39 Points (by countback)

4th: Norm Hawkins 38 Points



It was a great day on Sunday, 11th February. We had 24 players for the Anning Farm Trophy. Rhonda Perpoli won the day by countback from the Leyland Brothers (Mick and Mal) all on 39 Points.

Big thanks to Finlay and Isabella for presenting the trophy to Rhonda. Thanks also to Matt and Niki for the trophy.

The golf course is looking very dry at the moment, hopefully we get a little bit of rain before the Engel Pioneer Cup.

Friday evenings at the Club have started. We are open every Friday from 5pm till 8.30-9pm for bowls, golf (3pm), BBQ and live music - so come over, everyone is welcome! Bring a salad to share and we have BBQ meat for sale.

This weekend Frank and I are playing in the Denmark Classic over 2 days. We are hoping to play well for a change and WIN. That leads me to the footy. It's funny, I honestly have taken no interest in the season yet but as long as West Coast beat the Dockers that will be ok.

What about the cricket? Great to see the West Indies beat the Aussies in the last Test Match, and Mitch Marsh Aussie Captain sounds good, doesn't it?

~ Norm Hawkins



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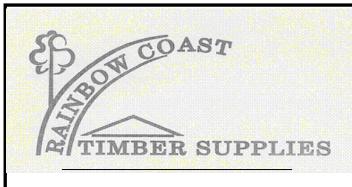
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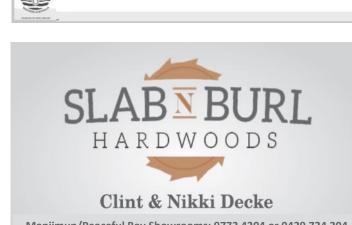
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About us:

The Shire of Denmark is a high performing local government with 99% of staff rating the Shire as a positive place to work and appreciate the people they work with.

The positive values and culture demonstrated by staff at the Shire, create an environment where co-workers can connect and EMBRACE a workplace that empowers staff to bring the organisation's values to life through their daily business interactions with the community.

Opportunity:

The Shire of Denmark is seeking a suitably experienced person to fill the Waste Operator position within the Shire's Waste & Reserves work area.

We're looking for someone who;

- Has experience in truck and loader operation.
- Is consistently reliable.
- Is capable of undertaking manual labour.
- Has the ability to deliver customer service with confidence and has excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- · Has the ability to work with and as part of a diverse team.
- · Is able to multi-task, prioritise workloads and has strong time management skills.
- Is self-motivated and able to work and maintain reliability in completing assigned tasks.
- Is solution focused with a 'can do' attitude.
- Has initiative and flexibility.
- Wants to be a part of a strong team culture.
- Will Champion the Shire's vision, values, commitment, and objectives.

In return we can offer you

 A challenging and rewarding position, additional superannuation contributions, professional development opportunities, as well as the opportunity to work in a friendly environment and contribute to a forwardthinking Local Government organisation.

The Shire welcomes you to apply

For more information on the position, conditions of employment or to apply we encourage you to visit the Shire's website www.denmark.wa.gov.au/employment.

If you have any questions about the position, Human Resources can be contacted on (08) 9848 0305.

Applications are to be received no later than 4.00pm on Friday 23rd of February 2024.

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