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A NEW VENTURE FOR WOW WILDERNESS



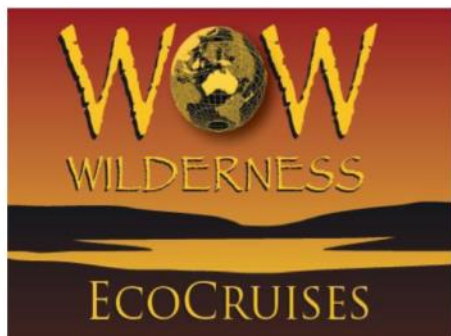
WOW Wilderness is about to launch some exciting new experiences in the Walpole Wilderness that will offer locals and visitors an exciting new way to explore our amazing region. It will bring immersive, small group, single-day and multi-day experiences, combining hiking, packrafting and mountain biking. These experiences are designed to inspire a new appreciation and understanding of the natural world and showcase the unique biodiversity of this extraordinary region in a whole new light - all while having a little bit of fitness and fun!

For those who call Walpole home, the magic of this place is no secret. WOW Wilderness EcoAdventures aims to give people the chance to experience this - venturing into areas they might not otherwise see and fostering a true sense of connection with nature. WOW is committed to running low-impact adventures that not only showcase the beauty of the Walpole Wilderness but also encourage people to become stewards of the environment.

WOW Wilderness EcoAdventures, led by Emma, is set to launch in March 2025.

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WOW Wilderness Eco-Cruises in conjunction with
The Walpole Yacht Club are providing a
Spectator Vessel for the

'In The Trees Regatta'

If you are interested in watching this Regatta
from the **BEST** vantage point (on the water,
around the course, amongst the action!)



Contact

Email inthetreesregatta@iinet.net.au

Places are limited to 30 persons only. Tickets
for the 2hr trip are \$25.00 paid on the day
(afternoon tea provided)

Saturday 1st March 2025

Departure: 13:30 @ next to Town Jetty

All proceeds donated to the Walpole Yacht Club (Inc)

Walpole Yacht Club (Inc)
IN THE TREES REGATTA
Labour Day Weekend 1st - 2nd March 2025

The 2025 regatta is open to the following:
All **OFF THE BEACH** Dinghies, Catamarans
Any shallow draft **KEEL BOATS**
Any veteran **OFF THE BEACH** yachts are welcome

Entry Forms available from 1st January 2025
www.walpoleyachtclub.com.au or inthetreesregatta@iinet.net.au

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IN THE TREES REGATTA

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She will offer a range of trip options to suit varying levels of abilities - whether you're looking for a fun day outside, immersed in nature, or a more challenging overnight adventure, there's something for everyone. Best of all, everything is provided - all you need to do is show up, ready to take on the day!

Our region has incredible natural areas and trails for outdoor recreation, and the excitement is building with the development of the new Giants Trails Network. Emma recently had the opportunity to explore sections of the network with Ryan Smith from DBCA - an unreal experience. Meeting some of the trail builders and gaining insight into the meticulous planning behind these trails, designed to minimise environmental and cultural impact, she said, was truly inspiring.



The new trails highlight the beauty and diversity of the region and incorporating them into future tours will take the experience to an entirely new level!

**So, what does an EcoAdventure look like?
Imagine this...**

Your day begins at the iconic Giant Tingle Tree, where you'll step into one of the largest-girthed flowering plants in the world. From there, you'll follow the iconic Bibbulmun Track, walking through ancient forests to Monastery Landing - a place rich in history and natural wonder, where the fight to protect this wilderness first began.

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The adventure continues when you take to the water, packrafting along the Frankland River.

As you paddle beneath towering tangle trees, you'll experience the forest from a completely different perspective.



The day ends on the riverbank with a few well-earned snacks and cold drinks. Some WOW Wilderness EcoAdventures include mountain biking, hiking, packrafting and camping altogether!

And that's just a little sneak peak of what's in store. The Walpole Wilderness is brimming with opportunities for discovery, adventure, and connection which WOW Wilderness can't wait to share!

For more information and to stay updated on their tour launches, follow WOW Wilderness EcoAdventures on Instagram, call Emma on 0438 701 856 or visit their website: www.wowwilderness.com.au

~ Emma Bennett / WOW Wilderness EcoCruises

Emma riding through one of the new awesome sections of the Giants Trails network



First Aid Training in Walpole



On Saturday, February 22nd, 13 community members from Walpole gathered for a practical first-aid training session. The day was organised by Ivan Woodhams, who set everything in motion by introducing us to our expert trainer, Andy Pursell. Andy drove in from Denmark in the new car recently received from Kalgoorlie.

Most of us had already completed the online theory portion of the course, so the day was all about getting hands-on.

The morning kicked off with CPR training and learning how to use defibrillators, giving everyone a chance to practise these essential life-saving techniques. We then moved on to dealing with everyday injuries such as breaks, sprains, and bleeding, and even covered how to handle snake bites - a vital skill in our local area.

The training wrapped up with a short test that presented different emergency scenarios, putting our newly acquired skills to the test. By 4 pm, we were all set to head home, feeling more confident and prepared. We would like to thank St John Ambulance for organising such a fun and informative day.

~ Diana Smith



Weekly events

Day	Details
Monday	<p>Mahjong at Walpole Community Hall, 10am - Noon</p> <p>Mahjong at Nornalup 2pm - 5pm Contact Gail on 0427 689 028 for venue details.</p> <p>Zumba at Walpole Sport and Recreation Centre, 5:30pm - 6:30pm</p> <p>Doctor Services at Walpole Health Clinic by appointment 9840 1173</p> <p>Pickleball 9.30am-11.30am at Walpole Rec Centre</p> <p>Forget Me Not Café 10.30am - 12.00pm at BP Café 3rd Monday every month</p> <p>Pilates Anna-Marie, Walpole Community Hall 6pm</p>
Tuesday	<p>Weight Watchers at the Anglican Church Walpole, 9:30am</p> <p>Country Club Scourgers Golf 12:30pm</p> <p>Autumn Club at Walpole Sport and Recreation Centre, 1pm</p> <p>Pilates Anna-Marie, Walpole Community Hall 9am</p>
Wednesday	<p>Stretch and Tone Class at Walpole Sport and Rec Centre, 9 -10am</p> <p>Doctor Services at Walpole Health Clinic by appointment 9840 1173 - Telehealth only</p> <p>10am - 2pm (Every last Wednesday each month)</p> <p>Walpole Country Club Social Bowls 12:30pm</p> <p>Yin Yoga with Emelie at 20 Bellanger Road, Nornalup 9am and 6pm</p>
Thursday	<p>Pathology Pathwest at Walpole Health Clinic 8:30am -11:30am</p> <p>JR Karate at Walpole Sport and Rec Centre 3:15 - 4:15pm</p> <p>Yoga with Jenny Nornalup Hall 5:30pm</p> <p>Anglicare Financial Counselling 1st Thursday every month by appointment - contact CRC</p> <p>Ladies golf 10.30am at Walpole Country Club</p> <p>Pilates Anna-Marie, Walpole Community Hall 9am and 6pm</p> <p>Community Lunch at Walpole Hotel/Motel 12pm</p>
Friday	<p>Walpole Menshed at LIA Miguel Place, Walpole, 9.30am -12:30pm</p> <p>Table Tennis and Games at Nornalup Community Hall, 5 - 7pm</p> <p>Doctor Services at Walpole Health Clinic by appointment 9840 1173 (Fortnightly)</p> <p>Zumba Gold at Walpole Sport and Rec Centre, 9 -10am</p> <p>Craft Group at Walpole Community Hall, 2nd and 4th Friday 9:30am</p> <p>Meals on Wheels Delivery</p> <p>Walpole Community Bus trip every second Friday of every month</p> <p>Yin Yoga with Emelie at 20 Bellanger Road, Nornalup 9am</p> <p>Pickleball 10am-12pm at Walpole Rec Centre</p>
Saturday	<p>St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Service at Walpole, 3:45pm</p> <p>Yoga with Jenny Nornalup Hall 9am</p> <p>Ficifolia Garden Together 3-5pm All Welcome</p> <p>Walpole Hotel Motel Breakfast 8:30 am to 10:30am</p>
Sunday	<p>St George's Anglican Church Service 10am</p> <p>Ficifolia Gardens Busy Bee 10am, second Sunday of every month -- All Welcome</p> <p>Walpole Country Club Scourgers Bowls 12:30 pm</p> <p>Walpole Country Club Men's Golf 12pm</p> <p>Walpole Hotel Motel Breakfast 8:30 am to 10:30am</p>

Weekly events

Upcoming Activities

Time	Date	Details
1.30pm	Thursday February 27th	Monthly Cybersecurity and IT Workshop with Brian Taylor at the Walpole CRC
	Sat and Sun March 1st-2nd	Walpole in the Trees Regatta 2025 at Walpole Yacht Club, Coalmine Beach
12.00pm to 5.30pm	Sat and Sun March 1st-2nd	the water's edge, Colin Story video installation Broke's inlet
10.00am to 11.00am	Friday March 7th	Storytime for children ages 0 - 6 at Walpole Public Library
10.00am to 2.00pm	Saturday March 8th	Holistic Goal Setting and Networking Event Ficifolia Community Gardens
9.00am	Wednesday March 12th	Play in the Park at the Walpole Sport and Rec Centre
10.00am	Sunday March 16th	Black Dog Ride at Ficifolia Gardens
10.00am to 11.00am	Friday March 21st	Storytime for children ages 0 - 6 at Walpole Public Library
9.00am	Wednesday April 9th	Play in the Park at the Walpole Sport and Rec Centre
10.00am to 11.00am	Friday April 11th	Storytime for children ages 0 - 6 at Walpole Public Library

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Eucalypt of the Year, vote Walpole now!



Eucalypt Australia and Remember the Wild are shaking things up this year with a Travel edition of their annual Eucalypt of the Year competition. In past years, voters have had to decide which of the 850+ species of eucalypts deserves a win. In 2025, voters are asked to choose a favourite holiday spot among the gum trees! With ten iconic destinations to choose from, Walpole sits very tall.

The entry below appears on the website:

The wondrous forests of the Walpole Wilderness, with its fire-scarred Giant Tingle and Karri trees, dwarf visitors to the southwest corner of Western Australia. On the fringe of these misty, majestic forests, endangered cockatoos call from the gnarled branches of ancient Jarrah - the trees upon which Perth was built.

Eucalypt of the Year voting began on 14th February and will close 20th March. The winner will be announced 23rd March, National Eucalypt Day!

Local artist Elizabeth Edmonds is excited to celebrate the day, "I will be organising a Drawing Workshop at Petrichor Gallery for National Eucalypt Day as a promotion and in the lead-up to a reprisal of my 'Tale of Two Trees' exhibition happening in May at the Painted Tree Gallery!" The Painted Tree Gallery is a fantastic venue based in Northcliffe and is always worth a visit.

Head on over to www.eucalyptaustralia.org.au to make your vote count!

~ Walpole Weekly



Walpole Nornalup and District Historical Society Inc

Everyone Welcome

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **AGM** Sunday 16 March 2:00 pm Walpole Community Centre

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- Wanderer single reclining lounge, with carry bag, never used \$50
- Companion 46cm round BBQ (needs gas hose) good condition \$25
- Oztrail 3 shelf deluxe camp cupboard, never used. \$25
- Oztrail camp kitchen single pantry \$40
- Spinifex Eclipse 2 person pop up tent. \$50

Please call or text Leah: 0435 071 363

Wanted

Full-time live-in Carer required.
Call John on 0480 681 697





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

Open Wed-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat-Sun 9am-4pm, closed Mon-Tues

Peaceful Bay Fish and Chips

9840 8060

Mon-Wed 11:30am-3pm | 4pm-6pm and Fri-Sat 11:30am-3pm | 4pm-6pm, Sun 11:30am-3pm

Nautilus Café - Peaceful Bay Caravan Park

0428 571 031

Open 7 days from 7am-12pm

Tree Top Restaurant Tree Top Walk Motel - 45 Nockolds Street

9840 1444

a la carte dining 6 nights (not Sundays) Takeaway also available

Walpole Hotel/ Motel 'Open for Lunch and Dinner 7 days a week'

9840 1023

Open every day Lunch 12pm-2pm, Dinner 6pm - 8pm, Cnr Boronia Ave & South West Hwy, Walpole

Would a train from Albany to Perth benefit you?



Imagine a smooth journey from Albany to Perth. Headphones on, or perhaps a book to read. Instead of rattling thoughts of road collisions and run-away pigs, a simply mindful silence. Bring a pillow, why not? Have a nice nap or watch the incredible landscapes that fly by your window - a view that usually only a passenger can enjoy.

Yes, a car or bus ride from Albany to Walpole would still be on the cards, but overall, the journey from Perth has been replaced by peace and quiet. Road collisions diminish, fast-food drive through orders also... diminish.

In August last year ABC Great Southern reported that a former PR executive and teacher at Edith Cowan University, Kevin McQuoid, believed this idea viable. "It's feasible and very sensible to use the existing rail reserves to create a Geraldton to Esperance rapid rail transit, using the WA narrow gauge network. These trains could average 180kph

and you could get to Albany in 3 hours and 7 minutes from Perth," he said. In 2020, Kojonup councillor Kevin Gale also brought the question to the ABC. "It could be an opportunity for developing a tourism attraction a bit like they've got with the Union Pacific and the Ghan as a major rail journey."

The last Albany passenger train took its final trip to Perth on 1st December 1978. The 'Albany Progress' ran from 1961 until its end, offering three overnight return services a week. The train also pulled wagons for general freight which were often shunted off the train at various towns. An advertisement in The Beverley Times 1961 noted, "The 'Albany Progress' will provide a high standard in passenger comfort. Tasteful furnishings, carpets, and a fit-out that ensures passengers have the maximum convenience. A buffet car where passengers can obtain hot snacks and light refreshments."

And a piano, apparently??



According to Geoffery Higham's book 'Marble Bar to Mandurah: A history of passenger rail services in WA', travellers were first supplied with rugs only, but from August 1897, they "were provided with the indulgence of sheets".

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Sadly, due to a lack of patrons and competition with the faster bus service, the Albany to Perth route was closed and the train was replaced by road coaches.

The 'Albany Progress' ran from Albany Railway Station, which is opposite where the Transwa coach stops today... so every time the coach parks it can laugh in the face of history. In recent times the old building has been used as a research station for UWA, and quite wonderfully, the home to Albany Model Railway Club. A great stop for school holidays.

Today, eight of the 'Albany Progress' coaches can still be seen at Hotham Valley Railway, a tourist and heritage railway in Pinjarra. Its final journey marked the end to over 89 years of regular rail passenger services on the Great Southern Railway. The photos included are available at the Albany Public Library. There are also videos of the train in action online. Wouldn't it be great to have this carefree option available to us once again?

Why wouldn't it work? Well, there are likely a lot of reasons that passenger trains have not returned to regional towns. But I'll let you worry about those. I'm going to stay in this little dream space I made for myself.

~ Nathan Viney



Weekly poetry
from Walpole's
very own
Shirley M Wild



Smile for Smile

A misty smoke - breath morning
Heralds a new day dawning,
While gently rocks the boat
On the unawakened sea,
I take my time and treasure
With unexpected pleasure,
Each wondrous, blissful moment,
Of this peace and harmony.

Now the fish oblige by biting;
Herring, squid and whiting,
All lie glassy eyed
And waiting for the pan.
And I'm feeling rather cocky
When I jag the biggest occy,
(For I never have before),
'til I see the pelican.

He comes sailing through the waters
With all his sons and daughters,
Just as though he rightly owns
Every fish within the sea.
And he circles ever nearer
So I can see much clearer,
His tissue paper scoop,
and his beady eye on me.

I abandon thoughts of fishing,
And curse the chance I'm missing,
As I drag my tiny boat
On to the sandy shore.
Then this comic of the waters,
Calls all his sons and daughters,
And they waddle after me,
Right to my very door.

Then each take up his station,
In the greatest expectation,
Wearing outsize grins
Upon their faces all the white;
And though I lose my fishy dinner,
Still I feel that I'm the winner,
As I watch their crazy antics,
And I match them smile for smile!

Blank Walls Youth Art entries closing soon!



Blank Walls Youth Art Competition and Exhibition with the two themes 'Hope' and 'Connection' is an amazing opportunity for Great Southern young artists to have their artwork professionally exhibited from 31st March until 17th April 2025 at the Vancouver Arts Centre as part of Youth Week. Opening Night is Monday 31st March at 5:30pm. Winning artworks will be awarded cash prizes of up to \$400 then permanently displayed in the refurbished headspace Albany centre.

The online submissions deadline is 24th March 2024 and only the first online 40 entries will be accepted. There is no entry fee and you can enter a maximum of one artwork. Art supplies vouchers are available for artists experiencing financial hardship. Find out more including who is eligible to enter, how to enter and the terms and conditions here:

<https://headspace.org.au/albany/blankwallsart/>

Artwork could be created in (but is not restricted to) oil paint, acrylic paint, watercolour, pastels, pencils, charcoal, ink, textiles or mixed media. Photography or digital media is eligible but must be printed by the artist.

There are five award categories with two prizes awarded in each category: Ages 12-15 / Ages 16-19 / Ages 20-25 / Ages 26+ (must have been a previous client of headspace Albany) / Community's choice (community members will be able to vote for this particular award during the exhibition).

If you have any questions about Blank Walls or need support to enter, please contact headspace Albany by calling 08 9842 9871, email:

info@headspacealbany.com.au or you can drop into the centre and speak with a member of the team.

This art project is hosted by headspace Albany and is proudly supported by Youth Focus and the City of Albany Arts and Culture Team.

~ headspace Albany



Photo of the week!

Be sure to email your photos to weekly@walpole.org.au



Pond at Twilight

Photo by Ivan Woodhams



SHIRE OF
MANJIMUP

Extension of Prohibited Burning Period Zone 6

Please be advised pursuant to Section 17 of *Bush Fire Act 1954*, the Shire of Manjimup has extended the Prohibited Burning Period for;

- **Zone 6 (Northcliffe / Walpole)**

The Prohibited Burning Period will remain in place until the midnight of Friday, 14 March 2025.

Please visit www.manjimup.wa.gov.au for information or contact the Shire on (08) 9771 7777 or via email at info@manjimup.wa.gov.au

Benjamin (Ben) Rose, Chief Executive Officer



Kate O'Brien turns **90 years of age**
on 4th March 2025.

We are celebrating this milestone this Sunday
2nd March at Peaceful Bay

11.00am - 2.00pm.

Do come, armed with food and drink



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An exciting opportunity will soon arise for the part-time position of **Trainee**.

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KEY COMPETENCIES REQUIRED:

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- **Sound English and Math abilities**
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- **Excellent communication and rapport-building skills**
- **Sound values of equality, integrity, loyalty, respect, confidentiality, and trust**
- **Basic computer skills are desirable**
- **Work unsupervised**
- **Police Clearance**
- **Working with Children Check Desirable**

APPLY NOW

Please address all applications to:

Selection Panel – Confidential

Trainee Position

Walpole CRC

PO Box 197, Walpole, WA, 6398

Or Email: admin@walpole.org.au

The successful applicant will commence work at the CRC as soon as the appointment is filled. Written applications with CV and References by **COB 7th of March 2025**.

CLA to improve driving access and equity in Great Southern



Community Living Association (CLA) is proud to announce the launch of Drive Forward, a new free Driving Access and Equity programme designed to support people with disability and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds in the Great Southern.

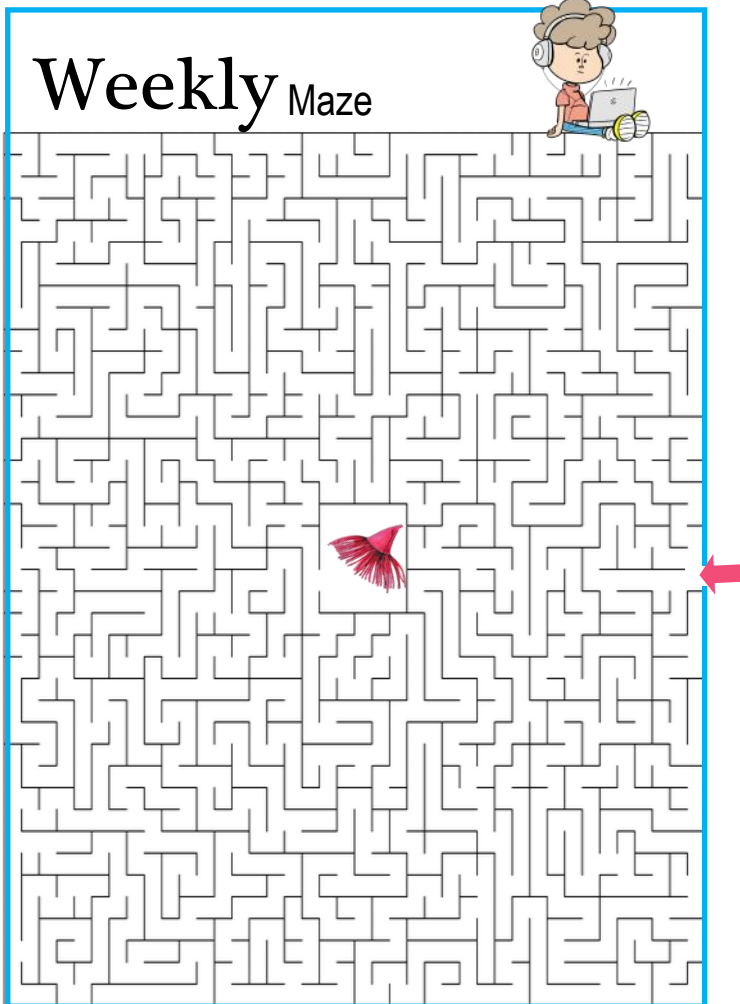
With over 30 years of experience in community services, CLA continues to create opportunities for disadvantaged communities. Drive Forward will provide access to mentorship, qualified driving instructors, and vehicles, along with training in a fully equipped driver simulator. This innovative approach will help participants build confidence and experience before starting on-road lessons.

CEO Russell Nelson expressed his excitement about the initiative, stating, “This programme will break down barriers to obtaining a driver’s license, creating greater independence and opportunities for participants.”

Registrations for eligible participants open on 28th February 2025, with a launch event for interested participants scheduled on 6th March, 2025 from 12 noon to 2pm at 36 Cockburn Road.

Driving Access and Equity is a WA State Government initiative. For more details, visit mycla.org.au or email drive@mycla.org

~ Community Living Association Inc



Walpole Times to Remember



Walpole CRC

Tue to Fri 9am-4pm

Walpole Nornalup Visitor Centre

Tues-Fri 9am-4pm Sat 9am-2pm

Library 9840 1108

Wed 9am-12pm and 1pm-3:30pm

Fri 9am-12pm and 1pm-3:30pm,

Sat 9am-12pm

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Monday 10am Deadline:

Tues to Fri 10:30am-3pm

Walpole Op Shop

Mon- Fri 9:30am-11:30am; Sat 10am-1pm

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Sat 3:45 pm

St George’s Anglican Church

Sun 10am

Walpole Waste Transfer Station

Tues and Thu 1pm-5pm; Sun 9am-5pm

Peaceful Bay Refuse Site

Wed 9am-1pm; Sun 1pm-4:30pm



Shire of Denmark

Discover Denmark

A vibrant coastal community, connected to the environment, living the village lifestyle.

SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER

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 culture that empowers staff to bring the organisation's values to life through their daily business interactions with the community.

About the Opportunity

We are seeking a suitably qualified individual to fill the position of Sustainability Officer who will be responsible for promoting the preservation and protection of our natural environment whilst balancing the effects of population growth and development of the community.

We're looking for someone who:

- Will deliver sustainability, biodiversity and waste minimisation projects and programs.
- Establish networks and foster productive relationships with community groups, government agencies and environmental and sustainability groups.
- Develop, implement and review new or existing management plans and strategies, including the Sustainability Strategy and Action Plan and Reserve Management Plans relevant to bushland, coastal and foreshore environments.
- Provide environmental technical expertise and advice on the protection, rehabilitation, enhancement and management of the Shire's natural assets to internal and external stakeholders.
- Deliver, contribute to or attend relevant internal/external environmental and sustainability events, meetings, workshops and forums as required.

About You:

- Tertiary qualifications in a relevant field or demonstrated experience in environmental management, and/or sustainability management fields.
- Considerable experience in the development, management and implementation of environmental sustainability, biodiversity and waste minimalisation projects and programs.
- Proven ability to manage multiple projects concurrently with demonstrated experience in project, stakeholder, funding and budget management.
- GIS skills and/or experience in similar role (desirable).
- Excellent level of inter-personal and communication skills, delivering a high level of customer service to a diverse range of clients both internal and external.
- 'C' Class Driver's Licence.

The Benefits:

- This a full time role offering an attractive salary of up to \$80,000 depending on experience, plus 11.5% superannuation.
- Additional superannuation co-contribution up to 5%, which can be salary sacrificed.
- 17.5% annual leave loading.
- Flexible working arrangements.
- Discounted fitness membership at the Shire of Denmark Recreation Centre.
- Working with a supportive team.
- Great opportunity, providing challenging and varied scope of works.
- Idyllic location, "living the dream" amongst lush forests, beautiful coastal and river environments providing an excellent work life balance.

The Shire welcomes you to apply as follows:

Submission of a (maximum) two page letter including your experience relative to this role and an updated CV. You do not need to address a selection criteria. Your CV and cover letter should demonstrate how your skills and experience make you a suitable candidate for the advertised position. Please visit the Shire's website prior to applying to view the application package and position description - www.denmark.wa.gov.au/employment

If you have any questions about the position, Employee Support & Culture can be contacted on (08) 9848 0305.

Applications are to be received no later than 4.00pm on Tuesday 4th March 2025.

The Shire of Denmark reserves the right to commence recruitment prior to the closing date.

David King

Chief Executive Officer

PO Box 183, Denmark WA 6333

Telephone: (08) 9848 0300

Email: enquiries@denmark.wa.gov.au

Web: www.denmark.wa.gov.au

Advertisement



Women's Wellness in Walpole 2025

WWW invites you to celebrate International
Women's Day 8th March 2025

- Where: Ficifolia Community Gardens
- Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Price: No charge

Join us for our Holistic Goals Setting and Networking Event

- 10:00 am Arrive and register
- 10:30 am Holistic Goals Workshop hosted by Penny Goodwin
- 12:00 pm Meet and mingle
- 12:30 pm Brainstorming - How can WWW support your Holistic Goals

Holistic Goals Workshop

Penny Goodwin is a self-confessed holistic goal enthusiast, businesswoman and mum. One half of Goodies Farm, a broadacre farm and value-added business based in Kendenup and Denmark. Penny has used holistic goals to achieve business aspirations and create long-term visions for her life, family and business.

Walpole Women are invited to come along to this fun, interactive workshop to get some basic principles on creating visions for your own life and community.

Register at: info@walpole.org.au
Phone 9840 1395



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FOR WARREN-BLACKWOOD

The major parties put profits before people and planet.
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-  **Protect nature:** end forest mining, overhaul prescribed burning practices
-  **Bring down the cost of living:** cap grocery prices, free public schools
-  **Strong climate action:** ban new gas developments, ban fracking, legislate strong renewables and emissions targets



*Change is possible,
but you have to vote for it!*

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BEVAN EATTS

THE NATIONALS WA FOR WARREN-BLACKWOOD

*A strong independent voice for
Walpole and the South-West.*

Your vote can make the difference:

-  Restore Royalties for Regions to \$1 billion per year
-  Stop Labor's war on the weekend and firearms laws
-  Make regional health and roads a priority again

MAKE THE DIFFERENCE



*Keep with
Bevan!*



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 **Ask a Techy**

Whether you're struggling with your smartphone, unsure about online banking, or simply curious about cybersecurity, Brian is here to help every Thursday afternoon.

The Walpole Community Resource Centre (CRC) is excited to announce **Brian Taylor** as our new Ask a Techy expert!

Monthly workshops: **Cybersecurity, IT, SMS and Social Media scams**



Join us for the first workshop on Feb 27th, 1:30pm at the Walpole CRC
Please **RSVP** - Phone or email. Details below



One-on-one sessions on Thursday afternoons. Appointments are essential.

Book to make an appointment or register for a workshop by contacting the Walpole CRC:
Phone: **08 9840 1395**
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Weeding out a bad sale



It may not have crossed your mind that plants being sold online or privately, might be prohibited in Western Australia! Or that you have a responsibility as a consumer, to be aware of the risks associated with a purchase. There is legislation that underpins the regulation of importation and trade of plants that are not permitted in Western Australia. The goal of this regulation and legislation is to protect natural ecosystems and primary production systems in WA from the many pests, weeds and diseases found elsewhere. There can be consequences for people who are aware, yet continue to engage in distribution of certain species. The consequences for the environment, however, can be devastating if pest species make it into natural ecosystems.

To be eligible for import into WA or trade within WA, a species must be assessed and given a legal status, under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* (BAM Act). Once classified, the species is then listed as a 'permitted species' or 'declared pest' in a database called the Western Australian Organism List (WAOL). If an organism is not listed on WAOL it cannot be imported or traded. A person can request to have an organism assessed for classification by filling in an assessment



form which is available on the department's website. End the circulation cycle!

During the COVID-19 pandemic many people started new hobbies. One growing trend is aquascaping an aquatic garden inside an aquarium or pond.

Plants were brought in by people who were unaware of the requirements. Subsequently, prohibited plants have been circulating in WA and advertisements of prohibited plants may occur on a variety of online advertising platforms. It is important that consumers learn how to weed out a questionable sale and how to determine if a plant is prohibited.

Some examples to be aware of: *Salvinia species* (ALL varieties), floating crystalwort (*Riccia fluitans*), *Rotala rotundifolia*, water lettuce (*Pistia stratiotes*), floating water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*) and frogbit (*Limnobium laevigatum*). *Rotala rotundifolia* is often sold under 'cultivar' names. A cultivar is a variety of a species that has specific physical features, but all cultivars of a species share the same classification as they are the same species.

The buyer's checklist:

Before making a purchase, check whether a plant has a 'permitted species' status (find the scientific name of the species through internet searches).

Enter the scientific name into WAOL:

<https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/organisms>

Don't buy or distribute unlisted species or species that have a 'declared pest' status.

Advertising/selling 'declared pests' is prohibited and can be reported as an illegal agricultural matter on:

crimestopperswa.com.au

If you are unsure you can also email:

padis@dpird.wa.gov.au

If you find that you have ended up with a prohibited plant because you were not aware, please put it in a sealed plastic bag and leave that in the sun for two weeks on a hard surface, before putting it the bin. This will stop it being viable and it won't become invasive in the environment.

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