



#### DOWNWINDERS DAY

#### Saturday 6th January

Fun Downwinder - 10km

Ocean Park to Denham

**Australia's Longest Downwind** Kiteboarding Race - 40 km

Goulet Bluff to Denham

**Awards Presentation Dinner** and Prize Draw

Shark Bay Hotel

#### KITE DISCOVERY DAY

#### Sunday 7th January

#### Kite, Wing, SUP Discovery

Engaging with community providing free instruction and equipment use to newcomers of all ages and abilities.

#### **Freestyle Presentation**

Kiteboarding legends will showcase the highlights of the sport and have spectators in awe.











**Mondays** I0am



**Mondays Ipm** 



**Tuesdays** 9:30am



1:30 - 3pm

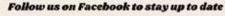


I0am



Wednesdays & **Saturdays** 1:30pm









# Shark Bay School's Annual Presentation Concert 2023



This is a community event where everyone is welcome to come and celebrate our successes this year!



This event is smoke and alcoholine





## **Executive Officer's Report**

We originally planned to host a one day event, asking professionals to come and interact with our seniors regards a variety of age appropriate topics relevant to our local community. However due to the availability of these professionals we had to modify our plan and host discussions and programs over consecutive days.

To encourage health, wellbeing and active engaging our team started off our Seniors Week program with a fun ice breaker. We run a exercise program that was accessible & fun - chair yoga. Chair yoga allows you to perform yoga poses while seated or using a chair for balance (perfect for seniors). It is a great option for people with physical limitations such as multiple sclerosis, cardiovascular disease, and pulmonary disease. It offers the same benefits as traditional yoga, like boosting strength, flexibility, and mental well-being. 6 people attended and after discussions we are keen to continue this program as a weekly event in the new year.

Tuesday welcomed the team from WA Country Health Service in the Midwest, a clinical nurse specialist from the regional Palliative Care unit, who interacted with our guests and discussed topics including;

- Wills/enduring power of attorney;
- What rebates, discounts etc are accessible to Seniors but they might not know about them;
- Medical claiming PATS, services available in our region, disability support etc.

It was incredibly educational with guests welcome to ask questions regards their own situation and or a loved one. A chance to prepare and become aware.

Many seniors we have noticed especially in our CRC office who require technology assistance, feel vulnerable and unsure of email and text scams. Hence we organised on Wednesday the team from Consumer Protection Geraldton to come and discuss;

- Latest scams and warnings (Consumer Protection representative)
- Retirement is it what you expected etc?
- Things to look out for when planning funerals.

A crowd of over 20 seniors attended and are now well informed.

On Thursday to end with a bit of fun, our Seniors were invited into the Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery & Visitor Centre to complete a quiz challenge from information located around the museum. It was a chance to form teams to source question answers, testing their brains.

A big thank you to Council on the Aging (COTA) Western Australia, Department of Communities, Lotterywest and the

Shire of Shark Bay for their support and assistance to run our week of activities.





On Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> October our town welcomed the annual trick or treat walk around our community. With 14 houses and business stops registered our local and visiting families had a blast making their way around the community.

Bec & Rick Moroney are the local masters of halloween fun with plenty of games and gimics as they welcomed 90 children and 40 adults into their spooky backyard incorporating a haunted forest, grave stones, a pillory, coffin, skeletons, witches and lots of creepy decorations and fun games. Over the years they have taken photos of local families dressed up which are also on display for everyone to see.

On the other hand, I had a little fun at my house with the assistance of some willing adults to sneakily hide behind brick arch pillars on my front verandah to water blast families as they approached the front door for their treats undefended. It was so much fun and our community is lucky we are small, involved and work together to create a safe fun environment for our families on this day.

Take care over the festive period.

Jamie Burton







## **Shire of Shark Bay Notices**









#### PUBLIC NOTICE

DATES & TIMES FOR THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2023

In Accordance
with the Local
Government Act
1995 Council
wishes to advise
that the Ordinary
Council meetings for
2023 will be held as
follows:

December 2023

- Wednesday 13

Commencing at
3:00 pm in Council

Chambers.

Dale Chapman -Chief Executive Officer

## **Shire of Shark Bay Notices**





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## **Shire of Shark Bay**

#### **REVENUE AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICER**

The Shire of Shark Bay is located in the Shark Bay World Heritage Area which is one of three World Heritage areas within WA. Located approximately 830 kilometres north of Perth, Shark Bay is a wonderland of world-class natural attractions, the clear turquoise waters are ablaze with multicoloured sea life and stretching beyond the white sandy beaches are spectacular rust-red sand dunes.

The Shire is seeking a Revenue and Administration Officer to provide financial services including invoicing, accounts receivable, bank reconciliations, and other office tasks as required. A position description can be found on Council's website www.sharkbay.wa.gov.au .

The ideal applicant will need to demonstrate relevant experience in the accounting functions of accounts receivable, and bank reconciliations. Strong interpersonal and communication skills with the ability to work autonomously and as part of a team is essential. This role requires high skill competency in Microsoft Word and Excel. Experience in local government and SynergySoft would be advantageous though not necessary as training will be provided.

This is a full time position subject to a 6 month probationary period. The position is offered, depending on skills and experience, with an attractive salary range of \$54,477 to \$59,718 plus \$5,112 per annum Shark Bay Allowance and superannuation guarantee of 11%.

Further information about the position is available by visiting our website www.sharkbay.wa.gov.au or by contacting Jane Green on (08) 9948 1218.

Written applications including your current CV, a covering letter with a short statement highlighting relevant experience and expertise that relates to the position should be sent to: admin@sharkbay.wa.gov.au or mailed to Chief Executive Officer Shire of Shark Bay PO Box 126 Denham WA 6537 "Private & Confidential" by 4.00pm Friday 12 January 2024.









SHARK BAY WORLD HERITAGE
DISCOVERY & VISITOR CENTRE

#### WE ARE HIRING!

Part Time Customer Service Officer •

Casual Customer Service Officer •

Are you passionate about the Shark Bay World Heritage Listed Area? This role offers a high level of variety, autonomy and ability to use your creativity in promoting the Shark Bay region.

We are seeking a person with excellent people skills to provide outstanding customer service, with previous sales background and a willingness to learn. The role requires a reliable and responsible person, who is able to operate with minimal supervision in a fast-paced environment. Experience in tourism and retail will be highly regarded. Working roster is inclusive of weekend hours.

Send your resume and a cover letter outlining your skills and experience to:

sbdc@sharkbay.wa.gov.au Or contact the SBDC Centre Manager to discuss this employment opportunity

## APPLICATIONS DUE 12 JANUARY

Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery & Visitor Centre (08) 9948 1590 53 Knight Terrace, Denham WA www.sharkbayvisit.com.au









Last minute Christmas shopping?
Want to send a little Shark Bay
bounty to your loved ones?
Check out the Shark Bay Visitor
Centre Gift Shop for a great range of
locally crafted gifts and goodies!

SHARK BAY WORLD HERITAGE DISCOVERY AND VISITOR CENTRE

## Silverchain Notice



Silver Chain Group Ltd Western Australia

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General enquiries 1300 650 803

ABN 77 119 417 018 ACN 077 082 725

silverchain.org.au

#### Service Management Transition for Shark Bay Remote Area Nursing Post

We are writing to advise that Silverchain and WA Country Health Service (WACHS) have agreed to transition the operation of 11 Remote Area Nursing Posts to WACHS. This includes the Shark Bay Remote Area Nursing Post.

Silverchain has been delivering care in WA's rural and remote communities for many decades. It's a history that the Silverchain team is very proud of, however this transition aligns to its core specialisation as a home and community care provider.

WACHS, as the designated state Health Service Provider in rural and remote WA, is best placed to support the operation of Remote Area Nursing Posts into the future.

WACHS has a long history of delivering high quality care across country WA and is looking forward to continuing that in the Shark Bay community.

Silverchain and WACHS will continue to work together to ensure a smooth transition, with a shared focus on continuous high-quality care to the local communities.

WACHS will liaise with existing employees regarding ongoing employment opportunities.

On behalf of both organisations, we'd like to thank the Shark Bay community for their ongoing support and recognise the efforts and contribution of local healthcare teams.

Should you have any questions on this transition, please contact Jeremy Burtenshaw, Silverchain Director, Commercial WA on Jeremy.burtenshaw@silverchain.org. au or 0484 133 496.

Yours sincerely

Renae Lavell Executive Director, WA Silverchain



## The Crew in Blue

Thank you for those of you that were able to join us for Remembrance Day at Pioneer Park. Thank you to Shire of Shark Bay, Shark Bay Shire President Cheryl Cowell, Cody Oakley, SES, Celia Elissegaray,

Brad Lyons, Shark Bay Hotel, Heritage Hotel, Dieter and Emmett for your support and assistance on the day to make it run as smoothly as possible.

We have continued to engage with the children at the school to give them helpful hints and tips regarding their safety and the safety of others, the law, and the opportunity to ask questions about the WA Police Force and our duties. It has been fantastic to continue this partnership with the school.

The school holidays are around the corner with extra visitors, so this is a timely reminder to make it 'tougher for crooks'. Don't leave valuables in cars, keep a close eye on your belongings, always secure windows and doors of your car and home. Together we can prevent some crimes before they happen. Visit www.police.wa.gov.au/TougherForCrooks for more tips.

Sergeant Dave Gannaway - Shark Bay Police Tel: (08) 9915 9100

## **Real Futures**



Real Futures is the provider for Centrelink, throughout the year we have been succssful at placing Job Seekers into various positions through out Shark Bay.

I would like to thank the Job seekers and the employers for their support and assistance throughout 2023 and wish you all a Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Real Futures Office will be closed from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, until we reopen on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024.

For more information about Real Futures Denham please email me or call me: barbara.stormon@realfutures.net Phone (08) 9928 9140 or 0438 479 491









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## **Conservation Matters**

#### **Pint-sized predators**

Earlier this year, another milestone was reached by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' Return to 1616 project, with the return of the eighth native animal species to Dirk Hartog Island National Park. The brush-tailed mulgara (Dasycercus blythi) is one of only two species of mulgara in existence. They live in arid regions of Australia and are carnivorous marsupials (albeit pint-sized ones).

Their closest living relatives are much larger carnivores, the chuditch (or western quoll) and the Tasmanian devil. So as far as native carnivores go, they're 'light weight' averaging between 60 and 100g in size, which is not much more than a Mars bar or two. But don't let their small size fool you. They are fierce predators with sharp teeth, hunting at night for a wide range of prey including invertebrates such as insects and small vertebrate animals like lizards, frogs and even small mammals. Any beetle or a spider caught out and about on a night-time stroll would have good cause to be nervous.



Above: Scan this QR code to watch a mulgara in slow motion.

Lots of work has gone into preparing for their return to the island over the past few years including a study of the island's native plants that has enabled the best release site to be chosen. This site contains lots of spinifex that is home to the food that mulgara eat. Spinifex being spikey also provides protection for the mulgara from predators such as birds of prey and goannas.

More recently, the science team have been hard at work gathering data on brush-tailed mulgara from several locations on mainland Western Australia, to provide a secure source of animals and the background knowledge needed for the translocation to go ahead.

The newest recruits have come from Matuwa Kurrara Kurrara National Park east of Wiluna. The active feral cat reduction program in their former home, allowed mulgara to survive in numbers large enough to provide the new arrivals to Dirk Hartog Island.

Right: One hundred mulgara were translocated to the island and were given a health check before being released. Photo – Simon Welsh, Geomedia

The mulgara were released in a variety of ways to determine the most successful method.



Left: Some mulgara were given the royal treatment being kept in small enclosures like the one shown here and fed for up to 10 days before being fully released. Photo – Simon Welsh, Geomedia.



Right: Some mulgara were allowed to leave their travel boxes at a time of their choosing with or without an artificial burrow that is shown in this photo. Photo – Simon Welsh, Geomedia.

And some mulgara were released straight into artificial burrows with their travel box located nearby to use as a retreat should they choose.

This is just the start of a new life for these brush-tailed mulgara in Shark Bay and there is a lot of work ahead monitoring their progress along with the seven other species of native animals that have already been returned to the island shown in the colour-in on the right.





We're working for Western Australia.



Last summer, confirmation of Nationally significant migratory shorebird populations added to our understanding of just how special the Shark Bay World Heritage Area is and how important it is at a global scale. Some of the birds that come to our shores have travelled over 12,000km all the way from Alaska, flying non-stop for 9 days! 17 species were recorded, ranging from the sparrow-sized Red-Neck Stints to the largest, Eastern Curlews, with a bill as long as their body.

Their identification and counts couldn't have happened without excellent community support. To continue this crucial environmental monitoring work we need your help. Join us next January, in a community workshop for enthusiastic birdwatchers who want to build their skills in shorebird identification, and then possibly help in our annual surveys. The training includes:

- 2-3hr workshop 1230pm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at the DBCA Office, 61 Knight Terrace, Denham.
- 1 or 2 x field trips afterward to local roosts.

All equipment is provided, although you are welcome to bring your own binoculars or scope. Spaces are limited, for expressions of interest or questions, please send an email to: steve.reynolds@dbca.wa.gov.au

We would love to see you there!

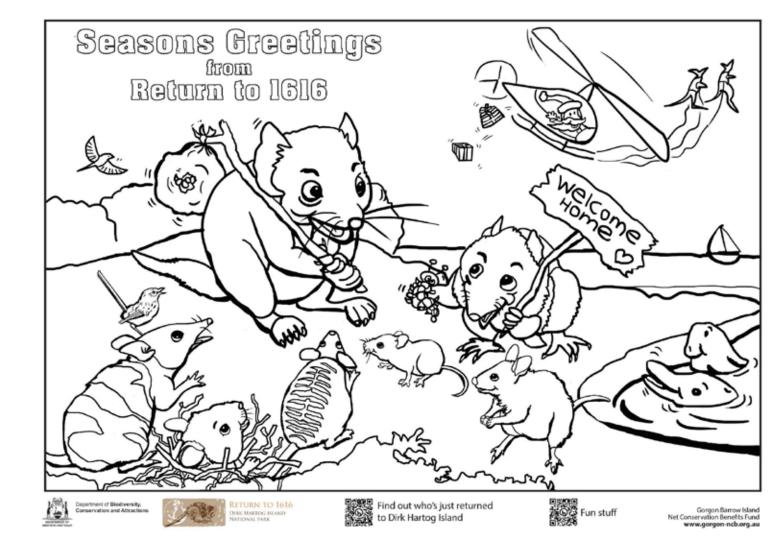




Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions









**Dolphin Calves** 

Summer is an exciting time of the year in Monkey Mia as dolphin calves are often born in this season.

It is a very exciting time when one of the beach visiting dolphins has a newborn calf. The first 6-8 weeks are a critical time for the survival of the calf. To ensure the wellbeing of both mother and calf we ask for your help by following these simple guidelines.

- Whenever a mother and calf are visiting the beach please remain out of the water.
- Maintain the 50-meter separation distance at all times and stay 100-meters away in a vessel. If a mother and calf approach you while swimming, please leave the water completely with minimal disturbance.
- Follow directions of Parks and Wildlife Service staff and volunteers who are more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

Young calves can react to any motion, and if startled may flee from their mother and either beach themselves or make themselves vulnerable to shark predation.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Photo Credits DBCA: Pictured is Eden (20) with her calf born on Friday 3rd of November 2023. To learn more about the calf's development and the dolphins here please join one of our dolphin experiences daily from 7:45am.



## **Shark Bay School**

We are in the midst of the very busy final few weeks of the year, planning for the end of the year and for the year ahead. Teachers are using a variety of data and observational insights to provide the Semester 2 Reports. Parents, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any queries or want to understand how your child is progressing, what we recommend, and how you can best support your child at home.

#### Year 1 – 2 Class Assembly

Well done to Miss Parson's class for their presentation on Friday 3rd November. The narratives they presented were terrific.



















Certificates were awarded to: Kaisy, Coral, Marlin, Akaius, Muhammad, Caleb, Lahayla, Lachlan, Ezra Denham, Ayvah, Arlee, Jorja, Miah, Lilly, Peyton, Connor, Amani

#### **Hamelin Excursion**

Our high school class attended an excursion to Hamelin Station on Friday

3 November, meeting a team from Geraldton TAFE and learning about training and career options, conservation and land management, and what Rangers do. It was wonderful to receive compliments on our students' exemplary behaviour and friendliness, noted by all our hosts. It was a great insight into conservation projects and a pleasure to visit Hamelin again with a school group; it is such an amazing place.









# Remembrance Day We marked Remembrance Day with a short service at school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, ably led by our Year 6 students assisted by Year 5s.





#### Year 12 Graduation

We celebrated the graduation of Deklan Grenside on 17th November, with his family and class with an evening event at school.











#### **P&C Halloween Disco**

The spooky disco on Friday 27 October was a hoot. The P&C did an amazing decorating job, transforming the Shire Hall into a very atmospheric space. The students' and parents' costumes looked amazing. Thank you everyone who volunteered and everyone who came.



#### Year 6 Leaders

Don't they look great in their new shirts!



#### **School Council**

The AGM will be held on Monday 4 December at 5:15 pm at school.

#### Health and Safety on site

Please be aware of our Bushfire Plan. We depend upon being able to contact parents quickly and easily. Please check that you have the Dojo App and use it regularly to keep it active.

Headlice continue to recur. Please check your own children and let us know if you need help or advice.

COVID-19 is still very much around. Please monitor your child/yourself for symptoms. https://www.healthywa.wa.gov. au. WA Health 1300 316 555.

Further help is available:

- KidsHelpline 1800 551 800
- Youth Beyond Blue 1300 224 636
- Headspace.org.au

#### Coming up:

Early Close 27/11, 11/12 P&C 29/11 Newsletter 14/12 Transition Morning 30/11 Year 6 Graduation 1/12 Swimming Lessons 4/12-13/12 School Council 4/12 Reports Home week 10 Presentation Concert 13/12 5 pm Last day term 14/12 Students start T1 2024: 31/01/24

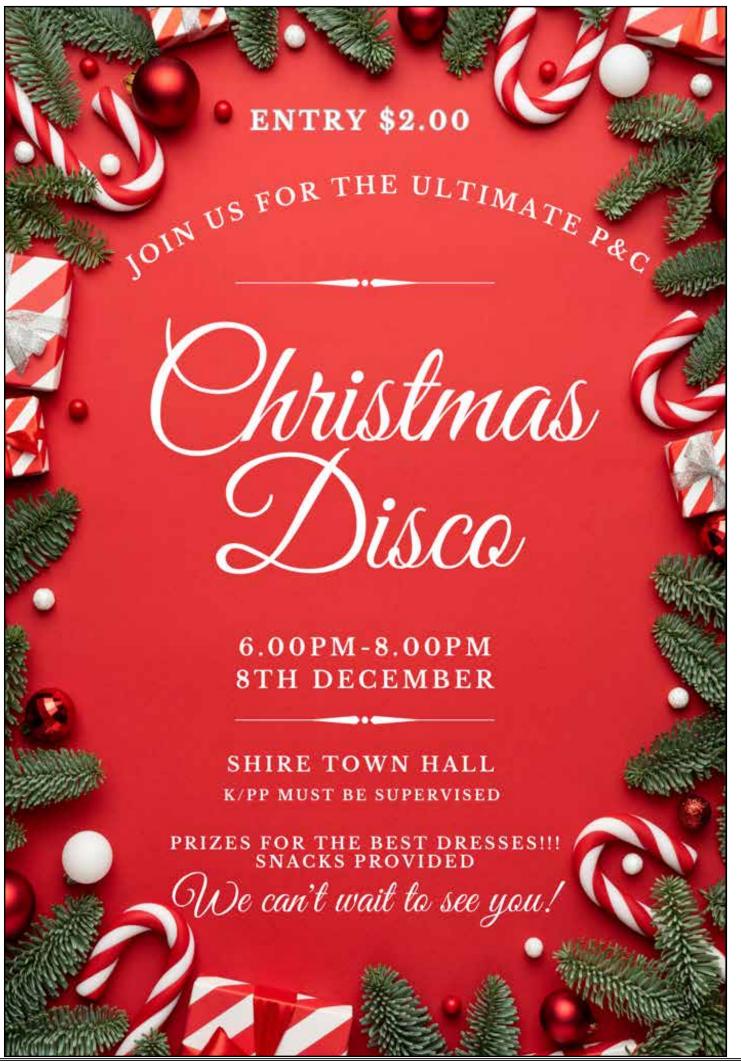
Swimming lessons 2024 start: 31/1/24

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Principal: Celia. Elissegaray@education.wa.edu.au https://myschool.edu.au/school/48507 https://www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline/overview.do?scho

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## Meals on Wheels - Saturday 28th October 2023

Shark Bay P&C, with the financial support of Real Futures and Shark Bay War on Waste were successful in completing our last Meals on Wheels for 2023. Adult volunteers and Secondary Students prepared, cooked, served and delivered 41 meals to our local seniors. Thanks to Lore, Lou, Jacqueline, Janet, Julie, Jay, Isabella, Vee, Dieter & Eyrie.





#### P&C Family Fun Day at Monkey Mia

We had 20 families and over 70 people attend our Fun Day at Monkey Mia. The weather was perfect and everyone really enjoyed spending time together around the pool. Thanks to Marty and the staff at RAC Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort for the hospitality.





## P&C AGM

Save the Date: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 4:30pm at the Shark Bay Bowling, Sport and Recreation Centre. All welcome.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of Shark Bay P&C we would like to wish our Shark Bay families a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR! Looking forward to another prosperous year in 2024.



## TRAVEL BOOKING PROPOSAL

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Shop 10 Carnarvon Central Robinson Street

Everywhere Travel is a new Travel Agency specialising in servicing the needs of organisations operating throughout Regional WA. We offer intrastate, interstate and international travel in a fast and cost-effective manner.

Owner Dianne Ramirez worked for Ansett Australia, then proprietor of a Traveland and Travelworld business before having two boys. Dianne loves international travel and finding the very best deal for her clients. Claire van Dongen worked with Dianne at Travelworld and then for Mr Kim Gosling – travel agency owner. Claire is a corporate consultant specialist, understanding that time is money and speed and efficiency is integral part of business today. Together we complement each other's strengths to offer the best personalise service possible. Abby (senior consultant) & Heather (trainee) complete our team.

#### Our Fee Structure

Ticket Price	Booking charges
Best fare available at	\$22.00 per person 2 %
time of booking	surcharge for Visa Card or
	Master Card

#### Booking conditions:

- Date changes are permitted up to 24 hours prior to departure. Date change fees vary due to original fare paid and what fare is available on new flight. The date change cost is what the airline charge plus Everywhere Travel change fee of \$22.00 per person.
- Flight can be placed into credit and valid for 12 months from the date of issue – flights need to be placed into credit 24 hours prior to departure.
- · Most fares are non-refundable

Everywhere Travel is able to offer the following services:

- 24 hour / 7 days a week emergency contact service for any after-hours bookings
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- Our back office accounting system is able to produce sales & travel reports as required
- · One of the largest hotel booking offices in Australia
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- Flexibility to meet growth

We are a regional company who want to offer an outstanding personalised service to other organisations in WA. Our service is fast, efficient, friendly and professional. We together have 30 years' experience booking clients travel arrangements.

Email us for a quote today.

We would like to thank you for giving Everywhere Travel the opportunity to submit our travel arrangement proposal.

Yours faithfully
Dianne Ramirez & Claire van Dongen (Owners)

## Silver Chain

#### Western Australia

Silver Chain Shark Bay Normal business hours Monday - Friday (excluding public holidays) 9.00am to 12.30pm & 1.30pm to 4.00pm

Telephone: 9948 1400

Silver Chain provides
AFTER HOURS health services
for EMERGENCIES ONLY

**After Hours Emergencies** 

#### **EMERGENCY**

If you call the Shark Bay Health Centre after hours you will be transferred through to Health Direct where a Registered Nurse will ask you a number of questions to determine whether you need further emergency assessment by the Shark Bay nurse. If you require further assessment, your call will be put through to the local nurse.

#### **Examples of an EMERGENCY include:**

- Breathing difficulties
- Chest pain
- Severe abdominal pain
- Bleeding that can't be controlled with first aid
- Convulsions and fits
- Deep lacerations
- · Eye or ear injuries
- Uncontrolled high fever
- Loss of consciousness
- Pregnancy bleeding or onset of labour
- A very sick child

# IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 000

Our volunteers have responded to this many calls outs this year:

> January - 8 February - 7

March - 14

April - 23

May - 7 June - 10

**July - 20** 

August - 7

September - 10

October - 18

November - 8

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Total to date -



Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 8:30am - 1pm

## **VOLUNTEER NOW!**

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#### <u>Volunteer Support Officer</u> - **Non medical capacity 5 hrs per month** Opportunities include:

- Membership on Committee at Sub Centre (eg. Chairperson, Treasurer, general committee member)
- Gardener / Cleaner Clean & maintain outside of building
- Cleaner Clean & maintain inside facility
- Events / Social Coordinator

## Volunteer Ambulance Officer Duties include:

- Attend ambulance jobs. This includes emergency situations and routine patient transfers
- Attend public events to provide first aid services
- Attend training regularly to maintain skills
- Complete accurate records for ambulance calls
- Work effectively with you partner on ambulance calls and with other members of the sub centre

## **Cancer Council**







Call us on 13 11 20 findcancerearly.com.au

## New campaign unmasks the rotten truth behind vaping

Young people have their whole lives ahead of them but vapes are threatening their ability to live those lives to the fullest. The number of 14-24 year olds who currently vape has skyrocketed since 2020. To protect young people from the harms of vapes, Cancer Council WA has created a new vaping prevention campaign, 'Clear the Air'.



When speaking with young people during formative campaign research, it was clear they are eager for trustworthy information about the chemicals in vapes and the associated health harms. The first digital advertisements from the Clear the Air campaign, Rotten Fruit, unveil the rotten truth about vapes that are hidden behind deceptively innocent flavours. The advertisements encourage people to visit the Clear the Air website for more facts about the chemicals, heath harms and addictiveness of vaping, and ways to quit.

This digital campaign will run from 29 October 2023 to 30 June 2024 across Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, TikTok, Twitch, YouTube, on-demand streaming services and mobile apps.

Visit the Clear the Air website to reveal the rotten truth about vaping. For support to quit vaping:

- Contact the Quitline online or call 13 7848
- · Book an appointment with your doctor
- Visit cleartheair.org.au for tips to kick start your quit journey



Government of Western Australia
Department of Health

## Marine Rescue Shark Bay

There have been a couple of changes to the Committee at Marine Rescue Shark Bay following our AGM in early November. We would like to thank Ian Ruck, Kath Gibbs and Treasurer Patrick Yorkston for their contribution to the group. We welcome Damien Barrett-Gelu, Jay Hayes and Martin Grenside to the committee and look forward to working with them as we head into 2024.

Our combined AGM and Christmas wind-up was held at the Shark Bay Bowling Club. Thanks to the club for the use of their venue and kitchen as well as providing bar staff for the occasion. Kef the chef from Monkey Mia produced an incredible array of tapas style treats. A special thankyou to Shark Bay Fish Factory for generously donating an assortment of seafood for the occasion.

Cape Rose has had a few recovery tows of broken down vessels and assisted a large sailing cat which blew onto the boat ramp jetty and couldn't maneuver away due to the strength of the wind.

Our new vessel has been shifted to the paint shed at the Dongara Marine facility in Geraldton. Once painting is completed the motors and collars can be fitted, followed by electrical cabling and electronics installation. We still haven't come up with a name for our new vessel, suggestions can be emailed to vmrsharkbay@westnet.com.au.

One of our members attended a large Marine Search and Rescue, (MARSAR), exercise in Kalbarri during November. These exercises are held annually at various locations to test the capabilities of the different agencies involved. Marine Rescue vessels from Geraldton, Dongara, Leeman, Kalbarri



and Carnarvon were joined by the Police patrol boat Cygnet V in a realistic search scenario.

In the new year we will be assisting with the on-water safety for the third annual Shark Bay Downwinders 40 km kitesurfing race. Boats and jetskis accompany the racers along the course and volunteers in vehicles monitor and count the riders from various headlands along the route. It is an exciting and challenging event that showcases Shark Bay as a world class kiteboarding destination. It is run in conjunction with the Safety Bay event two weeks later. Scores from both events are tallied to crown the winner as the "Boss of the Bays".

We are always looking for volunteers to help, so if you would like to get involved over the weekend of 6-7th January, get in touch with someone from Marine Rescue or any of the kiteboarding crew.

Best wishes to you all for a safe and happy festive season

Marine Rescue Shark Bay

## Monkey Mia

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First Quarter

O Full Moon

Last Quarter



## Shark Bay State Emergency Service Unit 🛂



#### The WA Emergency Services Volunteers' Hardship Assistance Scheme (Inc.)

The purpsoe of the WA Emergency Services Volunteers' Hardship Assistance Scheme (Inc.) is to give emergency services volunteers the opportunity to seek, or be offered, financial assistance during times of hardship and/or significant loss.

The Scheme was formally established in 2014 with the stated object of distributing funds to provide direct relief from poverty, sickness, suffering, distress, misfortune, disability, destitution or helplessness to Emergency Services Volunteers and their families.

The State Government has supported the scheme with a one-off payment of \$1 million as start-up capital. This start -up capital is invested and the interest earnings are made available as grant monies under this scheme. Tax deductable donations can also be received.

The scheme is managed by a governing committee consisting of representatives from each of the relevant volunteer associations which together constitute the WA Emergency Services Volunteers Hardship Assistance Scheme (Inc).

Applications for SES Volunteers are submitted and endorsed by the SES Volunteers Association.

Am I eligible?

The Hardship Assistance Fund provides direct relief from hardship to volunteers and their dependants. It is designed to help cover basic living costs such as rent, food and utilities. Applications must be for a volunteer who is a member of an emergency services group created under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998; Bush Fires Act 1954; or the Fire Brigades Act 1942 and who has served a minimum of six months (unless in exceptional emergency situations). Surviving dependants of eligible volunteers (if death has occurred within a 12 month timeframe) are also eligible to apply.

#### What is considered hardship?

Hardship is when a volunteer is unable to meet minimum living expenses because of unexpected or unforseen events. Under such circumstances, hardship assistance is provided in order to bridge the gap between changed circumstances (i.e. inability to meet expenses) and a return to normal circumstances.

#### Interested in applying?

Visit the applications page on the Website; https://waesvhas.

Shaun Burton - Unit Leader, Shark Bay SES



**SES** Training - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 5:30pm

## The World of Big Business - Army Life

For some time while truck driving in the Roebourne area I resided with an elderly gentleman known to all and sundry as Fred Yee. Fred had a rambling old general store and residence across the road opposite the Victoria Hotel. It was also right on the bank of the Harding River. Fred was also the town baker. Fred was about five feet tall and weighed in at about 6 stone, but he was a tireless worker. No-one knew how old he was.

When Roebourne was the administrative centre of the north, he had cooked for the Resident Magistrate. That was in the days when a lot of Chinese entered the North by various ways. Practically every hotel and station had a Chinese cook or gardener. Fred was very popular in Roebourne. Some evenings he and his old white dog Billy would cross the road to the hotel. Stan, the publican, thought a lot of old Fred. Any stranger who treated Fred disrespectfully was smartly called to order.

If the old chap took a liking to you, you had a friend for life, but the Lord help anyone who tried to put anything over him. Fred had a memory like the proverbial elephant. A couple of carloads of gypsy-types came to town one day and entered Fred's shop. They came out very shortly followed by a barrage of whatever missile Fred could lay his hands on. Evidently they had been through town some years previously and had somehow offended Fred.

After one cyclone the river came down and flooded the store. When the water receded it was found that the labels had all fallen off the tinned goods. Nothing daunted Fred, my landlord let it be known there was a bargain sale on, two bob a tin and take your chance on the contents. For some time the shop was crowded with coloured ladies from the camp across the river, carefully shaking the tins to try to determine their contents before handing over their two bob.



Fred did not believe in banks. He liked to have his money where he could see it. The amount of money he had hidden in tins around that old shop today would have been an open invitation to robbery and probably murder.

My boss had a problem with his bank account. All his drivers cashed their cheques with Fred, and as the old bloke considered them as good as gold he shoved them in a tin and hid them with the rest of his hoard.

There was very little in the way of entertainment in Roebourne in those days. My mates and I spent many evenings in Fred's shop yarning over a few beers while the old bloke sat behind the counter smoking his water pipe. That pipe was a bit of a mystery. It bubbled, gurgled and gave out a horrible smell. We were all too polite to ask but we all suspected that our old mate stoked it up with a bit of the product of the poppy.

Fred has long gone to wherever worthy Orientals go and there are not many of us left who remember him. During the years that I knew him I felt privileged to be one of those who could call the little fellow mate.

Extracted from the written works by Nugget McClymans (deceased)



## **Sport & Recreation**

#### **Chevron Grant**

Our Shark Bay CRC team is thrilled to announce we have received grant funding of over \$13,000 from Chevron to purchase a obstacle mountain, foam island and a mini warrior course with tumbling run to enhance our mats at the Recreation Centre. Representatives from Chevron flew up to meet with some of our CRC team on Monday 27th November to announce our success with our application and to meet with some of the local kids who are thrilled the new equipment will be in the Centre in the new year. A great effort by Tish who put in for the grant as we continue to promote healthy lifestyle choices and improve the wellbeing within the community. We can guarantee there will be some extremely happy kids this summer.

#### Closure

The Centre will be closing for day and night sports as of the 18th December and will reopen in the new year, Monday to Friday from 9am - 2pm on the 8th January for the balance of the shoool holidays.

Recreation Centre team







Thanks Chevron!



Meet Sundays at the Pistol Club. New members are welcome, touch always base with Vaughan the president on 0417 301 397 for more information.





**Inscription Post** 

## Other Sports & Recreation



## Shark Bay



## Club

The Shark Bay (social) Bridge Club

Meets every Monday at 1pm in the Denham Town Hall on Hughes Street (opposite the Silver Chain building). Beginners are welcome! Session fee of \$3 which includes afternoon tea.

BRIDGE

Why don't you come and join us for a friendly game of bridge?

For more information please contact: Jill: 0417 177 009

### WALK TO THE **RFFD**



Denham was lucky enough to experience two lowest tides of the year during 2023 on 31st October and the 28th November. Both low tides were in the morning at 0.14m and unfortunately weren't as low as what was expected. Thats ok it was still enjoyable with plenty of curious adventurers joining in to walk out to the reed bank and collecting rubbish along the way. Thank you everyone for joining us.



# SPORTS & REC WEEKL

Monday\_ 1:00pm.....Bridge @ Town Hall SB Bridge Club (fees apply)

2:00 - 4:30pm......Open Courts @ Rec Centre (excluding school holidays)

6:00pm.....Badminton/Volleyball @ Rec Centre

Tuesday 9:30 - 11:30am...Kindy Gym @ Rec Centre (excluding school holidays)

Wednesday 1:30pm......Golf, 9 hole stableford @ Boolbardie Country Club (fees apply)

2:30pm.....Croquet @ SB Bowling, Sport & Rec Club

5:45pm.....Basketball @ Rec Centre

Thursday 1 3 2 1 2:30 - 4:30pm.....Open Courts @ Rec Centre (excluding school holidays)

Saturday 1:30pm......Golf, 9 hole stableford @ Boolbardie Country Club (fees apply)

2:30pm.....Bowls, Scroungers @ SB Bowling, Sport and Rec Club (fees apply)

Sunday 1:00pm.....Pistol shooting @ SB Pistol Club (fees apply)

## **Boolbardie Country Club**

## Chip Shots





As the temperature and winds are picking up and some members leaving for their southern summer pastures, the fields of players have reduced to the usual

suspects being Shark Bay stalwarts with the odd sprinkling of visitors. As this has been quite a dry year (course mown once in February), the course is now quite bare of grass and a number of the greens, though still playing true, require some additional sand and treatment.

The following shows the winners of the \$50 vouchers provided by the SHARK BAY FISH FACTORY for September.

SHARK BAY FISH FACTORY STABLEFORD	Winner (Score)	Runner-Up (Score)	Nearest the Pin*
Saturday 28 October	Lyn Harding (14)	Peter Llewellyn (14)	Jill Hill
Saturday 4 November	Lyn Harding (18)	Peter Cope (17)	Peter Llewellyn
Saturday 11 November	Mick Parry (14)	Lyn Harding (14)	-
Saturday 25 November	Mick Parry (19)	Jill Deschamp (15)	-

Wednesday Stableford Competition winners for the past month are listed below.

Wednesday Stableford	Winner (Score)	Runner-Up (Score)	Nearest the Pin*
Wednesday 25 October	Peter Llewellyn (18)	Tim Winship (16)	Peter Llewellyn
Wednesday 1 November	Peter Cope (18) Lyn Harding (15)		Peter Cope
Wednesday 8 November	Jill Deschamp (15)	Chris Galvin (12)	Peter Llewellyn
Wednesday 15 November	Peter Cope (15)	Peter Llewellyn (15)	Jill Deschamp
Wednesday 22 November	Peter Cope (15)	Jill Deschamp (14)	Jill Deschamp

<sup>\*</sup> Nearest the pin shot on Wednesdays.

Member's handicaps remained fairly static during the month although Peter Cope (16) lost a stroke while Peter Llewellyn (16) went out a stroke.

Club competitions continue with 9-hole stableford events played every Wednesday and Saturday with a 1:30pm registration for a 2:00pm tee-off. The 19th Hole bar is open following the game.

Visitors are welcome at any time and visitor green fees are \$6 for 9 holes (honour system) with cards available at the clubhouse. For those who want to have a hit after work, some shorter rounds (4 or 5 holes) are available.

Full sets of clubs (ladies, men, left and right-handed), balls and tees are available at no cost on club competition days or at any other time - ring Peter (0418 193 735) to get the combination for access to the loan clubs. Motorised buggies are available for hire on competition days at \$6 per player for 9 holes for non-members and \$4 each for members.

Peter Llewellyn - Club Captain







## Shark Bay Bowling, Sport & Recreation Club

#### **Melbourne Cup**

The Bowling Club was the place to be for this years Melbourne Cup. Sunday started the events with the Calcutta draw and auction. With all 3,000 tickets sold the starting prize pool of \$3,000 was looking promising however slowed down as the auction commenced. As the favourites were drawn towards the end it was evident people were saving their betting funds for later in the auction. Known better Bobby Oakley was exceptionally quiet all night in the auction however had his eyes set on Without a Fight which he purchased in the auction for \$400 (a sale giving Calcutta drawn horse owners Rob & Trudy \$200). The Melbourne Cup winnings prize pool after the auction totalled \$4,822.50.

Melbourne Cup day kicked off with a warm crowd of people, dressed lovely and putting their sweep bets on. Trinnie and Lisa were busy in the kitchen preparing some delicious pre booked platters and Crown and Anchor was set up ready to kick off after the race along with Two Up. Unfortunately the internet signal wasn't on our side once the race started and as the horses came around the corner for the straight the crowd all witnessed that frustrating internet buffering circle (going around-and-around) as the internet froze. Clearly a overload of those watching the race online. Unfortunately we missed it, which kept us all in suspense as we waited for the broadcast repeat to see the other winners and or how our horses were performing. Oh well, everyone was still smiling!

Of course our silent auction buyer Bobby Oakley's horse Without a Fight, (costing him \$400) won the 1st place prize pool of \$1,688. Rob & Kellee drew Soulcombe in the Calcutta horse draw and then purchased it in the auction for \$310 (being the horse owner meant they only had to pay 50%, so \$155) and won 2nd place totalling \$964.50. Graeme purchased the horse Sheraz in the auction for \$50 (a bargain) and

went home with the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winnings of \$482.25.

Two Up continued into the afternoon as did Crown and Anchor. Thank you everyone for supporting the Club over this period. We welcomed a lovely approximate profit of \$6,000.

#### **Pairs Competition**

The Pairs Competition was help during September/ October and welcomed our ordinary (full) club members into our championship lawn

bowls pairs competition. Greg & Ian had been on a winning streak over the competition and hadn't lost a game which guaranteed them a place in the grand final match against Pedro & Skeltz. Winning their game though int he grand final wasn't enough to take out the Championship as Pedro & Skeltz had secured more shot bowls points over all games. A great battle!

#### **Farewell**

We would lastly to thank Greg like & Cheryl Bell for all the support and time they have contributed and dedicated the Bowling, Sport Recreation Club over the years. Their volunteering kept the Club going and as we



have taken over the reins we appreciate everything you have done. We all wish them the best of the new endevours closer to family down south.

Shark Bay Bowling, Sport & Recreation Club committee









## **Shark Bay Speedway Club**

Shark Bay Speedway Club held our AGM over the weekend, resulting in a little bit of a shuffle in positions and committee.

After 2 years as an integral part of our executive committee, Mick Ricetti as Vice President and Leah Ricetti as Treasurer, have stepped aside heading into the 2024 season. We can't thank them both enough for the countless hours of hard work, commitment and dedication to the club.

Leaving big shoes to fill we are super excited to welcome Bob Archibald (or as we all know him, Bunbury Bob) into our Vice President position and Cathy Hill as Treasurer. Joining Dave Harrower and Tiaza Sellenger as our existing President and Secretary respectively, we are excited to have you both join our executive team.

We say thankyou and farewell to Robbie Morgan, Michael Ricetti and Shae Brennan from our 2023 extended committee and a warm welcome to Roger Hewitt as our Track Curator, Brian Child and Tegan Tomshin as well as a welcome back to our existing committee members, Canteen/Bar Manager Eileen McMillan, Adam Watkins and Jon Gall.

It is also the end of the clubs 2 year sponsorship with Oakley Earthworks. A big thankyou to Bobby Oakley for his hard work and hours upon hours of work he has put into the club and our track. We appreciate it all and you.

With all that being said, the team at Shark Bay Speedway Club can't wait to go racing in 2024.

Shark Bay Speedway Club committee





WA Stolen Wages Team wastolenwages@shine.com.au 1800 976 150



RIGHT WRONG.

#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA STOLEN WAGES CLASS **ACTION SETTLEMENT**

#### **Background**

We are writing to you regarding the Western Australia Stolen Wages Class Action. In 2020, Mr Mervyn Street filed a class action on behalf of Indigenous Australians who worked in Western Australia and were paid little or no wages as a result of wage control legislation in effect from 1936 to 1972. He is represented by Shine Lawyers.

The wage control legislation was implemented to control the employment and wages of Indigenous Australians. Affected workers were employed in many different industries and held roles such as stock workers, farm hands, laundry assistants, kitchen hands, labourers and domestic workers.

#### **Proposed Settlement**

The Western Australian Government has agreed to a settlement of the case in which it will pay up to \$180.4 million (depending on how many people register), which the Court will need to approve before any money is paid out.

In accordance with Orders made by the Judge on 14 November 2023, the Shark Bay Community Resource Centre has copies of the following documents for distribution:

- 1. Settlement Notice:
- 2. Registration Form; and
- 3. Settlement Information Brochure

#### Who should this material be given to?

Group members are part of the class action and able to register if:

- a. they are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- b. between 11 December 1936 and 9 June 1972 they lived in Western Australia and worked at some time or had their property controlled in that period;
- c. they are representing a family member who qualifies and has since passed away.

Group members must register for the class action to be considered for compensation money by 30 June 2024, even if they have previously told Shine Lawyers that they want to be part of the class action. Further information about who is eligible to get compensation money from the class action is in the Settlement Notice.

Group members can also register by completing the form online at shine.com.au/stolenwageswa.

#### **Outreach Program**

Shine Lawyers will be attending over 200 communities throughout Western Australia between November 2023 and May 2024 as part of an Outreach Program to assist with providing information about the Settlement and registering group members. Prior to attending these communities, Shine Lawyers will speak with key stakeholders in those communities.

A list of the upcoming community visits for the Outreach Program is available online at: shine.com.au/wastolenwagesinfosessions.

#### Need more information?

If you, or someone you know requires assistance or needs more copies of the documents enclosed with this letter, please contact us at 1800 976 150 or wastolenwages@shine.com.au

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

SHINE LAWYERS



## **DVassist Telephone Counselling Service**

Providing confidential telephone counselling for those experiencing family and domestic violence in regional, rural and remote Western Australia

1800 080 083 Monday to Thursday, 8am to 8pm AWST

www.dvassist.org.au

## Consumer Watch

#### **Knock Knock – who's there? Be spam aware!**

Unsolicited sellers come in all shapes and sizes, trying to grab your attention to buy or sign up for their products or services.

Traditionally, salespeople knock on your door to deliver a sales pitch in-person and Consumer Protection has regulations that control when they can visit you. Should you make an agreement with a door-to-door seller, they must provide a copy of the signed contract and disclose your 'cooling off' or termination rights. Under the Australian Consumer Law, you have 10 business days to reconsider an agreement and cancel it without penalty.

The more common and frustrating sales tactics now involve bombarding your phone with unwanted text messages, crowding your inbox with spam emails or ringing you to promote telemarketing businesses.

Spam emails and text messages are regulated by the Australian Communications and Media Authority, (ACMA). There are strict rules around how businesses, wanting to sell you something, can contact you, with ACMA dealing with breaches and taking complaints from consumers about spam, very seriously.

Big businesses, such as Kmart, rideshare and food delivery company Uber Australia, and Ticketek, have been fined a combined total of more than \$2 million this year for breaching Australia's spam laws. ACMA's investigations found that Uber sent more than two million marketing emails without offering an unsubscribe facility, Ticketek sent almost 100,000 texts and emails either without recipients' consent or to people who had previously unsubscribed, and Kmart sent more than 200,000 marketing emails in breach of spam laws.

It's important to remember that commercial marketers must have your permission to send you a marketing message. They must include their contact details in the message and offer you a way to unsubscribe or 'stop' receiving their messages. You can also take matters into your own hands by using your email 'junk' filters or your phone settings to block marketing messages. If you feel that a company has not processed your unsubscribe request, you can also report this to ACMA.

If you want to lodge a formal complaint about unwanted communications or spam, ACMA can help at www.acma. gov.au, or if you believe a trader has breached the rules on unsolicited sales agreements, contact Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54 or email consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au.

#### Know your rechargeable battery risks

If you have a mobile phone, laptop, electric toothbrush, e-scooter, e-bike, any power tools, or solar power backup storage, you need to know how to reduce potentially deadly fire risks lurking in their batteries.

These common household items use rechargeable lithiumion batteries which can be highly flammable. If these batteries are used incorrectly, or are damaged, they can overheat, explode and cause fires that can be dangerous and difficult to extinguish.

House fires, burns, chemical exposure, smoke inhalation and property damage have all been reported in connection with lithium-ion battery charging. The Australian Competition and Consumer



Commission (ACCC) saw a 92% increase in reported lithiumion battery-related incidents in 2022 compared to 2020.

But you can take simple steps to reduce the risks, such as only using the charger recommended for the battery, unplugging products when they're fully charged, and charging batteries in a cool and dry place out of direct sunlight and away from combustible materials like beds, lounges or carpets.

If your batteries overheat, appear to be swelling, or leak or vent gas, stop using them immediately, and never use damaged charging cables.

Disposal of these batteries also poses problems because the batteries can catch fire if they're crushed, or exposed to heat or moisture in rubbish trucks, household rubbish, or waste facilities. Recycle Right at recycleright.wa.gov.au can help you find your closest drop-off point to dispose of lithiumion batteries safely.

Lithium-ion batteries play a vital role in helping to achieve Australia's transition to net zero emissions. But the safety of those using these batteries is paramount. The ACCC is recommending national regulations around testing, labelling and storage of these batteries to better protect consumers. In the meantime, you can increase your safety by following Product Safety Australia's easy and practical guide to understanding and managing the risks of lithium-ion battery fires at productsafety.gov.au



Government of Western Australia
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety



## **Country Stargazing**

#### **Christmas Stargazing**

With Christmas just around the corner, it's a hectic and crazy time. So why not take a breather, head outside and look up at the beauty of a star-filled night sky. Stargazing is awe-inspiring and yet peaceful and calming at the same time. It's bound to refresh your spirits and get you ready to tackle the Christmas preparations with renewed vigour.

This month, stargazers will be treated to a special display from the Geminids Meteor Shower. On a dark night, away from artificial light pollution, you might see up to 120 meteors (or "shooting stars") an hour!

The Geminids meteor shower is generated from asteroid 3200 Phaethon and is one of the most active and best meteor showers to see.

When and where to look: The best time to watch is after midnight until early morning on 13th and 14th December. Look to the northeast and north about 45 degrees above the horizon.

Throughout December the planets are also celebrating Christmas by putting on a 'Parade of Planets'! From our perspective here on Earth, as the planets continue their never-ending path around the Sun, their orbits can sometimes bring the planets together, along with the Moon, to form incredible conjunctions.

On Dec 24th, we have a special Christmas Eve treat. From



8pm, high in the north, the brightest star you can see is not a star at all - it's Jupiter! And to the east of Jupiter, a very bright moon lights up the sky!

To end our cosmic year on a high, early risers on New Year's Eve will be treated to guite a show in the low eastern sky. A bright Venus sits near to the constellation of Scorpio, while Mars and Mercury huddle together just underneath. Look from 4:30am-5:00am, 31st December.

Use the Quasar Publishing image as a guide. To find out more about what to see in the night sky, grab a copy of their latest Astronomy Australia almanac at Quasar Publishing.

Have a wonderful Christmas from the team at Astrotourism WA. We will have more stargazing tips and helpful hints coming up next year! Have a star-filled Christmas!

For more stargazing tips, visit www.astrotourismwa.com.au.

Carol Redford & Donna Vanzetti, Astrotourism WA



The Golden Lens is an opportunity for WA Seniors Card members to share photos they have taken, that celebrate the lives of older Western Australians.

All winners will win a prize donated by participating businesses of the WA Seniors Card program.

**Shark Bay** 

Entries close 17 March 2024

Members can submit an entry in each of the four categories.

**Active ageing Cultural identity** Wander out yonder Blast from the past



www.seniorscard.wa.gov.au/goldenlens



For more information visit

## **Community Groups**

Community groups	Contact Name	Tolophono No
Community groups  Boolbardie Country Club	Peter Llewellyn - Club Captain	<b>Telephone No.</b> 0418 193 735
Crisis Centre Christian Fellowship	Tim & Maggie Hargreaves	9948 1338 0429 481 338
Denham Crafters	Bronwyn Hook	0407 310 052
Denham Volunteer Fire and Rescue	Brian Child - Unit Captain	Call 000 for Emergency Info ONLY: 9948 3289
Friendly Hub	Julie Robins	0417 976 005
Kindy Gym	Natalie Dul	9948 1787
Marine Rescue Shark Bay (previously VMR)	Drew Wassman - President	Call 000 for Emergency Info Only: 9948 1376
Shark Bay Arts Council	Sofie Hayes - President Abby Leyendekkers - Vice President	0400 256 829
Shark Bay Bowling, Sport & Recreation Club	Peter Francis - President Jamie Burton - Secretary	0419 109 068 0427 272 560
Shark Bay Bridge Club	Fay Castling Jillian Hill	0427 948 022 0417 177 009
Shark Bay Business Association Inc	Mira Vankova	www.experiencesharkbay.com
Shark Bay Community Men's Shed	Tony Sckardoon Carlos Elissegaray	0435 008 080 0427 010 869
Shark Bay Community Resource Centre	Contact the office staff Claire Harrower - Chair	08 9948 1787
Shark Bay Fiesta	Shark Bay Community Resource Centre	08 9948 1787
Shark Bay P & C Association	Tiaza Sellenger - President	0407 129 487
Shark Bay Pistol Club	Vaughan Beavis - President Cheryl Cowell - Secretary	0417 301 397 0417 180 307
Shark Bay RSL	Brad Lyons	0422 927 527
Shark Bay Speedway Club	Dave Harrower - President	0429 998 944
Shark Bay State Emergency Service (SES)	Shaun Burton - Local Manager George Livesey - Deputy Manager	Call 132 500 for Assistance Info ONLY: 0429 481 218
Shark Bay Stingrays (softball)	Sam Roberts	0431 287 412
Shark Bay Triple C (Cancer Community Connections)	Sherry Baker	9948 3324
Shukokai Karate	Janine Standen	0400 122 439
St Andrew-by-the-sea Anglican Church		9902 6476
St John Ambulance - Shark Bay Sub Centre	Alana Eru	Call 000 for Emergency Info ONLY: 9948 3023
The Shark Bay Entertainers	John Senteneller	0400 625 138
Yadgalah Aboriginal Corp.	Debbie Bellottie	9948 1318
Daycare	Marie Gamble	0457 040 867

Email	Day(s)	Location
pllewellyn@bigpond.com	Wednesday & Saturdays	Golf Club, Monkey Mia Road
sharkbayherald@westnet.com.au	24/7 Sunday	Foreshore about opposite the Interpretive Centre
hooksonline2005@yahoo.com.au	Tuesdays 1:30pm - 3:30pm	Denham Shire Town Hall
denhamvfrs@bigpond.com	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday every Month	Dampier Road, Fire Station
sharkbaytc@westnet.com.au	Wednesdays 10.00am	Bowling Club, Francis Street
sharkbay@crc.net.au	Tuesday 9.30am (except school holidays)	Recreation Centre
vmrsharkbay@westnet.com.au	4th Monday of every month	Marine Rescue building, Knight Terrace
hello@sofieseyah.com		Arts Shed - 10 Denham Road
sharkbaybowls@westnet.com.au	Scrounges - Saturday, 2pm	Bowling Club, Francis Street
hillhome@bigpond.com	Monday 1pm MUST contact Fay or Jill in advance	Denham Shire Town Hall
sharkbaytourism02@gmail.com	1st Tuesday of every month	Recreation Centre
sbcmshed@hotmail.com	Monday 10am Wednesday	
sharkbaytc@westnet.com.au	Open Monday to Friday, 9am - 4pm	
sharkbaytc@westnet.com.au	17 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	
sharkbaypandc@hotmail.com	People can contact the School for meeting dates	School Library
vbeavis82@gmail.com chezza@westnet.com.au	Sunday	Pistol Club, Monkey Mia Road
bradmlyons@hotmail.com		
sharkbayspeedwayclub@outlook.com	37 <sup>th</sup> Far Western - 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Shark Bay Speedway Club
sessharkbay@iinet.net.au	Mondays @ 5pm	Emergency Services Building, Durlacher Street
juicensam27@westnet.com.au		
sherry.baker@aussiebroadband.com.au	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday each month @ 4pm	Yadgalah Aboriginal Corporation
jstanden@westnet.com.au	Tuesday & Friday 5pm - 6pm	Denham Shire Town Hall
standrewssb@gmail.com	Sunday 9am	Anglican Church
sharkbay@stjohnwa.com.au	Office opening hours: Wednesday & Thursday 10am to 2pm	Emergency Services Building, Durlacher Street
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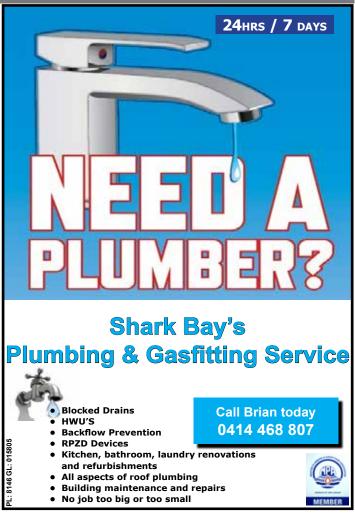
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# DECEMBER 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1	2	3
				* Year 6 school graduation	1:30pm Golf, 9-hole stableford     2:30pm Scrounges	9am service at St Andrew's by the Sea     10am SB Christian Fellowship, on the foreshore     1pm Pistol Club     * AGM - Shark Bay Bowling, Sport & Recreation Club,     4pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10am Mens Shed     1pm Bridge Club     6pm Volleyball     * School Council meeting	• 9:30am Kindy Gym     • 1:30-3:30pm Crafters     • 5:30pm Firies      * Thank a     Volunteer Day     @ the Discovery     Centre gallery,     5pm	10am Friendly Hub     10am-2pm     SJA ambulance office open     1:30pm Golf, 9-hole stableford     5:30pm SES Training     5:45pm Basketball	10am-2pm SJA     ambulance office open     2:30pm Open Courts     3pm Bible Study      * Shire Seniors     Xmas luncheon @     11am town hall	* P&C Disco @ 6pm town hall	1:30pm Golf, 9-hole stableford     2:30pm Scrounges      * Speedway Xmas party - 3pm with Santa visiting	9am service at St Andrew's by the Sea     10am SB Christian Fellowship, on the foreshore     1pm Pistol Club
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