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# RAVENSTHORPE RALLIES:

## Local businesses step up to keep essentials flowing

The local retail community has shown resilience, adaptability, and unity following the closure of FE Daw & Sons FoodWorks. Local businesses and the Shire of Ravensthorpe quickly rose to the challenge, working to ensure essential items remained available to residents.

The Cellar and Goods Store, which had already started supplying high-quality butcher's meat and a small range of gourmet goods, expanded their offerings to include dairy products and weekly fruit and vegetable boxes.

Keen's Mini Mart also stepped up, extending trading hours and a reliable supply of fresh fruit, vegetables, bread, milk, and grocery lines.

Ravensthorpe Agencies have focused on increasing their supply of pet food and household essentials, while Shell Ravensthorpe continues to stock grocery basics.

Hopetoun IGA is playing a role by offering home delivery to Ravensthorpe three days a week on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday and both Hopetoun Beachfront Chemist and Ravensthorpe Pharmacy continue to supply monthly specials on household items like soap, tissues and surface cleaners.

The Shire of Ravensthorpe has also remained actively involved, working behind the scenes to support both the community and local businesses. A Shire spokesperson said the Shire is "in constant communication with the broker who is selling the FoodWorks business in Ravensthorpe, with the aim of ensuring a good operator is up and running as soon as possible."

They added that while a temporary bus service was considered, "there does not seem to be the demand for it at this stage. This may change in the future."

A community survey conducted by the Ravensthorpe CRC immediately following FoodWorks' closure showed residents are eager to support local shopping.

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# Ravensthorpe Rallies: Local businesses step up to keep essentials flowing

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Although the proportion of grocery spending had dropped significantly in recent years, survey responses indicated that, with better variety, pricing, and fresher produce, locals would shift up to 70 per cent of their grocery spend back into Ravensthorpe - representing a significant opportunity for an incoming operator.

With the freehold and grocery business still on the market, Ravensthorpe has demonstrated it will not wait on the sidelines. Local businesses have responded swiftly to meet immediate needs, the Shire is actively working to secure the right operator, and the community has made its intentions clear: they want to shop local and are ready to back a well-run supermarket. The opportunity is there for an operator who can deliver variety, quality, and consistency - and they will find a town united, resilient,



and confident in its future.

- **Keen's Mini Mart** - Fresh fruit, vegetables, bread, milk, and grocery lines. 107 Morgans St, Ravensthorpe. Extended hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 9am-4pm.
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• **Ravensthorpe Agencies**  
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8am-5pm, Sat 9am-12pm.

• **Shell Ravensthorpe** - Stocking grocery basics.

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## Word of the Day

**garble** verb | GAR-bul

**Definition:**  
To garble something, such as a word, name, message, etc., is to cause it to be unclear or distorted. This type of garbling can be the result of an accident, ignorance, or a transmission error. Garble can also mean "to so alter or distort as to create a wrong impression or change the meaning."

**Did You Know?**  
Garble is a word with a spicy history, and we're not just saying that to curry favor with gastronomes. It is presumed that this word was passed from Arabic to Mediterranean Europe through trade in Eastern spices, and was first introduced into English from the Anglo-French verb garbeler, used for the action of sifting out impurities—such as dust, dirt, husks, etc.—from spices. In the 15th century, the English garble carried this same meaning as well as "to cull," i.e., to sort or pick out the best parts of something. If these origins seem curious given garble's now more common meanings of "to so alter or distort as to create a wrong impression" and "to cause to be unclear or confusing; to introduce error into," consider that one way of garbling someone's story is to take bits and pieces out of context.



**NEXT ISSUE DEADLINE:**  
5pm, Monday April 7, 2025

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# CWA quietens after busy summer

## CWA March Update

After a busy summer Saturday mornings at the CWA have quietened somewhat. Nonetheless our scones are still gleefully eaten, treasures are found on our shelves and clothing racks, smiles are shared, books are carried to new homes and sweet baked treats sell like proverbial hot cakes.

Our monthly meeting was held on Monday March 10th with all present less two apologies. Of note was the presence of our newest member Caroline Hooper who we are all excited to have join the team. Welcome Caroline!

We are also pleased to have raised funds for the Lions Club Cancer Van which provides life-saving free skin cancer screening to regional communities across Western Australia. Thank you to all community members who donated to this important service.

In less welcome news it was decided that we install a security camera at our premises. This comes after a spate of petty theft and vandalism over the last 6 months. In light of these incidents, we ask that the community be aware of activities at or around the CWA building and report any suspicious behaviour to authorities.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday April 14th from 1pm.

## CWA Member Spotlight

CWA President and 2025 Australia Day Shire of Ravensthorpe 'Senior Community Citizen of the Year'

Introducing the delightfully irrepressible Trix Boyd, Samaritan and Hopetoun community treasure.

Trix has been a CWA office bearer since 2008. Along with activities associated with her office and general CWA duties Trix can often be found sorting and packaging donated clothing and miscellaneous items for refugees supporting children, women, and the homeless, for the Friends of Ravensthorpe Hospital group, and for other organisations that are supported by the CWA.

In addition, Trix is a driving force behind the Hopetoun Community Pantry, coordinating with Chaplin Roger Mansell, Wendy Zani (CWA Secretary), and others to distribute food and care across our community.

Trix is active within her church community and is also involved in 'Stay on Your Feet', a community health and welfare group.

Trix is a powerhouse in the broader community and has been an incredible service to many groups, associations and individuals within our community over the years. She is quick with a smile, shares her wealth of knowledge freely and actively seeks to assist those in need.

Come down and meet Trix, she will be here at the CWA serving scones, tea and cheer every Saturday morning from 8.30am -all year round!

—Sahra Miller



■ Trix Boyd—CWA President and Senior Community Citizen of the Year 2025.

**Friday  
4th April  
2025**

## Leading women to lead - FREE workshop

**Kristen Pyrz-Brown** from **Valeo Coaching** will be running an in-person half day workshop in Hopetoun around coaching for clear and decisive leadership for women residing in the Shire of Ravensthorpe.

Followed by a Business After Hours at Wavecrest.



**10:30am - 3:00pm**  
**Hopetoun Community Hall**

**Business After Hours**  
**4:00pm - 6:00pm**  
**Wavecrest Bar & Bistro**

For further details and to book visit



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# Reaching for the Telethon Stars!

On the back of their recent ABC Goldfields morning radio show stint with Ivo Da Silvo - Liberty Arts performing arts students are asking children in the local communities to join them in moving their body and having fun - whilst raising money for Telethon kids at their Dance-A-Thon on Saturday March 29th, 2025. This event is 100% for Telethon children in need. Sign up: [libertyartsaustralia@gmail.com](mailto:libertyartsaustralia@gmail.com)

Also, the students are excitedly preparing for their Telethon Live 2025 entry.

The children have been working hard on a performance piece after being invited to audition to be part of Telethon in Perth this year.

Miss Libby said, "I am so proud of how hard the children have worked



towards our Telethon entry. They know that tens of thousands of people audition each year, but their

confidence has sky-rocketed throughout this whole process.

"They are all little stars in my eyes whether we get through or not!"



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# Ravensthorpe Historical Society (Inc.) Annual Report for 2024 Presented to AGM March 22nd, 2025

I've just noted that I commenced my last Annual Report with the phrase 'it's been the most challenging year of my presidency so far'. Well it's fair to say nothing has changed, if anything the challenges are now even greater. Our lack of success in gaining Commonwealth Government funding for the extension project has indicated where we won't be going in the immediate future, but our engagement with consultant Cathy Day has indicated some directions we should be going in spite of that lack of success. I will return to these issues.

Before I go any further I would like to acknowledge the passing of Ian Goldfinch on April 14th, 2024. Goldie was our driving force when it came to the extension project; no one could have done more. In my view our lack of success was due to other priorities at the national level and political considerations rather than the quality of the submission.

I also acknowledge and thank Derek and Ann Williams as well as Jenny Lloyd who have re-located to Busselton and Albany respectively for their support over many years.

The 'stand out' event of the year was undoubtedly our engagement with Heritage Today consultant Cathy Day who spent November 25th-28th in Ravensthorpe/Hopetoun to make recommendations for future directions for RHS and spoke with RHS members, visitor centre volunteers, Shire CEO and Community Sport and Recreation manager and Shire President. Cathy also facilitated a public meeting on November 27th attended by 28 people. Cathy produced a report with recommendations, some of which have already been implemented; these are discussed as ordinary meeting business rather in detail than here. Cathy's participation was pro bono; a return flight from Perth was provided by Arcadium Lithium, accommodation and transport were provided by Sue Leighton and Colin Hughes.

The remaining activities for the year divide somewhat arbitrarily into the following groupings:

Facilities management, Digital access and technology, Events, Publicity, Curation, Security, Membership, Visitor Centre and Craftshop.

**Facilities Management.** We have begun re-arranging the visual entry statement in keeping with visitor focus recommendations from Cathy Day by making the Museum entry more eye catching, open and inviting by better use of the Chuditch/Echidna display. Only last week Colin Hughes removed the front counter high front for immediate eye contact with visitors as they come through the door. It has made a splendid difference. Colin provided his cabinet making (and unmaking) skills pro bono; I thank Colin for his generosity.

**Digital access and technology.** We have dispensed with the Ilnet/Messaging Company fiasco for phone/internet/email/wi-fi in favour of Telstra by NBN delivery.

**Events.** We held a very successful Mystery History Tour based from Hopetoun on 19 May; 26 people with 10 vehicles attended. A highlight was lunch at Springdale Café. We also hosted a thank you lunch for visitor centre volunteers on October 5th attended by 18 people at Sue Leighton and Colin Hughes' Blue Vista property.

**Publicity.** We had eight articles in Community Spirit throughout the year as well as numerous Facebook postings thanks to Madeleine. In February alone there were 12,600 views reached 1,600 people of whom 707 were followers.

**Curation.** Enid Tink accessioned 59 objects and Chenda Goldfinch scanned 150 photographs. Chenda indicated at our last ordinary meeting that she had now scanned 4,000 photos and still had about 4,000 to go!

**Security.** Funded by Arcadium Lithium we have had installed eight motion sensitive floodlights in the Museum courtyard. They were installed by Mark Lloyd.

**Membership.** Our current total membership is 26 members. The greater majority of members are out of town supporters. While they are of course very welcome and valued we only have five local people actively involved in the management committee which by our constitution requires eight.

**Visitor Centre and Craftshop.** We had 4999 visitors in 2024. This is down on last year's figure which was 5780 which was our highest ever. Approximately one third of visitors also enter the Museum. As reported in Madeleine's annual statement entry fees and donations were \$3,904.05, shop gross takings were \$21,837.00, 80% of this went back to local vendors/suppliers.

RHS welcomes and thanks the following new Visitor Centre volunteers: Andreas Preisser, Jenny Chambers, Judy Harp, Gabriella Kastro, Anita Schuler and Claire Daniel.

I think that RHS has a sound rapport with the Shire of Ravensthorpe and I believe we should work to maintain that relationship.

—Andrew Chapman, President, Ravensthorpe Historical Society, March 22nd, 2025.



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# 'Twenty-Two on the Twenty Second'

## ■ Hopetoun Fly-in

On a slightly overcast late February morning, members of the Hopetoun Aero Club welcomed the arrival of twenty-two light sport and general aviation aircraft from throughout the south of the state to their delightful part of the world, Hopetoun.

The pilots, passengers and their flying machines flew in from Albany, Narrogin, Serpentine, Dumbleyung, Jandakot, Busselton, Cunderdin, Murray Field and Myrup landing on the freshly graded and prepared air strips. Two other planes also landed at Ravensthorpe airport. The types of planes flown in included Savannahs, Cessnas, RV's, a Jabiru, a Tampicu and the unusual Long-EZ.

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## BAITING TO PROTECT NATIVE WILDLIFE

Under the Parks and Wildlife Service's Western Shield program, baiting to control foxes and feral cats occurs on more than three million hectares of conservation lands in Western Australia.

The baits used are toxic to introduced animals but not to native animals which have an evolved tolerance to the active compound (1080). All baited areas are signposted.

Baiting occurs on a regular and ongoing basis to protect endangered native animals including the numbat, western ground parrot and western swamp tortoise.



**Attention pet owners: these baits will kill domestic dogs and cats. Baited areas must be considered dangerous for pet dogs and cats at all times.**

For more information and maps on areas baited under Western Shield visit [dbca.wa.gov.au/westernshield](http://dbca.wa.gov.au/westernshield) or contact your local Parks and Wildlife Service district office.

*Western Shield is generously sponsored by Tronox and IGO.*





# 'Twenty-Two on the Twenty Second'

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Adults and children alike were thrilled to watch the planes arriving, relishing the opportunity to see the planes up close, have photos taken and chat with our visitors who love a chat and can talk aviation until the cows come home.

As part of their trip, our guests set off on an adventure organised by club members. After boarding a bus generously donated for use by Go West and driven by Greg, the visitors headed off for a coffee from Elisa at Salty Sips & Co. A quick trip to view the town and the groyne followed, before heading off into the UNESCO recognized Fitzgerald Biosphere.

Accompanying our visitors into the National Park were two local women, Kim Bennett and Sue Leighton, who shared their substantial botanical and geographical knowledge. The information was well-received by our guests, as were the views as they drove across the Culham Inlet to both Mt. Barren lookouts.

Wavecrest Bistro hosted a lunch and later dinner for the visitors who stayed overnight, and the Mt. Barren Café hosted breakfast the following morning before our remaining guests departed.

The success of the event can be attributed to the assistance of many people. Kind thanks to: The Shire of Ravensthorpe and Kim Grey for the use of the water tanker and road markers. Hallam's Transport for the use of the roller. Manus Lochner, Hadyn Bell and Colin Hughes for the hours of airstrip clearing and preparation. Alison Bell and Elmira Marx for the clubhouse organisation. Marshalling and safety on ground by the SES and DFES. Bec Sexton for her videography, Greg for the drone footage and photos, Sue Leighton for the still photography and Colin Hughes for shuffling the passengers from Ravensthorpe airfield.

The public support demonstrated was fantastic and much appreciated, it was great to see everybody and particularly, the joy in the children's faces. We look forward to similar events in the future.

— Francine Preston



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# School students shine at launch of Genestreaming Journey Sculpture

At the recent launch of Ravensthorpe's Genestreaming Journey Sculpture in the town's Cultural Precinct, a crowd of some 100 adults, students and children were delighted when Mrs Coralie Daw led the school choir in the song 'Kaya' – the Noongar word for 'Welcome'.

Ravensthorpe District High School's rich and vital involvement in this Gondwana Link project was also highlighted by student Miah Cox giving the Acknowledgement of Country.

An outstanding speech by Head Girl Pearl McManamon acknowledged Noongar Elder Aunty Carol Pettersen's guidance, and said "Through this project, we have explored Aboriginal art symbols and how they tell the stories of Country. These symbols are more than just drawings—they hold the history, culture, and spirit of the land.

They remind us that Country is not just where we live; it is alive, and it holds the stories of the past, the present, and the future. We also learned about songlines, which are ancient pathways of knowledge and connection. Just like these songlines weave through the land, our artwork weaves together our learning, our respect, and our appreciation for the First Nations ways that have cared for this land for thousands of years."

Pearl's words were an inspiring springboard for Noongar Elder Aunty Carol Pettersen to explain the significance of working with the local school students and staff to create eleven of the artworks that are displayed on the sculpture's exterior 'petals' (or bracts). Aunty Carol said, "We didn't have our Noongar artist in residence here, and so I engaged with the school, and it was the most wonderful experience."

Aunty Carol spoke to the gathering as the co-founder of the Genestreaming Journey Sculpture Project. She co-ordinated the artworks that describe and reinvigorate the cultural connection to Country conveyed in Noongar songlines.

On the theme of "journeys" and songlines, Aunty Carol explained that "Noongar people have reference points – we've got the mountains, we've got the hills, we've got the rivers, we've



■ Ravensthorpe's Genestreaming Journey Sculpture. Photo: Terry Dunham.



■ Acknowledging the many people, organisations and businesses who contributed to the sculpture. Photo: Jason Cordon.

got the flora, the fauna – that show us where our country is, and it helps us to maintain our belief system. And when our people walked, they really did sing. They sang with the land. But deep beneath that, when we talk about deep time, the land itself sings a song."

## Understanding the "genestreaming journey"

Ravensthorpe's Genestreaming Journey Sculpture brings together culture, science and conservation. At the launch, artist and fellow

Genestreaming co-founder Ben Beeton offered insights into what is meant by the words "genestreaming journey". If you think of a "gene pool" as all the genetic information present in a species' current population, it represents a snapshot in time of that species' genetic diversity, but if you add the gene pool of the next generation of that species, then the next generation, the next generation, and so on, you end up with a stream of genes flowing through time.



# School students shine at launch of Genestreaming Journey Sculpture

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That's the "genestream" that is referred to in the sculpture. And the Tree of Life, which is represented in the sculpture, grows from the genestreams that underpin the evolution of each species.

It's very important to keep the genestreams flowing so our native species keep evolving as they have for millions of years. That's part of the messaging of this project: what can we do through conservation and ecological restoration to keep the genestreams flowing.

Ben explained to the audience that when you walk inside the sculpture, you're representing the whole of humanity within this evolutionary 'Tree of Life'. The orange line on the base plate represents the human species and you're walking back through time, over millions of years.

The evolutionary tree is by no means something that is peripheral to our daily lives. We're surrounded by it. It's everywhere. We should think of ourselves not as only as custodians of nature but as part of nature. So the sculpture is about the connectivity of nature.

The Ravensthorpe sculpture focuses on the species of this area—it's a unique thumbprint of this place, explained Ben. When you enter the sculpture, you're not only seeing the scientific illustrations of species (each one of the 'petals' on the sculpture represents a different family of plants) but also a giant map of the region.

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■ RDHS student artists beside the Genestreaming Journey Sculpture. Photo: Gab Major.



■ Artworks of Auntie Yvonne Bell (centre) feature in the sculpture. Auntie Carol (L) and Natalie Cordon. Photo: Michelle Cluelee.



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# SHIRE OF RAVENSTHORPE

## COMMUNITY UPDATE

### APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Local groups and sports clubs are encouraged to apply for the 2025 Community Development Fund.

Funds will be allocated at the discretion of Council for organisations or projects which benefit the community.

The objectives of the Community Development Fund are to:

1. Provide financial assistance for organisations and/or projects which benefit the community.
2. To assist community-based (not for profit) organisations to develop and maintain facilities.
3. To provide community-based (not for profit) organisations with relief from Council imposed fees and charges.

Applicants must address the selection criteria provided within the application guidelines. Applications close 4pm Friday 11 April 2025.

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## COUNCIL MEETINGS ONLINE

As of January 2025 all class 3 local governments in Western Australia, including the Shire of Ravensthorpe, are now required to publish audio of council meetings online.

Members of the public who attend meetings and ask questions will be included in the recording.

The video of the most recent Ordinary Council Meeting held at the Hopetoun Community Centre on Tuesday 18 March 2025 is now available for viewing on the Shire website: [ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au](http://ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au)



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Shire of Ravensthorpe



# School students shine at launch of Genestreaming Journey Sculpture



■ RDHS teachers Natalie Cordon and Nikki Crane with some of the students whose artwork is on the sculpture. Photo: Marg Robertson.



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Many, many, many millions of years of genestreaming have gone into the creation of that incredible evolutionary diversity that is in the Ravensthorpe Range—it's a very special place. "There's so much to learn in the sculpture, and I hope you'll keep coming back to it and build projects around it", said Ben.

The Ravensthorpe Regional Herbarium, Gary Muir of Walpole Wilderness Eco-Projects and landscape ecologist Nathan McQuoid were key information sources for the sculpture's internal elements. Working with information about the region's botany, ecology, geology and deep time history, scientific illustrator Mali Moir and artist Ben Beeton spent extensive time in Ravensthorpe and developed the Ravensthorpe Field Naturalist artwork which is installed in the interior of the sculpture. Illustrative input was provided by Chenda Goldfinch, eco-dyeing by Kier Douthie and Haiku Poems by Helen Taylor.

## The local perspective

Shire President Tom Major said the sculpture is a great way for our community to celebrate First Nations culture and the rich biodiversity that we have right across our region here. The Shire was honoured to support this project, and it's fantastic to have such a highly visible and meaningful public art piece within Ravensthorpe's cultural precinct.

He commented that "One of the best parts of this sculpture is the way it involved the students from the Ravensthorpe District High School." Five places between Ravensthorpe and Northcliffe now have physical sculptures as part of the Gondwana Link Genestreaming Journey Sculpture Trail and Mr Major said "it's exciting to be part of this broader public art project".

Natalie Cordon gave a heartfelt account of the student's participation in the project. As the Noongar language teacher at the school, she embraced the opportunity to extend the student's knowledge through connecting with Aunty Carol.

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■ RDHS students from the Noongar language classes sing 'Noongar Six Seasons'. Photo: Gab Major.



# School students shine at launch of Genestreaming Journey Sculpture

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Natalie said, "Noongar is an oral language, a very beautiful language. The words come from the sounds of Country, from the ocean, the waterways and the skies. Aunty Carol taught us about the songlines and with the help and support of our wonderful art and science teacher Nikki Crane, this project became a unique experience for our students, as they immersed themselves in learning the language of Country through art."

Natalie explained that Aunty Carol had guided the students to see and feel the land in a special, new way. The way she's engaged with our students has left a long-lasting impression on them, so much so that she's been adopted as our school's Aunty and a cultural ambassador for our school.

Another highlight of the launch event was acknowledging and gathering many of the people who have supported and contributed to Ravensthorpe's Genestreaming Journey Sculpture.

The support and involvement of many organisations, artists, individuals and businesses in this project is warmly acknowledged. Gondwana Link thanks major supporter Lotterywest, the Ravensthorpe Shire, Aunty Carol, Ben Beeton and Mali Moir, the staff and students at RDHS, and the Ravensthorpe Herbarium.

More information is available on Ben Beeton's SciArt website: <https://sciart.com.au/ravensthorpe-genestreaming-journey-sculpture/>



■ (Above) Head Girl Pearl McManamon with Aunty Carol. Photo: Natalie Cordon.

■ (Above left) The wonderful crowd. Photo: Keith Bradby.

■ (Below left) The large crowd. Photo: Marg Robertson.

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# Potential for fungicide resistance detected

■ GRDC

Laboratory analysis of wheat powdery mildew samples collected from the Esperance district in Western Australia has revealed the presence of a gateway mutation that could lead to reduced sensitivity or resistance to azole/demethylase inhibitor (DMI) fungicides.

While there have been no reported incidents of reduced fungicide performance in the paddock linked to this mutation, growers should be careful to apply fungicides in rotation and mixture, and practice non-chemical disease management strategies to avoid creating favourable circumstances for resistance to develop.

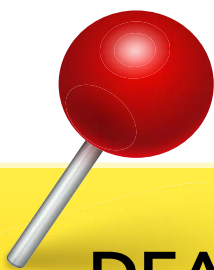
## How resistance was detected

Each season the WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) Crop Protection team in Esperance (Andrea Hills and Joel Kidd) submit wheat powdery mildew samples to the Centre for Crop and Disease Management (CCDM) at Curtin University for fungicide resistance testing.

Of the 13 samples submitted in 2024, ten contained a genetic mutation that is a forerunner of fungicide resistance. This type of mutation is called a gateway mutation. A gateway mutation could lead to further mutations. In this case, further mutations could impact the performance of Group 3 DMI fungicides such as cyproconazole, epoxiconazole, flutriafol, propiconazole, prothioconazole, tebuconazole and triadimefon.

Wheat powdery mildew is a constant factor in the Esperance district. Paddocks where disease levels were high in previous seasons are especially at risk.

Read the full article: [Potential for fungicide resistance detected in Esperance wheat powdery mildew >](#)



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# PHILOMENA ROSE

■ A story by Elizabeth Aberline

Episode 2

He created three columns with his ruler: PHYSICAL, INTELLECT, and SOCIAL ABILITY.

Money was of no concern as he was self-sufficient. The wife would never work. Timothy knew the type of woman who would fit into his world. She had to behave in the kitchen, the dining area, social occasions, and, more importantly, the bedroom.

He stretched his legs towards the flames, studying the four names on the lined page. Mary, Rebecca, Philomena and Shirley. Timothy's Army rank and being a Packham meant he often attended balls, parties, and social occasions. The name Packham was regularly seen on invitations; his mother contributed to so many charities, realising that his future wife would have to carry on this family tradition. He had prioritised certain behaviours that had to be a must in society for his future wife, which included styles of social dress and the ability to participate in social discourse. Timothy could never stand to have a woman with an empty mind made up of table talk, gossip and food menus. Of course, his parents must approve, in particular his father.

Feeling calm and whiskied, he placed small ticks and crosses in his columns and surveyed the names and ticks. Marriage was important to him. There had been no divorces in the Packham lineage. His was not going to be the first.

One characteristic of his wife must be virginity. Timothy was not a second man. The only woman who would fit this attribute was Philomena Tweed. Mary was flirtatious and had boyfriends. A cross sat in her column. Rebecca and Shirley had question marks in their columns.

"Philomena comes from a strict Catholic background. Her father, John, would not have allowed his only daughter to 'fall from grace'. Gossip gets around, and her father is on the upward trail to becoming Prime Minister in the Tories.

I will be a colonel with a wife, the daughter of the prime minister of England. I may even mix with royalty. I need another whisky. Philomena it is."



# A Geri learning a new trick

## (Geriatrics and travel by Jack & JILL)

The day arrives for us two Geri's bus journey to our holiday home in Hopetoun.

Here we are standing, in a seatless bus shelter surrounded by cases and bags, sucking in foul fuel fumes from heavy traffic roaring through Mundaring township at well over the speed limit. The ceaseless racket of trucks, buses and cars rumble past barely two meters from us. Our young delivery driver grandson, now a P-plater, is having anxious moments, wondering what to do and is too scared to step out of the driver's seat in case of being wiped out. Along comes another geriatric passer-by, who notices my grandson's predicament and offers to help him break into the maze of traffic despite a stutter, deafness and failing eyesight. The next time I looked, my grandson's car had vanished.

We waited, waited and waited. Another elderly man next to us is leaning against a post, trying to relieve a sore back, as two ladies, also elderly, are complaining about our predicament of no bus arrival. I am thinking about the hundreds of trips my wife and I have made to Hopetoun since 1979 and how I now had been cajoled into riding on a comfortable and relaxing modern bus with few passengers, tilted seats, and TV. I could doze, read and enjoy the dry countryside.

The bus is here, and half an hour late! The driver is full of apologies; it is late because students are going home for the long weekend.

Five steps into the bus is confronting. The decibels of noise seem to crescendo with a hundred eyes of inquisitive piranhas studying their prey, us. This woman has pinched our seat, and the driver is removing her to another. Finally, he is taking off. It has been five minutes since take-off, and the bus power has gone!

We are now in Sawyer's Valley, and our friendly driver apologises again. He is going to fix the bus, taking him half an hour. We can get out and stretch our legs if we have any.

Coming down the aisle is a mass exodus of unruly kids stepping out, with many tearing into the bush nearby.

The driver is running after them, ordering them to come back. They are vaping, smoking, and reading their textbooks. We can see a few students helping him as cars pass, blowing their horns. Thirty minutes have passed, and we are leaving once more, outnumbered twenty to one!

On our way to Quairading, I am looking at Trump-like deals involving sweets and drinks. A boy asks the girl

behind if he can tilt his seat back so he can sleep. She is taking his two-dollar coin. A deaf old lady is sitting up the front complaining to the driver that she is sick of all the loud noises with uncouth language. Our caring bus driver is on his intercom talking to the kids with a pleasant but stern warning. We are travelling to Kulin in silence. Kulin is only a drop-off point. Off we go again. Another five minutes pass. A passenger alerts the driver. An elderly couple alighted from the bus at Kulin to go to the toilet. They have not come back. We are turning around. There they are, standing, waiting for the bus. We have now arrived in Lake Grace. All the kids are departing. Peace be with us. It did!

I, the Geri, will do a thorough check before attempting another bus trip.

I take my hat off to the bus driver.

I take my hat off to ALL bus drivers who have to be mechanics, crowd controllers, psychologists, public speakers and probably sometimes medics as well.

—JACK AND JILL



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# FRRR seeks representatives for three advisory committees

FRRR (Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal) is currently seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified people from remote, rural and regional Australia to sit on one of three bodies that advise the FRRR Board.

Two of the three are Program Advisory Committees seeking to refresh their membership and expand representation, while the third is a completely new Outback Advisory Board.

Natalie Egleton, FRRR CEO, said that each of these bodies plays a critical role in the effective governance of the nearly \$20 million that the Foundation, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, awards annually.

"While our staff do very thorough and detailed initial assessments of applications, for the most part it is the Program Advisory Committees that recommend where our scarce funds are allocated. To ensure that

we are directing grants where they are needed most, we have Program Advisory Committees comprising people with relevant lived experience sitting alongside FRRR Directors and our donor partners. Their insights and knowledge of the subject matter are critical to our decisions.

"Right now, we are seeking people with experience or interest in mental health and community wellbeing to join our In a Good Place Program Advisory Committee, and people with experience in climate and energy transitions to join our Community Led Climate Solutions advisory committee," Ms Egleton explained.

FRRR is also establishing an Outback Advisory Board, whose remit will be to advise the Board more broadly on issues and opportunities in remote and outback Australia.

"We have supported remote, rural and regional Australia for more than 25 years and it's become apparent that remote, very remote and outback

Australia has specific challenges and needs. To ensure that our granting and capacity building support, and our advocacy, fully reflect this uniqueness, the Board has decided to appoint and Outback Advisory Board. Its remit will be to bring a national perspective, as well as local knowledge, to our granting programs, as well as to our advocacy activities, such as submissions to Senate inquiries and the development of policy and issues papers," Ms Egleton explained.

Detailed role descriptions, as well as Expression of Interest Forms are available on the Work With Us page on FRRR's website. EOIs close 5pm AEDT on Friday 11 April 2025.

Note, these roles are voluntary, but FRRR aims to have a diversity in membership, so the Foundation will consider supporting successful applicants to address barriers to participation in these primarily virtual meetings.

■ Media Release

## 2025 ICPA WA State Conference

"Small Communities, Big Opportunities" will be the focus of the 2025 Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA) WA Annual State Conference.

Representatives from 12 State ICPA branches, rural parents and caregivers will join educational leaders, government officials and delegates at the upcoming conference on Friday, 28th of March at the Swan River Hotel in Perth.

Hosted by the Goldfields Eyre branch, the 53rd conference will set the advocacy agenda for ICPA's State Council in 2025.

ICPA WA President Jane Cunningham said, "The educational needs of rural, regional and remote children are vital to the sustainability of our small country towns,

without equitable access to quality education, our towns will unnecessarily diminish further".

This year's keynote speaker is Professor Andrew Whitehouse, a world-leading autism researcher and the Director of CliniKids at the Telethon Kids Institute. CliniKids provides autism therapies, services, and support for young children, and implements groundbreaking research.

Alex Jenkins, the Director of the WA Data Science Innovation Hub, who has an extensive background in AI and focuses on leveraging A1 to enhance education, will also address the conference.

ICPA WA President Jane Cunningham said, "Conference is an opportunity

for our members to set the advocacy agenda of State Council for 2025 and ensure the issues affecting their child, school, or community are at the forefront of our work".

A telecommunications Question-and-Answer panel will be held at this year's conference with Telstra, nbn, and the Regional Tech hub answering questions on everything affecting telecommunications in the regions.

"It's an important opportunity to connect with other rural parents and caregivers from around the State and have access to the important decision-makers and delegates who can affect their child's education", said Mrs Cunningham.

Mrs Cunningham said, "A conference of this size

is not possible without the generous support of many sponsors. I'd like to thank the sponsors big and small for their invaluable contribution and look forward to working with them again in 2026".

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2. In which UK city is Great Victoria Street railway station?
3. Malcolm and Angus Young were the founders of which band? T-Rex, Iron Maiden, Rainbow, AC/DC
4. Fill in the Blanks of a famous Jerry Lee Lewis song "Whole Lotta ... Going on"? Jiving, Singing, Shaking, Dancing
5. Leonardo DiCaprio played which billionaire in the 2004 film 'The Aviator'?
6. 'Gramen' is the Latin name for which plant?
7. What were the names of the founder of British company JCB?
8. In Giselle, what is Hilarion (in ballet)? A dancer, A gamekeeper, A teacher, A cook
9. Who was having "Sweet Dreams" in 2010? Taylor Swift, Beyonce, Nicky Minaj, Carrie Underwood
10. In Rudyard Kipling's novel 'The Jungle Book', what is the name of the black panther?
11. What is the largest brass section instrument in an orchestra?
12. What is the name of the short, horizontal pole projecting from a wall on which scaffold

floorboards rest?

13. David McConnell was the founder of which cosmetics company in 1886?
14. Where does PSY who had a 2012 hit with "Gangnam Style" come from? China, South Korea, North Korea, Japan
15. Confederatio Helvetica was the former name of which modern-day country?
16. The First World War began during which month of 1914?
17. 'The Compact Pussycat' is driven by which character in the children's television series 'Wacky Races'?
18. Malus Domestica is the Latin name for which fruit? Banana, Plum, Apple, Pear
19. Tiger Woods is famous for which sport?
20. Which US outlaw married his cousin, Zerelda 'Zee' Mimms, in 1874?
21. Ligustrum Ovalifolium is the Latin name for which shrub?
22. Grampus Eight football team are based in which country?
23. Protanopia is colour blindness resulting in insensitivity to which colour light?
24. Adelphogamy is a marriage in which brothers share what?
25. What is the name of the farm in the 1995 film to which orphan Flora Poste, played by Kate Beckinsale, is sent to live with her relatives?
26. Who composed the famous "Flight of the Bumble Bee"? Wagner, Chopin, Rimsky-Korsakov, Holst
27. Esmeralda is the romantic interest in which Disney film? Pocahontas, Aladdin, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Mulan
28. Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley founded which band in 1971? Kiss, Judas Priest, Motley Crue, Sweet
29. Which US author said 'Habit is not to be thrown out of the window, but it is to be coaxed down the stairs one step at a time'?

30. Decubitus is one's position or posture while doing what?

31. Which James had a No.1 hit with "I Don't Have The Heart"? Jones, Ingram, Smith, Brown
32. Hakuna Matata is a song from which Disney film? Lion King, Beauty and The Beast, Toy Story, The Little Mermaid
33. ?Casse-noisette? is the French name for which ballet? Swan Lake, Giselle, The Nutcracker, The Comic Ballet of the King
34. Which band had a 2005 hit with the anthemic track "Best of You"? Greenday, Foo Fighters, White Stripes, Sum 41
35. The Lion king is loosely based on which Shakespeare play? Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet, Macbeth, A Winters Tale
36. Bayer Designations relate to which celestial bodies?
37. Which European capital is known as 'The City of the Seven Hills'?
38. The longest wall in the world is the Great Wall of ??
39. Weezer sang about which location in 2005? Down Town, Beverly Hills, New York, LA
40. Teatro La Fenice opera house is in which European city?
41. Messer is German for which item of cutlery?
42. Which Scottish golfer is often hailed as the greatest golfer never to win a Major championship? Colin Montgomerie, Nick Faldo, Lee Westwood, Ernie Els
43. What name is given to an ornamental, usually coloured, design made of small pieces of hard material such as stone, tile or glass?
44. Which animal is known as the 'Earth Pig'?
45. What colour is Ariel's fin in "The Little Mermaid"? White, Blue, Red, Green
46. Priscilla, Beans, Roadkill and Bad Bill all feature in which animated film? Happy Feet, Rango, Ice Age, Madagascar
47. PEK is the international airport code for which airport? Rome, London Heathrow, Beijing International, Shanghai Pudong
48. Which is the only one of these elements to comprise more than 1% of the human body? Nitrogen, Chlorine, Potassium, Tin
49. Which country has the internet domain .au?
50. Poignet is French for which part of the body?

ANSWERS: 1. Storks; 2. Belfast; 3. AC/DC; 4. Shaking; 5. Howard Hughes; 6. Grass; 7. Joseph Cyril Bamford; 8. A gamekeeper; 9. Beyonce; 10. Bagheera; 11. Tuba; 12. Putlog (or putlock); 13. Avon; 14. South Korea; 15. Switzerland; 16. July; 17. Penelope Pitstop; 18. Apple; 19. Golf; 20. Jesse James; 21. Privet; 22. Japan (Nagoya Grampus Eight); 23. Red; 24. Their wife or wives; 25. Cold Comfort Farm; 26. Rimsky-Korsakov; 27. The Hunchback of Notre Dame; 28. Kiss; 29. Mark Twain; 30. Lying down; 31. Ingram; 32. Lion King; 33. The Nutcracker; 34. Foo Fighters; 35. Hamlet; 36. Stars; 37. Rome; 38. China; 39. Beverly Hills; 40. Venice; 41. Knife; 42. Colin Montgomerie; 43. Mosaic; 44. Aardvark; 45. Green; 46. Rango; 47. Beijing International; 48. Nitrogen; 49. Australia; 50. Wrist

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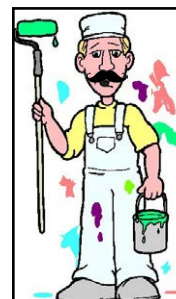
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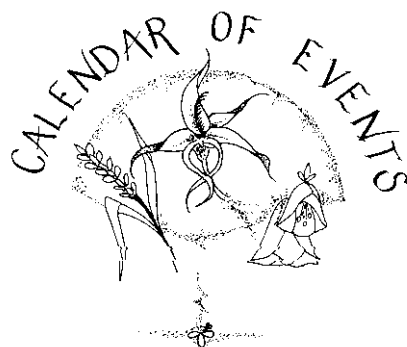
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March

- 27 Community Collab—Ravensthorpe, 9.30am-12.30pm, Ravensthorpe CRC
- 27 Table Tennis Tournament, 4-5.30pm, Hopetoun Community Centre Hall
- 29 Telethon Dance-A-Thon, 9am-12pm, Hopetoun Community Hall

### April

- 4 Women's Leadership Workshop and FBN Business After Hours, 10.30am-6pm, Hopetoun
- 4 Footrot Flats The Musical, Ravensthorpe, 6-10pm, Ravensthorpe Town Hall
- 5 Footrot Flats The Music, Hopetoun, 6-10pm, Hopetoun Community Centre
- 6 Hopetoun Local Markets
- 7 Community Spirit Deadline
- 9 Russian Cooking Class, 6.30-8.30pm, Community Kitchen, 65 Morgans St, Ravensthorpe
- 10-17 Youth Week
- 11 School Term 1 ends
- 14 Little Writing Legends Workshop, 10am-12pm, Ravensthorpe CRC
- 15 Little Writing Legends Workshop, 10am-12pm, Ravensthorpe CRC
- 15 Ravensthorpe Shire Ordinary Council Meeting, 6-7pm, Ravensthorpe Council Chambers
- 18 Good Friday
- 20 Easter Sunday
- 21 Easter Monday
- 21 Community Spirit Deadline
- 22 Little Writing Legends Workshop, 10am-12pm, Ravensthorpe CRC
- 24 Table Tennis Tournament, 4-5.30pm, Hopetoun Community Centre Hall
- 25 ANZAC Day
- 28 School Term 2 begins

### May

- 5 Community Spirit Deadline
- 19 Community Spirit Deadline

For contributions to the Calendar of Events email the details to [contributions@cospirit.net](mailto:contributions@cospirit.net)

## REGULAR EVENTS

### HOPETOUN

**ARTITUDE VOCALS** 3pm Mon (Vocals), Tues (Visual Arts), during term. ages 4+, Hopetoun Art Shed, Tamar St, [www.raveaboutarts.com](http://www.raveaboutarts.com)

**ARTITUDE JUST DANCE** 3pm Wed during term, ages 2+, Hopetoun Community Centre. [www.raveaboutarts.com](http://www.raveaboutarts.com)

**ARTITUDE VISUAL ARTS** 3pm Tuesday during term. Details & bookings [www.raveaboutarts.com](http://www.raveaboutarts.com)

**BOWLS** Wed Mixed Scroungers 1pm, Fri 4pm rollup & fun, Socail Bowls 1pm Sundays, Hopetoun Bowling Club. Ph Lance 0428 383 152.

**CLUB MERLOT** 7pm second Friday of the month, Hopetoun Shire Hall. Ph Sue 0407 981 301

**CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE** at Hopetoun Men in Sheds, 86 Tamar Street, Hopetoun. Open Tuesdays & Thursdays 8.30am-12pm and 1-3pm and Saturdays 8.30am-12pm.

**COMMUNITY NURSE** Wed 9am-4pm, Fri 8am-4pm, Mary Ann Haven Centre

**CRAFT** Wednesdays from 1pm at Mary Ann Haven, all welcome.

**CRC, Library & Visitor Centre** Open Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. Committee Meetings bi-monthly, ask at CRC.

**CWA** 2nd Monday 1.30pm at Centre

**CWA SHOP** Saturdays 8.30 to 11.30. Library, secondhand goods, plants, fresh vegetables, fruit, eggs, cakes and pies, honey, jams, and relishes.

**FIRE BRIGADE TRAINING** First Sunday of each month from 15:00 to 18:00 unless the Sunday falls on a public holiday then it will be the 2nd Sunday at Emergency Services Building, Veal St Hopetoun.

**GOLF** Saturday Ladies and Men's Golf 18 holes - Winter season names in by 11.30 Tee Off 12 noon, - Summer Season names in by 12 noon Tee Off 12.30. Thursday Scroungers Ladies and Men's Golf 9 or 12 holes depending on the weather, names in by 1.15 Tee Off 1.30. Visitors and Learners are always welcome.

**HOPETOUN CLAY TARGET CLUB** Monthly shoot on Sundays 10am start

**HACC HEALTH SERVICE** Day Centre Program, Tuesdays, alternating weekly between Hopetoun and Ravensthorpe. Contact HACC for details.

**HOPETOUN LOCAL MARKETS** first Sunday of each month. Ray White Real Estate outside area at 9am to 1pm. Please contact Robyn Cockram 0429 925 569 or [cockram36@gmail.com](mailto:cockram36@gmail.com) for more details.

**HOPETOUN PLAYGROUP** Fridays 9.30-11.30am Location changes contact via [facebook.com/hopeplaygroup](http://facebook.com/hopeplaygroup).

**HOPETOUN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION** Office open, Tuesday - Thursday 9am to 12pm. Email: [progress@hpa.org.au](mailto:progress@hpa.org.au)

**HOPEY STUDY CLUB** 2.45pm each Monday of school term.

**LINE DANCING** 1-3pm, Wednesdays, Mary Ann Haven Centre, Ph 9838 3378 Trix.

**LITTLE BEAT-BOP** Hopetoun Community Centre, rear foyer, Mondays 9.15-9.45am, for School Term. Registrations required. Tel 9838 3062 or [www.hopetounwa.com](http://www.hopetounwa.com)

**MACHINING GROUP** Thursdays phone Val 9838 3176

**MEN IN SHEDS** Tamar St Tues 9am-3pm, Thurs 8.30am-12, 1-3pm and Sat 9am-12pm. All men welcome contact Daryl 0428 442 517.

**MENS STAY ON YOUR FEET** Tues & Thurs 9am-10am at Mens Shed. Ph Greg 0458 524 516 or Daryl 0428 442 517.

**OLD BASTARDS CLUB** 12pm Fri, Gibson St, Hopetoun

**PILATES** Mon at 5.30pm (Maitland St Studio), Mon 6.30pm or Wed 8.30am, Hopetoun Community Centre. Contact Alison from MobiFit 0407 779 562.

**PLAYGROUP** 9.30-11.30am

**POOL COMPETITION/DARTS** Wednesdays 7.30pm Port Hotel.

**POOL COMPETITION** Wednesday 7pm Wavecrest Bar and Bistro.

**QUALUP CHOIR** Times vary, Hopetoun Seniors Centre. Phone 0447 385 049

**RHYME TIME** Every Thursday 9.15am (except school and public holidays) at Hopetoun Public Library (inside Hopetoun CRC). Free stories, songs and Rhymes for children under 2.

**SEA SEARCH AND RESCUE** Monthly training at Emergency Services Building, as indicated by regular signage on Veal St.

**SENIOR CITIZENS** Thursday 1.30pm. Meetings 1st Thursday every second month from June, 10 am at Mary Ann Haven.

**SOCIAL TABLE TENNIS** Fortnightly Mondays, 4-6pm, Hopetoun Community Centre

**SOCIAL NETBALL** 6.30pm, Hopetoun netball courts. Maddi 0487 458 174.

**SOUTHERN SCRIBES** Fourth Saturday 1pm, phone 9838 3472.

**STAY ON YOUR FEET** Fridays 9am-10am Mary Ann Haven.

**STORYTIME** Every Monday 10am (except school and public holidays) at Hopetoun Public Library (inside Hopetoun CRC) Free stories, songs, rhymes and craft. Suitable 0-5y.

**TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT** Last Monday of the month, 4-6pm, Hopetoun Community Centre

**TAI CHI** Wed 10am, Hopetoun Community Centre Ph Alison 0407 779 562

**YARN WITH HOPE** Free individual counselling sessions 12-2pm, first Wed of every month. Hopetoun CRC

**YOGA** Hopetoun Progress Assoc Are running weekly yoga classes starting on July 29th. For more information call Rachael on 0401 272 585.

**YOUTH SPACE** 4-6pm, Wednesday, Hopetoun CRC, High School students only, Ph 9838 3062.

**YARN WITH HOPE** 12-2pm, first Wed of every month, Hopetoun CRC

**VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES** Fortnightly training 7pm Thurs, Emergency Services Building. Wendy 0428 133 498.

### MUNGLINUP

**GOLF** Ladies Golf: Wednesday by 8.45am Men's Golf: Saturdays by 11.30am.

**MUNGY MUNCHKINS PLAYGROUP** Every Thursday from 9am at Munglinup Community Centre. Contact Kelly 0427 545 542

### RAVENSTHORPE

**GOLF** April- October Ladies Golf: Wednesday names in by 9am Men's Golf: Saturday names in by 12pm

**GYM** membership available. Contact Ravensthorpe Shire 9839 0000.

**HAND GUN CLUB** Every second Sunday 9am Contact Bill Auburn 0429 383 120.

**HOSPITAL AUXILIARY** meets every second month on the second Tuesday in the Red Room of the RCC. Contact person, Rae Guest on 0429 380 045.

**MUSEUM/INFORMATION CENTRE** Open 10 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday or by appointment 9838 1583.

**OP SHOP** trading 10am to 1pm Tuesdays to Saturdays.

**RAVENSTHORPE BASKETBALL** For more information contact Ethan Clarke 0452 261 717.

**RAVENSTHORPE BOWLING CLUB** Every Saturday from September-May. Both men and women—names in at bowling club by 12.45pm. We are a small social club with new and visiting members especially welcome. We can supply bowls if needed. Contact 0429 146 315 for more info.

**RAVENSTHORPE PLAYGROUP AND MOTHERS' GROUP** Wednesday from 10am during school term, at RDHS, Hosking St. Please bring a piece of fruit to share.

**RAVENSTHORPE TENNIS CLUB**, Social Tennis is on Every Sunday from 4pm from October - March.

**STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE** meets at 7.30 pm on second and fourth Wednesday of month at SES HQ, Morgan St.

**COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE & LIBRARY** Open all day from 9am-4pm Monday to Friday.

**TAI CHI** every Wednesday morning 9.30-10.30am at the Ravensthorpe Cultural Centre. Contact Jessie Fairhead 0427 718 803.

If you know of any changes that are required to REGULAR EVENTS, please ensure you notify us at [contributions@cospirit.net](mailto:contributions@cospirit.net)

## CHURCH NOTICES

### ANGLICAN CHURCH

St Andrews Ravensthorpe service on the first and third Sunday of the month at 11am.  
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Enquiries Kevin and Lyn Hosking, 9838 3130.

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday before 1st Sun of the Month Hopetoun 6pm  
Saturday before 3rd Sun of the month Hopetoun 6pm  
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3rd Sunday, Ravensthorpe, 8.30 am  
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# Women go straight into league final

■ Hopetoun Bowling Club

Congratulations to the Ladies for winning their last league game against Scaddan and now they go straight into the grand final in April. This will be held in Esperance. Good Luck to all!

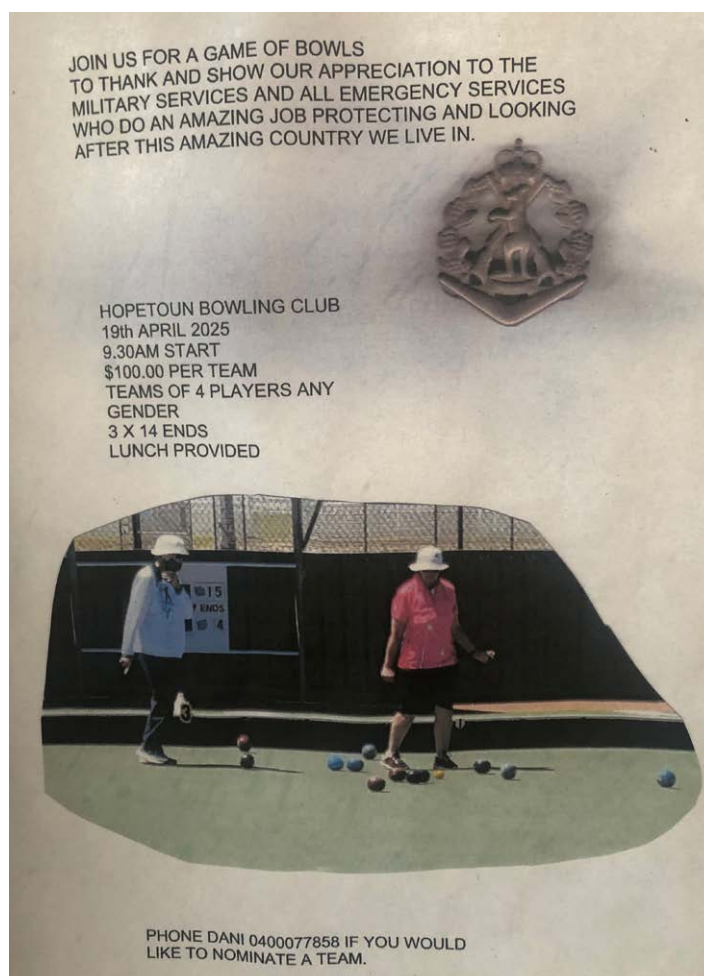
The AGM for the club is coming up in April and it is up to you to put your name forward if you are interested in a position. It is a dynamic club and we are continually looking forward.

Interested in playing or learning to play?

Come down on Wednesday afternoon 12.45pm for a 1pm start or the same time Sundays. You will be very welcome!

Right is our next big event..... come and put a team in!

—Carole Lee



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**CONTACT US  
TODAY FOR MORE  
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