

Community Spirit

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ANZAC DAY



LEST WE FORGET • APRIL 25TH 2019

SPECIAL: World War II Local Boys

■ ANZAC DAY 2019

My father Laurie Baker, Jack Penglase and Vic Belli were mates along with others, before the war.

Laurie ended up in the 2/3rd Commandoes; Jack in the 2/2 Commandoes.

These guys were country bushmen, miners, fishermen, explorers, prospectors and followers of outback trails. They were good at their job and thankfully survived. The 2/2nd and 2/3rd Commando units went on to become highly distinguished units.

An old local said Laurie was the "pin up boy" for the future S.A.S.

Laurie came into a fire support base and found Jack Penglase lying on a stretcher about to be sent back to Oz.

On learning this my father gave Jack a jacket, saying it was cold down south. Only problem though, Jack reckoned "the Yank Air Force jacket was still bloody and had holes from the bullets that had killed the yank pilot".

—Larry Baker



■ The Aussie Heroes of Timor— Pages 6-7

■ ANZAC DAY RAVENSTHORPE 2019—The emblem on Pete's shirt has 65,000 stitches in it, one for every Australian life lost in WWI.

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Eve's Accolade

Four compositions sung by choirs

It was a beautiful autumn day.
Sitting regally atop a hill in central Bunbury, St Boniface Cathedral was alive with choir members and an audience humming with anticipation, including me.
As guest of honour, Eve sat in the front of the church, on a pew next to her sister, Hilda.
The concert began with a warm welcome by Reverend Cotton who also gave a short history of the Cathedral.
As the choirs prepared to begin, she was surprised by the arrival of her daughter, Donna Green-Brandenburg, who had flown from Carnarvon to share Eve's accolade.
Following a variety of well-recognised songs, most with an Australian theme, poems and skits, four of Eve's compositions were sung.
Silvertones sang - **Wildfire** and **Western Australian Christmas Tree**
Combined Singers sang - **Everything's Here in the West** and **We Call this Place Australia**
I felt a sense of pride by association. Eve was acknowledged and presented with a bouquet before leaving with her

chaperone, Musical Director Margaret Duce, of Canto Belles and Silvertones, to enjoy a weekend of pampering and entertainment.
Well done Eve
—Rosemary Wisewould



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Word of the Day

propitious adjective | pruh-PISH-us

Definition:

- 1 : favorably disposed : benevolent
- 2 : being a good omen : auspicious
- 3 : tending to favor : advantageous

Did You Know?

Propitious, which comes to us through Middle English from the Latin word propitius, is a synonym of favorable and auspicious. All three essentially mean "pointing toward a happy outcome," with some differences of emphasis. Favorable implies that someone or something involved in a situation is approving or helpful ("a favorable recommendation"), or that circumstances are advantageous ("favorable weather conditions"). Auspicious usually applies to a sign or omen that promises success before or at the start of an event ("an auspicious beginning"). Propitious may also apply to beginnings, but it often suggests a continuing promising condition ("propitious conditions for an alliance").



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■ Year 5/6 Class safely posing under the Sprayer.

Photo by Mrs Denham

School Excursion To Mayo Farm

On the April 3rd 2019, the year 5/6 class went on an excursion to Mrs Mollet's Mayo farm.

Once they arrived, Mrs Mollet gave them a tour around her farm, and along the way she explained some safety rules and important facts.

The first part of the tour was about spraying crops, which keeps pests away, stops weeds and allows the crops to grow.

On the tour, the 5/6's teacher, Mrs Denham, chose 4-5 students to examine some of the machinery inside and outside.

It was essential that they followed her instructions to prevent any injuries or brutal damage to the equipment.

Mrs Mollet told them about needs and wants, like how mines give us wants like lithium and farms give us needs like bread and milk, mostly wool for clothes.

The year 5/6s had a great time and learnt a lot about farms.

The year 5/6s thank Mrs Mollet for giving them the tour and teaching them a lot. THANK YOU MRS MOLLET!!!

Written by Madison Kalalo
Year 6, Ravensthorpe District High School

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Lest We Forget

The Aussie heroes of Timor

For sheer bravery and ingenuity, few Australian soldiers in World War II equalled the men who fought in Timor. Lacking arms, ammunition, decent food and medical supplies they doggedly irritated the Japanese—like mosquitoes around an elephant.

There were only 300 Australians. But such was the skill and ferocity of their commando tactics that during one year they killed more than 1500 Japanese for the loss of only 40 of their own men.

The Timor episode was not a turning-point in the Pacific War. In fact, the commandos were eventually evacuated from Timor before the main thrust of Allied strategy cleared the Pacific Islands of the occupying Japanese.

But the exploits of the Australians so worried the Japanese High Command that they sent their 48th Division to Timor, an experienced division of 15,000 men which had fought in China, the Philippines and Java, to reinforce the garrison of 6000 troops already on the island.

With the exception of Australians in Papua New Guinea, the Australians on Timor were the only Allied troops south-east of India who in the early stages of the war never surrendered to the Japanese and continued a successful campaign until evacuated.

They were civilian soldiers for the most part, their young commander, Colonel Bernard Callinan was a civil engineer in peacetime.

To comprehend the position of this small detachment it is necessary to understand the general position of the war in the Far East in December 1941.

After the Japanese southward sweep proved so successful, swallowing up as it did the Dutch East Indies, including Java, the only place from which the Allies could possibly assemble an invasion fleet and launch a counter-attack in the South-east Asian zone, was the port of Darwin. One of the Japanese objectives, therefore, was to secure a base for their aircraft and regularly bomb Darwin and neutralise it.

The island of Timor was the obvious place, situated no more than 500 miles from Darwin. It already had two aerodromes, a first-class one at Koepang in the Dutch part of the island, a smaller one at Dili, the capital of the eastern or Portuguese end. Timor was therefore an early objective of the Japanese who landed both at Koepang and Dili soon after the aerial assault on Pearl Harbour—a 3000 mile hop from Tokyo.

The likelihood of an attack on Timor was apparent to the Allies, even before Pearl Harbour. After the outbreak of the war in the Pacific, the 2/40th Battalion—with the 2/2nd Independent Company—sailed for the stony, scrub-covered island to reinforce Dutch soldiers already there.

The early part of the story was not a happy



■ A pencil and ink drawing of Laurie Baker cleaning his rifle. The original of the drawing is in the Canberra War Memorial.

one for the Australian troops in other parts of the Dutch East Indies. Time and time again, despite valiant efforts, the Aussies were overwhelmed.

On the island of Timor the 2/40th Battalion was tagged, Sparrow Force. On February 20 the Japanese, supported by heavy sea and air bombardment, landed at various points on Timor, having already overrun the neighbouring island of Ambon.

Some 5000 Japanese troops landed near Koepang and another 1000 near Dili less than a week after Singapore had surrendered to the Japanese.

Against such odds the results were inevitable.

Again using their vastly superior forces, the enemy stormed ashore and immediately outflanked the defensive positions occupied by the 2/40th Battalion. At the moment the enemy came into contact with the Australians, the advance lost its momentum.

The preliminary bombardment by the enemy had knocked out the small Australian artillery force, but the infantrymen, fighting with almost fanatical determination, stopped the Japanese in their tracks. Repeatedly the enemy rushed forward only to be driven back to their original positions.

But in the end the invader succeeded in driving the Australians from the ground they held. It didn't do the Japanese much good. The Australians of Sparrow Force levelled the bayonets and charged.

Again, they held on.

At this crucial stage, the Australians had to turn and face another enemy force—this time 600 highly trained paratroops who had dropped behind them. And in the bloody

action that followed the desperate Australians almost decimated the flower of the Japanese Army.

However, the 2/40th knew its position was rapidly becoming untenable.

With most of the battalion smashing its way forward and the remainder fighting a rearguard action, the Sparrow Force slowly blasted its way along the line of march, carrying their sick and wounded with them.

But the task of breaking through the wall of enemy was clearly beyond the Australians. Events moved to their logical conclusion. At length they could go no farther.

Totally surrounded, practically out of water and food, low on ammunition, and with half its strength killed or wounded, the 2/40th Battalion capitulated on February 23.

Back in Australia, the Allied High command assumed that all Australian troops on Timor had been wiped out or taken into captivity. It wasn't until more than two months later, on April 20, 1942 that the top brass were to learn otherwise.

On that date, crouched over his receiving set in Darwin, an operator could hardly believe his ears when crackling across 500 miles of ocean came a distinctly Australian voice... an Australian voice like one from the dead.

At Mape, in Portuguese Timor, four sweating natives churned away on a crude wooden wheel, turning a bits-and-pieces generator taken from an old car.

Twiddling the dials of his makeshift transmitter, Signaller ML Loveless from Hobart, sent out the names, clues and hints to the existence of a fighting force of 300 Australians still slugging it out on the Japanese dominated island.

Lest We Forget

To establish a link with Australia, the men of the 2/2nd Independent company had put together "Winnie the War Winner," a transmitter in a 10 foot square hut, scattered across the floor and powered by batteries charged from an old car generator driven by four sturdy natives supplied by a native patriarch, Sousa Santos.

In Darwin, puzzled authorities at first considered the message to be a Japanese ruse... they couldn't believe the commandos were still alive.

A considerable amount of checking was required before the veracity of the signals was accepted, but then help was quickly on its way. Within three days Hudson aircraft flew from Darwin with para-dropped supplies for the beleaguered troops.

Who were these surviving tough men?

One has to go back to the days just before the Japanese entered the war. The 2/2nd Independent Company was in fact specially created for the role it was playing as the result of British commando experts coming to Australia to specially set up Australian commando—or strike—groups. After initial training, the men were sent to Western Australia (from whence a lot of them had been drawn), and lived a tough life—in harsh climatic conditions, and trained under Spartan methods.

So, while the ill-fated Sparrow Force, the 2/40th Battalion, eventually crumbled under the weight of the Japanese assault on the Dutch side of Timor, the commandos fared better. As soon as the Japanese landed at Dili, the Australians deployed themselves up into the mountains.

There were in a more fit condition, were hand-picked troops and could stand up to the hot climate better.

They also had a few other things going for them. The commandos quickly established very good relations with the local natives. The friendliness and humour of the Australians soon won the regard of the local natives, and every soldier acquired a personal servant, known as a *criado*, who followed him everywhere. The effect upon mobility was great, for the *criado* carried the soldier's pack, blankets and all his non-military equipment.

When action was imminent, as when a Japanese detachment moving along a road was to be ambushed, the *criado* would vanish into the scrub with his master's gear, leaving the soldier with nothing but his rifle or his



tommy-gun and ammo to carry. After the ambush, when a quick getaway was necessary and the soldier was running for his life, the *criado* would join him again and guide him to safety through the unmapped hills where Japanese and Australians were equally 'at sea'.

From the mountains, where relations with the natives were so good that the locals were starting to regard the Aussies as supermen, the 2/2nd commandos proceeded to pick off the Japanese in classic guerrilla fashion.

Typical of their operations were actions fought along the Dili-Hatu-Lia road. Ambush after ambush was set up and by the end of April the Japanese had all withdrawn to either

Ermera or Dili.

By then, with "Winnie the War Winner" buzzing out its messages, the Hudsons from Darwin were bringing in a steady flow of equipment. So the Australians stepped up their operations, chopping at the Japanese whenever the chance offered.

In retaliation the Japanese placed a reward of \$8 a head on the commandos.

For the next few months the bitter little campaign continued. Regular runs were set up with shipping and aircraft, and wounded were speedily taken back to Australia.

As one ex-Timor guerrilla recalls "Fight guerrilla warfare and you live on borrowed time, a strangely exhilarating feeling.

"The Army as an entity has gone, you seem alone in the small groups. You think about the war and it seems remote; you wonder about Australia, whether it has fallen, but most of all you think about food.

"Bread assumes a major importance because there is none; sometimes you lay awake and think about it.

"Your diet is rice and unsweetened black coffee, supplemented by anything you can get.

"You learn the language of the natives, sleep in huts with them and their livestock. The natives travel with you—carrying everything you own in the pack you have saved.

"You are waiting all of the time for news of the Japs, watching for them all day from the tops of mountains, field glasses picking out every movement.

"At night you wait with the pin out of your grenade while your *criado*—your servant—watches at the back of you.

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Remembering one of our Veterans

John Penglase was born in Ravensthorpe on February 16th, 1916 where his mother, Nellie, had a newsagency and gift shop in the main street below the present bakery.

Jack was educated at Ravensthorpe School to 8th Standard where Mr Stockdill was his teacher. He started his working life at a mine in Norseman. At the outbreak of World War II at the age of 24 Jack volunteered to enlist for the army and was accepted and posted to the 2/2 Commando Unit and served in No6 Section.

Jack or Penny, by which he was also known, was a good reliable soldier and very popular with his mates as he had a good singing voice and played the harmonica.

Many stories have been told of the exploits of the 2/2 Commando, one of which was the time that the unit was trapped behind the lines for nine months in the mountains of Timor. When Jack and his fellow Commandos finally made their way back to friendly forces, they were quite worried as to how they would approach their own lines and be identified without a password. Jack solved the problem by marching boldly forward singing Waltzing Matilda in a strong Australian accent.

Back from Timor and before going to New Guinea, Jack found

time to court and marry Elsie Daniels, a girl he had known from his early Ravensthorpe days. When the war ended Jack and Elsie returned to home territory and went into the fishing business at Hopetoun for a few years.

They moved on to Kenwick and Jack built their own house in Bentley over the course of two years. From then on the family moved around a little as Jack had a variety of jobs in Coolgardie, at British Metal in Subiaco, at Chamberlains in Welshpool and finally at Swan Brewery before retiring to Hopetoun then Esperance.

All the family joined Jack to celebrate his 81st and last birthday in February 1997.

Jack marched regularly on ANZAC Day and made his final march in Esperance in 1996. He was accompanied by his daughter Marlene to the 50th Anniversary dinner of 2/2 Commando very shortly before he died. Jack passed away in Hollywood Hospital on June 20th, 1997. After cremation his ashes were scattered to the Southern Ocean from the coast near East Mt Barren by Elsie and family members.

(Condensed report from 2/2 Commando Courier, August 1997)

—Reprinted from Community Spirit, February 19, 1998.

Lest We Forget

They fought with bravery, skill, ferocity and ingenuity

■ From page 7

"And then they come to where you are they are out of step, they carry their rifles over the shoulder and are chattering like monkeys. The are well-fed, confident and have dismantled artillery. Lying in the grass you hear the click of a Bren gun's cocking handle, push forward your rifle's safety catch, and wait.

"The section leader barks a command and then everyone is firing. Japs are screaming and trying to drag their wounded and dead to cover. Someone shouts to get out and you run in single file while the enemy is firing into the grass where you have lain. The sweat pours into your eyes as you climb and behind the Japs are still firing..."

Four months the gallant Aussie commandos fought on. But in the wide picture of the Pacific War the importance of the Timor operation began to lose its significance.

By this time the Japanese were starting to terrorise the natives on the Portuguese side of Timor to such an extent that much local support fell away, except for a handful of

close, loyal servants of the Aussies.

On November 27, the Australian commander, Colonel Callinan, was ordered to prepare to evacuate the 2/2nd Independent Company plus about 190 Dutch troops who had been fighting with the Australians since the Japanese invasion as well as 150 Portuguese seeking refuge in Australia.

After the departure of the evacuees, the wide Japanese sweeps caused difficulties for the remaining troops of the 2/4th Company, the reinforced Japanese and the hostile natives were becoming increasingly active and scarcely a day passed without a skirmish.

Callinan redoubled his efforts to train and arm friendly natives but the Australian position worsened. Meanwhile, the army chiefs in Australia were becoming increasingly concerned about the position of Lancer Force, as the troops in Timor were now called.

They had no immediate intention of retaking Timor, and in January 1943 Colonel Callinan was ordered to prepare his second

evacuation. Regretting that all the effort over the previous year might appear wasted, Callinan volunteered to remain behind with a small but determined band of 15 to 20 men.

His offer was refused but on the day of the evacuation orders came through for a lieutenant and 20 men to remain to observe and report on Japanese activities.

Lieutenant H Flood of Wodonga, elected to stay behind and lead "S" Force. But hampered by sickness, in strange country, scarcity of food and constant hounding by enemy aircraft and troops, they became largely ineffective in their chosen role.

Through natives and Portuguese they learned of another Australian "hush hush" force which had penetrated the island, a Z-Force unit. The groups linked up and on February 10, 1943, the last of the Aussies were taken off Timor by an American submarine.

It was the end of a brilliant if short war saga.

—Reprinted from The Australian Worker, May 30, 1977

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Historic plough joins Museum

■ RAVENSTHORPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In 1902 Arthur Chambers and Harry Neil planted the first wheat crop at Melrose Farm just west of Ravensthorpe town. They used a 2-furrow mouldboard plough to plough in the seed.

Grandson of Arthur Chambers, John Archer, who inherited the plough, has generously donated the implement to the Ravensthorpe Historical Society for display at the Phillips River District Farming and Mining in the main street of Ravensthorpe.

Many people will recognise the plough as it marked the entrance to John's farm on the Lake King Road in recent years.

In 1946 the Head Teacher of Ravensthorpe School, Mrs Thelma Chapman, compiled a comprehensive history of Ravensthorpe with the school children. This is a quote from their Doorstep History:

'The first farm was established by Mr Arthur Chambers and Mr AS Neil.

'Mr Chambers wrote, "While in the bush, and more impressed with the suitability of the land for grazing and agriculture, we finally decided to take up land for that purpose. Mr H Neil asked me to let him go in partnership with me. He had taken a position in Mr Lansell's store (today's pharmacy) but would send to Norseman for his brother to come down and work his interest. So I agreed to this, and we took out a lease of 200 acres and called it "Melrose Farm". So started the first farm in the Ravensthorpe area.



'After clearing 24 acres of land we were soon confronted with the problem of procuring seed and implements for seeding. We wrote to Captain Fred Douglas of the sailing ship Grace Darling to procure seed wheat for us at Albany. This we did. I never knew whether that seed was pedigreed or not, but if it was not, it should have been, for it cost us nearly a £1 a bushel, landed on the farm. We procured an old 2-furrow plough and a nondescript team consisting of a mule, a draught horse and a pony. Mr Neil sowed the wheat broadcast by hand and I ploughed it in. The crop was a good one and induced others to follow on; and thus the farming industry was established."

—A Williams

■ Arthur Chambers' plough, after being donated by John Archer, was taken to Hopetoun Men in Sheds by the Ravensthorpe Historical Society where it has been refurbished.

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25 April, was officially named ANZAC Day in 1916.

The first dawn service on an ANZAC Day was in 1923.

AIF is an abbreviation for Australian Imperial Force.

There is no town called "Gallipoli". It is the name of an area.
Visitors to Gallipoli usually stay at nearby towns - like Ecuabert.

A Taste of Thailand

■ HOPETOUN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

I was expecting a little seafood and a lot of spice at the recent Hopetoun CRC's Thai Seafood Cooking Class, and I was not left disappointed.

I've always loved the flavours of Thai Cuisine, having tried various dishes many years ago on my travels, and I was looking forward to learning the secrets to making my own authentic Thai dishes at home.

Sumalee, our resident Thai expert, greeted us with a warm welcome and invited us to take a culinary trip with her to Thailand. Looking around at the ingredients laid out before us, I was already half way there.

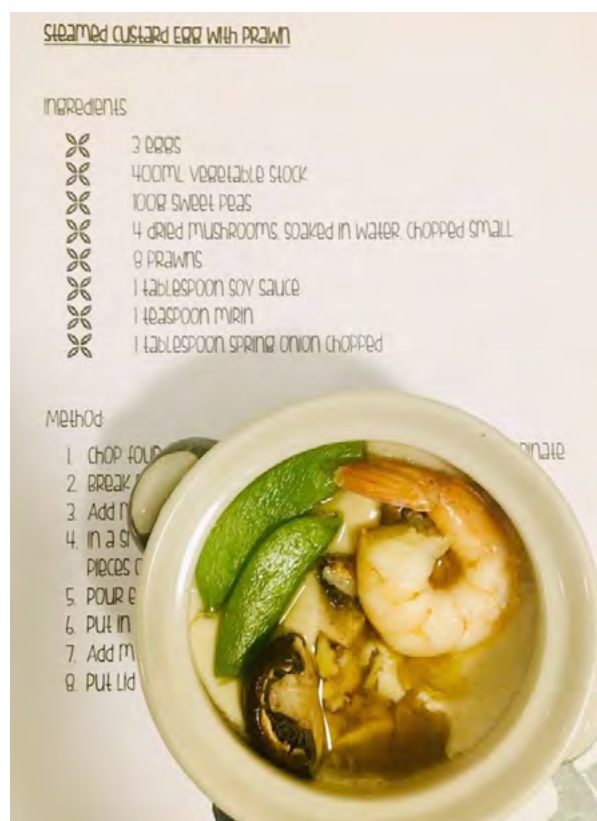
The essence of Thai food, Sumalee told us, is all about balance - achieving the perfect harmony between sweet, sour, hot and salty. I must say that from the onset, the entrée of Steamed Egg Custard and Prawn intrigued me, as it was

not a dish that I have ever heard of before, but my curiosity would have to wait, as the first dish we were cooking was Dessert - Sticky Rice Coconut and Banana Parcel.

Sticky Rice, also known as Glutinous Rice, is a unique variety which contains an unusual balance of the starches present in all rice, causing it to cook up to a sticky texture.

Unable to be substituted for any other variety, Sticky Rice is essential to this dish, along with Lady Finger Banana's, banana leaves and fresh coconut milk. Yes that's right, not the stuff that comes in a can, but coconut milk made with our own hands.

As Sumalee taught us how to extract the creamiest coconut milk by massaging fresh coconut flesh, she shared traditional Thai cooking stories. The Banana Tree for example, is eaten in more ways than I could have ever imagined, from the obvious fruit, to the more obscure blossom which can be shredded for salads, to the trunk or



■ Steamed Egg Custard.

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A Taste of Thailand

stem, and how they never use alfoil in Thailand, when they can cook, wrap and serve in Banana Leaves.

Once we had our coconut rice and banana ready to wrap up in the banana leaves, Sumalee shared how important it was to make the Banana Parcel look beautiful, particularly for women who were looking to attract a husband.

Sumalee's parcel was plump, round and picture perfect, mine on the other hand looked like a cucumber had been run over - long, green and flat. A few more tries gave me some hope that I may not be single forever, and it was time to put them in the steamer for an hour to cook.

Next it was on to the Entrée. Now I'm sure that when most of you, like me think custard, prawns is not the first thing that comes to mind. I mean, how can prawns be paired with custard? Of course this wasn't your typical sweet custard served with apple pie.

This was something completely different. Such a simple but exquisite dish of combining eggs, stock, soy sauce and mirin with prawns, sweet peas and mushrooms, and then steaming until they are just set. We each made our own and while waiting patiently for them to cook, the aroma of this dish had everyone salivating. And when it came time to try it, the sound in the room echoed with oohs and ahhs, mmm's and yum! It was soft, silky, sweet and salty, unlike anything I had ever tried before.

Once we had all devoured our custards, it was time to make the Main Course - Thai Fish Cakes. I can't tell you how pleased I was to learn that in this class, everything was made fresh from scratch. No supermarket curry pastes here.

Our own made curry paste consisted of traditional Thai spices, lemongrass, garlic, galangal, shallot, dried chilli powder, and shrimp paste all pounded in a mortar and pestle. And of course, the way we pounded, according to Thai tradition, once again determined if we were suitable wife material. Move over fellas it was time for the girls to show how good we were.

With our curry paste ready, we added whiting, finely chopped green beans and a lot of kaffir lime leaves, and then rolled these into round flavoursome fish cakes, and fried gently.

Served with a crisp Thai salad and dressed in Sumalee's home made Thai dressing, our fish cakes where perfect. Crispy on the



■ Michelle Fyfe and Michelle Pryor.

outside, soft in the middle, spicy, aromatic and delicious.

Not to be outdone, just as we finished licking our plates from the Main Course, our Dessert was ready. As Sumalee cut through the middle of each parcel to reveal the glistening sticky rice and sweet banana inside, the scent of the cooked banana leaf which was similar to the essence of green tea permeated. As we took our first bite, this sweet but not too sweet, sticky, coconutty dessert was paired beautifully with this amazing depth of banana flavour.

All in all, I was very impressed with the Hopetoun CRC's Thai Seafood Cooking Class. The food was authentic and delicious and Sumalee's knowledge of Thai food and Thai tradition was both interesting and highly entertaining.

More importantly, I'm very much looking forward to recreating these dishes at home. And seeing as my son who hates seafood, devoured the cold leftover fishcakes I got to take home and begged me to make some more, it looks like the Thai Fishcakes will be a hit both for dinner, and in his next school lunch box.

—Tina Harris



■ Jack Harris enjoying the leftovers.



■ Thai Fish Cakes.



■ Banana Parcels.

Busy year for Auxiliary

The Ravensthorpe Hospital Auxiliary held its AGM on April 9th. The office bearers remain the same except for the Treasurer.

President—Judy Harp
Vice President—Lola Lansdown
Secretary - Elaine Mudie
Treasurer - Ros Giles

Many thanks go to Marcia Norrish, who has stepped down

■ PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2019 AGM

Thank you to all the committee members for your hard work and ideas over the past year. A special "thank you" to Elaine for her first year as secretary. I always think that this is the hardest position in any committee. The past year has been busy.

In May the Biggest Morning Tea was successful in raising \$900 for the cancer council.

Our Autumn garden raffle with the lawn mower, wheelbarrow and other goodies did very well. When this was drawn in July, we were able to put another \$1,500 towards the new monitor for the resuscitation room at the hospital, bringing our contribution to \$4,500.

We were blessed to be donated \$1,000 by the Hopetoun Men in Sheds. This was part proceeds from the sale of the gopher given to them by the Burton family.

Unfortunately, we were still \$2,970 short of the price of the monitor. It was decided to approach Galaxy again for further assistance. They had already donated \$6,830. They requested a tour of the

hospital.

from the position of treasurer after several years, and welcome to Ros.

We have also created 2 new positions—Catering co-ordinator—Marcia Norrish and Media person—Rae Guest.

We would also like to thank those long serving members who have stepped down this year. Your many contributions over past years have made the Auxiliary what it is today. Welcome to our newest member, Gayle Walker.

hospital.

This took place on July 17th with Pam Maker and Wayne Williams, Tess and myself. Tess gave them a very comprehensive tour showing them the items we had previously provided plus explaining about the toilet bags for the fly-out patients, which is ongoing.

We also explained the role the Auxiliary plays in supporting the patients by providing extra comforts. (eg. the TVs and quilts etc) as well as raising funds for equipment. Our request was approved and the remaining funds were transferred to the hospital account.

In August the decision was made to buy bathroom packs for the fly out patients as purchasing the individual items for the toilet bags was becoming too expensive. Several quotes were requested and one chosen. A card is placed in each pack explaining they are provided by the Hospital Auxiliary.

Also, in August, Elaine attended the governance workshop in regard to re-writing our constitution. All groups are having to do this. Elaine has this well in hand and it just needs final approval from the committee.

Our final sing-a-long for the year was held on December 11th with an impressive turnout. A lovely morning tea was followed by carol singing and gifts for the patients. A good time was had by all.

The Auxiliary ladies adjourned to the Red room for our Christmas lunch celebration. Tess let us know she would be moving on in the New Year.

Our first meeting for 2019 was on February 12th, where we welcomed back Leanne Laurie, who will be our temporary DON again. We had been asked to do two catering jobs. Firstly, The Girls Night Out, for RCRC on February 22nd and the other one for Archers clearing sale on March 9th.

Ros set up a messenger page for the Girls Night Out so we could communicate and co-ordinate the food. (I now know how to use messenger!! Thanks Ros). It was a lovely evening and the food was great. There was a lovely photo and article in the Community Spirit. Archers clearing sale was unknown territory for some of us but the day went very well with \$860 raised. The sausage sizzle was a success. I believe we sold about 200 snags!

On March 14th I attended the CRC's Community Collab morning and the grants information session in the afternoon. Both were interesting. The grants info session was particularly useful as each of the organisations explained the type of activities etc they supported.

The Future Fund would be the most suitable to approach for the type of assistance we may need in the future. They prefer to fund equipment and give preference to those who can cover a reasonable percentage of the cost themselves.

The final event was the Expo in the Park on Sunday March 24th. The rain held off and there was a good turnout. Quite a bit of interest was shown in the photographs of the items supplied to the hospital by the auxiliary.

Again, I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and enthusiasm.

—Judy Harp, President

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Best selling author comes to town

A group of 24 avid readers and local budding authors joined us at the Hopetoun Public Library on Friday April 12th for a morning with Fleur McDonald, the best selling author of titles including *Red Dust* and *Fool's Gold* amongst others which began the story of the popular Detective Dave Burrows.

Fleur McDonald has lived and worked on farms for much of her life. After growing up in the small town of Orroroo in South Australia, she became a jillaroo before spending twenty years farming 8000 acres, east of Esperance, WA.

Sarah Wrout, a local mum of two young girls found Fleur's talk quite revealing, "Fleur talked about her books, how she started writing, where she gets her ideas from and what made her start writing in the first place. I really enjoyed hearing about how she researches for her books, particularly her meetings with a real life detective."

Fleur likes to write about strong women overcoming adversity, drawing inspiration from her own experiences in rural Australia.

"I love creating very strong female characters, all my characters are much stronger than me," says Fleur.

Local Sue Leighton was impressed by Fleur's candid honesty when it came to sharing her personal experiences.

"I was inspired by how community minded she is, and the work she has done towards combating domestic violence," said Sue.

Fleur is also the founder and Chair of the Board for the non-profit organisation, Breaking the Silence, which aims to provide information on local services for people experiencing Family and Domestic Violence in rural and remote areas of Australia.

In Fleur's latest novel, *Without a Doubt*, Detective Burrows returns in the most compelling exciting case in his early career and one of the most dangerous missions of his life. *Without a Doubt* is available for loan now at the Hopetoun Public Library.

To learn more about Fleur, her books, and how you can purchase your own copies to keep, please visit www.fleurmcdonald.com, where you can also discover the services and support available through the Breaking the Silence organisation.

—Hopetoun CRC



■ Sarah Wrout getting her book signed by Fleur McDonald.



■ Sue Leighton with her copy of *Without A Doubt*.

Peter Rundle MLA

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Hardworking committee achieves a lot

■ RAVENSTHORPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT APRIL 2019

This year I feel has been a struggle to get things done, however, we achieved some of our aims thanks very much to our very hard working small committee.

What's been achieved March 2018-April 2019.

Plans drawn up by Roger Veen Designs for our proposed museum extensions after a site visit and much discussion. These were submitted to the Shire for approval.

Purchase of Dunn Bros wooden box wool press and return back to Ravensthorpe for restoration.

Heads Trial Smelter wooden framework removed by Galaxy from their mine site for preservation and future resighting when a decision is made for its final location. This is currently stored at the property now owned by Galaxy formerly owned by Larry and Peggy Cox.

Book written by Ann Williams on Hopetoun Ravensthorpe Railway history, printed and on sale.

John Archer donated the old plough used to prepare land for the first wheat

crop grown in Ravensthorpe. Thank you John. This was picked up and eventually given to Hopetoun Men in Sheds for treatment and painting. It is now in the farming and mining display area.

Andy Burton donated a set of very old wool scales. These were picked up and are now stored in the museum shed. Thank you Andy.

Phillips River Masonic Lodge has closed and donated several items to the Historical Society including the Grandmaster's Chair and they are on display at the museum.

Donation box put in place and appears to be successful.

Madeleine Norman was nominated by us for The Citizen of the Year Award and at our Australia Day Award Ceremony received the award. Well done and a very worthy winner.

Ravensthorpe and Jerdacuttup school students visited the museum this year.

1960 era Fordson Super Major tractor with Proline posthole borer were purchased by Ian and Chenda Goldfinch at John and Elaine Archer's clearing sale. They then donated this to our Historical

Society. Many thanks Goldy and Chenda.

We acknowledge grants applied for and received this year: \$5,000 from Community Development Fund towards museum extension project, \$20,000 Ravensthorpe Hopetoun Future Fund and \$10,000 Lotterywest towards the Ravensthorpe Street Walk Trail and Ravensthorpe Railway Station site picnic shelter.

Ongoing 2019-2020:

Termites and gutters. Closure of Floater Road due to Galaxy mining activity and turnaround/park bay at Hawks Nest. One of our members represents us on Galaxy Community Consultation Group.

Chenda and Madeleine organized, along with Ravensthorpe Progress Association, the street walk trail plaques to be sited around town with the assistance of the Shire. The stands for these plaques have been made by Hopetoun Men in Sheds. These are stored in the Cattlin Shed at the museum.

Very importantly we have three NEW volunteers and are now open six days per week. Good on you Sandi, Liz and Andy.

—President Ian Dickinson, 6 April 2019.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND 2019/2020 **THIS ROUND NOW OPEN**

Council would like to invite the community to submit grant applications for projects that will qualify for the 2019 / 2020 Community Development Fund.

The objectives of the 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.

Should your application be successful, monies will need to be claimed and the project acquitted by 31 March 2020.

The closing date for applications is 4.00pm Friday 31 May 2019.

The Community Development Fund Guidelines and an Application Form for the 2019/2020 round are available at the Shire Office and on the Shire Website, or at the Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun Community Resource Centres.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Pollock
Chief Executive Officer

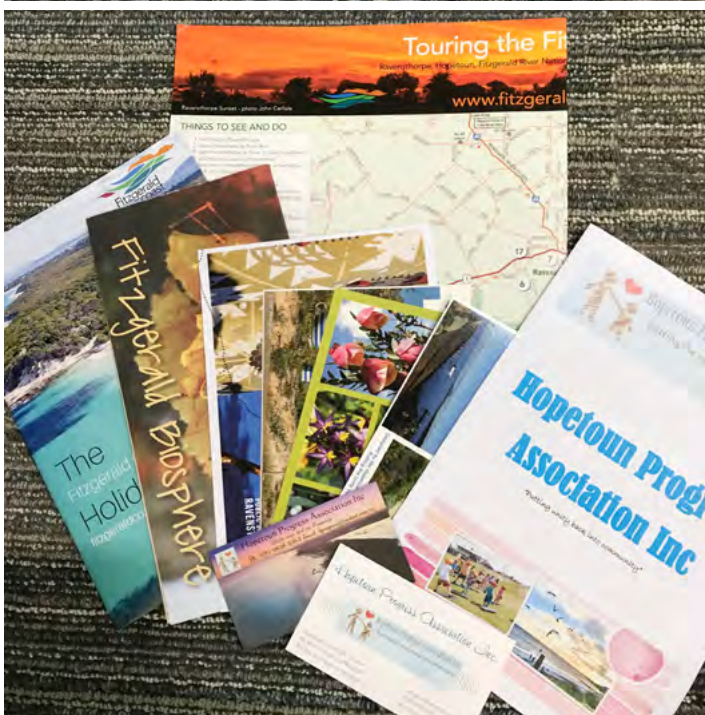
Hopetoun Progress supporting Games

■ HOPETOUN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The Hopetoun Progress Association would like to thank all the volunteers that helped over the Senior Games, held in Hopetoun on March 26th, 2019.

A huge thank you to Bruce Alford whom made beautiful wine bottle holders along with his amazing recycled gift bags.

Jodi and the team here filled them with tourist information and the 125 participants were very happy with their take home goody bags.



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Ravensthorpe CRC and South Regional TAFE are partnering up!

■ RAVENSTHORPE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

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work in confined spaces 1 Day

Dogging CPCCLDG3001A Licence to Perform Dogging 4 Days

Excavator AHCMOM208 Conduct Excavator Operations 2 Days

EWP TLILIC2005 Licence to Operate a Boom-Type elevating work platform (11 metres or more) 2 Days

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Boner Mutton	\$4.30
Wethers	\$100 - \$120
Air Freight	\$6.40

Market Tone

Heavy Mutton	Equal
Trade Mutton	Equal
Boner Mutton	Equal
Wethers Export	Equal
Wethers Store	Equal
XB Lambs Heavy *O/S	\$5 - \$6 Down
XB Trade Lambs *O/S	\$5 - \$6 Down
XB Light Trade *O/S	Equal
XB Store Lambs *O/S	\$4 - \$5 Up
Merino W/Lamb Trade	\$3 - \$4 Down
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Ewe Hoggets	Equal
Rams Export	Equal
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Suckers Heavy	N/Q
Suckers Medium	N/Q
Suckers Light	N/Q

Mutton

Over Fat	N/Q	
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Prime Trade	\$90 - \$110	21-25kg
Prime Boning	\$70 - \$95	18-21kg
Lightweight	\$50 - \$70	16-18kg
Boners	N/Q	Under 16kg

Wethers

Trade	\$100 - \$120
Store	\$60 - \$100

Wethers Hoggets

Trade	\$100 - \$120
Store	\$60 - \$100

XB Lambs O/S

Heavy	\$140 - \$174	22kg +
Medium	\$120 - \$140	18-22kg
Light Trade	\$90 - \$120	15-18kg
Stores	\$60 - \$95	Under 15kg
Suckers Heavy	N/Q	22kg
Suckers Medium	N/Q	18-22kg
Suckers Light	N/Q	15-18kg
Suckers Store	N/Q	Under 15kg

Ram Lambs

Trade	N/Q
Store	\$40 - \$70

Ram Hoggets

Export	N/Q
Store	\$40 - \$70

Ewe Hoggets (Wht Tag)

Trade	\$100 - \$120
Store	\$50 - \$100

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Trade	\$100 - \$120
Store	\$40 - \$100

Merino Wether Lambs (Onge Tag)

Trade	\$85 - \$100
Store	\$40 - \$85

Rams

Export	N/Q
Store	\$60 - \$80
Killing	\$20 - \$60

Market Comments:

Approximately 10,000 more sheep than last week.
Heavy lambs cheaper while store lambs were dearer.

*O/S = Old Season

Fox shoot a resounding success

The 2019 Community Fox Shoot was a huge success with four teams vying for the Ravensthorpe Red Card Community Fox Shoot Shield. In total, 76 foxes, 19 rabbits and 2 feral cats were shot over the evening of April 6th. This is an outstanding effort!

The winning team this year was the Verminators shooting 43 foxes, 9 rabbits, and 1 feral cat.

Foxes eat around 3.5 kilograms of food each week, meaning that 76 foxes are responsible for consuming over 250 kilograms of food in just one week. Their diet is varied but includes poultry, small mammals and other animals.

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■ Southern Biosecurity Group Executive Officer Kylie Fletcher presenting the shield to the Verminators.

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Sport News

Coral wins Singles Champs

■ HOPETOUN BOWLS

The Ladies Championship Singles were played on April 6th with sadly only 4 players participating.

The Champion, winning all her three games with 9pts plus 27, was Coral Grant. Runner up, winning two games 6pts plus 16, was Margot Hawkins.

They then played in the League Championship Singles in Esperance where they were both successful in winning the Major and Minor Events. Congratulations girls.

Ten of our men travelled to Esperance to play in the Men's League Championships held April 6-7th. Sad to say no one came away with a trophy.

April 10th Ladies Bowls with 10 Ladies playing. We celebrated Mary Smith's birthday and wind up with a shared morning tea. The day started with bowling to the mat in the centre of the green, then we played a game of Pairs and Triples with the winners Pam Cousins, Maureen Dillon, Margot Hawkins, Mary Kornaus and Jenny Belli.

Mixed Scroungers was played on a very hot afternoon with 10 players. The winner was Richard Lee.

Sunday April 14th, it was the Hopetoun Painting Service afternoon, sponsored by Lance Goddard, with 24 players participating playing 3 games of pairs 2x4x2 two games of eight ends one of six ends, changing partners and opposition each game.

Winning three games with a score of 38 was a visitor from Victoria, Ian Kirby. Winning three games were Eva Flanagan, Greg Plunkett and Bob Suenis. Winning two games were Margot Hawkins and Darryl Quinn.

The end of Scroungers was on April 17th with King Scroungers being played with 13 players eligible to play—those were players who had won Scroungers throughout the year. Margot Hawkins, Ric and Mary Kornaus, Bill Clarke, Bill Pike, Frank Green, Geoff Earl, Bub McGlinn, Terry Lord and Fred Payne, Coral Grant, Des



Barr and Alec Woods who were the winners after the 16 ends were played. They then played 6 ends in a semi final with Alec being the winner and King Scrounger with 12 points. Sponsor Stan King was unable to be present so Des presented the trophy to Alec.

Even though the bowls season is nearing its end there will still be bowls played on Wednesday afternoon, Friday 4pm and Sunday at 1pm.

—Pam Cousins, Ladies President

Forthcoming Events:

Wind up and AGM to be advised.



■ ABOVE: Scrounger winner Alec.

■ LEFT: Coral, Michelle, Margot and Mary.

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Top year for Coral Grant

■ PENNANT BOWLS

The last day of the Pennant Season was played at Hopetoun on Tuesday April 16th.

In the morning game, Hopetoun played Scaddan with Coral Grant's team beating Judy Paterson's team 25-8 and Margot Hawkin's team losing to Margie Hesford 11-27 but we managed to win the aggregate by 1pt 36-35, Hohey 3pts, Scaddan 1pt.

In the afternoon all clubs were present with Esperance Blue playing Esperance Gold and Hopetoun playing Condingup. The conditions being a lot better to play in than the very windy morning.

The games were very closely contested with Coral's team beating Helen Perks team 19-17 and Margot's team beating Rachel Young's team 26-18,

Hopetoun 45-35, Hohey 4pts.

In the Esperance game Esperance Gold were successful with Jan Fiegert's team beating Margie Cahill's team 34-11 and Marilyn Jackson's team beating Margie Rance's team 18-17, E Gold 52-28, E Gold 4pts.

At the end of proceedings the Esperance Gold team were the winners of the Pennants. The team was Jan Fiegert, Fran Norwood, Roz Chapman, Carmel McEwen, Marilyn Jackson, Ollie Austin, Edna Barlow and June Mincham.

Esperance Gold 32pts, Condingup 28pts, Scaddan 23pts, Esperance Blue 23pts, Hopetoun 14pts.

The Bowler of the year was voted on and won by Hopetoun's Coral Grant with 13 pts. Congratulations Coral.

Thankyou to Jennie Belli and



■ CORAL with her League Singles and Bowler of the Year

Carol Taylor for coming in each home Pennant game and taking care of the catering, Alan Grant for setting up the greens for us and the bar and to Alan, Rick Kornaus and Tim

Flanagan for doing all the washing up—many thanks.

—Pam Cousins, Ladies President Hopetoun

Positive news for CWA

■ HOPETOUN CWA

We held our meeting on April 8th with 12 members present.

Secretary Ann Dunlop spoke to CWA Headquarters just before the meeting regarding advice on applying for grants. A positive thought for our branch.

Coralie Thomas gave a report of 7 members attending the opening of the Reconciliation Garden at the Hopetoun Primary School which was enjoyed by all. We all had an amazing morning.

We will be holding our Devonshire

Morning Tea on Easter Saturday morning so come along and share a cuppa with us.

On Sunday May 5th it will be CWA Sunday at the Anglican Service at 9am so come along and join us.

We are running an Easter Egg raffle and a money board at the moment so please come and buy a ticket.

We have given a couple of boxes of clothes to Bec Rennie for the homeless, ladies and children's clothes but we were a bit short on men's clothes so if you have any spare drop it into Little Barrens ELC

who are a collection point.

To follow up—to get quotes for tiling our toilet area and to repair a downpipe and get a soak well.

Our birthdays are Mary Smith 10th, Lyn Craig 15th and Coralie Thomas 18th for this month.

The raffle, supplied by Pam, was won by Coralie. The flower was won by Pam.

Our next meeting will be held on May 13th with hostesses Pam and Mary, and raffle Coralie.

—Pam Cousins, President

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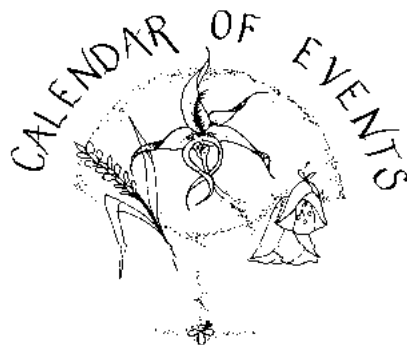
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April

- 25 ANZAC Day Service—Ravensthorpe
- 26 Sushi Making Workshop, 10am, Hopetoun Community Centre
- 26 Breastfeeding Telehealth Class, 2pm
- 27 Kids Disco Party
- 29 School recommences

May

- 3 Club Merlot
- 4 Round 1 Winter Sports
- 5 Hopetoun Markets
- 7 Ravensthorpe Community Centre General Meeting, 4pm,
- 7 Single Touch Payroll Session, 10am, Hopetoun CRC
- 14 Southerners General Meeting, 7pm

June

- 7 Labour and Birth Telehealth Class, 2pm
- 7 Club Merlot
- 11 Southerners General Meeting
- 14 Pain Relief & Birth Interventions Telehealth Class, 2pm,
- 21 Centrelink Visit—Ravensthorpe CRC
- 21 Comedy Show (RRAC)
- 21 Postnatal Care & Early Parenting Telehealth Class, 2pm
- 23 Roman Rudnitski Classic Pianist (RRAC)
- 28 Breastfeeding Telehealth Class, 2pm

July

- 2 Ravensthorpe Community Centre General Meeting, 4pm
- 3 Permaculture Workshop, Ravensthorpe CRC, 9am-4pm

For contributions to the Calendar of Events email the details to contributions@cospirit.net

REGULAR EVENTS

HOPETOUN

BOOTS COOTING Fridays 1.30 til 3.30 at Mary Ann Haven, Veal Street Hopetoun please Phone Rosa 0428 383 034 or Trix 9838 3378.

BOWLS Wednesday Ladies 8.45am, Mixed Scroungers 1pm, Thursday 9.30 am Coaching with Coral. Friday 4pm Roll up and fun. Sunday 1pm Social Bowls. Everybody welcome.

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

CRC, Library & Visitor Centre Open Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. Saturdays 10am to 1pm (Visitor Centre only). 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, fresh vegetables, fruit, eggs, cakes and pies, honey, jams, and relishes, Asian food.

FIRE BRIGADE TRAINING Last Sunday of every month at Emergency Services Building, Veal St.

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.

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 except June, July and August when the markets go into recess for the winter. Ray White Real Estate outside area at 9am to 1pm. January markets will also be the first Sunday of the month. Please contact Robyn Cockram 0429 925 569 or cockram36@gmail.com for more details

HOPETOUN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION Tuesday - Friday 9am till 2pm. Phone/fax 9838 3363. Monthly meeting last Tuesday of the month 7.30.

MACHINING GROUP Thursdays phone Wilma 9838 3098 or Mary 9838 3243.

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

MEN'S STAY ON YOUR FEET Tuesday and Thursday, 9-10am at Men's Shed, Tamar St.

OLD BASTARDS CLUB Men only BBQ, Fridays. Contact Geoff Earl 0418 905 555 for details.

POOL COMPETITION/DARTS Wednesdays 7.30pm Port Hotel.

POOL COMPETITION Wednesday 7pm Wavecrest Bar and Bistro.

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

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

SOUTHERN SCRIBES Fourth Saturday 1pm, phone 9838 3472.

STAY ON YOUR FEET Tuesdays & 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.

WINDSPRAY ART We meet every Thursday 10-2 at 65 France St. New members ALWAYS most welcome to join us. Watch CRC notice board for upcoming courses. Enquiries: Beryl Semple 0428 411 171, Louise Lodge 0427 700 613.

MUNGLINUP

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

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 9.30am Contact Ray Edwards 0427 381 162.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY meets on second Tuesday of every second month at the red room. Starting Feb 14, 2017. Contact Judy Harp 9838 1565.

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RAVENSTHORPE PLAYGROUP Thursday 9-1130am at the Ravensthorpe Youth Club building. Please bring a piece of fruit to share.

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

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YOGA CLASSES Ravensthorpe District High School Hall. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 6:45 PM to 7:45 PM. Check Facebook: 'Philachyan Life Skills' for schedule updates

If you know of any changes that are required to REGULAR EVENTS, please ensure you notify us at contributions@cospirit.net.

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St Andrews Ravensthorpe service on the first and third Sunday of the month at 11am.
Peter the Fisherman, Hopetoun service every Sunday at 9am followed by morning tea.
Enquiries Kevin and Lyn Hosking, 9838 3130.

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Contact: Roger Mansell 0458 749 722

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Saturday before 1st Sun of the Month Hopetoun 6pm
Saturday before 3rd Sun of the month Hopetoun 6pm
1st Sunday, Ravensthorpe, 8.30am
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We won our first game versus Mt Barker which was exciting but lost the next 4.

All participants enjoyed a very well run competition between 12 teams. Our congratulations and thanks go to the hosts.

Details:

Ravensthorpe 51 points defeated Mt Barker 28 points.
Goalkickers: J Ebert 3, S Major 1, K Chambers 1, J McAllister 2.
Best players: J Ebert, J McAllister, S Major.

North Albany 102 points defeated Ravensthorpe 26 points.
Goalkickers: S Major 2, J Ebert 1, K Chambers 1.
Best players: J Ebert, S Bertola, S Major.

Katanning 68 points defeated Ravensthorpe 49 points.
Goalkickers: J Ebert 4, S Major 1, M Chambers 1, J McAllister 1.
Best players: J Ebert, J McAllister, D Cale.

Jerramungup 60 points defeated Ravensthorpe 25 points.
Goalkickers: J Ebert 1, M Chambers 1, J McAllister 1.
Best players: J McAllister, J Ebert, S Bertola.

Warperup 103 points defeated Ravensthorpe 14 points.
Goalkickers: J Beecroft 1, M Chambers 1.
Best players: J Ebert, J Beecroft, E Sinclair.

All up votes on a 3-2-1 basis:
J Ebert 14, J McAllister 7, S Bertola 3, S Major 2, J Beecroft 2, D Cale 1, E Sinclair 1 = 30

Our guys are very much looking forward to the next AFLX Carnival—well done Borden.