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The Community Spirit would like to wish everyone a safe and very Merry Christmas.
May 2019 be a happy and prosperous year.



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Word of the Day repartee noun | rep-er-TEE

Definition:

- 1 a : a quick and witty reply
- b : a succession or interchange of clever retorts : amusing and usually light sparring with words
- 2 : adroitness and cleverness in reply : skill in repartee

Did You Know?

One person often noted for her repartee was Dorothy Parker, writer and legendary member of the Algonquin Round Table. Upon hearing that Calvin Coolidge had died, she replied, "How can they tell?" The taciturn Coolidge obviously didn't have a reputation for being the life of the party, but he himself came out with a particularly famous repartee on one occasion. When a dinner guest approached him and told him she had bet someone she could get him to say more than two words, he replied, "You lose." Repartee, our word for such a quick, sharp reply (and for skill with such replies) comes from the French repartie, of the same meaning. Repartie itself is formed from the French verb repartir, meaning "to retort."

Examples:

"One of my favorite parts of that scene was Kim's repartee with him, trying to show how smart she is, him pretending to forget the case and her knowing it—all just so he could test her." — Patrick Fabian, quoted in Variety, 11 Sept. 2018

Santa comes calling at the Park

■ 2018 HPA SANTA IN THE PARK

THANK you to all who helped with our 2018 Santa in the Park. We hope you all enjoyed the day.

A special thank you to Santa and his helpers and his trusty ponydeers.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to enjoying the new year with you all at our 2019 Summer Festival.

—HPA



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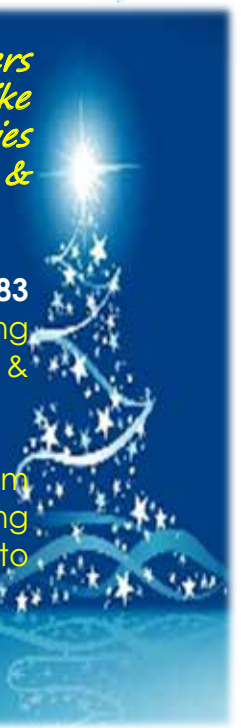
Christmas
and
Happy New Year!



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Santa comes to town

■ 2018 RAVENSTHORPE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

MORE than 200 excited children and parents flocked to Jubilee Park for the annual Ravenshorpe Community Christmas Tree on Saturday December 8th.

As always, Don and Lola Lansdown greeted all the families on arrival with free juice boxes and chips for all the kids, donated by Ravenshorpe Palace Hotel.

Amy Serbert, face painting extraordinaire, worked her magic with an array of Christmas and crowd-pleasing designs. The months of practice on her own children certainly showed through, thank you Alexis and Sofia for being the guinea pigs!

Greg Gould, Kelly Power and the Committee cooked up a storm while Kylie Thomas, Mitchell Gould and Bell



McHarg from Ravenshorpe Youth Club and Playgroup ran the bar.

Santa and his elves, Vicki Barber and Janie Drayton, ar-

rived in style at 6.30pm on a gleaming fire engine (thanks Mick Lloyd), complete with sirens and lights blaring with our trusty team of volunteer fire-

fighters.

They were welcomed by Ravenshorpe's favourite MC, Coralie Daw, who then impressed young and old with her



CHRISTMAS TRADING HOURS

The Shire office will be closed from
3pm Friday 21st December 2018
and will re-open
9am Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

This office will be closed on all public holidays.

Ian Fitzgerald
Chief Executive Officer
5th December 2018



Santa comes to town

endless energy and enthusiasm as she assisted Santa in handing out gifts to the 117 children present on the night.

Santa then stayed on to take photos with all the families while the winners of the RPA Christmas Lights Competition were announced—congratulations to Rachel Pages and Yummylicious Candy Shack—see the article for more.

Thanks to Graeme Sutherland and the Shire of Ravensthorpe for ensuring the park was gleaming and that we had access to power and extra bins (and that the sprinklers didn't bring the party to an end at 9pm). The park was stunningly decorated under the gifted eyes of Portia Chambers and Sophie Leake and thanks to many helping hands on the night there was little to clean up the following day and not a bit of rubbish in sight.

The Committee would like



to thank the generous sponsors—Shire of Ravensthorpe, Ravensthorpe Bulk Haulage, FE Daw & Sons Foodworks, Ravensthorpe CRC and Meridian Agencies – for their continued

support of this event. Special thanks to Anthea Francis for again supplying the Christmas-cracker jokes every day in the lead up to the event.

Finally, thank you to Ravens-

thorpe Community Christmas Tree—Jules Belli, Kelly Power, Sophie Leake, Leigha Mealey, Portia Chambers and Gabrielle Major - for all their hard work in the lead up and on the night.





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Letter from the Management Committee of the Community Spirit

Greetings,

I would firstly like to sing praise to all the Contractors who have worked hard throughout the year to produce a Community Newspaper that we can all be proud of:

Kylie Thomas—Coordinator.

Toni Crane—Designer.

Tony Keen—Proof Reader.

Sandi Hunt—Accounts.

As you can appreciate, to produce a newspaper requires an enormous amount of team work, expertise, creativity and collegial support. Throughout the year all the Contractors have honoured their contracts and shown commitment.

This solidarity has produced a quality newspaper for the community to enjoy.

Secondly, thank you to all the Committee members who so generously volunteer their time, knowledge, expertise, leadership and management skills to maintain efficiency and productive input so as to keep the paper running smoothly.

During the recent Annual General Meeting the following members were elected to the Executive Committee:

Judy Harp – Chairperson.

Corina Harp – Vice Chairperson.

Jeanette Denham – Secretary.

Dianne Burton – Treasurer.

The Committee members are Julia Bell and Elizabeth Utting. Thank you to Sophie Leake and Eimear Guidera for their members support throughout the year. With sincere gratitude and heartfelt well wishes we thank Sue Horsington for all her hard work, commitment and generosity in giving so much of her time over many years. Your valuable knowledge has been an asset in keeping the paper moving onwards and upwards. Wishing you Sue, and your beloved family the best of all things possible for your new life.

Thank you to Madeleine Norman, Chenda Goldfinch and Ron Richards for attending the AGM, for your advice, support and constructive ideas for the future of the paper.

The Management Committee is extremely grateful for the distribution groups:

Hopetoun Progress; Jerdacuttup P&C; Lake King P&C; Ravensthorpe P&C; Munglinup Pony Club; Newdegate Community Resource Centre.

Thank you for all your prompt deliveries. Further to this, thank you to all the various outlets in the community who sell the paper.

Thank you to all the individuals and groups who voluntarily submit articles and photos to Kylie Thomas each fortnight for inclusion in the paper. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated and valued.

2019 will see exciting changes for the Community Spirit. The paper will be accessible online, however there will be printed copies for individuals via subscription.

In 2017 Khiara Daw was the finalist for the position of “Freelance Journalist”. Khiara’s skills and enthusiasm contributed many interesting, relevant articles throughout early 2018. This sponsorship will be revisited in 2019.

As 2018 closes her curtains on yet another adventurous journey around the sun and we reflect and contemplate on the events throughout the year, the triumphs, joys, achievements, challenges, sadness and tragedies, may we as a Community feel grateful and blessed.

May we uphold in our actions the words from Jane Goodall, Scientist and Environmentalist.

“The greatest danger to our future is apathy. Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference”.

This festive season may we celebrate and renew our tapestry of respect, tolerance, empathy, compassion, kindness, anti-discrimination and non-violent principles for all sentient and non-sentient nature. This will bind us and keep us strong.

The Community Spirit Committee would like to wish you all and your loved ones, a safe, joyous and healthy Christmas in the company of family and friends. May your festive season be healthy and moderate. May you all flourish and embrace “well-being” as you journey into 2019.

We look forward to your continued support of the paper in 2019.

—JULIA BELL.

Chairperson, Community Spirit 2018.

Lighting up for Christmas

■ 2018 RPA CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

CONGRATULATIONS to the Pages Family and Yummylicious Candy Shack, winners of the 2018 RPA Christmas Lights Competition.

This year there were two \$500 cash prizes—one for each category, residential and commercial—thanks to generous sponsorship from Kerry and Ian Dickinson, Shire of Ravensthorpe and Ravensthorpe Progress Association.

In the residential category, highly commended went to Denise Edwards, Steve Power and Sue Gordon while the Pages Family took out top prize for the second year running. An “outstanding winner” according to the judges “This lighting display not only dazzles but creates a storybook picture for passers-by to linger and take in. The old house near the road has also been included adding a lovely, welcoming entry to town”.

Yummylicious was a “razzle dazzle winner” in the commercial category. Highly commended going to Ravensthorpe Mechanical “well done to Delvene, Bob and Tom for their kangaroo topped tyre tree and window lights”.

A special mention to Ravensthorpe Youth Club for their window display in the main street. It is great to see our young ones embracing the spirit of Christmas.

Thank you from the judges and Ravensthorpe Progress Association to all those who took the time to light up Ravensthorpe streets for a warmer, friendlier town. Sometimes these lights are just the spark needed for others to feel the spirit of Christmas.



Have a Merry Christmas!

THE CRC WILL BE CLOSING DECEMBER 24TH -JANUARY 4TH

Keeping a record of our history

SINCE the inception of the Community Spirit paper over 28 years ago, Moonika McHayle and Pam Cousins have been diligently saving a copy of the paper each fortnight along with extra copies.

Men in Sheds and Hopetoun Progress Association have

also been carrying on this tradition. These were stored in a cupboard in the little room at the toilet area of the old hall. When the old Hall was demolished a new home was needed for the cupboard and papers. Some collating and filing was done then and culling.

Sad to say no one wanted to store this history, so for the last couple of years they have been stored at Anthony Aulds farm by Kate Paini.

Now, due to Viv Tancred's persuasion, the papers have a new resting place with the Shire of Ravensthorpe. Archive boxes for the papers have been supplied and delivered, with the papers to be stored in a cupboard in the new Hall.

Viv is re-sorting through the papers to file one copy of each edition—there are numerous double ups so if anyone would like these please get in touch with Pam or Viv.

Viv reckons they will be in their new home by Christmastime.

Thankyou to all concerned. We hope we will still be able to get a printed edition in the future for further reference.

—Pam Cousins.

A Santa story

A few months ago I came to live in a town for the first time. I have always lived on a farm out the bush.

Naturally it is a bit different, but ok.

Then on the night of December 4th—a special surprise.

Santa and all his helpers, with lots of flashing coloured lights and beaut Xmas music, came down my street.

They even had time to stop for Xmas greetings and hugs. Merry Xmas to you all, you made an old man feel very special.

Now I know how little kids feel on such occasions.

—Buddy from Hopetoun.

Ps. Thanks for the lols.



EDITOR'S NOTE: The Community Spirit committee keeps 4 copies of each edition at Community Spirit Headquarters. Also a digital copy of each Community Spirit is sent to the National Library in Perth each fortnight.

Anyone who would like to still receive a printed version of the Community Spirit can do so by subscription. Please contact the Ravensthorpe CRC for further information.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Congratulations to the Spirit team

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL the Community Spirit Team for presenting their community with an excellent local paper – through thick and thin. It has not been an easy road for a very small committee to steer the production of the paper through some rough patches and worrying times. I really commend them for sticking with it and for the professionalism with which they have addressed the situation.

There are changes afoot, changes that have been brought about by an untenable financial progression and which will ensure the ongoing production of a paper – the alternative was closure. So in whatever form we, the community, wish to receive the paper in the future, it WILL exist, and it will continue to bring us local news, the calendar of events, interesting articles and offer a valuable advertising opportunity.

The 'New Age' members of the community can happily sit in front of their computer screens and have the paper delivered to them in their homes. The stalwart non-computer people will still be able to buy printed copies, printed locally and easily obtainable. And our Community Spirit will go on.

Thank you, Spirit Team for all you have done and all best wishes for the transition into the future.

—Chenda Goldfinch



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We will be closed Christmas day

Wishing you a very merry holiday!



Oh What A Night!

When Santa and his Six White Boomers come to town

SIX White Boomers, Santa and a whole lot of excited kids makes for an exciting night for young and old. Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun residents gathered on the streets, dressed for the occasion, and onesie pyjamas and a Santa hat were a big hit this year. Santa loves his job of making children feel special no matter what age.

This year marks the 11th year for the event and of course with a celebrity like Santa it takes a whole lot of background work to make the event happen.

Santa and Mrs Christmas would like to thank all of those people who give time, goods, services and love to Santa and his Six White Boomers—without your silent and generous support this could not happen

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MURRAY, CORALIE AND STAFF AT RAVENSTHORPE CELLARS

**thank their customers
for their continued support.**

**With special wishes for a wonderful
Christmas and a happy and
successful 2019!**



Oh What A Night! When Santa



IT'S thirsty work - Bryn Edwards grew up having Santa come past his house he is returning a gift.

RIGHT: Its a pyjama party—Sarah Corfield, Kim Wilson & son Ryker.

BELOW RIGHT: The Balasubramanian Family—New to Hopetoun.

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and that is why you should shop local.

The Art of Giving is a special gift and the following people have it.

Robert & Terri Pens for the loan of the truck to transport Santa making sure it is all spick 'n' span for the event and supplying accommodation for the Boomers during their time here.

IGA Hopetoun and the Stephens family who have always been a great support and for the last few years have donated lollies funded from the community fund from when you buy a plastic bag.

What a great initiative that is and such a generous gift. That's why you should shop local.

Hopetoun and Ravensthorpe Police and their families past and present for their time and efforts in supporting Santa and in particular Sgt Dave Murphy, IOC in Hopetoun, who was on the inaugural run and along with former police officers helped build the sleigh. You can see their names on the Boomers: Spud, Webby, Tracy, Brownie, Townsend and Spicer leads the pack. Love



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HOPETOUN BEACH PARTY 2018

BLUES BY THE BEACH

Murder Mouse Blues Band
Lightnin Jack
Franzone

Free Entry | 5pm-Late | Port Hotel
Thursday December 27th

and his Six White Boomers come to town

it when they rev up the crowds with the sirens.

Wavecrest volunteers who diligently weigh and bag sometimes up to 80 kg of lollies every year.

A special thank you to Santa's chauffeur Murray Cockram and Robyn Cockram who have supported for many years.

There must have been hundreds of volunteer elves who hand out the lollies and spread the Christmas joy and there are too many to name here however Sue Spicer, Roz and Bernie Bidulph, Sue and Colin Townsend and Carol Taylor deserve hugs and special thanks.

Brian Grant—we couldn't do it without the very enthusiastic sound and music man.

Remember Santa loves you all

—Signed Mrs Christmas



JOVANOVIC family—New to Hopetoun



STEVIE and Amy Smart—Santa's helpers.

SANTA thanks Robert & Terri Pens

***Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!***

We hope everyone stays safe and enjoys this special time of the year with their loved ones.

The shire would like to thank you for your continued support through out this year. We are all excited to see what 2019 brings our amazing community.

From Councillors and staff at the Shire of Ravensthorpe.



Jerdacuttup School wraps up

■ JERDACUTTUP PRIMARY SCHOOL

ON Thursday December 6th, St Nicholas day, students, staff, parents and friends from Jerdacuttup Primary School celebrated the end of the school year.

The small, but very select audience was treated to a range of entertainment, from dance to poetry reading, based on this semester's oceanic theme. The students had worked hard to polish their performances, yet still managed to convey the fun they were having.

Will Saunders opened the program with a solo recital of Captain Kidd, a poem written by Douglas Florian. The pre-primary students then joined the show reciting Me, Pirate by the same poet. Their rendition was so brilliant they were requested an encore.

Older students followed with the performance of a self-written play based on The Three Little Pigs and titled The Three Clownfish. Happily the conflict between the clownfish and sharks was resolved without any gratuitous violence or loss

of life. The audience were treated to a well-constructed story delivered by a confident and accomplished group of actors able to project their voices to the hardest of hearing at the back of the hall.

Year three and four students delivered narratives they had both written and illustrated with the aid of technology, projecting the images onto a big screen for all to appreciate.

The dance performance, choreographed by all students in kindergarten to year four (under the creative directorship of Sharee Saunders) was motivated by the story Tickly Octopus by Ruth Galloway and set to instrumental music composed by Martin Garrix and played by Piano Dreamers. This is titled 'Ocean'. The dance was a culmination of the year-long dance program students have enjoyed this year and in keeping with the overall theme of 'The Ocean'.

Principal Kier Douthie reflected on the year that was, the goals achieved, and the new ones to look forward to. P&C vice-president Suzanne Hill outlined the organisation's activities and thanked the

staff and parents for their support.

To conclude the concert, awards were presented to students as follows:

Senior Academic award, Sadie Morison, sponsored by Phillips River Lodge

Junior Academic Award, William Saunders, sponsored by ICPA Esperance

Virtues award, Claire Saunders, sponsored by Hopetoun CWA

The Arts award Taylor Compagnoni, sponsored by Peter Rundle, MLA for Roe

Attendance award, Dakota Compagnoni, with 98.7%, sponsored by Darren West, MLC for Agricultural Region

Winner of the Campbell Shield for gaining the most individual points at the inter-school's athletics carnival were William Saunders and Sadie Morison

The concert finished with a beautiful spread of delectables, generously provided by school parents, following which, everyone went homein the rain!

JPS wishes everyone all the best for the festive season, a speedy conclusion to harvest, safe holidays and looks forward to doing it all again next year!

—Jerdacuttup School Staff



SHIRE OF RAVENSTHORPE

Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun Waste Disposal Site Opening Hours

Please note that the opening hours for both the Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun waste disposal sites have been amended slightly for the Christmas holiday period and are now as follows:

RAVENSTHORPE

Monday 24th December	8am to 11am
Tuesday 25th December	CLOSED
Wednesday 26th December	CLOSED
Thursday 27th December	9am to 12 noon
Friday 28th December	CLOSED
Saturday 29th December	9am to 12 noon
Sunday 30th December	1pm to 4pm
Monday 31st December	8am to 11am
Tuesday 1st January	CLOSED

CEO Ian Fitzgerald

HOPETOUN

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*To all our friends and customers,
Thank you for your
support through 2018*



Wishing you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2019

Russell, Astrid and Staff

HOPETOUN IGA

HOPETOUN GENERAL STORE



Vibrant Marine Debris Art



■ RAVENSTHORPE REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL

ON November 30th the Ravensthorpe Regional Art Council celebrated the success of its "Art for Waste Awareness" project with an Exhibition Opening to showcase the impressive Marine Debris Art Installation on display at the Hopetoun Community Centre.

Community members and special guests were invited to view the amazing weavings, sculptures and collages and enjoy a social evening catching up with friends over drinks, live music and grazing tables.

All who attended the event were blown away at the creativity and imagination that went into the Exhibition and were amazed that the art on display was produced from the hundreds of kilograms of plastic, rope, ghost net and other debris found on local beaches by workshop participants.

One of our special guests for the evening, Marcus Gleiser, Chairman of the Waste Authority, spoke to the community about innovative recycling

initiatives being rolled out in Western Australia and encouraged the community to "Own their Impact" by choosing more sustainable options.

Marcus congratulated the Ravensthorpe Regional Arts Council and all those involved in the project on working so hard to raise awareness of the issues with single use plastics and on the success of the "Art for Waste Awareness" project so far.

Winners of our Marine Debris Sculpture Competition were announced, and Marcus presented the recipients with their "ecofriendly" prize packs.

Our competition was judged by acclaimed Sculpture Artist Kerrie Argent who travelled from Lake Grace to Hopetoun to judge the art and enjoy lunch by the sea. Kerrie works with recycled materials and is a regular exhibitor at "Sculptures by the Sea", she was the perfect person to judge our competition.

Kerrie was very impressed with the high quality of the art on display and commented that it rivalled any Marine Debris Competition she had seen in



SHIRE OF RAVENSTHORPE

Administration - Records Officer

An excellent opportunity to work with a small team of dedicated Local Government staff will be available from January 2019.

The Shire of Ravensthorpe seeks an appropriately skilled, motivated and confident person to join our administration team. The Shire of Ravensthorpe has a diverse background in farming, mining and tourism and enjoys spectacular scenery along the coast and throughout the Fitzgerald River National Park and Ravensthorpe Ranges.

This position will be responsible for a range of administrative roles including records keeping/management, front office customer service, providing support to senior staff and general administration duties. The position is offered as a full time position subject to satisfactorily completing a probation period. The successful applicant will be rewarded with an attractive remuneration package based on skills and experience including an hourly rate of between \$26 - \$28, generous superannuation co-contribution scheme, and a housing allowance.

A position description and further information can be obtained from Helen Coleman on 08 9839 0000 or email secretary@ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au.

To apply, please email your resume and a covering letter addressing the selection criteria and providing two recent referees to secretary@ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au by 4.00pm Friday 4th January 2019.

Ian Fitzgerald

Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Ravensthorpe

P O Box 43

Ravensthorpe WA 6346



shines a light on pollution

large metropolitan areas.

Sculptures were judged on creativity, best use of Marine Debris and the message of the art work in relation to plastic pollution in our oceans.

All competition entries can be viewed at the Exhibition from now until January 8th. If you have friends and family visiting the area over the next few weeks, please call into the Hopetoun Community Centre during opening hours to show them how talented our community is and to contribute some "decorative" beach waste to our Interactive Marine Debris Christmas Tree! Yes, thongs are a welcome addition!!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Waste Authority of WA for funding this project and RRAC would also like to acknowledge the Shire of Ravensthorpe and Ravensthorpe Hopetoun Futures Fund for supporting the "Art for Waste Awareness" project.

We would also like to thank the numerous community members and the Windspray Arts team who assisted the Ravens-



thorpe Regional Arts Council to install the exhibition, your help was greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank our local Men in Sheds members who did a beautiful job of constructing white washed plinths out of recycled pallets for our Sculptures to be displayed on, Men in Sheds are always happy to help with community projects and we are grateful for their contribution to our exhibition.

The "Art for Waste Aware-

ness" project has had many positive impacts in our community, our beaches are now cleaner, we have educated locals on the importance of responsible recycling and we have brought people together to learn new skills and meet new faces.

If you are inspired by our

project and happen to be out and about beachcombing this summer, please pick up any Marine Debris you come across and take it home to use in your next creative project or throw it in the nearest bin!

— Jackie Edwards
Project Officer



Seasons Greetings

Ravensthorpe Mechanical Services

Sincerely thank you for your business in the past year and look forward to seeing you in 2019

We will be closed December 25-26, 2018 and January 1-2, 2019

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SHIRE OF RAVENSTHORPE

AIRPORT REPORTING OFFICER/SHIRE RANGER

Due to the current employee moving on for personal study purposes we are seeking to recruit an Airport Reporting Officer/Shire Ranger.

If this type of role appeals to you we would love to hear from you.

This position will provide airport services for our scheduled 3 flights per week and also involve airport ground and building maintenance as required. In addition, some hours per week will be allocated to providing ranger services across the shire in support of our existing fulltime ranger.

This will be a diversified and interesting role that will report direct to the Chief Executive Officer in the first instance. We are seeking a person, who has current airport reporting officer qualifications with previous experience as a ranger desirable,

An attractive salary package including cash, superannuation of up to 14.5%, rental subsidy and restricted private use of a Council vehicle will be provided. An initial hourly rate of between \$29-\$32 will be negotiated with the successful applicant as will other benefits depending on experience and qualifications. It is expected the new person will commence in late January 2019 which should allow for a short handover from the current officer.

A position description can be obtained by contacting Helen Coleman on 98390 000 or email secretary@ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au Further information about the position can be obtained by calling Ian Fitzgerald on 0427 381 098.

Applications close 4.00pm Friday 21st December 2018.

Ian Fitzgerald

Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Ravensthorpe

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SHIRE OF RAVENSTHORPE

Crew member (Parks & Gardens / Town Site Maintenance) RAVENSTHORPE & HOPETOUN

An opportunity to work within a small team of dedicated Local Government parks and garden staff based in Ravensthorpe has arisen. As a crew member you will undertake typical parks and gardens and town site maintenance tasks in Ravensthorpe, Hopetoun and Munglinup.

Applicants should demonstrate:

- Experience in providing parks and gardens maintenance and works;
- Experience in minor equipment maintenance;
- Ability to work in a team environment;
- Good written and interpersonal communications skills, and
- Willingness to work to occupational safety and health standards.

Knowledge and experience in Local Government would be advantageous.

- Hourly rate of between \$27 and \$29 plus allowances.
- Housing subsidy available.
- Superannuation and other benefits apply.
- Monthly rostered day off.

A position description and further information can be obtained from the Shire office on 9839 0000.

Applications close with the undersigned on 21st December 2018. Emailed applications will be accepted. Please email applications to secretary@ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au or post to PO Box 43 Ravensthorpe WA 6346.

Ian Fitzgerald, Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Ravensthorpe

Farewells to John and Elaine

AFTER three farewells in three days running, John and Elaine Archer would be forgiven for thinking we want to get rid of them. Most certainly not. John was born here, has lived here all his life and Elaine since they were married.

All good things come to an end and they feel it is time to move on. They have sold their farm and chosen to retire to Marbellup, near Albany, in the New Year.

Elaine has been a member of The Uniting Church Guild for 55 years. To celebrate, fellow members gathered with her on Friday November 30th for a celebratory lunch at The Roast and Grill to present her with a voucher for a plant. This she will put in her new garden as a reminder of the Guild friends at Ravensthorpe. Members signed a well wishing card.

Where would the Ravens-thorpe Historical Society be without John and Elaine? They are about to find out. Over two decades of staunch membership at the museum they have made a great contribution to its growth and development. An afternoon tea on Saturday recognised a farewell last meeting, when they were presented with a photograph on canvas of Catlin Creek taken by Alan Carmichael and a card for all present to sign. Due to family commitments at this time of the year



AT the Museum afternoon tea—(back) Ian and Kerry Dickinson, Derek Williams, John Archer, Rob Lloyde, Enid Tink (mostly concealed), Jenny Lloyde, Chenda Goldfinch, Elaine Archer, Ann Williams, Brenda Tink, Brenda Caelli. Photo by Dan Caelli.

many apologies were tendered.

The last occasion was marked by a service at St Andrews Anglican Church on the Sunday followed by a delectable lunch, catered for by Sue Lee and Theresa Francis, for those present, held in the Rectory. The Rectory walls were laden with collages of happenings at the Church during John's lifetime and several photograph albums were passed around for everyone to reminisce. Lyn Hosking compiled a history of events connected to the Church, not least of all Ravensthorpe Wool Day which was established at Archer's farm and held for several years before moving into town. John and Elaine were presented with a hard copy of "Reflections" 2017 Ravensthor-

pe Floods which once again everyone signed. In his reply John had an intriguing tale to tell of how at the age of three his father gave him the plate at church service and instructed him to take the collection!

It is sad that this couple have

chosen to leave the area but we are sure they will enjoy their new pastures. John and Elaine have made outstanding contributions to the district over the years, not only to the aforementioned groups.

—AW



LUNCH at St Andrews Rectory (l-r) Bill Pike, Harold Lee, Elaine and John Archer, Lyn Hosking, Chris and Diane Broun, Coralie Thomas, Annarine Chapman, Kevin Hosking, Ann and Derek Williams, Dick Kuiper.

Photo by Janet Kuiper.

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Priority survey

Southern Biosecurity Group are seeking your input into the priority activities for the 2019/20 financial year. In 2018/19 we're working on the following:

- Wild dog control
- Foxes
- Rabbit control
- Building skills and knowledge

What is biosecurity?

Biosecurity means protection from the adverse effect an organism has or may have on:

- another organism
- a human being
- the environment, or part of the environment
- agricultural activities, fishing activities, or related commercial activities.

Under the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act, landholders are required to control declared pests on their property. However, effective control of well established and highly mobile species is best conducted at a strategic level with strong partnership arrangements that support individual landholders. That's what Southern Biosecurity Group is here to do.

What declared species should be a priority for Southern Biosecurity Group? Pick any 3.

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wild dogs | <input type="checkbox"/> Emu | <input type="checkbox"/> Deer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Starlings | <input type="checkbox"/> House mouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Lantana |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foxes | <input type="checkbox"/> Galah | <input type="checkbox"/> Bridal creeper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbits | <input type="checkbox"/> Skeleton Weed | <input type="checkbox"/> Tambookie grass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prickly Pear | <input type="checkbox"/> Stemless thistle | <input type="checkbox"/> Star of Bethlehem |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apple of Sodom | <input type="checkbox"/> Horehound | <input type="checkbox"/> Briar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cotton Bush | <input type="checkbox"/> Saffron thistle | <input type="checkbox"/> Phytophthora dieback |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Australian Plague Locust | <input type="checkbox"/> Feral camels | |

Any others?

Why have you selected these?

What skills, knowledge or resources would help you manage declared species on your property?

How would you like us to keep you updated of our progress?

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Spirit | <input type="checkbox"/> Letter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social media | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |

What size landholding to you have?

- | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town block | <input type="checkbox"/> >500 – 1000 | <input type="checkbox"/> >5000 – 7500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 50 hectares | <input type="checkbox"/> >1000 – 2000 | <input type="checkbox"/> >7500 – 9000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> >50 – 200 | <input type="checkbox"/> >2000 – 3500 | <input type="checkbox"/> >9000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> >200 – 500 | <input type="checkbox"/> >3500 – 5000 | |

Would you like to sign up for the SBG quarterly newsletter?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please add your email address:

Any other comments?

For more information contact:

Kylie Fletcher (Executive Officer) via email sbg.execofficer@gmail.com or via phone 0484 932 447

Please return your survey to:

PO Box 292, Ravensthorpe

Or scan and email to sbg.execofficer@gmail.com before 31st December

Alternatively, a link to complete this survey online can be found at: www.southernbiosecuritygroup.org.au

Group proactive in biosecurity

■ SOUTHERN BIOSECURITY GROUP

IT'S been another busy year for Southern Biosecurity Group (SBG).

Our vision is to be proactive in encouraging all stakeholders to adopt sound biosecurity practices, for the purpose of minimising environmental, economic and social impacts of animal pests and weeds on agricultural industry, landscapes and biodiversity values in the Ravensthorpe Shire. All of our activities are focussed on achieving this vision.

This article provides a brief overview of some of the activities we've been involved in over the course of the year. More information can be found on our website www.southernbiosecuritygroup.org.au.

Declared pest rate:

This year marks the first time that the declared pest rate (DPR) has been levied in the Shire of Ravensthorpe. Under the Biosecurity Management Act (2007), Recognised Biosecurity Groups have been required to become self-sustaining. Financial support from the State Government must now to be obtained through implementing a declared pest rate.

Funds raised through the DPR and government co-contribution support the commercial, environmental and social values of the Ravensthorpe community. For more information on the declared pest rate visit www.agric.wa.gov.au/bam/declared-pest-rates-0.

Wild Dog Control:

Wild dog control has continued to take place within the shire. For the last financial year, stock losses were estimated at 58 head. Fourteen dogs were trapped or shot in the 2017/18 financial year. Dogs that take a 1080 bait are not always located and are therefore difficult to accurately count.

Survey:

We are seeking your input into Southern Biosecurity Group's priority activities for the 2019/20 financial year.

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Here's your chance to have your say on where the declared pest rate is being spent. Visit our website to get the link to the survey or complete the copy in this edition of the Community Spirit before December 31st.

Cactus control:

Through a State NRM funded project, we've been working to control Drooping Prickly Pear in the Oldfield River corridor.

The viability of cacti plants and seed is several years and this work will need to continue for the longer term to ensure that the Drooping Tree Pear is eradicated from the river system and is not allowed to move onto agricultural land and into the many parks and reserves within the shire. This project is funded from grants received and will not be included in the declared pest rate projects. A funding application was submitted to the Department of Primary Industries and Development which we should know the outcome of in the coming weeks.

You can help by reporting any sightings of cacti plants, so

that control measures can be undertaken. We wish to thank the Shire and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions for their contribution to killing plants that have been identified outside of the river system. By all working together we can make a difference.

Rabbits:

A licensed pest management technician has carried out one release of the rabbit virus (RHDV K5) in the shire. A follow up release will take place in March 2019. We encourage you to report hotspots of rabbit activity so that consideration maybe given to locations for the next virus release. Contact the SBG Executive Officer (sbg.execofficer@gmail.com).

State Barrier Fence:

During the holiday period many like to go camping. A reminder that it is illegal to travel the SBF without a permit. This can be a dangerous area as LMPT's may discharge firearms and baits are frequently dispersed in the area.

Repairs are currently being carried out along the State Barrier Fence to fix damage caused by the 2017 floods.

Starlings:

Residents and travellers are urged to keep watch for unusual birds after detections of starlings along the State's south coast. The common starling is considered one of the world's worst bird pests. They feed on cultivated grain and horticultural crops, disperse weeds, foul wool and can displace native birds.

They form large flocks with a high level of noise, and in populated areas can be a serious nuisance and cause damage to buildings.

Early detection and control is critical to preventing an established population in Western Australia.

To report suspect sightings, call 9368 3080 or go to mypest-guide.agric.wa.gov.au

The Southern Biosecurity Group committee would like to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas as you meet with family and friends. If you have an interest in becoming involved with the management of the group, we would welcome new faces. Attendance at RAIN meetings will also keep you informed of the group's activities. Contact email sbg.execofficer@gmail.com or visit our website www.southernbiosecuritygroup.org.au to find out more.

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Emily Daw



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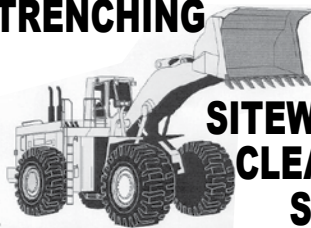
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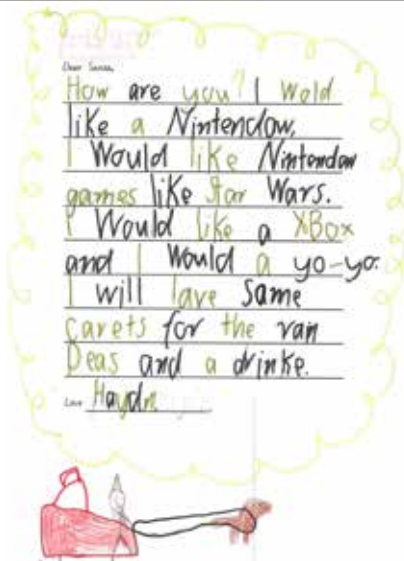
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Nathan Biddulph



Haydn Fairhead



St John 

Merry CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS

To all our staff, volunteers and the community of Western Australia we wish you a safe and happy Christmas.

Please enjoy the holiday season and remember to take care of each other.

If you require the emergency services during the festive period don't forget to dial triple zero (000).

Dear Santa...

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SCHOOL COUNCIL VACANCY

RAVENSTHORPE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL (RDHS)

Do you have a passion for the provision of a strong education for our children?

Do you have a few hours to spare a couple of days each term?

If so, would you like to join like-minded community members and teaching staff on the Ravensthorpe District High School Council?

We currently have a vacancy for a community representative on the Council and would welcome you joining us in 2019.

There are no special pre-requisites and we are not looking for you to become an office bearer. Just come along and join our committee/council to help us work with the teaching staff to provide the best we can for the children in our community.

If you would like more information or to have a general chat about what is involved, please give me a call or pop into the Shire office to see me. I can also provide you with a simple nomination form to complete your registration of interest.

—Ian Fitzgerald
RDHS School Council Chairperson



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We would like to wish everyone a happy and
safe Christmas and New Year

Contact Mary or Stephen
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<p>HOPETOUN</p>  <p>FOR SALE</p> <p>5 FLINDERS ST \$380,000 4 bed 1 bath home plus study, open plan kitchen/family. Separate lounge. Jarrah wooden floors through house. AC in lounge room. Double garage plus carport, enclosed yard, terraced back gardens. Large deck area to enjoy afternoon and morning sun.</p>	<p>HOPETOUN</p>  <p>FOR SALE</p> <p>20 CROYDON ST \$310,000 Gorgeous 3x2, charming gardens, close to beach. Double side access, air con, ceiling fans, double garage, rainwater plumed to the house, large open plan kitchen, lounge plus living. Great enclosed patio with blinds. MUST VIEW</p>	<p>HOPETOUN</p>  <p>FOR SALE</p> <p>27 RAGLAN ST \$360,000 Amazing views from the top of town. 3 bed 2 bath home with living and separate dining area. Upstairs balcony with ocean views. Modern roomy kitchen, Parquet flooring, Alfresco area, double garage with power.</p>	<p>HOPETOUN</p>  <p>FOR SALE</p> <p>22 CULHAM ST \$360,000 Modern design in Old Hopetoun. 4 bed 2 bath, single garage, open plan living and large kitchen. Great family home. Gazebo and entraining area. Fruit trees, easy care gardens. Just lock and leave. Walk to everywhere.</p>
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