

WINTER NEWSLETTER

Wildflowers, bushwalks, art and hopefully new toilets...

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Springtime in the Great Southern is set to come alive over six weeks from 23 September to 31 October with the 2023 Great Southern Treasures Bloom Festival. There is an impressive line up of 57 exciting events, showcasing the very best of the region's flora, culture, art, and culinary delights.

An annual celebration of nature's splendour, you can immerse yourself in a kaleidoscope of experiences that encompass everything from breathtaking wildflower displays, art exhibitions, wildflower and orchid tours, and invigorating hikes, to family fun days, live music, sound bath experiences and preserved wildflower workshops.

This year's program of events is now live and can be downloaded from their website - www.greatsoutherntreasures.com.au/bloom

With thanks to the festival sponsors: WCP Civil, Western Australia's South West, Lotterywest, Ausgold Limited, Great Southern Development Commission, Rio Tinto, Shire of Katanning, Southern Ports Regional Development Australia Great Southern WA .

Bonjour, check out Monday French Classes at the Tearooms...

Tuesday 'Art Hang' at 6.30 pm continues at the Tearooms, just rock up, no experience required.

Spinners & Weavers

Meet every Thursday in the Hall from 10 am until 2 pm. For more information check out the Porongurup Craft Group Facebook page or fionajglen@gmail.com.

Music in your blood, contact the Tearooms to see where the Thursday night 'Jam Session' is!

PCA AGM

Tuesday, 26 September 2023
6.30 pm, Porongurup Tearooms
RSVP: 12 September to Helen or PCA Facebook page



NEWS UPDATE Photo: Samantha Gooding
CHANCE OF SNOW ON BLUFF KNOLL EARLY THURSDAY MORNING

COLD FRONT COULD BRING SNOW TO WA

There's a chance of snow on Thursday morning 03.08.23 on the highest peaks of the Stirling Range!

A cold front could bring up to 15mm in some parts of southern WA including inland areas near Corrigin and Hyden.

Bureau of Meteorology forecaster Jessica Lingard says there'll be a cold pool of air behind the front.

"Quite chilly behind that so there is the chance of snow on the Stirlings very early on Thursday morning if you're keen, that's when it's going to be coldest," she says.

Art in the Porongurup 2024

Yes, it's definitely happening...
at the same time as the Art Bazaar!

What will your sculpture be?

Minimum **\$3,000** in prize money

When: 29 March to 6 April, 2024
Where: Porongurup Hall Surrounds
Entries open: 1 November 2023
Entries close: 22 March 2024
Theme: Open concept

TALK TO US
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Proudly presented in conjunction with
PCA PORONGURUP Community Assoc.

With thanks to our top tier Sponsors

2022 Winner
Kelly Barker's "Self Repair"

We love supporting artists but, we need you to support us too.



LONG WEEKEND

Sunday 24 September



The Joey Scouts enjoyed their annual camp on the weekend of 29 July at the hall. If only those walls could talk! Great effort by the Scout Leaders.

PCA

Explore, enjoy, revive

Your PCA Team

President: Scott Drummond

Treasurer: Fiona Glen

Secretary: Helen Purves

Committee: Leanne Cluet

Lucia Quearry

Peter Purves

Sayah Drummond

Strawb Healy



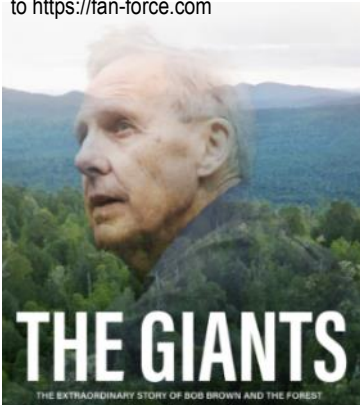
The PCA now has a Facebook presence and soon a website!

Art in the Porongurup is also now on Facebook.

Please follow us!



Friends of the Porongurup Range are hosting a screening of *The Giants* on Thursday 24th August, 7:00 pm at the Porongurup Hall, \$12.00 + \$2.00 booking including a Q&A session! For tickets go to <https://fan-force.com>



The Porongurup Community Association Inc. is a small but active group of volunteers who's objective is to foster community spirit and fellowship in the Porongurup. The Porongurup Hall is managed by The (PCA). Events at the hall include art exhibitions, balls, craft groups and charity lunches. Thank you, to you, our members, for your interest in our community group. Contacts: shop@porongurupinn.com.au, finajglen@gmail.com, helen_s_purves@bigpond.com

Shire Funding Approved for Hall Toilet Upgrade

We thank the Shire of Plantagenet, the Porongurup Hall toilet upgrade support funding was approved in the 2023-2024 budget at the Shire Council Meeting on 25 July 2023. The Shire President Chris Pavlovich said the budget comprised \$20.6 million of operating expenditure and \$10.2 million of capital expenditure. "We have targeted spending to services and projects that are important to the community highlighted through engagement and strategic planning," Cr Pavlovich said. The PCA and SOP will work towards project planning for the toilet upgrade.

2023-2024 budget highlights:

- \$3.75 million - stage 1B of the Mount Barker Memorial Swimming Pool redevelopment
- \$2.43 million - road and drainage projects
- \$370,000 - infrastructure (parking and public amenities) on Pwackenbak/Tower Hill
- \$150,000 - Wilson Park youth recreational precinct
- \$120,000 - Porongurup Hall ablution facilities upgrade
- \$108,154 - returning to the community via community grants



Banksia/Dryandra Kids Workshop

The Friends held this annual workshop on 9 July at Twin Creeks Conservation Reserve with 14 enthusiastic children and 12 supportive guardians. Presented by local Banksia specialist Kevin Collins and local seed specialist Peter Luscombe, the key differences between banksias and dryandras were shown using blooms and cones. Grevilleas, hakeas, dryandra and banksia cones were compared with evolutionary traits. Each being members of the Proteaceae plant family having many shapes of flowers, cones, habit, leaves and fire survival. Attendees planted endemic species suitable for this wet sandy site: 40 x *B. quercifolia* and 35 - *B. occidentalis*. The children were shown the progress from the 2022 plantings of *B. littoralis* which has achieved around 95% success. In spite of the plants being prune-knibbled by kangaroos, they are getting established. One family, attending their third workshop, walked across to the location of the 2021 plantings. The *B. grandis* seedlings were growing well with only a few losses. A light lunch followed the workshop, enjoyed by attendees and volunteers from the Friends of the Porongurup.

Thanks to Maggie for the workshop report!

Keep track of events in our Region

There are a number of websites that track activities in our region.

Check out the following:

mountbarkerwa.com.au / greatsouthern treasures.com.au / porongurupinn.com.au

For local community queries, check out the Porongurup Community Facebook page.



Please support our local businesses:

Ironwood Estate

Wednesday to Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm

Karri On Bar

Check hours on Facebook

Maleeya's Thai Cafe

Have taken a winter break and will be closed until 1 September 2023

Then Friday dinner to Sunday lunch

Porongurup Tearooms

7 days, 8 am to 5 pm

Woodlands Distillery

Friday to Tuesday, 11 am to 4 pm