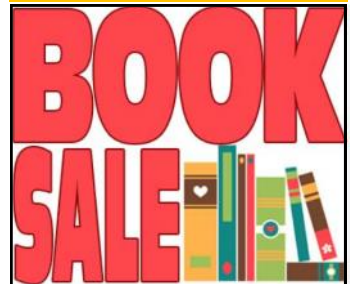


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Tuesday 'Art Hang' at 6.30 pm continues at the Tearooms, just rock up, no experience required.

**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](mailto:fionajglen@gmail.com).



Check out an eclectic range of second hand books in the Art Shed at the Tearooms.

This great fundraiser supports our local community activities.

On sale 1 March until 7 April

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**At the Karri On Bar**

**Sunday 31st December**

**Entertainment by local**

**legend Dave Taylor**

**+ friends**

**Phone: 9853 1022**

**Remember it's Fire Season.**

**No open fires are permitted.**

**Contact our local bushfire brigade**

**[Porongurupbfb@gmail.com](mailto:Porongurupbfb@gmail.com)**

**Or phone: 9853 1133**



# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

A great time to enjoy bush walks, wine tasting and art ...

Photo: 2023 Art in the Porongurup entry by Linda Morrison - Chirp

**Art in the Porongurup is on again from Friday 29 March to the midday presentation on Saturday 6 April.** Fostering community engagement and positive well-being Art in the Porongurup has developed over 22 years to encourage established and emerging artists across the Great Southern to show case their sculptures. Located in the natural bush land surrounds of the Porongurup Hall this outdoor event provides the public with the chance to view one off sculptures and cast their vote to help decide an award winner. In conjunction with Art in the Porongurup, the Porongurup Craft Group run their annual Art Bazaar, the two events entwine very well, complementing both Sculpture and Art.

Popular with both adults and children, we receive positive and engaging feedback from visitors. As there is no entrance fee this event provides an economical family day out. Visitors can spend an hour or more looking through the sculpture nature walk, cast their vote and then look through the Art Bazaar in the Porongurup Hall and enjoy a coffee and cake or light lunch. The event focus remains to motivate creative minds and create a fun, safe and enjoyable environment for all ages.

In addition to our Top Tier Sponsors: Bendigo Bank; Porongurup Inn, Shop & Tearooms; Mount Barker Co-op; Shire of Plantagenet and Friends of the Porongurup; we would also like to acknowledge and thank our supporting sponsors: Lotherian Studio – David Taylor; Corkescrew Gallery – George & Sue Corke; Bolganup Homestead – Kingsley & Kathleen Faulkner; Annette McGready; Castle Rock Estate – Robert Diletti; The Sleeping Lady – Nichola Broad, and Kelvin & Judy O'Neill.

This event is hosted by a volunteer subcommittee of the Porongurup Community Association Inc. (PCA).



Exquisitely fashioned plant forms contradicting and yet balancing the raw found objects on which they are fixed.

**2023 Open Winner**  
**Melaine McQuillan - Trees**

## Art in the Porongurup

29 March to 6 April, 2024

# ENTRIES OPEN

as of 1 November 2023

**Categories:**  
Open + Youth

**Theme:**  
Open

Minimum  
**\$6,500**

**PRIZE POOL**

**Entry forms available from**  
**[www.poronguruphall.asn.au/events](http://www.poronguruphall.asn.au/events)**



This event is presented by a PCA sub-committee

**Check out the PCA's new website [www.poronguruphall.asn.au](http://www.poronguruphall.asn.au) or follow us on**





## MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

Join us for an afternoon of fun and camaraderie as we invite all local residents to catch up and meet your neighbours.

A BBQ will be available for you to cook your own food.

If you have a child bring a gift for the surprise visit by Santa!

BYO: food, beverage, gift for your child

**Saturday, 9 December 2023**  
for a 5.30 pm start

**Where: Porongurup Hall**

6 pm surprise visit by Santa

PS: this is a bring your own everything event (tables, chairs, glasses, plates, BBQ are provided).

Enquiries: *Porongurup Tearooms*

May your festive season be filled with joy, warmth and laughter.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

PCA | PORONGURUP Community Assoc.

Check out what we found during our last fauna survey at Twin Creeks



A cute honey possum...

Hello Porongurup Friends

Looking in a pitfall trap is like opening a Christmas present, you never know what you'll get! It is a memorable experience.

I am delighted to report that we had one of our fauna surveys at Twin Creeks between October 18 and 24, 2023.

We opened the traps on Wednesday October 18 followed by 5 to 6 days of early morning starts at 7 am to check 'what we got'. On the last day, Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup>, we closed the traps.

We were excited to once again find a variety of species including possums, frogs, beetles and spiders.

And yes, we might have had at least one exclamation of... *What is that???*

A big thank you to those members of the Friends who were able to give their time again. It is great to share a closer look at the remarkable wildlife located at Twin Creeks Conservation Reserve.

Until next time,

Bo Janmaat

iNaturalist: lebobo

## 'Art Bazaar' in the Porongurup Hall



Friday 29 March to midday on Saturday 6 April 2024

Featuring works from across the Great Southern, this annual event by the Porongurup Spinners and Weavers is a must see for one off and unique art and crafts. For more information or to display your artwork, please email [fionajglen@gmail.com](mailto:fionajglen@gmail.com).



Check out the Friends of the Porongurup's

**When: the first Sunday every month**

**Where: Midday at the Silver Shed, Twin Creeks, 326 Knight Road, Porongurup**

Please bring a plate to share or something for the barbie and we'll catch up on what is happening within the Porongurup area

**"SOCIAL SUNDAYS" ALL WELCOME**

*YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FRIENDS TO JOIN THIS SOCIAL LUNCH!!*

[www.porongurup.org.au](http://www.porongurup.org.au)



With thanks to the Cluett Family for this historical photo!



Lorrs Mitchell, Arthur Cluett, Ron Laurie, Bill Inge (with sax), Len & Gladys Goddard, Dan Kirby, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs Frank Weston, Mrs Kirby, Herb Steicke, Marion Steicke, May Steicke, Jim Hunt, Johnny Williams, Jim Coad, Les Wilson, Hugh Faulkner, Johnny Morgan, Frank Faulkner, Lloyd Faulkner, Les Cluett, Col Steicke, Dave Faulkner, Melba Jones, Jack Faulkner, Denise Goddard, Minnie Campbell, Kathy Campbell, Betty Wiseman, Stuart Gibbons, Gus Rowe, Harry Baily, Jim Laurie, Frank Weston, Chris Martin, Don Campbell, Albert Wiseman and others.

## The Porongorups

It is pleasing to note the progress that is being made in this district, as evidenced by the alterations and additions which have just been made to the Porongorups Agricultural Hall.

The building has now quite an imposing appearance, and with a floor space of 58 feet x 30 feet there should be ample room for dancing.

A new roof has been put over the structure, which reflects every credit on Mr. A. Jones, of Mt. Barker, who has been responsible for the work. The interior of the building now presents a pleasing appearance, the walls being lined with a jarrah dado and ceiling.

The re-opening ceremony will be performed by Mr. Watts, M.L.C., on Saturday, December 14, at 8 p.m., to be followed by a Plain and Fancy Masked Ball. There will also be a tree-planting ceremony by the Foundation members of the hall on the same evening, at 7 p.m.

The committee wish to make this event a "Back to the Porongorups" night and hope to see many of their old and new friends present on this occasion. They have also adopted a slogan for that night:

"You cannot expect to come in without paying, but you can pay without coming in. We cannot say fairer than that." (Artemus Ward).

*The Albany Advertiser newspaper dated 5 December 1935 on page 7.*

## A brief history of our Hall...

The Porongurup Hall was erected by the local community in 1913 at a cost of £110 (\$220) and was initially used as a school for the growing district.

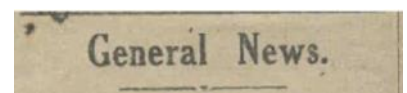
The first teacher was Miss Daisy Wilson, later to become Mrs Claud Baesjou. The Hall was officially opened by Mr Price, M.L.A.

The Hall Committee received £5 (\$10) per week from the Education Department for the use of the hall. This rental was later reduced to sixpence (5 cents) per week!

The Hall was extended in 1923 and again in 1935 when pioneers of the district planted red flowering gums to mark the occasion.

At one time, in 1919 the future of the Hall was in jeopardy as it had been suggested that it be moved to Tingellup, some ten miles from Mount Barker, on the Porongurup Road. However, after a letter of protest had been forwarded to the Public Works Department, the district retained its hall.

It has served many organisations in its day including the Porongurup Pasture Improvement Group, Bush Fire Brigade, Country Women's Association, church groups, picture shows, political meetings as well as being used for recreational activities. Today, the hall is still the focal point of community life in Porongurup.



*And rather interestingly, Maggie from Friends of the Porongurup found this timely piece regarding the 1935 hall upgrade.*

Porongurup Hall. - Tenders are being called for the alterations and additions to the Porongurup Hall. The tenders close on Monday 23rd September 1935, and the plans and specifications can be inspected at the Plantagenet Road Board Office, and at Mr Faulkner's Karribank Porongurup.'

*The Southern Sentinel newspaper dated 13 September 1935 on page 1*

# PCA

Explore, enjoy, revive

## Your PCA Team

President: Scott Drummond

Treasurer: Fiona Glen

Secretary: Helen Purves

Committee: Leanne Cluet

Lucia Quearry

Sayah Drummond

Strawb Healy

Allen Kennedy

Susie Woytaszek



Follow the PCA and Art in the Porongurup on Facebook.

[www.poronguruphall.asn.au](http://www.poronguruphall.asn.au)

[info@poronguruphall.asn.au](mailto:info@poronguruphall.asn.au)

## New to Porongurup



Unite body, mind and spirit.

Yoga Classes and Holistic Services

Sound relaxation

Meditation sessions

Gift shop

[www.indaroo.com.au](http://www.indaroo.com.au)

## Jilba

### Farmers Market

Local organic market on  
1st & 3rd Sunday each month

#### Time:

9am-1pm

#### Address:

338 Millinup Road,  
South Porongurup.

0400 857 592

A working Avocado, Cattle and Olive farm. Their philosophy is to farm Naturally, as nature intended. By not using chemical fertilisers, herbicides and pesticides we aim to grow nutritious healthy food while constantly improving our natural environment.

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.

## Please support our local businesses:

### Castle Rock Estate

2660 Porongurup Rd, Porongurup PH: 9853 1035

Wine tastings, cheese platters. 7 days, 10 am to 4.30 pm

### Duke's Vineyard

1328 Porongurup Rd, Porongurup PH: 9853 1107

Wine tastings and art gallery. Friday to Monday, 11 am to 4.30 pm

### Indaroo Wellness Centre

2036 Porongurup Rd, Porongurup PH: 0417 222 827

Yoga, sound massage, gift shop plus more. Friday to Tuesday, 9.30 am to 4.30 pm

### Ironwood Estate

2191 Porongurup Rd, Porongurup PH: 9853 1126

Wine tastings, morning & afternoon tea and lunch. Wednesday to Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm

### Jilba Farmers Market

338 Millinup Road, South Porongurup. PH: 0400 857 592

Fresh local produce. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month. 9 am to 1 pm

### Karri On Bar

1983 Porongurup Rd, Porongurup PH: 98 531022

Usually open Friday and Saturday night, however, please check their hours on Facebook

### Maleeya's Thai Cafe

1416 Mount Barker, Porongurup Rd, Porongurup PH: 9853 1123

If you want to try this popular café you had better book ahead.

Open for dinner Friday and Saturday night, and lunch on Saturday and Sunday

### Porongurup Tearooms

1972 Porongurup Rd, Porongurup PH: 9853 1110

Enjoy breakfast, lunch, morning or afternoon tea, gifts, art and fuel. 7 days, 8 am to 5 pm.

### Woodlands Distillery

1455 O'Neill Rd, Porongurup

Whiskey, spirits and light meals. Friday to Tuesday, 11 am to 4 pm

*To note, most businesses are closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, however, we suggest you check holiday hours direct.*

## The Barker Art Scene

There are some great local artists displaying in a range of media. For who is open when check out this website...

[www.thebarkerartscene.com](http://www.thebarkerartscene.com)

- Art Chatter Gallery (inside Strike Me Pink), 4 Langton Road Mount Barker
- Mitchell House Arts Centre, Albany Hwy Mount Barker, across from the Visitor Centre
- The Art Shed (behind Strike Me Pink), especially open for Xmas shopping until 23 December
- The Station Gallery at Mount Barker Visitor Centre, Albany Hwy Mount Barker

## Every container counts towards improving our communities and the environment.

## The Porongurup Tearooms has multiple bins on site collecting recyclables with proceeds going towards the Scouts and the PCA.

### Make a difference



## Keep track of events in our Region

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

Check out the following: [www.poronguruphall.asn.au](http://www.poronguruphall.asn.au) / [www.mountbarkerwa.com.au](http://www.mountbarkerwa.com.au)  
[www.porongurup.asn.au](http://www.porongurup.asn.au) / [www.porongurupinn.com.au](http://www.porongurupinn.com.au)

