

LATE SUMMER NEWSLETTER

PCA | PORONGURUP Community Assoc.

LOCAL EVENTS:

MARCH 2024

Tuesday night 'Art Hang' 6.30 pm continues at the Tearooms, no experience required.



Relaxing at Shepherd's Hut

Looking for something to do on the March long weekend,...

- Castle Rock Estate will be open every day over the March long weekend, offering wine tasting and cheese grazing boxes.

Saturday 2nd March:

- Duke's Vineyard cellar door will be open from 11:00. Music and Food from 12:00 to 16:30. Entry is free. Live music by Indie Folk group Komorebi. Delicious Indonesian food by Ayu's. Fine wine all day by Duke's.

Sunday 3rd March:

- Porongurup Tearooms have a market day followed by live music in their garden by local Karly Russell, wine by Zarephath Wines and food until 6pm.
- Shepherd's Hut from 10am to 4pm catch live music and food by Feast Beast food van. 56 Moorialup Road, Porongurup.

Monday 4th March:

- Woodlands Distillery have live music with Gary Daghish and popular food van Messy Fingers from 2pm-6pm..



Thursday 7th March: Stellar Moon & the Dark Knights with The Belle Miners @ Porongurup.

A night of beautiful music with Canadian trio 'The Belle Miners' & Indigenous artist Stellar Moon from Broome. 6.30 pm to 10 pm, Porongurup Hall. Be quick!

Tickets via www.eventbrite.com.au



Bonjour, check out Monday French Classes at the Tearooms with Karine!

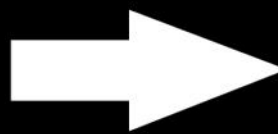
Spinners & Weavers

Usually meet every Thursday in the Hall from 10 am until 2 pm. However, construction works at the hall may impact classes in February and March. For more information check out the Porongurup Craft Group Facebook page or contact fionajglen@gmail.com.

EVENT

Art in the Porongurup + Art Bazaar

Runs for a week from Easter Friday @Porongurup Hall



BOOK SALE

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 9 March until 6 April



Check out www.poronguruphall.asn.au or follow us on Facebook

Indaroo is closing down soon



Indaroo

Unite body, mind and spirit.

Yoga Classes and Holistic Services

Sound relaxation

Meditation sessions

Gift shop

www.indaroo.com.au

Jilba

Veggie Boxes

Local organic produce

Contact Jo Davidson

0400 857 592

bookings@jilba.net.au

Veggie lists are available on Monday for pick up or local delivery on Thursday.

SEPTUAGENARIANS

VS

OCTOGENARIANS

In May 2023 several friends embarked on an entertaining and rewarding journey to assist well know local Annette McGready walk our famous Castle Rock trail, including the precarious summit scramble and ladder climb.

Now it might have had something to do with a recent birthday, or a challenge, but it proved the grit and determination of this wonderful group of friends. We believe there were a few rest breaks and a few ponders of 'how the' are we going to get them over that. But the proof is in the pudding, ie the photos.

Below right: Lucia, Wendy, Gary, Annette



Apologies from the editor for the late inclusion!



Oyster Harbour
Catchment Group



Red Card Feral Animal Shoot
Oyster Harbour Catchment
& surrounds
Friday 12th April 2024
www.ohcg.org.au/team-registration

'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.



Check out the Friends of the Porongurup's "Social Sundays" All welcome
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
Due to long weekend moved to Sunday 10 March

You do not need to be a member of the Friends to join this social lunch!!

www.porongurup.org.au



PORONGURUP FRIENDS

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PORONGURUP WOODBURNERS

Cricket in the Porongurups was originally played in the 1920's on a small ground on the Bolganup Homestead property. They were known as the Woodburn team and at one time 7 of them were the Shanun boys.

In 1989 cricket in the Porongurups was revived with the creation of Peter Thorn's Millinup Cricket Ground (the other MCG!) which is now widely known as the Field of Dreams. The story of the ground is within a documentary made in 2022 by Channel Seven and can be viewed on You Tube by searching Field of Dreams - Porongurup Cricket Ground.

In the 90's Peter invited teams from Perth to play a cobbled together local team consisting mainly of Rotary Club members. A pre-game ritual was for everyone to walk the ground to remove roots and rocks. Peter knew how to organise labour!

In 2014 the Woodburners were formed on a cold and windy day at the ground when we were all standing around a fire keeping warm. Rob Bunch suggested calling us the Woodburners and everyone agreed it was a good name.

Our early games were against the Darlington Social Cricket Club. Peter and I were in that club in the 80's and 90's and truly loved the relaxed style of play and the social gatherings involving all the families.

Although we have not yet won a game against DSCC we have had wonderful events over the years on the March long weekend when the Porongurup Festival was on. Recently we played DSCC at their ground for the first time. It was an epic high scoring game.

Early on Andrew Talmage and I became friends and we used to cook up some crazy original ideas to bring some quirky hilarity into the proceedings. Here are a few of them:

- Build a 50 metre water slide into the swimming dam. This is still going and forms an after match activity.
- Create a world first by playing in complete darkness and call it night cricket. We use glow sticks to mark the pitch, wickets and bat, an illuminated ball and everyone wears glow sticks on their ankles and wrists. It works brilliantly! Anyone interested in this?
- Put speakers around the ground playing sound samples of people clapping, roosters crowing, cars honking, crowds laughing and booing, and more. I think we need to revive this. However our scorer Lucia may have something to say!

We introduced a local rule that a batter must remain in until he scores a run. However if he gets out for a duck he must take a ducking in the dam. As Garry did one time! (refer photo with prop).

In 2016 we found another club very much into the same social culture as our

team. The Youngs Siding Swamp Rats. Our games with them have been wonderful over the years and we play for a very special trophy. The Broken Prop Trophy.

This trophy was created, when, in an act of audacious idiocy, I tried to fly my powered hang glider from their cricket ground and ended up gently crashing into a fence. It has been captured on a video together with the song they created from the event. Here is the link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/nJP6coKKv8shUiNA>

The Woodburners were finally invited into the Pigs Arse Cup in 2021 and now play 6 games a year with the Swamp Rats, The Elleker Locos and the Denmark Muckrakers. We have a record of 1 win and many losses. But we are getting better! And even look better with our new caps.

Many people have helped over the years in the evolution of the Woodburners and the Field of Dreams. I would like to acknowledge them here. My apologies if I have missed anyone!

- Andrew Talmage for all the great ideas and helping me create them.
- Tony Slattery and Morgan Soundness for donating kikuyu seed to upgrade the ground.
- Enoch Murdoch for donating his time and equipment to preparing the ground prior to seeding.
- Stuart McTaggart for donating use of his direct seeder, and buying the bowling machine.
- Greg Baum for donating his time and equipment for seeding and fertilising the ground, building our mobile net system, and donating his sheep for the bbq.
- Garry Mulder for use of his Southern Cross sprinkler and astro turf for the water slide and general readiness to help.
- Lucia Quearry for the scoring role and all the little things she does to support the games.
- Craig Pieper for the black plastic for the water slide.
- Mark Henson for the bbq catering, donating balls and general support.
- Tim McGuinness for the pulled pork and tasty gravy.
- Clayton for organising our caps.
- George and Sue Cork for the wonderful sculpture and funky colourful flags.
- And to Pam for being with me in life, for the curried egg sandwiches, salads and pumpkin scones.

Like most things in small communities, it takes contributions by many to make big things happen.

In closing I want to acknowledge my father who left us in July 2023. He instilled in me a love of sport and a love of LIFE!!

Michael Thorn

Photo: right, Peter Thorn.

Photo: right, second from bottom - The founders: Andrew Talmage, Ben Broad, Lewis Broad, Garry Mulder, Peter Thorn, Mike Thorn, Peter Long, Grant Gunn, Rob Bunch.



Art in the Porongurup

29 March to 6 April, 2024

Minimum
\$6,500

**PRIZE
POOL**



LOCATED IN THE NATURAL BUSH LAND SURROUNDS OF THE PORONGURUP HALL THIS OUTDOOR NATURE TRAIL PROVIDES YOU WITH THE CHANCE TO VIEW ONE OFF THREE DIMENSIONAL SCULPTURES FROM ESTABLISHED AND EMERGING ARTISTS ACROSS THE GREAT SOUTHERN.

POPULAR WITH BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN, THIS FREE EVENT PROVIDES A GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT. VISITORS CAN ALSO ENJOY THE PORONGURUP CRAFT GROUP'S ANNUAL ART BAZAAR IN THE HALL, OFFERING TEA, COFFEE, CAKE AND LIGHT LUNCHESES. ART IN THE PORONGURUP'S FOCUS REMAINS TO MOTIVATE CREATIVE MINDS AND CREATE A FUN, SAFE AND ENJOYABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL AGES. DON'T FORGET TO CAST YOUR VOTE FOR THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD!

**REMEMBER ENTRIES CLOSE 22 MARCH 2024
FOR MORE INFORMATION
WWW.PORONGURUPHALL.ASN.AU/EVENTS**

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

**to help during Art in the Porongurup.
Please register with Karen Brown
(sdkabrown@gmail.com) or Fiona Glen
(fionajglen@gmail.com)**

NEW OPERATING HOURS FOR PORONGURUP TEAROOMS

Monday to Friday 8 am to 4 pm,
Saturday 9.30 am to 5pm,
Sunday 8 am to 5 pm.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Wanslea are looking for volunteers to help close the gap with vulnerable kids support for their parents. Contact: 0456665233.

Welcome to Mountain Country!

Howdy Porongurupians!

We, Mount Barker Tourism, are excited to announce that we have been working on a regional brand guide that brings together the two spectacular mountain ranges of the Great Southern Region - Mountain Country. With a focus on the cultural and environmental significance of these lands, it's our intention to work with stakeholders to educate and inspire visitors to our region.

Did you know that around 200,000 people visit the Granite Skywalk and Bluff Knoll each year? Our mission is to bring those visitors to local businesses; to see our Mountain Country economy thrive, while creating experiences for guests that keep them coming back! If you would like to see a copy of the Mountain Country Regional Brand Guide, please contact us or attend the Mountain Country Tourism Forum scheduled in a few months.

As part of our Mountain Country developments, we have started work on adapting the Visitor Centre to become recognized as a National Park and Trails hub. We are always on the look out for locals with knowledge of the National Parks to volunteer at the centre. If this is you, please give us a call or drop in.

We are also pleased to announce that our gallery at the visitor centre will be the first venue to host the "In the Footsteps of Bella Kelly" exhibit. With assistance from Greenskills, in partnership with the Oyster Harbour Catchment Group and the Narkle family, the works on display are the culmination of 3 landcare outings in the region which were open to the community, with the leadership of Carolyn Narkle, daughter of Bella Kelly. The exhibit will be open daily 9am - 1pm from 1st March to the end of April.

On the 6th of March, there will be a Mount Barker Railway Station Centenary Open Day. The event has been organised to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the official opening of the current buildings and is free to attend. Please book your tickets online or at the centre.

To coincide with the centenary event, we will be launching a commemorative wine release and a community Art trail, as well as officially opening the new gallery exhibit. It's a day not to be missed. If you're interested in sponsoring the centenary open day, please contact tourism@mountbarkerwa.com.au for a package.

Our Visitor Centre is open daily and we rely on income from our retail store, local government funding and industry subscription to keep our services viable. If you'd like to support our work in the tourism space, please consider a membership package.

As always, we appreciate the support of our Mountain Country community and thank all of you for your positive and helpful input.

Some key points to note:

- The Tree in a Rock Picnic Area and adjacent trails are currently closed until work is completed by the DBCA.
- Mountain Country Tourism Forum scheduled for April / May 2024. More info to come.
- Centenary Fundraiser Ball - a night of 1920s fun at the Plantagenet Hall. More information coming soon.
- March Long Weekend - Mount Barker Graze, Woodlands Distillery Labour Day Event, Rocky Gully Revival.
- March - Caravan and Camping Show. Mountain Country trade display will be featured. If you have a business that could benefit from this exposure, please contact Kathryn for a package

*Kathryn MacNeil,
Operations Manager,
Mount Barker Tourism*

PCA

Explore, enjoy, revive

Your PCA Team

President: Scott Drummond	Committee: Leanne Cluett
Treasurer: Fiona Glen	Lucia Quearry
Secretary: Helen Purves	Sayah Drummond
	Strawb Healy
	Allen Kennedy
	Susie Woytaszek

www.poronguruphall.asn.au

info@poronguruphall.asn.au

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

Would You Rescue a Trapdoor Spider?



Today, Sunday 28 January marks the end of a project Cass Lynch nee Alyce, Loxley Fedec and I started in April 2023 to try save some trapdoor spiders from getting cemented over in the Porongurup range at Tree in a Rock. Today, the construction of the pathway goes in and would have potentially impacted large populations of *Cataxia bolganupensis* (first described by Barbara York Main in 1985), *Proshermacha* and what I think may be *Stanwellia* that have accumulated along the Tree in a Rock pathway.

After some preliminary basic ecology research done early in the project, we concluded this very high accumulation may be due to preferences in the species for a certain depth of leaf litter that is maintained by the path. Some trials of non-invasive burrow traps designed by Cameron Blackburn were trialed, but while highly successful in other projects did not work for these species.

While we tried our best to relocate by digging up the spiders this last weekend as many as possible along **with incredible effort and support of local community members**, there will still be some that we were unable to rescue. As of yesterday we were able to successfully relocate 40 spiders to outside the impacted zone. Although the translocation site is still within the reserve and only 50m away, the timing is not ideal and we will continue to monitor their survival. Some of the spiders had spiderlings, which we will rear in captivity and re-release back to their boodja in the future.

I am so deeply grateful, thankful and inspired by all those involved in this project - it was a true honour and privilege to be involved.

Leanda

THE MT BARKER SPEEDWAY CLUB PRESENTS

PRODUCTION FEATURE

10TH FEB 2024
RACING STARTS AT 12PM
PIT GATE OPEN AT 10AM

ADULTS \$20 KIDS 0-9YRS FREE
KIDS 10-15YRS \$10 CONCESSION \$10
FAMILY PASS \$40

Woodlands Distillery is at Woodlands Distillery. 40m · 📍

Get ready for another amazing event! Following the success of our sessions last year, we're thrilled to announce our upcoming session on the public holiday on Labour Day Monday, March 4th, featuring the incredible **Messy Fingers Catering** serving up delicious treats and the talented Gary Daghish providing live music. Join us from 2pm to 6pm for a fantastic time, and don't forget, the distillery opens at 11am as usual. Alongside our own spirits we will be serving beer, wine and non-alcoholic drinks. Stay tuned for more details - mark your calendars and watch this space! 🍷 Save the date! #EventAlert #LiveMusic #labourdayWA

WOODLANDS DISTILLERY IS HOSTING A

LABOUR DAY SESSION

MONDAY 4TH MARCH
2PM - 6PM

Thank you

To the
Porongurup Community Association.

How wonderful you are. Your support at catering for our Mother's (Margaret) "Wake" was invaluable.

Especially 'Scott' who stepped into many roles that day.

Much Heartfelt Thanks.

Steven and Anne, Linda and Blue, Jo-anne and Tim.

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

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 Range Tourist Park

7 Boxhill Rd, Porongurup PH: 0404 062 943

Powered and non powered camp sites. Located opposite the main entrance of the heritage listed Porongurup Range National Park.

Porongurup Tearooms

1972 Porongurup Rd, Porongurup PH: 9853 1110

Enjoy breakfast, lunch, morning or afternoon tea, gifts, art and fuel. Open 7 days

Monday to Friday 8 am to 4 pm, Saturday 9.30 am to 5pm, and Sunday 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

Keep track of events in our region

There are a number of websites that track activities in this area.

Check out the following:

www.poronguruphall.asn.au

www.mountbarkerwa.com.au

www.porongurup.asn.au

www.porongurupinn.com.au