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Minister under pressure to say firm "NO" on Bow dam

Bow River landowners and others effected by any proposal for a dam over the Bow River are putting pressure on the Minister for Water, Graham Jacobs, to make an unequivocal statement that it will never happen.

Local people say that at a meeting with Water Corporation representatives in Denmark last week they were assured this was the case and that a statement would be made.

However, they say that when they contacted the Minister he would not make such a statement at this stage.

David Hughes Owen, the Water Corp's Business Manager for the Great Southern Region, said this week that they had made it clear at the Denmark meeting that the preferred options for a water supply for Albany were desalination or the development of the Marbellup Brook aquifer.

These could provide sufficient water for Albany into the 2040s. Beyond that the best options would still be extension of these sources.

"Bow River is just not part of our plans," he said.

He agreed it had been on an original list of options for local and regional water supplies and it was one of five short-listed as possible sources for Albany's water needs.

However, he said that when the Corporation had examined the pros and cons of each option, desalination and Marbellup emerged as the clear leaders.

In an email to the Minister, Kelli Lewis of Bow Bridge wrote: "We as landholders were informed by Water Corporation representatives that they had removed the Bow River from the three remaining preferred options..... We are very pleased with this outcome. However, we proceed with caution. We understand that the Department of Water can still retain this option and have no acquisition responsibilities. I hate to be cynical, however it could be seen as a tactical move that takes the heat off Water Corporation, lulls the landowners into a belief that we have had our land values reinstated but in effect enables the option to remain. We need this issue taken very seriously and dealt with very clearly."

When she did not get a response, Kelli emailed the Minister again asking him to confirm that he had received the request.

She also indicated that she had contacted the Federal Minister for the Environment, Peter Garrett, and was considering seeking Federal Heritage listing for the Sunset Frog and the Irwin Inlet as a way to force the State Government's hand. If such a listing was granted, it would put the area under Federal Government jurisdiction.

Local MLA Terry Redman has called a meeting with the landowners and others with an interest.

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BOW RIVER DAM OPTION

Are you affected by this proposal?

If so, your local member of State Parliament, Terry Redman MLA, would like to hear your views. Come along to this informal community meeting and make your views known directly to Terry.

11am – 12 noon
Thursday 10 December
at Tingledale Hall

No Shire support for Valley of the Giants tourism group

Denmark Shire Council has again declined to have a delegate on the Valley of the Giants Heritage Association.

The Council says it has to concentrate its political and financial resources relating to tourism on Denmark Tourism Inc.

There has been a long-running tension between the two organisations.

Before 2005 the Shire used to support the VOG group financially but then it was proposed that the two groups should negotiate over membership and sharing in the cost of promotions.

In 2007 Gail Guthrie, the group's President, said attempts to negotiate had not worked as planned and she asked the Shire to reinstate its financial support. It refused.

Gail asked the Council to at least have a delegate on the group, but they also refused to do this. Now the group has tried again to have a Council delegate.

A report to the Council quoted the Manager of the Denmark Visitor Centre as saying his organisation had a delegate for the western part of the Shire and appointing a delegate to competing tourism organisations would undermine years of hard work. A report to Council from its officers said that following the creation of the DTI in 2006 the Council specifically had a vision of one tourism organisation representing the tourism interests of the shire and resolved to 'put its eggs' in one basket, both financially and politically.

Christmas Arrangements

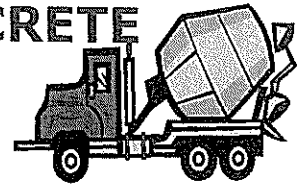
There will be no issue of The Walpole Weekly on Wednesday, December 30th.

The Telecentre and Bendigo Bank branch will be closed between Christmas and the New Year.

To make up for it, we will be making the Christmas edition of Wednesday, December 23rd a bumper issue with a lot of articles aimed at tourists who will be coming into town about that time.

Anyone with activities over the Christmas period should contact us so that they can be included.

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Dear Editor : Can we have our ball back ?

It is with a great deal of hope that I write this letter. On the evening of Tuesday 24th November, during the second half of a basketball game at the Rec Centre, one of the two basketballs that the Rec Centre owns, went missing. It was used at half time in the game and yet was unable to be located at the end of the game and there were a number of spectators watching the proceedings. These are now very expensive items and the Rec Centre can certainly not afford to be replacing such items. It is a Molten brand and was marked Walpole Rec Centre.

I am hoping that it inadvertently found its way into someone's bag and that they have been a little slow in returning it but have every intention of doing so. There will be no questions and I would ask everybody to have a quick check around their house to check that it has not wandered in unexpectedly.

If it is located it would be very much appreciated if it could be returned to the Rec Centre.

"The eternal optimist"

Greg Peck

Entry forms for the Walpole Wilderness Art Exhibition

being held on February 26th, 27th and 28 2010
are now available at the Telecentre and
the Pharmacy.

Next year's exhibition looks like being bigger and better than our previous very successful exhibition. A generous donation from the Shire of Manjimup of \$500 for first prize and donations from the Wilderness Resort, Burton Reality, Coalmine Beach Caravan Park, The Op Shop and the W.O.W. Cruises make this a great exhibition to enter.

As well, extra lighting is being installed in the Community Hall which will greatly enhance the paintings.

The ever popular Art and Craft in Action will also be held over the same time.

All funds raised from the exhibition will once again be donated to the Walpole and Districts Seniors Accommodation Fund.

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4WD ADVENTURE TOURS

November 5 it was...I remember it well. Twas the day the flies arrived. But help is at hand. Dept. of Ag. are looking at introducing a new species of "spring-active" dung beetle. Presently our native beetles look after the poo in winter and other introduced beetles are "summer active" hence if we can find some that are active RIGHT NOW it could mean waving good-bye to the Aussie salute.

Happened across a young Tiger Snake recently with a couple of frog legs poking out his mouth. Focused on his lunch he wasn't concerned about me and took his time to gradually consume the unfortunate amphibian. As he slithered away I could have sworn I heard a quiet burp!

And if you happen to see a small bundle of leaves moving slowly across the ground, take a closer look as it may well be the home of a caterpillar who will eventually become the Leaf Case moth. These guys will form a case of leaves and twigs around their soft abdomen but the head and thorax may protrude while feeding. They are often attached to plants but can move across ground as witnessed at Conspicuous lately.

Nature....beautiful and bizarre!

BIBBULMUN NEWS

Day trips and over-nighters are an extremely popular way to experience the track and if you are not sure how to go about it then don't hesitate to give us a call and we can give advice as well as organise drop-offs and pick-ups. We can even do a guided walk for individuals or small groups.

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See you next month!

Dear Editor: Donations sought for Motor Neurone Disease

Michael Crosbie is a good friend of mine who unfortunately has been diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease (MND). On a national basis, one person a day is diagnosed with MND and sadly, one person a day dies.

The average life span of someone diagnosed with MND is 1.5 to 3 years post diagnosis. Mike was diagnosed 15 months ago.

There is no known cause or known cure to date.

MND is a progressive disorder and a clinic in India strives to first halt the progression of the disease and then attempts to stabilize the patient's condition via stem cell treatment. After a lot of thought and inquiry, Mike has decided to go to this clinic to see if he can get similar or better results. Time is now critical as his condition is quickly deteriorating.

Any support anyone can offer will be greatly appreciated, not just by Mike and his family, but also by other MND sufferers. He intends to record and document the entire process, regardless of positive or negative results.

Donation tins have been placed around town. All donations will be recorded, numbered and deposited in one account. The funds will be solely used in pursuit of halting or curing Motor Neurone Disease. Any unused funds will be donated to the Motor Neurone Association of WA for further research into MND

Lee Kummuskey


Garden Party

Being held to contribute to the fund raising efforts of Walpole and Districts Seniors Accommodation (Inc) to acquire the Jarrah Glen Independent Living Units

When : Sunday 6th December 2009
Time : 1pm—4pm
Cost : \$5 per head includes ticket in door prize
Where : Penny & Kim Jewell's home
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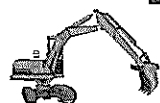
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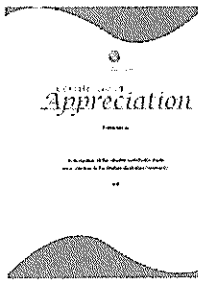
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Date: Friday 18th December

Time: 2pm—5pm

Venue: Walpole Community Centre

Cost : \$5 (subsidised by a grant)

Afternoon tea is included in fee

Time is getting closer—put your name on the list if you haven't already. This is the best opportunity you'll ever have to acquire this much warranted Certificate. All groups that run a Bar at any fund raising event need to have someone in charge who has this Certificate.



Special thanks go to -

Monty Sanders for spending the time to paint our planter box in keeping with the others—and it matches the colour of our roof !!!!

- Alison Kenworthy for getting "out there" and weeding our garden—your initiative was appreciated.



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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT CLOSURE DURING CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR PERIOD

Please note the Telecentre will be closed between Christmas and New Year, viz :

We will be open for normal business on Thursday 24th December but will close for Friday 25th December and will remain closed until Monday 3rd January when normal business hours will resume.

This will affect access to the Centrelink facilities. See overleaf for details in regard to lodgement of forms.

Bendigo Bank Agency will also remain closed during these times.

There will be no Walpole Weekly during this intervening week, however a bumper issue will be produced in the week immediately prior to Christmas.



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Public holiday payment arrangements

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Friday	25 December 2009	Monday	28 December 2009
Friday	1 January 2010	Tuesday	26 January 2010

Reporting arrangements

Information for you if you need to return forms or report your earnings from employment.

Payments can include:

- Newstart Allowance
- Youth Allowance
- All other payments where customers have to return forms or have been sent Reporting Statements

If you are due to return a form, you must do so before you can be paid

Date forms and reports normally due	Date forms can be returned and reports made
Mon 21 December	Mon 21 December
Tues 22 December	Mon 21 December
Wed 23 December	Tues 22 December
Thurs 24 December	Tues 22 December
Fri 25 December	Wed 23 December
Mon 28 December	Thurs 24 December
Tues 29 December	Tues 29 December
Wed 30 December	Tues 29 December
Thurs 31 December	Wed 30 December
Fri 1 January	Thurs 31 December
Thurs 21 January	Thurs 21 January
Fri 22 January	Thurs 21 January
Mon 25 January	Fri 22 January
Tues 26 January	Mon 25 January

Important points for reporting

- As the form covers the full normal assessment period, you must include estimates of earnings or other changes for the full period. Incorrect estimates are to be corrected within 14 days or on the next form.
- Forms with an early return date will be printed on yellow paper. If you are a postal lodger you have the option to return your forms personally on the early return date.
- Forms can be returned after the end of your reporting periods if you wish to wait until you are sure of your earnings or other changes. Remember that forms must be returned before you can be paid.
- If you normally report using phone or online services, you can report on the earlier dates.

You will not be paid again until your next usual payday.

Public holiday payment arrangements

Payment arrangements information for you if you do not need to return forms or report your earnings before getting paid.

For non-reporting customers who receive:

- Family Allowance
- Farming Payment
- Pensions
- Partner Education Supplement
- Allowance for Isolated Children
- Austlink

Normal payment delivery date	Revised payment delivery date	Next normal payment date
23 December	23 December	6 January
24 December	23 December	7 January
25 December	24 December	8 January
28 December	24 December	11 January
29 December	29 December	12 January
30 December	30 December	13 January
31 December	31 December	14 January
1 January	31 December	15 January
26 January	25 January	9 February

For non-reporting customers who receive:

- Assesby
- Youth Allowance
- Student Allowance
- Partner Allowance
- Widow Allowance
- Special Benefit
- Newstart Allowance

Normal payment delivery date	Revised payment delivery date	Next normal payment date
22 December	22 December	5 January
23 December	22 December	6 January
24 December	27 December	7 January
25 December	20 December	8 January
28 December	24 December	11 January
29 December	29 December	12 January
30 December	30 December	13 January
31 December	30 December	14 January
1 January	31 December	15 January
16 January	22 January	8 February
26 January	25 January	9 February

Important points for payments

- An early payment is not an extra payment. It is a normal payment paid early because of the public holiday period. You will need to budget carefully so this payment does not affect your next payment date.
- No payments will be delayed by public holidays. Some payments will be made early.
- Where payments are made early they are advanced by as few working days as possible—10 maximum—depending on your budgeting system.